

Basic Properties:  ${}_T K_T / {}_T N_R, {}_R M_S$  bimodules.

(1)  $R \otimes_R M \cong M$ ,  $r \otimes m \mapsto rm$ ,  $1 \otimes m \mapsto m$ , and

$M \otimes_S S \cong M$  canonically

(2)  $\left( \bigoplus_{i \in I} N_i \right) \otimes_R M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} (N_i \otimes_R M)$  (canonically)

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{i \in I} n_i \right) \otimes m \mapsto \sum_{i \in I} (n_i \otimes m) \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{i \in I} (n_i \otimes m_i) \mapsto \sum_{i \in I} (n_i \otimes m_i) \right]$$

(3)  $(K \otimes_T N) \otimes_R M \cong K \otimes_T (N \otimes_R M)$  (canonically)

(4) If  $R$  commutative:  $M \otimes_R N \cong N \otimes_R M$  (canonically)

As a consequence of (1)/(2): if  $F = \bigoplus_{i \in I} e_i R$  is free, ( $F \cong R_R^{(I)}$ )

$$\underline{F \otimes_R M} \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} e_i R \otimes_R M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} R \otimes_R M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} M = \underline{M^{(I)}}$$

Lemma: If  $F_R$  is free,  $f: {}_R M \rightarrow {}_R N$  injective, then

$\text{id}_F \otimes f: F \otimes_R M \rightarrow F \otimes_R N$  is injective

So:  $F \otimes_R -$  is exact. If  $R$  is a div. ring, all modules are free, so then tensor products are always exact.

Proof:  $F = \bigoplus_{i \in I} e_i R$ , each element of  $F \otimes_R M$  has a repr.  $\sum_{i \in I} e_i \otimes m_i$

with unique  $m_i$ , and similarly for  $N$ .

$$0 = (\text{id}_F \otimes f) \left( \sum_{i \in I} e_i \otimes m_i \right) = \sum_{i \in I} e_i \otimes f(m_i) \Rightarrow \forall i: f(m_i) = 0 \Rightarrow m_i = 0.$$

□

If  $F = \bigoplus_{i \in I} e_i R$ ,  $F' = \bigoplus_{j \in J} R f_j$  are free,

$$F \otimes_R F' \cong \bigoplus_{i,j} \underbrace{e_i R \otimes_R R f_j}_{\cong R} \cong R^{(I \times J)} \text{ (as abelian group)}$$

If  $R$  commutative:  $\rightarrow F \otimes_R F'$  is free with basis  $\{e_i \otimes f_j : i \in I, j \in J\}$

In particular, If  $R = k$  field,  $V, W$  vector spaces  $\Rightarrow \dim(V \otimes_k W) = \dim(V) \dim(W)$

## 6. Tensor Products of Algebras

$k$  commutative ring,  $R, S$   $k$ -algebras,  $\otimes = \otimes_k$

[i.e.  $R$  ring &  $k$ -module s.t.  $\lambda(rr') = (\lambda r)r' = r(\lambda r') \forall r, r' \in R, \lambda \in k$

$\Leftrightarrow$  there is a ring hom  $\varepsilon: k \rightarrow Z(R)$ ]

Prop 6.1: There is a unique  $k$ -algebra structure on  $R \otimes S$  that satisfies

$$(r \otimes s)(r' \otimes s') = (rr') \otimes (ss') \quad \forall r, r' \in R \quad \forall s, s' \in S$$

Proof: Uniqueness: clear, since  $R \otimes S =_k \langle r \otimes s : r \in R, s \in S \rangle$

Existence: Step 1: Fix  $r, s$ . Then  $(r', s') \mapsto rr' \otimes ss'$  is  $k$ -bilinear

$$\Rightarrow \exists \varphi_{r,s}: R \otimes S \rightarrow R \otimes S, \quad r' \otimes s' \mapsto rr' \otimes ss'. \quad (k\text{-hom.})$$

Step 2:  $R \times S \rightarrow \text{Hom}_k(R \otimes S, R \otimes S)$ ,  $(r, s) \mapsto \varphi_{r,s}$  is  $k$ -bilinear

