

# FUNCTORS OVER ROOTED SMALL CATEGORIES

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Triangular matrix rings

- $R$  y  $S$  rings.
- $U \in R\text{-Mod-}S$ .

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} R & U \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}$$

## Right modules over $T$ (Green, 1982)

Triples  $(X, Y, f)$  with:

- $X \in \text{Mod-}R, Y \in \text{Mod-}S$ .
- $f : X \otimes_R U \rightarrow Y$  is a  $S$ -linear map.

## Other interpretation

There is a complete family of orthogonal idempotents of  $T$ ,  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  such that

- $e_1 T e_1 = R$ .
- $e_2 T e_2 = S$ .
- $e_1 T e_2 = U$ .

We give a description of  $T$ -modules in terms of  $e_1 T e_1$ -modules and  $e_2 T e_2$ -modules.

## What about rings with enough idempotents?

A ring  $A$  (without unit) has enough idempotents if there is a family  $\{e_i \mid i \in I\}$  of orthogonal idempotents such that

$$T = \bigoplus_{i \in I} T e_i = \bigoplus_{i \in I} e_i T$$

## Functor categories (Mitchell, 1972)

There is a bijective correspondence between Morita equivalence classes of rings with enough idempotents and of preadditive categories

## Main question

Can we apply these ideas to study the category of additive functors from a small preadditive category to the category of abelian groups?

## 2. GREEN'S THEOREM FOR FUNCTOR CATEGORIES

### Small preadditive categories

Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a small preadditive category.

- $R_c = \text{End}_{\mathbf{C}}(c)$  is a ring.
- $R_{ab} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(a, b) \in R_a\text{-Mod-}R_b$ .
- Composition induces  $t_{abc} : R_{ab} \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} \rightarrow R_{ac}$  in  $R_a\text{-Mod-}R_c$ .

## Functor categories

Let  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Ab})$  be the category of additive covariant functors from  $\mathbf{C}$  to the category of abelian groups  $\mathbf{Ab}$ .

## Properties of functors

Given  $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$

- For any  $a \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $(a)F \in \text{Mod-}R_a$  via

$$x \cdot f = (x)(f)F, \quad x \in (a)F, \quad f \in R_a$$

- For any  $a, b \in \mathbf{C}$  it is induced

$$s_{ab}^F : (a)F \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} \rightarrow (b)F, \quad s_{ab}^F(x \otimes f) = (x)(f)F$$

- The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (a)F \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} & \xrightarrow{s_{ab}^F \otimes 1} & (b)F \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} \\
 \downarrow 1 \otimes t_{abc} & & \downarrow s_{bc}^F \\
 (a)F \otimes_{R_a} R_{ac} & \xrightarrow{s_{ac}^F} & (c)F
 \end{array}$$



## Description of functors

A functor is determined by a tuple  $(M_a, s_{ab}^M)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}}$  such that

- For any  $a \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $M_a \in \text{Mod-}R_a$ .
- For any  $a, b \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $s_{ab}^F : M_a \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} \rightarrow M_b$
- The preceding diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (a) F \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} & \xrightarrow{s_{ab}^F \otimes 1} & (b) F \otimes_{R_b} R_{bc} \\
 \downarrow 1 \otimes t_{abc} & & \downarrow s_{bc}^F \\
 (a) F \otimes_{R_a} R_{ac} & \xrightarrow{s_{ac}^F} & (c) F
 \end{array}$$

## Natural transformations

A natural transformation  $\tau : (M_a, s_{ab}^M)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}} \rightarrow (N_a, s_{ab}^M)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}}$  is determined by a tuple  $(\tau_a)_{a \in \mathbf{C}}$  such that:

- $\tau_a : M_a \rightarrow N_a$  is  $R_a$ -linear.
- The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (a)F \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} & \xrightarrow{\tau_a \otimes 1_{R_{ab}}} & (a)G \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \\ \downarrow s_{ab}^F & & \downarrow s_{ab}^G \\ (b)F & \xrightarrow{\tau_b} & (b)G \end{array}$$

## Equivalence of categories

The category  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Ab})$  is equivalent to the category  $\text{Rep}(\mathcal{S})$  of representations of the spices  $\mathcal{S}$ :

- $(R_a, R_{ab})_{a,b}$  (Gabriel, 1973)
- With a commutativity condition  $t_{abc}$ , (Simson, 1970).

### 3. ROOTED SMALL CATEGORIES

#### The quiver of a small category

Given a small category  $\mathbf{C}$ , we define the quiver  $Q(\mathbf{C})$  as follows:

- Vertices of  $Q(\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{C}$ .
- There is an arrow  $\varphi : a \rightarrow b$  if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(a, b) \neq 0$ .

## Left rooted quivers

A quiver is left rooted if it does not have a path of the form

$$\cdots \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$$

## Properties of left rooted quivers

We can make transfinite induction on the sets

- $V_0$  = vertices with no arrow ending in them.
- $V_1$  = vertices  $b$  with arrow  $a \rightarrow b$  with  $a \in V_0$ .
- And so on...

## Left rooted categories

$\mathbf{C}$  is left rooted if  $Q(\mathbf{C})$  is left rooted.

## 4. PROJECTIVE FUNCTORS AND FLAT FUNCTORS

$\mathbf{C}$  is a rooted small preadditive category.

