

# Multigroups over a commutative semigroup

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## Abstract

This article introduces abelian multigroups, multirings, and multimodules over a commutative semigroup, with applications to cohomology.  
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# 1 Introduction

This article originates in an unknown referee's remark that the cohomology of commutative semigroups refines André-Quillen cohomology and should therefore be studied by the same methods.

Indeed this is the approach used by Kurdiani and Pirashvili in [7], using modules as coefficients. Unfortunately, the cohomology of a commutative semigroup  $S$  requires its coefficients to include one abelian group for each element of  $S$  [6], whereas a module can only assign the same abelian group to all elements of  $S$ . Applying André-Quillen methods ([1, 10, 11]; see also [12]) to the commutative semigroup  $S$  requires structures, such as the abelian group valued functors in [6], whose contents are spread among elements of  $S$ .

In Sections 2 through 12 we develop the rather boring basic algebra, adjunctions, and operations, of six such structures: multisets, abelian multigroups, and multimodules, which parallel sets, abelian groups, and modules; commutative multimonoids, multirings, and multialgebras, which parallel commutative monoids, rings, and algebras. It is clear that there are multimonoids, multirings, and multialgebras that are not necessarily commutative, but André-Quillen methods require commutativity.

We found that André-Quillen cohomology also requires a comonad  $(V, \epsilon, \nu)$  in which the elements of  $V(X)$  can be written uniquely in more or less polynomial form. For technical reasons this rules out most of the comonads in Sections 2 to 12, including commutative multi- $R$ -algebras, and Sections 13 through 16 develop the theory for commutative multirings only (without any input from Sections 9 to 12).

## 2 Multisets

In what follows,  $S$  is a given commutative semigroup or commutative monoid, and  $S^1$  is the commutative monoid defined as follows: if  $S$  has an identity element, then  $S^1 = S$ ; otherwise,  $S^1 = S \cup \{1\}$ .

Recall that a *set  $X$  over  $S$*  consists of a set  $X$  and a *projection* mapping of  $X$  into  $S$ , denoted regardless of  $X$  by  $x \mapsto x^\vee$ . Projection to  $S$  decomposes  $X$  into a disjoint union  $X = \bigcup_{a \in S} X_a$ , where  $X_a = \{x \in X \mid x^\vee = a\}$ .

Every subset  $Y$  of  $X$  inherits a projection to  $S$  which makes it a set over  $S$ , with a decomposition  $Y = \bigcup_{a \in S} Y_a$ , where  $Y_a = Y \cap X_a$ .

A *morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$*  of sets over  $S$  is a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $(fx)^\vee = x^\vee$  for all  $x \in X$ ; equivalently,  $f(X_a) \subseteq Y_a$  for all  $a \in S$ .

**1. Definition.** A *multiset over  $S$*  is a set  $X$  over  $S$  together with an action  $(x, t) \mapsto x^t$  of  $S^1$  on  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (x^t)^\vee &= x^\vee t, \\ x^1 &= x \text{ for all } x, \text{ and} \\ (x^t)^u &= x^{tu} \text{ for all } x, t, u. \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $S$  has just one element, then a multiset over  $S$  is just a set. In general,  $S$  begets a multiset  $S$  on itself, in which  $S_a = \{a\}$  and  $a^t = at$ .

Multisets over  $S$  have an equivalent definition as functors on the Leech category  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ , which is the small category (originally denoted by  $\mathbb{R}(S)$  in [8]) whose objects are the elements of  $S$ , with one morphism  $(a, t): a \rightarrow at$  for each  $a \in S$  and  $t \in S^1$ . Composition is by  $(at, u) \circ (a, t) = (a, tu)$ ; the identity morphism on  $a \in S$  is  $(a, 1)$ .

Hence, a set-valued functor  $(X, \chi)$  on  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  assigns a set  $X_a$  to each  $a \in S$  and a mapping  $\chi_{a,t}: X_a \rightarrow X_{at}$  to each  $a \in S$  and  $t \in S^1$ , so that  $\chi_{a,1}$  is the identity on  $X_a$  and  $\chi_{at,u} \circ \chi_{a,t} = \chi_{a,tu}$  for all  $a \in S$  and  $t, u \in S^1$ . We regard the sets  $X_a$  as pairwise disjoint, so that  $X = \bigcup (X_a \mid a \in S)$ , together with the projection  $x^\vee = a$  whenever  $x \in X_a$ , is a set over  $S$ . An action of  $S^1$  on  $X$  is then defined by

$$x^t = \chi_{a,t} x$$

and makes  $X$  a multiset over  $S$ . Conversely, a multiset  $X$  over  $S$  can be regarded as a set-valued functor on  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ , that assigns  $X_a$  to  $a \in S$  and  $\chi_{a,t}: x \mapsto x^t$ ,  $X_a \rightarrow X_{at}$ , to  $a \in SZ$  and  $t \in S^1$ .

A morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of multisets is a morphism of sets over  $S$  ( $(fx)^\vee = x^\vee$  for all  $x$ ) that preserves the action of  $S$ :  $f(x^t) = (fx)^t$  for all  $x$  and  $t$ . Equivalently, the restrictions  $f_a: X_a \rightarrow Y_a$  of  $f$  constitute a natural transformation  $f = (f_a)_{a \in S}$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

**2. Submultisets.** A *submultiset  $Y$*  of a multiset  $X$  is a subset  $Y$  of  $X$  that inherits the action of  $S$ :  $x \in Y$  implies  $x^t \in Y$ . The action of  $S$  on  $X$  then induces an action of  $S$  on  $Y$ , which makes  $Y$  a multiset over  $S$ . Equivalently, a submultiset of  $X$  is a subfunctor.

For example, if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of multisets, then  $\text{Im } f = f(X)$  is a submultiset of  $Y$ .

Given a multiset  $X$  and a subset  $Y$  of  $X$ , the submultiset  $\bar{Y}$  of  $X$  generated by  $Y$  is the least submultiset of  $X$  that contains  $Y$ :

$$\bar{Y} = \{y^t \mid y \in Y, t \in S^1\}.$$

For every  $a \in S$ ,

$$\bar{Y}_a = \bigcup (Y_c^t \mid c \in S, t \in S^1, ct = a).$$

**3. Congruences.** A *congruence* on a multiset  $X$  over  $S$  is an equivalence relation  $\mathcal{C}$  on the set  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x \mathcal{C} y &\text{ implies } x^\vee = y^\vee \text{ and} \\ x \mathcal{C} y &\text{ implies } x^t = y^t \text{ for all } t \in S^1. \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ , then the equivalence relation  $\ker f$  on  $X$  induced by  $f$  is a congruence on  $X$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a congruence on a multiset  $X$  over  $S$ , then the quotient set  $X/\mathcal{C}$  is a multiset over  $S$ , on which the projection to  $S$  and action of  $S^1$  are well defined by  $C(x)^\vee = x^\vee$  and  $C(x)^t = C(x^t)$ , where  $C(x)$  denotes the  $\mathcal{C}$ -class of  $x$ , so that the projection  $X \rightarrow X/\mathcal{C}$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ .

If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ , then  $X/\ker f \cong \text{Im } f$ .

**4. Free multisets.** There is in general no adjunction of sets to sets over  $S$ . Indeed the category of sets over  $S$  has products; the product of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by the pullback (of sets) on the projections to  $S$ . Hence the forgetful functor from sets over  $S$  to sets does not preserve products (unless  $S$  has just one element), and has no left adjoint.

Similarly, in the category of multisets over  $S$ , the product of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by the pullback (of sets) on  $p$  and  $q$ , which yields a multiset over  $S$

$$P = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid x^\vee = y^\vee\}$$

with projection  $(x, y) \mapsto x^\vee = y^\vee$  to  $S$  and action  $(x, y)^t = (x^t, y^t)$  of  $S$ , so that the maps  $(x, y) \mapsto x$  and  $(x, y) \mapsto y$  are morphisms of multisets over  $S$ . Hence there is no adjunction of sets to multisets over  $S$ .

If  $S$  is a commutative monoid, however, there is an adjunction of sets over  $S$  to multisets over  $S$ . The *free multiset*  $X^+$  over  $S$  on a set  $X$  over  $S$  is

$$X^+ = X \times S,$$

with projection  $(x, a)^\vee = x^\vee a$  to  $S$  and action  $(x, a)^t = (x, at)$  of  $S$ . Thus, for each  $a \in S$ ,

$$(X^+)_a = \{(x, t) \mid x \in X, t \in S, x^\vee t = a\}.$$

For example,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is a multiset over  $S$  whose elements  $(n, a)$  are the *integers over  $S$* .

There is a canonical mapping  $\eta: X \rightarrow X^+$ ,  $x \mapsto (x, 1)$ , which is a morphism of sets over  $S$ . Moreover  $\eta$  is injective. Hence we may identify  $x \in X$  and  $\eta x = (x, 1) \in X^+$ . Then  $(x, t) = (x, 1)^t = x^t$  (in  $X^+$ , not in  $X$ ).

Every morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  of  $X$  into a multiset  $Y$  over  $S$  *lifts* uniquely to a morphism of multisets over  $S$  from  $X^+$  to  $Y$ , meaning that there is a unique morphism  $g: X^+ \rightarrow Y$  of multisets over  $S$  such that  $g \circ \eta = f$ . Indeed  $g$  is unique:  $g(x, 1) = fx$  implies  $g(x, a) = g((x, 1)^a) = (g(x, 1))^a = (fx)^a$ . Conversely, define  $g: X^+ \rightarrow Y$  by

$$g(x, a) = (fx)^a.$$

Then  $g$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ :  $(x, a)$  and  $(fx)^a$  both project to  $x^\vee a$ , and  $g((x, a)^t) = g(x, at) = (fx)^{at} = (g(x, a))^t$ .

In the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to multisets over  $S$ , the counit  $\epsilon$  is found as follows. Let  $X$  be a multiset over  $S$ ; let  $X^+$  be the free multiset on the underlying set over  $S$  of  $X$ . Then  $\epsilon$  assigns to  $X$  the morphism  $\epsilon_X: X^+ \rightarrow X$  of sets over  $S$  that lifts the identity  $1_X$  on  $X$ . By the above,  $\epsilon_X(x, a) = x^a$ , as calculated in the multiset  $X$ .

### 3 Monoids over $S$

In this section we assume that  $S$  is a commutative monoid.

**1. Monoids over  $S$ .** Recall that a commutative *monoid*  $M$  over  $S$  consists of a commutative monoid  $M$  and a projection  $x \mapsto x^\vee$  which is a monoid homomorphism ( $1^\vee = 1$  and  $(xy)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$  for all  $x, y$ ). In particular, a monoid over  $S$  is a set over  $S$ .

A *morphism*  $f: M \rightarrow N$  of commutative monoids over  $S$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$  ( $(fx)^\vee = x^\vee$ ) which is also a monoid homomorphism.

For every subset  $X$  of a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$  there is a submonoid  $\overline{X}$  of  $M$  (such that  $1 \in \overline{X}$  and  $xy \in \overline{X}$  for all  $x, y \in \overline{X}$ ) *generated by*  $X$ , which is the least submonoid of  $M$  that contains  $X$ : namely

$$\overline{X} = \{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mid n \geq 0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X\},$$

it being understood that  $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n = 1 \in M$  if  $n = 0$ .

**2. Free commutative monoids.** The free commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(X)$  on a set  $X$  consists of monomials in  $X$ . To avoid confusion between products in  $\mathbb{F}$  and products in other monoids we replace every element  $x$  of  $X$  by an indeterminate  $X_x$  (so that  $\overline{X} = \{X_x \mid x \in X\}$  is a set with a bijection  $x \mapsto X_x$  of  $X$  to  $\overline{X}$ ).

Accordingly, a *monomial* on a set  $X$  is a formal product  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$  of powers of elements of  $\overline{X}$  (more rigorously, a mapping  $m$  of  $X$  into  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots, n, \dots\}$ , written as a product of powers, in which any term  $X_x^0$  is regarded as an identity element and is ignored), with exponents  $m(x)$  that are almost all zero, meaning that the set  $\{x \in X \mid m(x) > 0\}$  is finite.

The monomials on  $X$ , multiplied by  $X^m X^n = X^{m+n}$ , constitute the free commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(X)$  on the set  $X$ . The identity element of  $\mathbb{F}$  has  $m(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ .

The canonical map  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  sends  $x \in X$  to  $X_x$ , viewed as the monomial  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}$  in which  $m(x) = 1$  and  $m(y) = 0$  for all  $y \neq x$ . Every monomial is now an actual product in  $\mathbb{F}$ :

$$x^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)} = \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m(x)}.$$

Since  $\eta$  is injective we may identify  $x \in X$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{F}$ .

The universal property of  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  and  $\eta$  states that every mapping  $f$  of  $X$  into a commutative monoid  $M$  extends to a unique monoid homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{F}$  into  $M$ : there is a unique monoid homomorphism  $\varphi: \mathbb{F} \rightarrow M$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ , namely  $\varphi(\prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}) = \prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m(x)}$ .

In the adjunction of sets to commutative monoids, the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to a commutative monoid  $M$  the monoid homomorphism  $\epsilon_M: \mathbb{F}(M) \rightarrow M$  that extends the identity on  $M$  ( $\epsilon_M \circ \eta = 1_M$ ):  $\epsilon_M(\prod_{x \in M} X_x^{m(x)}) = \prod_{x \in M} x^{m(x)}$ , as calculated in  $M$ .

**3. Free monoids over  $S$  on sets over  $S$ .** The adjunction of sets to commutative monoids lifts to an adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative monoids over  $S$ . Given a set  $X$  over  $S$ , the *free commutative monoid over  $S$  on  $X$*  is the free commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(X)$  on the set  $X$  together with the unique monoid homomorphism that extends the projection of  $X$  to  $S$ :  $(X^m)^\vee = \prod_{x \in X} (x^\vee)^{m(x)}$ .

The unit of this adjunction,  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  is inherited from  $\mathbb{F}$  and sends  $y \in X$  to the monomial  $X_y$ :  $X_y = X^m$ , where  $m(y) = 1$  and  $m(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq y$ . Since  $X_y^\vee = y^\vee$ ,  $\eta$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$ . Again  $\eta$  is injective and we may identify  $x \in X$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{F}$ .

The universal property of the commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  over  $S$  is inherited from that of the commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F}$ : if  $f$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$  of  $X$  into a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$ , then the unique monoid homomorphism of  $\mathbb{F}$  to  $M$  that extends  $f$  is a morphism of commutative monoids over  $S$ .

The counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_M: \mathbb{F}(M) \rightarrow M$  of commutative monoids over  $S$  that extends the identity on  $M$ : the evaluation map  $\prod_{x \in M} X_x^{m(x)} \mapsto \prod_{x \in M} x^{m(x)} \in M$ .

## 4 Multimonoids

In this section we assume that  $S$  is a commutative monoid.

**1. Definition.** A *commutative multimonoid over  $S$*  is a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$  together with an action  $(x, t) \mapsto x^t$  of  $S$  on  $M$  such that  $M$  is also a multiset over  $S$  ( $(x^t)^\vee = x^\vee t$ ,  $x^1 = x$ , and  $(x^t)^u = x^{tu}$ , for all  $x, t, u$ ),  $x \mapsto x^\vee$  is a monoid homomorphism ( $1^\vee = 1$  and  $(xy)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$  for all  $x, y$ ), and

$$(xy)^t = x^t y = x y^t \text{ for all } x, y \in M \text{ and } t \in S.$$

For example, if  $S$  has just one element, then a commutative multimonoid over  $S$  is just a commutative monoid. In general,  $S$  begets a *trivial* multimonoid  $S$  on itself, in which  $S_a = \{a\}$ ,  $a^t = at$ , and  $ab$  is the given product in  $S$ .

The action of  $S$  on a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$  is determined by its action on  $1$  and the multiplication:

$$x^t = (x1)^t = x1^t.$$

In particular,  $1^t 1^u = 1(1^u)^t = 1^{tu}$  and  $e: t \mapsto 1^t$  is a monoid homomorphism. Moreover,  $e$  splits the projection to  $S$ , since  $(1^t)^\vee = 1^\vee t = t$ , and

$$x^t y^u = x1^t y1^u = xy1^{tu} = (xy)^{tu}.$$

Conversely, if  $M$  is a commutative monoid over  $S$  and  $e: S \rightarrow M$  splits its projection to  $S$ , then  $S$  acts on  $M$  by:  $x^t = e(t)x$ , and this action makes  $M$  a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ . Thus a commutative multimonoid over  $S$  can be regarded as a commutative monoid over  $S$  with a split projection to  $S$ .

A morphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  of multimonoids over  $S$  is a morphism  $\varphi$  of multisets ( $(\varphi x)^\vee = x^\vee$  for all  $x$  and  $\varphi(x^t) = (\varphi x)^t$  for all  $x, t$ ) which is also a morphism of commutative monoids over  $S$  ( $\varphi 1 = 1$  and  $\varphi(xy) = (\varphi x)(\varphi y)$  for all  $x, y$ ).

**2. Submultimonoids.** A *submultimonoid* of a commutative multimonoid  $M$  is a submultiset  $N$  of  $M$  ( $x \in N$  implies  $x^t \in N$  for all  $t$ ) that is also a submonoid of  $M$  ( $1 \in N$ , and  $x, y \in N$  implies  $xy \in N$ ). The multiplication on  $M$  then induces a multiplication on  $N$ , which makes  $N$  a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ .

For example, if  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of commutative multimonoids, then  $\text{Im } f$  is a submultimonoid of  $N$ .

Every submultimonoid of  $M$  contains  $\text{Im } e$ , where  $e(t) = 1^t$  splits the projection to  $S$ . Conversely, a submonoid  $N$  of  $M$  that contains  $\text{Im } e$  is a submultimonoid of  $M$ , since  $x \in N$  implies  $x^t = e(t)x \in N$ .

Given a multimonoid  $M$  and a subset  $X$  of  $M$ , the submultimonoid  $\overline{X}$  of  $M$  *generated by*  $X$  is the least submultimonoid of  $M$  that contains  $X$ . Equivalently,  $\overline{X}$  is the submonoid of  $M$  generated by  $X \cup \text{Im } e$ . Since  $\text{Im } e$  is a submonoid,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{X} &= \{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mid n \geq 0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \cup \text{Im } e\} \\ &= \{(x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n) 1^t \mid n \geq 0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X, t \in S\} \end{aligned}$$

(with  $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n = 1 \in M$  if  $n = 0$ ).

**3. Congruences.** A *congruence* on a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$  is an equivalence relation  $\mathcal{C}$  on the set  $X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x \mathcal{C} y &\text{ implies } x^\vee = y^\vee, \\ x \mathcal{C} y &\text{ implies } x^t = y^t \text{ for all } t \in S^1, \text{ and} \\ x \mathcal{C} y &\text{ implies } xz \mathcal{C} yz \text{ for all } z \in M. \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ , then the equivalence relation  $\ker \varphi$  on  $M$  induced by  $\varphi$  is a congruence on  $M$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is a congruence on a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$ , then the quotient set  $M/\mathcal{C}$  is a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ , on which the projection to  $S$ , action of  $S^1$ , and multiplication are well defined by  $C(x)^\vee = x^\vee$ ,  $C(x)^t = C(x^t)$ , and  $C(x)C(y) = C(xy)$ , where  $C(x)$  denotes the  $\mathcal{C}$ -class of  $x$ , so that the projection  $M \rightarrow M/\mathcal{C}$  is a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$ .

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$ , then  $M/\ker \varphi \cong \text{Im } \varphi$ .

**4. Free multimonoids on monoids over  $S$ .** There is an adjunction of commutative monoids over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$ . Indeed, if  $M$  is a commutative monoid over  $S$ , then the free multiset over  $S$  on the set  $M$  from Section 2,

$$M^+ = M \times S$$

(with projection  $(x, a)^\vee = x^\vee a$  to  $S$  and action  $(x, a)^t = (x, at)$  of  $S$ ) inherits from  $M$  and  $S$  a multiplication, namely the componentwise multiplication

$$(x, a)(y, b) = (xy, ab),$$

which makes  $M^+$  a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ , since

$$((x, a)(y, b))^t = (xy, abt) = (x, a)(y, b)^t = (x, a)^t(y, b).$$

For example, the integers over  $S$  constitute a commutative multimonoid  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  over  $S$ .

