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Relative ideals in homological categories

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Some glossary

A category \mathbf{B} with finite limits is:

- **pointed:** $0 \rightarrow 1$ is an isomorphism.
- **regular:** p.b. stable regular epis + coequalizers of effective equiv. relations
- **Barr-exact:** regular + all equiv. relations are effective
- **protomodular:** $f^* : \mathbf{Pt}_B(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Pt}_B(E)$ is conservative $\forall f : E \rightarrow B$.
- **with semidirect products:** $f^* : \mathbf{Pt}_B(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Pt}_B(E)$ is monadic $\forall f : E \rightarrow B$.
- **homological:** regular + pointed + protomodular
- **semi-abelian:** Barr-exact + pointed + protomodular + finite coproducts

Basic setting and relative ideals

Definition (Lapenta, M., Spada)

A *basic setting* for relative U -ideals is an adjunction $\mathbf{B} \xrightleftharpoons[U]{F} \mathbf{A}$ where \mathbf{A} is homological and U is conservative and faithful.

Observe:

- \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} with finite limits (+ U preserves them), U conservative $\Rightarrow U$ faithful
- since U fin. limit. pres. + conservative, \mathbf{A} protomodular $\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ protomodular

Definition (Lapenta, M., Spada)

$k: A \rightarrow U(B)$ is a *relative U -ideal* of an object B in \mathbf{B} if

there exists a morphism $f: B \rightarrow B'$ of \mathbf{B} that makes the square diagram on the right a pullback in \mathbf{A}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & & A \xrightarrow{k} U(B) \\ \exists f \downarrow & \text{s.t.} & \downarrow \lrcorner \quad \downarrow U(f) \\ B' & & 0 \longrightarrow U(B') \end{array}$$

Relative ideals: examples

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Augmentation ideals

Back to the *basic setting* $\mathbf{B} \xrightleftharpoons[U]{F} \mathbf{A}$, let $A \in \mathbf{A}$: $\exists ! p_A \downarrow I$ s.t. $A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} UF(A)$ $\searrow 0 \downarrow U(p_A)$ $U(I)$

Definition (Lapenta, M., Spada)

The unit η_A is an *augmentation U-ideal* if it is the kernel of $U(p_A)$.

Condition (*)

For every A in \mathbf{A} , η_A is an augmentation U-ideal

Proposition (Lapenta, M., Spada)

Condition (*) holds iff the unit η is cartesian

Idea of the proof:
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A' & \xrightarrow{f} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \eta_{A'} \downarrow & \lrcorner & \eta_A \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \eta_0 \\ UF(A') & \xrightarrow{UF(f)} & UF(A) & \xrightarrow{UF(!_A)} & UF(0) \end{array}$$
 $F(0) = I$ $F(!_A) = p_A$

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Remarks

When the functor $K: \mathbf{B}/I \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is an equivalence,

- All objects of \mathbf{A} can be seen as (augmentation) U -ideals of objects of \mathbf{B} , so that, in a sense, \mathbf{A} sits inside \mathbf{B} .
- Since I is initial in \mathbf{B} , $\mathbf{B}/I = \mathbf{Pt}_{\mathbf{B}}(I)$.

This means that one is motivated to describe the pseudoinverse H of K by a semidirect product in \mathbf{A} (whenever \mathbf{A} has semidirect products with I):

$$H: X \mapsto \begin{array}{c} X \rtimes I \\ \updownarrow \\ I \end{array}$$

- In the examples considered, **Ring**, **UAlg**, **UCStar**, Condition $(*)$ holds.

Comparison with Ideally Exact Categories

At CT2023, G. Janelidze presented the novel notion of *ideally exact category*, as a first step towards “a development of a new non-pointed counterpart of semi-abelian categorical algebra” ([Ja23]).

In fact this notion shows a consistent connection with our basic setting for relative U -ideal. Let us clarify by starting again from the case of unital rings.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{Ring} & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{F} \\ \xrightarrow[\perp]{U} \end{array} & \mathbf{Rng} \\
 \parallel & & \uparrow \downarrow \\
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- (F, U) basic setting
 - (H, K) adjoint equivalence
- $$\Rightarrow (F, U) \simeq (! \circ -, ! *)$$

Idea: study properties of \mathbf{Ring} that descend from properties of \mathbf{Rng} via the monadic change of base functor along $!: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{0\}$.

It turns out that the corresponding monad is **essentially nullary**.

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Ideally exact varieties

A **non-trivial** algebraic variety \mathbf{V} is ideally exact iff it is protomodular.

