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

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#### 1 Introduction

Quiv 
$$\rightarrow$$
 CatClosure  $\leftarrow_{II}$  Cats  $\rightarrow$  k-Algebroid  $\leftarrow_{II}$  k - Cats  $\rightarrow$  AdditiveClosure  $\leftarrow_{II}$  k - Cats

#### 2 A short overview of the tools used

GAP, QPA / QPA2, Catreps, CAP, homalg\_project

# 3 The categories Quiv, Cats, 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**.

#### 3.1 The category Quiv

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 3.1.1.** (Quiver)

A <u>directed graph</u> or <u>quiver</u> q consists of a class of <u>objects</u> (or <u>vertices</u>)  $q_0$  = Obj q and a class of <u>morphisms</u> (or <u>arrows</u>)  $q_1$  = Mor q together with two defining maps

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

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

- (1) Given two objects  $M, N \in q_0$  we write  $\operatorname{Hom}_q(M, N)$  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  $M \stackrel{\varphi}{\longrightarrow} N$ . Hence  $q_1$  is the disjoint union  $\bigcup_{M,N \in q_0}^{\bullet} \operatorname{Hom}_q(M,N) = q_1$ . As usual we define  $\operatorname{End}_q(M) := \operatorname{Hom}_q(M,M)$ .
- (2) If the class  $\operatorname{Hom}_q(M,N)$  is a <u>set</u> for all pairs (M,N) then we call the quiver <u>locally small</u>. We therefore talk about <u>Hom-sets</u>. If additionally,  $q_0$  is a set, then the quiver is called <u>small</u>.

**Example 3.1.3.** (Quiver with 2 objects and 3 morphisms)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & \xrightarrow{b} & 2 \\
 & & \downarrow 5 \\
 & & & \downarrow 5
\end{array}$$

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

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

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#### **Definition 3.1.4.** (Composable arrows; path in a quiver)

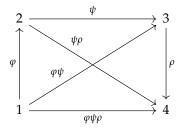
Since we already have the source and target maps, we say two arrows  $a, b \in q_1$  are <u>composable</u> if t(a) = s(b) or t(b) = s(a). In this case we can write a sequence of composable arrows  $p = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$  where  $t(a_i) = s(a_{i+1})$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n-1$ . We call this sequence a <u>path</u> from  $s(a_1)$  to  $t(a_n)$  and the integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  the <u>length</u> 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 <u>cyclic</u>.

For an endomorphism  $a \in \operatorname{End}_q(M)$  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 <u>trivial path at i</u> 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 3.1.5.** 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  $1 \le i \le n$  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  $j-i \ge 1$ , thus  $\omega^m$  has length m(j-i). This shows that these paths are pairwise different.

#### Example 3.1.6. (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 3.1.7.** (Category)

A <u>category</u> C is a quiver with two further maps:

(id) The <u>identity map</u>  $1_{()}$  mapping every object  $X \in C_0$  to its <u>identity morphism</u>  $1_X$ :

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

( $\mu$ ) And for any two <u>composable</u> morphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\psi \in C_1$ , i.e. with  $t(\varphi) = s(\psi)$ , the <u>composition map</u>  $\mu$ , which maps  $\varphi, \psi \in C_1 \times C_1$  to  $\mu(\varphi, \psi) \in C_1$  which we also write as  $\varphi \psi$ .

$$C_1 \times C_1 \stackrel{\mu}{\longrightarrow} C_1$$

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

(1) 
$$s(1_M) = M = t(1_M)$$
, i.e.  $1_M \in \operatorname{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \forall M \in \mathcal{C}$ .

(2) 
$$s(\varphi \psi) = s(\varphi)$$
 and  $t(\varphi \psi) = t(\psi)$  for all composable morphisms  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{C}$ .

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

(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 <u>unit</u> of the composition.

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

**Definition 3.1.8.** (Functor) In the category **Cat** which has categories as objects, <u>functors</u> are the morphisms between these objects. Let  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} \in \text{Obj} \mathbf{Cat}$  be categories. A <u>functor</u>  $F: \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$  between  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  consists of the following data:

- (1) For every object  $c \in C_0$  there is an object  $Fc \in D$ .
- (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) = Fs(f) and t(Ff) = Ft(f)

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

- (3) For every object  $c \in C_0$  we have  $1_c \in C_1$  and for the functor F we demand that  $F1_c = 1_{Fc} \in D_1$ .
- (4) For every pair of morphisms  $f,g \in C_1$  with t(f) = s(g) we have  $fg \in C_1$  and we demand that Fg Fg = 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**.

