

The Recollections of Purity

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- 2 Coherent functors
- 3 Recollements of abelian categories
- 4 Tilting and cotilting functors

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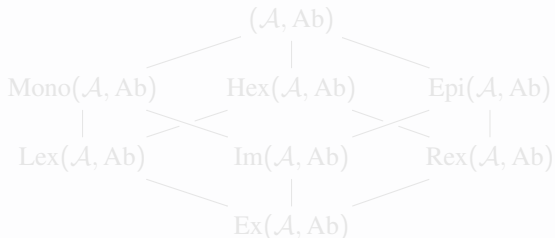
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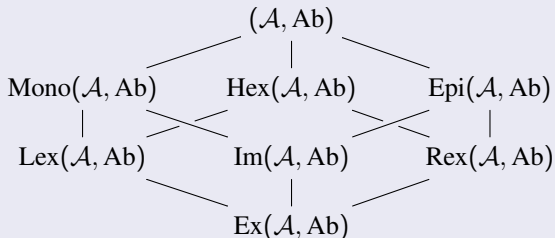


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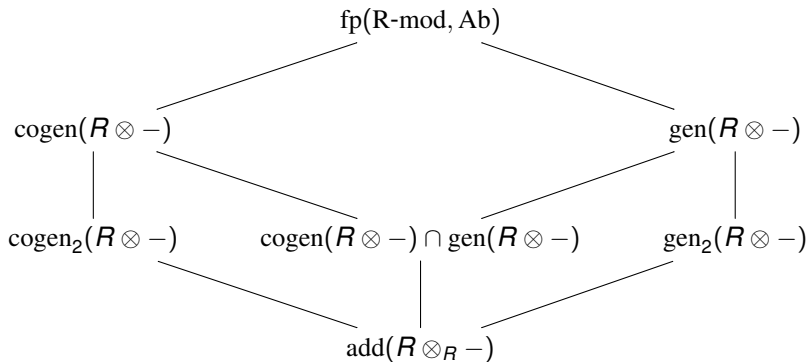
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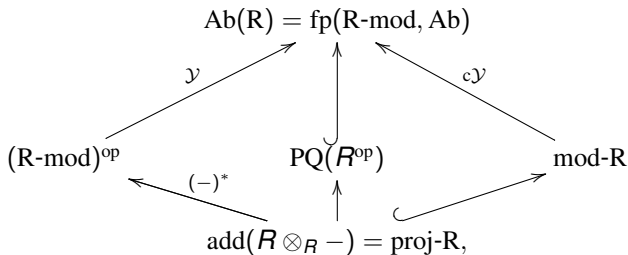
The Snake Lemma:

If $\Sigma : 0 \longrightarrow_R M \longrightarrow_R N \longrightarrow_R K \longrightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence in $R\text{-Mod}$, then $(\text{Tr } X, \Sigma)$ is exact iff $\text{Im}(A \times \Sigma)$ is exact iff $X \otimes_R \Sigma$ is exact.

The important subcategories of $\text{fp}(R\text{-mod}, \text{Ab})$



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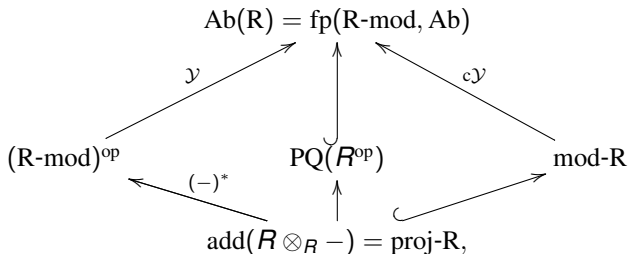


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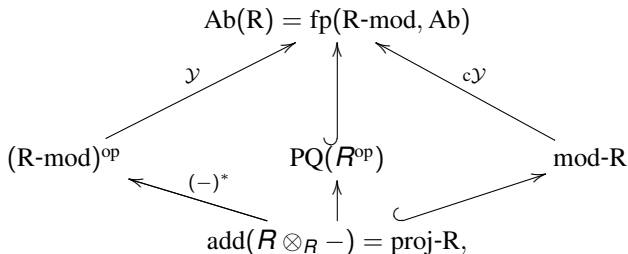


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Definition (Beilinson, Bernstein & Deligne)

A **recollement of abelian categories** is a diagram of functors between abelian categories of the form

$$R(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z}) : \begin{array}{ccccc} & & \varphi & & \\ & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft & \\ & \mathcal{W} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{X} & \xleftarrow{\ell} & \mathcal{Z} \\ & \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright & \\ & & \tau & & \\ & & & & r & \end{array}$$

satisfying the following properties:

- 1 (φ, ι, τ) and (ℓ, ρ, r) are **adjoint triples**;
- 2 the functors ι, ℓ and r are fully faithful;
- 3 $\text{Im } \iota = \text{Ker } \rho$.

The left adjoint $\ell : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is right exact; the right adjoint $r : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is left exact; and the **middle adjoint** $m : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, given by the image of the norm, preserves images.

The stable functor category

Let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be an inclusion of small additive categories and $\pi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}$ the quotient category:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}}(\underline{A}, \underline{B}) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B) / \mathcal{B}(A, B),$$

the subgroup of morphisms modulo those that factor through an object in \mathcal{B} .

Theorem

Precomposition with π induces a recollement of abelian categories

$$(\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}, \mathrm{Ab}) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} (\mathcal{A}, \mathrm{Ab}) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{res}_{\mathcal{B}}} (\mathcal{B}, \mathrm{Ab}),$$

where $\mathrm{res}_{\mathcal{B}} : (\mathcal{A}, \mathrm{Ab}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \mathrm{Ab})$ is the restriction functor and $(\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B}, \mathrm{Ab}) \subseteq (\mathcal{A}, \mathrm{Ab})$ is the subcategory of functors that vanish on \mathcal{B} .

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- 1 $\text{pd}(T) \leq n$;
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Theorem

If $M \in \text{R-Mod}$ is a pure projective pure generator, then

- 1 $\text{Ev}(M)$ is 2-tilting in $(\text{mod-R}, \text{Ab})$;
- 2 $\text{Ev}(M)$ is 1-tilting in $(\text{PQ}(R^{\text{op}}), \text{Ab})$;
- 3 $\text{Ev}(M)$ is 0-tilting in $((\text{R-mod})^{\text{op}}, \text{Ab})$.

Cotilting objects

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Let \mathcal{G} be a complete, cocomplete category with an injective cogenerator E . Then $C \in \mathcal{G}$ is an n -cotilting object if

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- 2 $\text{Ext}^i(C^I, C^I) = 0$, for all $i > 0$, and index sets I ;
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Theorem

If $N \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ is a pure injective pure cogenerator, then

- 1 $\text{Ev}(N)$ is 0-cotilting in $(\text{mod-}\mathbf{R}, \text{Ab})$ (Jensen-Lenzing);
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The Positselski-Šťovíček correspondence

Theorem (Positselski-Šťovíček)

Let \mathcal{G} be a complete, cocomplete abelian category with an injective cogenerator E . If $T \in \mathcal{G}$ is an n -tilting object in \mathcal{G} , then there exists a (unique) complete, cocomplete abelian category \mathcal{G}' with a progenerator P' such that $\text{Add}(P') \cong \text{Add}(T)$ and there exists an n -cotilting object $C \in \mathcal{G}'$ such that $\text{Prod}(C) \cong \text{Prod}(E)$.

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