

[Basic]

Def (k-linear representation) G group, k field. A representation of G over k is a k -v.s. together with a group homo:

$$\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_k(V) = GL(V) = \{f: V \rightarrow V \mid f \text{ linear}\}.$$

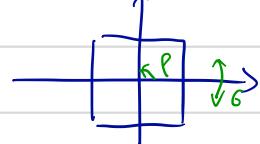
* G is assumed finite and V finite-dim n .

Then by choosing a basis of V , ρ can be viewed as

$$\rho: G \rightarrow GL_n(k) = \text{Mat}(k)^*.$$

exam $G = D_4 = \langle \rho, \sigma \mid \rho^4, \sigma^2, (\rho\sigma)^2 \rangle$. Dihedral gp of order 8.

Then we have $\begin{cases} \rho \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$



Def (Solvable Group) A group G is solvable if \exists seq of subgps:

$$G = G_0 \triangleright G_1 \triangleright \dots \triangleright G_n = 1$$

s.t. G_i/G_{i+1} is abelian, $\forall i$.

exam S_3 $S_3 \triangleright A_3 \triangleright 1$ is a seq. we want.

S_4 $S_4 \triangleright A_4 \triangleright K_4 \triangleright 1$ is a solvable seq.

S_5 Not solvable. $A_5 = [A_5, A_5]$, hence if A_5/H abelian, then

$H = [A_5, A_5] = A_5$. hence $H = A_5$. But A_5 is NOT abelian.

Same for S_n as $A_n \triangleleft S_n$ is the only choice of G_i .

p -group G is solvable. (proof with Rep. is easier than without)

Lemma ① $N \triangleleft G$. If $N, G/N$ solvable, then G is solvable.

pure GT proof ② p -group has non-trivial center [G act on itself by conjugation]

③ $[g]$ the conjugacy class. Then

$$G/[g] \xrightarrow{\sim} [g] \text{ via } h \mapsto [h^{-1}gh]$$

$p^a q^b$ (Burnside, 1904) If $|G| = p^a q^b$, then G is solvable. ($a, b \geq 0$)

Then $C \subseteq G$ a conjugacy class. $\#C = p^n$, $n \geq 1$.

Then $H = \langle gh^{-1} \mid g, h \in C \rangle$ is always nontrivial and normal.

Let H be a sylow p -group. Then $H = p^n$ and solvable.

And $|Z(G)| \geq p \Rightarrow \exists h \in Z(H), hP = 1$.

If $h \in Z(G)$, then $Z(G)$, $Z(G)$ solvable $\Rightarrow G$ solvable.

If $h \notin Z(G)$, then $[h] \neq 1$, then C_h contains H since $h \in Z(H)$.

via $G/C_h \xrightarrow{\sim} [h]$ q -power $\rightarrow p$ -power
by then G has a normal subgp. N .

Another thm from the (Frobenius, 1907) If finite. G comes with action transitive on set X . s.t. $\forall g \in G, g \neq 1$ has atmost 1 fixed pt.
Then $N = \{1\} \cup \{g \text{ is fixed pt free}\}$ is a normal gp.
exm $G = S_3$ acting on $[1, 3]$. Such an $N = \{1, (123), (132)\}$.
Thm (Frobt, Thompson) Every gp of odd order is solvable.

Def (Algtra) A comm. ring, R ring. R is an A -algebra if $\exists i: A \rightarrow Z(R)$ mph.
exm $M_{n \times n}(k)$ via $i: k \rightarrow Z(M_{n \times n}(k))$, $i(c) = c \cdot I$.
 $k[C_n]$ $i(c) = c \uparrow_G$.

Prop M R -mod, $\text{End}_R(M) = \{R\text{-linear map from } M \text{ to } M\}$ is an subring of $\text{End}(M) = \{\text{group auto of } M\}$.

If R Abelian, thus $\text{End}_R(M)$ is an A -algebra. via $A \rightarrow \text{End}_A(M)$.