The canonical map  $\eta: x \mapsto (x, 1)$  is now a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  of  $M$  into  $M^+$ . Since  $\eta$  is injective we may identify  $x \in M$  and  $\eta x \in M^+$ . Then  $(x, a) = (x, 1)^a = x^a$  in  $M^+$  (but not in  $M$ ).

Since  $M^+$  is the free multiset over  $S$  on  $M$ , every morphism  $f$  of multisets over  $S$  from  $M$  to a commutative multimonoid  $N$  over  $S$  lifts uniquely to a morphism  $g: (x, a) \mapsto (fx)^a$  of multisets over  $S$  from  $M^+$  to  $N$ . If  $f$  is a morphism of commutative monoids over  $S$ , then

$$g(xy, ab) = (f(xy))^{ab} = ((fx)(fy))^{ab} = (fx)^a (fy)^b$$

and  $g$  is a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$ . Hence  $M^+$  is the *free commutative multimonoid over  $S$  on  $M$* .

In the adjunction of commutative monoids over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$ , the counit assigns to a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_M: M^+ \rightarrow M$  that lifts the identity on  $M$ :  $\epsilon_M(x, a) = x^a$ , as calculated in  $M$ .

**5. Free multimonoids on sets over  $S$ .** Composing the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative monoids over  $S$  and the adjunction of commutative monoids over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$  yields an adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$ .



Accordingly, the *free commutative multimonoid over  $S$  on a set  $X$  over  $S$*  is the free commutative multimonoid  $\mathbb{F}^+ = \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on the free commutative monoid  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(X)$  over  $S$  on  $X$ . We saw in Section 3 that  $\mathbb{F}$  consists of all monomials  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} x^{m(x)}$  on  $X$ , multiplied by  $X^m X^n = X^{m+n}$ , and projection  $(X^m)^\vee = \prod_{x \in X} (x^\vee)^{m(x)}$ .

Hence  $\mathbb{F}^+$  consists of all ordered pairs  $(X^m, a)$ , where  $a \in S$  and  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}$ , with projection  $(X^m, a)^\vee = (X^m)^\vee a$  to  $S$ , action  $(X^m, a)^t = (X^m, at)$  of  $S$ , and multiplication  $(X^m, a)(X^n, b) = (X^{m+n}, ab)$ .

The canonical map  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^+$  sends  $x \in X$  to  $(X_x, 1) \in \mathbb{F}^+$ , where  $X_x \in \mathbb{F}$  stands for the monomial  $\prod_{y \in X} X_y^{m(y)}$  in which  $m(x) = 1$  and  $m(y) = 0$  for all  $y \neq x$ . Every element  $(X^m, a)$  of  $\mathbb{F}^+$  is now a product

$$(X^m, a) = \left( \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m(x)} \right) (1, a).$$

We see that  $\eta$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$ . Moreover,  $\eta$  is injective, and we may identify  $x \in X$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{F}^+$ ; then

$$(X^m, a) = \left( \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m(x)} \right) (1, a) = \left( \prod_{x \in X} x^{m(x)} \right)^a$$

in  $\mathbb{F}^+$  (not in  $\mathbb{F}$ ).

Every morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $g$  of commutative monoids over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{F}$  to  $M$ , which sends  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$  to  $\prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m(x)}$  and in turn lifts uniquely to a morphism  $\varphi$  of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{F}^+$  to  $M$ , namely

$$\varphi(X^m, a) = (g X^m)^a = \left( \prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m(x)} \right)^a.$$

In the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$ , the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_M: \mathbb{F}(M)^+ \rightarrow M$  of commutative monoids over  $S$  that lifts the identity on  $M$ :

$$\epsilon_M \left( \prod_{x \in M} X_x^{m(x)}, a \right) = \left( \prod_{x \in M} x^{m(x)} \right)^a,$$

as calculated in  $M$ .

**6. Free multimonoids on multisets over  $S$ .** There is also an adjunction of multisets over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$ .

Given a multiset  $X$  over  $S$ , the *free commutative multimonoids over  $S$  on  $X$*  is constructed as follows. Let  $\overline{X} = \{ X_x \mid x \in X \}$  be an isomorphic copy of  $X$ , with  $X_x^\vee = x^\vee$  and  $X_x^t = X_{x^t}$ . The *half free* commutative monoid on  $X$  is the commutative monoid

$$\mathbb{H}(X) = \langle \overline{X} \mid X_x^t X_y = X_x X_y^t \text{ for all } x, y \in X, t \in S \rangle$$

generated by  $X$  subject to all defining relations  $X_x^t X_y = X_x X_y^t$ , where  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in S$ . Equivalently,  $\mathbb{H}(X) = \mathbb{F}(X) / \approx$ , where  $\approx$  is the smallest congruence on  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  such that  $X_x^t X_y \approx X_x X_y^t$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in S$ .

Every element of  $\mathbb{H}$  is the equivalence class  $[X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n]$  of a commutative product  $X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n$  of elements of  $\bar{X}$ . The action of  $S$  on  $\mathbb{H}$  is well defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n]^t &= [X_1^t X_2 \cdots X_n] \\ &= [X_1 X_2^t \cdots X_n] = \cdots = [X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n^t]. \end{aligned}$$

Projection to  $S$  is well defined by

$$[X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n]^\vee = X_1^\vee X_2^\vee \cdots X_n^\vee.$$

With this action of  $S$  and projection to  $S$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$  is a commutative multimonooids over  $S$ .

In  $\mathbb{F}(X)$ , the equivalence class  $[X_x]$  of  $X_x$  consists of only  $X_x$ . The canonical mapping  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{H}(X)$  sends  $x \in X$  to  $[X_x]$ .

Every morphism  $f$  of multisets over  $S$  from  $X$  to a commutative monoid  $M$  over  $S$  extends uniquely to a monoid homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  into  $M$ . Since  $x^t y = x y^t$  for all  $x, y \in M$  we have  $\varphi(X_x^t X_y) = \varphi(X_x X_y^t)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in S$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  induces a monoid homomorphism  $\psi$  of  $\mathbb{H}(X)$  into  $M$  such that

$$\psi[X_1 \cdots X_n] = \varphi(X_1 \cdots X_n)$$

for all  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \bar{X}$ . Then  $\psi$  is a morphism of commutative multimonooids over  $S$ ,  $\psi \circ \eta = f$ , and  $\psi$  is unique with these properties.

Composing the adjunction  $X \mapsto X^+$  of sets over  $S$  to multisets over  $S$  and the adjunction  $X^+ \mapsto \mathbb{H}(X^+)$  of multisets over  $S$  to commutative multimonooids over  $S$  yields the adjunction  $X \mapsto \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  of sets over  $S$  to commutative multimonooids over  $S$ . Therefore there is a natural isomorphism

$$\mathbb{H}(X^+) \cong \mathbb{F}(X)^+.$$

## 5 Multigroups

In this section  $S$  is any commutative semigroup.

**1. Definition.** An *abelian multigroup over  $S$*  is a multiset  $G$  over  $S$  (with a projection to  $S$  and an action of  $S^1$  on  $G$  such that  $(x^t)^\vee = (x^\vee)^t$ ,  $x^1 = x$ , and  $(x^t)^u = x^{tu}$ , for all  $x, t, u$ ) together with an addition on each  $G_a = \{x \in G \mid x^\vee = a\}$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{every } G_a \text{ is an abelian group under addition, and} \\ &(x + y)^t = x^t + y^t \text{ whenever } x^\vee = y^\vee. \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $S$  has just one element, then a abelian multigroup over  $S$  is just an abelian group. Conversely, any abelian group  $G$  can be turned into a *constant* abelian multigroup over any commutative semigroup  $S$ , in which  $G_a = G$  and  $x^t = x$  for all  $a, t, x$ . A commutative semigroup  $S$  also begets a *trivial* abelian multigroup over itself, in which every  $G_a = \{0_a\}$  is a trivial group and  $0_a^t = 0_{at}$ .

If  $G$  is an abelian group, then

$$G^+ = G \times S,$$

with projection  $(x, a)^\vee = a$  to  $S$ , action  $(x, a)^t = (x, at)$  of  $S^1$ , and addition  $(x, a) + (y, a) = (x + y, a)$  on each  $(G^+)_a$ , is an abelian multigroup over  $S$ . (The projection  $(x, a)^\vee = a$  differs from the projection  $(x, a)^\vee = (x^\vee) a$  in the similar constructions in Sections 2 and 4, since  $G$  lacks a projection to  $S$ .) For example,

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{Z} \times S,$$

is an abelian multigroup over  $S$ ; the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  are the *integers over  $S$* .

Abelian multigroups over  $S$  have an equivalent definition as functors on the Leech category  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ . An abelian group valued functor  $(G, \gamma)$  on  $\mathcal{H}(S)$  (called an  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ -*module* in [4]) assigns an abelian group  $G_a$  to each  $a \in S$  and a homomorphism  $\gamma_{a,t}: G_a \rightarrow G_{at}$  to each  $a \in S$  and  $t \in S^1$ , so that  $\gamma_{a,1}$  is the identity on  $G_a$  and  $\gamma_{at,u} \circ \gamma_{a,t} = \gamma_{a,tu}$  for all  $a \in S$  and  $t, u \in S^1$ . We regard the groups  $G_a$  as pairwise disjoint, so that  $G = \bigcup (G_a \mid a \in S)$ , together with the projection  $x \mapsto a$  whenever  $x \in G_a$ , is a set over  $S$ . As in Section 2, an action of  $S^1$  on  $G$  is then defined by

$$x^t = \gamma_{a,t} x$$

and makes  $G$  an abelian multigroup over  $S$ . Conversely, an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  can be regarded as an abelian group valued functor on  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ , that assigns  $G_a$  to  $a \in S$  and  $\gamma_{a,t}: x \mapsto x^t$  to  $a \in S$  and  $t \in S^1$ .

In general, the additions on the groups  $G_a$  constitute a partial addition on  $G$ , under which  $x + y$  is defined if and only if  $x^\vee = y^\vee$ , in which case  $(x + y)^\vee = x^\vee = y^\vee$ . Generally, a sum  $x_1 + \cdots + x_n$  of elements of  $G$  (actually, the sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ) is *homogeneous* if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  all project to the same element of  $S$ ; then the sum  $x_1 + \cdots + x_n$  is defined in  $G$  and projects to that element.

Denote the identity element of  $G_a$  by  $0_a$  (by 0, if  $a$  can be retrieved from context). Since  $x \mapsto x^t$  is a homomorphism of  $G_a$  into  $G_{at}$  we have

$$0_a^t = 0_{at} \quad (\text{or } 0^t = 0),$$

for all  $a, t$ .

A *morphism*  $\varphi$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $G$  to  $H$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$  (a mapping of  $G$  into  $H$  such that  $(\varphi x)^\vee = x^\vee$  and  $\varphi(x^t) = (\varphi x)^t$ , for all  $x, t$ ) such that  $\varphi(x + y) = \varphi x + \varphi y$  whenever  $x + y$  is defined. Equivalently, the restrictions  $\varphi_a: G_a \rightarrow H_a$  constitute a natural transformation. Hence the category of abelian multigroups over  $S$  is isomorphic to the category of abelian group valued functors on  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ , and is an abelian category.

If  $G$  and  $H$  are abelian multigroups over  $S$ , then multigroup morphisms from  $G$  to  $H$  can be added pointwise. If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are morphisms from  $G$  to  $H$ , then the pointwise sum  $\varphi + \psi$  is defined, since  $(\varphi x)^\vee = x^\vee = (\psi x)^\vee$  for all  $x \in G$ . This makes the set  $\text{Hom}(G, H)$  of all such morphisms an abelian group. Now

$\text{Hom}(G, H)$  is not a multigroup; its elements, however, are basically families of homomorphisms indexed by  $S$ , and in this sense are already spread over  $S$ .

**2. Submultigroups.** A *submultigroup*  $K$  of an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  is a submultiset of  $G$  (a subset  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $x \in K$  implies  $x^t \in K$ ) such that  $K_a = K \cap G_a$  is a subgroup of  $G_a$  for every  $a \in S$ ; equivalently, a subfunctor of  $G$ . Then  $K$ , together with the projection to  $S$ , action of  $S^1$ , and additions that it inherits from  $G$ , is an abelian multigroup over  $S$ , and the inclusion mapping  $K \rightarrow G$  is a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .

For example, if  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a morphism of abelian multigroups, then  $\text{Im } \varphi = \varphi(G)$  is a submultigroup of  $H$ , and  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{x \in G \mid \varphi x = 0\}$  is a submultigroup of  $G$ ; these are the image and kernel of  $\varphi$  in the category of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .

In general, if  $K$  is a submultigroup of  $G = (G, \gamma)$ , then the inclusion morphism  $K \rightarrow G$  has a cokernel  $G \rightarrow G/K$ , which can be described as follows. As a set,  $G/K$  is the disjoint union  $G/K = \bigcup (G_a/K_a \mid a \in S)$ . The action of  $S^1$  on  $G$  induces an action of  $S^1$  on  $G/K$ , under which  $(x + K_a)^t = x^t + K_{at}$  whenever  $x \in G_a$ . This makes  $G/K$  an abelian multigroup over  $S$ , the *quotient multigroup* of  $G$  by  $K$ , that comes with a morphism  $G \rightarrow G/K$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ , and a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/K \rightarrow 0$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .

Equivalently,  $G/K$  is the quotient of  $G$  by the congruence  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $G$  (in the obvious sense) defined by

$$x \mathcal{C} y \text{ if and only if } x^\vee = y^\vee \text{ and } x - y \in K.$$

If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a morphism of multigroups, then  $G/\text{Ker } \varphi \cong \text{Im } \varphi$ .

Given a multigroup  $G$  and a subset  $X$  of  $G$ , there is a submultigroup  $\overline{X}$  of  $G$  *generated by*  $X$ , which is the least submultigroup  $\overline{X}$  of  $G$  that contains  $X$ . For each  $a \in S$  let  $X_a = X \cap G_a$  and let  $Y$  be the submultiset of  $G$  generated by  $X$ ,

$$Y = \{x^t \mid x \in X, t \in S^1\}.$$

For each  $a \in S$ ,  $\overline{X}_a$  is the subgroup of  $G_a$  generated by  $Y_a$ ; its elements are (necessarily homogeneous) linear combinations  $\sum (n_y y \mid y \in Y_a)$  of elements of  $Y_a$  with integer coefficients that are almost all zero. Indeed,  $x \in \overline{X}$  implies  $x^t \in \overline{X}$ , since  $y \in Y$  implies  $y^t \in Y$ .

**3. Free abelian multigroups over multisets.** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $C$  be a set with an element  $0 \in C$ . A formal linear combination of elements of  $X$  with coefficients in  $C$  that are almost all zero is a finite sum

$$c = \sum (c_x x \mid x \in C);$$

equivalently, a mapping  $c: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $\{c_x \mid c_x \neq 0\}$  is finite, written as a sum in which every term  $0x$  is ignored. For example, the free abelian group on  $X$  is the set of all linear combinations of elements of  $X$  with coefficients in

$\mathbb{Z}$ , under pointwise addition

$$\sum (m_x x \mid x \in X) + \sum (n_x x \mid x \in X) = \sum ((m_x + n_x) x \mid x \in X).$$

If  $X$  is a set over  $S$ , then a linear combination  $c = \sum (c_x x \mid x \in C)$  is *homogeneous* if all  $x \in X$  such that  $c_x \neq 0$  have the same projection to  $S$ , which is then the projection of  $c$ . We denote by

$$C \dashv X$$

the set over  $S$  of all such homogeneous linear combinations of elements of  $X$  with coefficients in  $C$ .

The *free abelian multigroup over  $S$  on a multiset  $X$  over  $S$*  is  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X$ . Addition is pointwise: if  $g = \sum (g_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee)$ ,  $h = \sum (h_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee)$ , and  $g^\vee = h^\vee$ , then

$$g + h = \sum ((g_x + h_x) x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee = h^\vee).$$

If  $g = \sum (g_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee)$ , then  $g^t$  is well defined for any  $t \in S^1$  by

$$g^t = \sum (g_x x^t \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee);$$

this sum can be put in standard form  $\sum (h_y y \mid y \in X, y^\vee = (g^t)^\vee)$ , where  $h_y = \sum (g_x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee, x^t = y)$ .

With this partial addition and action of  $S$ , the set  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X$  over  $S$  becomes an abelian multigroup over  $S$ .

For each  $a \in S$ ,  $g \in (\mathbb{Z} \dashv X)_a$  if and only if  $g = \sum (g_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = a)$ . Thus  $(\mathbb{Z} \dashv X)_a = \mathbb{Z} \dashv X_a$  is the free abelian group on  $X_a$  and is isomorphic to a subgroup of the free abelian group on the set  $X$ ; but  $(\mathbb{Z} \dashv X)_a$  cannot be defined as a subgroup of the latter since the pairwise disjoint groups  $(\mathbb{Z} \dashv X)_a$  cannot have a common zero element.

The canonical map  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \dashv X$  is inherited from the adjunction of sets to abelian groups, and sends  $x \in X$  to  $\sum (n_y y \mid y \in X)$ , where  $n_x = 1$  and  $n_y = 0$  if  $y \neq x$ . Since  $\eta$  is injective, we may identify  $x \in X$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv X$ . Then  $g = \sum (g_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee)$  is a linear combination within  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X$ ,  $g = \sum (g_x (\eta x) \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee)$ . Moreover,  $\eta$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ .

Every morphism  $f$  of multisets over  $S$  from  $X$  to an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $\varphi$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X$  to  $G$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ , which sends

$$\begin{aligned} g &= \sum (g_x x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee) \\ &= \sum (g_x (\eta x) \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv X \end{aligned}$$

to

$$\varphi g = \sum (g_x (fx) \mid x \in X, x^\vee = g^\vee) \in G.$$

In the adjunction of multisets over  $S$  to abelian multigroups over  $S$ , the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_G: \mathbb{Z} \dashv G \rightarrow G$  that extends the identity on  $G$ . By the above,

$$\epsilon_G \left( \sum (n_x x \mid x \in G_a) \right) = \sum (n_x x \mid x \in G_a),$$

where the second sum is calculated in  $G_a$ .

**4. Free abelian multigroups on sets over  $S$ .** If  $S$  is a commutative monoid, then composing the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to multisets over  $S$  in Section 2 with the adjunction of multisets over  $S$  to abelian multigroups over  $S$  yields an adjunction of sets over  $S$  to abelian multigroups over  $S$ . Accordingly, the *free abelian multigroup over  $S$  on a set  $X = (X, p)$*  over  $S$  is the free abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$  over  $S$  on  $X^+$ , where  $X^+ = X \times S$  is the free multiset over  $S$  on  $X$  in Section 2, with projection  $(x, a)^\vee = (x^\vee) a$  to  $S$  and action  $(x, a)^t = (x, at)$  of  $S$ .

Thus  $F$  is the set of all homogeneous linear combinations

$$p = \sum (p_{x,t}(x, t) \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee)$$

of elements of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$ , with integer coefficients that are almost all zero. The action of  $S$  is

$$p^t = \left( \sum (p_y y \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) \right)^t = \sum (p_y y^t \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = p^\vee);$$

and addition in  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$  is pointwise

$$\begin{aligned} p + q &= \sum (p_y y \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) + \sum (q_y y \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = q^\vee) \\ &= \sum ((p_y + q_y) y \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = p^\vee), \end{aligned}$$

defined if  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ .

