Representation Theory of Finite Groups - Assignment 3

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Exercise 5.7

Proof. We will start by proving that. in an abelian category, an object a is a zero object if and only if End(a) is the zero-ring.

Since we are in abelian category, we already know that for any object b its endomorphisms assemble into a ring End(b), where the zero is the zero-morphism and the unit is the identity.

If a is a zero-object, then there is a unique morphism $a \to a$, hence identity and zero-morphism coincide and End(a) = 0.

Viceversa, if End(a) = 0 we have that identity and zero-endomorphism coincide. Consider another object b. Since Hom(a, b), Hom(b, a) are abelian groups, there exists at least one morphism in both, f, g.

We want to prove that they are both zero-morphisms and therefore the two groups are trivial, which will imply that for every object b there is a unique map from and to a.

Indeed, notice that $f + f = (f + f) \operatorname{Id}_a = f \operatorname{Id}_a + f \operatorname{Id}_a = f (\operatorname{Id}_a + \operatorname{Id}_a) = f \operatorname{Id}_a = f$ and, in the same way, $g + g = \operatorname{Id}_a(g + g) = \operatorname{Id}_a g + \operatorname{Id}_a g = (\operatorname{Id}_a + \operatorname{Id}_a)g = \operatorname{Id}_a g = g$, hence the thesis.

We will now prove that, given an additive functor $\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{B}$, $F(0) \cong 0$.

Remember that it induces a group homomorphism $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(0,0) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(F(0),F(0))$, thus it sends the zero-endomorphism of 0 to the zero-endomorphism of F(0). Also, by definition, it sends Id_0 to $\operatorname{Id}_{F(0)}$. However, since the identity and the zero-endomorphism of 0 coincide, the same goes for the identity and the zero-endomorphism of F(0), which will then be a zero object.

 $(1 \Longrightarrow 2)$ Consider an exact sequence $0 \to X \to Y \to Z$ in \mathcal{A} and apply the functor F, getting $F(0) \to F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z)$.

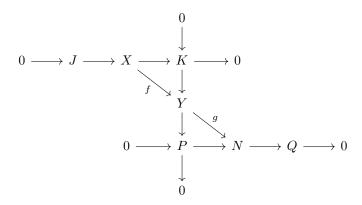
Since the subsequences $0 \to X \to Y$, $X \to Y \to Z$ are exact by the definition of exact sequence, being F exact we get that the subsequences $F(0) \to F(X) \to F(Y)$, $F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z)$ are also exact, hence $F(0) \to F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z)$ is exact. Since $F(0) \cong 0$, we get that $0 \to F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z)$ is exact, as desired.

The proof of the right-exactness is essentially the same.

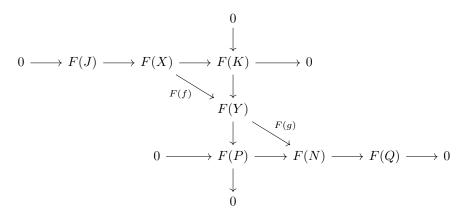
 $(2 \implies 3)$ Consider a short exact sequence $0 \to X \to Y \to Z \to 0$, which gives us two exact subsequences $0 \to X \to Y \to Z$, $X \to Y \to Z \to 0$. By left/right-exactness of F, we get two exact sequences $0 \to F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z)$, $F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z) \to 0$, hence they are exact at F(X), F(Y), F(Z). Now, the sequence $0 \to F(X) \to F(Y) \to F(Z) \to 0$ is exact if and only if it

is exact at F(X), F(Y), F(Z), which it is because the sequences we chained are, thus we have the thesis.

 $(3 \implies 1)$ Consider a sequence $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z$. Saying that it is exact is equivalent to saying that it fits in a commutative diagram of the following form, where the vertical sequence and the horizontal ones are exact:



Since the functor preserves short exact sequences, we have that the following diagram commutes and again the vertical sequence and the horizontal ones are exact:



By applying the same equivalence we used at the beginning, we get that the sequence $F(X) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(Z)$ is exact.