Def A comm. ring, R A -algebra. A A -linear representation of R is M R -mod. $\text{End}_R(M)$ $\text{End}_A(M)$

$\rho: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_k(V) = \text{End}_k(V)^\times$. Define $\tilde{\rho}: k[G] \rightarrow \text{End}_k(V)$, via $\sum g_i g \mapsto \sum g_i \rho(g)$
prop $\tilde{\rho}$ is a k -alge hom. Hence $\tilde{\rho}$ is a k -linear rep of $k[G]$ which is an $k[G]$ -mod.

Conversely, if we have a k -alge hom $\varphi: k[G] \rightarrow \text{End}_k(V)$. Then we have a gp hom $\bar{\varphi}: G \hookrightarrow k[G]^\times \rightarrow \text{End}_k(V)^\times = \text{Aut}(V)$

Def $(V, \rho), (W, \sigma)$ k -rep of G . A homom from (V, ρ) to (W, σ) is a k -linear map from V to W . s.t.

$\forall g \in G, \forall v \in V$, we have $\sigma(gv) = g(\rho(v))$.

Def An R -mod is simple if it has no proper sub-mod.

exam $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

prop an R -mod is simple $\Leftrightarrow M \cong R/J$, J maxi. left ideals. **Ex**

Notation $M^S = \prod_{S \subseteq G} M_S$, $M^{(S)} = \bigoplus_{S \subseteq G} M_S$.

Thm $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{g} N \rightarrow 0$ exact. \exists FAC

- ① $\exists R$ -linear map $r: M \rightarrow L$, s.t. $r \circ f = \text{id}_L$
- ② $\exists R$ -linear map $s: N \rightarrow M$, s.t. $g \circ s = \text{id}_N$.
- ③ \exists R -linear iso. of M & $L \oplus N$. s.t.

Ex: prove this

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow L \oplus N \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$$

commutes

Such SES is split.

exam M, N R -mods, then $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{g} R \rightarrow 0$ is split. $g(N) = I$, some $I \in N$.

Def An R -mod P is **projective** if $\forall \text{SES} : 0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$. splits.

An R -mod N is **injective** if $\forall \text{SES} : 0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$. splits.

An R -mod M is **semi-simple** if $\forall \text{SES} : 0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$. splits.

exm Free mods are projective.

R division ring $\Rightarrow R$ -mods are free. \Rightarrow all SES splits

Simple mods are semi-simple.

When $R = \mathbb{Z}$, then M injective $\Leftrightarrow M$ divisible

M projective $\Leftrightarrow M$ free.

M semi-simple $\Leftrightarrow \forall m \in M$, m has finite square-free order

$$\Leftrightarrow M \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{p \text{ prime}}} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}.$$

[Semi-simple Mod]

Prop (2.4) M R-mod. TFAE: ① M semi-simple.

② $0 \rightarrow L \xrightarrow{f} M$ exact admits a section.

③ $\forall M \xrightarrow{g} P \rightarrow 0$ exact admits a retraction.

Corollary Submods & quotients of such M are semi-simple

pf $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow M$ exact. Choose $r: M \rightarrow L$ s.t. $r|_L = \text{id}_L$.

Given a sur map $g: L \rightarrow Q$, then $g \circ r: M \rightarrow Q$ sur.

$\Rightarrow \exists f: Q \rightarrow M$ with $(g \circ r) \circ f = \text{id}_Q$, hence $g \circ (r \circ f) = \text{id}_Q$.

$\Rightarrow L$ semi-simple. Similar for quotient.

Def

M R-mod. Let $(M_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of sub-mods of M .

Define sum of (M_i) , $\sum M_i$ as the sub-mod of M generated by $\cup M_i$.

Equivalently, the image of $\bigoplus M_i \rightarrow M$.

Then TFAE ① M semi-simple.

② $M = \bigoplus M_i$ for some simple mod M_i .

