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## Morita Equivalence

I will do a special case of this important theory.

We work with noncommutative rings. Let  $A$  be a ring. A left  $A$ -module is an abelian group  $M$ , with a ring hom.  $\rho: A \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M)$ . For  $a \in A$  and  $m \in M$  we write  $a \cdot m := \rho(a)(m) \in M$ .

We denote by  $\text{Mod } A$  the category of left  $A$ -modules, and  $A$ -linear homs.

It is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear category. (Even a  $\mathbb{Z}(A)$ -lin. cat.)

Let  $n \geq 1$ .

The set of  $n \times n$  matrices  $M_n(A)$  is a ring - the usual matrix operations make sense.

Let  $\underline{0}$  and  $\underline{1}$  be the zero and one matrices.

There is an injective ring hom  $A \rightarrow M_n(A)$ ,

$$a \mapsto a \cdot \underline{1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

The center of  $M_n(A)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}(A)$ . So  $\text{Mod } M_n(A)$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}(A)$ -linear cat.

Theorem. There is a  $\mathbb{Z}(A)$ -linear equivalence of categories

$$F: \text{Mod } A \rightarrow \text{Mod } M_n(A).$$



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Proof. Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module. Define  $F(M) := M^{\oplus n}$ .  
We want to make  $M^{\oplus n}$  into an  $M_n(A)$ -module  
by viewing  $M^{\oplus n}$  as a column

$$M^{\oplus n} = \begin{bmatrix} M \\ \vdots \\ M \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ \vdots \\ m_n \end{bmatrix} \mid m_1, \dots, m_n \in M \right\}$$

Then  $M_n(A)$  acts on  $M^{\oplus n}$  by matrix multp. from  
the left.

If  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M'$  is an  $A$ -lin. hom., then  
 $F(\varphi) := \begin{bmatrix} \varphi \\ \vdots \\ \varphi \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} M \\ \vdots \\ M \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M' \\ \vdots \\ M' \end{bmatrix}$  is  $M_n(A)$ -linear.

It is easy to check that  $F$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}(A)$ -lin.  
functor.

Before we define a quasi-inverse  $G$ , we have  
to know more about the ring  $M_n(A)$ .

For  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  let  $e_{ij}$  be the matrix

$$e_{ij} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in M_n(A).$$

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It is easy to check that

$$\textcircled{1} \quad e_{i,j} \cdot e_{j',k} = \begin{cases} e_{i,k} & \text{if } j=j' \\ \underline{0} & \text{if } j \neq j' \end{cases},$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n e_{i,i} = \underline{1},$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad e_{i,j} \cdot (a \cdot \underline{1}) = (a \cdot \underline{1}) \cdot e_{i,j} = a \cdot e_{i,j} \quad \text{for } a \in A.$$

Let  $L \in \text{Mod } M_n(A)$ . Then by  $\textcircled{3}$  the abelian subgroup  $e_{i,i} \cdot L =: L_i$  is an  $A$ -submod of  $L$ ; and by  $\textcircled{2}$  we have an  $A$ -mod. hom.

$$\textcircled{4} \quad L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n L_i.$$

← "row decomposition"

Consider the operation  $e_{i,j} \cdot -$  on  $L$ . We have  $e_{i,j} \cdot L_{j'} = 0$  for  $j' \neq j$ , and  $e_{i,j} \cdot L_j = e_{i,i} \cdot e_{i,j} \cdot L_j \subset L_i$  [using  $\textcircled{1}$ ]. Thus we have  $A$ -mod. hom.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad e_{i,j} \cdot - : L_j \rightarrow L_i.$$

Since  $e_{j,i} \cdot e_{i,j} = e_{j,j}$ , we see that  $\textcircled{5}$  is  $\cong$ .

$$\text{Define } G(L) := e_{1,1} \cdot L = L_1.$$

Suppose  $\psi: L \rightarrow L'$  is a hom. in  $\text{Mod } M_n(A)$ .

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$\psi(Z_i) = \psi(e_{-1,1} \cdot Z) \subset e_{-1,1} \cdot Z'$ ,  
so get hom of  $A$ -modules

$$G(\psi) := \psi|_{G(Z)} : G(Z) \rightarrow G(Z').$$

Thus get a  $Z(A)$ -lin. functor

$$G : \underline{\text{Mod}} M_n(A) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Mod}} A.$$

The next step is to find a natural isom.

$$\eta : \underline{\text{Mod}} A \xrightarrow{\cong} G \circ F.$$

Take an  $A$ -mod.  $M$ . Then  $F(M) = \begin{bmatrix} M \\ \vdots \\ M \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$G(M) = e_{-1,1} \cdot F(M) = \begin{bmatrix} M \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ There is an obvious } A\text{-lin.}$$

isom.  $\eta_M : M \xrightarrow{\cong} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and it is natural.