If θ , $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ and e_1, \dots, e_n are terms that witness protomodularity, relevant examples are:

- $n = 2$, Heyting algebras, MV-algebras (we will discuss these later...)
- $n = 1$, groups (loops) with operations, unital R -algebras
- $n = 0$, in this case the characterization reduces to the existence of a unary term t satisfying the equation $t(x) = y$. There are two such varieties:

$$\emptyset \in \mathbf{V}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \emptyset \notin \mathbf{V}_1$$

Both are protomodular, but only \mathbf{V}_1 is ideally exact.

Basic setting for relative U -ideals VS Ideally Exact Categories

A relevant point is that the notion of Ideally Exact category is intrinsic:

- (i) \mathbf{B} Barr-exact protomodular with finite coprod. and $0 \rightarrow 1$ regular epi

However, concerning

- (ii) \mathbf{B} Barr-exact + fin. coprod. + $\exists U: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ monadic, with \mathbf{A} semi-abelian
- our *basic setting* has weaker assumptions, in that U is just (faithful and) conservative, and \mathbf{A} is only homological.

In fact, it is possible to give up to Barr-exactness, while keeping monadicity.

Janelidze has shown that U comes from the change of base along $0 \rightarrow 1$ iff the unit of the adjunction is cartesian, which is the same as our Condition (*) on augmentation ideals. Then, one could replace Barr-exactness with the requirement that $0 \rightarrow 1$ be effective descent.

Or, as it has been suggested by Bourn, one could consider an efficiently regular protomodular \mathbf{B} with regular epi $0 \rightarrow 1$, so that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}/0$ is homological and $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}/0$ is monadic.

The category **Hoop** of hoops.

A *hoop* is an algebra $(A; \cdot, \rightarrow, 1)$ such that

(H0) $(A; \cdot, 1)$ is a commutative monoid

and the following equations hold:

(H1) $x \rightarrow x = 1$

(H2) $x \cdot (x \rightarrow y) = y \cdot (y \rightarrow x)$

(H3) $(x \cdot y) \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$

Facts:

- Hoops are \wedge -semilattices, with $x \wedge y := x \cdot (x \rightarrow y)$.
- Hoops are partially ordered, with $x \leq y$ iff $x \rightarrow y = 1$ iff $\exists u$ s.t. $x = u \cdot y$.
- Hoops are residuated structures, with $x \cdot y \leq z$ iff $y \leq x \rightarrow z$.

A *bounded hoop* is an algebra $(A; \cdot, \rightarrow, 1, 0)$ such that $(A; \cdot, \rightarrow, 1)$ is a hoop, and the following equation holds:

(B) $0 \rightarrow x = 1$

Hoop is semi-abelian

Theorem (Lapenta, M., Spada)

Hoop is semi-abelian.

Proof. Since it is a pointed variety of algebras, it suffices to prove it's protomodular. Define terms:

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &:= 1, & e_2 &:= 1, & \alpha_1(x, y) &:= x \rightarrow y, \\ \alpha_2(x, y) &:= ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x, & \theta(x, y, z) &:= (x \rightarrow z) \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

and apply the characterization in [BJ03].

Remark

*Hoops satisfying $x \cdot x = x$ are called **idempotent**.*

Idempotent hoops are (term equivalent to) Heyting \wedge -semilattices.

HSLat is semi-abelian (**HA**lg is protomodular), proved by Johnstone in [Jo04].

Here we use essentially the same terms as Johnstone's: same e_i and same α_i , while his $\beta(x, y, z) := (x \rightarrow z) \wedge y$ coincide with our θ under idempotency, but does not work verbatim for hoops.

Varieties of hoops

$$(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x) = 1$$

Basic hoops (**BHoop**) (P)

$$(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x$$

Wajsberg hoops (**WHoop**) (W)

$$x \cdot x = x$$

Idempotent hoops (**IHoop**) (I)

$$(P) + (I)$$

Gödel hoops (**GHoop**)

$$(P) + (x \rightarrow z) \vee ((y \rightarrow x \cdot y) \rightarrow x) = 1$$

Product hoops (**PHoop**)

where $x \vee y := ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \wedge ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x)$.

