

# Math 503: Abstract Algebra

## Homework 2

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Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and  $G$  be a finite group.

**(a) Show that  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  has a structure as a ring**

The tensor product  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  is already an abelian group, so we need to find a multiplication operation  $\cdot$  and show that  $(R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G], \cdot, 1_R \otimes 1_{\mathbb{Z}[G]})$  is a monoid as well as the distributive law holds.

**Constructing Multiplication** We first recognize that multiplication in a ring  $R'$  is some associative bilinear operation from  $R' \times R' \rightarrow R'$ . It's bilinear because of the distributive law, and associative so that the demands of the aforementioned monoid are met.

Thus because  $R$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$  are both rings, there exist such associative, bilinear maps  $m_R : R \times R \rightarrow R$  and  $m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]} : \mathbb{Z}[G] \times \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G]$ . But then the universal property of tensor products yields  $\overline{m}_R : R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R \rightarrow R$  and  $\overline{m}_{\mathbb{Z}[G]} : \mathbb{Z}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[G]$  through which  $m_R$  and  $m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$  factor, respectively. Thus we can combine these two to form the linear map  $\overline{m}_R \otimes \overline{m}_{\mathbb{Z}[G]} : (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Z}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \rightarrow R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$ . Because of the commutativity and associativity of the tensor product, there exists an isomorphism  $\alpha : (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \otimes (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \rightarrow (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Z}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G])$  such that  $\alpha((r \otimes x) \otimes (s \otimes y)) = (r \otimes s) \otimes (x \otimes y)$  for all  $r, s \in R$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$ . Now the composition  $\overline{m}_R \otimes \overline{m}_{\mathbb{Z}[G]} \circ \alpha : (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \otimes (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \rightarrow R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  is a linear map, which, via the universal property of tensor products, yields a bilinear map  $m : (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \times (R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]) \rightarrow R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  through which  $\overline{m}_R \otimes \overline{m}_{\mathbb{Z}[G]} \circ \alpha$  factors. The map  $m$  is our desired multiplication.

**Associativity of Multiplication** Because  $m$  is bilinear, it satisfies the distributive laws and thus we need only show that  $m$  is associative. Also because  $m$  is bilinear, for arbitrary  $\sum_i r_i \otimes x_i, \sum_j s_j \otimes y_j \in R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$

$$m \left( \sum_i r_i \otimes x_i, \sum_j s_j \otimes y_j \right) = \sum_i \sum_j m(r_i \otimes x_i, s_j \otimes y_j)$$

which implies that we need only determine that  $m(r \otimes x, m(s \otimes y, t \otimes z)) = m(m(r \otimes x, s \otimes y), t \otimes z)$  for all  $r, s, t \in R$  and  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}[G]$ . So finally, through the use of the associativity of  $m_R$  and  $m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}$  the following sequence of

equations shows  $m$  to be associative. For clarity we set  $\varphi = \overline{m_R} \otimes \overline{m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
m\left(r \otimes x, m(s \otimes y, t \otimes z)\right) &= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((r \otimes x) \otimes \varphi \circ \alpha((s \otimes y) \otimes (t \otimes z))\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((r \otimes x) \otimes \varphi((s \otimes t) \otimes (y \otimes z))\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((r \otimes x) \otimes (\overline{m_R}(s \otimes t) \otimes \overline{m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}}(y \otimes z))\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((r \otimes x) \otimes (m_R(s, t) \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(y, z))\right) \\
&= \varphi\left((r \otimes m_R(s, t)) \otimes (x \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(y, z))\right) \\
&= \overline{m_R}(r \otimes m_R(s, t)) \otimes \overline{m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}}(x \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(y, z)) \\
&= m_R(r, m_R(s, t)) \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(x, m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(y, z)) \\
&= m_R(m_R(r, s), t) \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(x, y), z) \\
&= \overline{m_R}(m_R(r, s) \otimes t) \otimes \overline{m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}}(m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(x, y) \otimes z) \\
&= \varphi\left((m_R(r, s) \otimes t) \otimes (m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(x, y) \otimes z)\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((m_R(r, s) \otimes m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}(x, y)) \otimes (t \otimes z)\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left((\overline{m_R}(r \otimes s) \otimes \overline{m_{\mathbb{Z}[G]}}(x \otimes y)) \otimes (t \otimes z)\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left(\varphi((r \otimes s) \otimes (x \otimes y)) \otimes (t \otimes z)\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left(\varphi \circ \alpha((r \otimes x) \otimes (s \otimes y)) \otimes (t \otimes z)\right) \\
&= \varphi \circ \alpha\left(m(r \otimes x, s \otimes y) \otimes (t \otimes z)\right) \\
&= m\left(m(r \otimes x, s \otimes y), t \otimes z\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  has a ring structure.