Exercise 5.11

Proof. (a) Consider some elements $\sum_{g \in G} c_g^j g \in \mathbb{K}[G]$ and $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{K}$. We have the following:

$$\begin{split} \iota(\sum_{j}(\lambda_{j}\cdot\sum_{g\in G}c_{g}^{j}g)) &= \iota(\sum_{j}\sum_{g\in G}\lambda_{j}\cdot c_{g}^{j}g)\\ &= \iota(\sum_{g\in G}(\sum_{j}\lambda_{j}c_{g}^{j})g)\\ &= \sum_{g\in G}(\sum_{j}\lambda_{j}c_{g}^{j})g^{-1}\\ &= \sum_{j}\sum_{g\in G}\lambda_{j}\cdot c_{g}^{j}g^{-1}\\ &= \sum_{j}(\lambda_{j}\cdot\sum_{g\in G}c_{g}^{j}g^{-1})\\ &= \sum_{j}\lambda_{j}\cdot\iota(\sum_{g\in G}c_{g}^{j}g) \end{split}$$

It follows that the map is \mathbb{K} -linear.

Clearly, since the unit 1 of $\mathbb{K}[G]$ is given by $1_g \in G$, we have that $\iota(1) = \iota(1_g) = (1_g)^{-1} = 1_g$. Also, we have the following, which completes the proof:

$$\begin{split} \iota((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g)(\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g)) &= \iota(\sum_{g \in G} (\sum_{g_1 g_2 = g} c_{g_1}^1 c_{g_2}^2) g) \\ &= \sum_{g \in G} (\sum_{g_1 g_2 = g} c_{g_1}^1 c_{g_2}^2) g^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{g \in G} (\sum_{g_1 g_2 = g} c_{g_1}^1 c_{g_2}^2) g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} \\ &= (\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g^{-1}) (\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g_1^{-1}) \\ &= \iota(\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g) \cdot \iota(\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g) \end{split}$$

Proof. (b) We shall assume that the map given by $m \mapsto f(\iota(r)m)$ is indeed an element of $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,\mathbb{K})$ and therefore the map $\mathbb{K}[G] \times \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,\mathbb{K}) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,\mathbb{K})$ described is well defined.

Let now $\sum_{g} c_g^j g \in \mathbb{K}[G], f, h \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M, \mathbb{K}), m \in M$. We have that:

$$\begin{split} ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^j g) \cdot (f+h))(m) &= (f+h)((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^j g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= f((\sum_g c_g^j g^{-1}) \cdot m) + h((\sum_g c_g^j g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= ((\sum_g c_g^j g) \cdot f)(m) + ((\sum_g c_g^j g) \cdot h)(m) \\ &= ((\sum_g c_g^j g) \cdot f + (\sum_g c_g^j g) \cdot h)(m) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} (((\sum_g c_g^1 g) + (\sum_g c_g^2 g)) \cdot f)(m) &= ((\sum_{g \in G} (c_g^1 + c_g^2) g) \cdot f)(m) \\ &= f((\sum_{g \in G} (c_g^1 + c_g^2) g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= f((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g^{-1}) \cdot m + (\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= f((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g^{-1}) \cdot m) + f((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g) \cdot f)(m) + ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g) \cdot f)(m) \\ &= ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g) \cdot f + (\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g) \cdot f)(m) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} (((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g)(\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g)) \cdot f)(m) &= ((\sum_{g \in G} (\sum_{g_1 g_2 = g} c_{g_1}^1 c_{g_2}^2)g) \cdot f)(m) \\ &= f(((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g^{-1})(\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g^{-1})) \cdot m) \\ &= f((\sum_{g \in G} (\sum_{g_1 g_2 = g} c_{g_1}^1 c_{g_2}^2)g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= f((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g^{-1}) \cdot ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g) \cdot f)(((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g^{-1}) \cdot m) \\ &= ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^1 g) \cdot ((\sum_{g \in G} c_g^2 g) \cdot f))(m) \end{split}$$

$$(1_g \cdot f)(m) = f((1_g)^{-1} \cdot m)$$
$$= f(1_g \cdot m)$$
$$= f(m)$$

It follows that the function defined induces a $\mathbb{K}[G]$ -module structure on $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,\mathbb{K})$.

Proof. (c) To do this, it is sufficient to show that the map $G \times \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N)$ naturally induces a group homomorphism $G \to \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbb{K}}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N))$, which then by [1, lemma 4.2] will extend uniquely to a map $\mathbb{K}[G] \times \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N)$ defining a $\mathbb{K}[G]$ -module structure on $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N)$.

