

# Representations of a concrete category as objects in the functor category

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# 1 Introduction

$$\mathbf{Quiv} \xrightarrow{\text{CatClosure}} \leftarrow_U \mathbf{Cats} \xrightarrow{k\text{-Algebroid}} \leftarrow_U \mathbf{k-Cats} \xrightarrow{\text{AdditiveClosure}} \leftarrow_U \mathbf{k-Cats}^\oplus$$

## 2 A short overview of the tools used

GAP, QPA / QPA2, Catreps, CAP, homalg-project

## 3 The categories Cat and Quiv

In this section, we first want to define the category **Quiv** and how it is the prototype for the category **Cats**. In order to describe the category **Quiv** of quivers, we first have to define what a category is and for this we need the definition of a quiver. Lateron we will revisit this definition as we can define quivers as the objects in the quiver category **Quiv**.

**Definition 3.0.1.** (Quiver)

A directed graph or quiver  $q$  consists of a class of objects (or vertices)  $q_0 = \text{Obj } q$  and a class of morphisms (or arrows)  $q_1 = \text{Mor } q$  together with two defining maps

$$s, t: q_1 \rightrightarrows q_0$$

$s$  called source and  $t$  called target.

In the next definition we are giving a new characterization for  $q_1$  by looking at all arrows between two fixed objects.

**Definition 3.0.2.** (Hom-set of a (locally) small quiver)

- (1) Given two objects  $M, N \in q_0$  we write  $\text{Hom}_q(M, N)$  or  $q(M, N)$  for the fiber  $(s, t)^{-1}(\{(M, N)\})$  of the product map  $(s, t): q_1 \longrightarrow q_0 \times q_0$  over the pair  $(M, N) \in q_0 \times q_0$ . This is the class of all morphisms with source =  $M$  and target =  $N$ . We indicate this by writing  $\varphi: M \longrightarrow N$  or  $M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N$ . Hence  $q_1$  is the disjoint union  $\bigcup_{M, N \in q_0} \text{Hom}_q(M, N) = q_1$ . As usual we define  $\text{End}_q(M) := \text{Hom}_q(M, M)$ .

- (2) If the class  $\text{Hom}_q(M, N)$  is a set for all pairs  $(M, N)$  then we call the quiver locally small. We therefore talk about Hom-sets. If additionally,  $q_0$  is a set, then the quiver is called small.

**Example 3.0.3.** (Quiver with 2 objects and 3 morphisms)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{b} & 2 \\ \curvearrowright_a & & \curvearrowright_c \end{array}$$

The objects of this quiver  $q$  are  $q_0 = \{1, 2\}$ , and the morphisms are  $q_1 = \{a, b, c\}$  with  $s(a) = 1 = t(a)$ ,  $s(c) = 2 = t(c)$  and  $s(b) = 1, t(b) = 2$ .

Thus  $\text{End}_q(1) = \{a\}$ ,  $\text{End}_q(2) = \{c\}$  and  $\text{Hom}_q(1, 2) = \{b\}$  whereas  $\text{Hom}_q(2, 1) = \emptyset$ .

In QPA this quiver is encoded as  $q(2) [a:1 \rightarrow 1, b:1 \rightarrow 2, c:2 \rightarrow 2]$  where the first (2) in parentheses stands for the total number of objects.

**Definition 3.0.4.** (Composable arrows; path in a quiver)

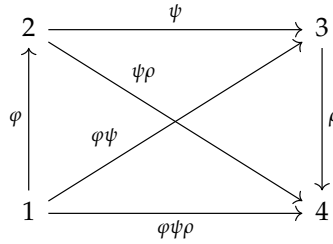
Since we already have the source and target maps, we say two arrows  $a, b \in q_1$  are composable if  $t(a) = s(b)$  or  $t(b) = s(a)$ . In this case we can write a sequence of composable arrows  $p = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$  where  $t(a_i) = s(a_{i+1})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ . We call this sequence a path from  $s(a_1)$  to  $t(a_n)$  and the integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  the length  $l(p)$  of the path  $p$ . Although it's not an arrow, we can define the source and target of a path  $p = a_1 \cdots a_n$  as  $s(p) := s(a_1)$  and  $t(p) := t(a_n)$ . A path  $p = a_1 \cdots a_n$  with  $s(a_1) = t(a_n)$ , i.e.  $s(p) = t(p)$ , is called cyclic.