## (b) Are $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$ and $R[G]$ isomorphic?

Because  $R$  is a free  $R$ -module of rank one,  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $\#G$ , and  $R[G]$  is a free  $R$ -module of rank  $\#G$ , then we know immediately that  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  and  $R[G]$  are isomorphic as  $R$ -modules, since their ranks are the same. Furthermore, any homomorphism which takes basis elements to distinct basis elements will be an  $R$ -linear isomorphism. Thus if we can find such an  $R$ -module isomorphism and go on to show that it preserves multiplication between elements of the domain and codomain, then it will also be a ring isomorphism. We endeavor to find such an isomorphism.

So define  $\alpha : R \times \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow R[G]$  to be the map  $(r, x) \mapsto rx$ . Through use of the properties of  $R[G]$ , for all  $r, r_1, r_2 \in R$ ,  $x, x_1, x_2 \in R[G]$ , and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(r_1 + r_2, x) &= (r_1 + r_2)x = r_1x + r_2x = \alpha(r_1, x) + \alpha(r_2, x) \\
\alpha(r, x_1 + x_2) &= r(x_1 + x_2) = rx_1 + rx_2 = \alpha(r, x_1) + \alpha(r, x_2) \\
\alpha(nr, x) &= (nr)x = \text{signum}(n) \underbrace{(r + \cdots + r)}_{|n| \text{ times}} = \text{signum}(n) \underbrace{rx + \cdots + rx}_{|n| \text{ times}} = \text{signum}(n) \underbrace{(x + \cdots + x)}_{|n| \text{ times}} = r(nx) = \alpha(r, nx)
\end{aligned}$$

by which  $\alpha$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear. Therefore the universal properties of tensor products yields  $\bar{\alpha} : R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G] \rightarrow R[G]$  such that  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} \circ i$  where  $i$  is the inclusion map. Moreover,  $\bar{\alpha}$  is an isomorphism of modules due to it's mapping basis elements

to distinct basis elements:  $\bar{\alpha}(1 \otimes [g]) = \alpha(1, [g]) = [g]$  for each  $g \in G$ . It remains to be shown that  $\bar{\alpha}$  preserves the operation of multiplication. The following yields that fact for arbitrary elements  $\sum_i r_i \otimes x_i$  and  $\sum_j s_j \otimes y_j$  in  $R \otimes \mathbb{Z}[G]$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\alpha} \left( \left( \sum_i r_i \otimes x_i \right) \left( \sum_j s_j \otimes y_j \right) \right) &= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i \sum_j (r_i \otimes x_i)(s_j \otimes y_j) \right) \\
&= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i \sum_j (r_i s_j \otimes x_i y_j) \right) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j \bar{\alpha}(r_i s_j \otimes x_i y_j) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j \alpha(r_i s_j, x_i y_j) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j r_i s_j x_i y_j \\
&= \left( \sum_i r_i x_i \right) \left( \sum_j s_j y_j \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_i \alpha(r_i, x_i) \right) \left( \sum_j \alpha(s_j, y_j) \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_i \bar{\alpha}(r_i \otimes x_i) \right) \left( \sum_j \bar{\alpha}(s_j \otimes y_j) \right) \\
&= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i r_i \otimes x_i \right) \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_j s_j \otimes y_j \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[G]$  and  $R[G]$  are isomorphic rings.

## 2

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Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two left  $R$ -modules over a non-commutative ring  $R$ . Define  $M \odot_R N$  to be the quotient of  $M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N$  by its submodule which is generated by all elements of the form  $(r \cdot m) \otimes n - m \otimes (r \cdot n)$  where  $m \in M$ ,  $n \in N$ , and  $r \in R$ . We will refer to this submodule as  $S$ .

