

## Some Universals in Strong Semilattices of Modules

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### Abstract

Two universal arrows in the category  $PMod - K$  of partial modules (strong semilattices of modules) over a partial ring  $K$  (strong semilattice of rings) are introduced. The category  $Set_{E_K}$  of strong semilattices of sets is developed and free partial modules over  $K$  on objects in  $Set_{E_K}$  are constructed. A theory of tensor products for  $PMod - K$  is also developed.

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### 1. Introduction

This paper is a successor of [1] in the direction of developing universal constructions for partial modules over partial rings. A partial ring is introduced in [3] and proved to be precisely a strong semilattice of rings. Given a partial ring  $K$ , we have the notion of a partial module over  $K$  on one hand, and the notion of a strong semilattice of modules over  $K$  on the other, which are proved in [1] to be equivalent. All products and coproducts exist in the category of partial modules over  $K$  [1]. In the present work, we introduce free partial modules and tensor product for partial modules. These constructions, that comprising Sections 2 and 3 respectively, are based on the notion of a strong semilattice of sets, which is discussed in a categorical setting in Section 1. We refer to [1] for notations and terminology that are not sufficiently explained here. Other references in semigroups, strong semilattices of groups and rings, categories, and rings and modules are listed at the end.

### 2. The category of semilattices of sets

A strong semilattice of sets consists of a (disjoint) union  $A$  of sets,

$A = \cup A_x, x \in E_A$ , indexed by a semilattice  $E_A$ , and for any  $x, y \in E_A$  with  $x \geq y$ , a function of sets  $\varphi_{x,y} : A_x \rightarrow A_y$  such that  $\varphi_{x,x}$  is the identity function of  $A_x$ , for all  $x \in E_A$  and for every  $x, y, z \in E_A$  with  $x \geq y \geq z, \varphi_{y,z} \circ \varphi_{x,y} = \varphi_{x,z}$ .

If  $A$  is a strong semilattice  $E_A$  of sets  $A_x$ , we may write

$$A = \rho[E_A; A_x, \varphi_{x,y}]$$

If  $B$  is another strong semilattice  $E_B$  of sets  $B_x$ , we may write, when no confusion exists

$$B = \rho[E_B; B_x, \varphi_{x,y}]$$

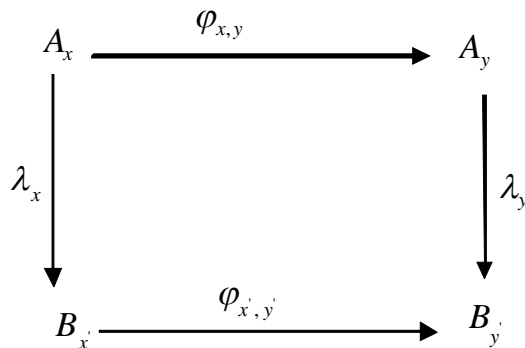
where  $\varphi_{x,y}$  is the connecting mapping  $\varphi_{x,y} : B_x \rightarrow B_y$  ( $x \geq y$ ). Let  $E$  be an arbitrary but fixed semilattice.

Let  $\text{Set}_E$  consists of objects and morphisms as follows ; An object  $A$  in  $\text{Set}_E$  is a strong semilattice of sets

$$A = \rho[E_A; A_x, \varphi_{x,y}]$$

together with an isomorphism of semilattices,  $\sigma_A : E_A \rightarrow E$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are objects in  $\text{Set}_E$ , we have an isomorphism of semilattices  $\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A : E_A \rightarrow E_B$ . We may denote this isomorphism by  $\sigma_{BA}$ , and for each  $x \in E_A$ , denote the element  $\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(x)$  by  $x'$ . In other words, we write  $\sigma_{BA}(x) = x'$  for every  $x \in E_A$ . It follows immediately that  $x \geq y$  in  $E_A$  if and only if  $x' \geq y'$  in  $E_B$ .

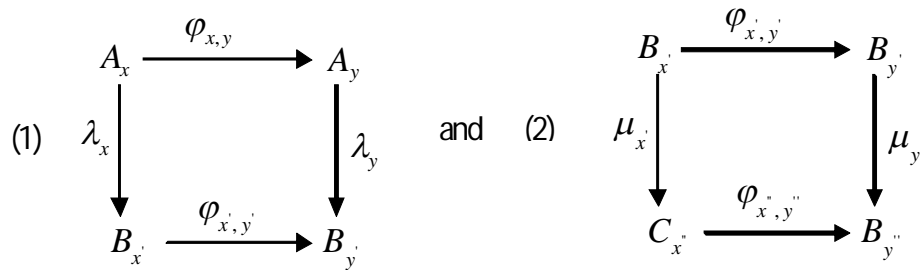
A morphism  $\lambda$  in  $\text{Set}_E$  with domain object  $A$  in  $\text{set}_E$  and codomain object  $B$  in  $\text{set}_E$  is a collection  $\lambda = (\lambda_x)_{x \in E_A}$  of functions  $\lambda_x : A_x \rightarrow B_{\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(x)}$ ; i.e.  $\lambda_x : A_x \rightarrow B_{x'}$  for all  $x \in E_A$ , such that the diagram



commutes, for every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $E_A$  with  $x \geq y$ .

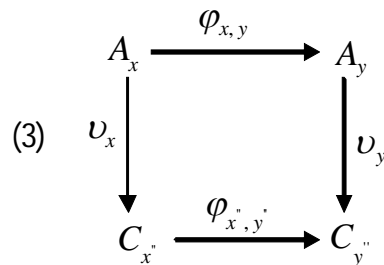
**Lemma 2.1**  $Set_E$  is a category.

**Proof.** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be objects in  $Set_E$ . Let  $\lambda : A \rightarrow B$  and  $\mu : B \rightarrow C$  be morphisms in  $Set_E$ . For each  $x \in E_A$ , let  $v_x$  be the composite function  $v_x = \mu_x \cdot \lambda_x : A_x \rightarrow C_{x''}$ . Define  $v = (v_x)_{x \in E_A}$ . Let  $x \geq y$  in  $E_A$ . We have two commutative diagrams



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where  $x' = \sigma_{BA}(x) = \sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(x)$  and  $x'' = \sigma_{CB}(x') = \sigma_C^{-1} \sigma_B(x')$ , for every  $x \in E_A$ . Consider the diagramd



We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{x',y'} \nu_x &= \phi_{x',y'} (\mu_x \cdot \lambda_x) = (\phi_{x',y'} \cdot \mu_x) \cdot \lambda_x \\ &= (\mu_y \cdot \phi_{x',y'}) \lambda_x = \mu_y (\phi_{x',y'} \cdot \lambda_x) \\ &= \mu_y (\lambda_y \cdot \phi_{x,y}) = (\mu_y \cdot \lambda_y) \phi_{x,y} \\ &= \nu_y \phi_{x,y}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the diagram (3) commutes. Thus  $v = \mu\lambda$  is a morphism in  $Set_E$ . Clearly, the operation on morphisms defined by  $\mu\lambda = v$  is associative, and  $C_A = (C_{A_x})_{x \in E_A}$

(where  $i_{A_x} : A_x \rightarrow A_x$  is the identity mapping for all  $x \in E_A$ ), satisfies  $\lambda i_A = \lambda$  and  $i_A \mu = \mu$ , and the proof is complete.