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[e.g. } \forall r, r'' \in R, \lambda \in k: \varphi_{r+\lambda r'', s}(r' \otimes s') &= (r + \lambda r'')r' \otimes ss' \\ &= rr' \otimes ss' + \lambda(r''r' \otimes ss') \\ &= \varphi_{r,s}(r' \otimes s') + \lambda \varphi_{r'',s}(r' \otimes s') \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_{r+\lambda r'', s} = \varphi_{r,s} + \lambda \varphi_{r'',s} \quad ]$$

$\Rightarrow \exists \Phi: R \otimes S \rightarrow \text{Hom}_k(R \otimes S, R \otimes S), r \otimes s \mapsto \varphi_{r,s}$  ( $k$ -hom)

Now:  $\text{Hom}(R \otimes S, \text{Hom}_k(R \otimes S, R \otimes S)) \cong \text{Hom}((R \otimes S) \otimes (R \otimes S), R \otimes S)$

( $\otimes$ -Hom adjunction), gives  $(r \otimes s) \otimes (r' \otimes s') \mapsto \varphi_{r,s}(r' \otimes s') = rr' \otimes ss'$ .

□

Remark: (1) For  $R \in k\text{-Alg}$ ,  $R \cong k \otimes_k R$ ,  $r \mapsto 1 \otimes r$  and

$R \cong R \otimes_k k$ ,  $r \mapsto r \otimes 1$  are  $k$ -algebra isomorphisms

(2) If  $R, S$  are  $k$ -algebras,  $R \rightarrow R \otimes_k S$ ,  $r \mapsto r \otimes 1_S$ ,

$S \rightarrow R \otimes_k S$ ,  $s \mapsto 1 \otimes s$  are  $k$ -algebra hom.

(3) If  $R, S, T$  are  $k$ -algebras,  $R \otimes_k S \cong S \otimes_k R$ ,  $r \otimes s \mapsto s \otimes r$ ,

$(R \otimes_k S) \otimes_k T \cong R \otimes_k (S \otimes_k T)$ ,  $(r \otimes s) \otimes t \mapsto r \otimes (s \otimes t)$

are  $k$ -algebra isomorphisms.

Observe:  $(r \otimes 1)(1 \otimes s) = r \otimes s = (1 \otimes s)(1 \otimes r)$ , so in  $R \otimes_k S$ , the images of  $R$  and  $S$  commute!

UP: If  $R, S$  are  $k$ -algebras, and  $\varphi: R \rightarrow T$ ,  $\psi: S \rightarrow T$  are

$k$ -algebra hom s.t.  $\forall r \in R \forall s \in S$ ,  $\varphi(r)\psi(s) = \psi(s)\varphi(r)$ , then

there exists a unique  $k$ -algebra hom  $\gamma: R \otimes_k S \rightarrow T$  s.t.

$\forall r \in R \forall s \in S$ :  $\gamma(r \otimes s) = \varphi(r)\psi(s)$ .

[By UP for tensor product of modules, there is a unique such  $k$ -hom  $\gamma$ ,

because  $(r,s) \mapsto \varphi(r)\psi(s)$  is  $k$ -bilinear. Observe that this map respects

multiplication.]

Exm:  $R$   $k$ -algebra.

$$(1) R \otimes_k M_n(k) \cong M_n(R)$$

[  $E_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  is a  $k$ -basis of  $M_n(k)$ , so

$$R \otimes M_n(k) = R \otimes \left( \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n k E_{ij} \right) \cong \left( \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n (R \otimes_k k E_{ij}) \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Elements of  $R \otimes M_n(k)$  have a unique expression  $\bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n r_{ij} \otimes E_{ij}$ ,  $r_{ij} \in R$

Mapping  $r_{ij} \otimes E_{ij} \in \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n (R \otimes_k k E_{ij})$  to  $r_{ij} E_{ij} \in \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n M_n(R)$  gives the isomorphism.

$$(2) M_m(k) \otimes M_n(k) \cong M_n(M_m(k)) \cong M_{mn}(k)$$

$$E_{ij} \otimes E_{st} \longmapsto E_{i+m(s-1), j+m(t-1)}$$

$1 \leq i, j \leq m, 1 \leq s, t \leq n$

### Extension of Scalars:

$k$  comm. ring,  $L$  comm.  $k$ -algebra.

