

**Theorem 0.1.** *There exists the following functorial isomorphism*

$$\alpha_{X,Y}: \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{mod-}k}(X,Y) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{mod-}k}(Y,X)^\vee.$$

*namely, Serre functor is identity in mod- $k$ .*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{mod-}k}(Y,X) \times \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{mod-}k}(X,Y) & \longrightarrow & k \\ \cup & & \cup \\ (g,f) & \longmapsto & \operatorname{tr}(g \circ f) \end{array}.$$

First we prove this mapping defines perfect bilinear forms. Let  $a_1, a_2 \in k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{tr}((a_1 g_1 + a_2 g_2) \circ f) &= \operatorname{tr}(a_1 g_1 \circ f + a_2 g_2 \circ f) = a_1 \operatorname{tr}(g_1 \circ f) + a_2 \operatorname{tr}(g_2 \circ f) \\ \operatorname{tr}(g \circ (a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2)) &= \operatorname{tr}(a_1 g \circ f_1 + a_2 g \circ f_2) = a_1 \operatorname{tr}(g \circ f_1) + a_2 \operatorname{tr}(g \circ f_2) \end{aligned}$$

Next, we prove nondegeneracy. Let  $f \neq 0: X \rightarrow Y$ . Choose  $x \in X$  with  $f(x) \neq 0$  and pick  $\varphi \in Y^\vee$  with  $\varphi(f(x)) \neq 0$ . Define  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  by

$$g(y) = \varphi(y)x.$$

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