

# 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 Quivers, categories and k-algebroids

**Definition 3.1.** (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 QPA, the objects are coded by natural numbers, so the first object is 1, the second 2 and so on. The arrows are denoted by small letters  $a, b, c$  and so on. There is a difference between RightQuiver and LeftQuiver in that the right quiver is right-oriented (that is, the convention for order in multiplication of paths is the opposite of that used for left-oriented quivers).

**Definition 3.2.** (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  $\dot{\bigcup}_{M, N \in q_0} \text{Hom}_q(M, N) = q_1$ . 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 3.3.** (Quiver with 2 objects and 3 morphisms)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{b} & 2 \\ \curvearrowleft_a & & \curvearrowleft_c \end{array}$$

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 3.4.** (Composable arrows; path in a quiver)

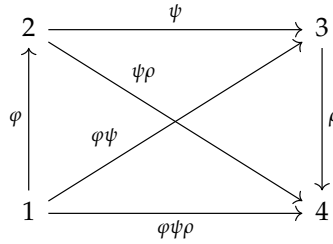
Since we already have the source and target maps, we say two arrows  $a, b \in q_1$  are composable if  $t(a) = s(b)$  or  $t(b) = s(a)$ . In this case we can write a sequence of composable arrows  $p = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$  where  $t(a_i) = s(a_{i+1})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ . We call this sequence 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 3.5.** 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.

*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 3.6.** (A quiver with no cycles)



**Definition 3.7.** (Category)

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

(id) The identity map  $1_{(\cdot)}$  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  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{C}$ .

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

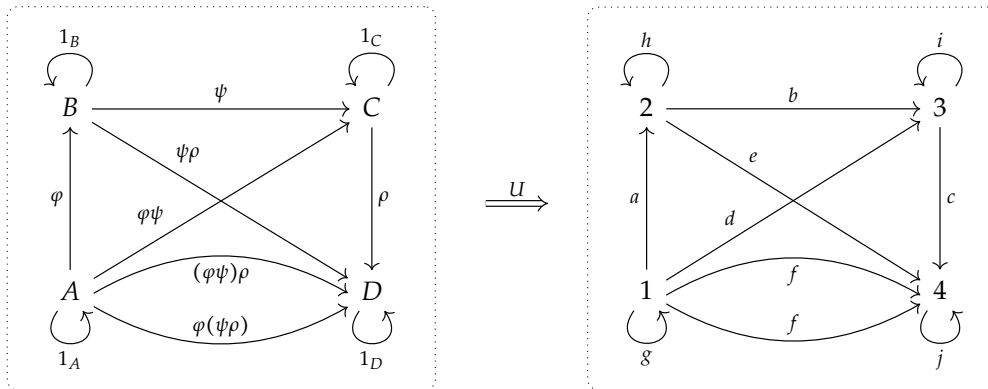
- (3)  $(\varphi\psi)\rho = \varphi(\psi\rho)$  [associativity of composition]
- (4)  $1_{s(\varphi)}\varphi = \varphi = \varphi 1_{t(\varphi)}$  [unit property]  
The identity is a left and right unit of the composition.

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  $\text{CAT}$  to the category of quivers  $\text{Quiv}$ , called the underlying quiver or forgetful functor.

$$\text{CAT} \xrightarrow{U} \text{Quiv}$$

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 3.8.** (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 3.9.** (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 3.10.** (Initial object, terminal object, zero object)

**Example 3.11.**

**Definition 3.12.** (Kernel of a morphism)

**Definition 3.13.** (Abelian category)

**Definition 3.14.** (k-linear category)

Quiver  $\rightarrow$  CAT:  $U$ : forget  $1$ , forget composition

search  $U^{-1}$

Beispiel für Adjunktion

Path Algebra:

## 4 Limits and colimits

### 4.1 Monomorphisms and epimorphisms

### 4.2 Kernel and cokernel; image and coimage

### 4.3 Direct sum and direct product

## 5 Functors and natural transformations

### 5.1 Functors map one category to another

**Example 5.1.** (Identity Functor)

**Example 5.2.** (Forgetful functor)

**Definition 5.3.** (full functor; faithful functor)

## 5.2 Natural transformations are morphisms between functors

# 6 Adjunctions

## 6.1 Universal objects

## 6.2 Forgetting the forgetful functor: Free constructions

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

## 7.1 Embedding categories

## 7.2 Taking what a category lacks

**Example 7.1.** (Probability theory: The  $\sigma$  algebra of a random variable)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Omega_1, \sigma_1) & \xrightarrow{X} & (\Omega_2, \sigma_2, P) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ (\Omega_1, \sigma_1, P_X) & & \end{array}$$

# 8 Functors and natural transformations

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

## 8.2 Natural transformations are morphisms between functors

## 8.3 Representations are Functors into a matrix category

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.