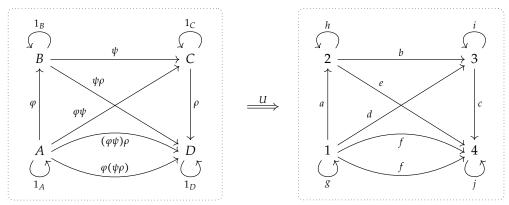
**Definition 3.1.9.** (The category **Quiv**)[3] Let the <u>Kronecker category</u>  $\mathcal{K}$  be the category with two objects, 0 and 1, and two non-identity morphisms, s and t  $1 \xrightarrow{s} 0$ . Let **FinSets** be the category of finite sets with morphisms being maps between those sets. The <u>category of quivers</u> **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 <u>functor</u> U from the <u>category of categories</u> CAT to the <u>category of quivers</u> Quiv, called the <u>underlying quiver</u> or <u>forgetful functor</u>.

$$CAT \longrightarrow Quiv$$

mapping every object  $M \in C_0$  to the same objects in  $q_0$ , mapping every arrow  $\varphi \in C_1$  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 3.1.10.** (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  $\text{Hom}_g(1,4) = \{f,f\} = \{f\}$ .

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  $1_A1_A(\varphi\psi)\rho = 1_A(\varphi\psi)\rho = (\varphi\psi)\rho 1_D1_D1_D = (\varphi\psi)\rho$  due to the unit property and associativity.

**Definition 3.1.11.** (Ab-category) An <u>Ab-category</u> 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 <u>Ab-category</u> if for every pair of objects  $M, N \in \mathcal{C}_0$ ,  $(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N), +)$  is an abelian group (with the neutral element called <u>zero morphism</u>), and for all morphisms  $\gamma, \delta \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N), \alpha, \beta \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(N, L)$ 

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

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

**Definition 3.1.12.** (Initial object, terminal object, zero object)

Example 3.1.13.

**Definition 3.1.14.** (Kernel of a morphism

**Definition 3.1.15.** (Abelian category)

**Definition 3.1.16.** (k-linear category)

Quiver -; 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 5.1.1. (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 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

Lemma 7.1.1. (Yoneda's Lemma)

Proof.

#### 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
- 8.4 Finite concrete categories

Yonedas Einbettungs-Lemma: Fehlende Limiten bzw. Kolimiten exitieren 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.

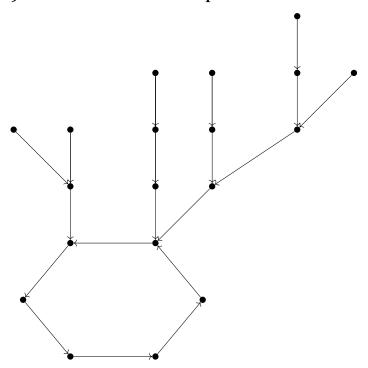
K-linearer Abschluss einer Kategorie

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

Beschreibung der Algorithmen

WeakDirectSumDecomposition i– Tiefensuche. Objekte (Funktoren) in indecomposable Functors.

# 10 Category

**Definition 10.0.1.** (Quiver)

A <u>quiver</u> A consists of a class of <u>objects</u> (or vertices)  $A_0$  = ObjA and a class of <u>morphisms</u> (or arrows)  $A_1$  = MorA together with two defining maps

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

s called <u>source</u> and t called <u>target</u>. 1

We write  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, N)$  (sometimes also A(M, N)) for the fiber  $(s, t)^{-1}(\{(M, N)\})$  of the product map  $(s, t) : A_1 \to A_0 \times A_0$  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

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

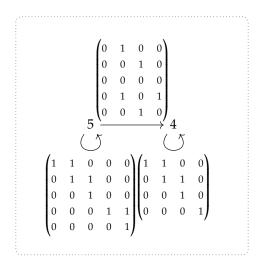
Clearly  $A_1$  is the disjoint union  $\bigcup_{M,N\in A_0}^{\bullet} \operatorname{Hom}_A(M,N) = A_1$ . As usual we define  $\operatorname{End}_A(M) := \operatorname{Hom}_A(M,M)$ .

