

## Lecture 18.

1) Tensor product of algebras.

2) Exactness of additive functors.

BONUS: Abelian categories.

Refs: [AM], Sections 2.9, 2.11

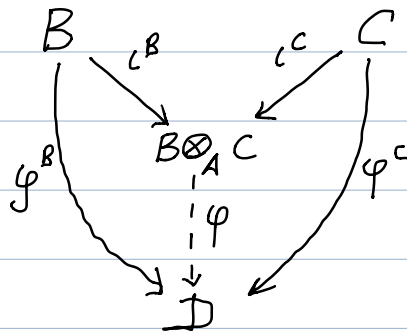
1)  $A$  is commutative unital ring,  $B, C$  are commutative  $A$ -algebras

Last time:  $\exists!$  commutative  $A$ -algebra structure on  $B \otimes_A C$  s.t.

$$(b_1 \otimes c_1)(b_2 \otimes c_2) = b_1 b_2 \otimes c_1 c_2.$$

Thm:  $B \otimes_A C$  is the coproduct of  $B$  &  $C$  in the category of commutative  $A$ -algebras.

i.e. the functors  $\text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(B \otimes_A C, \cdot)$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(B, \cdot) \times \text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(C, \cdot): A\text{-Comm Alg} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$  are isomorphic, equiv'y we have algebra homomorphisms  $\iota^B: B \rightarrow B \otimes_A C$ ,  $\iota^C: C \rightarrow B \otimes_A C$  s.t.  $\forall$  alg. homom's  $\varphi^B: B \rightarrow D$ ,  $\varphi^C: C \rightarrow D$ , where  $D$  is commutative  $A$ -alg'a  $\exists!$   $A$ -alg. homom.  $\varphi: B \otimes_A C \rightarrow D$  making the following commutative



Proof: Constr'n of  $\iota^B, \iota^C$ :  $\iota^B(b) = b \otimes 1$ ,  $\iota^C(c) = 1 \otimes c$ .

$$\varphi(b \otimes c) = [b \otimes c = (b \otimes 1)(1 \otimes c)] = \varphi(b \otimes 1)\varphi(1 \otimes c) = [\text{diagram is commutative}] = \varphi^B(b)\varphi^C(c), \text{ this what } \varphi \text{ should satisfy.}$$

The map  $B \times C \rightarrow D$ ,  $(b, c) \mapsto \varphi^B(b)\varphi^C(c)$  is  $A$ -bilinear, so

□

∃! A-linear map  $\varphi: B \otimes_A C \rightarrow D$  w.  $\varphi(b \otimes c) = \varphi^B(b) \varphi^C(c)$

What remains to check is:  $\varphi$  respects ring multipl'n, it's enough to do this on decomposable tensors:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(b_1 \otimes c_1 \cdot b_2 \otimes c_2) &= \varphi(b_1 b_2 \otimes c_1 c_2) = \varphi^B(b_1 b_2) \varphi^C(c_1 c_2) = \\ &= \varphi^B(b_1) \varphi^B(b_2) \varphi^C(c_1) \varphi^C(c_2) = [\mathcal{D} \text{ is comm'ive}] = (\varphi^B(b_1) \varphi^C(c_1)) \cdot \\ &(\varphi^B(b_2) \varphi^C(c_2)) = \varphi(b_1 \otimes c_1) \varphi(b_2 \otimes c_2) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Example:  $B = A[x_1, \dots, x_k] / (F_1, \dots, F_{k'})$ ,  $C = A[y_1, \dots, y_e] / (G_1, \dots, G_{e'})$ .

Then  $B \otimes_A C = A[x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_e] / (F_1, \dots, F_{k'}, G_1, \dots, G_{e'})$ , denote the right hand side by  $\mathcal{D}$ .  
on  $x_1, \dots, x_k$     on  $y_1, \dots, y_e$

Will show isomorphism of functors:

$$\text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(\mathcal{D}, \cdot), \quad \text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(B, \cdot) \times \text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(C, \cdot)$$

$F_B := \text{Hom}_{A\text{-Alg}}(B, \cdot)$ , define another functor  $F'_B: A\text{-Comm Alg} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ :

$F'_B: \text{comm'ive alg'a } E \mapsto \{(e_1, \dots, e_k) \in E^{\times k} \mid F_i(e_1, \dots, e_k) = 0, i=1, \dots, k'\}$   
 for  $\varphi: E \rightarrow E' \rightsquigarrow F'_B(\varphi): F'_B(E) \rightarrow F'_B(E')$ ,  $(e_1, \dots, e_k) \mapsto (\varphi(e_1), \dots, \varphi(e_k))$ .