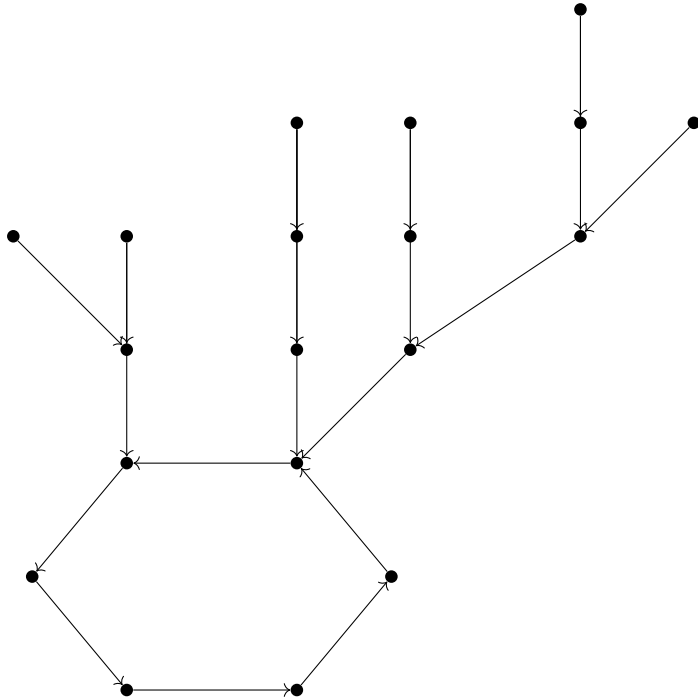
K-linearer Abschluss einer Kategorie

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.

## 9 Relations of the Algebroid

### 9.1 Relations of endomorphisms



**Lemma 9.1** ( $\sigma$ -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 ;– Tiefensuche. Objekte (Funktoen) in indecomposable Functors.

## 10 Category

**Definition 10.1.** (Quiver)

A quiver  $A$  consists of a class of objects (or vertices)  $A_0 = \text{Obj}A$  and a class of morphisms (or arrows)  $A_1 = \text{Mor}A$  together with two defining maps

$$s, t: A_1 \rightrightarrows A_0$$

$s$  called source and  $t$  called target.<sup>1</sup>

We write  $\text{Hom}_A(M, N)$  (sometimes also  $A(M, N)$ ) for the fiber  $(s, t)^{-1}(\{(M, N)\})$  of the product map  $(s, t): A_1 \rightarrow A_0 \times A_0$  over the pair  $(M, N) \in A_0 \times A_0$ .

This is the class of all morphisms with source =  $M$  and target =  $N$ .

For a morphism  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(M, N)$  we write

$$\varphi: M \longrightarrow N \text{ or } M \xrightarrow{\varphi} N$$

Clearly  $A_1$  is the disjoint union  $\dot{\bigcup}_{M, N \in A_0} \text{Hom}_A(M, N) = A_1$ . As usual we define  $\text{End}_A(M) := \text{Hom}_A(M, M)$ .

**Definition 10.2.** (Category)

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

$$A_0 \xrightarrow{1} A_1 \xleftarrow{\mu} A_1 \times_{s, A_0, t} A_1$$

**Example 10.3.** (Representation of a concrete category)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 5 \xrightarrow{\quad} 4 \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \uparrow \\
 \parallel \\
 \text{nine}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 1 \xrightarrow{\quad b \quad} 2 \\
 \begin{array}{cc} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ a & c \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \{1,2,3\} \xrightarrow{(4,5,6)} \{4,5,6\} \\
 \begin{array}{cc} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ (2,1,3) & (5,6,4) \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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

# 11   **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?



## 12 Additive Category

## 13 Abelian Category

## 14 The Category of Categories

## 15 The Categories of Functors

## 16 The Representation of a Category

## 17 Representation

Grundidee von FunctorCategory

Standard-Monoidale Struktur von der Zielkategorie z.B. TensorUnit(C)

## 18 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 ) );
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 );

```

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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;
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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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

<sup>1</sup>Some authors use maps  $t, h$  for *tail* and *head* instead of source and target, defining the arrows to go from the tail to the head. This use of  $t$  as the starting point instead of the end target as in our definition can lead to some confusion.

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**Algorithm 1:** RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory

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

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

```
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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**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  $q := RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory(C)$ ;  
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  $A := Arrows(q)$ ;  
5 let  $relsEndo$  be the empty set;  
6 foreach  $i = 1, \dots, Length(gMor)$  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  |   |   |   |  $foundEqual := true$ ;  
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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## References

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