For an endomorphism  $a \in \text{End}_q(M)$  we write  $a^n$  for  $aa \cdots a$  ( $n$  times). In the case of  $n = 0$  an empty path whose source and target are the vertex  $i \in q_0$  is called the trivial path at  $i$  and is denoted  $e_i$ . Note that the composition of paths  $e_i e_i$  has length zero starting at  $i$  therefore  $e_i^2 = e_i$ .

**Lemma 3.0.5.** Let  $Q$  be a quiver. If there is a path of length at least  $|Q_0|$ , then there are cyclic paths, and thus infinitely many paths.[2]

*Proof.* Assume that there exists a path of length greater or equal to  $|Q_0|$ . Then there exists a path of length  $n = |Q_0|$ , say  $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n$ . Consider the vertices  $x_i = s(\alpha_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $x_{n+1} = t(\alpha_n)$ . Then these are  $n + 1$  vertices, thus there has to exist  $i < j$  with  $x_i = x_j$ . Let  $\omega = \alpha_i \cdots \alpha_{j-1}$ , this is a path with source and target  $x_i = x_j$ , thus a cyclic path. But then  $\omega^m$  is a path for any natural number  $m$ . The path  $\omega$  has length  $j - i \geq 1$ , thus  $\omega^m$  has length  $m(j - i)$ . This shows that these paths are pairwise different.  $\square$

**Example 3.0.6.** (A quiver with no cycles)



The longest path  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$  has length 3. If after the object 4 another arrow would go to either 1, 2, 3 or 4 itself, we would have a cyclic path and thus infinitely many paths.

**Definition 3.0.7.** (Category)

A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a quiver with two further maps:

(id) The identity map  $1_{( )}$  mapping every object  $X \in \mathcal{C}_0$  to its identity morphism  $1_X$ :

$$\mathcal{C}_0 \xrightarrow{1} \mathcal{C}_1$$

( $\mu$ ) And for any two composable morphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{C}_1$ , i.e. with  $t(\varphi) = s(\psi)$ , the composition map  $\mu$ , which maps  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{C}_1 \times \mathcal{C}_1$  to  $\mu(\varphi, \psi) \in \mathcal{C}_1$  which we also write as  $\varphi\psi$ .

$$\mathcal{C}_1 \times \mathcal{C}_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{C}_1$$

The defining properties for  $1$  and  $\mu$  are:

- (1)  $s(1_M) = M = t(1_M)$ , i.e.  
 $1_M \in \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \forall M \in \mathcal{C}$ .
- (2)  $s(\varphi\psi) = s(\varphi)$  and  
 $t(\varphi\psi) = t(\psi)$   
for all composable morphisms  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{C}$ .

$$\mu : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, L) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, N) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$$

- (3)  $(\varphi\psi)\rho = \varphi(\psi\rho)$  [associativity of composition]
- (4)  $1_{s(\varphi)}\varphi = \varphi = \varphi 1_{t(\varphi)}$  [unit property]  
The identity is a left and right unit of the composition.

**Definition 3.0.8.** (Finite and concrete categories)

- (1) A finite category is a category with a finite set of objects and a finite set of morphisms.
- (2) A concrete category is a category whose objects have underlying sets and whose morphisms are functions between these underlying sets. Otherwise it's called an abstract category.

Clearly every finite category is a small category.