-well-defined map b/c  $\varphi(e_1), \dots, \varphi(e_k)$  satisfy rel'ns of  $e_1, \dots, e_k$ .

Then  $F_B \cong F'_B$  (b/c a homom'ism from  $B$  is uniquely determined by images of generators  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  & exists as long as the images satisfy relations,  $F_1, \dots, F_{k'}$ ).

Similarly, we have  $F_C \cong F'_C$ ,  $F_D \cong F'_D$ . From descriptions of  $B, C, D$  by generators & rel'ns see  $F'_D \cong F'_B \times F'_C$ .

This completes example

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2) Exactness of additive functors - the main property of these functors Comm'ive Algebra cares about.

2.1) Exact sequences: Let  $M_0 \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} M_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\varphi_{k-1}} M_k$   
 be a sequence of  $A$ -modules & their homom's w.  $\varphi_i \in \text{Hom}_A(M_i, M_{i+1})$ ,  
 $i=0, \dots, k-1$ .

Def'n: • Say this sequence is exact if  $\text{im } \varphi_{i-1} = \text{ker } \varphi_i \ \forall i=1, \dots, k-1$ .  
 • A short exact sequence (SES) is exact sequence of form:

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

i.e.:  $\varphi_1$  is injective,  $\text{im } \varphi_1 = \text{ker } \varphi_2$  &  $\varphi_2$  is surjective.

Example (of SES) if  $N \subset M$  is an  $A$ -submodule, then have SES

$$0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/N \rightarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$   
inclusion
 $\uparrow$   
projection

In a way, every SES looks like this:  $\varphi_1$  identifies  $M_1$   
 w. submodule of  $M_2$ ,  $\varphi_2$  identifies  $M_3$  w.  $M_2 / \text{im } \varphi_1$ .

2.2) Definition of exactness for functors.

$A, B$  be two rings,  $F: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$  be an additive functor.

Definition (of left & right exact functors):

If  $\forall$  SES  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} M_3 \rightarrow 0$

(i) the sequence  $0 \rightarrow F(M_1) \xrightarrow{F(\varphi_1)} F(M_2) \xrightarrow{F(\varphi_2)} F(M_3) \rightarrow 0$  is exact,  
 then say  $F$  is left exact.

(ii) the sequence  $F(M_1) \rightarrow F(M_2) \rightarrow F(M_3) \rightarrow 0$  is exact,  
 then say  $F$  is right exact.

Rem: can define left/right exact functors  $F: A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$   
 e.g. in (i) require that

$$0 \rightarrow F(M_3) \xrightarrow{F(\varphi_2)} F(M_2) \xrightarrow{F(\varphi_1)} F(M_1)$$

is exact.

Def: For  $F: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$ ,  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow B\text{-Mod}$ ,  
exact = left & right exact, i.e. sends SES to SES.

### 2.3) Examples:

1) Let  $S \subset A$  localizable subset  $\leadsto$  local'n functor  $\cdot_S: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A_S\text{-Mod}$ . We claim that it's exact.

Reminder (Lec 9, Section 2.2) : if  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, N)$ , then

$$\ker(\varphi_S) = (\ker \varphi)_S, \quad \text{im}(\varphi_S) = (\text{im} \varphi)_S.$$

$$\text{For SES } 0 \rightarrow M^1 \xrightarrow{\varphi^1} M^2 \xrightarrow{\varphi^2} M^3 \rightarrow 0$$

$\varphi^1$  is inj've  $\Rightarrow \varphi_S^1$  is injective;  $\text{im} \varphi^1 = \ker \varphi^2 \Rightarrow \text{im} \varphi_S^1 = \ker \varphi_S^2$   
 etc. This shows  $\cdot_S$  is exact.

2) Let  $L$  be an  $A$ -module  $\leadsto L \otimes_A \cdot: A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$ .

We claim  $L \otimes_A \cdot$  is right exact.