The canonical map  $\eta: X \rightarrow F$  sends  $x \in X$  to  $(x, 1) = \sum (n_y y \mid y \in X^+)$ , where  $n_y = 1$  if  $y = (x, 1)$  and  $n_y = 0$  otherwise. Then  $(x, t) = (\eta x)^t$  and the typical element  $p$  of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$  is a homogeneous linear combination within  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$ :

$$p = \sum (p_{x,t}(\eta x)^t \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee).$$

If  $f: X \rightarrow G$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$ , then  $f$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $g: X^+ \rightarrow G$  of sets over  $S$ ,  $(x, a) \mapsto (fx)^a$ , which in turn extends uniquely to a morphism  $\varphi: F \rightarrow G$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ , which sends

$$p = \sum (p_{x,t}(\eta x)^t \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee).$$

to

$$\varphi p = \sum (p_{x,t}(fx)^t \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee).$$

The counit assigns to an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_G$  from  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv G^+$  to  $G$  that extends the identity on  $G$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_G p &= \epsilon_G \left( \sum (p_{x,t}(x,t) \mid x \in G, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee) \right) \\ &= \sum (p_{x,t} x^t \mid x \in G, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee),\end{aligned}$$

where the second sum is calculated in  $G$ .

**5. Presentations.** Abelian multigroups over  $S$  can be presented as generated by the elements of a set over  $S$  (if  $S$  is a commutative monoid) or the elements of a multiset over  $S$ , subject to defining relations. A *defining relation* between the elements of a set or multiset  $X$  over  $S$  is a pair  $(A, B)$  of elements of the free abelian multigroup  $F$  on  $X$ , normally written as an equality  $A = B$ , which is *homogeneous*, meaning that  $A$  and  $B$  project to the same element  $A^\vee = B^\vee$  of  $S$ .

A defining relation  $(A, B)$  between the elements of  $X$  *holds* in an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  *via* a morphism of sets over  $S$  or multisets over  $S$  from  $X$  to  $G$  if and only if  $\varphi A = \varphi B$ , where  $\varphi: F \rightarrow G$  is the morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$  that extends  $f$ .

Let  $X$  be either a set over  $S$  or a multiset over  $S$ . The abelian multigroup over  $S$  *generated by*  $X$  *subject to* a set  $\mathcal{R}$  of defining relations is the quotient

$$\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle \cong F/K,$$

where  $F$  is the free abelian multigroup over  $S$  on  $X$  and  $K$  is the submultigroup of  $F$  generated by all  $A - B$  with  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  (which are defined since all  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  are homogeneous).

The abelian multigroup  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  comes with a map  $\eta$  from  $X$ , which is the composition

$$\eta: X \xrightarrow{\eta^F} F \rightarrow F/K.$$

If  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $X$  is a set over  $S$ , then the typical element  $p$  of  $F = \mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{x,t} (\eta^F x)^t \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = p^\vee).$$

Hence the typical element  $q$  of  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$q = \sum (q_{x,t} (\eta x)^t \mid x \in X, t \in S, (x^\vee)t = q^\vee).$$

If  $X$  is a multiset over  $S$ , then the typical element  $p$  of  $F = \mathbb{Z} \dashv X$  is a homogeneous linear combination  $p = \sum (p_x \eta^F x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = p^\vee)$ , and the typical element  $q$  of  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$q = \sum (q_x \eta x \mid x \in X, x^\vee = p^\vee).$$

In either case, every  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  holds in  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  via  $\eta$ , by definition.

The universal property of  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  and  $\eta$  is: if  $f$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$ , or multisets over  $S$ , from  $X$  to an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  and every  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  holds in  $G$  via  $f$ , then there is a unique morphism  $\varphi$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  to  $G$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ .

## 6 Multirings.

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid.

**1. Definition.** A *commutative multiring over  $S$*  is an abelian multigroup  $R$  over  $S$  (with a projection to  $S$ , an action of  $S$  on  $R$ , and an abelian group addition on each  $R_a$ , such that  $(x^t)^\vee = x^\vee t$ ,  $x^1 = x$ ,  $(x^t)^u = x^{tu}$ , and  $(x+y)^t = x^t + y^t$  for all  $x, y, t, u$ ) with a commutative monoid multiplication on  $R$  such that  $R$  is a commutative monoid over  $S$  ( $(xy)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$  and  $(xy)^t = x^t y = x y^t$  for all  $x, y, t$ ), and such that

$$(x+y)z = xz + yz \text{ whenever } x+y \text{ is defined.}$$

For example, if  $S$  has just one element, then a commutative multiring over  $S$  is just a commutative ring with an identity element. In general,  $S$  begets a commutative multiring  $R$  over itself, in which  $R_a = \{0_a\}$  is the trivial group,  $0_a^t = 0_{at}$ , and  $0_a 0_b = 0_{ab}$ .

If  $R$  is any commutative ring with an identity element, then

$$R^+ = R \times S,$$

with projection  $(r, a)^\vee = a$  to  $S$ , action  $(r, a)^t = (r, at)$  of  $S$ , partial addition  $(r, a) + (s, a) = (r + s, a)$  (as in Section 5) and multiplication  $(r, a)(s, b) = (rs, ab)$ , is a commutative multiring over  $S$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

In general, if  $R$  is a multiring, then we denote the (additive) identity element of the abelian group  $R_a$  by  $0_a$ , or just  $0$ . If  $x \in R_b$ , then  $0_a x = (0_a + 0_a) x = (0_a x) + (0_a x)$ , which in the abelian group  $R_{ab}$  implies

$$0_a x = 0_{ab}, \text{ for all } x \in R_b.$$

In particular,  $0_a 0_b = 0_{ab}$ . Since the projection  $R \rightarrow S$  is surjective, the identity element  $1$  of  $R$  projects to the identity element of  $S$ :  $1^\vee = 1$ . In particular,  $R_1$  is a commutative ring with an identity element.

Since  $R$  is also a commutative monoid over  $S$ , the identity element provides another monoid homomorphism that splits the projection, namely  $t \mapsto 1^t$ . As in Section 2, this map and the multiplication on  $R$  completely determine the action of  $S$ , as  $x^t = x 1^t$  for all  $x, t$ .

A *morphism*  $Q \rightarrow R$  of commutative multirings over  $S$  is a mapping  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow R$  that preserves projection to  $S$ , action of  $S^1$ , sums, products, and identity elements; equivalently, is both a morphism of commutative multimonooids over  $S$  and a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .



**2. Ideals.** An *ideal* of a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  is a submultigroup  $I$  of  $R$  ( $I_a = I \cap R_a$  is a subgroup of  $R_a$  for every  $a \in S$ , and  $x \in I$  implies  $x^t \in I$ ), such that  $x \in I$  implies  $xy \in I$  for all  $y \in R$ . A *proper* ideal is an ideal  $I$  such that  $1 \notin I$ ; equivalently,  $I \neq R$ .

For example, if  $\varphi: Q \rightarrow R$  is a morphism of commutative multirings, then  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{x \in Q \mid \varphi x = 0\}$  is an ideal of  $Q$ , which is proper if  $\varphi(1) \neq 0$  in  $R$ .

In general, the quotient multigroup  $R/I$  inherits a multiplication from  $R$ , which is well defined by:  $(x + I_a)(y + I_b) = xy + I_{ab}$  whenever  $x \in R_a$  and  $y \in R_b$ , since  $x - x' \in I_a, y - y' \in I_b$  implies

$$xy - x'y' = x(y - y') + (x - x')y' \in I_{ab}.$$

With this multiplication  $R/I$  becomes a commutative multiring over  $S$ , and the projection  $R \rightarrow R/I$  becomes a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ .

Equivalently,  $R/I$  is the quotient of  $R$  by the congruence  $\mathcal{C}$  on  $R$  (in the obvious sense) defined by

$$x \mathcal{C} y \text{ if and only if } x^\vee = y^\vee \text{ and } x - y \in I.$$

Given a commutative multiring  $R$  and a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the ideal  $(X)$  of  $R$  *generated by*  $X$  is the least ideal of  $R$  that contains  $X$ . Let  $Y$  be the submultiset of  $G$  generated by  $X$ :

$$Y = \{x^t \mid x \in X, t \in S\}.$$

Let  $Z$  be the monoid ideal of  $R$  generated by  $Y$ :

$$Z = \{ry \mid r \in R, y \in Y\}.$$

Then  $z \in Z$  implies  $z^t \in Z$  and  $-z = (-1)z \in I$ . Hence  $(X) = \overline{Z}$  is the submultigroup of  $R$  generated by  $Z$ : for each  $a \in S$ ,  $\overline{Z}_a$  is the set of all homogeneous sums  $z_1 + \cdots + z_n$  ( $= 0$  if  $n = 0$ ) of elements  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  of  $Z_a$ .

Indeed any ideal of  $R$  that contains  $X$  must also contain  $Y$ ,  $Z$ , and  $\overline{Z}$ . Conversely,  $X \subseteq Z \subseteq \overline{Z}$ . If  $x = z_1 + \cdots + z_n \in \overline{Z}_a$ , where  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in Z_a$ , then  $x^t = z_1^t + \cdots + z_n^t \in \overline{Z}_{at}$ . If  $r \in R_a$  and  $x = z_1 + \cdots + z_n \in \overline{Z}_b$ , then  $rz_i \in Z_{ab}$  for all  $i$  and  $rx = rz_1 + \cdots + rz_n \in \overline{Z}_{ab}$ . Thus  $\overline{Z}$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**3. Submultirings.** A *submultiring* of a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  is a subset  $Q$  of  $R$  which is both a submultimonoid of  $R$  ( $x^t \in Q, 1 \in Q$ , and  $xy \in Q$ , for all  $x, y \in Q$  and all  $t$ ) and a submultigroup of  $R$  ( $Q_a = Q \cap R_a$  is a subgroup of  $R_a$  for every  $a \in S$ , and  $x \in Q$  implies  $x^t \in Q$ ); in particular,  $Q$  contains  $\text{Im } e$ , where  $e(t) = 1^t$  splits the projection to  $S$ . Then  $Q$ , together with the projection to  $S$ , action of  $S$ , additions, and multiplication that it inherits from  $R$ , is a commutative multiring over  $S$ , and the inclusion mapping  $Q \rightarrow R$  is a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ .

For example, if  $\varphi: T \rightarrow R$  is a morphism of commutative multirings, then  $\text{Im } \varphi = \varphi(T)$  is a submultiring of  $R$ .

If  $X$  is a (multiplicative) submultimonoid of  $R$ , then the (additive) submultigroup  $\overline{X}$  of  $R$  generated by  $X$  is a submultiring of  $R$ . Indeed  $\overline{X}$  is the set of

all homogeneous sums  $\pm x_1 \pm \dots \pm x_n$  of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $X$ . Hence  $\overline{X}$  is a submultimonoid of  $R$ : if  $x = \pm x_1 \pm \dots \pm x_m \in \overline{X}$  and  $y = \pm y_1 \pm \dots \pm y_n \in \overline{X}$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n \in X$ , then  $xy = \sum_{i,j} \pm x_i y_j \in \overline{X}$ .

Given a commutative multiring  $R$  and a subset  $X$  of  $R$ , the submultiring  $\overline{X}$  of  $R$  generated by  $X$  is the least submultiring of  $R$  that contains  $X$ . By the above,  $\overline{X}$  is the submultigroup of  $R$  generated by the submultimonoid  $Y$  of  $R$  generated by  $X$ : the set of all homogeneous sums  $\pm y_1 \pm \dots \pm y_n$  of elements  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  of

$$Y = \{ (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n) 1^t \mid n \geq 0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X, t \in S \}.$$

**4. Free multirings on multimonoids.** There is an adjunction of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  to commutative multirings over  $S$ . If  $M$  is a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ , then the free abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  over  $S$  on the multiset  $M$  serves as the *free commutative multiring over  $S$  on  $M$* .

Indeed we saw in Section 5 that, for each  $a \in S$ , an element  $p$  of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination  $p = \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee)$ ; that  $t \in S$  acts on  $p$  by  $p^t = \sum (p_x x^t \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee)$ ; and  $p + q = \sum ((p_x + q_x) x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee)$  if  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ .

The multiplication on  $M$  extends to a multiplication on  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ , under which the product of  $p = \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee)$  and  $q = \sum (q_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = q^\vee)$  is

$$pq = \sum (p_x q_y xy \mid x, y \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee, y^\vee = q^\vee),$$

where the homogeneous sum  $\sum (p_x q_y xy \mid x, y \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee, y^\vee = q^\vee)$  can be put in standard form

$$pq = \sum (r_z z \mid z \in M, z^\vee = (pq)^\vee), \quad \text{where} \\ r_z = \sum (p_x q_y \mid x, y \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee, y^\vee = q^\vee, xy = z).$$

With this multiplication, the abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  over  $S$  becomes a commutative multiring over  $S$ ; its identity element is that of  $M$ .

The canonical map  $\eta: M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  in Section 5 that sends  $x \in M$  to  $x \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  (short for the linear combination  $x = \sum (n_y y \mid y \in M)$  where  $n_x = 1$  and  $n_y = 0$  if  $y \neq x$ ) is now a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$ . Moreover, every  $p \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  now is a linear combination within  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ :

$$\sum (p_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee) = \sum (p_x (\eta x) \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Since  $\eta$  is injective we may identify  $x \in M$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ . Then  $\sum (p_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee)$  is a linear combination within  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ .

Every morphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow R$  of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  from  $M$  to a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $\psi: \mathbb{Z} \dashv M \rightarrow R$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ ,

$$\psi \left( \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee) \right) = \sum (p_x (\varphi x) \mid x \in M, x^\vee = p^\vee),$$

which preserves products and is therefore a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ . Thus  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  is the free commutative multiring over  $S$  on  $M$ .

In the adjunction of commutative multimonooids over  $S$  to commutative multirings over  $S$ , the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to an commutative multiring  $R$  the morphism  $\epsilon_R: \mathbb{Z} \dashv R \rightarrow R$  of commutative multirings over  $S$  that extends the identity on  $R$  ( $\epsilon_R \circ \eta = 1_R$ ). By the above,  $\epsilon_R$  is the evaluation map

$$\epsilon_R \left( \sum (p_r r \mid r \in R, r^\vee = p^\vee) \right) = \sum (p_r r \mid r \in R, r^\vee = p^\vee),$$

where the first sum is an element of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv R$  and the second sum is calculated in  $R$ .

**5. Free multirings on sets over  $S$ .** The *free commutative multiring over  $S$  on a set  $X$  over  $S$*  is the free commutative multiring  $\mathbb{Z}[X] = \mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on the free commutative multimonooid  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on  $X$ .

As in Section 4 we regard  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  as the commutative multimonooid of monomials  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$  on a set  $\bar{X} = \{X_x \mid x \in X\}$  over  $S$  with an isomorphism  $x \mapsto X_x$  from  $X$ . The typical element of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t} (X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

where  $(X^m)^\vee = \prod_{x \in X} (x^\vee)^{m(x)}$ .

The canonical map  $\eta^F: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}(X)$  sends  $x \in X$  to the monomial  $X^m = \prod_{y \in X} X_y^{m(y)}$  in which  $m(x) = 1$  and  $m(y) = 0$  if  $y \neq x$ , which we identify with  $X_x$ . Hence the canonical map  $\eta: X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[X]$  sends  $x \in X$  to the linear combination

$$\eta x = \sum (n_{m,t} (X^m, 1) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X))$$

in which  $n_{m,t} = 1$  if  $X^m = X_x$  and  $t = 1 \in S$ , otherwise  $n_{m,t} = 0$ . Since  $\eta$  is injective we may identify  $X_x \in \bar{X}$  and  $\eta x \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ . Every  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X)$  is now a product  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$  of elements of  $\mathbb{F}(X)$ . Hence every element of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t} (\prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}, t) \mid \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)} \in \mathbb{F}(X), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

Every morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  then extends uniquely to a morphism of commutative multimonooids over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$  to  $R$  that sends  $(\prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}, t)$  to  $(\prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m(x)})^t$ , thence extends uniquely to a morphism  $\varphi$  of commutative multirings over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  to  $R$  that sends

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t} (\prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

to

$$\varphi p = \sum (p_{m,t} (\prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m(x)})^t \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

as calculated in  $R$ .

The counit  $\epsilon_R$  in this adjunction sends a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  to the morphism  $\epsilon_R$  of commutative multirings over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}[R]$  to  $R$  that extends the identity on  $R$ . By the above,  $\epsilon_R$  sends

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t} (\prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)}, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

to

$$\epsilon_R p = \sum (p_{m,t} (\prod_{r \in R} r^{m(r)})^t \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

as calculated in  $R$ .

**6. Free multirings on multisets.** The *free commutative multiring over  $S$  on a multiset  $X$*  over  $S$  is the free commutative multiring  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{H}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on the free commutative multimonoind  $\mathbb{H}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on  $X$ .

As in Section 4,  $\mathbb{H}(X) = \mathbb{F}(X)/\approx$ , where  $\approx$  is the smallest congruence on  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  such that  $X_x^t X_y \approx X_x X_y^t$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in S$ . The typical element  $Y$  of  $\mathbb{H}(X)$  is the equivalence class  $Y = [X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n]$  of a commutative product  $X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n$  of elements of  $\bar{X} = \{X_x \mid x \in X\}$ ; equivalently,  $Y = [X^m]$  for some  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X)$ .

Accordingly, the typical element of  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{H}(X)^+$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{Y,t} (Y, t) \mid Y \in \mathbb{H}(X), t \in S, Y^\vee t = p^\vee).$$

If  $X$  only has one element, or if  $x^t = x$  for all  $x, t$ , then  $\mathbb{H}(X) = \mathbb{F}(X)$ ; otherwise  $\approx$  is not the equality on  $\mathbb{F}(X)$ , hence an element  $Y$  of  $\mathbb{H}(X)$  cannot be written in the form  $Y = [X^m]$  for some unique monomial  $X^m$ .

## 7 Multimodules

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R$  is a given commutative multiring over  $S$  with an identity element.

**1. Multimodules.** A *multi- $R$ -module over  $S$*  is an abelian multigroup  $M$  over  $S$  on which  $R$  acts so that

$$\begin{aligned} (rx)^\vee &= r^\vee x^\vee \text{ for all } r, x, \\ 1x &= x \text{ for all } x, \\ (rx)^t &= r^t x = r x^t \text{ for all } r, x, t, \\ (r+s)x &= rx + sx \text{ whenever } r+s \text{ is defined,} \\ r(x+y) &= rx + ry \text{ whenever } x+y \text{ is defined, and} \\ r(sx) &= (rs)x \text{ for all } r, s, x. \end{aligned}$$

For example, if  $S$  has just one element, then  $R$  is just a commutative ring and a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  is just an  $R$ -module. In general, the trivial abelian

multigroup over  $S$  (in which  $M_a = \{0_a\}$  for all  $a \in S$ ) is a *trivial* multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  for any multiring  $R$  over  $S$ . Every commutative multiring  $R$  on  $S$  is also a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ , in which  $R$  acts on itself by multiplication in  $R$ .

Every abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  is a multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -module over  $S$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{Z} \times S$  is the multiring of integers over  $S$  (with projection  $(n, t) \rightarrow t$  to  $S$  and  $(n, t)^u = (n, tu)$ ,  $(n, t) + (m, t) = (n + m, t)$ ,  $(n, t)(m, u) = (nt, mu)$ , as in Section 6). Indeed  $\mathbb{Z}$  already acts on  $G$  since every abelian group  $G_a$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module; then  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  acts on  $G$  by

$$(n, t)x = nx^t = (nx)^t$$

for all  $x, n, t$ .

If  $R$  is a commutative ring with an identity element and  $M$  is an  $R$ -module, then  $M^+$  is a multi- $R^+$ -module, in which  $R^+$  acts on  $M^+$  by  $(r, a)(x, b) = (rx, ab)$ .