Let  $K$  be an arbitrary but fixed partial ring, namely,  $K$  is a strong semilattice  $E_K$  of rings  $K_u$ . In symbols

$$K = \rho[E_K; K_u, \psi_{u,v}]$$

There is a category  $PMod - K$  of left  $K$ -partial modules and  $K$ -partial module homomorphisms [1, Lemma 3.3]. We have

**Lemma 2.2** *There exists a faithful (forgetful) functor*

$$U : PMod - K \rightarrow Set_{E_K}$$

which sends every left  $K$ -partial module  $M = \rho[E_M; M_e, \varphi_{e,f}]$  to the strong semilattice of sets  $UM = \rho[E_M; M_e, \varphi_{e,f}]$  in  $Set_{E_K}$  (forgetting the structure of  $M_e$ ), together with the isomorphism  $\sigma_M : E_M \rightarrow E_K$ , and sends every left  $K$ -partial module homomorphism  $\alpha = (\alpha_e)_{e \in E_M} : M \rightarrow N$  to the morphism  $U\alpha = (\alpha_e)_{e \in E_M}$  in  $Set_{E_K}$ , where  $\alpha_e : M_e \rightarrow N_e$ ,  $(e' = \sigma_{MN}(e))$  is viewing as mapping of sets. In other words, the functor  $U$  is completely determined by the usual forgetful functors,

$$U_u : Mod - K_u \rightarrow Set, u \in E_K,$$

where  $Mod - K_u$  is the category of left  $K_u$ -modules and  $Set$  is the usual category of sets and functions of sets.

**Proof.** Follows from [1, Lemma 3.2 (i), (ii)].

### 3. Free Partial Modules

In this section,  $K = \rho[E_K; K_u, \psi_{u,v}]$  is a fixed partial ring and  $U : PMod - K \rightarrow Set_{E_K}$  is the functor of Lemma 2.2.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $A = \rho[E_A; A_x, \varphi_{x,y}]$  be an object in  $Set_{E_K}$  with the isomorphism  $\sigma_A : E_A \rightarrow E_K$ . Then there exists a pair  $(F, \eta)$  where  $F$  is an object of  $PMod - K$  and  $\eta$  is a morphism  $\eta : A \rightarrow UF$  in  $Set_{E_K}$  subject to the universal property that, whenever  $(B, \zeta)$  is another such a pair, there exists a unique  $PMod - K$  morphism  $\zeta^* : F \rightarrow B$  such that  $U\zeta^*\eta = \zeta$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $x \in E_A$ , let  $F_x^-$  be the left free  $K_{\sigma_A(x)}$ -module with basis  $A_x$  and zero  $\bar{x}$ . Let  $u, v \in E_K$  with  $u \geq v$ . Then  $F_y^-$  is a left  $K_u$ -module, where  $y = \sigma_A^{-1}(v)$ , with action given by, for  $r \in K_u$  and  $a \in F_y^-$ ,

$$r \cdot a = \psi_{u,v} r \cdot a,$$

(cf.[1], Lemma 2.3). By the universal property of free modules, the mapping  $A_x \rightarrow F_y^-$ , given by  $a \mapsto \varphi_{x,y} a$ , where  $x = \sigma_A^{-1}(u)$ , extends uniquely to a left  $K_u$ -module homomorphism

$$\varphi_{x,y}^- : F_x^- \rightarrow F_y^-$$

such that for any free generator  $a \in F_x^-$ ,  $\varphi_{x,y}^-(a) = \varphi_{x,y}(a)$ ,  $\varphi_{x,y}(a)$  is in  $A_y$  which is the set of free generators in  $F_y^-$ . Let  $E_F = \{x : x \in E_A\}$  with  $\bar{x} \geq \bar{y}$  if and only if  $x \geq y$  if and only if  $\sigma_A(x) \geq \sigma_A(y)$ . Clearly, for every  $\bar{x} \in E_F$ ,  $\varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{x}}^-$  is the identity module homomorphism on  $F_{\bar{x}}^-$ . For all  $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z} \in E_F$  with  $\bar{x} \geq \bar{y} \geq \bar{z}$ , and any element  $\sum r_i a_i$ , finite sum in  $F_x^-$  ( $r_i \in K_u, a_i \in A_x, \sigma_A(x) = u$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}^- \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}^-\right)\left(\sum r_i a_i\right) &= \varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}^-\left(\varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}^-\left(\sum r_i a_i\right)\right) \\ &= \varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}^-\left(\sum r_i \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}(a_i)\right) \\ &= \sum r_i \varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}^-\left(\varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}(a_i)\right) \\ &= \sum r_i \left(\varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}} \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}(a_i)\right) \\ &= \sum r_i \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{z}}(a_i) = \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{z}}^-\left(\sum r_i a_i\right). \end{aligned}$$

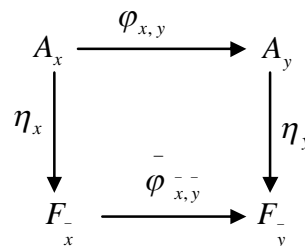
Hence  $\varphi_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}^- \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{y}}^- = \varphi_{\bar{x},\bar{z}}^-$ . It follows that  $F = \bigcup_{\bar{x} \in E_F} F_{\bar{x}}^-$  is a strong semilattice of left

$K_u$ -modules ( $u = \sigma_A(x)$ )

$$F = \rho \left[ E_F ; F_x^-, \varphi_{x,y}^- \right],$$

that is,  $F$  is an object of  $PMod - K$ , with the isomorphism  $\sigma_F : E_F \rightarrow E_K, \bar{x} \mapsto \sigma_A(x)$ . For each  $x \in E_A$ , let  $\eta_x$  be the natural embedding of the set  $A_x$  in the left  $K_{\sigma(x)=u}$ -module  $F_x$ , that is the mapping of sets

$\eta_x : A_x \rightarrow F_x, a \mapsto (1 + \bar{x})a = a$ , which satisfies the universal property of the free  $K_u$ -module  $F_x$ . Let  $x \geq y$  in  $E_A$ , and consider the diagram



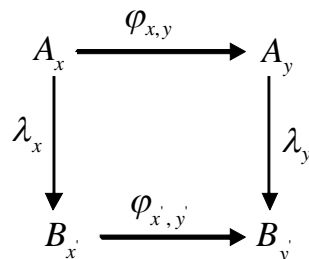
Let  $a \in A_x$ , then

$$\varphi_{x,y}^- \eta_x(a) = \varphi_{x,y}^-(a) = \varphi_{x,y}(a) = \eta_y \varphi_{x,y}(a)$$

and so the diagram commutes. It follows that  $\eta = (\eta_x)_{x \in E_A}$  is a morphism  $\eta : A \rightarrow UF$  in  $Set_{E_K}$ . Let  $(B, \lambda)$  be such that,  $B$  is an object of  $PMod - K$ , with isomorphism  $\sigma_B : E_B \rightarrow E_K$ , and  $\lambda$  is a morphism  $\lambda : A \rightarrow UB$  in  $Set_{E_K}$ . Thus  $\lambda$  is a collection  $\lambda = (\lambda_x)_{x \in E_A}$  of functions of sets

$$\lambda_x : A_x \rightarrow B_{\sigma_{BA}(x)} = B_x$$

such that the diagram



commutes for all  $x, y \in E_A$  with  $x \geq y$ . For each  $x \in E_A$ , the universal property of

$\left( F_{-x}, \eta_x \right)$  implies that there exists a unique left  $K_u$ -module homomorphism

$\lambda_x^* : F_{-x} \rightarrow B_x$ , such that  $\lambda_x^* \eta_x = \lambda$ . Actually,  $\lambda_x^*$  is defined by

$$\lambda_x^* \left( \sum r_i a_i \right) = \sum r_i \lambda_x(a_i), a_i \in A_x, r_i \in K_u.$$

Define  $\lambda^* : F \rightarrow B$ , as follows: For any  $a \in F$ , say  $a = \sum r_i a_i \in F_{-x}$ , for some  $x \in E_A$  with  $\sigma_A(x) = u, r_i \in K_u, a_i \in A_x$ , let

$$\lambda^*(a) = \lambda_x^* \left( \sum r_i a_i \right) = \sum r_i \lambda_x^*(a_i) = \sum r_i \lambda_x(a_i).$$

