

195. On Free Abelian m -Groups. III

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In this part, the notion of tensor product of abelian m -groups will be introduced.

Definition. The *tensor product* of the abelian m -groups M and N is defined as F/θ and is denoted by $M \boxtimes N$.

If $|(x, y)|/\theta$ is denoted by $x \boxtimes y$, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} [x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m] \boxtimes y &= [(x_1 \boxtimes y)(x_2 \boxtimes y) \cdots (x_m \boxtimes y)], \\ x \boxtimes [y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m] &= [(x \boxtimes y_1)(x \boxtimes y_2) \cdots (x \boxtimes y_m)], \end{aligned}$$

and $x^{(n)} \boxtimes y = x \boxtimes y^{(n)} = (x \boxtimes y)^{(n)}$.

Theorem 9. Let M, N, P be arbitrary abelian m -groups and $f: M \times N \rightarrow P$ be a function satisfying the conditions

- (a) $f([x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m], y) = [f(x_1, y)f(x_2, y) \cdots f(x_m, y)],$
- (b) $f(x, [y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m]) = [f(x, y_1)f(x, y_2) \cdots f(x, y_m)],$
- (c) $f(x^{(n)}, y) = f(x, y^{(n)}),$

for all $x, x_1, \dots, x_m \in M$ and $y, y_1, \dots, y_m \in N$. Then there exists uniquely an m -group homomorphism $h: M \boxtimes N \rightarrow P$ such that the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & & \\ \boxtimes \downarrow & \searrow f & \\ M \boxtimes N & \xrightarrow{h} & P, \end{array}$$

that is, $h(x \boxtimes y) = f(x, y)$ for all $x \in M$ and $y \in N$.

Proof. Let F be the free abelian m -group on $M \times N$ and $i: M \times N \rightarrow F$ be the injection $i(x, y) = |(x, y)|$. Consider the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times N & \xrightarrow{i} & F \\ \boxtimes \downarrow & \searrow f & \downarrow f^* \\ M \boxtimes N & \xrightarrow{h} & P \end{array}$$

(Note: In the original diagram, there is also a diagonal arrow from F to M ⊗ N labeled p, and a diagonal arrow from M ⊗ N to P labeled h. The diagram is a commutative square with an additional arrow from F to M ⊗ N.)

By Theorem 4, f possesses a unique homomorphic extension $f^*: F \rightarrow P$ such that $f^* \cdot i(x, y) = f(x, y)$ so that $f^*(|(x, y)|) = f(x, y)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(|[x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m], y|) &= f([x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m], y) \\ &= [f(x_1, y)f(x_2, y) \cdots f(x_m, y)] = [f^*(|(x_1, y)|) \cdots f^*(|(x_m, y)|)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^*(|(x, [y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m])|) &= f(x, [y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m]) \\
 &= [f(x, y_1) f(x, y_2) \cdots f(x, y_m)] = [f^*(|(x, y_1)|) \cdots f^*(|(x, y_m)|)], \\
 f^*(|(x^{(n)}, y)|) &= f(x^{(n)}, y) = f(x, y^{(n)}) = f^*(|(x, y^{(n)})|),
 \end{aligned}$$

then $\theta \subseteq f^* \circ (f^*)^{-1}$. This implies then that f^* factors through the natural homomorphism $p: F \rightarrow F/\theta = M \boxtimes N$, that is to say, there exists a homomorphism $h: M \boxtimes N \rightarrow P$ such that $h \circ p = f^*$. Thus

$$h(x \boxtimes y) = h(p(|(x, y)|)) = (h \circ p)(|(x, y)|) = f^*(|(x, y)|) = f(x, y).$$

The proof is thus completed.

The following follows from the preceding theorem and its proof is similar to the proof in ordinary groups.

- Theorem 10.** (a) $M \boxtimes N \cong N \boxtimes M$;
 (b) $(M \boxtimes N) \boxtimes P \cong M \boxtimes (N \boxtimes P)$,

for any three abelian m -groups M, N , and P .