In general, if  $M$  is a multi- $R$ -module, where  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ , then we denote the identity element of the abelian group  $M_a$  by  $0_a$  or just  $0$  (like the identity element of  $R_a$ ). If  $x \in M_b$ , then  $0_a x = (0_a + 0_a)x = (0_a x) + (0_a x)$ , which in the abelian group  $M_{ab}$  implies

$$0_a x = 0_{ab}, \text{ whenever } x \in M_b.$$

Similarly,

$$r 0_b = 0_{ab}, \text{ whenever } r \in R_a.$$

A morphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  of multi- $R$ -modules is a morphism of multigroups ( $(\varphi x)^\vee = x^\vee$ ,  $\varphi(x^t) = (\varphi x)^t$ , and  $\varphi(x + y) = \varphi x + \varphi y$  whenever  $x + y$  is defined) that preserves the action of  $R$ :

$$\varphi(rx) = r(\varphi x) \text{ for all } r \in R \text{ and } x \in M.$$

Under pointwise addition the morphisms from  $M$  to  $N$  constitute an abelian group  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ . If  $R = \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  is just a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$ , and  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N) = \text{Hom}(M, N)$ .

**2. Submultimodules.** A *submultimodule*  $N$  of a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  is a submultigroup of  $M$  that admits the action of  $R$ : if  $r \in R$  and  $x \in N$ , then  $rx \in N$ . Then  $N$  inherits the action of  $R$  and is a multi- $R$ -module.

For example, if  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules, then  $\text{Im } \varphi$  is a submultimodule of  $N$  and  $\text{Ker } \varphi$  is a submultimodule of  $M$ .

In general, if  $N$  is a submultimodule of  $M$ , then the action  $M_b \rightarrow M_{ab}$  of  $r \in R_a$  induces an action  $M_b/N_b \rightarrow M_{ab}/N_{ab}$ , which makes the quotient multigroup  $M/N$  a multi- $R$ -module and the projection  $M \rightarrow M/N$  a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules. This results in a short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/N \rightarrow 0$  of multi- $R$ -modules.

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules, then  $M/\text{Ker } \varphi \cong \text{Im } \varphi$ .

Given a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  and a subset  $X$  of  $M$ , there is a least submultimodule  $\overline{X}$  of  $M$  that contains  $X$ , the submultimodule of  $M$  generated by  $X$ , which is constructed as follows.

Let  $Y = \{x^t \mid x \in X, t \in S\}$  be the submultiset of  $M$  generated by  $X$ , as in Section 2. Then  $y \in Y$  implies  $y^t \in Y$  for all  $t \in S$ .

Let  $Z = RY = \{ry \mid r \in R, y \in Y\}$ , so that  $z \in Z$  implies  $z^t \in Z$  for all  $t \in S$  and  $rz \in Z$  for all  $r \in R$ , in particular  $-z = (-1)z \in Z$ .

Then  $\overline{X}$  is the submultigroup of  $M$  generated by  $Z$ : for each  $a \in S$ , the elements of  $\overline{X}_a$  are all (possibly empty, but necessarily homogeneous) sums  $z_1 + \cdots + z_n$  of elements  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  of  $Z_a$ .

Indeed any submultimodule of  $M$  that contains  $X$  must also contain  $Y$ ,  $Z$ , and  $\overline{X}$ . Conversely,  $\overline{X}$  is a submultimodule of  $M$ . Indeed,  $\overline{X}$  is a submultigroup of  $M$ , since  $z \in Z_a$  implies  $-z \in Z_a$ . If  $x$  is a sum  $x = z_1 + \cdots + z_n$  of elements  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  of  $Z_a$ , then  $x^t = z_1^t + \cdots + z_n^t$  is a sum of elements of  $Z_{at}$ , and  $rx = rz_1 + \cdots + rz_n$  is a sum of elements of  $Z_{r \vee a}$ .

## 8 Modules

In this section  $R$  is a commutative multiring over a commutative monoid  $S$ .

**1. Definition.** Commutative multirings also act on ordinary abelian groups. In detail, an  $R$ -module  $M$  is an abelian group on which  $R$  acts so that

$$\begin{aligned} 1x &= x \text{ for all } x \in M, \\ r(x+y) &= rx+ry \text{ for all } r \in R \text{ and } x, y \in M, \\ (r+s)x &= rx+sx \text{ whenever } r+s \text{ is defined, and} \\ r(sx) &= (rs)x \text{ for all } r, s \in R \text{ and } x \in M. \end{aligned}$$

An action of  $S$  on every  $R$ -module  $M$  is then defined by

$$x^t = 1^t x \text{ for all } x \in M \text{ and } t \in S$$

and satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y)^t &= x^t + y^t, \\ x^1 &= x, \\ (x^t)^u &= (1^u 1^t)x = 1^{ut}x = x^{tu}, \text{ and} \\ (rx)^t &= r^t x = r(x^t), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r, x, y, t, u$ , where the last equalities hold since

$$\begin{aligned} (rx)^t &= (1^t r)x = (1r^t)x \\ &= (r1^t)x = r(x^t). \end{aligned}$$

This makes  $M$  an  $S$ -module (and a  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$ -module, where  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$  is the ordinary semigroup ring), but not a multimodule.

A homomorphism  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  of  $R$ -modules is homomorphism of abelian groups ( $\varphi(x+y) = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ) that preserves the action of  $R$ :

$$\varphi(rx) = r\varphi(x)$$

for all  $r \in R$  and  $x \in M$ . The homomorphisms of  $M$  into  $N$  then constitute an  $R$ -module  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , in which addition and action of  $R$  are pointwise.

**2. Hom sets.** If  $G$  and  $H$  are abelian multigroups over  $S$ , then we saw in Section 5 that the morphisms from  $G$  to  $H$  constitute an abelian group  $\text{Hom}(G, H)$  under pointwise addition.

More generally, the set or multiset morphisms of a set or multiset  $X$  over  $S$  into an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  constitute an abelian group  $\text{Map}(X, G)$  under pointwise addition. The universal property of the free multigroup  $F$  on  $X$  yields a natural isomorphism  $\text{Map}(X, G) \cong \text{Hom}(F, G)$ , part of the adjunction in Section 5.

$R$ -modules are even more similar to ordinary modules than multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$ , which makes them of little interest as far as this paper is concerned, except that Hom sets of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  are  $R$ -modules.

Indeed let  $M$  and  $N$  be multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$ . If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are morphisms from  $M$  to  $N$ , then the pointwise sum  $\varphi + \psi: x \mapsto \varphi x + \psi x$  is defined, since  $(\varphi x)^\vee = x^\vee = (\psi x)^\vee$  for all  $x \in M$ . Moreover,  $(\varphi + \psi)(x+y) = (\varphi + \psi)(x) + (\varphi + \psi)(y)$  whenever  $x+y$  is defined;  $(\varphi + \psi)(x^t) = ((\varphi + \psi)(x))^t$  for all  $x, t$ ; and  $(\varphi + \psi)(rx) = r(\varphi + \psi)(x)$  for all  $r, x$ . Thus  $\varphi + \psi$  is a morphism from  $M$  to  $N$ . This addition makes  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  an abelian group.

Furthermore,  $R$  acts pointwise on  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ : if  $r \in R$  and  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism, then  $r\varphi$  is defined by

$$(r\varphi)(x) = r\varphi(x)$$

for all  $x \in M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (r\varphi)(x+y) &= (r\varphi)(x) + (r\varphi)(y) \text{ whenever } x+y \text{ is defined,} \\ (r\varphi)(x^t) &= r\varphi(x^t) = r(\varphi x)^t = ((r\varphi)(x))^t \text{ for all } x, t, \text{ and} \\ (r\varphi)(sx) &= r\varphi(sx) = rs\varphi(x) = s((r\varphi)(x)) \text{ for all } s, x, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $r\varphi$  is a morphism from  $M$  to  $N$ . With this action of  $R$ ,  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$  becomes an  $R$ -module.

There is also an action of  $S$  on  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , defined by  $\varphi^t = 1^t \varphi$ ; then

$$\varphi^t(x) = (1^t \varphi)(x) = 1^t(\varphi(x)) = (\varphi(x))^t$$

for all  $x, t$ .

More generally, the morphisms or multiset morphisms of a set or multiset  $X$  over  $S$  into a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  constitute an  $R$ -module  $\text{Map}(X, M)$  under pointwise addition and action of  $R$ , which also has an action of  $S$ . The universal property of the free multi- $R$ -module  $F$  on  $M$  yields a natural isomorphism  $\text{Map}(X, M) \cong \text{Hom}_R(F, M)$  of  $R$ -modules, part of the adjunction in Section 12.

## 9 Multialgebras.

In this section  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

**1. Definition.** A *commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$*  is a multi- $R$ -module  $A$  over  $S$ : a multigroup  $A$  over  $S$  on which  $R$  acts so that

$$\begin{aligned} (rx)^\vee &= r^\vee x^\vee \text{ for all } r \in R \text{ and } x \in A, \\ 1x &= x \text{ for all } x \in A, \\ (rx)^t &= r^t x = r x^t \text{ for all } r \in R \text{ and } x \in A, \\ (r+s)x &= rx + sx \text{ whenever } r+s \text{ is defined in } R \text{ and } x \in A, \\ r(x+y) &= rx + ry \text{ whenever } r \in R \text{ and } x+y \text{ is defined in } A, \text{ and} \\ r(sx) &= (rs)x \text{ for all } r, s \in R \text{ and } x \in A, \end{aligned}$$

together with a commutative and associative monoid multiplication on  $A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (xy)^\vee &= x^\vee y^\vee \text{ whenever } x \in A_a \text{ and } y \in A_b, \\ (xy)^t &= x^t y = x y^t \text{ for all } x, y \in A \text{ and } t \in S, \\ (x+y)z &= xz + yz \text{ whenever } x+y \text{ is defined in } A, \text{ and} \\ r(xy) &= (rx)y = x(ry) \text{ for all } r \in R \text{ and } x, y \in A. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  is both a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  and a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

If  $S$  has only one element, then  $R$  is an ordinary ring and a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  is an ordinary commutative  $R$ -algebra. Any commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  is a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$ , in which  $R$  acts on itself by multiplication in  $R$ . Any commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  is also a commutative multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -algebra, in which the action of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  on  $R$  is the action that makes the abelian multigroup  $R$  a multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -module,  $(n, t)r = nr^t$ .

In general, the multiplication on a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  and the actions  $e: t \mapsto 1^t$  and  $r \mapsto r1$  of  $S$  and  $R$  on the identity element  $1$  of  $A$  determine their actions on all of  $A$ : for all  $x, t, r$ ,

$$x^t = (1x)^t = 1^t x \text{ and } rx = r(1x) = (r1)x.$$

If  $A$  is a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$ , then every multi- $A$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  is also a multi- $R$ -module, in which  $r \in R$  acts on  $M$  by  $rx = (r1)x$  for all  $x \in M$ , where  $1 \in A$  (so that  $r1 \in A$ ).

A *morphism*  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  is a mapping that preserves the actions of  $S$  and  $R$ , existing sums, and products; equivalently, a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  which is also a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ .

**2. Ideals.** An *ideal* of a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  is a submodule  $I$  of  $A$  (closed under existing additions and the actions of  $S$  and  $R$ )



which is also an ideal of the commutative multiring  $A$  ( $x \in I$  implies  $xy \in I$  for all  $y \in A$ ). A *proper* ideal is an ideal  $I$  such that  $1 \notin I$ ; equivalently,  $I \neq A$ .

For example, if  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras, then  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{x \in A \mid \varphi x = 0\}$  is an ideal of  $A$ , which is proper if  $\varphi(1) \neq 0$ .

In general, the quotient multigroup  $A/I$  is both a quotient multimodule and a quotient multiring and is therefore a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$ ; the map  $A \rightarrow A/I$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ . If  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ , then  $\text{Im } \varphi \cong A/\text{Ker } \varphi$ .

Given a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  and a subset  $X$  of  $A$ , the ideal  $(X)$  of  $A$  *generated by*  $X$  is the least ideal of  $A$  that contains  $X$ . Let

$$Y = AX = \{zx \mid z \in A, x \in X\}.$$

If  $y = zx \in Y$ , then  $-y = (-z)x \in Y$ ,  $y^t = z^t y \in Y$ , and  $ry = (rz)x \in Y$ .

Then  $(X)$  is the set of all possibly empty homogeneous sum  $y_1 + \cdots + y_n$  of elements  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  of  $Y$  (that all project to the same element of  $S$ ). Indeed if  $x = y_1 + \cdots + y_n$  is a homogeneous sum of elements of  $Y$ , then so are  $x^t = y_1^t + \cdots + y_n^t$ ,  $rx = ry_1 + \cdots + ry_n$ , and  $zx = zy_1 + \cdots + zy_n$ , for all  $t \in S$ ,  $r \in R$ , and  $z \in A$ .

**3. Submultialgebras.** A *submultialgebra* of a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  is a subset of  $A$  which is closed under the actions of  $S$  and  $R$ , existing sums, and products; equivalently, a subset of  $A$  which is both a submultimodule and a submultiring of  $A$ .

For example, if  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ , then  $\text{Im } \varphi$  is a submultialgebra of  $B$ .

If  $X$  is a subset of  $A$ , the submultialgebra  $\overline{X}$  of  $A$  *generated by*  $X$  is the least submultialgebra of  $A$  that contains  $X$ . It can be described as follows.

Let  $Y$  be the submonoid of  $A$  generated by  $X$ :

$$Y = \{x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X\},$$

with  $x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n = 1$  if  $n = 0$ . Let

$$V = RY = \{ry \mid r \in R, y \in Y\}.$$

If  $v = ry \in V$ , then  $v^t = r^t y \in V$  and  $sv = (sr)y \in V$ , in particular  $-v \in V$ . If  $v = ry$  and  $w = sz \in V$ , where  $y, z \in Y$ , then

$$vw = (ry)(sz) = r(y(sz)) = r((sz)y) = r(s(zy)) = (rs)(yz) \in V.$$

Then  $\overline{X}$  is the submultigroup of  $A$  generated by  $V$ : the set of all possibly empty homogeneous sums of elements of  $V$ . Indeed if  $x = v_1 + \cdots + v_n \in \overline{X}$  is a homogeneous sum of elements of  $V$ , then so are  $x^t = v_1^t + \cdots + v_n^t$  and  $rx = rv_1 + \cdots + rv_n$ ; if  $x = v_1 + \cdots + v_n \in \overline{X}$  and  $y = w_1 + \cdots + w_m \in \overline{X}$  are homogeneous sums of elements of  $V$ , then so is  $xy = \sum_{i,j} v_i w_j$ .

## 10 The box product

This section defines a basic construction for multistructures with no additivity.

**1. Definition.** The cartesian product  $X \times Y$  of two multisets over  $S$  is a set over  $S$ , with projection  $(x, y)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$ , but it lacks an adequate action of  $S$ . That honor is reserved for the box product  $X \square Y$ , which is basically a tensor product of  $S$ -sets.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be multisets over  $S$ . Let  $\approx$  be the smallest equivalence relation on  $X \times Y$  such that  $(x^t, y) \approx (x, y^t)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and  $t \in S^1$ . The *box product* of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the set

$$X \square Y = (X \times Y) / \approx .$$

The *box map*  $\beta: X \times Y \rightarrow X \square Y$  is the surjection that sends  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  to its equivalence class  $x \square y$ .

The universal property of  $X \square Y$  and  $\beta$  is as follows. A mapping  $f$  of  $X \times Y$  into a set  $Z$  is *balanced* if and only if

$$f(x^t, y) = f(x, y^t)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and  $t \in S^1$ ; equivalently, the equivalence relation induced by  $f$  on  $X \times Y$  contains  $\approx$ . The box map  $\beta$  is balanced, by definition of  $\approx$ . Conversely, every balanced mapping  $f: X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  factors uniquely through  $\beta$  (there exists a unique mapping  $g: X \square Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $g \circ \beta = f$ ), since the equivalence relation induced by  $f$  contains  $\approx$ .

We use this universal property to make  $X \square Y$  a multiset over  $S$ . The projection  $X \times Y \rightarrow S$  of  $X \times Y$  is balanced, since

$$(x^t)^\vee y^\vee = x^\vee t y^\vee = x^\vee (y^t)^\vee$$

for all  $x, y, t$ , and induces a projection of  $X \square Y$  to  $S$ , which is the unique mapping such that

$$(x \square y)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$$

for all  $x, y$ . Next, for any  $t \in S^1$ , the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto x^t \square y$  is balanced, since

$$(x^u)^t \square y = (x^t)^u \square y = x^t \square y^u$$

for all  $x, y, u$ . Hence there is a unique mapping  $x \square y \mapsto (x \square y)^t$  such that

$$(x \square y)^t = x^t \square y \quad (= x \square y^t)$$

for all  $x, y$ . Uniqueness implies  $(x \square y)^1 = x \square y$  and  $((x \square y)^t)^u = (x \square y)^{tu}$  for all  $x, y$ . With this projection to  $S$  and action of  $S^1$ ,  $X \square Y$  is now an multiset over  $S$ .

If  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Y'$  are morphisms of multisets over  $S$ , then  $(x, y) \mapsto fx \square gy$  is balanced, and there is a unique mapping  $f \square g: X \square Y \rightarrow X' \square Y'$  such that

$$(f \square g)(x \square y) = fx \square gy \quad \text{for all } x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y .$$

Moreover,  $f \square g$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ , since

$$((f \square g)(x \square y))^\vee = (fx)^\vee (gy)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee = (x \square y)^\vee$$

and

$$((f \square g)(x \square y))^t = (fx)^t \square gy = f(x^t) \square gy = (f \square g)((x \square y)^t),$$

for all  $x, y, t$ . This makes the box product a bifunctor to multisets over  $S$ .

Finally, if  $S$  is a commutative monoid, then there is for each multiset  $X$  over  $S$  a natural isomorphism  $S \square X \cong X$ , where  $S$  is the trivial multiset over  $S$ , with projection  $a^\vee = a$  and action  $a^t = at$  of  $S$ . Indeed  $(a, x) \mapsto x^a$  is a balanced mapping of  $S \times X$  into  $X$ , and induces a mapping of  $S \square X$  into  $X$  that sends  $a \square x$  to  $x^a$  and is in fact a morphism of multisets over  $S$ . The inverse isomorphism sends  $x \in X$  to  $1 \square x \in S \square X$ .

**2. Associativity.** More generally, the box product  $X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$  of a sequence  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  of multisets over  $S$  is the quotient set

$$X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n = (X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n) / \approx,$$

where  $\approx$  is the smallest equivalence relation on the cartesian product  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  such that

$$(x_1^t, x_2, \dots, x_n) \approx (x_1, x_2^t, \dots, x_n) \approx \cdots \approx (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n^t)$$

for all  $x_i \in X_i$  and  $t \in S^1$ .

The *box map*

$$\beta: X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n \longrightarrow X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$$

is the surjection that sends  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  to its equivalence class  $x_1 \square \cdots \square x_n$ .

The universal property of  $X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$  and  $\beta$  is as follows. A mapping  $f$  of  $X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$  into a set  $Y$  is *balanced* if and only if

$$f(x_1^t, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, x_2^t, \dots, x_n) = \cdots = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n^t)$$

for all  $x_i \in X_i$  and  $t \in S^1$ ; equivalently, the equivalence relation induced by  $f$  on  $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$  contains  $\approx$ . The box map  $\beta$  is balanced, by definition of  $\approx$ . Conversely, every balanced mapping  $f: X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n \longrightarrow Y$  factors uniquely through  $\beta$  (there exists a unique mapping  $g: X_1 \square \cdots \square X_n \longrightarrow Y$  such that  $g \circ \beta = f$ ), since the equivalence relation induced by  $f$  contains  $\approx$ .