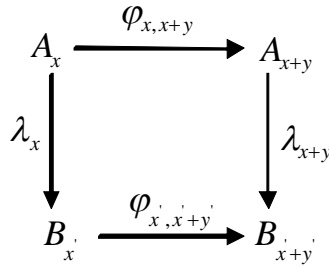
If  $a = \sum r_i a_i$  is an element in  $F_{-x}$  as above and  $b = \sum s_j b_j \in F_{-y}, b_j \in A_y, s_j \in K_v = K_{\sigma_A(y)}$ , for some  $y \in E_A$ , then  $a + b \in F_{-(x+y)}$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^*(a+b) &= \lambda_{x+y}^*(a+b) = \lambda_{x+y}^* \left( \sum r_i a_i + \sum s_j b_j \right) \\ &= \lambda_{x+y}^* \left( \bar{\phi}_{x,x+y}^- \left( \sum r_i a_i \right) + \bar{\phi}_{y,x+y}^- \left( \sum s_j b_j \right) \right) \\ &= \lambda_{x+y}^* \left( \sum r_i \phi_{x,x+y} a_i + \sum s_j \phi_{y,x+y} b_j \right) \\ &= \sum \psi_{u,u+v} r_i \lambda_{x+y}^* \eta_{x+y} \phi_{x,x+y} a_i \\ &\quad + \sum \psi_{v,u+v} s_j \lambda_{x+y}^* \eta_{x+y} \phi_{y,x+y} b_j \\ &= \sum \psi_{u,u+v} r_i \lambda_{x+y} \phi_{x,x+y} a_i + \sum \psi_{v,u+v} s_j \lambda_{x+y} \phi_{y,x+y} b_j \\ &= \sum \psi_{u,u+v} r_i \phi_{x,x+y} \lambda_x a_i + \sum \psi_{v,u+v} s_j \phi_{y,x+y} \lambda_y b_j \\ &= \phi_{x,x+y} \left( \sum r_i \lambda_x^* \eta_x a_i \right) + \phi_{y,x+y} \left( \sum s_j \lambda_y^* \eta_y b_j \right) \\ &= \phi_{x,x+y} \lambda_x^* \left( \sum r_i a_i \right) + \phi_{y,x+y} \lambda_y^* \left( \sum s_j b_j \right) \\ &= \lambda_x^* a + \lambda_y^* b = \lambda^* a + \lambda^* b. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $r \in K_u$ , for some  $u \in E_K$  and let  $a = \sum_{\text{finitesum}} r_i a_i \in F_{-x}$ , for some  $x \in E_A$ , ( $r_i \in K_{\sigma_A(x)}, a_i \in A_x$ ). Let  $y = \sigma_A^{-1}(u)$ . Thus  $\sigma_A(y) = u$ , and  $\bar{y} = \sigma_F^{-1}(u)$ . We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda^*(ra) &= \lambda^*\left(\psi_{u, u+\sigma_A(x)} r \cdot \bar{\phi}_{x, \sigma_F^{-1}(u)+\bar{x}} a\right) \\
 &= \lambda^*\left(\psi_{u, u+\sigma_F(\bar{x})} r \cdot \bar{\phi}_{x, x+y} \left(\sum r_i a_i\right)\right) \\
 &= \lambda_{x+y}^*\left(\psi_{u, u+\sigma_F(\bar{x})} r \cdot \sum r_i \phi_{x, x+y} a_i\right) \\
 &= \psi_{u, u+\sigma_F(\bar{x})} r \left(\sum r_i \lambda_{x+y} \phi_{x, x+y} a_i\right) \\
 &= r \cdot \left(\sum r_i \phi_{x, x+y} \lambda_x a_i\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

by commutativity of the diagram



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r \cdot \phi_{x, x+y} \left(\sum r_i \lambda_x a_i\right) \\
 &= r \cdot \phi_{x, x+y} \lambda_x^* \left(\sum r_i a_i\right) \\
 &= r \cdot \lambda_x^* a = r \cdot \lambda^*(a).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda^*$  satisfies PMH1 and PMH2 (cf.[1], Sec.3). If  $\bar{x} \in E_F$ , and so  $\sigma_F(\bar{x}) = \sigma_A(x)$  (for a unique  $x \in E_A$ ) then, since  $\bar{x}$  is the zero of  $F_-$ , we have  $\lambda^*(\bar{x}) = x'$  the zero of  $B_-$ , where  $x' = \sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(x)$ . Thus,  $\sigma_F(\bar{x}) = \sigma_A(x) = \sigma_B(x') = \sigma_B \lambda^*(\bar{x})$ , and so PMH3 holds. It follows that  $\lambda^*$  is a left  $K$  partial module homomorphism. Let  $a \in A$ , say  $a \in A_x$ , for some  $x \in E_A$ . Then  $\eta a = \eta_x a \in F_-$ . Thus we have

$$U \lambda^* \eta(a) = U \lambda^*(\eta a) = U \lambda^*(\eta_x a) = \lambda_x^* \eta_x a = \lambda_x a = \lambda a.$$

Hence,  $U \lambda^* \eta = \lambda$ . Finally, the uniqueness of  $\lambda^*$  follows from that of each  $\lambda_x^*$ .



### 4.Tensor Products

In this section we introduce some theory of tensor products for partial modules parallel to corresponding results in classical tensor products of modules over rings . Our technique allows to extend other results (e.g. those for commutative rings or rings with identities). Throughout the section, unless stated otherwise,  $K$  is an arbitrary partial ring , i.e., strong semilattice of rings,  $K = \rho[E_K; K_u, \psi_{u,v}]$

Let  $A_K$  and  ${}_K B$  be right and left partial modules over  $K$  respectively, with isomorphisms of semilattices  $\sigma_A : E_A \rightarrow E_K$  and  $\sigma_B : E_B \rightarrow E_K$  respectively. As usual, for each  $e \in E_A$ , the element  $\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(e)$  in  $E_B$  is denoted  $e'$ , and the isomorphism

$$\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A : E_A \rightarrow E_B, e \mapsto e'$$

is denoted  $\sigma_{BA}$ . Let  $C$  be any  $\square_{E_K}$  - module (cf[1], Example 3.1) and so,  $C$  is a strong semilattice  $E_C$  of abelian groups with isomorphism  $\sigma_C : E_C \rightarrow E_K$ .

Let  $A \times_K B$  be the product of  $A$  and  $B$ . Viewing as  $\square_{E_K}$  - partial modules, let  $A \times B$  be the product of  $A$  and  $B$  in the category  $PMod - \square_{E_K}$ , [cf.[1], See 3 ]. Equivalently,  $A \times B$  is a strong semilattice of abelian groups

$$A \times B = \rho \left[ E_{A \times B}; A_e \times B_{e'}, \phi_{(e,e'),(f,f')} \right]$$

where  $E_{A \times B}$  is the semilattice  $E_{A \times B} = \{(e, e') : e \in E_A\}$  with  $(e, e') \leq (f, f')$  if and only if  $e \leq f$  and  $e' \leq f'$  and  $\sigma_{A \times B}$  is the isomorphism  $E_{A \times B} \rightarrow E_K, (e, e') \mapsto \sigma_A(e) = \sigma_B(e')$ .  $A \times B$  has the additional structure:

For  $r \in K$  and  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , there are well defined elements  $(ar, b)$  and  $(a, rb)$  in  $A \times B$ . We then have the following definition, we call a mapping  $\lambda : A \times B \rightarrow C$  in  $Set_{E_K}$  ( where  $C$  is a  $\square_{E_K}$  - partial module which is also , forgetting structure, an object in  $Set_{E_K}$  ), middle linear if for all  $a, a_i \in A, b, b_i \in B, r \in K (i = 1, 2)$  with  $e_a = e_{a_i}, e_b = e_{b_i} = \sigma_{BA}(e_a)$  ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $e_r = \sigma_A(e_a)$ , we have

- (i)  $\lambda(a_1 + a_2, b) = \lambda(a_1, b) + \lambda(a_2, b)$
- (ii)  $\lambda(a, b_1 + b_2) = \lambda(a, b_1) + \lambda(a, b_2)$
- (iii)  $\lambda(ar, b) = \lambda(a, rb)$

The proof of the following lemma is easy and omitted.