③ $M = \sum M_i$ for some semi-simple M_i .

pf ① \Rightarrow ② Let S be the set of all simple sub-mod of M .

Write $\Upsilon = \{T \in S \mid \text{the map } \bigoplus_{N \in T} N \rightarrow M \text{ inj}\}$. The idea is: these mods are "R-linearly independent".

Then Υ is partially-ordered by inclusion

Claim ④ $\Upsilon \neq \emptyset$. as $\emptyset \in \Upsilon$

⑤ $\forall \text{chain } C \subseteq \Upsilon, \exists T_c = \bigcup_{T \in C} T \in \Upsilon$. Hence C is upper-bdd in Υ

By Zorn's lemma, $\exists T_m \in \Upsilon$ maxi. elt.

Claim $\bigoplus_{N \in T_m} N \rightarrow M$ is an natural iso.

pf Consider $0 \rightarrow \bigoplus N \rightarrow M \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0$. Suppose $Q \neq 0$, let $q \neq 0 \in Q$

Let $I = \{r \in R \mid r \cdot q = 0\}$. Then I is a left ideal. s.t. $I \subseteq m$.

$\Rightarrow \exists r \in R/I \rightarrow R \cdot q \subseteq Q$ via $r+I \mapsto r \cdot q$.

Notice $I \neq R$, hence $\exists m \in R$ maxi. left ideal. s.t. $I \subseteq m$.

Consider diagram: $\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{j} & M \xrightarrow{f} Q \\ \exists j & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ R/m & \xleftarrow{\cong} & R/I \xrightarrow{\cong} R \cdot q \end{array}$

$M \xrightarrow{\text{s-s}} Q \xrightarrow{\text{s-s}} \Rightarrow k \cdot q \xrightarrow{\text{s-s}} \Leftrightarrow R/I \xrightarrow{\text{s-s}}$

$\Rightarrow j: R/m \hookrightarrow M$

s.t. $\text{im}(j) \not\subseteq N$.

Then $(\bigoplus N) \oplus j(R/m) \rightarrow M \text{ inj}$
 Contradicted to maximality
 of $\bigoplus N$. (T).

$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$ suppose $M = \sum M_i$, $M_i \leq S$. Consider $\sigma: L \rightarrow M$.

Now we construct section $r: M \rightarrow L$.

Let S be the set of pairs (S, r) with $\sigma: S \rightarrow M$ and $r: S \rightarrow L$ a section.

Then S is a partially-ordered with $(S, r) \leq (S', r') \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} S \subseteq S' \\ r'|_S = r \end{cases}$

$S \neq \emptyset$ as $(L, \text{id}_L) \in S$.

By Zorn's lemma, \exists max i s.t. $(S, r) \in S$.

Suppose $S \neq M$, then $\exists i \in I$ s.t. $M_i \subset S$.

Consider diagram: $\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & S & \rightarrow & S + M_i & \rightarrow & (S + M_i)/S \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \uparrow \text{check} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & S \cap M_i & \rightarrow & M_i & \rightarrow & M_i/(S \cap M_i) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$

Since M is S - S . $\exists u_i: M_i \rightarrow S \cap M_i$ with $u_{S \cap M_i} = \text{id}_{S \cap M_i}$.

Define $v: S + M_i \rightarrow S$, $x+u_i \mapsto x + u_i$. This is well-defined since $u_{S \cap M_i} = \text{id}_{S \cap M_i}$ ($x+u_i = x'+u_j \Rightarrow x = x'+z, u_i = u_j - z$ with $z \in S \cap M_i$)

Finally define $r': r \circ v: S + M_i \rightarrow L$, then $(S + M_i, r')$ $\in S$ contradiction.
Hence $S = M$.

[Composition chain]

Def

M R-mod. A composition chain for M is a chain of sub-mods.

$$M = M_0 \supseteq M_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq M_k = 0$$

s.t. M_i/M_{i+1} is simple. k is length of chain

If M admits a c.c., then M has finite length.

prop When $R = \mathbb{Z}$, M has finite length $\Leftrightarrow M$ is finite.