## 4 The categories Quiv, Cat, FinSets, k-Mat, CatReps and the Functor Category

In this section, we first want to define the category **Quiv** and how it is the prototype for the category **Cats**. We want to restrict ourselves to finite concrete categories, which brings us to the category **FinSets**. Our goal is to represent concrete categories, for this we need the source and target categories of our representations. The source category is **k-Algebroids** which we compute algorithmically from a concrete category. The target category of our category representations is **k-Mat**. The category where our category representations lie in is **CatReps** for which we show that it's a subcategory of the **Functor Category**.

### 4.1 Additional structure on the Hom-set of a category

**Example 4.1.1.** A group  $G$  defines a category  $BG$  with a single object. The group elements are its morphisms, which are all automorphisms of the single object. The identity element  $e \in G$  acts as the identity morphism for the unique object in this category. The hom-set of that category is itself a group.

This example can be generalized to categories where the hom-set is a ring or an  $R$ -algebra. But for this we need a commutative ring  $R$  and thus the category  $R\text{-Mod}$ .

**Definition 4.1.2.** Ab-Category An Ab-category is a category in which all homomorphism sets are abelian groups. That means in addition to the composition of morphisms  $\mu : \mathcal{C}_1 \times \mathcal{C}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_1$  we have another binary operation  $+ : \mathcal{C}_1 \times \mathcal{C}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_1$ , that distributes over the composition, i.e.

$$\mu(f + g, h) = \mu(f, h) + \mu(g, h)$$

The concept of a functor is central in category theory. It is how the objects and morphisms of two categories relate to one another.

**Definition 4.1.3.** (Functor)

In the category **Cat** which has categories as objects, functors are the morphisms between these objects. Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \text{Obj Cat}$  be categories. A functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  consists of the following data:

- (1) For every object  $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$  there is an object  $Fc \in \mathcal{D}$ .
- (2) For every morphism  $f \in \mathcal{C}_1$ , i.e.  $c \xrightarrow{f} c'$  there is a morphism  $Ff \in \mathcal{D}_1$  with  $Fc \xrightarrow{Ff} Fc'$ , i.e.  $s(Ff) = F s(f)$  and  $t(Ff) = F t(f)$

Functors are compatible with the identity map and the composition map:

- (3) For every object  $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$  we have  $1_c \in \mathcal{C}_1$  and for the functor  $F$  we demand that  $F 1_c = 1_{Fc} \in \mathcal{D}_1$ .
- (4) For every pair of morphisms  $f, g \in \mathcal{C}_1$  with  $t(f) = s(g)$  we have  $fg \in \mathcal{C}_1$  and we demand that  $Fg Ff = F gf$ .

With the definition of a category and the category of functors finished, we can come back and use them to define the category of quivers **Quiv**.

**Definition 4.1.4.** (The category **Quiv**) [3] Let the Kronecker category  $\mathcal{K}$  be the category with two objects, 0 and 1, and two non-identity morphisms,  $s$  and  $t : 1 \begin{smallmatrix} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{smallmatrix} 0$ . Let **FinSets** be the category of finite sets with morphisms being maps between those sets. The category of quivers **Quiv** is the category of functors from  $\mathcal{K}$  to **FinSets**. For a quiver  $q \in \text{Obj Quiv}$  we write  $q_x$  for the image of  $x \in \{0, 1\}$  under  $q$ . The images under  $q$  of the morphisms  $s$  and  $t$  are again denoted by  $s$  and  $t$ .

