

Exercises on natural isomorphisms

(1) Let R be a ring and \mathcal{C} the category of R -modules, $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-Mod}$. Let $F = \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ and $G = \text{Hom}_R({}_R R_R^{\oplus}, -): \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, and $\varphi: M \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R, M)$. Show that F and G are functors and define Ψ so that it becomes a natural isomorphism $\Psi: F \rightarrow G$.

(2) Let R be a ring, $\mathcal{C} = R\text{-Mod}$ and $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{A}\text{-Mod}$, the category of abelian groups. \oplus denotes the coproduct and \prod the product.

(a) Show that for each set $\{M_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ of R -modules, there are natural isomorphisms $\text{Hom}_R(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda, -) \simeq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{Hom}_R(M_\lambda, -)$

$$\text{and } \text{Hom}_R(-, \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} M_\lambda) \simeq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{Hom}_R(-, M_\lambda).$$

(b) Show that a direct sum of projective modules is projective and that a direct product of injective modules is injective.