When $R = k$ field, M has finite length $\Leftrightarrow M$ has finite-dim.

Def

Two c.c. (M_k) & (N_l) of R -mod M are equivalent if.

each simple mod S occurs same times in (M_k) & (N_l)

Thm (Jordan-Hölder) All c.s. are equivalent.

The length of M is the length of its c.s.

Def (Semi-Simplification) The semi-simplification of M , $M^s := \bigoplus M_i/M_{i+1}$.

prop M^s is uniquely defined up to iso. (but not canonical iso)

Def (Refinement) Let (M_k) & (N_l) be two c.s. of M .

We say (M_k) is a refinement of (N_l) if $\forall j, \exists i, M_i = N_j$

prop (Schreier) Any chain has equiv. refinement

* This implies J-M thm.

pf Thm (Tassenhaus's butterfly lemma) M R-mod. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P \in \mathcal{P} \\ Q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ P \cap Q = 0 \end{array} \right.$ & sub-mods

Then \cong canonical iso's : $\frac{P + (P' \cap Q)}{P \cap (P' \cap Q)} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} \frac{P' \cap Q'}{(P \cap Q) + (P' \cap Q)} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}} \frac{(P \cap Q') + Q}{(P \cap Q') \cap Q}$

pf suffice to show :

$$\textcircled{1} (P + (P' \cap Q)) + (P' \cap Q') = P + (P' \cap Q')$$

$$\textcircled{2} (P + (P' \cap Q)) \cap (P' \cap Q') = (P \cap Q') + (P' \cap Q)$$

For $\textcircled{1}$: Obviously, $\text{RHS} \subseteq \text{LHS}$ & $\text{LHS} \subseteq \text{RHS}$.

For $\textcircled{2}$: \cong is easy. $p \in P$.

" \subseteq " consider $p+x \in \text{LHS}$. s.t. $p+x \in P' \cap Q'$

$$\Rightarrow p = (p+x) - x \in P' \cap Q'$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in P \cap (P' \cap Q') = P \cap Q'$$

$$\text{Hence } p+x \in (P \cap Q') + (P' \cap Q)$$

Lemma $U, V \subseteq M$ mods.

then $U \cap V \cong U/V$.

$$\begin{matrix} U + V & - \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ U \cap V & \end{matrix}$$

pt
cot Schreier refinement)

Given 2 chains $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M = M_0 \supset M_1 \supset \dots \supset M_k = \emptyset \\ N = N_0 \supset \dots \supset N_\ell = \emptyset \end{array} \right.$

Construct refinement of chains that are equivalent.

Set $M_{i,j} = M_{i+1} + M_i \cap N_j$, we get: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P^i = M_i \\ Q^i = N_j \end{array} \right. \& \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P = M_{i+1} \\ Q = N_{j+1} \end{array} \right.$

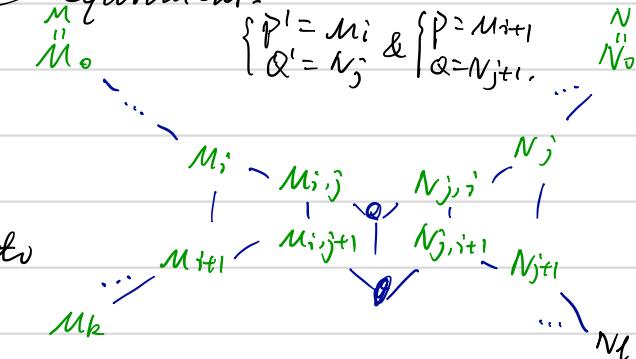
By butterfly, $M_{i,j}/M_{i,j+1} \cong N_{j,i}/N_{j,i+1}$.