Again, we will take for granted that the map mentioned is well defined.

Let now $g_1, g_2 \in G$, $f, h \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M, N)$, $m \in M$, $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{K}$. We see that:

$$g_{i}(\lambda f + \mu h)(m) = g_{i}((\lambda f + \mu h)(g_{i}^{-1}m))$$

$$= g_{i}(\lambda f(g_{i}^{-1}m) + \mu h(g_{i}^{-1}m))$$

$$= g_{i}(\lambda f(g_{i}^{-1}m)) + g_{i}(\mu h(g_{i}^{-1}m))$$

$$= \lambda (g_{i}f(g_{i}^{-1}m)) + \mu (g_{i}h(g_{i}^{-1}m))$$

$$= \lambda g_{i}(f)(m) + \mu g_{i}(h)(m)$$

$$= (\lambda g_{i}(f) + \mu g_{i}(h))(m)$$

This shows that the map $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N)$ induced by g is a \mathbb{K} -linear endomorphism.

We will now prove that by applying first the endomorphism induced by g_2 and then the one induced by g_1 (i.e. applying the composite endomorphism) we get the same result we would have by applying the endomorphism induced by g_1g_2 , which will imply that our map preserves the operation by transforming products in compositions and in particular sends the elements of G to endomorphisms which are invertible with respect to the composition, i.e. automorphisms of $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N)$.

$$(g_1g_2)(f)(m) = (g_1g_2)f((g_1g_2)^{-1}m)$$

$$= g_1(g_2f(g_2^{-1}(g_1^{-1}m)))$$

$$= g_1(g_2(f)(g_1^{-1}m))$$

$$= g_1(g_2(f))(m)$$

$$= (g_1 \circ g_2)(f)(m)$$

This tells us that the map is indeed a group homomorphism $G \to \operatorname{Aut}_{\mathbb{K}}(\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{K}}(M,N))$.

Exercise 6.5

Proof. (a) Let $s \in S$, $s \otimes m \in S \otimes_R M$ and set $s \cdot (\sum_j (s_j \otimes m_j)) := \sum_j (ss_j \otimes m_j)$. We will check that this is well defined.

Remember that $S \otimes_R M \cong R[S \times M]/H$.

Clearly, $(s(s_1+s_2), m) - (ss_1, m) - (ss_2, m) = (ss_1+ss_2, m) - (ss_1, m) - (ss_2, m), (ss', m_1 + m_2) - (ss', m_1) - (ss', m_2), (s(s'r), m) - (ss', rm) = ((ss')r, m) - (ss', rm) \in H$ and in particular belong to the set of generators of this subgroup (in fact, they describe them all if we set $s = 1_S$).

This shows that multiplying on the left a generator of H by $s \in S$ gives another element of H and, since any element of H is a sum of elements of the kind we have just described, it follows that for any element $\sum (s, m) \in H$ also $\sum (s's, m) \in H$.

Suppose now that $\sum_i s_i \otimes m_i = \sum_j s_j \otimes m_j$ in $S \otimes_R M$. Then, $\sum_i (s_i, m_i) - \sum_j (s_j, m_j) \in H$ and therefore, for any $s \in S$, $s(\sum_i (s_i, m_i) - \sum_j (s_j, m_j)) = \sum_i (ss_i, m_i) - \sum_j (ss_j, m_j) \in H$, which implies that $\sum_i ss_i \otimes m_i = \sum_j ss_j \otimes m_j$ in $S \otimes_R M$.

We also have the following, which proves that the operation defined gives a left S-module structure to $S \otimes_R M$:

$$\begin{split} s \cdot (\sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j} s_{j} \otimes m_{j}) &= s \cdot (\sum_{i,j: \ m_{i} = m_{j}} (s_{i} + s_{j}) \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{i: \ m_{i} \neq m_{j}} s_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j: \ m_{j} \neq m_{i}} s_{j} \otimes m_{j}) \\ &= \sum_{i,j: \ m_{i} = m_{j}} s(s_{i} + s_{j}) \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{i: \ m_{i} \neq m_{j}} ss_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j: \ m_{j} \neq m_{i}} ss_{j} \otimes m_{j} \\ &= \sum_{i,j: \ m_{i} = m_{j}} (ss_{i} + ss_{j}) \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{i: \ m_{i} \neq m_{j}} ss_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j: \ m_{j} \neq m_{i}} ss_{j} \otimes m_{j} \\ &= \sum_{i} ss_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j} ss_{j} \otimes m_{j} \\ &= s \cdot \sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i} + s \cdot \sum_{j} s_{j} \otimes m_{j} \end{split}$$