Finally we need a nat. isom.

$$\zeta : \underline{\text{Mod}} M_n(A) \xrightarrow{\cong} F \circ G.$$

Take  $Z \in \underline{\text{Mod}} M_n(A)$ . So  $G(Z) = Z_1 = e_{-1,1} \cdot Z$   
and  $(F \circ G)(Z) = \begin{bmatrix} Z_1 \\ \vdots \\ Z_1 \end{bmatrix} = Z_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Z_1$ . On the other  
hand, by (\*) we have  $Z = Z_1 \oplus \dots \oplus Z_n$ . Define

$A$ -mod. isom.

$$(130) \quad \gamma_2: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow (\mathbb{F} \circ \mathbb{R})(\mathbb{Z}),$$

$$\gamma_2|_{\mathcal{L}_i}: \mathcal{L}_i \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{L}_1, \quad \gamma_2|_{\mathcal{L}_i} := e_{-1,i}$$

This is an  $M_n(\mathbb{K})$ -lin. isom. And it is natural.  
(check this!)

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### Exercise

⊛ There is an  $A$ -mod. isom.  $M_n(A) \cong A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ . (\*)

⊙ The mult. in  $M_n(A)$  satisfies (using can. isom. (\*))

$$(a \otimes \underline{b}) \cdot (a' \otimes \underline{b}') = (aa') \otimes (\underline{b} \cdot \underline{b}')$$

for  $a, a' \in A$ ;  $\underline{b}, \underline{b}' \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ .

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## Derived Functors

Let  $K$  be a comm. ring. A  $K$ -algebra is a ring  $A$ , together with a ring hom.  $K \rightarrow Z(A)$ .

A hom. of  $K$ -algebras is a ring hom.  $A \rightarrow B$  that commutes with the homs. from  $K$ .

Example Any ring is a  $Z$ -algebra.

If  $A$  is a  $K$ -algebra, then  $\text{Mod } A$  is a  $K$ -lin. category.

Suppose  $A$  &  $B$  are  $K$ -algebras, and

$F: \text{Mod } A \rightarrow \text{Mod } B$  is a  $K$ -lin. functor

We will learn about the left derived functors

$L_i F$ , and the right derived functors  $R^i F$ .

We will prove:

Theorem. There are additive functors

$$L_i F: \text{Mod } A \rightarrow \text{Mod } B, \quad i \in \mathbb{N},$$

with these properties.

(A) There is a nat. trans.  $\gamma: L_0 F \rightarrow F$ , which is an isomorphism if  $F$  is right exact.



(132) (2) If  $F$  is exact, then  $L_i F = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$ .

(3) Suppose  $B \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{\varphi} M \xrightarrow{\psi} M'' \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact seq. in  $\text{Mod } A$ . Then there are maps.

$$\partial_i: L_{i+1}(M'') \rightarrow L_i(M')$$

s.t. the sequence

$$L_{i+1}(M'') \xrightarrow{\partial_i} L_i(M') \xrightarrow{L_i(\varphi)} L_i(M) \xrightarrow{L_i(\psi)} L_i(M'') \xrightarrow{\partial_{i+1}} L_{i+1}(M')$$

is exact.

(or  $A$  is commutative)

Example Say  $N$  is a right  $A$ -module. Let

$$F(M) := N \otimes_A M. \text{ Then } L_i F =: \text{Tor}_i^A(N, -).$$



For right derived:  $F \rightarrow R^0 F$ ;  $R^i F = 0$  for  $i \geq 1$  if  $F$  exact;  $\partial_i: R^i(M'') \rightarrow R^{i+1}(M')$ ; long ex. seq. [not important for us]



The opposite of a category  $\underline{C}$  is the cat.  $\underline{C}^{op}$ , with same objects, but  $\text{Hom}_{\underline{C}^{op}}(C, D) := \text{Hom}_{\underline{C}}(D, C)$ , and composition is reversed.

A contravariant functor  $F: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{D}$  is a functor  $F: \underline{C}^{op} \rightarrow \underline{D}$ .

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