For (M_k) , expand the chain to

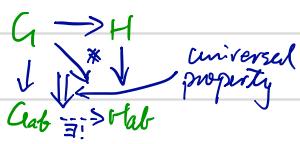
length $k+l$ (Each (M_i, M_{i+1}) , insert M_k)

$M_{i,0} \supset \dots \supset M_{i,l-1}$

Same applies to (N_ℓ) . IV



exam $\text{Cpt} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ $G \mapsto \text{Cpt}_G = G/G^1$. $(G \xrightarrow{f} H) \mapsto (\text{Cpt}_G \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} \text{Cpt}_H)$
 of functor $\text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Cpt}$ $(X, \pi_0) \mapsto \pi_0(X, \pi_0)$
 $((X, \pi_0) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, \pi_0)) \mapsto (\pi_0(X, \pi_0) \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} \pi_0(Y, \pi_0))$



$\text{Vect} \rightarrow \text{Vect}$. $V \mapsto V^\vee = \text{Hom}(V, k)$.
 (contravariant) $(V \xrightarrow{f} W) \mapsto (W^\vee \rightarrow V^\vee)$

exam $R\text{Hom}(M, N)$ ($= \text{Hom}_{R\text{-mod}}(M, N)$) is an Abelian gp. by pairwise addition.

For $R\text{-mod}$ L, M, N . the composition map.

$$R\text{Hom}(M, N) \times R\text{Hom}(L, M) \rightarrow R\text{Hom}(L, N)$$

is a bilinear map

Def (coproduct) \mathcal{C} cate. X, Y objects of \mathcal{C} . A sum/coproduct of X & Y .
 is an object $X \oplus Y$. together with morphs $X \xrightarrow{i} X \oplus Y \xleftarrow{j} Y$.
 with universal property: $\forall Z \in \mathcal{C}$, $\begin{array}{c} X \xrightarrow{i} X \oplus Y \xleftarrow{j} Y \\ + \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad g \end{array}$ commutes.

(Product) A product of X & Y is $X \times Y \in \mathcal{C}$, with morphs $X \xleftarrow{p} X \times Y \xrightarrow{q} Y$.
 satisfying universal property: $\begin{array}{c} Z \xrightarrow{f} X \times Y \\ \exists i, j \quad f = p \circ i = q \circ j \end{array}$ commutes.

$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{i} & N \\ \downarrow & \text{mon} & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{p} & N \\ \downarrow & \text{mon} & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{q} & N \end{array}$

(i, j) is "categorical" sum;
 (p, q) is "categorical" product.

Notation $R\text{Hom}(f, N), f_* : M \rightarrow M'$. the induced morph: $R\text{Hom}(M', N) \xrightarrow{f^*} R\text{Hom}(M, N)$
 $R\text{Hom}(M, f) . f_* : \underline{\quad} \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$

Hence functors given: $R\text{Hom}(M, -) : R\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$.
 $R\text{Hom}(-, N) : R\text{-Mod}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$.

Let $f : M \rightarrow N$ be mod-mph. $i : \ker f \rightarrow M$ canonical map.

Prop (Universal property) $f \circ i = 0$. And for $L\text{-mod}$ -maph $g : L \rightarrow M$. with $f \circ g = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow \exists !$ mod-maph $h : L \rightarrow \ker f$ with $i \circ h = g$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{ker } f \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{f} N \\ \exists ! h \quad g \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$

In other words, \mathcal{E} xact seq: $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{f} N$ $\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \exists ! h \quad g \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$

We have $0 \rightarrow R\text{Hom}(L, k) \xrightarrow{i^*} R\text{Hom}(L, M) \xrightarrow{f^*} R\text{Hom}(L, N)$

Similar for coker: $M \xrightarrow{f} N$. mod-mph.