Indeed, consider SES  $0 \rightarrow K_2 \xrightarrow{\iota_2} M_2' \xrightarrow{\pi_2} M_2 \rightarrow 0$   
 need to show

$$L \otimes_A K_2 \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \iota_2} L \otimes_A M_2' \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \pi_2} L \otimes_A M_2 \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

By Lecture 16, Section 1.1:  $\text{id} \otimes \pi_2$  is surj've,  $\ker(\text{id} \otimes \pi_2)$   
 $= \text{Span}_A(L \otimes K_2 \mid L \in L, K_2 \in K_2) = \text{im}(\text{id} \otimes \iota_2)$ ; in that lecture

We've fixed the 2nd factor of  $\cdot \otimes_A \cdot$  but we know  $\otimes_A$  is comm'ive so this doesn't matter).

3)  $\text{Hom}_A(L, \cdot): A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$  is left exact. Need to show: for SES  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} M_3 \rightarrow 0$ , the following is exact

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(L, M_1) \xrightarrow{\varphi_1 \circ ?} \text{Hom}_A(L, M_2) \xrightarrow{\varphi_2 \circ ?} \text{Hom}_A(L, M_3)$$

$\varphi_1$  is inj'ive  $\Rightarrow \varphi_1 \circ ?$  is inj'ive (exercise)

Let's check  $\ker[\varphi_2 \circ ?] = \text{im}[\varphi_1 \circ ?]$ , i.e. the following are equivalent (for  $\varphi_2 \in \text{Hom}_A(L, M_2)$ )

(a)  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_2 = 0$  (i.e.  $\varphi_2 \in \ker$ )

(b)  $\varphi_2 = \varphi_1 \circ \psi_1$  for  $\psi_1 \in \text{Hom}_A(L, M_1)$  (i.e.  $\varphi_2 \in \text{im}$ ).

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) b/c  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1 = 0$

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{im } \varphi_2 \subset \ker \varphi_2 = \text{im } \varphi_1$  &  $\varphi_1: M_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{im } \varphi_1$  so we can view  $\varphi_2$  as an  $A$ -linear map  $L \rightarrow M_1$ , this is  $\psi_1$  in (b). □ of example.

Remark:  $\cdot \text{Hom}_A(L, \cdot)$  may fail to be exact:  $A = \mathbb{Z}, L = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ , consider SES

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{z \mapsto 2z} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) = \{0\}$  but  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \neq \{0\}$ .

• Similarly,  $L \otimes_A \cdot$  may fail to be exact (see Prob 6 in HW 4).

Another example:  $\text{Hom}_A(\cdot, L): A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}} \rightarrow A\text{-Mod}$  is left exact.

(the proof wasn't discussed in the lecture).

We need to show that, for an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} M_3 \rightarrow 0$$

the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M_3, L) \xrightarrow{? \circ \varphi_2} \text{Hom}(M_2, L) \xrightarrow{? \circ \varphi_1} \text{Hom}(M_1, L)$$

is exact.

•  $\varphi_3 \mapsto \varphi_3 \circ \varphi_2$  is injective. Indeed, since  $\varphi_2$  is surjective,  $\varphi_3 \circ \varphi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi_3 = 0$ .

•  $\ker[? \circ \varphi_1] = \text{im}[? \circ \varphi_2]$ : as in example of  $\text{Hom}_A(L, \cdot)$ , we get  $\supset$   
 To show  $\subset$ :  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ker \varphi_2 \supset \text{im} \varphi_1$  so  $\exists!$   $\varphi_2$  s.t.  
 the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_2 & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow \varphi_2 & \\ M_2 / \text{im} \varphi_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} & L \end{array}$$

But  $\varphi_2$  identifies  $M_2 / \text{im} \varphi_1$  with  $M_3$ , so that the projection  $M_2 \rightarrow M_2 / \text{im} \varphi_1$  becomes  $\varphi_2: M_2 \rightarrow M_3$ . Take  $\varphi_3: M_3 \rightarrow L$  corresponding to  $\varphi_2$  so that  $\varphi_3 = \varphi_3 \circ \varphi_2$ .

BONUS: Abelian categories.

Additive functors make sense between additive categories, Lec 15.

Question for today: what additional structures/conditions do

we need to impose in order to be able to talk about exact sequences? It turns out that no additional structures are needed but we need to impose additional conditions.