### (a)

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Define  $\alpha : M \times N \rightarrow M \odot_R N$  to be the compositions of the canonical map  $i_1 : M \times N \rightarrow M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N$  and the quotient map  $i_2 : M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N \rightarrow M \odot_R N$ .

Let  $Q$  be an  $R$ -module and  $\gamma : M \times N \rightarrow Q$  be a  $R$ -bilinear map. Therefore  $Q$  is an abelian group and  $\gamma$  is also a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear map. Thus the universal property of tensor products gives us the existence of a unique  $\gamma' \in \text{Hom}_{\text{grp}}(M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} N, Q)$  such that  $\gamma = \gamma' \circ i_1$ .

Now since  $S$  is generated by elements of the form  $(r \cdot m) \otimes n - m \otimes (r \cdot n)$  where  $m \in M$ ,  $n \in N$ , and  $r \in R$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma'((r \cdot m) \otimes n - m \otimes (r \cdot n)) &= \gamma'((r \cdot m) \otimes n) - \gamma'(m \otimes (r \cdot n)) \\
&= \gamma(r \cdot m, n) - \gamma(m, r \cdot n) \\
&= r\gamma(m, n) - r\gamma(m, n) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

then  $S \leq \ker \gamma'$ , by which the universal property of quotient modules yields a unique map  $\beta \in \text{Hom}_R(M \odot_R N, Q)$  such that  $\gamma' = \beta \circ i_2$ . Hence  $\gamma = \gamma' \circ i_2 = \beta \circ i_2 \circ i_1 = \beta \circ \alpha$ .

Finally, the existence and uniqueness of both  $\gamma'$  and  $\beta$ , demand that the map  $\beta \mapsto \beta \circ \alpha$  is bijective.

**(b) What is  $M \odot_R N$  when  $M, N$  are  $R$ -modules of rank one**

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Let  $M$  and  $N$  each be left  $R$ -modules of rank 1 with generators  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively. Then for the  $R$ -module  $M \odot_R N$  and for an arbitrary element  $\sum_i m_i \odot n_i \in M \odot_R N$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i m_i \odot n_i &= \sum_i r_i m \odot s_i n \\ &= \sum_i s_i r_i m \odot n \\ &= \left( \sum_i s_i r_i \right) (m \odot n) \end{aligned}$$

while similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i m_i \odot n_i &= \sum_i r_i m \odot s_i n \\ &= \sum_i m \odot r_i s_i n \\ &= \sum_i ((r_i s_i) m \odot n) \\ &= \left( \sum_i r_i s_i \right) (m \odot n) \end{aligned}$$

Either one of these implies that  $M \odot_R N$  is isomorphic as a  $R$ -module to a subring of  $R$ , not necessarily proper. However, combining the two results brings

$$\left( \sum_i s_i r_i \right) (m \odot n) = \left( \sum_i r_i s_i \right) (m \odot n)$$

to light, from which we deduce that

$$M \odot_R N \cong R/S$$

where  $S$  is the subring of  $R$  generated by elements of the form  $rs - sr$ . Note that since  $R$  is non-commutative, then  $S$  will not simply be zero.

**(c) Give an  $R$  such that  $M \odot_R N$  is zero for  $M, N$  in (b)**

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Begin with a non-commutative ring, say  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ , and let  $M = N = \mathbb{R}$ . Set  $R$  to be the ring generated by elements of the form  $AB - BA$  for  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then certainly, given the previous part of this problem, the  $R$ -module  $M \odot_R N$  will be zero because it will be isomorphic to  $R/R$  in this case.

### 3

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Let  $G$  be a finite group with subgroup  $H$ . Let  $F$  be a field.

(a)

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Because  $F$  is a field, then the group rings  $F[G \times G]$  and  $F[G]$  are vector spaces over  $F$  with dimension  $(\#G)^2$  and  $\#G$ , respectively. Hence  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$  is also a vector space of dimension  $(\#G)^2$ . So  $F[G \times G]$  and  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$  are isomorphic. Furthermore, because  $\{(x, y) | x, y \in G\}$  is a basis for  $F[G \times G]$  and  $\{[x] \otimes [y] | x, y \in G\}$  is a basis for  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$ , then the map from  $F[G \times G]$  to  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$  defined by  $[(x, y)] \mapsto [x] \otimes [y]$  is an isomorphism, and uniquely so.