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $A, B, C$  and  $\lambda$  be as above. For any  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , we have*

- (i)  $e_{\lambda(a,b)} = \lambda(e_a, b) = \lambda(a, e_b)$

$$(ii) \quad -\lambda(a, b) = \lambda(-a, b) = \lambda(a, -b).$$

We now construct a tensor product for partial modules that extends the usual one for modules over rings. Our approach follows that given for modules in [6].

We assume that we are given a right  $K$ -partial module  $A_K$  and a left  $K$ -partial module  ${}_K B$ . When no confusion may exist, we omit the subscript  $K$  and simply write  $A$  and  $B$ . For each  $e \in E_B$ , we write  $\sigma_B^{-1} \sigma_A(e) = \sigma_{BA}(e) = e'$ , and  $\sigma_A(e) = \sigma_B(e') = u_e$ . Viewing as right and left  $K_{u_e}$ -modules,  $A_e$  and  $B_e$  have a tensor product  $A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_e$ . We set

$$A \otimes_K B = \bigcup_{\substack{e \in E_A \\ (u \in E_K)}} A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_e.$$

**Theorem 4.1**  $A \otimes_K B$  is an abelian partial group (equivalently a  $\square_{E_K}$ -partial module).

**Proof.** For each  $e \in E_A$ , the identity of the abelian group  $A_e \otimes B_e$  is  $e \otimes e'$  and we have  $e \otimes e' = a \otimes e' = e \otimes b$  for all  $a \in A_e$  and  $b \in B_e$ . Thus  $A \otimes_K B$  may be viewed as union of (disjoint) abelian groups indexed by the semilattice

$$E_{A \times B} = \{(e, e') : e \in E_A, \sigma_{BA}(e) = e'\}$$

where,  $(e, e') \geq (f, f')$  in  $E_{A \times B}$  if and only if  $e \geq f$  in  $E_A$  and  $e' \geq f'$  in  $E_B$ . We have the isomorphism of semilattices

$\sigma_{A \otimes B} : E_{A \times B} \rightarrow E_K, (e, e') \mapsto u_e$ , where  $u_e \in E_K$  is defined as above by  $\sigma_A(e) = \sigma_B(e') = u_e$ . We identify the element  $(e, e') \in A \times B$  with  $e \otimes e'$  which is the identity of the abelian group  $A_e \otimes B_e$ , and we have a union of abelian groups

$$A \otimes_K B = \bigcup_{e \otimes e' \in E_{A \otimes_K B}} A_e \otimes B_e$$

indexed by the semilattice  $E_{A \otimes_K B} = \{e \otimes e' : e \in E_A\}$ . Every element in  $E_{A \otimes_K B}$  will be written in the unique standard form  $e \otimes e'$ , where  $e \in E_A$  and  $e' = \sigma_{BA}(e)$ . Thus for all  $a \in A_e, b \in B_e$ , we write  $a \otimes e' = e \otimes e'$  and  $e \otimes b = e \otimes e'$ . We define structure maps on  $A \otimes_K B$  as follows: For  $(e, e') \geq (f, f')$ , that is  $e \otimes e' \geq f \otimes f'$  in  $E_{A \otimes B}$ , equivalently,  $e \geq f$  in  $E_A$  and  $e' \geq f'$  in  $E_B$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &: A_e \times B_{e'} \rightarrow A_f \otimes_{K_{u_f}} B_{f'} \\ (a, b) &\mapsto \phi_{e,f}(a) \otimes \phi_{e',f'}(b). \end{aligned}$$

If  $a_1, a_2 \in A_e, b \in B_{e'}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(a_1 + a_2, b) &= \phi_{e,f}(a_1 + a_2) \otimes \phi_{e',f'}(b) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2 + f) \otimes (b + f'). \\ \phi(a_1, b) + \phi(a_2, b) &= (a_1 + f) \otimes (b + f') + (a_2 + f) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= ((a_1 + f) + (a_2 + f)) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= (a_1 + a_2 + f) \otimes (b + f'). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\phi(a_1 + a_2, b) = \phi(a_1, b) + \phi(a_2, b).$$

Similarly, for any  $a \in A_e, b \in B_{e'}$  and  $q \in \square$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(qa, b) &= (qa + f) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= (qa + qf) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= q(a + f) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= (a + f) \otimes q(b + f') \\ &= (a + f) \otimes (qb + f') \\ &= \varphi(a, qb). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\phi$  is middle and hence extends uniquely to a homomorphism of abelian groups ( $\square_{E_K}$  - modules)

$$\phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'} : A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{e'} \rightarrow A_f \otimes_{K_{u_f}} B_{f'}$$

which is defined on generators by,

$$a \otimes b \mapsto (a + f) \otimes (b + f').$$

Clearly,  $\phi_{e \otimes e', e \otimes e'}$  is the identity map on  $A_e \otimes B_{e'}$  for all  $e \in E_A$ . Let  $e \otimes e' \geq f \otimes f' \geq g \otimes g'$  in  $E_{A \otimes B}$ , that is  $e \geq f \geq g$  and  $e' \geq f' \geq g'$  in  $E_A$  and  $E_B$  respectively. Then, for  $a \otimes b \in A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{e'}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\phi_{f \otimes f', g \otimes g'} \cdot \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'})(a \otimes b) &= \phi_{f \otimes f', g \otimes g'}((a+f) \otimes (b+f')) \\
&= (a+f+g) \otimes (b+f'+g') \\
&= (a+g) \otimes (b+g').
\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\phi_{e \otimes e', g \otimes g'}(a \otimes b) = (a+g) \otimes (b+g').$$

Thus,  $\phi_{f \otimes f', g \otimes g'} \cdot \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'} = \phi_{e \otimes e', g \otimes g'}$ . It follows that  $A \otimes_K B$  is an abelian partial group, which is precisely a strong semilattice of abelian groups

$$A \otimes_K B = \rho \left[ E_{A \otimes_K B}, A_e \times B_{e'}, \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'} \right].$$

**Corollary 4.1** For any  $a \otimes b \in A \otimes_K B$ , say  $a \in A_e, b \in B_{e'}$ , and any  $g \otimes g' \in E_{A \otimes_K B}$ , we have

$$(a \otimes b) + (g \otimes g') = (a+g) \otimes (b+g').$$

**Proof.** Since  $A \otimes_K B$  is a strong semilattice of groups, the addition in  $A \otimes_K B$  is given by the structure maps. Moreover, it is easy to see that addition in  $E_{A \otimes_K B}$  is given by  $(e \otimes e') + (g \otimes g') = (e+g) \otimes (e'+g')$ , for any  $e \otimes e'$  and  $g \otimes g'$  in  $E_{A \otimes_K B}$ , (notice that  $E_{A \times B}$  is isomorphic to  $E_{A \otimes_K B}$ ). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(a \otimes b) + (g \otimes g') &= \phi_{e \otimes e', e+g \otimes e'+g'} a \otimes b + \phi_{g \otimes g', e+g \otimes e'+g'} g \otimes g' \\
&= (a+e+g \otimes b+e'+g') + (e+g \otimes e'+g') \\
&= (a+g \otimes b+g') + (e+g \otimes e'+g') \\
&= (a+g) \otimes (b+g')
\end{aligned}$$

(since  $a+g \otimes b+g' \in A_{e+g \otimes e'+g'}$ ).