We use this universal property to make  $X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$  a multiset over  $S$ . The projection  $X_1 \times X_2 \times \cdots \times X_n \longrightarrow S$  that sends  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  to  $x_1^\vee x_2^\vee \cdots x_n^\vee$  is balanced, since  $(x^t)^\vee = x^\vee t$  for every  $x \in X_i$ . Therefore it induces a projection of  $X_1 \square X_2 \square \cdots \square X_n$  to  $S$ , which is the unique mapping such that

$$(x_1 \square x_2 \square \cdots \square x_n)^\vee = x_1^\vee x_2^\vee \cdots x_n^\vee$$

for all  $x_i \in X_i$ . Next, for any  $t \in S^1$ , the mapping  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mapsto x_1^t \square x_2 \square \dots \square x_n$  is balanced. Hence there is a unique mapping

$$x_1 \square x_2 \square \dots \square x_n \mapsto (x_1 \square x_2 \square \dots \square x_n)^t$$

such that

$$(x_1 \square x_2 \square \dots \square x_n)^t = x_1^t \square x_2 \square \dots \square x_n \quad (= x_1 \square x_2^t \square \dots \square x_n = \dots)$$

for all  $x, y$ . Uniqueness implies  $(x_1 \square \dots \square x_n)^1 = x_1 \square \dots \square x_n$  and

$$((x_1 \square \dots \square x_n)^t)^u = (x_1 \square \dots \square x_n)^{tu}$$

for all  $x_i, t, u$ . With this projection to  $S$  and action of  $S^1$ ,  $X_1 \square \dots \square X_n$  is now a multiset over  $S$ .

Now let  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  be multisets over  $S$ . For each  $z \in Z$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto x \square y \square z$  is a balanced map of  $X \times Y$  into  $X \square Y \square Z$  and induces a mapping of  $X \square Y$  into  $X \square Y \square Z$  that sends  $x \square y$  to  $x \square y \square z$ ; then  $(x \square y, z) \mapsto x \square y \square z$  is a balanced map of  $(X \square Y) \times Z$  into  $X \square Y \square Z$  and induces a mapping of  $(X \square Y) \square Z$  into  $X \square Y \square Z$  that sends  $(x \square y) \square z$  to  $x \square y \square z$ , and is in fact a morphism of multisets over  $S$ . Conversely,  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x \square y) \square z$  is a balanced map of  $X \times Y \times Z$  into  $(X \square Y) \square Z$  and induces the inverse isomorphism.

Thus there are natural isomorphisms

$$(X \square Y) \square Z \cong X \square Y \square Z \cong X \square (Y \square Z).$$

There are also natural isomorphisms  $Y \square X \cong X \square Y$ . In fact, multisets over  $S$  constitute a symmetric monoidal category (as defined in [9]); the identity object is the trivial multiset  $S$  over  $S$ .

**3. Multimonooids.** If  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $X, Y$  are commutative multimonooids over  $S$ , then  $X \square Y$  inherits a multiplication from  $X$  and  $Y$ . The multiplication on  $X$  is a balanced mapping of  $X \times X$  into  $X$ , since  $x^t y = (xy)^t = x y^t$  for all  $x, y, t$ . Hence the multiplications on  $X$  and  $Y$  induce a map

$$(X \square Y) \square (X \square Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} (X \square X) \square (Y \square Y) \longrightarrow X \square Y$$

and a multiplication on  $X \square Y$  such that

$$(x \square y)(x' \square y') = xx' \square yy'$$

for all  $x, x', y, y'$ , which makes  $X \square Y$  a commutative multimonooid over  $S$ .

The commutative multimonooid  $X \square Y$  comes with canonical morphisms of commutative multimonooids over  $S$

$$\lambda: X \longrightarrow X \square Y, \quad x \mapsto \bar{x} = x \square 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho: Y \longrightarrow X \square Y, \quad y \mapsto \bar{y} = 1 \square y.$$

Then

$$x \square y = (x \square 1)(1 \square y) = \bar{x} \bar{y},$$

so that  $X \square Y = \bar{X} \bar{Y}$ , where  $\bar{X} = \text{Im } \lambda$  and  $\bar{Y} = \text{Im } \rho$ .

Unfortunately there is no evidence that  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  are injective.

## 11 The mixed product

The mixed product is similar to the box product but allows an addition in its first variable.

**1. Definition.** Let  $G$  be an abelian multigroup over  $S$  and  $X$  be a multiset over  $S$ . The *mixed product*  $G \boxtimes X$  of  $G$  and  $X$  is the abelian multigroup over  $S$  generated by  $G \times X$ , subject to all homogeneous defining relations

$$(g^t, x) = (g, x^t) \text{ for all } g, x, t, \text{ and}$$

$$(g + h, x) = (g, x) + (h, x) \text{ whenever } g + h \text{ is defined,}$$

in the statement of which each  $(g, x) \in G \times X$  has been identified with its image  $\eta(g, x)$  in the free abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv (G \times X)$  over  $S$  on the multiset  $G \times X$ .

Equivalently,  $G \boxtimes X$  is the abelian multigroup over  $S$  generated by the multiset  $G \square X$  over  $S$ , subject to all homogeneous defining relations

$$(g + h) \square x = (g \square x) + (h \square x) \text{ whenever } g + h \text{ is defined,}$$

in the statement of which each  $g \square x \in G \square X$  has been identified with its image  $\eta(g \square x)$  in the free abelian multigroup  $F = \mathbb{Z} \dashv (G \square X)$  over  $S$  on the multiset  $G \square X$ . Thus

$$G \boxtimes X = F/K,$$

where  $K$  is the submultigroup of  $F$  generated by all

$$k(g, h, x) = (g + h) \square x - (g \square x) - (h \square x)$$

such that  $g, h \in G$ ,  $x \in X$ , and  $g + h$  is defined. The maps  $G \square X \xrightarrow{\eta} F \longrightarrow G \boxtimes X$  are morphisms of multisets over  $S$ .

The abelian multigroup  $G \boxtimes X$  comes with a canonical *mixed map*

$$\mu: G \times X \xrightarrow{\beta} G \square X \xrightarrow{\eta} F \longrightarrow G \boxtimes X, (g, x) \longmapsto g \boxtimes x.$$

The universal property of  $G \boxtimes X$  and  $\mu$  is as follows. Recall that  $G \times X$  is a set over  $S$  with projection  $(g, x)^\vee = g^\vee x^\vee$  to  $S$ . A morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $G \times X$  to an abelian multigroup  $K$  over  $S$  is *balanced and left additive* if and only if

$$f(g^t, x) = f(g, x^t) \text{ for all } g, x, t, \text{ and}$$

$$f(g + h, x) = f(g, x) + f(h, x) \text{ whenever } g + h \text{ is defined;}$$

equivalently, the defining relations of  $G \boxtimes X$  hold in  $K$  via  $f$ . The mixed map  $\mu$  is balanced and left additive by definition of  $G \boxtimes X$ :

$$g^t \boxtimes x = g \boxtimes x^t \text{ for all } g, x, t, \text{ and}$$

$$(g + h) \boxtimes x = (g \boxtimes x) + (h \boxtimes x) \text{ whenever } g + h \text{ is defined.}$$

In fact,

$$g^t \boxtimes x = g \boxtimes x^t = (g \boxtimes x)^t \text{ for all } g, x, t,$$

since  $g^t \square x = g \square x^t = (g \square x)^t$  in  $G \square X$  and  $G \square X \rightarrow G \boxtimes X$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ . Conversely, every balanced and left additive morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $G \times X$  to an abelian multigroup  $H$  over  $S$  factors uniquely through  $\mu$  (there exists a unique morphism  $\varphi: G \boxtimes X \rightarrow H$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that  $\varphi \circ \mu = f$ ).

Since  $F$  is the free abelian multigroup over  $S$  on the multiset  $G \square X$ , every  $p \in F$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination with integer coefficients

$$p = \sum (p_y y \mid y = g \square x, g^\vee x^\vee = a)$$

for some  $a = p^\vee \in S$ . Hence every element of  $G \boxtimes X$  is a homogeneous linear combination with integer coefficients

$$p = \sum (p_{g,x} (g \boxtimes x) \mid g \in G, x \in X, g^\vee x^\vee = a)$$

for some  $a = p^\vee \in S$ . Since  $\boxtimes$  is left additive we also have  $n(g \boxtimes x) = ng \boxtimes x$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , with  $(ng)^\vee = g^\vee$ . Therefore every element  $z$  of  $G \boxtimes X$  is a homogeneous sum

$$z = (g_1 \boxtimes x_1) + \cdots + (g_n \boxtimes x_n),$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and  $g_i^\vee x_i^\vee = a = z^\vee$  for all  $i$ . Then

$$z^t = (g_1^t \boxtimes x_1) + \cdots + (g_n^t \boxtimes x_n) = (g_1 \boxtimes x_1^t) + \cdots + (g_n \boxtimes x_n^t)$$

for all  $t \in S^1$ .

If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$  and  $\psi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ , then  $(g, x) \mapsto \varphi g \boxtimes \psi x$  is balanced and left additive and there is a unique morphism  $\varphi \boxtimes \psi: G \boxtimes X \rightarrow H \boxtimes Y$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$(\varphi \boxtimes \psi)(g \boxtimes x) = \varphi g \boxtimes \psi x \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and } x \in X.$$

This makes the mixed product a bifunctor.

**2. Associativity.** For any abelian multigroup  $G$  and multisets  $X, Y$  over  $S$ , there is a natural isomorphism

$$(G \boxtimes X) \boxtimes Y \cong G \boxtimes (X \square Y).$$

Indeed for each  $g \in G$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto (g \boxtimes x) \square y$  is a balanced mapping of  $X \times Y$  into  $(G \boxtimes X) \square Y$  and induces a morphism  $\varphi_g: X \square Y \rightarrow (G \boxtimes X) \square Y$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$\varphi_g(x \square y) = (g \boxtimes x) \square y$$

for all  $x, y$ . In turn,  $(g, z) \mapsto \varphi_g z$  is a balanced and left additive mapping of  $G \times (X \square Y)$  into  $(G \boxtimes X) \square Y$  and induces a morphism  $\theta: G \boxtimes (X \square Y) \rightarrow (G \boxtimes X) \square Y$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$\theta(g \boxtimes (x \square y)) = (g \boxtimes x) \square y$$

for all  $g, x, y$ .

Conversely, for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $(g, x) \mapsto g \boxtimes (x \square y)$  is a balanced and left additive mapping of  $G \times X$  into  $G \boxtimes (X \square Y)$  and induces a morphism  $\psi_y: G \boxtimes X \rightarrow G \boxtimes (X \square Y)$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$\psi_y(g \boxtimes x) = g \boxtimes (x \square y)$$

for all  $g, x$ . In turn,  $(z, y) \mapsto \psi_y z$  is a balanced and left additive mapping of  $(G \boxtimes X) \times Y$  into  $G \boxtimes (X \square Y)$  and induces a morphism  $\zeta: (G \boxtimes X) \square Y \rightarrow G \boxtimes (X \square Y)$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$\zeta((g \boxtimes x) \square y) = g \boxtimes (x \square y)$$

for all  $g, x, y$ . Then  $\theta$  and  $\zeta$  are mutually inverse isomorphisms.

**3. Multimonoid rings.** If  $S$  is a commutative monoid, then there is an adjunction of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  to commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ , for any  $R$  over  $S$ . The *free multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  on a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$*  is constructed as follows.

Since both  $R$  and  $M$  are commutative multimonoids over  $S$ , their box product  $R \square M$  as multisets over  $S$  is also a commutative multimonoid over  $S$ , in which  $(r \square x)(s \square y) = rs \square xy$ . Then the free abelian multigroup  $F = \mathbb{Z} \dashv (R \square M)$  over  $S$  on the multiset  $R \square M$  is also the free commutative multiring over  $S$  on the commutative multimonoid  $R \square M$ , as in Section 6. The identity element of  $R \square M$  and  $F$  is  $1 \square 1$ .

As an abelian multigroup over  $S$ ,  $R \boxtimes M = F/K$ , where  $K$  is the submultigroup of  $F$  generated by all

$$k(r, s, x) = (r + s) \square x - r \square x - s \square x$$

such that  $r, s \in R$ ,  $x \in M$ , and  $r + s$  is defined (so that  $k(r, s, x)$  is defined). If  $t \square y \in R \square M$ , then

$$k(r, s, x)(t \square y) = k(rt, st, xy).$$

Therefore  $K$  is an ideal of  $F$ ;  $R \boxtimes M = F/K$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ ; and the projection  $F \rightarrow R \boxtimes M$  is a morphism of commutative multiring over  $S$ , in particular

$$(r \boxtimes x)(s \boxtimes y) = rs \boxtimes xy$$

for all  $r, s, x, y$ . The identity element of  $R \boxtimes M$  is  $1 \boxtimes 1$ .

Every  $r \in R$  now acts on  $R \boxtimes M$  by:  $rp = (r \boxtimes 1)p$  for all  $p \in R \boxtimes M$ , in particular

$$r(s \boxtimes x) = (r \boxtimes 1)(s \boxtimes x) = rs \boxtimes x.$$

With this action,  $R \boxtimes M$  becomes a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$ . In fact,  $R \boxtimes M$  is the free commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  on the commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$ .

Indeed  $R \boxtimes M$  comes with a canonical map  $\eta: M \rightarrow R \boxtimes M, x \mapsto 1 \boxtimes x$ , which is a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$ .

The universal property of  $R \boxtimes M$  and  $\eta$  is proved as follows. Let  $\varphi$  be a morphism of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  from  $M$  to a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$ . If  $\psi: R \boxtimes M \rightarrow A$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  and  $\psi \circ \eta = \varphi$ , then  $\psi(r \boxtimes x) = r\varphi x$  for all  $r$  and  $x$ . Conversely,

$$(r, x) \mapsto r(\varphi x)$$

is a balanced and left additive morphism of multisets over  $S$  from  $R \times M$  to  $A$  and induces a unique morphism  $\psi$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $R \boxtimes M$  to  $A$  such that

$$\psi(r \boxtimes x) = r(\varphi x)$$

for all  $r$  and  $x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi((r \boxtimes x)(s \boxtimes y)) &= rs\varphi(xy) = (\psi(r \boxtimes x))(\psi(s \boxtimes y)) \quad \text{and} \\ \psi(r \boxtimes (s \boxtimes y)) &= rs\varphi y = r\psi(s \boxtimes y), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r, s, x, y$ ; hence  $\psi$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ .

In this adjunction of commutative multimonoids to commutative multi- $R$ -algebras, the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_A: R \boxtimes A \rightarrow A$  induced by the identity on  $A$ . By the above,

$$\epsilon_A(r \boxtimes a) = ra$$

as calculated in  $A$ , for all  $r \in R$  and  $a \in A$ .

Since a commutative multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -algebra over  $S$  is the same as a commutative multiring over  $S$ , the above yields an adjunction of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  to commutative multirings over  $S$ , in which the *free commutative multiring over  $S$  on a commutative multimonoid  $M$  over  $S$*  is  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \boxtimes M$ . From Section 6 it follows that  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \boxtimes M \cong \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ .

A natural isomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \boxtimes M \cong \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  is found as follows. The mapping  $((n, a), x) \mapsto nx^a$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \times M$  into  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  is balanced and left additive and induces a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \boxtimes M$  to  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  such that

$$(n, a) \boxtimes x \mapsto nx^a$$

for all  $n, a, x$ . Since every  $p \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination  $p = \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M_a)$ , where  $a = p^\vee$ , the map that sends

$$p = \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M_a) = \sum (p_x x \mid x \in M_a, p_x \neq 0) \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv M$$



to  $\sum ((p_x, 1) \boxtimes x \mid x \in M_a, p_x \neq 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \boxtimes M$ , where  $a = p^\vee$ , is well defined, and provides the inverse isomorphism.

**4. Free multialgebras over sets over  $S$ .** If  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ , then composing the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multimonoids over  $S$  with the adjunction of commutative multimonoids over  $S$  to commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  yields an adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ .

If  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$  and  $X$  is a set over  $S$ , then the free commutative multimonoid over  $S$  on  $X$  is  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+ = \mathbb{F} \times S$ , where  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}(X)$  is the free commutative monoid on the set  $X$ . When every element  $x$  of  $X$  is replaced by an indeterminate  $X_x$ , the elements of  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  are all monomials  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$ . In  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+ = \mathbb{F} \times S$ ,

$$(X^m, a)^\vee = \left( \prod_{x \in X} (x^\vee)^{m(x)} \right) a \text{ and } (X^m, a)^t = (X^m, at).$$

Accordingly, the *free commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$*  on the set  $X$  over  $S$  is the free commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  over  $S$  on the free commutative multimonoid  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$  over  $S$ .

It comes with a canonical map

$$\eta: X \longrightarrow R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+, \quad x \longmapsto 1 \boxtimes (x, 1),$$

which is a morphism of sets over  $S$ . There is no general evidence that  $\eta$  is injective. However, there is a simpler canonical map that is injective, which sends  $x \in X$  to  $(x, 1) \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ , where  $x$  is short for the monomial  $X^m$  in which  $m(x) = 1$  and  $m(y) = 0$  for all  $y \neq x$ . Hence we can identify  $x$  and  $(x, 1)$ . Then  $\eta x = 1 \boxtimes x$ ,  $(X^m, 1) = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)}$  in  $\mathbb{F}^+$ , and

$$1 \boxtimes (X^m, 1) = 1 \boxtimes \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)} = \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m(x)} = (\eta x)^m$$

in  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ , for every  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}(X)$ , where  $(\eta x)^m = \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m(x)}$ .

The typical element of  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  is a homogeneous sum

$$P = r_1 \boxtimes (X^{m_1}, a_1) + \cdots + r_n \boxtimes (X^{m_n}, a_n)$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$ ,  $X^{m_1}, \dots, X^{m_n} \in \mathbb{F}(X)$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in S$ , and  $r_i^\vee (X^{m_i})^\vee a_i^\vee = P^\vee$  for all  $i$ . This simplifies to a polynomial-like form. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} r \boxtimes (X^m, a) &= r^a \boxtimes (X^m, 1) = (r^a \boxtimes (1, 1))(1 \boxtimes (X^m, 1)) \\ &= r^a (1 \boxtimes (1, 1))(1 \boxtimes (X^m, 1)) = r^a (\eta x)^m, \end{aligned}$$

since  $1 \boxtimes (1, 1)$  is the identity element of  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ ; hence the typical element  $P$  of  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  is now a homogeneous polynomial with coefficients in  $R$  and variables in  $\text{Im } \eta$ :

$$P = r_1 \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m_1(x)} + \cdots + r_n \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m_n(x)},$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$ ,  $X^{m_1}, \dots, X^{m_n} \in \mathbb{F}(X)$ , and  $r_i^\vee (x^{m_i})^\vee = P^\vee$  for all  $i$ . However, there is no evidence that  $P$  can be written uniquely in this form, or that  $\eta$  is injective.

The universal property of  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$  and  $\eta$  is: every morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  induces a unique morphism  $\varphi: R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+ \rightarrow A$  of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ . If

$$P = r_1 \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m_1(x)} + \dots + r_n \prod_{x \in X} (\eta x)^{m_n(x)},$$

then

$$\varphi P = r_1 \prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m_1(x)} + \dots + r_n \prod_{x \in X} (fx)^{m_n(x)},$$

as calculated in  $A$ .

In the adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ , the counit  $\epsilon$  assigns to a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  the morphism  $\epsilon_A: R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(A)^+ \rightarrow A$  of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  induced by the identity on  $A$ : if

$$P = r_1 \prod_{a \in A} (\eta a)^{m_1(a)} + \dots + r_n \prod_{a \in A} (\eta a)^{m_n(a)} \in R[A],$$

then

$$\epsilon_A P = r_1 \prod_{a \in A} a^{m_1(a)} + \dots + r_n \prod_{a \in A} a^{m_n(a)},$$

as calculated in  $A$ .

## 12 The tensor product

The tensor product is similar to the mixed product but allows an addition in both variables.

