

## Non-additive ring and module theory II. $\mathcal{C}$ - Categories, $\mathcal{C}$ - Functors and $\mathcal{C}$ - Morphisms

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Consider the example  $(\text{Cat}, \times, \mathbf{1})$  of a monoidal category. A monoid in this category is a (small) category  $\mathcal{C}$  together with functors  $\otimes: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{T}: \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  (where we use the notation  $\mathcal{T}(e) = I$ ) such that the diagrams

$$(\ast) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc}
 e \times e & e \times e & e & \xrightarrow{e \times \otimes} & e \times e & \cdot & 1 \times e \cong e \cong e \times 1 & \xrightarrow{e \times \mathcal{T}} & e \times e \\
 \otimes \times e \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \otimes & & \downarrow \mathcal{T} \times e & \searrow \text{id}_e & \downarrow \otimes \\
 e \times e & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & e & & e \times e & \xrightarrow{\otimes} & e & & e
 \end{array}$$

commute. This means  $A \otimes (B \otimes C) = (A \otimes B) \otimes C$  for all  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $A \otimes I = A = I \otimes A$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . These identities are natural transformations in  $A, B, C$ . Such a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a *strictly monoidal category*. For the general case the two diagrams (\*) are commutative up to a natural isomorphism and such that the coherence conditions of § 1. hold. By the coherence theorem of [5] this implies that all morphisms composed of  $\alpha: A \otimes (B \otimes C) \cong (A \otimes B) \otimes C$ ,  $\lambda: I \otimes A \cong A$ ,  $\rho: A \otimes I \cong A$ , identities and  $\otimes$  which formally have common domain and codomain are equal.

Now consider an object  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $(\text{Cat}, \times, \mathbf{1})$  on which a strict monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$  operates in the right. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is a category together with a functor  $\otimes: \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ , such that

$$M \otimes (C \otimes D) = (M \otimes C) \otimes D \quad \text{for all } M \in \mathcal{M}, C, D \in \mathcal{C}$$

and

$$M \otimes I = M \quad \text{for all } M \in \mathcal{M}.$$

These identities are natural transformations in  $M, C, D$ . Such a category  $\mathcal{M}$  will be called a *strict  $\mathcal{C}$ -category*. A useful generalization of this is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -category  $\mathcal{M}$  for an arbitrary monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$ . This is a category  $\mathcal{M}$  together with a functor  $\otimes: \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  and natural isomorphisms  $\beta: M \otimes (C \otimes D) \cong (M \otimes C) \otimes D$  and  $\sigma: M \otimes I \cong M$  such that all formal diagrams composed of  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma, \lambda, \rho$ , their inverses,  $\otimes$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and  $\otimes$  with respect to  $\mathcal{M}$ , identities, and compositions commute.

In particular we require the commutativity of the following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \otimes (C \otimes (D \otimes E)) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & (M \otimes C) \otimes (D \otimes E) \\
 \downarrow M \otimes \alpha & & \downarrow \beta \\
 M \otimes ((C \otimes D) \otimes E) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & (M \otimes (C \otimes D)) \otimes E \xrightarrow{\beta \otimes E} ((M \otimes C) \otimes D) \otimes E
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \otimes (I \otimes C) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & (M \otimes I) \otimes C \\
 \searrow M \otimes \lambda & & \swarrow \beta \otimes C \\
 & & M \otimes C
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \otimes (C \otimes I) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & (M \otimes C) \otimes I \\
 \searrow M \otimes \gamma & & \swarrow \beta \\
 & & M \otimes C
 \end{array}$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a symmetric monoidal category (which corresponds to the notion of a commutative monoid in  $\text{Cat}$ ), then we also require the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \otimes (I \otimes I) & \xrightarrow{M \otimes \tau} & M \otimes (I \otimes I) \\
 \searrow \beta & & \downarrow \beta \\
 & & (M \otimes I) \otimes I
 \end{array}$$