**Lemma 4.2** For each  $e \in E_A$ , let  $\xi_{(e, e')}$  be the usual canonical middle linear map

$$\xi_{(e, e')} : A_e \times B_{e'} \rightarrow A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{e'}, (a, b) \mapsto a \otimes b.$$

Let  $\xi$  be the map

$$\xi : A \times B \rightarrow A \otimes_K B$$

defined as follows. For  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , say  $(a, b) \in A_e \times B_{e'}$ , for some  $e \in E_A$ , let  $\xi(a, b) = \xi_{(e, e')}(a, b)$ . Then  $\xi$  is a morphism in the category  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ . Moreover,  $\xi$  is middle linear.

**Proof.** For  $e \otimes e' \geq f \otimes f'$  in  $E_{A \otimes_K B}$ , we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_e \times B_{e'} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{(e, e'), (f, f')}} & A_f \times B_{f'} \\
 \downarrow \xi_{(e, e')} & & \downarrow \xi_{(f, f')} \\
 A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{e'} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}} & A_f \otimes_{K_{u_f}} B_{f'}
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

Let  $(a, b) \in A_e \times B_{e'}$ . Then

$$\xi_{(f, f')} \cdot \phi_{(e, e'), (f, f')}(a, b) = \xi_{(f, f')}(a + f, b + f') = (a + f) \otimes (b + f').$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'} \cdot \xi_{(e, e')}(a, b) &= \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}(a \otimes b) \\
 &= (a + f) \otimes (b + f').
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the diagram (1) commutes, and so  $\xi$  is a morphism in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ . Clearly,

$\xi = \left( \xi_{(e, e')} \right)$  is middle linear, since each  $\xi_{(e, e')}$  is so and the proof is complete.

Given a right  $K$ -partial module  $A$  and a left  $K$ -partial module  $B$ , then in view of Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.2, we call the  $\square_{E_K}$ -partial module  $A \otimes_K B$  together with the middle linear map  $\xi$ , the *tensor product* of  $A$  and  $B$  over  $K$ . This is justified by showing the universality of  $\xi$ , and this is the aim of our next theorem.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $A, B$  and  $\xi$  be as above. For any  $\square_{E_K}$  – partial module  $C$  with isomorphism  $\sigma_C : E_C \rightarrow E_K$  (forgetting structures,  $A \times B$  and  $C$  are objects in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ ) and any middle linear morphism  $\lambda : A \times B \rightarrow C$  in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ , there is a unique  $\square_{E_K}$  – partial module homomorphism

$$\bar{\lambda} : A \otimes_K B \rightarrow C$$

which is (forgetting structure) a morphism in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ , such that

$$\bar{\lambda} \xi = \lambda.$$

*Proof.* As usual, for any  $e \in E_A$ , we write

$$\sigma_A(e) = u_e = \sigma_B(e') = \sigma_C(e''), e' \in E_B, e'' \in E_C, u_e \in E_K, \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma_{BA}(e) = e' = \sigma_{BC}(e''), \text{ etc.}$$

Let  $e, f \in E_A$  with  $e \geq f$ . Since  $\lambda$  is a morphism in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_e \times B_{e'} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{(e,e'),(f,f')}} & A_f \times B_{f'} \\
 \downarrow \lambda_{(e,e')} & & \downarrow \lambda_{(f,f')} \\
 C_{e''} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{e'',f''}} & C_{f''}
 \end{array} \tag{2}$$

the universal property of tensor products of  $R_u$  – modules implies that there is a unique homomorphism of abelian groups

$$\lambda_{(e,e')} : A_e \otimes B_{e'} \rightarrow C_{e''}$$

such that

$$\bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')} \xi_{(e,e')} = \lambda_{(e,e')} \text{ (for every } e \in E_A \text{).} \tag{3}$$

Moreover, for any generator  $a \otimes b \in A_e \otimes B_e$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\lambda}_{(f,f')} \cdot \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}(a \otimes b) &= \bar{\lambda}_{(f,f')} \cdot \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'} \left( \xi_{(e,e')} (a, b) \right) \\
 &= \bar{\lambda}_{(f,f')} \cdot \xi_{(f,f')} \phi_{(e,e'), (f,f')} (a, b) \quad (\text{by(1)}) \\
 &= \bar{\lambda}_{(f,f')} \phi_{(e,e'), (f,f')} (a, b) \quad (\text{by(3)}) \\
 &= \phi_{e', f'} \cdot \bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')} (a, b) \quad (\text{by(2)}) \\
 &= \phi_{e', f'} \cdot \bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')} \xi_{(e,e')} (a, b) \quad (\text{by(3)}) \\
 &= \phi_{e', f'} \cdot \bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')} (a \otimes b).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_e \otimes B_e & \xrightarrow{\phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}} & A_f \otimes B_{f'} \\
 \bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')} \downarrow & & \downarrow \bar{\lambda}_{(f,f')} \\
 C_e & \xrightarrow{\phi_{e', f'}} & C_{f'}
 \end{array} \quad (4)$$

commutes. Define  $\bar{\lambda}: A \otimes_K B \rightarrow C$  on generators as follows, for any  $(a \otimes b) \in A \otimes_K B$ , say  $a \otimes b \in A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_e$ , for some (and unique)

$e \in E_A$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}(a \otimes b) = \bar{\lambda}_{(e,e')}(a \otimes b)$ . Let  $a \otimes b, c \otimes d \in A \otimes_K B$ , say  $a \otimes b \in A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_e$  and  $c \otimes d \in A_f \otimes_{K_{u_f}} B_{f'}$  ( $e, f \in E_A$ ). Then

$$a \otimes b + c \otimes d = (a + f \otimes b + f') + (c + e \otimes d + e').$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\lambda}(a \otimes b + c \otimes d) &= \bar{\lambda}_{(e+f, e'+f')}((a+f \otimes b + f') + (c+e \otimes d + e')) \\
 &= \bar{\lambda}_{(e+f, e'+f')}(a+f \otimes b + f') + \bar{\lambda}_{(e+f, e'+f')}(c+e \otimes d + e') \\
 &= \bar{\lambda}_{(e+f, e'+f')} \xi_{(e+f, e'+f')}(a+f, b+f') \\
 &\quad + \bar{\lambda}_{(e+f, e'+f')} \xi_{(e+f, e'+f')}(c+e, d+e') \\
 &= \lambda_{(e+f, e'+f')}(a+f, b+f') + \lambda_{(e+f, e'+f')}(c+e, d+e') \\
 &= \lambda_{(e+f, e'+f')} \phi_{(e, e'), (e+f, e'+f')}(a, b) \\
 &\quad + \lambda_{(e+f, e'+f')} \phi_{(f, f'), (e+f, e'+f')}(c, d) \\
 &= \phi_{e', e'+f'} \lambda_{(e, e')}(a, b) + \phi_{f', e'+f'} \lambda_{(f, f')}(c, d) \\
 &= \lambda_{(e, e')}(a, b) + \lambda_{(f, f')}(c, d).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\lambda}(a \otimes b) + \bar{\lambda}(c \otimes d) &= \bar{\lambda}_{(e, e')} \xi_{(e, e')}(a, b) + \bar{\lambda}_{(f, f')} \xi_{(f, f')}(c, d) \\
 &= \lambda_{(e, e')}(a, b) + \lambda_{(f, f')}(c, d).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bar{\lambda}$  is a homomorphism (in Set  $E_K$ ) of partial groups. That  $\bar{\lambda} \xi = \lambda$  follows from the construction of  $\bar{\lambda}$  and (3), and that  $\bar{\lambda}$  is unique with respect to this property follows from the uniqueness of each  $\bar{\lambda}_{(e, e')}$ ,  $e \in E_A$ , with respect to the corresponding property.