**1. Definition.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be abelian multigroups over  $S$ . The *tensor product*  $G \otimes H$  of  $G$  and  $H$  is the abelian multigroup over  $S$  generated by the set  $G \times H$  over  $S$ , subject to all homogeneous defining relations

$$\begin{aligned} (x^t, y) &= (x, y^t) \text{ for all } x, y, t, \\ (x + y, z) &= (x, z) + (y, z) \text{ whenever } x + y \text{ is defined, and} \\ (x, y + z) &= (x, y) + (x, z) \text{ whenever } y + z \text{ is defined,} \end{aligned}$$

in the statement of which each  $(x, y) \in G \times H$  has been identified with its image  $\eta(x, y)$  in the free abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv (G \times H)$  over  $S$  on the set  $G \times H$  over  $S$ .

Equivalently,  $G \otimes H$  is the abelian multigroup over  $S$  generated by the multiset  $G \square H$  over  $S$ , subject to all homogeneous defining relations

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y) \square z &= (x \square z) + (y \square z) \text{ whenever } x + y \text{ is defined, and} \\ x \square (y + z) &= (x \square y) + (x \square z) \text{ whenever } y + z \text{ is defined,} \end{aligned}$$

in the statement of which each  $x \square y \in G \square H$  has been identified with its image  $\eta(x \square y)$  in the free abelian multigroup  $F = \mathbb{Z} \cdot (G \square H)$  over  $S$  on the multiset  $G \square H$ . Thus

$$G \otimes X = F/K,$$

where  $K$  is the submultigroup of  $F$  generated by all

$$k(x, y, z) = (x + y) \square z - (x \square z) - (y \square z)$$

such that  $x, y \in G$ ,  $z \in H$ , and  $x + y$  is defined, and all

$$l(x, y, z) = x \square (y + z) - (x \square y) - (x \square z)$$

such that  $x \in G$ ,  $y, z \in H$ , and  $y + z$  is defined. The maps  $G \square H \xrightarrow{\eta} F \rightarrow G \otimes H$  are morphisms of multisets over  $S$ .

The abelian multigroup  $G \otimes H$  comes with a canonical *tensor map*

$$\tau: G \times H \xrightarrow{\beta} G \square H \xrightarrow{\eta} F \rightarrow G \otimes H, (x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y.$$

The universal property of  $G \otimes H$  and  $\tau$  is as follows. Recall that  $G \times H$  is a set over  $S$  with projection  $(x, y)^\vee = x^\vee y^\vee$  to  $S$ . A morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $G \times H$  to an abelian multigroup  $K$  over  $S$  is *balanced and biadditive* if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} f(x^t, y) &= f(x, y^t) \text{ for all } x, y, t, \\ f(x + y, z) &= f(x, z) + f(y, z) \text{ whenever } x + y \text{ is defined and} \\ f(x, y + z) &= f(x, y) + f(x, z) \text{ whenever } y + z \text{ is defined;} \end{aligned}$$

equivalently, the defining relations of  $G \otimes H$  hold in  $K$  via  $f$ . The tensor map  $\tau$  is balanced and biadditive by definition of  $G \otimes H$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x^t \otimes y &= x \otimes y^t \text{ for all } x, y, t, \\ (x + y) \otimes z &= (x \otimes z) + (y \otimes z) \text{ whenever } x + y \text{ is defined and} \\ x \otimes (y + z) &= (x \otimes y) + (x \otimes z) \text{ whenever } y + z \text{ is defined.} \end{aligned}$$

In fact,

$$x^t \otimes y = x \otimes y^t = (x \otimes y)^t \text{ for all } x, y, t,$$

since  $x^t \square y = x \square y^t = (x \square y)^t$  in  $G \square H$  and  $G \square H \rightarrow G \otimes H$  is a morphism of multisets over  $S$ . Conversely, every balanced and biadditive morphism  $f$  of sets over  $S$  from  $G \times H$  to an abelian multigroup  $K$  over  $S$  factors uniquely through  $\tau$  (there exists a unique morphism  $\varphi: G \otimes H \rightarrow K$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that  $\varphi \circ \tau = f$ ).

For example, if  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ , then the multiplication on  $R$  is a balanced and biadditive mapping of  $R \times R$  into  $R$  and induces (in fact, can be replaced by) a morphism  $R \otimes R \rightarrow R$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ . Similarly, if  $M$  is a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ , then the action of  $R$  on  $M$  induces

(and can be replaced by) a morphism  $R \otimes M \longrightarrow M$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .

For every abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  there is a natural isomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ \otimes G \cong G,$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{Z} \times S$  with projection  $(n, a)^\vee = a$ , addition  $(m, a) + (n, a) = (m + n, a)$ , and action  $(n, a)^t = (n, at)$  of  $S$ . Indeed  $((n, a), x) \mapsto nx^a$  is a balanced and biadditive mapping of  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \times G$  into  $G$ , and induces a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \otimes G$  to  $G$  that sends  $(n, a) \otimes x$  to  $nx^a$  (namely, the action of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  on  $G$  as a multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -module). The inverse isomorphism sends  $x \in X$  to  $(0, 1) \otimes x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \otimes G$ .

Since  $F = \mathbb{Z} \dashv (G \square H)$  is the free abelian multigroup over  $S$  on the multiset  $G \square H$ , every  $p \in F$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination with integer coefficients

$$p = \sum (p_y y \mid y = x \square y, x^\vee y^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Hence every element of  $G \otimes H$  is a homogeneous linear combination with integer coefficients

$$p = \sum (p_{x,y} (x \otimes y) \mid x \in G, y \in H, x^\vee y^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Since  $\otimes$  is left additive we also have  $n(x \otimes y) = nx \otimes y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , with  $(nx)^\vee = x^\vee$ . Therefore every element  $z$  of  $G \otimes H$  is a homogeneous sum

$$z = (x_1 \otimes y_1) + \cdots + (x_n \otimes y_n),$$

where  $n \geq 0$  and  $x_i^\vee y_i^\vee = a = z^\vee$  for all  $i$ . Then

$$z^t = (x_1^t \otimes y_1) + \cdots + (x_n^t \otimes y_n) = (x_1 \otimes y_1^t) + \cdots + (x_n \otimes y_n^t)$$

for all  $t \in S^1$ .

If  $\varphi: G \longrightarrow H$  and  $\psi: G' \longrightarrow H'$  are morphisms of multisets over  $S$ , then  $(x, y) \mapsto \varphi x \otimes \psi y$  is balanced and biadditive and there is a unique morphism  $\varphi \otimes \psi: G \boxtimes H \longrightarrow G' \otimes H'$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that

$$(\varphi \otimes \psi)(x \otimes y) = \varphi x \otimes \psi y \text{ for all } x \in G \text{ and } y \in H.$$

This makes the mixed product a bifunctor.

**2. Associativity.** For any abelian multigroups  $G, H, K$  and multiset  $X$ , there are natural isomorphisms

$$(G \otimes H) \boxtimes X \cong G \otimes (H \boxtimes X) \text{ and } (G \otimes H) \otimes K \cong G \otimes (H \otimes K).$$

This is proved like the previous associativity properties. There are also natural isomorphisms  $H \otimes G \cong G \otimes H$ . Thus abelian multigroups over  $S$  constitute a symmetric monoidal category (as defined in [9]); the identity object is  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**3. Multirings.** The tensor product of commutative multirings over  $S$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ . Indeed, any two commutative multirings  $R$  and

$T$  have a tensor product  $R \otimes T$  as abelian multigroups over  $S$ , which is also an abelian multigroup over  $S$ . Let

$$\mu: R \otimes R \longrightarrow R \quad \text{and} \quad \nu: T \otimes T \longrightarrow T$$

be the morphisms of abelian multigroups over  $S$  induced by the multiplications on  $R$  and  $T$ ,  $\mu(r \otimes s) = rs$  and  $\nu(t \otimes u) = tu$ . Then  $\mu \otimes \nu$  induces a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$

$$(R \otimes T) \otimes (R \otimes T) \xrightarrow{\cong} (R \otimes R) \otimes (T \otimes T) \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \nu} R \otimes T$$

and a multiplication on  $R \otimes T$ , under which

$$(r \otimes t)(s \otimes u) = rs \otimes tu$$

for all  $r, s \in R$  and  $t, u \in T$ . If  $v \in S$ , then

$$((r \otimes t)(s \otimes u))^v = (r \otimes t)^v (s \otimes u) = (r \otimes t)(s \otimes u)^v,$$

which implies  $(pq)^v = p^v q = p q^v$  for all  $p, q \in R \otimes T$ . Hence  $R \otimes T$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

**4. Multimodules.** Now let  $S$  be a commutative monoid and let  $R$  be a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

If  $M$  is a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  and  $G$  is an abelian multigroup over  $S$ , then  $M \otimes G$  is a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ ; the action  $\alpha$  of  $R$  on  $M$  induces an action of  $R$  on  $M \otimes G$ :

$$R \otimes (M \otimes G) \xrightarrow{\cong} (R \otimes M) \otimes G \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes 1} M \otimes G$$

such that  $r(x \otimes y) = rx \otimes y$  for all  $r, x, y$ .

In particular,  $R \otimes G$  is a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ . In fact it is the *free multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  on the abelian multigroup  $G$* . The canonical map  $\eta: G \longrightarrow R \otimes G$  sends  $x \in G$  to  $1 \otimes x$ . If  $f$  is a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$  from  $G$  to a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  over  $S$ , then  $(r, x) \mapsto r(fx)$  is a balanced and bi-additive mapping of  $R \times G$  into  $M$  and induces a morphism  $\varphi: R \otimes G \longrightarrow M$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that  $\varphi(r \otimes x) = r(fx)$  for all  $r, x$ . Then  $\varphi(r(s \otimes x)) = rs f(x) = r \varphi(r \otimes x)$  for all  $r, s, x$ , so that  $\varphi$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$ , and  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ . Conversely, if  $\psi: R \otimes G \longrightarrow M$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$ , and  $\psi \circ \eta = f$ , then  $\psi(r \otimes x) = \psi(r(1 \otimes x)) = r(fx)$  for all  $r, x$ , and  $\psi = \varphi$ .

For two multi- $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$  over  $S$ , however, one needs a tensor product of  $M$  and  $N$  such that  $rx \otimes y = x \otimes ry$  for all  $r, x, y$ . This is the *tensor product  $M \otimes_R N$  over  $R$* : the abelian multigroup over  $S$  generated by  $M \square N$  subject to all defining relations

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y) \square z &= (x \square z) + (y \square z) \quad \text{whenever } x + y \text{ is defined,} \\ x \square (y + z) &= (x \square y) + (x \square z) \quad \text{whenever } y + z \text{ is defined, and} \\ rx \square y &= x \square ry, \end{aligned}$$

which comes with a canonical *tensor map*

$$\tau: M \times N \xrightarrow{\beta} M \square N \xrightarrow{\eta} M \otimes_R N, (x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y.$$

Every element  $z$  of  $M \otimes_R N$  is a homogeneous sum

$$z = (x_1 \otimes y_1) + \cdots + (x_n \otimes y_n),$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M$ ,  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in N$ , and  $x_i^\vee y_i^\vee = z^\vee$  for all  $i$ .

If  $R = \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  are just abelian multigroups over  $S$  and  $\otimes_R$  is the tensor product  $\otimes$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$ .

A mapping  $f$  of  $M \times N$  into an abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  is *fully balanced and biadditive* if it is balanced and biadditive and

$$f(rx, y) = f(x, ry)$$

for all  $r, x, y$ . The tensor map  $\tau$  to  $M \otimes_R N$  is fully balanced and biadditive. Conversely, if  $f: M \times N \rightarrow G$  is fully balanced and biadditive, then  $f$  induces a unique morphism  $\varphi: M \otimes_R N \rightarrow G$  of abelian multigroups over  $S$  such that  $\varphi \circ \tau = f$  (such that  $f(x, y) = \varphi(x \otimes y)$  for all  $x, y$ ).

In particular, for every  $r \in R$ , the mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto rx \otimes y$  of  $M \times N$  into  $M \otimes_R N$  is fully balanced and biadditive and induces an endomorphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$  that sends  $x \otimes y$  to  $rx \otimes y$ . Hence  $R$  acts on  $M \otimes_R N$  so that

$$r(x \otimes y) = rx \otimes y (= x \otimes ry)$$

for all  $r, x, y$ , whereby  $M \otimes_R N$  becomes a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ .

There are natural isomorphisms  $R \otimes_R M \cong M$ ,  $M \otimes_R N \cong N \otimes_R M$ , and  $(M \otimes_R N) \otimes_R Q \cong M \otimes_R (N \otimes_R Q)$ . Thus, multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  constitute a symmetric monoidal category.

**5. Free multimodules.** By the above, the *free multi- $R$ -module  $F$  over  $S$  on a set  $X$*  over  $S$  is the free multi- $R$ -module over  $S$  on the free abelian multigroup  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$  over  $S$  on  $X$ , that is  $F = R \otimes (\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+)$ . The canonical mapping  $\eta: X \rightarrow F$  sends  $x \in X$  to  $1 \otimes (x, 1)$ .

The typical element  $z$  of  $F$  is a finite sum

$$z = (r_1 \otimes p_1) + \cdots + (r_n \otimes p_n),$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$ ,  $r_i^\vee p_i^\vee = z^\vee$  for all  $i$ , and  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$ , so that each  $p_i$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \sum (p_y y \mid y \in X^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) \\ &= \sum (p_{x,c}(x, c) \mid (x, c) \in X^+, (x, c)^\vee = p^\vee), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = y^\vee$ , of elements of  $(X^+)_a$  with integer coefficients. Now

$$r \otimes p = \sum (p_{x,c}(r \otimes (x, c)) \mid (x, c) \in X^+, (x, c)^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Since

$$n(r \otimes (x, c)) = n(r^c \otimes (x, 1)) = nr^c \otimes (x, 1)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that every element of  $F$  is a homogeneous sum

$$z = (r_1 \otimes x_1) + \cdots + (r_n \otimes x_n) = r_1(\eta x_1) + \cdots + r_n(\eta x_n),$$

where  $n \geq 0$ ,  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ ,  $r_i^\vee x_i^\vee = z^\vee$  for all  $i$ , each  $x \in X$  has been identified with  $(x, 1) \in X^+$ , and  $\eta x = 1 \otimes X$ . Unfortunately there is no evidence that  $z$  can be written in this form uniquely.

Multi- $R$ -modules can now have presentations as generated by the elements of a set over  $S$  subject to defining relations. A *defining relation* between the elements of a set  $X$  over  $S$  is a pair  $(A, B)$  of elements of the free multi- $R$ -module  $F$  on  $X$ , normally written as an equality  $A = B$ , which is *homogeneous*, meaning that  $A$  and  $B$  project to the same element  $A^\vee = B^\vee$  of  $S$ .

A defining relation  $(A, B)$  between the elements of  $Y$  *holds* in a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  *via* a morphism  $f$  of  $Y$  into  $M$  if and only if  $\varphi A = \varphi B$ , where  $\varphi: F \rightarrow M$  is the morphism that extends  $f$ .

The multi- $R$ -module *generated by* a set  $X$  over  $S$  *subject to* a set  $\mathcal{R}$  of defining relations is the quotient

$$\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle \cong F/K,$$

where  $F$  is the free multi- $R$ -module on  $X$  and  $K$  is the submultimodule of  $F$  generated by all  $A - B$  with  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  (where  $A - B$  is defined since  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  is homogeneous).

The multi- $R$ -module  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  comes with a canonical map  $\eta$  from  $X$ , which is the composition

$$\eta: X \xrightarrow{\eta} F \rightarrow F/K.$$

By definition, every  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  holds in  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  via  $\eta$ . The universal property of  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  and  $\eta$  is: if  $f$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  and every  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{R}$  holds in  $M$  via  $f$ , then there is a unique multi- $R$ -module morphism  $\varphi$  from  $\langle X \mid \mathcal{R} \rangle$  to  $M$  such that  $\varphi \circ \eta = f$ .

## 13 Derivations

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$  (with an identity element).

**1. Derivations.** If  $A$  is a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  and  $M$  is a multi- $A$ -module over  $S$ , then the action of  $A$  on  $M$  induces an action of  $R$  on  $M$ , namely

$$rx = (r1)x, \quad \text{for all } r \in R \text{ and } x \in M,$$

which makes  $M$  a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ . Similarly,  $A$ -modules are, in particular,  $R$ -modules.

A *derivation* of a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  into a multi- $A$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  is a mapping  $D: A \rightarrow M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x)^\vee &= x^\vee \text{ for all } x, \\ D(x^t) &= D(x)^t \text{ for all } x, t, \\ D(rx) &= rD(x) \text{ for all } r, x, \\ D(x+y) &= D(x) + D(y) \text{ whenever } x+y \text{ is defined, and} \\ D(xy) &= xD(y) + yD(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in A. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $D$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$ . Also,  $D(1) = D(11) = D(1) + D(1)$ , so that  $D(1) = 0$ . Hence  $D(r1) = rD(1) = 0$  and  $D(1^t) = D(1)^t = 0$ , for all  $r \in R$  and  $t \in S$ .

The set  $\text{Der}(A, M)$  of all derivations of  $A$  into  $M$  is an  $A$ -module under pointwise addition and action of  $A$  ( $(yD)(x) = yD(x)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ ). In particular,  $\text{Der}(A, M)$  is an  $R$ -module.

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of multi- $A$ -modules over  $S$  and  $D: A \rightarrow M$  is a derivation, then  $\varphi \circ D: A \rightarrow N$  is a derivation. This yields an  $A$ -module homomorphism (in particular, an  $R$ -module homomorphism)

$$\text{Der}(A, \varphi): \text{Der}(A, M) \rightarrow \text{Der}(A, N), \quad D \mapsto \varphi \circ D.$$

If  $\psi: A \rightarrow B$  is a morphism of commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$  and  $D: B \rightarrow M$  is a derivation, then  $D \circ \psi: A \rightarrow M$  is a derivation. This yields an  $A$ -module homomorphism

$$\text{Der}(\psi, M): \text{Der}(B, M) \rightarrow \text{Der}(A, M), \quad D \mapsto D \circ \psi.$$

With these maps,  $\text{Der}(-, -)$  is now a bifunctor to  $A$ -modules.

**2. The universal derivation.** Let  $Y$  be a set over  $S$  with an isomorphism  $d: A \rightarrow Y$  of sets over  $S$ , and let  $\Omega$  be the multi- $A$ -module over  $S$  generated by  $Y$  subject to

$$\begin{aligned} d(r+s) &= dr + ds \text{ whenever } r+s \text{ is defined in } A, \text{ and} \\ d(rs) &= rds + sdr \text{ for all } r, s \in A. \end{aligned}$$

These defining relations are homogeneous. The elements of  $\Omega$  are the *Kähler differentials* of  $A$ .

The multi- $A$ -module  $\Omega$  comes with a derivation  $d: A \rightarrow \Omega$ . The universal property of  $\Omega$  yields a universal property of  $d$ : if  $D: A \rightarrow M$  is any derivation, then the elements  $D(x)$  of  $M$  satisfy the defining relations of  $\Omega$  and there is a unique multi- $A$ -module morphism  $\varphi: \Omega \rightarrow M$  that sends  $dx$  to  $D(x)$  for every  $x \in A$ ; equivalently,  $D = \varphi \circ d$ . Hence  $D \mapsto \varphi$  is a natural isomorphism

$$\text{Der}(A, M) \cong \text{Hom}_A(\Omega, M).$$

In particular,  $\text{Der}(A, -)$  is a left exact functor.



**3. Redefinition.** Next, we want for each set  $X$  over  $S$  a commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $A$  over  $S$  such that, for every multi- $A$ -module  $M$  over  $S$ , there is a natural isomorphism of  $A$ -modules

$$\text{Der}(A, M) \cong \text{Map}(X, M)$$

which is natural in  $X$  and  $M$ . This is where things go wrong with commutative multi- $R$ -algebras. The free commutative multi- $R$ -algebra over  $S$  on  $X$  in Section 11 has a canonical map  $\eta$  which shows no inclination to be injective, nor do its elements show any inclination to be put in polynomial form uniquely.

The free commutative multiring over  $S$  on  $X$  in Section 6 suffers none of these defects. From here on therefore we deal with commutative multirings over  $S$  rather than commutative multi- $R$ -algebras over  $S$ . This amounts to setting  $R = \mathbb{Z}^+$  throughout.