$\cdot$ ) Using  $k \rightarrow L$  every  $L$ -algebra is a  $k$ -algebra (restriction of scalars).

$\cdot$ ) If  $R$  is a  $k$ -algebra, then  $R \otimes_k L$  is an  $L$ -algebra (extension of scalars), since  $(r \otimes 1)(1 \otimes \lambda) = r \otimes \lambda = (1 \otimes \lambda)(r \otimes 1)$ .

E.g.  $M_n(k) \otimes_k L \cong M_n(L)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k \cong k[x]$ ,  $H \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \cong M_2(\mathbb{C})$

### Prop 6.2:

(1) If  $R$  is a  $k$ -algebra,  $S$  an  $L$ -algebra, then

$$\text{Hom}_{L\text{-Alg}}(R \otimes_k L, S) \cong \text{Hom}_{k\text{-Alg}}(R, S)$$

(2) If  $R_1, R_2$  are  $k$ -algebras,  $(R_1 \otimes_k L) \otimes_L (R_2 \otimes_k L) \cong (R_1 \otimes_k R_2) \otimes_k L$

Proof: (1)  $\mathbb{B}_g \otimes$ -Hom Adjunction,

$$\text{Hom}_{L\text{-Mod}}(R \otimes_n L, S_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{k\text{-Mod}}(R, \text{Hom}_L(L, S_L)) \stackrel{S_L \text{ via } \varphi \mapsto \varphi(1)}{\cong} \text{Hom}_{k\text{-Mod}}(R, S)$$

via:  $\varphi \mapsto (r \mapsto \varphi_r)$ , with  $\varphi_r(l) = \varphi(r \otimes l)$  } together,  
 $(r \mapsto \varphi) \mapsto (r \mapsto \varphi(1))$  }  $\varphi \mapsto (r \mapsto \varphi(r \otimes 1))$

This restricts to  $\text{Hom}_{L\text{-Alg}}(R \otimes_n L, S_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{k\text{-Alg}}(R, S)$

Converse direction: given  $g: R \rightarrow S$ ,  $g \circ \text{id}: R \otimes_n L \rightarrow S$   
 $r \otimes l \mapsto g(r)l$

$$(2) (R_1 \otimes_n L) \otimes_L (R_2 \otimes_n L) \cong (R_1 \otimes_n L) \otimes_L (L \otimes_n R_2) \\ \cong R_1 \otimes_n (L \otimes_L L) \otimes_n R_2 \cong R_1 \otimes_n L \otimes_n R_2 = (R_1 \otimes_n R_2) \otimes_n L. \quad \square$$

Bimodules again:  $R, S$  rings ( $= \mathbb{Z}$ -algebra)

$$\{(R, S)\text{-bimodules}\} \cong \text{Mod} - R^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$$

• If  ${}_R M_S$  is a bimodule, there are structure homs  $E_R: R \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\mathbb{Z}})$ ,  
 $E_S: S^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\mathbb{Z}})$ , Bimodule property:  $E_R(r)E_S(s) = E_S(s)E_R(r)$   
 $\forall r \in R \forall s \in S \quad (r(ms) = (rm)s)$

$\xrightarrow{\text{op-}\otimes}$  Unique ring hom  $S^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R \rightarrow \text{End}(M_{\mathbb{Z}})$ , giving  $\circ$   
 $(S \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R^{\text{op}})^{\text{op}}$

right  $R^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$  module structure:  $m(r \otimes s) = rms$

[More, pedestrian:  $\mu_m: R^{\text{op}} \times S \rightarrow M$ ,  $(r, s) \mapsto rms$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -balanced,  
induces  $(R^{\text{op}} \otimes S) \times M \rightarrow M$ ,  $((r \otimes s), m) \mapsto rms.$ ]

• Other direction:  $j_R: R^{\text{op}} \rightarrow R^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$ ,  $r \mapsto r \otimes 1$ ,  $j_S: S \rightarrow R^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$ ,  $s \mapsto 1 \otimes s$ .