$M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{P} \text{coker } f$ i.e. $\begin{array}{c} M \xrightarrow{f} N \xrightarrow{P} \text{coker } f \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{exact} \end{array}$.
 $\begin{array}{c} 0 \xrightarrow{g} L \xrightarrow{h} \text{coker } f \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \end{array}$ $\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R\text{Hom}(\text{coker } f, L) \xrightarrow{P^*} R\text{Hom}(N, L) \xrightarrow{f^*} R\text{Hom}(M, L)$
 exact in Ab .

[Abelian Category]

Def (Abelian Cat) An Abelian category is a category \mathcal{A} with an abelian-gp. structure on it. s.t.

- ① composition of morphs is bilinear
 $\begin{cases} g \circ (f+g') = g \circ f + g \circ g' \\ (g \circ g') \circ f = g \circ (f \circ g') \end{cases}$

- ② \mathcal{A} has a zero object.

i.e. $\exists 0 : \mathcal{A}$ s.t. $|\text{Hom}(0, X)| = |\text{Hom}(X, 0)| = 1$

$$\forall X : \mathcal{A} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y \\ \downarrow & S & \downarrow \\ X & \xleftarrow{p} & Y \end{array}$$

- ③ $\forall X, Y : \mathcal{A}, \exists S : \mathcal{A}$ s.t. (S, i, j) is a sum & (S, p, q) is a product.

exm of \mathcal{A} Abelian gps, R-mod, finite Abelian gps, t.g. R-mod.
R-mod w/ finite length.

(in \mathcal{A} ?)

Def (kernel) Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ a mph, a kernel of f is an object K with a mph.

$i : K \rightarrow X$ s.t. $f \circ i = 0$ in $\text{Hom}(K, Y)$

and for all $g : L \rightarrow X$ with $f \circ g = 0$, there exists $!h : L \rightarrow X$ with $i \circ h = g$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K & \xrightarrow{i} & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \uparrow & \uparrow g & \uparrow & \\ & !h & L & \xrightarrow{0} & \end{array}$$

equivalently, $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L, K) \xrightarrow{ix} \text{Hom}(L, X) \xrightarrow{f^*} \text{Hom}(L, Y)$ is exact for $\forall L$

(cokernel) A cokernel of f is an object C with a mph $\pi : Y \rightarrow C$. s.t.

$\forall Z$, the seq. f is exact:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C, Z) \xrightarrow{P^*} \text{Hom}(Y, Z) \xrightarrow{\pi^*} \text{Hom}(X, Z).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{\pi} & C \\ \downarrow & \uparrow g & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & Z & \xrightarrow{0} & \end{array}$$

Prop Every mph has kernel & coker.

Thm (Zero morphism theorem) If mph $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{A} , the induced mph \tilde{f} is iso.

$$\ker f \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{P} \text{coker } f$$

$$\text{im } f := \text{coker } i \xrightarrow{\exists! \pi} \ker P =: \text{im } f.$$

prop 0, ①, ker, coker are unique up to unique iso.

Def (Exactness) $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$ is exact at Y if $\begin{cases} g \circ f = 0 \\ h \text{ is iso.} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{im } f & & \\ & & \uparrow & & \\ & & \ker P & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \\ \downarrow h & & \uparrow & & \\ \text{ker } g & & & & \text{coker } f \end{array}$$

Def Let $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{B}$ be a ^(covariant) functor of abelian categories.

F is additive if $\text{Hom}(X, Y) \xrightarrow{F} \text{Hom}(F(X), F(Y))$ is a gp hom.

F is exact if F preserves exactness from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B}

& left(right)-exact if F preserves exactness of a SES at left(right).

For contra. functor G , G is (left(right))-exact if G preserves exactness of left(right)-exact seq.

Or equivalently, G is left(right)-exact on $\mathcal{A}^P \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$.

Def Let M be a right R -mod, N a left R -mod. Then a bilinear map $f: M \times N \rightarrow A$ is that $f(m+m', n) = f(m, n) + f(m', n)$
 $f(m, n+n') = f(m, n) + f(m, n')$
 $f(mr, n) = f(m, rn)$.