

DUALIZABILITY

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Definition. — Let $(C, \otimes, \mathbb{1})$ be a symmetric monoidal category. An object $c \in C$ is *dualizable* if there exists $c^\vee \in C$ and maps

$$\begin{aligned} \text{coev} : \mathbb{1} &\longrightarrow c \otimes c^\vee \\ \text{ev} : c^\vee \otimes c &\longrightarrow \mathbb{1} \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[c \xrightarrow{\text{coev} \otimes \text{id}} c \otimes c^\vee \otimes c \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \text{ev}} c \right] &= \text{id}_c \\ \left[c^\vee \longrightarrow c^\vee \otimes c \otimes c^\vee \longrightarrow c^\vee \right] &= \text{id}_{c^\vee}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 0.0.1. — Let $C = \text{Vect}_k \ni V$. V is dualizable if and only if $\dim V < \infty$.

If V is finite-dimensional define $V^\vee = \text{Hom}(V, k)$, pick a basis v_1, \dots, v_n and a dual basis $v^1, \dots, v^n \in V^\vee$. We can define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{coev} : k &\longrightarrow V \otimes V^\vee \\ 1 &\longmapsto \sum v_i \otimes v^i \end{aligned}$$

and ev to be the usual evaluation map.

For the inverse direction we get that $\text{coev}(1)$ is a finite sum. One shows that the v_i that show up form a basis.

Example 0.0.2. — In (Set, \times) , (Top, \times) and any (C, \times) the only dualizable object is $\{*\}$.

Recall that $\underline{\text{Hom}}(c, c')$ satisfies

$$\text{Hom}_C(t, \underline{\text{Hom}}(c, c')) = \text{Hom}_C(t \otimes c, c').$$

Corollary 0.0.1. — An object $c \in C$ is dualizable if and only if

- a) $\underline{\text{Hom}}(c, \mathbb{1})$ and $\underline{\text{Hom}}(c, c)$ exist,
- b) $c \otimes \underline{\text{Hom}}(c, \mathbb{1}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(c, c)$ is an iso.

(Hence $c^\vee = \underline{\text{Hom}}(c, \mathbb{1})$).

Example 0.0.3. — Take Mod_R for a commutative ring R . Then $M \in \text{Mod}_R$ is dualizable if and only if M is projective.

Dualizable objects are closed under retracts. If M is a finite projective module, it is a retract of a finite free module, so it is dualizable.

Conversely, if M is dualizable there exists

$$M \longrightarrow R^? \longrightarrow M$$

$$(1) \quad m \longmapsto (f_i(m))_i$$

$$(r_i) \longmapsto \sum r_i m_i$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned} R &\longrightarrow M \otimes_R \text{Hom}(M, R) \\ 1 &\longmapsto \sum m_i \otimes f_i. \end{aligned}$$

Example 0.0.4. — Consider $D(R), \otimes_R^{\mathbb{L}}$. An object is dualizable if and only if it is a perfect complex, i.e. quasi-isomorphic to a finite complex of finite projective modules.

Example 0.0.5. — Let X be a qcqs scheme, then $\mathcal{F} \in D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X))$ is dualizable if and only if \mathcal{F} is perfect, i.e. $\mathcal{F}|_{\mathrm{Spec} R}$ is as above.

§1. DUALIZABILITY AS A FINITENESS CONDITION

Definition. — If \mathcal{C} is a symmetric monoidal ∞ -category, $c \in \mathcal{C}$ is dualizable if and only if $c \in H_0(\mathcal{C})$ is dualizable.

Lemma 1.0.1. — Suppose \mathcal{C} is a symmetric monoidal ∞ -category which has filtered colimits, which are preserved under \otimes . If $\mathbb{1} \in \mathcal{C}$ is compact (i.e. $\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbb{1}, -)$ preserves filtered colimits), then any dualizable object is compact.

Proof. $\mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, -) = \mathrm{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbb{1}, c^{\vee} \otimes -)$. □

Lemma 1.0.2. — Suppose \mathcal{C} is presentable and colimits are preserved under \otimes (presentably symmetric monoidal). Then $c \in \mathcal{C}$ is dualizable if and only if $c \otimes -$ preserves limits.

Proof. First suppose $\varphi = c \otimes -$ preserves limits. By the adjoint functor theorem φ admits a left adjoint φ^L , then $\varphi^L(\mathbb{1})$ is a dual for c . □

Lemma 1.0.3. — Let X be a topological space, $\mathcal{F} \in D(\mathrm{Sh}(X, \mathrm{Ab}))$ is dualizable if and only if locally on X , \mathcal{F} is constant and associated to a perfect complex of abelian groups.