If the corresponding theories are expanded by adding a constant 0 and the axiom $0 \rightarrow x = 1$, one obtains the "equations"

$$\mathbf{WHoop} + 0 = \mathbf{WAlg} (\simeq \mathbf{MValg})$$

$$\mathbf{BHoop} + 0 = \mathbf{BAlg}$$

$$\mathbf{IHoop} + 0 \simeq \mathbf{HSLat} + 0 = \mathbf{HAlg}$$

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Basic setting for varieties of hoops

Corollary (Lapenta, M., Spada)

The varieties of Basic, Wajsberg, Gödel and Product hoops are semi-abelian.

Proposition (Lapenta, M., Spada)

The forgetful functors $U: X\mathbf{Alg} \rightarrow X\mathbf{Hoop}$, for $X = \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}$ determine basic settings for varieties:

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Corollary (Lapenta, M., Spada)

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Corollary (See [Jo04])

The variety of Heyting semilattices is semi-abelian, while the variety of Heyting algebras is protomodular.

Case study: MV-algebras

An *MV-algebra* is an algebra $(A; \oplus, \neg, 0)$ such that $(A; \oplus, 0)$ is a commutative monoid and the the following equations hold

$$\neg\neg x = x, \quad x \oplus \neg 0 = \neg 0, \quad \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x.$$

Other (derived) operations are be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &:= \neg 0, & x \odot y &:= \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y), & x \rightarrow y &:= \neg x \oplus y \\ x \vee y &:= \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y & x \wedge y &:= x \odot (\neg x \oplus y), \end{aligned}$$

Fact. $(A; \odot, \rightarrow, 1, 0)$ is a 0-bounded Wajsberg hoop (aka Wajsberg algebra). MV-algebras and W-algebras are the same, modulo term equivalence.

The functor $U: \mathbf{MValg} \rightarrow \mathbf{WHoop}$ that forgets the 0 determines a *basic setting for varieties*.

[ACD10] describes the left adjoint, which is called *MV-closure*. We revisit the construction in the present context.

Observation. For MV-algebras the notions of *kernels* and *filters* are interchangeable. Here we focus on filters, described as relative U -ideals.

MV-closure $MV: \mathbf{WHoop} \rightarrow \mathbf{MValg}$

Given a Wajsberg hoop $W = (W; \odot, \rightarrow, 1)$, recall that a binary operation \oplus_W can be canonically defined by letting $w \oplus_W w' := (w \rightarrow (w \odot w')) \rightarrow w'$.

Define the MV-closure of W

$$MV(W) := (W \times \mathbf{2}; \oplus, \neg, 0)$$

where

- $\mathbf{2} = \{0, 1\}$ is the initial MV-algebra,
- $\neg(w, i) := (w, 1 - i)$, $0 := (1, 0)$,
- the operation \oplus is defined by letting

$$\begin{aligned} (w, 1) \oplus (w', 1) &:= (w \oplus_W w', 1), & (w, 0) \oplus (w', 0) &:= (w \odot w', 0), \\ (w, 0) \oplus (w', 1) &= (w', 1) \oplus (w, 0) &:= (w \rightarrow w', 1). \end{aligned}$$

then we obtain the split extension

$$W \xrightarrow{\eta_W} U MV(W) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{U(p_W)} \\ \xleftarrow{U(\sigma_W)} \end{matrix} U(\mathbf{2})$$

with $\eta_W(w) := (w, 1)$, $p_W(w, i) := i$ and $\sigma_W(i) := (1, i)$. In particular, η_W is an augmentation ideal and the unit η is cartesian.

Adding 0 to other varieties of hoops (work in progress with F. Piazza)

- The case of product algebras vs product hoops has been analyzed in [GU23], where they show that the forgetful functor $U: \mathbf{PAIg} \rightarrow \mathbf{PHoop}$ has a left adjoint P defined as follows for a product hoop S :

$$P(S) = B(S) \otimes_{\vee_S} C(S)$$

where

- $C(S) = \{x \rightarrow x^2 : x \in S\}$ (the cancellative elements)
- $B(S) = MV(G(S))$, where MV is the MV-closure and $G(S) = \{(x \rightarrow x^2) \rightarrow x : x \in S\}$ (the boolean elements),
- $\vee_S: B(S) \times C(S) \rightarrow C(S) := b \vee_S c = 1$ if $b \in G(S)$, $b \vee_S c = c$ otherwise,
- the "tensor product" is defined as a suitable quotient of $B(S) \times C(S)$.

The relevant fact to us is that S is a (maximal) U -ideal of $P(S)$, with $P(S)/S \cong \mathbf{2}$, and the canonical inclusion $S \rightarrow P(S)$ is the unit of the adjunction, that, therefore, satisfies Condition (*).

- The other cases are under investigation...

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