The following Lemmata will be needed in the following.

Lemma A. (1) If $x_1, \dots, x_{m-1} \in M$ such that (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of M and $y \in N$, then $((x_1 \boxtimes y), \dots, (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y))$ is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of $M \boxtimes N$.

(2) If $y_1, \dots, y_{m-1} \in N$ such that (y_1, \dots, y_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of N and $x \in M$, then $((x \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x \boxtimes y_m))$ is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of $M \boxtimes N$.

Proof. For each $x \in M$, note that $[(x_1 \boxtimes y) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y)(x \boxtimes y)] = [x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{m-1} x] \boxtimes y = x \boxtimes y$. Similarly $[(x \boxtimes y)(x_1 \boxtimes y) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y)] = x \boxtimes y$. The proof of (2) is analogous.

Lemma B. (1) If $x_1, \dots, x_{m-1} \in M$ such that (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of M and $y_1, \dots, y_s \in N$, then $((x_1 \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s))$ is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of $M \boxtimes N$.

(2) If $y_1, \dots, y_{m-1} \in N$ such that (y_1, \dots, y_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of N and $x_1, \dots, x_r \in M$, then $((x_1 \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x_r \boxtimes y_{m-1}))$ is an $r(m-1)$ -adic identity of $M \boxtimes N$.

Proof. We shall only prove (1) since the proof of (2) is similar. Let $y_{s+1}, \dots, y_{m-1} \in N$ such that (y_1, \dots, y_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of N ; then

$$\begin{aligned}
 [(x_1 \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s)(x \boxtimes y)] &= [(x_1 \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s) [(x \boxtimes y_1) \cdots \\
 & \quad (x \boxtimes y_{m-1})(x \boxtimes y)]] = [[(x_1 \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_1)(x \boxtimes y_1)] \cdots \\
 & \quad [(x_1 \boxtimes y_s) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s)(x \boxtimes y_s)](x \boxtimes y_{s+1}) \cdots (x \boxtimes y_{m-1})(x \boxtimes y)] \\
 &= [(x \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x \boxtimes y_s)(x \boxtimes y_{s+1}) \cdots (x \boxtimes y_{m-1})(x \boxtimes y)] = x \boxtimes y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma C. (1) If $(x_1, \dots, x_r) \overset{r}{\sim} (x'_1, \dots, x'_r)$ in M with $r \leq m-1$ and $y_1, \dots, y_s \in N$, then $((x_1 \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x_r \boxtimes y_s)) \overset{rs}{\sim} ((x'_1 \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x'_r \boxtimes y_s))$ in $M \boxtimes N$.

(2) If $(y_1, \dots, y_s) \overset{s}{\sim} (y'_1, \dots, y'_s)$ in N with $s \leq m-1$ and $x_1, \dots, x_r \in M$, then $((x_1 \boxtimes y_1), \dots, (x_r \boxtimes y_s)) \overset{rs}{\sim} ((x_1 \boxtimes y'_1), \dots, (x_r \boxtimes y'_s))$

in $M \boxtimes N$.

Proof. Suppose $r \leq m-2$. Let $x_{r+1}, \dots, x_{m-1} \in M$ such that (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) and hence also $(x'_1, \dots, x'_r, x_{r+1}, \dots, x_{m-1})$ is an $(m-1)$ -adidentity of M . For each $x \in M$, we have by Lemma B(1),

$$\begin{aligned} [(x_1 \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_r \boxtimes y_s)(x_{r+1} \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s)(x \boxtimes y)] &= x \boxtimes y \\ &= [(x'_1 \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x'_r \boxtimes y_s)(x_{r+1} \boxtimes y_1) \cdots (x_{m-1} \boxtimes y_s)(x \boxtimes y)]. \end{aligned}$$

Whence the result follows. The proof for the case when $r = m-1$ is analogous. The proof of the second part will be omitted, since it is the same as the preceding.