### The functor $\mathbf{p}$

The functor  $\mathbf{p} : \prod_{c \in \mathbf{C}} \text{Mod-}R_c \rightarrow (\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{AB})$  is defined  $\mathbf{p}(M_c)_{c \in \mathbf{C}} = (Q_a, s_{ab}^Q)$

where

- $Q_a = \bigoplus_{c \in \mathbf{C}} M_c \otimes_{R_c} R_{ca}$ .
- $s_{ab}^Q : \bigoplus_{c \in \mathbf{C}} M_c \otimes_{R_c} R_{ca} \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{c \in \mathbf{C}} M_c \otimes_{R_c} R_{cb}$  is  $(1 \otimes t_{cab})_{c \in \mathbf{C}}$ .

### Projective functors 1 (extrinsic)

Let  $P = (P_a, s_{ab}^P)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}}$  be a functor. Then  $P$  is projective if and only if  $P = \mathbf{p}(M_c)_{c \in \mathbf{C}}$  with  $M_c \in \text{Proj-}R_c$ .

## Projective functors 2 (intrinsic)

Let  $P = (P_a, s_{ab}^P)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}}$  be a functor. Then  $P$  is projective if and only if

- For each  $a$ ,  $P_a = S_a^P \oplus K_a$  in  $\text{Mod-}R_a$  with  $P_a \in \text{Proj-}R_a$ , where

$$S_a^P = \sum_{c \neq a} \text{Im } s_{ca}^P$$

- For each  $b \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\bigoplus_{c \neq b} \bar{s}_{cb}^P$  is monic, where  $\bar{s}_{ab}^P$  is the composition

$$K_a \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \rightarrow P_a \otimes_{R_a} R_{ab} \rightarrow P_b$$

## Flat functors

Let  $F = (F_a, s_{ab}^F)_{a,b \in \mathbf{C}}$  be a functor. The following are equivalent:

1. They are verified:

- For each  $a$ ,  $F_a = S_a^F \oplus K_a$  in  $\text{Mod-}R_a$  with  $K_a \in \text{Flat-}R_a$ .
- For each  $b \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\bigoplus_{c \neq b} \bar{s}_{cb}^F$  is monic.

2.  $F$  is flat and belongs to  $\text{Im } \mathbf{p}$ .



## 4. APPLICATIONS

### Right perfect small preadditive categories

- The small category  $\mathbf{C}$  is right perfect if every flat functor in  $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Ab})$  is projective.
- The following are equivalent for  $\mathbf{C}$  (Simson, 1974)
  - i.  $\mathbf{C}$  is right perfect.
  - ii. Every flat functor of the simple form is projective.
  - iii.  $\text{End}_{\mathbf{C}}(c)$  is right perfect for each  $c \in \mathbf{C}$ .

## Strong generating sets in additive categories

If  $\mathbf{C}$  is additive, a strong generating subcategory is a full subcategory  $\mathbf{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{C} = \text{add}(M)$ .

- $(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Ab})$  and  $(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{Ab})$  are equivalent (Mitchell, 1972).

## Weak left rooted categories

$\mathbf{C}$  is weak left rooted if it has a strong generating subcategory  $\mathbf{N}$  which is left rooted.

## When weak left rooted additive categories are right perfect

The same characterization as above can be proved.

## Weak left fp-rooted finitely accessible categories

A finitely accessible category  $\mathbf{A}$  is left fp-rooted (resp. weak fp-rooted) if the full subcategory of all finitely presented objects is left rooted (resp. weak rooted).

### Examples

Take  $R$  a ring with complete set of idempotents  $\{e_i \mid i \in I\}$ .

- Then  $\mathbf{N} = \{Re_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a strong generating subcategory of  $\text{proj-}R$ .
- If  $\mathbf{N}$  is left rooted (for instance, if  $R$  is a triangular matrix ring), then  $\text{proj-}R$  is left weak rooted.
- In this case,  $\text{Flat-}R$  is a finitely accessible additive category which is left weak fp-rooted.

## Pure semisimple categories

The following assertions are equivalent for  $\mathbf{A}$  finitely accessible and left weak fp-rooted:

1.  $\mathbf{A}$  is pure semisimple.
2. There exists a strong generating subcategory  $\mathbf{N}$  of  $fp(\mathbf{A})$  such that  $\text{End}_{\mathbf{A}}(N)$  is right perfect.
3. Each finitely presented object  $F$  satisfies that  $\text{End}_{\mathbf{A}}(F)$  is right perfect.

## 5. FUTURE RESEARCH

### El-categories

An *El-category* is a category  $\mathbf{C}$  such that every endomorphism is an isomorphism.

There is recent interest in  $(E, \text{Mod-}R)$  where  $E$  is a finite El-categories, i. e., with a finite number of morphisms, and  $R$  is commutative.

1. All results in the previous section work for  $E$  an  $R$ -linear category.
2.  $E$  induces a (group) splices
  - $E_a = \text{End}_{\mathbf{C}}(a)$  is a group.
  - $E_{ab} = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(a, b)$  is a  $(E_a, E_b)$ -biset.
  - $t_{abc} : E_{ab} \times_{E_c} E_{bc} \rightarrow E_{ac}$  is the commutativity condition.

where  $E_{ab} \times_{E_c} E_{bc}$  is the composition of the bisets.

3.  $(E, \text{Set})$  are the representations of these splices.

## Cotorsion pairs in functor categories

In a recent paper, Holm and Jorgensen have induced cotorsion pairs in the category  $(\mathbf{C}, \text{Mod-}R)$ .

These cotorsion pairs allow them to construct model structures in the functor category.

They begin with cotorsion pairs in  $\text{Mod-}R$  and induce them in  $(\mathbf{C}, \text{Mod-}R)$ .

Can we induce cotorsion pairs in  $(\mathbf{C}, \text{Mod-}R)$  using our description of functor categories?