If  $M \in \underline{\text{Mod}} - R^{\text{op}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S$ , restriction of scalars gives a left  $R$ -module, right  $S$  module structure. Images of  $j_R$  &  $j_S$  commute  $\Rightarrow$  bimodule structure

$$\left[ (rm)s = (m(r \otimes 1))(1 \otimes s) = m((r \otimes 1)(1 \otimes s)) = m(r \otimes s) = m(1 \otimes s)(r \otimes 1) = \dots = r(ms). \right]$$

## 6.1 Central Algebras

Now:  $k$  field,  $\otimes = \otimes_k$

If  $0 \neq R$  is a  $k$ -algebra, the structure hom  $k \rightarrow Z(R)$  is injective.

Wlog  $k \subseteq Z(R)$ .

Def: A **central  $k$ -algebra** is a  $k$ -algebra  $R \neq 0$  s.t.  $Z(R) = k$ .

Exm:  $M_n(k)$  is central,  $\mathbb{H}$  is a central  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra,  $\mathbb{C}$  is not a central  $\mathbb{R}$ -alg.  
 $M_n(D)$ ,  $D$  div. ring, is a  $Z(D)$ -central algebra.

Def: If  $R$  is a ring,  $X \in R$ , the **centralizer** of  $X$  in  $R$  is

$$Z_R(X) := C_R(X) := \{r \in R: \forall x \in X: rx = xr\}$$

↑ depends on author

•  $Z_R(X)$  is a subring of  $R$  ( $k$ -subalgebra if  $R$  is a  $k$ -algebra).

• If  $R$  is a div. ring, so is  $Z_R(X)$  [ $rx = xr, r \neq 0 \Rightarrow xr^{-1} = r^{-1}x$ ].

Thm 6.3: Let  $R, S$  be  $k$ -algebras. If  $R' \subseteq R$ ,  $S' \subseteq S$  are  $k$ -subalgebras,

$$\text{then } Z_{R \otimes S}(R' \otimes S') = Z_R(R') \otimes Z_S(S').$$

In particular: •  $Z(R \otimes S) = Z(R) \otimes Z(S)$

• If  $R, S$  central  $\Rightarrow R \otimes S$  central.

.) If  $R$  central,  $L \supseteq k$  a field extension, then

$R \otimes_k L$  is a central  $L$ -algebra.

Proof: Since  $k$  is a field  $R \otimes S$ ,  $R' \otimes S'$ ,  $Z_R(R') \otimes Z_S(S')$  are vector spaces, and  $Z_R(R') \otimes Z_S(S')$ ,  $R' \otimes S' \subseteq R \otimes S$  are wlog. subspaces, so the statement makes sense.

" $\supseteq$ ": If  $r \in Z_R(R')$ ,  $s \in Z_S(S')$ , then,  $\forall x \otimes y \in R' \otimes S'$ ,

$$(x \otimes y)(r \otimes s) = (xr) \otimes (ys) = (rx) \otimes (sy) = (r \otimes s)(x \otimes y)$$

$$\Rightarrow r \otimes s \in Z_{R \otimes S}(R' \otimes S').$$

" $\subseteq$ ": Let  $z \in Z_{R \otimes S}(R' \otimes S')$

$$\Rightarrow z = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \otimes s_i \quad \text{with } n \geq 0, r_i \in R, s_i \in S.$$

Take  $n$  minimal among all such repr. of  $z$ .

Then  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  is  $k$ -linearly independent, and so is  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ .

[A linear dependence would give  $r_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \lambda_j r_j$  for some  $i$ , and give a shorter representation of  $z$ .]

$$\text{Let } x \in S' \Rightarrow z(1 \otimes x) - (1 \otimes x)z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (r_i \otimes s_i)(1 \otimes x) - (1 \otimes x)(r_i \otimes s_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \otimes (s_i x - x s_i) = 0$$

$$(r_i)_i \text{ } k\text{-lin. indep in } R \Rightarrow (r_i)_i \text{ } S\text{-lin. indep in } R \otimes_k S$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall i : s_i x = x s_i \Rightarrow s_i \in Z_S(S') \left. \vphantom{\sum_{i=1}^n} \right\} \Rightarrow z \in Z_R(R') \otimes Z_S(S')$$

Symmetrically:  $r_i \in Z_R(R')$ .