Lemma D. *If $(x_1, \dots, x_r) \overset{r}{\sim} (x'_1, \dots, x'_r)$ in M and $(y_1, \dots, y_s) \overset{s}{\sim} (y'_1, \dots, y'_s)$ in N , then*

$$(x_1 \boxtimes y_1, \dots, x_r \boxtimes y_s) \overset{rs}{\sim} (x'_1 \boxtimes y'_1, \dots, x'_r \boxtimes y'_s).$$

Proof. By Lemma C(1) we have in $M \boxtimes N$,

$$(x_1 \boxtimes y_1, \dots, x_r \boxtimes y_s) \overset{rs}{\sim} (x'_1 \boxtimes y_1, \dots, x'_r \boxtimes y_s);$$

by Lemma C(2) we have in $M \boxtimes N$,

$$(x'_1 \boxtimes y_1, \dots, x'_r \boxtimes y_s) \overset{rs}{\sim} (x'_1 \boxtimes y'_1, \dots, x'_r \boxtimes y'_s).$$

The final result follows by transitivity.

Lemma E. *Let $G = M \cup M^2 \cup \dots \cup M^{m-1}$ be the containing group of the m -group M . Then $(x_1, \dots, x_i) \overset{i}{\sim} (x'_1, \dots, x'_i)$ in M if and only if $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_i = x'_1 x'_2 \cdots x'_i$ in G .*

The proof of Lemma *E* is clear.

Theorem 11. *The tensor product of two abelian m -groups is a coset of the tensor product of their respective containing groups (by the Post Coset Theorem).*

Proof. Let M and N be two abelian m -groups and $M \boxtimes N$ be their tensor product. Denote respectively by $A = M \cup 2M \cup \dots \cup (m-1)M$, $B = N \cup 2N \cup \dots \cup (m-1)N$, and $C = (M \boxtimes N) \cup 2(M \boxtimes N) \cup \dots \cup (m-1)(M \boxtimes N)$ their containing (abelian) groups by the Post Coset Theorem. Define $f: A \times B \rightarrow C$ such that

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_r \in A$ and $y_1, \dots, y_s \in B$. Note that

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) \in (M \boxtimes N)^{rs}$$

if $rs \equiv 0 \pmod{m-1}$; otherwise $f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) \in (M \boxtimes N)^t$, where t is the residue of $rs \pmod{m-1}$. By the preceding Lemmata *D* and *E*, f is clearly well-defined. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^n x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) &= f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j) + \sum_{i=r+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=r+1}^n x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j + \sum_{j=s+1}^n y_j\right) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=s+1}^n y_j\right)$.

Now, note that if $x_1, \dots, x_{m-1} \in M$ such that (x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) is an $(m-1)$ -adic identity of M , i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x_i = 0$ in A , then $\sum_{i=r+1}^{m-1} x_i = -\sum_{i=1}^r x_i$ in A . Thus, $f\left(-\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = f\left(\sum_{i=r+1}^{m-1} x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = \sum_{i=r+1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j)$. By Lemmata B and E, then $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j) = 0$ in $M \boxtimes N$, and hence

$$\sum_{i=r+1}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j) = -\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j).$$

Similarly,

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, -\sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=s+1}^{m-1} y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=s+1}^{m-1} (x_i \boxtimes y_j) = -\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j),$$

whence

$$f\left(-\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i, -\sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right).$$

Hence, by the analogue Theorem 9 for abelian groups, f extends to a homomorphism $f^*: A \otimes B \rightarrow C$ such that

$$f^*\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i \otimes \sum_{j=1}^s y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^s (x_i \boxtimes y_j).$$