$$(s_1 + s_2) \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i = \sum_i ((s_1 + s_2)s_i) \otimes m_i$$

$$= \sum_i (s_1 s_i \otimes m_i + s_2 s_i \otimes m_i)$$

$$= \sum_i s_1 s_i \otimes m_i + \sum_i s_2 s_i \otimes m_i$$

$$= s_1 \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i + s_2 \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i$$

$$s_1 \cdot s_2 \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i = s_1 \cdot \sum_i s_2 s_i \otimes m_i$$
$$= \sum_i s_1 s_2 s_i \otimes m_i$$
$$= (s_1 s_2) \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i$$

$$1_S \cdot \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i = \sum_i 1_S s_i \otimes m_i$$
$$= \sum_i s_i \otimes m_i$$

Proof. (b) Let's consider the map $\operatorname{Hom}_S(S \otimes_R M, N) \xrightarrow{\psi} \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, \phi^*N)$ given by $f \mapsto (m \mapsto \psi(f)(m) := f(1_S \otimes m)$. We will check that it is well defined.

Indeed, notice that for any $r \in R$, $m \in M$, $f \in \text{Hom}_S(S \otimes_R M, N)$ we have the following:

$$\psi(f)(m_1 + m_2) = f(1_S \otimes (m_1 + m_2))$$

$$= f(1_S \otimes m_1 + 1_S \otimes m_2)$$

$$= f(1_S \otimes m_1) + f(1_S \otimes m_2)$$

$$= \psi(f)(m_1) + \psi(f)(m_2)$$

$$\psi(f)(r \cdot m) = f(1_S \otimes (r \cdot m))$$

$$= f((1_S \cdot r) \otimes m)$$

$$= f(1_S \phi(r) \otimes m)$$

$$= f(\phi(r) \cdot (1_S \otimes m))$$

$$= \phi(r)f(1_S \otimes m)$$

$$= r \cdot \psi(f)(m)$$

It follows that the map is indeed well defined, as $\psi(f)$ is a R-module homomorphism. Now we check that ψ is a group homomorphism:

$$\psi(f+g)(m) = (f+g)(1_S \otimes m)$$

$$= f(1_S \otimes m) + g(1_S \otimes m)$$

$$= \psi(f)(m) + \psi(g)(m)$$

$$= (\psi(f) + \psi(g))(m)$$

We still have to check that ψ is a bijection. To do this, we will construct an inverse map σ .

Let $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, \phi^*N)$. We define $S \otimes_R M \xrightarrow{\sigma(f)} N$ by setting $\sigma(f)(\sum_i s_i \otimes m_i) := \sum_i s_i f(m_i)$. We want to check that $\sigma(f)$ is well defined. Let $\sum_i s_i \otimes m_i = \sum_j s_j \otimes m_j$. Then, $\sum_i (s_i, m_i) - \sum_j (s_j, m_j) \in H$, hence we only have to check that $\sigma(f)$ is zero on the elements represented by generators of H.

$$\sigma(f)((s_1 + s_2) \otimes m - s_1 \otimes m - s_2 \otimes m) = (s_1 + s_2)f(m) - s_1f(m) - s_2f(m)$$

$$= s_1f(m) + s_2f(m) - s_1f(m) - s_2f(m)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\sigma(f)(s \otimes (m_1 + m_2) - s \otimes m_1 - s \otimes m_2) = sf(m_1 + m_2) - sf(m_1) - sf(m_2)$$

$$= s(f(m_1) + f(m_2)) - sf(m_1) - sf(m_2)$$

$$= sf(m_1) + sf(m_2) - sf(m_1) - sf(m_2)$$

$$= sf(m_1) + sf(m_2) - sf(m_1) - sf(m_2)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\sigma(f)(sr \otimes m - s \otimes rm) = \sigma(f)(s\phi(r) \otimes m - s \otimes rm)$$