We write  $A_K$  (resp.  ${}_K A$ ) to mean  $A$  is a right  $K$ -partial module (resp.  $A$  is a left  $K$ -partial module).

**Corollary 4.2** *If  $A_K, A'_K, {}_K B$  and  ${}_K B'$  are  $K$ -partial modules and  $\alpha: A \rightarrow A', \beta: B \rightarrow B'$  are  $K$ -partial module homomorphisms, then there is a unique  $\square_{E_K}$ -homomorphism  $A \otimes_K B \rightarrow A' \otimes_K B'$  such that  $a \otimes b \mapsto \alpha(a) \otimes \beta(b)$ , for all  $a \in A, b \in B$  with  $\sigma_{BA}(e_a) = e_b$ .*

**Proof.** For each  $e \in E_A, A_e$  and  $A_{\sigma_{AA}(e)}$  are right  $K_{u_e}$ -modules, whereas  $B_{\sigma_{BA}(e)}$



and  $B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}$  are left  $K_{u_e}$ -modules where  $u_e = \sigma_A(e)$ . By Lemma 4.1 (i),  $\alpha(e) = \sigma_{AA}^{-1}(e)$  and  $\beta\left(\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)\right) = \sigma_{BB}^{-1}\left(\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)\right) = \sigma_B^{-1}\sigma_B\left(\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)\right) = \sigma_B^{-1}\sigma_A(e) = \sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)$ . Now,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  induce (for each  $e \in E_A$ ,  $K_{u_e}$ -module homomorphism  $\alpha_e : A_e \rightarrow A_{\sigma_{AA}^{-1}(e)}$  and  $\beta_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)} : B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)} \rightarrow B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}$ ). By Corollary 5.3, Chapter IV in [6], we have for each  $e \in E_A$  a unique group homomorphism

$$\gamma_{(e, \sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e))} = \alpha_e \otimes \beta_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)} : A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)} \rightarrow A_{\sigma_{AA}^{-1}(e)} \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}$$

such that

$$a \otimes b \mapsto \alpha_e(a) \otimes \beta_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}(b),$$

for all  $a \in A_e$  and  $b \in B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}$ . Define

$$\gamma : A \times B \rightarrow A \otimes_K B$$

as follows; for any  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , say  $a \in A_e$  and  $b \in B_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}$  (for some  $e \in E_A$ ), let

$$\gamma(a, b) = \alpha_e \otimes \beta_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}(a \otimes b) = \alpha_e(a) \otimes \beta_{\sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e)}(b).$$

Thus  $\gamma$  may be viewed as a collection  $\gamma = (\gamma_{(e, \sigma_{BA}^{-1}(e))})$ . We show that  $\gamma$  is in Set  $E_K$ . Let  $(e, e') \geq (f, f')$  in  $E_{A \times B}$ , and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_e \otimes B_{e'} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & A_f \otimes B_{f'} \\
 \downarrow \gamma_{(e, e')} & & \downarrow \gamma_{(f, f')} \\
 A_{\sigma_{AA}^{-1}(e)} \times B_{\sigma_{BB}^{-1}(e')} & \xrightarrow{\varphi'} & A_{\sigma_{AA}^{-1}(f)} \times B_{\sigma_{BB}^{-1}(f')}
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

Let  $(a, b) \in A_e \times B_e$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{(f, f')} \cdot \phi(a, b) &= \gamma_{(f, f')} (a + f, b + f') \\ &= \alpha_f (a + f) \otimes \beta_{f'} (b + f') \\ &= (\alpha_e (a) + \alpha_f (f)) \otimes (\beta_e (b) + \beta_{f'} (f')) \quad (\text{Lemma 3.2(iii), [1]}) \\ &= (\alpha_e (a) + \sigma_{AA} (f)) \otimes (\beta_e (b) + \sigma_{BB} (f')). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \phi' \circ \gamma_{(e, e')} (a, b) &= \phi' (\alpha_e (a) \otimes \beta_e (b)) \\ &= (\alpha_e (a) + \sigma_{AA} (f)) \otimes (\beta_e (b) + \sigma_{BB} (f')). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

from (2) and (3), the diagram (1) commutes, and hence  $\gamma$  is a morphism in  $\text{Set}_{E_K}$ .

Now, we show that  $\gamma$  is middle linear. Let  $a_1, a_2 \in A_e, b \in B_e$ , for arbitrary  $e \in E_A$ ,

where  $e' = \sigma_{BA}(e)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(a_1 + a_2, b) &= \alpha_e (a_1 + a_2) \otimes \beta_{e'} (b) \\ &= (\alpha_e (a_1) + \alpha_e (a_2)) \otimes \beta_{e'} (b) \\ &= (\alpha_e (a_1) \otimes \beta_{e'} (b)) + (\alpha_e (a_2) \otimes \beta_{e'} (b)) \quad (\text{since } A_e \text{ and } \beta_{e'} \text{ are } K_{u_e} \text{ - modules}) \\ &= \gamma(a_1, b) + \gamma(a_2, b). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\gamma(a, b_1 + b_2) = \gamma(a, b_1) + \gamma(a, b_2)$ , for any  $a \in A_e$ , say and  $b_1, b_2 \in \sigma_{BA}(e)$ . If  $a \in A_e, r \in K_{u_e}, b \in \beta_e$ , where  $e' = \sigma_{BA}(e)$  and  $u_e = \sigma_A(e)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(ar, b) &= \alpha_e (ar) \otimes \beta_{e'} (b) = \alpha_e (a) r \otimes \beta_{e'} (b) \\ &= \alpha_e (a) \otimes r \beta_{e'} (b) = \alpha_e (a) \otimes \beta_{e'} (rb) \\ &= \gamma(a, rb). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\gamma$  is middle linear. By Theorem 4.2, there is a unique  $\square_{E_K}$  - homomorphism  $\bar{\gamma}: A \otimes_K B \rightarrow A' \otimes_K B'$  such that  $\bar{\gamma} \xi = \gamma$ . That is  $\bar{\gamma}(a \otimes b) = \bar{\gamma} \xi(a, b) = \gamma(a, b) = \alpha(a) \otimes \beta(b)$  for all  $a \otimes b \in A \otimes B$ .

Also following the notations used in module theory, the unique  $\square_{E_K}$  – homomorphism  $\bar{\gamma}$  of Corollary 4.2 may be denoted

$$\alpha \otimes \beta : A \otimes_K B \rightarrow A' \otimes_K B'.$$

**Corollary 4.3** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be as in Corollary 4.2. If  $\alpha' : A'_K \rightarrow A''_K$  and  $\beta' : B'_K \rightarrow B''_K$  are also  $K$  – partial module homomorphisms, then*

$$(\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\alpha \otimes \beta) = \alpha' \alpha \otimes \beta' \beta : A \otimes_K B \rightarrow A'' \otimes_K B''.$$

Consequently, if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $K$  – partial module homomorphisms, then  $\alpha \otimes \beta$  is a partial group isomorphism with inverse  $\alpha^{-1} \otimes \beta^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** There are composite  $K$  – partial module homomorphisms

$\alpha' \alpha : A \rightarrow A''$  and  $\beta' \beta : B \rightarrow B''$ . By Lemma 3.1 (i) [1], we have for each  $e \in E_A$

$$(\alpha' \alpha)(e) = \alpha'(\alpha(e)) = \alpha'(\sigma_{AA}(e)) = \sigma_{A''A}(\sigma_{AA}(e)) = \sigma_{A''A}(e).$$

Similarly,

$$(\beta' \beta)(\sigma_{BA}(e)) = \beta'(\sigma_{BB} \sigma_{BA}(e)) = \beta'(\sigma_{B''A}(e)) = \sigma_{B''B}(\sigma_{B''A}(e)) = \sigma_{B''B}(e).$$