Exact sequences are about kernels, images and their coincidence. One can define them easily when we talk about modules but in the generality of additive categories, objects are not sets & morphisms are not maps, so we need to explain what we mean by kernels.

As usual, a recipe to define the kernels (and cokernels = quotients by images) are to look at their universal properties in the usual setting of abelian groups.

Let  $N, M$  be abelian groups &  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  be a homomorphism. Let  $K$  be the kernel of  $\varphi$  and  $\iota: K \hookrightarrow M$  be the inclusion. Then we have the following:

(\*)  $\forall L \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}\text{-Mod})$  &  $\psi: L \rightarrow M$  a homom'ism s.t.  $\varphi \circ \psi = 0$   
 $\exists!$   $\psi': L \rightarrow K$  making the following diagram comm'ive

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & & \\ \downarrow \psi' & \searrow \psi & \\ K & \xrightarrow{\iota} & M \end{array}$$

Definition (of kernel in an additive category) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an additive category,  $M, N \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$ . By the kernel of  $\varphi$  we mean a pair  $(K, \iota)$  w  $K \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\iota \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(K, M)$  s.t.

- $\varphi \circ \iota = 0$

- $(K, \iota)$  has a universal property that is a direct generalization

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zation of (\*)

Definition (of cokernel in an additive category) The cokernel in  $\mathcal{C}$  = the kernel in  $\mathcal{C}^{opp}$ . I.e. in the notation of the previous definition, we get a pair  $(C, \pi)$  w.  $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $\pi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(N, C)$  s.t.

•  $\pi \circ \varphi = 0$

• and the universal property:  $\forall \psi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(N, L)$  s.t.  $\psi \circ \varphi = 0 \exists! \psi' \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, L)$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & & \\ \pi \downarrow & \searrow \varphi & \\ C & \xrightarrow{\psi'} & L \end{array} \quad \text{is comm'ive}$$

Exercise: In the category of abelian groups, the cokernel of  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is  $N/\text{im } \varphi$  w. the projection  $\pi: N \rightarrow N/\text{im } \varphi$ .

Definition: We say that  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$  is a monomorphism if  $(0, 0)$  is its kernel and is an epimorphism if  $(0, 0)$  is its cokernel.

For example, in  $A\text{-Mod}$ , monomorphism = injective & epimorphism = surjective. Note that a monomorphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  = epimorphism in  $\mathcal{C}^{opp}$ .

Exercise: • The following 2 conditions are equivalent

(a)  $\varphi: M \rightarrow N$  is a monomorphism

(b)  $\varphi \circ ? : \text{Hom}_A(L, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(L, N)$  is inj'ive  $\forall L \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$

• Similarly,  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism  $\Leftrightarrow ? \circ \varphi : \text{Hom}_A(N, L) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, L)$   $\forall L \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ .

• In particular, for any kernel  $(K, \iota)$  we have that  $\iota$  is a monomorphism & for any cokernel  $(C, \pi)$ ,  $\pi$  is an epimorphism.



Definition: We say that an additive category  $\mathcal{C}$  is abelian if the following conditions hold:

(K) every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  has a kernel

(C) every morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  has a cokernel

(M) for every monomorphism  $\iota \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(K, M) \exists N \& \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$  s.t.  $(K, \iota)$  is the kernel of  $\varphi$ .

(E) for every epimorphism  $\pi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(N, C) \exists M \& \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$  s.t.  $(C, \pi)$  is the cokernel of  $\varphi$ .

Example:  $A\text{-Mod}$  &  $A\text{-Mod}^{\text{opp}}$  are abelian categories.

Non-example: The category of free  $A$ -modules is not abelian if  $A$  is not a field. This is because every (not necessarily free)  $A$ -module is the cokernel (in the usual sense) of a linear map between free modules.

Example: A full subcategory of  $A\text{-Mod}$  (where  $A$  is an associative ring) that is closed under taking sub- & quotient modules is abelian. Added on 11/4: in particular, for  $A$  Noetherian, the category of fin. generated  $A$ -modules is abelian.

In an abelian category it makes sense to speak about subobjects of  $M$  (a pair of  $K \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$  & a monomorphism  $\iota \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(K, M)$ ) quotient objects etc. Axioms (M) & (E) ensure that these objects behave in a way we expect them to. In particular, it does make sense to talk about exact sequences.

Premium exer: in abelian category, isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow$  monomorphism & epimorphism