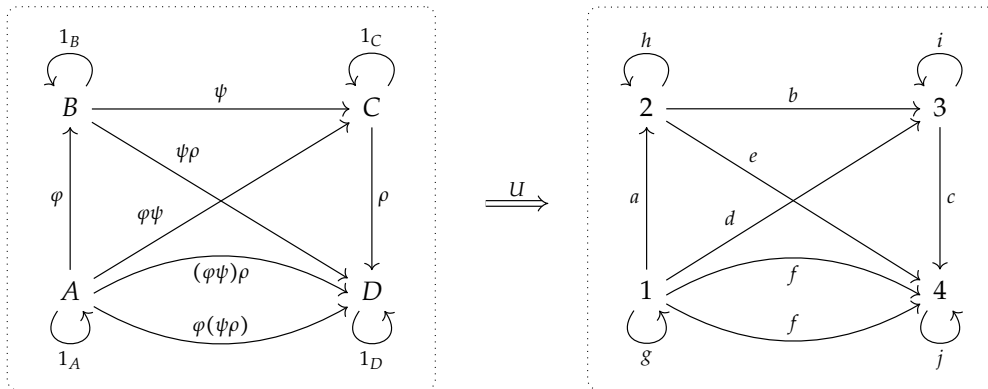
As we have seen, every category is a quiver, but in general, to become a category, a quiver is lacking identity morphisms and the composition of morphisms. To be more precise, there is a functor  $U$

from the category of categories  $\mathbf{Cat}$  to the category of quivers  $\mathbf{Quiv}$ , called the underlying quiver or forgetful functor.

$$\mathbf{Cat} \xrightarrow{U} \mathbf{Quiv}$$

mapping every object  $M \in \mathcal{C}_0$  to the same objects in  $q_0$ , mapping every arrow  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_1$  to an arrow  $a \in q_1$ , respecting source and target, but forgetting the special role of the identity morphisms and of the composition morphisms.

**Example 4.1.5.** (Underlying quiver)



In the category on the left, associativity of composition guaranteed that  $(\varphi\psi)\rho = \varphi(\psi\rho)$ , so those two arrows were already the same, so they are mapped to the same arrow  $f = U((\varphi\psi)\rho) = U(\varphi(\psi\rho))$  in the quiver on the right. We didn't have to draw both arrows for  $f$ , but since they are equal, there is still only one arrow in the hom-set  $\text{Hom}_q(1, 4) = \{f, f\} = \{f\}$ .

All the other identities are not preserved under the forgetful functor, e.g.  $d$  doesn't know what it has to do with  $a$  and  $b$  apart from  $s(d) = s(a)$  and  $t(d) = t(b)$ . Especially the former identity arrows are now just endomorphisms with no defining property.

The paths  $g^2f, gf$  and  $fj^3$  are all different, while in the category, they all simplify to  $1_A 1_A (\varphi\psi)\rho = 1_A (\varphi\psi)\rho = (\varphi\psi)\rho 1_D 1_D 1_D = (\varphi\psi)\rho$  due to the unit property and associativity.

**Definition 4.1.6.** (Ab-category) An Ab-category is a category in which all homomorphism sets are abelian groups, and composition distributes over addition.

In other words, A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is an Ab-category if for every pair of objects  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}_0$ ,  $(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N), +)$  is an abelian group (with the neutral element called zero morphism), and for all morphisms  $\gamma, \delta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N), \alpha, \beta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(N, L)$

$$(\gamma + \delta)\alpha = \gamma\alpha + \delta\alpha \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma(\alpha + \beta) = \gamma\alpha + \gamma\beta.$$

Note that every hom-set has its own unique zero morphism. E.g. in  $\text{Mat}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  the 2-by-3 zero-matrix  $0 \in \text{Hom}(2, 3)$  is different from the 4-by-4 zero-matrix  $0 \in \text{Hom}(4, 4)$ .

**Definition 4.1.7.** (Initial object, terminal object, zero object)

**Example 4.1.8.**

**Definition 4.1.9.** (Kernel of a morphism)

**Definition 4.1.10.** (Abelian category)

**Definition 4.1.11.** ( $k$ -linear category)

Quiver  $\rightarrow$  CAT:  $U$ : forget 1, forget composition  
search  $U^{-1}$

Beispiel für Adjunktion

Path Algebra:

## 5 Functors and natural transformations

### 5.1 Functors map one category to another

**Example 5.1.1.** (Identity Functor) bla

**Example 5.1.2.** (Forgetful functor) bla

**Definition 5.1.3.** (full functor; faithful functor)

## 5.2 Natural transformations are morphisms between functors

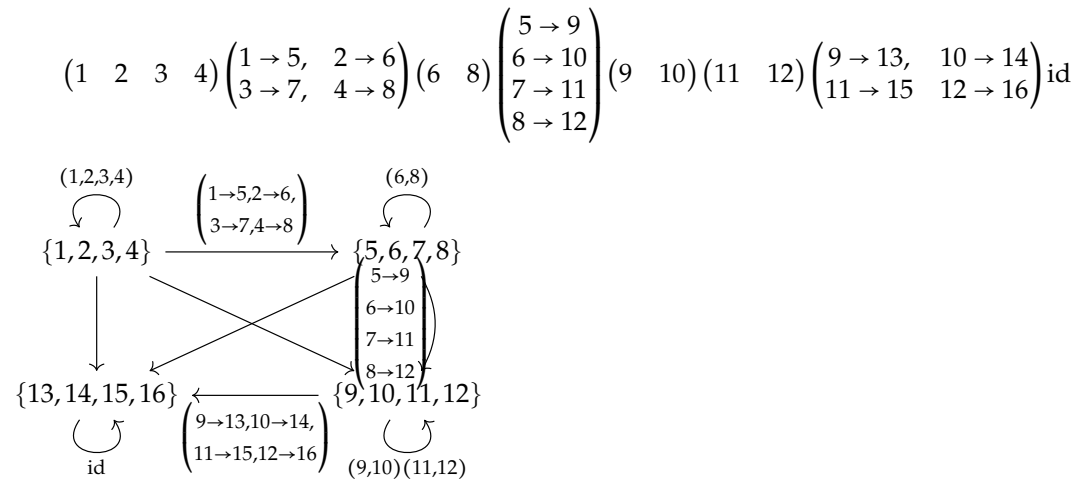
# 6 Yoneda's Lemma: Completion and cocompletion of a category

## 6.1 Embedding categories

**Lemma 6.1.1.** (Yoneda's Lemma)

*Proof.*

□



## 7 Functors and natural transformations

### 7.1 Functors act on objects and morphisms of a category

### 7.2 Natural transformations are morphisms between functors

### 7.3 Representations are Functors into a matrix category

### 7.4 Finite concrete categories

Yoneda's Einbettungs-Lemma: Fehlende Limiten bzw. Kolimiten existieren nach der Einbettung.

Einbettung in Kategorien, die mehr Limiten haben als die Zielkategorie.

"(Ko-)Vervollständigung" der Kategorie (Completion / Cocompletion)

Quiver = unvollständige Struktur einer Kategorie Erzeugendensystem einer Kategorie.

K-linearer Abschluss einer Kategorie

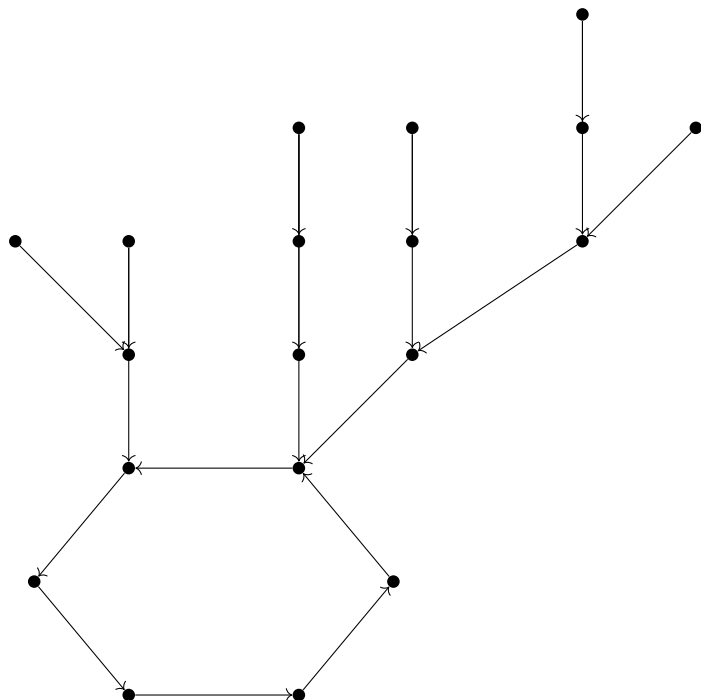
Pfadalgebra = Kategorien-Algebra path algebra = 1 Object, welches eine Algebra ist. Dabei verliert man wieder die Informationen über die mehreren Objekte.