Whence,

$$(\alpha' \alpha \otimes \beta' \beta)_{(e \otimes \sigma_{BA}(e))} : A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BA}(e)} \rightarrow A''_{\sigma_{A''A}(e)} \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B''_{\sigma_{B''A}(e)}.$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} ((\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\alpha \otimes \beta))(e \otimes \sigma_{BA}(e)) &= (\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\alpha(e) \otimes \beta(\sigma_{BA}(e))) \\ &= (\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\sigma_{AA}(e) \otimes \sigma_{BB}(\sigma_{BA}(e))) \\ &= (\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\sigma_{AA}(e) \otimes \sigma_{B''A}(e)) \\ &= \alpha'(\sigma_{AA}(e) \otimes \sigma_{B''A}(e)) \\ &= \sigma_{A''A}(\sigma_{AA}(e)) \otimes \sigma_{B''B}(\sigma_{B''A}(e)) \\ &= \sigma_{A''A}(e) \otimes \sigma_{B''B}(e). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$((\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\alpha \otimes \beta))_{e \otimes \sigma_{BA}(e)} : A_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BA}(e)} \rightarrow A''_{\sigma_{A''A}(e)} \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B''_{\sigma_{B''A}(e)}.$$

By using the known result for module homomorphisms (cf. [6]) we then have for each  $e \in E_A$

$$\left( (\alpha' \otimes \beta')(\alpha \otimes \beta) \right)_{e \otimes \sigma_{BA}(e)} = \left( (\alpha' \alpha)_e \otimes (\beta' \beta)_{\sigma_{BA}(e)} \right).$$

The result follows by using Lemma 3.2 (i), [1].

**Theorem 4.3** *If  $A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$  is exact sequence of left  $K$ -partial modules and  $D$  is a right  $K$ -partial module, then*

$$D \otimes_K A \xrightarrow{1_D \otimes \alpha} D \otimes_K B \xrightarrow{1_D \otimes \beta} D \otimes_K C \rightarrow 0$$

is exact of abelian partial groups. Analogous statement holds for right  $K$ -partial modules  $A, B$  and  $C$ , and left  $K$ -partial module  $D$ .

**Proof.** For each  $e \in E_D$ , we have

$$(D \otimes_K A)_{e \otimes \sigma_{AD}(e)} = D_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} A_{\sigma_{AD}(e)},$$

$$(D \otimes_K B)_{e \otimes \sigma_{BD}(e)} = D_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BD}(e)},$$

$$(1_D \otimes \alpha)_{e \otimes \sigma_{AD}(e)} = 1_{D_e} \otimes \alpha_{\sigma_{AD}(e)},$$

etc. Thus, by using Lemma 4.2, [1], we have for every  $e \in E_D$ , exact sequence of left  $K_{u_e}$ -modules

$$A_{\sigma_{AD}(e)} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\sigma_{AD}(e)}} B_{\sigma_{BD}(e)} \xrightarrow{\beta_{\sigma_{BD}(e)}} C_{\sigma_{CD}(e)} \rightarrow 0.$$

By using Proposition 5.4, Chapter 1V, [6], we have for every  $e \in E_D$ , exact sequence of abelian partial groups

$$D_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} A_{\sigma_{AD}(e)} \xrightarrow{1_{D_e} \otimes \alpha_{\sigma_{AD}(e)}} D_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_{BD}(e)} \xrightarrow{1_{D_e} \otimes \beta_{\sigma_{BD}(e)}} D_e \otimes_{K_{u_e}} C_{\sigma_{CD}(e)} \rightarrow 0.$$

Again, by Lemma 4.2, [1], the sequence of abelian partial groups

$$D \otimes_K A \xrightarrow{1_D \otimes \alpha} D \otimes_K B \xrightarrow{1_D \otimes \beta} D \otimes_K C \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

From the above theorem and Corollary 4.2 we can conclude that, if  $\gamma: A_K \rightarrow A'_K$  and  $\delta: {}_K B \rightarrow {}_K B'$  are partial module epimorphisms, so is  $\gamma \otimes \delta: A \otimes_K B \rightarrow A' \otimes_K B'$ .

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $T$  and  $S$  be partial rings and  ${}_S A_T, {}_T B$  (bi) partial modules

- (i)  $A \otimes_T B$  is a left  $S$ -partial module such that  $s(a \otimes b) = sa \otimes b'$ , for all  $s \in S$  and  $a \otimes b \in A \otimes_T B$ , where  $b' = b + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(e_s)$ ,
- (ii) If  $\alpha: A \rightarrow A'$  is a homomorphism of  $S$ - $T$  bipartial modules and  $\beta: B \rightarrow B'$  is a  $T$ -partial module homomorphism, then the induced map  $\alpha \otimes \beta: A \otimes_T B \rightarrow A' \otimes_T B'$  is a homomorphism of left  $S$ -partial modules.

Dual statements hold for (bi) partial modules  $C_T, {}_T D_S$ .

**Proof.** (i) To avoid any confusion that may exist, we denote isomorphisms of semilattices as follows:  $\sigma_A^T: E_A \rightarrow E_T, \sigma_A^S: E_A \rightarrow E_S, \sigma_{BA}^T = (\sigma_B^T)^{-1} \sigma_A^T$ , etc. For each  $e \in E_A$ , let  $v_e = \sigma_A^S(e)$  and  $u_e = \sigma_A^T(e)$ . The correspondence  $v_e \mapsto u_e$  is an isomorphism of semilattices  $E_S \rightarrow E_T$ , namely  $\sigma_A^T (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}$  which may be denoted by  $\sigma_A^{TS}$ . For any  $e, f \in E_A, u_e \geq u_f$  iff  $\sigma_A^T(e) \geq \sigma_A^T(f)$  iff  $e \geq f$  iff  $\sigma_A^S(e) \geq \sigma_A^S(f)$  iff  $v_e \geq v_f$ . Now for each  $e \in E_A$  and  $e' = \sigma_{BA}^T(e) (= \sigma_{BA}^S(e))$ ,  ${}_{S_{v_e}}(A_e)_{T_{u_e}}$  is  $S_{v_e}$ - $T_{u_e}$  bimodule, and  $B_e$  is a left  $T_{u_e}$ -module. By Theorem 5.5 (i), Ch. 1V,[6],  $A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_e$  is a left  $S_{v_e}$ -module such that  $s(a \otimes b) = sa \otimes b$  for all  $s \in S_{v_e}, a \in A_e, b \in B_e$ . Since  $A$  is a left  $S$ -partial module,  $A_e$  is a left  $S_{v_e}$ -module for every  $v \in E_S$  with  $v \geq \sigma_A^S(e) = v_e$ . (Lemma 2.3 (i), [1]). Let  $(e \otimes e') \geq (f \otimes f')$  in  $E_{A \otimes_T B}$ . Then

$$\phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}: A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_e \rightarrow A_f \otimes_{T_{u_f}} B_f$$

is a homomorphism of abelian groups. Both  $A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_e$ , and  $A_f \otimes_{T_{u_f}} B_f$  are left  $S_{v_e}$ -modules, where  $v_e = \sigma_A^S(e)$ . Let  $s \in S_{v_e}$  and  $a \otimes b$  a generator in  $A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_e$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}(s(a \otimes b)) &= \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}(sa \otimes b) \\ &= (sa + f) \otimes (b + f') = (sa + sf) \otimes (b + f') \\ &= s(a + f) \otimes (b + f') \text{ (since } A \text{ is a left } S \text{-partial module)} \\ &= s((a + f) \otimes (b + f')) \\ &= s \phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}(a \otimes b). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi_{e \otimes e', f \otimes f'}$  is a left  $S_{v_e}$ -module homomorphism and (i) follows.

