

Coleman integration via Tannakian formalism

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This is inspired by [Bes02]. Let k and K be fields and $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Var}_k$ a category fibered in abelian K -enriched tensor categories. That is, for any variety X/k , we have an abelian tensor category $\mathcal{A}(X)$, enriched over K . We suppose further that there is a natural isomorphism $\mathcal{A}(\mathrm{Spec} k) = \mathbf{Vec}_K$. Finally, we suppose that for $f: X \rightarrow Y$, the pullback $f^*: \mathcal{A}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X)$ is exact.

For a variety X/k , there is an “ \mathcal{A} -fundamental groupoid,” denoted $\Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X)$. We have $\mathrm{Ob} \Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X) = X(k)$. For $x, y \in \mathrm{Ob} \Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X)$, the “hom-space” $\mathrm{hom}_{\Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X)}(x, y)$ will be a pro-variety over K , namely

$$\mathrm{hom}_{\Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X)}(x, y)(A) = \mathrm{Isom}^{\otimes}(x_A^*, y_A^*).$$

Here $x^*: \mathcal{A}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathrm{Spec} k) = \mathbf{Vec}_K$ is the pullback induced by $x: \mathcal{A}(\mathrm{Spec} k) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X)$, and x_A^* is the base-change of x^* to the category of finite free A -modules. Similarly for y .

Given a morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$, there is an induced morphism $f_*: \Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(X) \rightarrow \Pi_1^{\mathcal{A}}(Y)$ of fundamental groupoids. On objects, it is just $f: X(k) \rightarrow Y(k)$, and on morphisms,

$$f^*(\lambda)_A = \lambda_{f^*A}: (fx)^*A = x^*(f^*A) \rightarrow y^*(f^*A) = (fy)^*A.$$

References

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