

Reconstruction Theorems in Category Theory - Exercise Sheet 5

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Exercise 1.

Let (\mathbf{C}, \otimes, I) be a strict monoidal category and let $\varepsilon: A \otimes B \rightarrow I$ be a pairing between objects A and B of \mathbf{C} . Show that ε is exact if and only if

$$\mathbf{C}(X, Y \otimes A) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(X \otimes B, Y), g \mapsto (\text{id}_Y \otimes \varepsilon) \circ (g \otimes \text{id}_B) =: f_g.$$

is a bijection for all objects X and Y of \mathbf{C} , i.e. the functor $- \otimes B: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is left adjoint to $- \otimes A: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$.

Exercise 2.

Let k be a field and G be a group. Show that the monoidal category ${}_{kG/k}\mathbf{m}$ of left kG -modules of finite dimension over k is left rigid.

Exercise 3.

Let k be a field and (A, m_A, η_A) be a k -algebra. Let \mathbf{C} be the category with objects the pairs (V, ρ_V) consisting of a finite dimensional k -vector space V and a morphism $\rho_V: V \rightarrow V \otimes_k A$ and morphisms from (V, ρ_V) to (W, ρ_W) the homomorphisms of k -vector spaces $f: V \rightarrow W$ such that $\rho_W \circ f = (f \otimes \text{id}_A) \circ \rho_V$.

- (i) Show that \mathbf{C} is monoidal with the tensor product of (V, ρ_V) and (W, ρ_W) defined as $V \otimes_k W$ together with $V \otimes_k W \rightarrow V \otimes_k W \otimes_k A$ given by the composition

$$V \otimes_k W \xrightarrow{\rho_V \otimes \rho_W} V \otimes_k A \otimes_k W \otimes_k A \xrightarrow{\text{id}_V \otimes \tau \otimes \text{id}_W} V \otimes_k W \otimes_k A \otimes_k A \xrightarrow{\text{id}_V \otimes \text{id}_W \otimes m_A} V \otimes_k W \otimes_k A$$

and unit (k, η_A) .

- (ii) Show that the functor $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow {}_k\mathcal{M}, (V, \rho_V) \mapsto V$ is monoidal.
- (iii) Let (V, ρ_V) be an object of \mathbf{C} , $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be a k -basis of V , $\rho_V(e_i) = \sum_j e_j \otimes a_{ji}$, (W, ρ_W) be another object, $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ be a k -basis of W and $\rho_W(f_i) = \sum_j f_j \otimes b_{ji}$ such that the morphisms of k -vector spaces $\varepsilon: V \otimes_k W \rightarrow k, e_i \otimes f_j \mapsto \delta_{i,j}$ and $\eta: k \rightarrow W \otimes_k V$ make W into a right dual of V in the category of k -vector spaces.

Show that with $\alpha := (a_{ij})_{i,j}$ and $\beta := (b_{ij})_{i,j}$

- (a) (W, ρ_W) is a right dual of (V, ρ_V) if and only if $({}^t\alpha)\beta = 1 = \beta({}^t\alpha)$, i.e. if and only if $\beta = ({}^t\alpha)^{-1}$ and
- (b) (W, ρ_W) is a left dual of (V, ρ_V) if and only if $({}^t\beta)\alpha = 1 = \alpha({}^t\beta)$, i.e. if and only if $\beta = {}^t(\alpha^{-1})$.

where ${}^t\alpha$ and ${}^t\beta$ denote the transposes of the matrices α and β .

- (iv) Define $\alpha^{(0)} := \alpha$, $\alpha^{(n+1)} := {}^t((\alpha^{(n)})^{-1})$ for $n \geq 0$ and $\alpha^{(n-1)} := ({}^t(\alpha^{(n)}))^{-1}$ for $n \leq 0$ (if they exist). Call α *totally invertible* if $\alpha^{(n)}$ exists for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that the full subcategory of \mathbf{C} consisting of those (V, ρ_V) with $\rho_V(e_i) = \sum_j e_j \otimes a_{ji}$ with $\alpha = (a_{ij})_{i,j}$ totally invertible is autonomous.

- (v) Show that left duals and right duals in \mathbf{C} coincide if A is commutative.
- (vi) Give an example of a k -algebra A and an object (V, ρ_V) in \mathbf{C} that has a left dual but no right dual.