

# Category Theory for Homological Algebra

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## 1. ADDITIVE CATEGORY

There are three main concepts we need to catch:

- (1) zero morphisms and zero object;
- (2) biproduct;
- (3) additive functors and enriched functors.

1.1. **Zeros.** We get started from definitions.

**Definition 1.1.** A *zero object* is an object which is initial and terminal.

**Definition 1.2.** A category is said to have *zero morphisms* if every hom-set contains a specified morphism denoted by  $0$  that satisfies  $0 \circ f = 0$  and  $f \circ 0 = 0$  for all morphisms  $f$ .

In other words, we can say that the existence of zero morphisms is equivalent to  $\mathbf{Set}_*$ -enrichment.

1.2. **Biproducts.** Simply saying, biproducts is something that is both product and coproduct. To define biproduct, we need zero morphisms, so the  $\mathbf{Set}_*$ -enrichment will be assumed.

**Definition 1.3.** aaa

1.3. **Categories.** Here are definitions of categories in which we are interested.

**Definition 1.4.** A *pointed category* is a category with a zero object.

**Definition 1.5.** A *semiadditive category* is a  $\mathbf{CMon}$ -enriched category with a zero object.

**Definition 1.6.** A *additive category* is a  $\mathbf{Ab}$ -enriched category with a zero object.

Note that we have of course several possible ways to give some equivalent definitions. For example, the following proposition is well-admitted as the definition of semiadditive category.

**Theorem 1.1.** A  $\mathbf{Set}_*$ -enriched category is semiadditive if and only if it has all finite biproducts.

A *preadditive category* is another name of  $\mathbf{Ab}$ -enriched category.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\text{Additive category} & \longrightarrow & \text{Semiadditive category} & \longrightarrow & \text{Pointed category} \\
\text{zero object} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \downarrow \\ \searrow \end{array} & & \text{zero object} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \downarrow \\ \searrow \end{array} & & \text{zero object} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \downarrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \\
\mathbf{Ab}\text{-enriched category} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{CMon}\text{-enriched category} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set}_*\text{-enriched category}
\end{array}$$