

## Lecture 15.

1) Additive functors.

2) Tensor products of modules.

Reference: [AM], Section 2.7

BONUS: Additive categories.

1.1) Definition: Let  $A, B$  be comm'ive unital rings  $\leadsto$  categories of modules  $A\text{-Mod}, B\text{-Mod}$ . Hom sets in these cat's are abelian groups

Definition: a functor  $F: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$  is additive if  $\forall M, N \in \text{Ob}(A\text{-Mod}) \Rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N) \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{Hom}_B(F(M), F(N))$   
 $\psi \longmapsto F(\psi)$

is a group homomorphism.

Similarly, can talk about additive functors  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$ .

1.2) Examples of additive functors.

1) Fix  $M \in \text{Ob}(A\text{-Mod}) \leadsto F_M = \text{Hom}_A(M, \cdot): A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

Can promote  $F_M$  to be a functor,  $\tilde{F}_M = \text{Hom}_A(M, \cdot): A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$   
 $\tilde{F}_M = \text{For} \circ F_M$

To see  $\tilde{F}_M$  makes sense we need to know that:

1)  $\forall A\text{-module } N \Rightarrow \tilde{F}_M(N) = \text{Hom}_A(M, N)$  is an  $A\text{-module}$   
 (we know this already)

2)  $\forall \psi \in \text{Hom}_A(N, N') \Rightarrow \tilde{F}_M(\psi): \text{Hom}_A(M, N) \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{Hom}_A(M, N')$   
 $\psi \longmapsto \psi \circ \varphi$

is  $A\text{-linear}$ .

1) & 2)  $\Rightarrow \tilde{F}_M$  is a functor  $A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$  (functor axioms for  $\tilde{F}_M \Leftarrow$  the axioms for  $F_M$ ).

To see that  $\tilde{F}_M$  is additive need to show

3) The map  $\psi \mapsto \tilde{F}_M(\psi)$  is a group homom'm  
 $\text{Hom}_A(N, N') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\tilde{F}_M(N), \tilde{F}_M(N'))$ .

2) & 3) follow from:

Very Important Exercise: The composition map

$\text{Hom}_A(M, N) \times \text{Hom}_A(N, N') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N'), (\varphi, \psi) \mapsto \psi \circ \varphi$   
is  $A$ -bilinear (i.e. if we fix one of the arguments, this map is  $A$ -linear in the other).

2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  comp'n map is  $A$ -linear in  $\varphi$ ; 3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  additive in  $\psi$ .

1<sup>opp</sup>) Fix  $N \in \text{Ob}(A\text{-Mod}), \tilde{F}_N^{\text{opp}} := \text{Hom}_A(\cdot, N): A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$ .

Exercise:  $\tilde{F}_N^{\text{opp}}$  is an additive functor.

2) General'n of 1). Let  $\zeta: A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homom'm.

Let  $M$  be a  $B$ -module (hence also an  $A$ -module thx to  $\zeta$ ).

Then  $\text{Hom}_A(M, \cdot)$  is an additive functor  $A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$

In order to see this we need:

1) Define a  $B$ -module str'ure on  $\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$   $\forall$   $A$ -module  $N$ .

2)  $\forall \psi \in \text{Hom}_A(N, N')$ , the map  $\psi \circ ? : \text{Hom}_A(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, N')$  is  $B$ -linear.

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$$1: \varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, N), \quad [b\varphi](m) := \varphi(bm), \quad \forall m \in M.$$

- Exercise:
- Show that  $b\varphi$  is indeed  $A$ -linear map  $M \rightarrow N$ ;
  - Show that  $(b, \varphi) \mapsto b\varphi$  defines a  $B$ -module structure on  $A$ -module  $\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$ .
  - Show property 2).

2<sup>opp</sup>) In assumptions of 2), for  $N \in B\text{-Mod}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_A(\cdot; N)$  is an additive functor  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$ .

Exercise: work out details.

3) With the same assumptions, the forgetful functor  $B\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$  is additive.

4) Let  $S \subset A$  be localizable subset  $\leadsto$  the localization functor  $\cdot_S: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A_S\text{-Mod}$  is additive ( $\Leftarrow$  part 1 of Prob 5 in HW3).

2) Tensor products of modules - source of more additive functors.

2.1) Bilinear maps: Let  $A$  be a comm'ive ring,  $M_1, M_2, N$  be  $A$ -modules  $\leadsto$  set  $\text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, N) = \{A\text{-bilinear maps } M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow N\}$ .

Digression: why should we care about bilinear maps - b/c they are everywhere!

- Linear algebra: for an  $\mathbb{F}$ -vector space  $V$  can talk about bilinear forms := bilinear maps  $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , fundamentally important in Linear algebra & beyond.
- if  $M$  is an  $A$ -module  $\Rightarrow$  mult'n map  $A \times M \rightarrow M$  is  $A$ -bilinear.
- the composition map from Very Important Exercise is bilinear
- etc.

Observation:  $F_{M_1, M_2} := \text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, \cdot)$  is actually a functor  $A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{To } \psi \in \text{Hom}_A(N, N') \text{ we assign} & & \\ F_{M_1, M_2}(\psi): \text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, N) & \longrightarrow & \text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, N') \\ \downarrow \beta & \longmapsto & \downarrow \beta \\ & & \psi \circ \beta \end{array}$$

Exercise: Show  $\psi \circ \beta$  is  $A$ -bilinear &  $F_{M_1, M_2}$  is indeed a functor  $A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ .

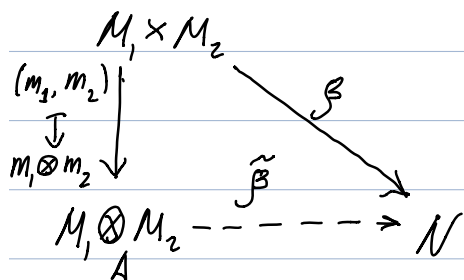
## 2.2) Definition of tensor product:

Definition: By the tensor product  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2$  we mean a representing object for  $\text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, \cdot)$  i.e. want a functor isomorphism  $\text{Hom}_A(M_1 \otimes_A M_2, \cdot) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, \cdot)$

Equivalently (compare to products in Lec 13) can define tensor products via universal property:

tensor product of  $M_1$  &  $M_2$  is an  $A$ -module  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2$  w. a bilinear map  $M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \otimes_A M_2$ ,  $(m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 \otimes m_2$  w. the following universal property:

$\forall$   $A$ -module  $N$  &  $A$ -bilinear map  $\beta: M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow N \exists!$   
 $A$ -linear map  $\tilde{\beta}: M_1 \otimes_A M_2 \rightarrow N$  s.t.  $\beta(m_1, m_2) = \tilde{\beta}(m_1 \otimes m_2)$



Rem: Under isomorphism  $\text{Bilin}_A(M_1 \times M_2, M_1 \otimes_A M_2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(M_1 \otimes_A M_2, M_1 \otimes_A M_2)$ , the map  $(m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 \otimes m_2$  corresponds to the identity on the r.h.s.

### 2.3) Existence of tensor products.

Being representing object,  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2$  is unique up to an iso.

More precisely, if  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2$  w.  $(m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 \otimes m_2$ ,  $M_1 \otimes'_A M_2$  w.  $(m_1, m_2) \mapsto m_1 \otimes' m_2$  be two tensor products, then  $\exists!$

$A$ -linear map  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2 \rightarrow M_1 \otimes'_A M_2$  s.t.  $m_1 \otimes m_2 \mapsto m_1 \otimes' m_2$   
 $\forall m_i \in M_i$  & is an isomorphism.

But existence is not guaranteed.

Theorem:  $M_1 \otimes_A M_2$  exists  $\forall M_1, M_2 \in \text{Ob}(A\text{-Mod})$ .

Construction/proof is in 2 steps.

Step 1: Assume  $M_1 \cong A^{\oplus I}$  for some set  $I$ .

Lemma:  $A^{\oplus I} \otimes_A M$  exists & is identified w.  $M^{\oplus I}$  w.

$$((a_i)_{i \in I}) \otimes m \longleftrightarrow (a_i m)_{i \in I}$$

Proof: Observe that the map  $A^{\oplus I} \times M \rightarrow M^{\oplus I}$ ,

$((a_i), m) \mapsto (a_i m)$  is bilinear. We need to show universal property:  $\forall$  bilinear map  $\beta: A^{\oplus I} \times M \rightarrow N \exists!$

linear map  $\tilde{\beta}: M^{\oplus I} \rightarrow N$  s.t.  $\beta((a_i), m) = \tilde{\beta}((a_i m))$ .

Define, for  $i \in I$ , a map  $\beta_i: M \rightarrow N$ ,  $\beta_i(m) := \beta(e_i, m)$ , linear

Recall that (Prob 7 in HW1):

$$\text{Hom}_A(M^{\oplus I}, N) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(M, N)^{\times I}$$

definition of  $\tilde{\beta} \rightsquigarrow \tilde{\beta} \longleftarrow (\beta_i)_{i \in I}$

Check:  $\tilde{\beta}((a_i m)) = \beta((a_i), m)$  (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\beta}((a_i m)) &= \sum_{i \in I} \beta_i(a_i m) = \sum a_i \beta_i(m) = \sum a_i \beta(e_i, m) = \\ & \text{by def'n of } \tilde{\beta} \quad \beta_i \text{ is linear} \quad \text{by def'n of } \beta_i \\ &= [\beta \text{ is linear in 1st argument}] = \beta((a_i), m). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise:  $\tilde{\beta}$  is a unique linear map  $M^{\oplus I} \rightarrow N$  satisfying (\*). □

BONUS: additive categories.

In our definition of additive functors we need to consider categories  $A\text{-Mod}$ ,  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}}$  separately. This is awkward.

The concept of an "additive category" includes these examples & much more. And we can talk about additive functors between additive categories.

Definition: An additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  is

(Data) • a category

• together w. abelian group structure on  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$   
 $\forall X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$

These data have to satisfy the following axioms:

• (added on Oct 30)  $\exists 0 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  w.  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, 0) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(0, X) = \{0\}$ .

•  $\forall X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}), \exists$  a product  $X \times Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

• the composition map  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)$   
is bi-additive (a.k.a.  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear),  $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

Recall that in  $\mathbb{Z}\text{-Mod}$ , the product of two objects  
(in fact, of any finite collection) coincides w. their coproduct.

This property carries over to arbitrary additive categories.  
The (co)product  $X \times Y$  is usually called the direct sum  
and is denoted by  $X \oplus Y$ .

Examples (of additive categories):

1)  $A\text{-Mod}$  (for a ring  $A$ , not necessarily comm.'ve).

2)  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}}$

3) A full subcategory in an additive category is  
additive iff it's closed under taking finite direct sums.

For example, in  $A\text{-Mod}$  we can consider the full subcategories  
consisting of free (or of projective) objects. They are closed  
under direct sums hence additive.

4\*) In various parts of Geometry/Topology people consider

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categories of "sheaves". These categories are additive.

5\*) Various constructions in Homological Algebra produce more complicated additive categories from  $\mathcal{A}\text{-Mod}$ : homotopy categories of complexes, derived categories etc.