□

## 6.2 Simple Algebras

Again:  $k$  field,  $\otimes = \otimes_k$

A  $k$ -algebra  $R$  is **simple** if it is simple as ring.

Exm:  $M_n(D)$ ,  $D$  div. ring, is a simple  $Z(D)$ -algebra;  $A_n(k)$  (char  $k = 0$ )

$R$  is **central simple** if it is central & simple.

[Note:  $R$  simple ring  $\Rightarrow Z(R)$  is a field (easy ecc.), so every simple ring is central simple over  $Z(R)$ ; but we are fixing  $k$ .]

**!** In many texts a central simple  $k$ -algebra (CSA) is central simple, and fin.-dim. /  $k$ !

Thm 6.4 Let  $R, S$  be  $k$ -algebras,  $S$  central simple. Then there

is a bijection  $\{\text{ideals of } R\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{ideals of } R \otimes S\}$

$$I \longmapsto I \otimes S$$

$$J \cap R \longleftarrow J$$

Lemma 6.5 If  $0 \neq J \subseteq R \otimes S$ , then  $J \cap R \neq 0$ .

Proof:  $R \rightarrow R \otimes S, r \mapsto r \otimes 1$  is injective (we work over a field), so

whag  $R \subseteq R \otimes S$  and the claim makes sense.

Let  $0 \neq x = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \otimes s_i \in J$  with  $n$  minimal among all possible  $x \in J \setminus \{0\}$ .

$\Rightarrow (r_i)_i, (s_j)_j$  are each  $k$ -lin independent.

$$s_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow S s_n S = S \Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i s_n y_i \quad (x_i, y_i \in S).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x' &:= \sum_{i=1}^m (1 \otimes x_i) x (1 \otimes y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (1 \otimes x_i) (r_j \otimes s_j) (1 \otimes y_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \otimes x_i s_j y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \otimes \underbrace{\left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_i s_j y_i \right)}_{=: s'_j}, \quad s'_n = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $x' \in J$ , and  $x' \neq 0$  (the  $(r_i)_i$  are  $k$ -lin. indep., and hence

$(r_i \otimes 1)_i$  is  $S$ -lin. independent, and  $s'_n \neq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s \in S: (1 \otimes s) x' - x' (1 \otimes s) &= \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j \otimes s s'_j - r_j \otimes s'_j s) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \otimes (s s'_j - s'_j s) = \sum_{j=2}^n r_j \otimes (s s'_j - s'_j s) \in J \end{aligned}$$

minimal choice of  $x \implies 0 = \sum_{j=2}^n r_j \otimes (s s'_j - s'_j s) \implies \forall j: s s'_j = s'_j s$  ( $S$ -lin. indep. of  $(r_j)_j$ )

$$\implies s'_j \in Z(S) = k \implies r_j \otimes s'_j = r_j s'_j \otimes 1$$

$$\implies x' = \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j s'_j \otimes 1) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n r_j s'_j \right) \otimes 1 \in R \cap J. \quad \square$$

Proof of Thm 6.4: Since  $R \rightarrow R \otimes S$  is injective (again using that  $k$  is a field!), injectivity is clear.

Show: If  $J \trianglelefteq R \otimes S$ , then  $J = (J \cap R) \otimes S$ .

Let  $I := J \cap R$ . Then  $I \otimes S \subseteq J$ .

Consider  $0 \rightarrow I \hookrightarrow R \rightarrow R/I \rightarrow 0$  (SES)

$(k \text{ field, } S \text{ free}) \implies 0 \rightarrow I \otimes S \rightarrow R \otimes S \xrightarrow{\pi} (R/I) \otimes S \rightarrow 0$  is a SES

$$\Rightarrow \ker(\pi) = I \otimes S.$$

$$\text{If } J \neq I \otimes S, \quad 0 \neq \pi(J) \triangleq (R/I) \otimes S \stackrel{[6.5]}{\Rightarrow} \pi(J) \cap R/I \neq 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \exists r \in R \setminus I: (r+I) \otimes 1 \in \pi(J) \Rightarrow r \otimes 1 \in J \setminus I \otimes S \text{ } \S \text{ } I = J \cap R. \quad \square$$