(b)

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Again, because  $F$  is a field,  $F[G]$  and  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$  are vector spaces over  $F$ . Furthermore, because  $\{[x] | x \in G\}$  and  $\{[x] \otimes [y] | x, y \in G\}$  are bases for  $F[G]$  and  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$ , respectively, then defining  $\alpha : F[G] \rightarrow F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$  by  $[x] \mapsto [x] \otimes [x]$  makes  $\alpha$  the unique injective *linear* homomorphism from  $F[G]$  to  $F[G] \otimes_F F[G]$ . In order for  $\alpha$  to be an  $F$ -algebra homomorphism, it remains only to prove that  $\alpha([x][y]) = \alpha([x])\alpha([y])$  for all  $[x], [y] \in F[G]$ . The following yields that property:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha([x][y]) &= \alpha([xy]) \\ &= [xy] \otimes [xy] \\ &= [x][y] \otimes [x][y] \\ &= ([x] \otimes [x])([y] \otimes [y]) \\ &= \alpha([x])\alpha([y])\end{aligned}$$

(c)

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Since  $V$  and  $W$  are left  $F[G]$ -modules, then they are free modules each of rank  $\#G$ . Since the tensor product of free modules is also a free module, then  $V \otimes_F W$  is also a left  $R[G]$ -module, however, it has rank  $(\#G)^2$ .

Fix an  $x \in G$ . Given that  $\rho_V(x) \in GL(V)$  and  $\rho_W(x) \in GL(W)$  then we can define  $\rho_{V \otimes W} : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  by  $\rho_{V \otimes W}(x) = \rho_V(x) \otimes \rho_W(x)$

So set  $A$  to be the matrix representation of  $\rho_V(x)$  in the basis  $\{[g] | g \in G\}$ . Similarly, set  $B$  to be the matrix representation of  $\rho_W(x)$  in the same basis. Also set  $C$  to be the matrix representation of  $\rho_{V \otimes W}(x)$  in the basis  $\{[g] \otimes 1 | g \in G\} \cup \{1 \otimes [g] | g \in G\}$ . Then

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}B & a_{12}B & \cdots & a_{1n}B \\ a_{21}B & a_{22}B & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1}B & a_{n2}B & & a_{nn}B \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $n = \#G$  and  $(a_{ij}) = A$ . Therefore we finally arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Tr}_F(\rho_{V \otimes W}(x)) &= \mathrm{Tr}_F(C) \\
&= \mathrm{Tr}_F\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}B\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} \mathrm{Tr}_F(B) \\
&= \mathrm{Tr}_F(B) \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} \\
&= \mathrm{Tr}_F(B) \mathrm{Tr}_F(A) \\
&= \mathrm{Tr}_F(A) \mathrm{Tr}_F(B) \\
&= \mathrm{Tr}_F(\rho_V(x)) \mathrm{Tr}_F(\rho_W(x))
\end{aligned}$$

**(d) Extra Credit**

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**(a) Show that there is a natural ring isomorphism between  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$**

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The rings  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$  are free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules with bases  $\{x^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} \cup \{y^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$  and  $\{x^n \otimes 1 | n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} \cup \{1 \otimes x^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\}$ , respectively. These two bases have the same cardinality, so any homomorphism that maps the elements of one basis to distinct elements of the other will be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module isomorphism. So once we find such a module isomorphism, we need only show that it preserves the multiplication operation in order to obtain a ring isomorphism.

