Semilocal categories, local functors and applications

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Semilocal Rings and Local Morphisms

Theorem

(Camps and Dicks) A ring R is semilocal if and only if there exists a local morphism $R \rightarrow S$ for some semilocal ring S, if and only if there exists a local morphism $R \rightarrow S$ for some semisimple artinian ring S.

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Let E, E' be injective square-free modules of finite Goldie dimension and let $\varphi \colon E \to E'$ be a module morphism. Then ker φ is a module of finite type.

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Let $\mathcal{J}(A, B)$ be the set of all morphisms $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B)$ satisfying the equivalent conditions of the Lemma. Then \mathcal{J} turns out to be an ideal of the category \mathcal{A} , called the *Jacobson radical* of \mathcal{A} .

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- A full functor F: A → B is a local functor if and only if its kernel is contained in the Jacobson radical J of A.

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Semilocal Categories

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If C is a semilocal category, the canonical functor $F \colon C \to \bigoplus_{\mathcal{M} \in \mathsf{Max}(C)} C / \mathcal{M}$ is local.

Local functor implies isomorphism reflecting functor for semilocal categories

Theorem

If \mathcal{A} is a semilocal category and $\mathcal{I}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{I}_n$ are ideals of \mathcal{A} such that the canonical functor $\mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}_n$ is local, then two objects of \mathcal{A} are isomorphic in \mathcal{A} if and only if they are isomorphic in $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}_i$ for every $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$.

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Notice that $\Delta + \Sigma$ is not the improper ideal of Mod-*R* in general. For instance, if *R* is a division ring, then both Δ and Σ are the zero ideal.

Theorem

The product functor ${\rm Mod}\text{-}R\to {\rm Mod}\text{-}R/\Delta\times {\rm Mod}\text{-}R/\Sigma$ is a local functor.

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Birkhoff's Theorem

Birkhoff's Theorem hold for rings, right modules, lattices, any universal algebra.

Let \mathcal{A}_i $(i \in I)$ be a family of preadditive categories, $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$ the product category and, for every $j \in I$, $P_j \colon \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i \to \mathcal{A}_j$ be the canonical projection. We say that a preadditive category \mathcal{A} is a *subdirect product* of the indexed family $\{\mathcal{A}_i \mid i \in I\}$ of preadditive categories if \mathcal{A} is a subcategory of the product category $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$ and, for every $i \in I$, the restriction $P_i|_{\mathcal{A}} \colon \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}_i$ is a full functor that induces an onto mapping $Ob(\mathcal{A}) \to Ob(\mathcal{A}_i)$.

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Theorem

The following conditions are equivalent for a skeletally small preadditive category \mathcal{A} :

(1) \mathcal{A} is subdirectly irreducible.

(2) There exists a nonzero ideal \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{A} such that $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$ for every nonzero ideal \mathcal{J} of \mathcal{A} .

(3) If the intersection of a set \mathcal{F} of ideals of \mathcal{A} is the zero ideal, then one of the ideals in \mathcal{F} is zero.

(4) There exist two objects \overline{A} and \overline{B} of \mathcal{A} and a nonzero morphism $\overline{f}: \overline{A} \to \overline{B}$ such that, for every nonzero morphism $f: A \to B$ in \mathcal{A} , there exist a positive integer n and morphisms $g_1, \ldots, g_n: \overline{A} \to A$ and $h_1, \ldots, h_n: B \to \overline{B}$ with $\overline{f} = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i fg_i$. (5) There exist two objects \overline{A} and \overline{B} of \mathcal{A} with the following two properties: (a) The (End_{\mathcal{A}}(\overline{B}), End_{\mathcal{A}}(\overline{A}))-bimodule $\mathcal{A}(\overline{A}, \overline{B})$ is an

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For every skeletally small preadditive category A, there exists a subdirect embedding of A into a direct product of subdirectly irreducible preadditive categories.

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