

The mixed identity for normed modules

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The “mixed identity” for tensor products of (unital) modules over (unital) rings says that there is isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_B(N \otimes_A M, P) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, \text{Hom}_B(N, P))$$

whenever M is a left (A, B) bimodule, N is a (right A , left B) bimodule and P a left B module. For normed modules over a normed algebra holds for bounded linear mappings,

$$BL_B(N \otimes_A M, P) \cong BL_A(M, BL_B(N, P)) ,$$

provided norm of the tensor product is that derived from the “greatest cross-norm”. Taking P and B to be the scalar field, this specialises to

$$M^* \cong BL_A(M, A^*) .$$

Spin-off says that the real and the complex duals of a complex normed space coincide, half of the von Neumann double commutant theorem extends from Hilbert to reflexive Banach spaces, and the Arens multiplication on the second dual is explained.

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