Accordingly, let  $R$  be a commutative multiring over  $S$ . A *derivation* of  $R$  into a multi- $R$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  is a mapping  $D: R \rightarrow M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x)^\vee &= x^\vee \quad \text{for all } x, \\ D(x^t) &= D(x)^t \quad \text{for all } x, t, \\ D(x+y) &= D(x) + D(y) \quad \text{whenever } x+y \text{ is defined, and} \\ D(xy) &= xD(y) + yD(x) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in A. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $D$  is a morphism of abelian multigroups over  $S$ . As before,  $D(1) = D(11) = D(1) + D(1)$ , so that  $D(1) = 0$ ,  $D(r1) = rD(1) = 0$ , and  $D(1^t) = D(1)^t = 0$ , for all  $r \in R$  and  $t \in S$ .

The set  $\text{Der}(R, M)$  of all derivations of  $R$  into  $M$  is an  $R$ -module under pointwise addition and action of  $R$  ( $(rD)(x) = rD(x)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ ).

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a morphism of multi- $R$ -modules over  $S$  and  $D: A \rightarrow M$  is a derivation, then  $\varphi \circ D: R \rightarrow N$  is a derivation. This yields an  $R$ -module homomorphism

$$\text{Der}(R, \varphi): \text{Der}(R, M) \rightarrow \text{Der}(R, N), \quad D \mapsto \varphi \circ D.$$

If  $\psi: Q \rightarrow R$  is a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  and  $D: R \rightarrow M$  is a derivation, then  $M$  is a multi- $Q$ -module, on which  $Q$  acts by  $qx = (\psi q)x$ , and  $D \circ \psi: Q \rightarrow M$  is a derivation. This yields an  $R$ -module homomorphism

$$\psi^* = \text{Der}(\psi, M): \text{Der}(R, M) \rightarrow \text{Der}(Q, M), \quad D \mapsto D \circ \psi.$$

With these maps,  $\text{Der}(-, -)$  becomes a bifunctor to  $R$ -modules. Moreover,  $\text{Der}(R, -)$  is left exact.

**4. Polynomials.** In Section 6 we saw that the free commutative multiring over  $S$  on a set  $X$  over  $S$  is  $\mathbb{Z}[X] = \mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ , where  $\mathbb{F}(X)$  is the free commutative monoid on the set  $X$  and  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+ = \mathbb{F} \times S$ . An element  $y$  of  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$  is an ordered pair

$$y = (X^m, t) = \left( \prod_{x \in X} (X_x^{m(x)}, 1) \right)^t,$$

in which  $t \in S$  and  $X^m = \prod_{x \in X} X_x^{m(x)} \in \mathbb{F}(X)$  is a monomial on an isomorphic copy  $\overline{X} = \{X_x \mid x \in X\}$  of  $X$ . Every element  $p$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is a unique homogeneous linear combination of elements of  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$  with integer coefficients

$$p = \sum (p_y y \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee).$$

For every set  $X$  over  $S$  and multi- $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  there is a natural isomorphism

$$\Theta: \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}[X], M) \cong \text{Map}(X, M)$$

that sends a derivation  $D$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  into  $M$  to

$$d = \Theta(D) = D \circ \eta: X \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{Z}[X] \xrightarrow{D} M,$$

so that

$$dx = D(X_x, 1).$$

Then  $d$  is a morphism of sets over  $S$ , since  $D$  is a derivation. Moreover,  $\Theta$  preserves pointwise sums and every action of  $r \in R$  on  $M$ , and is a homomorphism of  $R$ -modules.

We show that  $\Theta$  is injective. For every  $D \in \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}[X], M)$ , induction yields

$$\begin{aligned} D(X_1 X_2 \cdots X_n, 1) &= D((Y_1, 1)(Y_2, 1) \cdots (Y_n, 1)) \\ &= \sum_i ((Y_1, 1) \cdots (Y_{i-1}, 1) (Y_{i+1}, 1) \cdots (Y_n, 1) D(Y_i, 1)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \in \overline{X}$  (with  $Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_n = 1$  if  $n = 0$  so that  $D(Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_n, 1) = 0$  since  $(1, 1)$  is the identity element of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ ). If  $d = \Theta(D) = 0$ , then  $D(Y_1 Y_2 \cdots Y_n, 1) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \in \overline{X}$ ,

$$D(X^m, t) = D((X^m, 1)^t) = (D(X^m, 1))^t = 0$$

for all  $y = (X^m, t) \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ , and  $D(p) = 0$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

Conversely, every morphism  $d: x \mapsto dx$  of sets over  $S$  of  $X$  into  $M$  extends, more or less willingly, to a derivation  $\widehat{d}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  into  $M$ , so that  $\Theta$  is surjective.

For every  $n > 0$  and  $x \in X$ , define

$$\widehat{d}(Y^n) = n Y^{n-1} dx,$$

where  $Y = (X_x, 1)$ , so that  $(X_x^n, 1) = Y^n$ , and  $\widehat{d}(Y^n) = 0_1$  if  $n = 0$ . In particular,  $\widehat{d}(Y) = dx$ .

If  $n > 0$ , then

$$\widehat{d}(Y^n)^\vee = (Y^{n-1})^\vee (dx)^\vee = (Y^\vee)^n = (Y^n)^\vee,$$

since  $(dx)^\vee = x^\vee = Y^\vee$ . The equality  $(\widehat{d}(Y^n))^\vee = (Y^n)^\vee$  also holds if  $n = 0$ , since  $(1, 1)^\vee = 1 = 0_1^\vee$ .

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{d}(Y^m Y^n) &= (m+n)Y^{m+n-1} dx \\ &= nY^m Y^{n-1} dx + mY^n Y^{m-1} dx \\ &= Y^m \widehat{d}(Y^n) + Y^n \widehat{d}(Y^m),\end{aligned}$$

for all  $m, n > 0$ . The equality

$$\widehat{d}(Y^m Y^n) = Y^m \widehat{d}(Y^n) + Y^n \widehat{d}(Y^m)$$

also holds if  $m = 0$  or  $n = 0$ , since  $(1, 1)$  is the identity element of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

For each  $p = (X^m, 1) = \prod_{x \in X} (X_x^{m(x)}, 1)$  define

$$\widehat{d}(p) = \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x) \widehat{d}(Y_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) > 0),$$

where  $Y_x = (X_x^{m(x)}, 1)$ , so that  $(X^m, 1) = \prod_{x \in X} Y_x$ ; this sum is homogeneous since  $(\widehat{d}Y_x)^\vee = Y_x^\vee = x^\vee$ . Then

$$\widehat{d}(p)^\vee = (\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} (x^\vee)^{m(x)}) (y^\vee)^{m(y)} = \prod_{x \in X} (x^\vee)^{m(x)} = p^\vee.$$

If  $p = (X^m, 1) = \prod_{x \in X} Y_x$  and  $q = (X^n, 1) = \prod_{x \in X} Z_x$ , where  $Z_x = (X_x^{n(x)}, 1)$ , then

$$\widehat{d}(p) = \sum (\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x) \widehat{d}(Y_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0),$$

since  $m(y) = 0$  implies  $\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x \widehat{d}(Y_y) = 0$ ; similarly,

$$\widehat{d}(q) = \sum (\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Z_x) \widehat{d}(Z_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{d}(pq) &= \widehat{d}(X^{m+n}, 1) \\ &= \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x Z_x) \widehat{d}(Y_y Z_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0) \\ &= \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x Z_x) Y_y \widehat{d}(Z_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0) \\ &\quad + \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x Z_x) Z_y \widehat{d}(Y_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0) \\ &= (\prod_{x \in X} Y_x) \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Z_x) \widehat{d}(Z_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0) \\ &\quad + (\prod_{x \in X} Z_x) \sum ((\prod_{x \in X, x \neq y} Y_x) \widehat{d}(Y_y) \mid y \in X, m(y) + n(y) > 0) \\ &= p \widehat{d}(q) + q \widehat{d}(p).\end{aligned}$$

For each  $r = (X^m, a) \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ ,  $r = p^a$  where  $p = (X^m, 1)$ , define

$$\widehat{d}(r) = \widehat{d}(p)^a.$$

Then

$$\widehat{d}(r)^\vee = (\widehat{d}(p))^\vee a = p^\vee a = r^\vee.$$

If  $t \in S$ , then  $r^t = (x^m, at) = p^{at}$  and

$$\widehat{d}(r^t) = \widehat{d}(p^{at}) = \widehat{d}(p)^{at} = (\widehat{d}(p)^a)^t = \widehat{d}(r)^t.$$

If also  $s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ ,  $s = q^b$  where  $q = (x^n, 1)$ , then  $rs = (x^{m+n}, ab) = (pq)^{ab}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{d}(rs) &= \widehat{d}(pq)^{ab} = (p\widehat{d}(q) + q\widehat{d}(p))^{ab} \\ &= p^a \widehat{d}(q)^b + q^b \widehat{d}(p)^a = r\widehat{d}(s) + s\widehat{d}(r). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if

$$p = \sum (p_r r \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee),$$

then define

$$\widehat{d}(p) = \sum (p_r \widehat{d}(r) \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Then  $\widehat{d}(p)^\vee = p^\vee$ . If  $u \in S$ , then

$$p^u = \sum (p_r r^u \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{d}(p^u) &= \sum (p_r \widehat{d}(r^u) \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee) \\ &= \sum (p_r \widehat{d}(r)^u \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee) \\ &= \widehat{d}(p)^u. \end{aligned}$$

If  $p + q$  is defined (if  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ ), then

$$\widehat{d}(p + q) = \widehat{d}(p) + \widehat{d}(q).$$

Finally, if also

$$q = \sum (q_s s \mid s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s^\vee = q^\vee),$$

then

$$pq = \sum (p_r q_s rs \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee, s^\vee = q^\vee)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{d}(pq) &= \sum (p_r q_s \widehat{d}(rs) \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee, s^\vee = q^\vee) \\
&= \sum (p_r q_s r \widehat{d}(s) + s \widehat{d}(r) \mid \\
&\quad r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee, s^\vee = q^\vee) \\
&= [\sum (p_r r \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee)] \\
&\quad [\sum (q_s \widehat{d}(s) \mid s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s^\vee = q^\vee)] \\
&\quad + [\sum (q_s s \mid s \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, s^\vee = q^\vee)] \\
&\quad [\sum (p_r \widehat{d}(r) \mid r \in \mathbb{F}(X)^+, r^\vee = p^\vee)] \\
&= p \widehat{d}(q) + q \widehat{d}(r).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\widehat{d}$  is a derivation.

## 14 Cohomology of multirings

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R$  is a commutative multiring over  $S$ .

**1. The comonad.** The adjunction of sets over  $S$  to commutative multirings over  $S$  begets a comonad  $(V, \epsilon, \nu)$  in which  $V$  sends a commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  to the free commutative multiring  $\mathbb{Z}[R]$  over  $S$  on the set  $R$  over  $S$ .

As before we replace every element  $r$  of  $R$  with an indeterminate  $X_r$ , so that  $\overline{X} = \{X_r \mid r \in R\}$  is isomorphic to  $R$  as a set over  $S$ . Then the typical element of  $\mathbb{F}(R)$  is a monomial

$$X^m = \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)}$$

and every element of  $\mathbb{Z}[R]$  is uniquely a homogeneous linear combination with integer coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
p &= \sum (p_z z \mid z \in \mathbb{F}(R)^+, z^\vee = p^\vee) \\
&= \sum (p_{m,t} (X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee).
\end{aligned}$$

Every morphism  $\varphi: R \rightarrow T$  of sets over  $S$  extends uniquely to a morphism  $\psi = \mathbb{Z}[\varphi]$  of commutative multirings over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}[R]$  to  $\mathbb{Z}[T]$  that sends

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t} (X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee)$$

to

$$\mathbb{Z}[\varphi](p) = \sum (p_{m,t} (\mathbb{Z}[\varphi](X^m), t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}[T]$  is written with one indeterminate  $Y_s$  for each  $s \in T$  and

$$\mathbb{Z}[\varphi](X^m) = \mathbb{Z}[\varphi] \left( \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)} \right) = \prod_{r \in R} Y_{\varphi(r)}^{m(r)},$$

as calculated in  $\mathbb{Z}[T]$ .

If now  $\varphi: R \rightarrow T$  is a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ , and we write  $VT$  with one indeterminate  $Y_s$  for each  $s \in T$ , then  $V\varphi = \mathbb{Z}[\varphi]$  is the morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  from  $VR$  to  $VT$  such that  $(V\varphi)(X_r) = Y_{\varphi r}$  for all  $r \in R$ .

In particular,  $\epsilon_R: VR \rightarrow R$  is the evaluation morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  that sends  $X_r$  to  $r$  and sends

$$p = \sum \left( p_{m,t} \left( \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)}, t \right) \mid \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)} \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, \left( \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)} \right)^\vee t = p^\vee \right)$$

to

$$\epsilon(p) = \sum \left( p_{m,t} \left( \prod_{r \in R} r^{m(r)} \right)^t \mid \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)} \in \mathbb{F}(R), t \in S, \left( \prod_{r \in R} X_r^{m(r)} \right)^\vee t = p^\vee \right),$$

as calculated in  $R$ .

The comultiplication  $\nu$  assigns to  $R$  the morphism  $\nu_R = V\eta: VR \rightarrow VVR$  induced by the adjunction unit  $\eta: R \rightarrow VR$ , viewed as a morphism of sets over  $S$ .

We note that every multi- $R$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  is also a multi- $VR$ -module. The action of  $R$  on  $M$  extends to an action of  $VR$  on  $M$  in which

$$px = \epsilon(p)x$$

for every  $p \in VR$  and  $x \in M$ . This makes  $M$  a multi- $VR$ -module since  $\epsilon$  is a morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$ .

**2. The resolution.** For every commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  there is now an augmented simplicial commutative multi- $R$ -algebra  $R^*$  with objects  $R^0 = R$  and  $R^n = V^n R$  (where  $n \geq 0$  and  $V^n = V \circ V \circ \dots \circ V$ ), face maps

$$\epsilon_{n,i} = V^i \epsilon V^{n-i} R: R^{n+1} \rightarrow R^n \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

augmentation  $\epsilon(R) = \epsilon_{0,0}: VR \rightarrow R$ , and degeneracy maps

$$\nu_{n,i} = V^i \nu V^{n-i-1} R: R^{n-1} \rightarrow R^n \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1),$$

that satisfy the simplicial identities.

Let  $M$  be a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ , hence also a multi- $VR$ -module over  $S$  and a multi- $R^n$ -module over  $S$  for every  $n \geq 0$ . Applying to  $R^*$  the contravariant functor  $\text{Der}(-, M)$  yields an augmented cosimplicial  $R$ -module  $\text{Der}(R^*, M)$  with objects  $\text{Der}(R^0, M) = \text{Der}(R, M)$  and  $\text{Der}(R^n, M) = \text{Der}(V^n R, M)$  if  $n > 0$ , face maps

$$d_{n,i} = \epsilon_{n,i}^* = \text{Der}(\epsilon_{n,i}, M): \text{Der}(R^n, M) \rightarrow \text{Der}(R^{n+1}, M)$$

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , augmentation

$$d_{0,0} = \epsilon^* = \text{Der}(\epsilon, M): \text{Der}(R, M) \longrightarrow \text{Der}(VR, M),$$

and degeneracy maps  $\text{Der}(\nu_{n,i}, M)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ ), that satisfy the cosimplicial identities.

A coboundary homomorphism

$$\delta_n: \text{Der}(R^n, M) \longrightarrow \text{Der}(R^{n+1}, M)$$

is then defined by

$$\delta_n = d_{n,0} - d_{n,1} + d_{n,2} - \dots + (-1)^n d_{n,n}.$$

In particular,  $\delta_0 = d_{0,0}$ . The simplicial identities imply  $\delta_{n+1} \circ \delta_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . This yields an augmented cochain complex of  $R$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Der}(R, M) &\xrightarrow{\epsilon^*} \text{Der}(VR, M) \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \dots \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Der}(V^n R, M) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \text{Der}(V^{n+1} R, M) \dots \end{aligned}$$

The *André-Quillen cohomology* of the commutative multiring  $R$  over  $S$  with coefficients in the multi- $R$ -module  $M$  over  $S$  assigns to  $R$  and  $M$  the  $R$ -modules  $H^0(R, M) = \text{Ker } \delta_0 / \text{Im } e$  and  $H^n(R, M) = \text{Ker } \delta_n / \text{Im } \delta_{n-1}$ , where  $n > 0$ .

The natural isomorphisms  $\text{Der}(R[X], M) \cong \text{Map}(X, M)$  yield an isomorphic complex of  $R$ -modules

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Der}(R, M) &\xrightarrow{e} \text{Map}(R, M) \xrightarrow{d_1} \dots \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Map}(V^{n-1} R, M) \xrightarrow{d_n} \text{Map}(V^n R, M) \dots \end{aligned}$$

whose homology modules are natural isomorphic to the André-Quillen cohomology modules of  $R$  with coefficients in the multi- $R$ -module  $M$ . In particular,  $H^1(R, M) \cong \text{Ker } d_1 / \text{Im } e$ . Without the augmentation,  $H^1(R, M)$  would be simply  $\text{Ker } d_1$ .

**3. Three maps.** The augmentation  $e: \text{Der}(R, M) \longrightarrow \text{Map}(R, M)$  is the composite

$$e: \text{Der}(R, M) \xrightarrow{\epsilon^*} \text{Der}(VR, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Map}(R, M)$$

of  $\epsilon^* = \text{Der}(\epsilon, M)$ , which sends  $D \in \text{Der}(R, M)$  to  $D \circ \epsilon$ , and the isomorphism  $\text{Der}(VR, M) \longrightarrow \text{Map}(R, M)$ , which sends  $D \circ \epsilon$  to the mapping  $r \longmapsto (D \circ \epsilon)(X_r) = D(r)$ . Thus  $e(D)$  is  $D$  viewed as simply a mapping of  $R$  into  $M$ .

Next,  $d_{1,0}: \text{Map}(R, M) \longrightarrow \text{Map}(VR, M)$  is the composite

$$d_{1,0}: \text{Map}(R, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Der}(VR, M) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{1,0}^*} \text{Der}(V^2 R, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Map}(VR, M)$$

and sends a map  $f$  from  $R$  to  $M$  to the derivation  $\hat{f}$  of  $VR$  such that  $\hat{f}(X_a) = fa$  for all  $a \in S$ , thence to the derivation  $\epsilon_{1,0}^*(\hat{f}) = \hat{f} \circ \epsilon_{1,0} = \hat{f} \circ \epsilon_{VR}$ , thence to the corresponding map from  $VR$  to  $M$ .

Let  $V^2R = \mathbb{Z}[Y]$  with one indeterminate  $Y_p$  for every  $p \in VR$ . Then  $\widehat{f} \circ \epsilon_{VR}$  sends  $Y_p \in V^2R$  to  $\widehat{f}(\epsilon Y_p) = \widehat{f}(p)$ . Hence  $d_{1,0}f$  is the map from  $VR$  to  $M$  that sends  $p \in VR$  to  $\widehat{f}(p)$ ; in other words,

$$d_{1,0}f = \widehat{f}.$$

Similarly,  $d_{1,1}: \text{Map}(R, M) \rightarrow \text{Map}(VR, M)$  is the composite

$$d_{1,1}: \text{Map}(R, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Der}(VR, M) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{1,1}^*} \text{Der}(V^2R, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Map}(VR, M)$$

and sends a map  $f$  from  $R$  to  $M$  to the derivation  $\widehat{f}$  such that  $\widehat{f}(X_a) = fa$  for all  $a \in S$ , thence to the derivation  $\epsilon_{1,1}^*(\widehat{f}) = \widehat{f} \circ \epsilon_{1,1} = \widehat{f} \circ V\epsilon_R$ , thence to the corresponding map from  $VR$  to  $M$ .