- (ii) By Theorem 5.5 (ii), Ch. 1V,[6], we have for each  $e \in E_A, e' = \sigma_{BA}^T(e)$  a

homomorphism of left  $S_{v_e}$  – modules

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \otimes \beta)_{e \otimes e'} & : A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_{e'} \rightarrow A_{\sigma_A^S(e)} \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_{\sigma_B^S(e')}, \\ a \otimes b & \mapsto \alpha_e(a) \otimes \beta_{e'}(b) \end{aligned}$$

where, as usual,  $u_e = \sigma_A^T(e)$ ,  $v_e = \sigma_A^S(e)$ . Let  $s \in S$  and  $a \otimes b \in A \otimes_T B$ , say  $s \in S_v$ , for some  $v \in E_S$  and  $a \otimes b$  a generator in  $A_e \otimes_{T_{u_e}} B_{e'}$ , for some  $e \in E_A$ . Th

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \otimes \beta)(s(a \otimes b)) & = (\alpha \otimes \beta) \cdot \left( \psi_{v, v + (\sigma_A^S)(e)} \cdot s \cdot \phi_{e \otimes e', e \otimes e' + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \otimes (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} (a \otimes b) \right) \\ & = (\alpha \otimes \beta)(s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) \left( (a + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v)) \otimes (b + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)) \right) \\ & = \alpha_{e + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v)} \left( (s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) (a + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v)) \otimes \beta_{e' + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} (b + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)) \right) \\ & = (s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) \cdot \alpha_{e + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} \left( a + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \right) \otimes \beta_{e' + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} (b + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)) \\ & = (s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) \cdot \left( \alpha_{e + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} a + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \otimes \beta_{e' + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} (b + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)) \right) \\ & = (s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) \alpha_e(a) + \alpha_{(\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v)} \left( (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \right) \otimes \beta_{e'}(b) + \beta_{e(\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v)} \left( (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v) \right), \end{aligned}$$

Lemma3.2(iii),[1]

$$\begin{aligned} & = (s + (\sigma_A^S)(e)) \left( \alpha_e(a) + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \right) \otimes \left( \beta_{e'}(b) + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v) \right) \\ & = \psi_{v, v + (\sigma_A^S)(e)} \cdot s \cdot \phi_{\alpha(e) \otimes \beta(e'), (\alpha(e) \otimes \beta(e') + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v) \otimes (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v))} \cdot ((\alpha \otimes \beta)(a \otimes b)) \\ & = \psi_{v, v + (\sigma_A^S)(e)} \cdot s \cdot \phi_{\sigma_{AA}^S(e) \otimes \sigma_{BB}^S(e'), (\sigma_{AA}^S(e) + (\sigma_A^S)^{-1}(v)) \otimes (\sigma_{BB}^S(e') + (\sigma_B^S)^{-1}(v))} \cdot ((\alpha \otimes \beta)(a \otimes b)), \end{aligned}$$

(Lemma3.1(i)),[1],(Corollary4.3)

$$= s \cdot (\alpha \otimes \beta)(a \otimes b).$$

This proves (ii)

If  $K$  is a commutative partial ring, a left  $K$  – partial module  $A$  is then a right  $K$  – partial module via the action  $ar = ra$ , ( $r \in K$ ,  $a \in A$ ), whence  $A$  is called a  $K$  –  $K$  (bi)partial module, or just a  $K$  – partial module. A middle linear map  $\eta : A \times B \rightarrow C$  of  $K$  – partial modules, is then called bilinear, if it also satisfies

$$\eta(ra, b) = r\eta(a, b) = \eta(a, rb) \quad ((a, b) \in A \times B, r \in K_{\sigma_A(e_a)}).$$

A version of Theorem 4.2 can be easily obtained, by using Th.3.6, Ch.1V, [6], when  $K$  is commutative and  $\lambda : A \times B \rightarrow C$  is bilinear. The technique and constructions developed so far allow to extend other familiar results. Here we give one more application.

Again ,  $K$  is an arbitrary partial ring.

**Theorem 4.5** *If  $K$  has an identity 1, and  $A_K, {}_K B$  are  $K$ - partial modules, there exist  $K$ - partial module isomorphisms,*

$$A \otimes_K K \cong A \quad \text{and} \quad K \otimes_K B \cong B.$$

**Proof.** By PMP3, Sec. 2, [1],  $x1 = x$  (resp.  $1y = y$ ) for all  $x \in A$  (resp. for all  $y \in B$ ). By Theorem 3.3, (A) implies (B), [3],  $1+u$  is identity for the maximal subring  $K_u$ , for every  $u \in E_K$ . Thus, for each  $e \in E_A, e' = \sigma_{BA}(e)$  and  $u = \sigma_A(e) = \sigma_B(e')$ , we have for every  $b \in B_e$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (1+u)b &= 1b+ub = b + \sigma_B(e')b \\ &= b + \sigma_B(e')e' && \text{(Lemma2.1(i),[1])} \\ &= b + e' && \text{(PMP4,[1])} \\ &= b. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $B_e$  is a unitary left  $K_u$ - module. Dually,  $A_e$  is a unitary right  $K_u$ - module  $\left( u = \sigma_A(e) = \sigma_B(e') \right)$  By theorem 5.7, Ch.1V, [6], there exist  $K_u$ - module isomorphisms  $\alpha_e : A_e \otimes_{K_u} K_u \rightarrow A_e$  and  $\beta_e : K_u \otimes_{K_u} B_e \rightarrow B_e$  for every  $e \in E_A, e' = \sigma_{BA}(e), u = \sigma_A(e)$ . Viewing as isomorphisms of abelian groups, it follows by Lemma 5.2, [4], that  $(\alpha_e)$  and  $(\beta_e)$  induce isomorphisms of partial groups

$$\alpha : A \otimes_K K \rightarrow A \text{ and } \beta : K \otimes_K B \rightarrow B$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(a \otimes r) &= \alpha_e(a \otimes r) \\ \beta(s \otimes b) &= \beta_f(s \otimes b) \end{aligned}$$

for  $a \otimes r \in A \otimes_K K$ , say  $a \in A_e, r \in K_u, \sigma_A(e) = u$ , and  $b \in B_f, s \in K_v, \sigma_B(f) = v$ . We show that  $\beta$  is a left  $K$ - partial module isomorphism the proof that  $\alpha$  is a right  $K$ - partial module isomorphism is similar, since  $\beta$  is isomorphism of partial groups, it is sufficient to show that it satisfies PMH2 and PMH3 (cf. Sec. 3, [1]). By its very definition,  $\beta$  satisfies PMH3. Let  $s \in K$ , say  $s \in K_v$ , for some  $v \in E_K$ , and let  $r \otimes b \in K \otimes_K B$ , say  $r \in K_u, b \in B_f$ , for some  $f \in E_B, u = \sigma_B(f)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta(s(r \otimes b)) &= \beta\left(\psi_{v, v+u} s \phi_{u \otimes f, ((u \otimes f) + (u+v) \otimes f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v))}(r \otimes b)\right) \\
&= \beta\left((s+u)(r+v) \otimes \left((b + \sigma_B^{-1}(v))\right)\right) \\
&= \beta_{f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v)}\left((s+u)(r+v) \otimes (b + \sigma_B^{-1}(v))\right) \text{ (Theorem 4.4(i))} \\
&= (s+u) \beta_{f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v)}\left((r+v) \otimes (b + \sigma_B^{-1}(v))\right) \\
&= (s+u) \beta_{f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v)}\left((r \otimes b) + (v \otimes \sigma_B^{-1}(v))\right) \text{ (Corollary 4.1)} \\
&= (s+u)\left(\beta(r \otimes b) + (f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v))\right) \\
&= \psi_{v, v+u} s \phi_{f, f + \sigma_B^{-1}(v)}\left(\beta(r \otimes b)\right) \\
&= s \beta(r \otimes b).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence PMH2 holds and the proof is complete.

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