So wie Menge ein Erz-system eines Monoid.



## 8 Relations of the Algebroid

### 8.1 Relations of endomorphisms



**Lemma 8.1.1** ( $\sigma$ -Lemma). *For each endomorphism  $f$  in a finite concrete category  $\mathcal{C}$  there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f^{(m+n)} = f^m$ .*

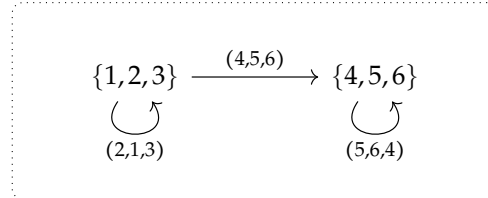
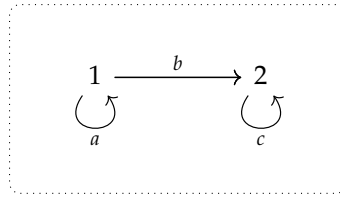
Beschreibung der Algorithmen

WeakDirectSumDecomposition j- Tiefensuche. Objekte (Funktoren) in indecomposable Functors.

**Example 8.1.2.** (Representation of a concrete category)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{array}{cc} 5 & 4 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{cc} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \end{array} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

nine  $\uparrow$



$$F(a)\eta_1 = \eta_1 G(a) F(b)\eta_2 = \eta_1 G(b)$$

## 9 K-linear Category (Algebroid)

Group: Category with one object.

Groupoid: A small category in which every morphism is an isomorphism.

Algebroid

EmbeddingOfSumOfImages

What is an Algebroid? Bialgebroid?

## 10 Additive Category

## 11 Abelian Category

## 12 The Category of Categories

## 13 The Categories of Functors

## 14 The Representation of a Category

## 15 Representation

Grundidee von FunctorCategory

Standard-Monoidale Struktur von der Zielkategorie z.B.  $\text{TensorUnit}(C)$

## 16 Algorithms

```

60  AddInverse( C,
61    function( alpha )
62      return Inverse( UnderlyingCell( alpha ) ) / CapCategory( alpha );
63    end );
64
65  c := ConcreteCategory( L );
66
67  C!.ConcreteCategoryRecord := c;
68
69  objects := List( c.objects, FinSet );
70
71  SetSetOfObjects( C, List( objects, o -> o / C ) );

```

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72
73     SetSetOfGeneratingMorphisms( C, List( c.generators, g -> ConvertToMapOfFinSets( obje
74
75     Finalize( C );
76
77     return C;
78
79 end );
80
81 ##
82 InstallMethod( Algebroid,
83     "for a homalg ring and a finite category",
84     [ IsHomalgRing and IsCommutative, IsFiniteConcreteCategory ],
85
86 function( k, C )
87     local objects, gmorphisms, q, kq, relEndo, A, F, vertices, rel,
88         func, st, s, t, homST, list, p, pos;
89
90     objects := SetOfObjects( C );
91     gmorphisms := SetOfGeneratingMorphisms( C );
92     q := RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory( C );
93     kq := PathAlgebra( k, q );
94     relEndo := RelationsOfEndomorphisms( k, C );
95     A := Algebroid( kq, relEndo );
96     kq := UnderlyingQuiverAlgebra( A );
97     F := CapFunctor( A, objects, gmorphisms, C );
98
99     vertices := List( SetOfObjects(A), UnderlyingVertex );
100
101     rel := [];
102     func :=
103         function( p, l )
104             return ForAny( l, p1->
105                 IsCongruentForMorphisms(
106                     ApplyToQuiverAlgebraElement( F, p ),
107                     ApplyToQuiverAlgebraElement( F, p1 ) )
108                 );
109     end;
110
111     for st in Cartesian(vertices, vertices) do
112         s := st[1];
113         t := st[2];
114         if s = t then
115             continue;
116         fi;
117         homST := BasisPathsBetweenVertices( kq, s, t );
118         homST := List( homST, p -> PathAsAlgebraElement( kq, p ) );
119
120         list := [];
121
122         for p in homST do
123             pos := PositionProperty( list, l->func(p,l) );
124             if IsInt(pos) then
125                 Add( list[pos], p );
126             else
127                 Add( list, [p] );
128             fi;
129         od;