Proof. Given an open subset U of X write $u : U \hookrightarrow X$ for the open embedding. We claim that

$$\mathrm{colim}_{x \in U} \mathrm{Hom}(u^* \mathcal{F}, u^* \mathcal{G}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{G}_x)$$

is an isomorphism. (For a proof look at Cisinski, Déglise Étale motives.) □

Let X be a smooth, affine variety over k we can associate to it the de Rham complex $\Omega_{X/k}^*$ and de Rham cohomology $H_{\mathrm{dR}}^n(X) = H^n(X, \Omega_{X/k}^*)$. If X^{an} is compact, then $\Omega_{X^{\mathrm{an}}}^*$ are holomorphic differential forms and we define $H_{\mathrm{dR}^{\mathrm{an}}}^n(X) = H^n(X^{\mathrm{an}}, \Omega_{X^{\mathrm{an}}}^*)$.

Theorem 1.0.1 (Grothendieck, C-D “Weil...”). — Fix $k \subset \mathbb{C}$, then there is an isomorphism

$$H_{\mathrm{dR}}^n(X) \otimes_k \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\mathrm{dR}^{\mathrm{an}}}^n(X).$$

Proof. We have a commutative diagram

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Sm}_k^{\mathrm{op}} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{X \mapsto \Omega_{X/k} \otimes \mathbb{C}} \\ \xrightarrow{X \mapsto \Omega_{X^{\mathrm{an}}}^{\mathrm{an}}} \end{array} & D(\mathrm{Vec}_{\mathbb{C}}) \\ \downarrow X \mapsto M(X) & & \\ \mathrm{DA}^{\mathrm{ét}}(k)^{\mathrm{op}} \text{ or } \mathrm{SH}(k)^{\mathrm{op}} & & \end{array}$$

(there is a natural transformation from top arrow to bottom, add this). The functors at the top are symmetric monoidal.

Lemma 1.0.4. — Suppose we have

$$(3) \quad (\mathcal{C}, \otimes) \xrightleftharpoons[F]{G} (\mathcal{D}, \otimes)$$

where F, G are monoidal functors and $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$ compatible with \otimes . There exists $c \in \mathcal{C}$ dualizable. Then

$$\alpha(c) : F(c) \xrightarrow{\sim} G(c)$$

is an isomorphism.

Fact: $\mathrm{DA}^{\mathrm{ét}}(k)$ or $\mathrm{SH}(k)$ is generated by $M(X)(?)$ for X/k smooth and proper. (6 functor formalism and resolution of singularities)

$M(X)$ is dualizable for X smooth and proper (by the 6 functor formalism).

Look at Robalo’s thesis to get a F, G factoring through $\mathrm{SH}(k)^{\mathrm{op}}$ as symmetric monoidal functors. (??) □

Recall (or wait until Friday) (Pr^L, \otimes) the category of presentable ∞ -categories and a colimit preserving functors

- $P(C_0) \otimes P(C_1) = P(C_0 \times C_1)$
- If X, Y are (qcqs) schemes over k

$$D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X)) \otimes_{D(k)} D(\mathrm{QCoh}(Y)) = D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X \times_k Y)).$$

Example 1.0.1. — In Pr^L , $P(C_0)$ is dualizable with dual $P(C_0^{\mathrm{op}})$.

Now consider Pr_{ω}^L the category of presentable, compactly generated categories and functors that preserve compact objects. Define $\mathrm{Pr}_{\omega, k}^L = \mathrm{Mod}_{D(k)} \mathrm{Pr}_{\omega}^L$. Any $C = \mathrm{Ind}(C_0)$ is dual in Pr^L with dual $C^{\vee} = \mathrm{Ind}(C_0^{\mathrm{op}})$.

Theorem 1.0.2 (Kontsevich). — Let X/k be an algebraic variety. Define $C = D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X)) \in \mathrm{Pr}_{\omega, k}^L$.

1) X is smooth if and only if (in Pr_k^L)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{coev} : D(k) &\longrightarrow C \otimes C^{\vee} = D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X \times X)) \\ k &\longmapsto \Delta_* \mathcal{O}_X \end{aligned}$$

preserves compact objects.

2) X is proper if and only if $p_* \Delta^* = \mathrm{ev} : D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X \times X)) \rightarrow D(k)$ preserves compact objects.

Hence X is smooth and proper if and only if $D(\mathrm{QCoh}(X))$ is dual in $\mathrm{Pr}_{\omega, k}^L$.

(Kadyshev, Prikodko proved Atiyah-Bott which implies Borel-Weil-Bott)