**Definition 10.0.2.** (Category)

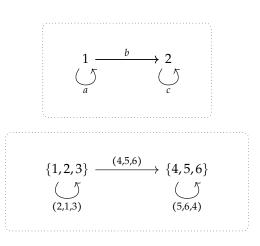
A <u>category</u> A is a quiver with two further defining maps

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

**Example 10.0.3.** (Representation of a concrete category)



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 $F(a)\eta_1=\eta_1G(a)F(b)\eta_2=\eta_1G(b)$ 

# 11 K-linear Category (Algebroid)

Group: Category with one object.

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

Algebroid

Embedding Of Sum Of Images

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,
          function (alpha)
61
            return Inverse ( Underlying Cell ( alpha ) ) / CapCategory ( alpha );
62
63
64
       c := ConcreteCategory( L );
65
66
       C!. ConcreteCategoryRecord := c;
67
68
        objects := List( c.objects, FinSet );
69
70
        SetSetOfObjects( C, List( objects , o -> o / C ) );
71
72
        SetSetOfGeneratingMorphisms(C, List(c.generators, g -> ConvertToMapOfFinSets(object)
73
74
        Finalize (C);
75
76
        return C;
77
78
   end);
79
80
   ##
81
   InstallMethod (Algebroid,
            "for a homalg ring and a finite category",
83
            [ IsHomalgRing and IsCommutative, IsFiniteConcreteCategory ],
84
85
     function (k, C)
86
87
        local objects, gmorphisms, q, kq, relEndo, A, F, vertices, rel,
              func, st, s, t, homST, list, p, pos;
88
89
        objects := SetOfObjects( C );
90
       gmorphisms := SetOfGeneratingMorphisms( C );
91
       q := RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory( C );
92
       kq := PathAlgebra( k, q );
93
       relEndo := RelationsOfEndomorphisms( k, C );
94
       A := Algebroid ( kq, relEndo );
95
       kq := UnderlyingQuiverAlgebra( A );
96
       F:= CapFunctor(A, objects, gmorphisms, C);
97
```

```
98
        vertices := List( SetOfObjects(A), UnderlyingVertex );
99
100
        rel := [];
101
        func :=
102
           function (p, l)
103
             return ForAny( 1, p1->
104
                             IsCongruentForMorphisms(
105
                                      ApplyToQuiverAlgebraElement(F, p),
106
                                      ApplyToQuiverAlgebraElement( F, p1 ) )
107
                             );
108
        end;
109
110
        for st in Cartesian (vertices, vertices) do
111
             s := st[1];
112
             t := st[2];
113
             if s = t then
114
                 continue:
115
             fi;
116
            homST := BasisPathsBetweenVertices( kq, s, t );
117
            homST := List( homST, p -> PathAsAlgebraElement( kq, p ) );
118
119
             list := [];
120
121
122
             for p in homST do
                 pos := PositionProperty( list, l->func(p,l) );
123
                 if IsInt(pos) then
124
                     Add( list[pos], p );
125
                 else
126
                     Add( list , [p] );
127
                 fi:
128
             od;
129
             list := List( list, l-> List( l, p -> p!.representative ) );
130
             Append( rel, list );
131
        od;
132
133
        rel := Filtered ( rel , l -> Length(l)>1 );
134
        rel := List( rel, l -> List( l\{[2 ... Length(l)]\}, p -> l[1]-p));
135
        rel := Flat( rel );
136
        rel := Concatenation( relEndo, rel );
137
138
        kq := PathAlgebra( kq ) / rel;
139
140
        kq := PathAlgebra( kq ) / GroebnerBasis( IdealOfQuotient( kq ) );
141
```

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.

#### Algorithm 1: RightQuiverFromConcreteCategory

```
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, \ldots, n\} and arrows A.

11 return q;
```

#### Algorithm 2: RelationsOfEndomorphisms

end

25 return relsEndo;

23 | 6 24 end

```
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, ..., Length(gMor) do
      let mor := gMor_i if mor is not an endomorphism then
         continue;
8
      end
      let m := 0 and let powers be the empty set;
10
      let foundEqual be false;
11
      while mor^m \notin powers do
12
         let n := 1;
13
         while ¬foundEqual do
14
             if mor^{(m+n)} = mor^m then
15
                 Add the relation kq.(A_i)^{(m+n)} - kq.(A_i)^m to relsEndo;
16
                foundEqual := true;
17
             end
18
             n := n+1;
19
          end
20
          Add mor^m to powers;
21
         m := m+1;
```

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

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