$$= (s\phi(r))f(m) - sf(rm)$$

$$= (s\phi(r))f(m) - s(rf(m))$$

$$= (s\phi(r))f(m) - s(\phi(r))f(m)$$

$$= (s\phi(r))f(m) - (s\phi(r))f(m)$$

$$= 0$$

Now we will prove that the map is indeed a S-module homomorphism:

$$\sigma(f)(\sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j} s_{j} \otimes m_{j}) = \sigma(f)(\sum_{i,j: m_{i}=m_{j}} (s_{i} + s_{j}) \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{i: m_{i} \neq m_{j} \ \forall j} s_{i} \otimes m_{i} + \sum_{j: m_{j} \neq m_{i} \ \forall i} s_{j} \otimes m_{j})$$

$$= \sum_{i,j: m_{i}=m_{j}} (s_{i} + s_{j}) f(m_{i}) + \sum_{i: m_{i} \neq m_{j} \ \forall j} s_{i} f(m_{i}) + \sum_{j: m_{j} \neq m_{i} \ \forall i} s_{j} f(m_{j})$$

$$= \sum_{i} s_{i} f(m_{i}) + \sum_{j} s_{j} f(m_{j})$$

$$= \sigma(f)(\sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i}) + \sigma(f)(\sum_{j} s_{j} \otimes m_{j})$$

$$\sigma(f)(s \cdot \sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i}) = \sigma(f)(\sum_{i} ss_{i} \otimes m_{i})$$

$$= \sum_{i} ss_{i}f(m_{i})$$

$$= s(\sum_{i} s_{i}f(m_{i}))$$

$$= s\sigma(f)(\sum_{i} s_{i} \otimes m_{i})$$

Now we check that σ is inverse to ψ . Let $f \in \operatorname{Hom}_S(S \otimes_R M, N), g \in \operatorname{Hom}_R(M, \phi^*N)$.

$$(\sigma \circ \psi)(f)(s \otimes m) = \sigma(\psi(f))(s \otimes m)$$

$$= s\psi(f)(m)$$

$$= sf(1_S \otimes m)$$

$$= f(s(1_S \otimes m))$$

$$= f(s \otimes m)$$

$$(\psi \circ \sigma)(g)(m) = \psi(\sigma(g))(m)$$

$$= \sigma(g)(1_S \otimes m)$$

$$= 1_S g(m)$$

$$= g(m)$$

Exercise 6.12

Disclaimer: we will denote by \cong_A an isomorphism in the category of A-modules.

Proof. Notice that $1_{R\times S}=(1_R,1_S)=(1_R,0_S)+(0_R,1_S)=e_1+e_2,\ e_i^2=e_i,\ e_1e_2=0_{R\times S},$ thus, considered a $R\times S$ -module M, for any $m\in M$ we have that $m=1_{R\times S}m=(e_1+e_2)m=e_1m+e_2m$ uniquely. It follows that $M\cong_{R\times S}e_1M\oplus e_2M$.

Noticing that $Ann(e_1M) = \{0\} \times S$, $Ann(e_2M) = R \times \{0\}$, we get that e_1M and e_2M are respectively $R \times S/Ann(e_1M) \cong R$ and $R \times S/Ann(e_2M) \cong S$ modules canonically because the action of $R \times S$ factors through these rings, hence as such they are semisimple and $e_iM \cong \bigoplus_{j \in J_i} M_{i,j}$, where the $(M_{1,j})_{j \in J_1}$ are simple R-modules and the $(M_{2,j})_{j \in J_2}$ are simple S-modules by [1, thm. 9.2].

It follows that, turning the $M_{i,j}$ into $R \times S$ -modules through the canonical projections onto R, S and renaming them as $(M_j)_{j \in J}$, we have that $M \cong_{R \times S} (\bigoplus_{j \in J_1} M_{1,j}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{j \in J_2} M_{2,j}) \cong \bigoplus_{j \in J} M_j$. The thesis now follows if we can prove that a simple R or S module is a simple $R \times S$ -module

The thesis now follows if we can prove that a simple R or S module is a simple $R \times S$ -module by [1, thm. 9.2]. Let now N be a simple R-module. Consider now a non-zero $R \times S$ -submodule of N, N'. Since for any $(r, s) \in R \times S$, $n \in N'$ we have that $(r, s) \cdot n = rn$, it follows that N' = N. \square

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