This is obviously an epimorphism. To show that f^* is also a monomorphism, suppose

$$f^*\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r_k} x_i^k \otimes \sum_{j=1}^{s_k} y_j^k\right)\right) = f^*\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n'} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r'_k} x_i'^k \otimes \sum_{j=1}^{s'_k} y_j'^k\right)\right)$$

so that $\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{r_k} \sum_{j=1}^{s_k} (x_i^k \boxtimes y_j^k) = \sum_{k=1}^{n'} \sum_{i=1}^{r'_k} \sum_{j=1}^{s'_k} (x_i'^k \boxtimes y_j'^k)$. However, since $\theta \subseteq \theta^*$, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{r_k} \sum_{j=1}^{s_k} (x_i^k \otimes y_j^k) = \sum_{k=1}^{n'} \sum_{i=1}^{r'_k} \sum_{j=1}^{s'_k} (x_i'^k \otimes y_j'^k)$$

or

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r_k} x_i^k \otimes \sum_{j=1}^{s_k} y_j^k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{n'} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r'_k} x_i'^k \otimes \sum_{j=1}^{s'_k} y_j'^k\right).$$

Whence f^* is an isomorphism.

Theorem 12. $Z \boxtimes M = M$, where M is an arbitrary abelian m -group and Z is the infinite cyclic m -group of integers.

Proof. Consider the function $f: Z \times M \rightarrow M$ such that $f(n, x) = x^{\langle n \rangle}$. Then f satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) $f([n_1 n_2 \dots n_m], x) = x^{\langle [n_1 n_2 \dots n_m] \rangle} = x^{\langle n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m + 1 \rangle} [x^{\langle n_1 \rangle} x^{\langle n_2 \rangle} \dots x^{\langle n_m \rangle}] = [f(n_1, x) f(n_2, x) \dots f(n_m, x)],$
- (2) $f(n, [x_1 x_2 \dots x_m]) = [x_1 x_2 \dots x_m]^{\langle n \rangle} = [x_1^{\langle n \rangle} x_2^{\langle n \rangle} \dots x_m^{\langle n \rangle}] = [f(n, x_1) f(n, x_2) \dots f(n, x_m)],$
- (3) $f(n^{\langle k \rangle}, x) = f(kn(m-1) + k + n, x) = x^{\langle kn(m-1) + k + n \rangle} = (x^{\langle k \rangle})^{\langle n \rangle} = f(n, x^{\langle k \rangle}).$ Thus, f extends to a homomorphism $f^*: Z \boxtimes M \rightarrow M$ such that

$f^\#(n \boxtimes x) = x^{\langle n \rangle}$ or more generally, $f^\# \left(\sum_i (n_i \boxtimes x_i)^{\langle k_i \rangle} \right) = \sum_i (x_i^{\langle n_i \rangle})^{\langle k_i \rangle}$.

Define $g^\#: M \rightarrow Z \boxtimes M$ such that $g^\#(x) = 0 \boxtimes x$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} f^\#([x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m]) &= 0 \boxtimes [x_1 x_2 \cdots x_m] \\ &= [(0 \boxtimes x_1)(0 \boxtimes x_2) \cdots (0 \boxtimes x_m)] = [g^\#(x_1)g^\#(x_2) \cdots g^\#(x_m)], \end{aligned}$$

then $g^\#$ is an m -group homomorphism. Now, observe that

$$f^\#g^\#(x) = f^\#(0 \boxtimes x) = x^{\langle 0 \rangle} = x = 1_M(x)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g^\#f^\# \left(\sum_i (n_i \boxtimes x_i)^{\langle k_i \rangle} \right) &= g^\# \left(\sum_i (x_i^{\langle n_i \rangle})^{\langle k_i \rangle} \right) = 0 \boxtimes \sum_i (x_i^{\langle n_i \rangle})^{\langle k_i \rangle} = \sum_i (0 \boxtimes (x_i^{\langle n_i \rangle})^{\langle k_i \rangle}) \\ &= \sum_i (0 \boxtimes x_i^{\langle n_i \rangle})^{\langle k_i \rangle} = \sum_i (0^{\langle n_i \rangle} \boxtimes x_i)^{\langle k_i \rangle} = \sum_i (n_i \boxtimes x_i)^{\langle k_i \rangle} = 1_{Z \boxtimes M} \left(\sum_i (n_i \boxtimes x_i)^{\langle k_i \rangle} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Whence, $f^\#$ and $g^\#$ are isomorphisms inverse to each other.

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