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130     list := List( list , l-> List( l , p -> p!.representative ) );
131     Append( rel , list );
132   od;
133
134   rel := Filtered( rel , l -> Length(l)>1 );
135   rel := List( rel , l -> List( l{[ 2 .. Length(l) ]} , p -> l[1]-p ) );
136   rel := Flat( rel );
137   rel := Concatenation( relEndo , rel );
138
139   kq := PathAlgebra( kq ) / rel;
140
141   kq := PathAlgebra( kq ) / GroebnerBasis( IdealOfQuotient( kq ) );

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**Algorithm 1:** RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory

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**Input :** a finite concrete category  $C$  with  $n$  objects

**Output :** the right quiver  $q(n)$

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1  let  $Obj$  be the set of objects of  $C$ ;
2  let  $n := Length(Obj)$ ;
3  let  $gMor$  be the set of generating morphisms of  $C$ ;
4  let  $A$  be the empty set and let  $i := 1$ ;
5  foreach morphism  $mor$  in  $gMor$  do
6    | let  $A_{i,1}$  be the position of  $Source(mor)$  in  $Obj$ ;
7    | let  $A_{i,2}$  be the position of  $Range(mor)$  in  $Obj$ ;
8    | let  $i := i + 1$ ;
9  end
10 let  $q$  be the right quiver with vertices  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and arrows  $A$ .
11 return  $q$ ;

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We want the endomorphism relations so that the path algebra is finite-dimensional and we get a finite Gröbner basis.

Proof that algorithm is correct Proof that it terminates.

Wir haben BasisOfExternalHom benutzt um Decompose in CAP umzusetzen um EmbeddingOf-SubRepresentation umzusetzen um WeakDirectSumDecomposition umzusetzen.

## Notes

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**Algorithm 2:** RelationsOfEndomorphisms

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**Input:** a commutative ring  $k$  and a finite concrete category  $C$

**Output:** the endomorphism relations of the category  $C$

```
1 let  $q := \text{RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory}(C)$ ;  
2 let  $kq$  be the path algebra generated by  $k$  and  $q$ ;  
3 let  $gMor$  be the set of generating morphisms of  $C$ ;  
4 let  $A := \text{Arrows}(q)$ ;  
5 let  $relsEndo$  be the empty set;  
6 foreach  $i = 1, \dots, \text{Length}(gMor)$  do  
7   let  $mor := gMor_i$  if  $mor$  is not an endomorphism then  
8     continue;  
9   end  
10  let  $m := 0$  and let  $powers$  be the empty set;  
11  let  $foundEqual$  be false;  
12  while  $mor^m \notin powers$  do  
13    let  $n := 1$ ;  
14    while  $\neg foundEqual$  do  
15      if  $mor^{(m+n)} = mor^m$  then  
16        Add the relation  $kq.(A_i)^{(m+n)} - kq.(A_i)^m$  to  $relsEndo$ ;  
17         $foundEqual := \text{true}$ ;  
18      end  
19       $n := n+1$ ;  
20    end  
21    Add  $mor^m$  to  $powers$ ;  
22     $m := m+1$ ;  
23  end  
24 end  
25 return  $relsEndo$ ;
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