With  $V^2R = \mathbb{Z}[Y]$  as above,  $V\epsilon_R: V^2R \rightarrow VR$  is the morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  that sends  $Y_p$  to  $X_{\epsilon p}$  for every  $p \in VR$ . Hence  $\widehat{f} \circ V\epsilon_R$  sends  $Y_p$  to  $\widehat{f}(X_{\epsilon p})$  for every  $p \in VR$ . Therefore  $d_{1,1}f$  is the map from  $VR$  to  $M$  that sends  $p \in VR$  to  $f(\epsilon p)$ ; equivalently,

$$d_{1,1}f = f \circ \epsilon_R.$$

## 15 Cohomology of $\mathbb{Z}^+$

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R = \mathbb{Z}^+$ , so that every abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  is a multi- $R$ -module over  $S$ . The cohomology groups of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  are the homology groups of the complex

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) &\xrightarrow{e} \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) \xrightarrow{d_1} \text{Map}(V\mathbb{Z}^+, G) \cdots \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Map}(V^{n-1}\mathbb{Z}^+, G) \xrightarrow{d_n} \text{Map}(V^n\mathbb{Z}^+, G) \cdots \end{aligned}$$

First,  $\text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) = 0$ . Indeed, if  $D \in \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}^+, G)$ , then  $D(1, 1) = 0$ , since  $(1, 1)$  is the identity element of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , and

$$D(n, a) = D(n(1, 1)^a) = nD(1, 1)^a = 0$$

for every  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . This does not help crime scene investigations.

A 1-cochain  $u \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}^+, G)$  assigns  $u(n, a) \in G_a$  to each  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . From Section 14 we know that  $d_{1,0}u = \widehat{u}$  is the derivation of  $V\mathbb{Z}^+ = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$  that extends  $u$ , constructed in Section 13, whereas  $d_{1,1}u = u \circ \epsilon$ .

With every  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  replaced by an indeterminate  $X_{n,a}$ , the typical element  $p$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t}(X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{Z}^+), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

where  $X^m = \prod_{(n,a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+} X_{n,a}^{m(n,a)}$ , and  $(X^m)^\vee = \prod_{(n,a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+} a^{m(n,a)}$ . Then  $\widehat{u}$  is the derivation of  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$  such that

$$\widehat{u}(X_{n,a}, 1) = u(n, a)$$



for all  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . On the other hand,  $\epsilon$  is the morphism of commutative multirings over  $S$  such that

$$\epsilon(X_{n,a}, 1) = (n, a)$$

for all  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Every multi- $\mathbb{Z}^+$ -module  $G$  is a multi- $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$ -module, in which

$$px = (\epsilon p)x$$

for every  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}^+]$  and  $x \in G$ ; in particular,

$$(X_{n,a}, 1)x = (n, a)x = nx^a$$

for every  $(n, a) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

We show that  $Z_Q^1(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) = 0$ . (So  $H_Q^1(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) = 0$ ; maybe  $H_Q(\mathbb{Z}^+, G) = 0$ ?) By the above,  $u$  is a 1-cocycle if and only if  $(d_{1,0} - d_{1,1})u = d_1u = 0$ , if and only if  $u \circ \epsilon = \hat{u}$ .

If  $u$  is a 1-cocycle, then  $u \circ \epsilon$  is a derivation. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u(1, 1) &= u((1, 1)(1, 1)) = u(\epsilon(X_{1,1}, 1) \epsilon(X_{1,1}, 1)) \\ &= u(\epsilon((X_{1,1}, 1)(X_{1,1}, 1))) = \hat{u}((X_{1,1}, 1)(X_{1,1}, 1)) \\ &= (X_{1,1}, 1)(\hat{u}(X_{1,1}, 1)) + (X_{1,1}, 1)(\hat{u}(X_{1,1}, 1)) \\ &= (X_{1,1}, 1)u(1, 1) + (X_{1,1}, 1)u(1, 1) = u(1, 1) + u(1, 1), \end{aligned}$$

and  $u(1, 1) = 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u(1, a) &= u((1, 1)^a) = u((\epsilon(X_{1,1}, 1))^a) = u(\epsilon((X_{1,1}, 1)^a)) \\ &= \hat{u}((X_{1,1}, 1)^a) = (\hat{u}(X_{1,1}, 1))^a \\ &= u(1, 1)^a = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in S$ . Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} u(m+n, a) &= u(\epsilon(X_{m,a}, 1) + \epsilon(X_{n,a}, 1)) \\ &= u(\epsilon((X_{m,a}, 1) + (X_{n,a}, 1))) \\ &= \hat{u}((X_{m,a}, 1) + (X_{n,a}, 1)) \\ &= \hat{u}(X_{m,a}, 1) + \hat{u}(X_{n,a}, 1) = u(m, a) + u(n, a) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \in S$ . Hence

$$u(n, a) = nu(1, a) = 0$$

for all  $n, a$ .

## 16 Cohomology of $\mathbb{Z}[S]$

In this section,  $S$  is a commutative monoid and  $R = \mathbb{Z}[S]$ , where  $S$  is the set over itself with projection  $a^\vee = a$ . With every  $a \in S$  replaced by an indeterminate  $X_a$ , the typical element of  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t}(X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(S), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

where  $X^m = \prod_{a \in S} X_a^{m(a)}$  and  $(X^m)^\vee = \prod_{a \in S} a^{m(a)}$ .

**1. Coefficients.** Every abelian multigroup over  $S$  can serve as coefficients in the cohomology of  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$ . Indeed every abelian multigroup  $G$  over  $S$  is canonically a multi- $\mathbb{Z}[S]$ -module over  $S$ , in which

$$p \cdot x = x^{(p^\vee)}$$

for every  $x \in G$  and  $p = (X^m, t) \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+$ . In particular,  $(X_a, 1) \cdot x = x^a$  and  $(1, 1) \cdot x = x$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (p \cdot x)^\vee &= (x^{(p^\vee)})^\vee = p^\vee x^\vee, \\ (p \cdot x)^t &= (x^{(p^\vee)})^t = x^{p^\vee t} = p \cdot x^t, \\ p^t \cdot x &= x^{(p^t)^\vee} = x^{p^\vee t} = p \cdot x^t, \\ p \cdot (x + y) &= (x + y)^{(p^\vee)} = x^{(p^\vee)} + y^{(p^\vee)} = (p \cdot x) + (p \cdot y) \\ &\quad \text{whenever } x + y \text{ is defined, and} \\ p \cdot (q \cdot x) &= (x^{(q^\vee)})^{(p^\vee)} = x^{(pq)^\vee} = pq \cdot x, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+$  and  $x, y \in G$ .

If now  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  is a homogeneous linear combination

$$p = \sum (p_y y \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee),$$

then  $p \cdot x$  is well defined by

$$p \cdot x = \sum (p_y (y \cdot x) \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee),$$

since this is a homogeneous sum. Then  $(p + q) \cdot x = (p \cdot x) + (q \cdot x)$  whenever  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ , and the five properties above also hold for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  and  $x, y \in S$ .

**2. Cochains.** Since  $\text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \cong \text{Map}(S, G)$ , the André-Quillen cohomology groups of  $S$  are the homology groups of the complex

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Map}(S, G) &\xrightarrow{e} \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \xrightarrow{d_1} \text{Map}(V\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \longrightarrow \dots \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Map}(V^{n-1}\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \xrightarrow{d_n} \text{Map}(V^n\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \longrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Thus a 0-cochain  $u \in \text{Map}(S, G)$  assigns  $u(a) \in G_a$  to each  $a \in S$  (thus,  $\text{Map}(S, G) = C_C^1(S, G)$ ); a 1-cochain  $u \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G)$  assigns  $u(p) \in G_{p^\vee}$  to each  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ ; and so forth.

From Section 14 we know that

$$e: \text{Map}(S, G) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G) \xrightarrow{e} \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G)$$

sends a 0-cochain  $u \in \text{Map}(S, G)$  to the derivation  $\hat{u}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$  that extends  $u$ , then to  $\hat{u}$  viewed as a morphism of sets over  $S$  from  $\mathbb{Z}[S]$  to  $G$ . Hence a 1-coboundary is a derivation:  $B_Q^2(S, G) = \text{Der}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G)$ .

Also, for each 1-cochain  $u \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G)$ ,  $d_{1,0} u = \widehat{u}$ , whereas  $d_{1,1} u = u \circ \epsilon_{\mathbb{Z}[S]}$ . Hence

$$\delta u = \widehat{u} - (u \circ \epsilon).$$

We write  $V\mathbb{Z}[S] = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{Z}[S]]$  with one indeterminate  $Y_p$  for each  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ , so that the typical element of  $V\mathbb{Z}[S]$  is

$$q = \sum (q_{m,t}(Y^m, t) \mid Y^m \in \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{Z}[S]), t \in S, (Y^m)^\vee t = q^\vee),$$

where  $Y^m = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]} Y_p^{m(p)}$  and  $(Y^m)^\vee = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]} (p^\vee)^{m(p)}$ . Then

$$\epsilon q = \sum (q_{m,t} (\prod_{p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]} p^{m(p)})^t \mid Y^m \in \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{Z}[S]), t \in S, (Y^m)^\vee t = q^\vee),$$

in particular

$$\epsilon(Y_p, 1) = p.$$

The multi- $\mathbb{Z}[S]$ -module  $G$  is also a multi- $V\mathbb{Z}[S]$ -module, on which

$$q \cdot x = (\epsilon q) \cdot x = x^{(q^\vee)}$$

for all  $q \in V\mathbb{Z}[S]$  and  $x \in G$ .

**3. 1-cocycles.** We prove that  $Z_Q^1(S, G) \cong C_C^1(S, G)$ .

First, let  $u \in qZ^2(S, G)$  be a 1-cocycle, so that

$$u \circ \epsilon = \widehat{u}.$$

Recall that

$$\widehat{u}(Y_p, 1) = u(p)$$

for all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ .

Since  $\epsilon$  and  $\widehat{u}$  preserve existing sums and the action of  $S$ , then so does  $u$ . In detail, for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  and  $t \in S$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(p^t) &= u((\epsilon(Y_p, 1))^t) = u \epsilon((Y_p, 1)^t) \\ &= \widehat{u}((Y_p, 1)^t) = (\widehat{u}(Y_p, 1))^t \\ &= (u(p))^t \end{aligned}$$

and, if  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u(p+q) &= u(\epsilon(Y_p, 1) + \epsilon(Y_q, 1)) = u \epsilon((Y_p, 1) + (Y_q, 1)) \\ &= \widehat{u}((Y_p, 1) + (Y_q, 1)) = \widehat{u}(Y_p, 1) + \widehat{u}(Y_q, 1) \\ &= u(p) + u(q). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if

$$p = \sum (p_{m,t}(X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(S), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee),$$

then

$$u(p) = \sum (p_{m,t} u(X^m, t) \mid X^m \in \mathbb{F}(S), t \in S, (X^m)^\vee t = p^\vee).$$

For all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  we also have

$$\begin{aligned} u(pq) &= u(\epsilon(Y_p, 1) \epsilon(Y_q, 1)) = u \epsilon(\epsilon(Y_p, 1) (Y_q, 1)) \\ &= \widehat{u}((Y_p, 1) (Y_q, 1)) = (Y_p, 1) \widehat{u}(Y_q, 1) + (Y_q, 1) \widehat{u}(Y_p, 1) \\ &= (Y_q, 1) u(p) + (Y_p, 1) u(q) = u(p)^{(q^\vee)} + u(q)^{(p^\vee)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(1, 1)^\vee = 1 \in S$  this implies  $u(1, 1) = u((1, 1)(1, 1)) = u(1, 1) + u(1, 1)$  and

$$u(1, 1) = 0.$$

Hence

$$u(1, t) = u((1, 1)^t) = (u(1, 1))^t = 0$$

for all  $t \in S$ . Moreover, for every  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ , induction on  $n > 0$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} u(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n) &= \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} u(p_i)^{c_i}, \text{ where} \\ c_i &= (p_1 \cdots p_{i-1} p_{i+1} \cdots p_n)^\vee. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$u(X_a^n, 1) = n u(X_a, 1)^{(a^{n-1})},$$

and

$$u(X^m, 1) = u(\prod_{a \in S, m(a) > 0} X_a^{m(a)}, 1) = \sum_{a \in S, m(a) > 0} m(a) u(X_a, 1)^{c_a},$$

where

$$c_a = (a^{m(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} (X_b^{m(b)}, 1)^\vee)^\vee = a^{m(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} b^{m(b)}.$$

Then  $u(X^m, t) = (u(X^m))^t$ .

Thus  $u$  is completely determined by the 1-cochain  $\bar{u}: a \mapsto u(X_a, 1)$ . This yields an injective homomorphism  $\Theta: u \mapsto \bar{u}$  of  $Z_Q^2(S, G)$  into  $C_C^1(S, G)$ .

We show that  $\Theta$  is surjective. Let  $v \in C_C^1(S, G)$ . For each  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}(S)$  let

$$\begin{aligned} u(X^m, 1) &= \sum_{a \in S, m(a) > 0} m(a) v(a)^{c_a}, \text{ where} \\ c_a &= a^{m(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} b^{m(b)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u(X^n, 1) &= \sum_{a \in S, n(a) > 0} n(a) v(a)^{d_a}, \text{ where} \\ d_a &= a^{n(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} b^{n(b)}, \text{ and} \\ u(X^{m+n}, 1) &= \sum_{a \in S, m(a)+n(a) > 0} (m(a) + n(a)) v(a)^{e_a}, \text{ where} \\ e_a &= a^{m(a)+n(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} b^{m(b)+n(b)} \\ &= c(a) \prod_{b \in S} b^{n(b)} = d(a) \prod_{b \in S} b^{m(b)} \\ &= c(a) (X^n)^\vee = d(a) (X^m)^\vee. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
u((X^m, 1)(X^n, 1)) &= u(X^{m+n}, 1) \\
&= \left( \sum_{a \in S, m(a) > 0} m(a) v(a)^{c_a} \right)^{(X^n)^\vee} \\
&\quad + \left( \sum_{a \in S, n(a) > 0} n(a) v(a)^{d_a} \right)^{(X^m)^\vee} \\
&= u(X^m, 1)^{(X^n, 1)^\vee} + u(X^n, 1)^{(X^m, 1)^\vee}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $p = (X^m, 1)$  and  $q = (X^n, 1)$ , then

$$u(pq) = (u(p))^{(q)^\vee} + (u(q))^{(p)^\vee}.$$

Next, define

$$u(X^m, t) = (u(X^m, 1))^t = \sum_{a \in S, m(a) > 0} m(a) v(a)^{c_a t}$$

for all  $X^m \in \mathbb{F}(S)$  and  $t \in S$ , where  $c_a = a^{m(a)-1} \prod_{b \in S, b \neq a} b^{m(b)}$  as above.

If  $y = (X^m, s) \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+$  and  $t \in S$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
u(y^t) &= u(X^m, st) = u(X^m, 1)^{st} \\
&= (u(X^m, 1)^s)^t = (u(y))^t.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $y = (X^m, s)$  and  $z = (X^n, t) \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
u(yz) &= u(u(X^{m+n}, 1))^{st} \\
&= u(X^m, 1)^{(s(X^n, 1)^\vee t)} + u(X^n, 1)^{(t(X^m, 1)^\vee s)} \\
&= u(X^m, s)^{(X^n, t)^\vee} + u(X^n, t)^{(X^m, s)^\vee} \\
&= u(y)^{(z)^\vee} + (u(z))^{(y)^\vee}.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, for each  $p = \sum (p_y y \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ , define

$$u(p) = \sum (p_y u(y) \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee).$$

Then  $(u(p))^\vee = p^\vee$ , so that  $u \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}[S], G)$ . Also,

$$u(p+q) = u(p) + u(q)$$

for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  such that  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}
u(p^t) &= \sum (p_y u(y^t) \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) \\
&= \sum (p_y (u(y))^t \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee) = (u(p))^t
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$  and  $t \in S$ ; and

$$\begin{aligned}
u(pq) &= \sum (p_y q(z) u(yz) \mid y, z \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee, z^\vee = q^\vee) \\
&= \sum (p_y q(z) u(y)^{(z)^\vee} + (u(z))^{(y)^\vee} \mid \\
&\quad y, z \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee, z^\vee = q^\vee) \\
&= [\sum (p_y u(y) \mid y \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, y^\vee = p^\vee)]^{(q)^\vee} \\
&\quad + [\sum (q_z u(z) \mid z \in \mathbb{F}(S)^+, z^\vee = q^\vee)]^{(p)^\vee} \\
&= u(p)^{(q)^\vee} + (u(q))^{(p)^\vee}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ .

These properties imply that  $u \circ \epsilon$  is a derivation of  $V\mathbb{Z}[S]$ . Indeed

$$(u \epsilon(p))^\vee = (\epsilon(p))^\vee = p^\vee$$

for every  $p \in V\mathbb{Z}[S]$ ;

$$u \epsilon(p^t) = u((\epsilon p)^t) = (u \epsilon p)^t$$

for all  $p \in V\mathbb{Z}[S]$  and  $t \in S$ ;

$$u \epsilon(p + q) = u(\epsilon p + \epsilon q) = u \epsilon p + u \epsilon q$$

for all  $p, q \in V\mathbb{Z}[S]$  such that  $p^\vee = q^\vee$ ; and

$$\begin{aligned} u \epsilon(pq) &= u((\epsilon p)(\epsilon q)) \\ &= u(\epsilon p)^{((\epsilon q)^\vee)} + (u(\epsilon q))^{((\epsilon p)^\vee)} = u(\epsilon p)^{(q^\vee)} + (u(\epsilon q))^{(p^\vee)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p, q \in V\mathbb{Z}[S]$ .

Since  $u \epsilon(Y_p, 1) = u(p) = \widehat{u}(Y_p, 1)$  for all  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[S]$ , it follows that  $u \circ \epsilon = \widehat{u}$ ; and  $u$  is a 1-cocycle. Moreover,  $\bar{u} = v$  by definition. Thus  $\Theta: Z_Q^1(S, G) \rightarrow C_C^1(S, G)$  is surjective; and  $Z_Q^1(S, G) \cong C_C^1(S, G)$ .

**Notation:** $x^\vee$ : the projection of  $x$  to  $S$  $\mathbb{F}(X)$ : free commutative monoid on  $X$  $\mathbb{H}(X)$ : half free commutative monoid on  $X$  $X^+$ :  $X \times S$  $\text{Map}(X, Y)$ : the set of all morphisms of sets over  $S$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  $A \dashv B$ : set of all homogeneous linear combinations of elements of  $B$  with coefficients in  $A$  $A \square B$ : box product of  $A$  and  $B$  $A \boxtimes B$ : mixed product of  $A$  and  $B$  $A \otimes B$ : tensor product of  $A$  and  $B$  $C_Q, Z_Q, B_Q, H_Q$ : André-Quillen cohomology $C_C, Z_C, B_C, H_C$ : symmetric (commutative semigroup) cohomology**Adjunctions of commutative objects over  $S$ :**sets to multisets:  $X^+$ sets to multimonoids:  $\mathbb{F}(X)^+$ sets to multigroups:  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+$ sets to multirings:  $\mathbb{Z}[X] = \mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ sets to multi- $R$ -modules:  $R \otimes (\mathbb{Z} \dashv X^+)$ sets to multi- $R$ -algebras:  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{F}(X)^+$ multisets to multimonoids:  $\mathbb{H}(X)$ multisets to multigroups:  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv X$ multisets to multirings:  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv \mathbb{H}(X)$ multisets to multi- $R$ -modules:  $R \otimes (\mathbb{Z} \dashv X)$ multisets to multi- $R$ -algebras:  $R \boxtimes \mathbb{H}(X)^+$ multimonoids to multirings:  $\mathbb{Z} \dashv M$ multimonoids to multi- $R$ -algebras:  $R \boxtimes M$ multigroups to multi- $R$ -modules:  $R \otimes G$

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