Define  $\alpha : \mathbb{Z}[x] \times \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  by  $(f(x), g(x)) \mapsto f(x)g(y)$ . Then for all  $f, f_1, f_2, g, g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have the following through heavy use of ring properties of  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(f_1(x) + f_2(x), g(x)) &= (f_1(x) + f_2(x))g(y) \\
&= f_1(x)g(y) + f_2(x)g(y) \\
&= \alpha(f_1(x), g(x)) + \alpha(f_2(x), g(x)) \\
\alpha(f(x), g_1(x) + g_2(x)) &= f(x)(g_1(y) + g_2(y)) \\
&= f(x)g_1(y) + f(x)g_2(y) \\
&= \alpha(f(x)g_1(y)) + \alpha(f(x)g_2(y)) \\
\alpha(nf(x), g(x)) &= \text{signum}(n) \underbrace{(f(x) + \cdots + f(x))}_{|n| \text{ times}} g(y) \\
&= \text{signum}(n) \underbrace{f(x)g(y) + \cdots + f(x)g(y)}_{|n| \text{ times}} \\
&= \text{signum}(n) f(x) \underbrace{(g(y) + \cdots + g(y))}_{|n| \text{ times}} \\
&= \alpha(f(x), ng(x))
\end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\alpha$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear. Thus the universal property of tensor products gives us  $\bar{\alpha} : \mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  such that  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} \circ i$  where  $i$  is the inclusion map. Now  $\bar{\alpha}(x^n \otimes 1) = \alpha(x^n, 1) = x^n$  and  $\bar{\alpha}(1 \otimes x^n) = \alpha(1, x^n) = y^n$ , making  $\bar{\alpha}$  a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module isomorphism. We now only to multiplication to be preserved by  $\bar{\alpha}$ . This is shown by the

following for arbitrary elements  $\sum_i f_i \otimes g_i, \sum_j f_j \otimes g_j \in \mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\alpha} \left( \left( \sum_i f_i \otimes g_i \right) \left( \sum_j f_j \otimes g_j \right) \right) &= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i \sum_j (f_i \otimes g_i)(f_j \otimes g_j) \right) \\
&= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i \sum_j (f_i f_j \otimes g_i g_j) \right) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j \bar{\alpha}(f_i f_j \otimes g_i g_j) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j \alpha(f_i f_j, g_i g_j) \\
&= \sum_i \sum_j f_i(x) f_j(x) g_i(y) g_j(y) \\
&= \left( \sum_i f_i(x) g_i(y) \right) \left( \sum_j f_j(x) g_j(y) \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_i \alpha(f_i, g_i) \right) \left( \sum_j \alpha(f_j, g_j) \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_i \bar{\alpha}(f_i \otimes g_i) \right) \left( \sum_j \bar{\alpha}(f_j \otimes g_j) \right) \\
&= \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_i f_i \otimes g_i \right) \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_j f_j \otimes g_j \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ .

**(b)**

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Let  $c : \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[x] \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a ring homomorphism such that  $c(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$  for the polynomial  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Therefore, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $c(x^n) = (c(x))^n$ . Since  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then  $c(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$  completely defines  $c$ . Hence,  $c$  is unique.

**(c)**

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First note that for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have a formula for  $c(x^n)$

$$c(x^n) = (x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (x \otimes 1)^{n-i} (1 \otimes x)^i = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (x^{n-i} \otimes 1) (1 \otimes x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} \otimes x^i$$

Note that the last line could also be written as  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i \otimes x^{n-i}$ . We will make use of both. Then, for any  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $c(f(x)) = f(x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x) = \sum_n a_n \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} \otimes x^i$  when  $f(x) = \sum_n a_n x^n$ . Given these results,



we obtain the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha \circ (1 \otimes c) \circ c(f) &= \alpha(1 \otimes c(f(x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x))) \\
 &= \alpha\left(1 \otimes c\left(\sum_n a_n \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} \otimes x^i\right)\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(1 \otimes c\left(\sum_n \sum_{i=0}^n \left(a_n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i}\right) \otimes x^i\right)\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\sum_n \sum_{i=0}^n \left(a_n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i}\right) \otimes c(x^i)\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\sum_n \sum_{i=0}^n \left(a_n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i}\right) \otimes \left(\sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i}{k} x^{i-k} \otimes x^k\right)\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\sum_n \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^i a_n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{k} (x^{n-i} \otimes (x^{i-k} \otimes x^k))\right) \\
 &= \sum_n \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^i a_n \binom{n}{i} \binom{i}{k} ((x^{n-i} \otimes x^{i-k}) \otimes x^k)
 \end{aligned}$$

???? Seems like there should be a way to manipulate the coefficients above so that  $(c \otimes 1) \circ c$  results, but I can't figure out how.

(d)

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(e)

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(f)

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(g) **Extra Credit**

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(h) **Extra Credit**

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