

Problems: “Hilbert modules and their applications”

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1. Let E be a Hilbert \mathcal{B} -module and let F be a correspondence from \mathcal{B} to C . Recall that a correspondence is *faithful* if the left action defines a faithful homomorphism. (We also say, ‘the left action is faithful’.)

Show:

- (a) If E is full, then $x \odot y = x \odot y'$ for all $x \in E$ implies $y = y'$.
(b) If F is faithful, then $x \odot y = x' \odot y$ for all $y \in F$ implies $x = x'$.

2. Find an example of two \mathcal{B} -correspondences (=correspondence from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{B}) E and F such that

$$E \odot F = \{0\}, \quad F \odot E \neq \{0\}.$$

3. Consider the Hilbert \mathcal{B} -module E as correspondence from $\mathcal{K}(E)$ to \mathcal{B}_E and establish the following isomorphisms of correspondences (over \mathcal{B}_E and over $\mathcal{K}(E)$, respectively).

$$E^* \odot E = \mathcal{B}_E, \quad E \odot E^* = \mathcal{K}(E).$$

4. Let E be a Hilbert \mathcal{B} -module and let F be a correspondence from \mathcal{B} to C . Show:

- (a) $a \mapsto (\text{id}_E \odot a: x \odot y \mapsto x \odot ay)$ defines a homomorphism $\mathcal{B}^{a,bil}(F) \rightarrow \text{id}_E \odot \mathcal{B}^{a,bil}(F) \subset \mathcal{B}^a(E \odot F)$.
(b) If E is full (so that $E^* \odot E \odot F = F$), then this homomorphism is an isomorphism onto the relative commutant of $\mathcal{B}^a(E) \odot \text{id}_F$ in $\mathcal{B}^a(E \odot F)$ (that is, onto the set of all adjointable operators on $E \odot F$ that commute with all $a' \odot \text{id}_F$).

[In particular, if $F = \mathcal{B}$ so that $E \odot F = E$, then we get an isomorphism of the center of $\mathcal{B}^a(E)$ onto the center of $\mathcal{B}^a(\mathcal{B}) = M(\mathcal{B})$.]

[Note: The proof of the statement in Theorem 4.2.18 and Observation 4.2.20 in my Habilitation, that $a \mapsto \text{id}_E \odot a$ is a contraction even if all objects E, F, \mathcal{B}, C are not assumed complete and even if the left action of \mathcal{B} on F is not assumed contractive, is false. (It only works if \mathcal{B} is a C^* -algebra, or if the left action of \mathcal{B} on F is assumed contractive explicitly.)

Right now I don't know if the statement itself is false, or not. (I never used it)]