Now let us regard the corresponding morphisms. A morphism of monoids in  $\text{Cat}$  is a functor  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  of strictly monoidal categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , such that

$$\mathcal{F}(C \otimes D) = \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D)$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(I) = J$$

where  $I \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $J \in \mathcal{D}$  are the neutral objects. The identities are natural transformations in  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are just monoidal categories then we require natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \delta: \mathcal{F}(C \otimes D) &\cong \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D) \\ \zeta: \mathcal{F}(I) &\cong J \end{aligned}$$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}(C \otimes I) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(I) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \xi} & \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes J \\ & \searrow \mathcal{F}(\varrho) & & & \downarrow \beta \\ & & & & \mathcal{F}(C) \\ \mathcal{F}(I \otimes C) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{F}(I) \otimes \mathcal{F}(C) & \xrightarrow{\xi \otimes \mathcal{F}(C)} & J \otimes \mathcal{F}(C) \\ & \searrow \mathcal{F}(\lambda) & & & \downarrow \lambda \\ & & & & \mathcal{F}(C) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(C \otimes (D \otimes E)) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D \otimes E) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \delta} \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes (\mathcal{F}(D) \otimes \mathcal{F}(E)) \\ \downarrow \mathcal{F}(\alpha) & & \downarrow \alpha \\ \mathcal{F}((C \otimes D) \otimes E) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{F}(C \otimes D) \otimes \mathcal{F}(E) \xrightarrow{\delta \otimes \mathcal{F}(E)} (\mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D)) \otimes \mathcal{F}(E) \end{array}$$

Such a functor is called a *monoidal functor*. If  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are symmetric we require in addition the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(C \otimes D) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(\gamma)} & \mathcal{F}(D \otimes C) \\ \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \delta \\ \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \mathcal{F}(D) \otimes \mathcal{F}(C). \end{array}$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be right  $\mathcal{C}$ -objects in  $\text{Cat}$  for a strictly monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$ . A  $\mathcal{C}$ -morphism  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a functor such that

$$\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) = \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C,$$

where the identity is a natural transformation in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ . In the general case of  $\mathcal{C}$ -categories  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  for a monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$ , a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor is a functor  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  together with a natural isomorphism

$$\xi: \mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C$$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(M \otimes (C \otimes D)) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (C \otimes D) \\ \downarrow \mathcal{F}(\beta) & & \downarrow \beta \\ \mathcal{F}((M \otimes C) \otimes D) & \xrightarrow{\xi} \mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \otimes D \xrightarrow{\xi \otimes D} & (\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C) \otimes D \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M \otimes I) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes I \\
 \searrow \mathcal{F}(\sigma) & & \swarrow \tilde{\sigma} \\
 & \mathcal{F}(M) &
 \end{array}$$

Finally we introduce natural transformations between monoidal functors, resp. between  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors. Let  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{G}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be monoidal functors. A natural transformation  $\chi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is called a *monoidal transformation* if

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(C \otimes D) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{F}(C) \otimes \mathcal{F}(D) \\
 \downarrow \chi & & \downarrow \chi \otimes \chi \\
 \mathcal{G}(C \otimes D) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{G}(C) \otimes \mathcal{G}(D)
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(I) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{J} \\
 \chi \downarrow & & \nearrow \xi \\
 \mathcal{G}(I) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{J}
 \end{array}$$

commute.

A natural transformation  $\psi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  between  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{G}: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is called a  *$\mathcal{C}$ -morphism* if

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C \\
 \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \otimes C \\
 \mathcal{G}(M \otimes C) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \mathcal{G}(M) \otimes C
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

Now we can introduce the notion of a right  $A$ -object in a right  $\mathcal{C}$ -category  $\mathcal{D}$ , where  $A$  is a monoid in  $\mathcal{C}$ . An object  $M \in \mathcal{D}$  together with  $v_M: M \otimes A \rightarrow M$  is an  *$A$ -object* if the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \otimes (A \otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\mu} & (M \otimes A) \otimes A \xrightarrow{v_M \otimes A} M \otimes A \\
 \downarrow M \otimes \mu_A & & \downarrow v_M \\
 M \otimes A & \xrightarrow{v_M} & M
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \xrightarrow{\cong} M \otimes I & \xrightarrow{\text{Mon}} & M \otimes A \\
 \searrow \text{id}_M & & \downarrow v_M \\
 & & M
 \end{array}$$

commute. It is clear how  $A$ -morphisms are to be defined. Thus we get a category of  $A$ -objects  $\mathcal{D}_A$ .

**4.1. Lemma** *Let  $\mathcal{F}:\mathcal{D}\rightarrow\mathcal{D}'$  be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  induces a functor  $\mathcal{F}_A:\mathcal{D}_A\rightarrow\mathcal{D}'_A$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $(M, v_M)\in\mathcal{D}_A$ . We define  $\mathcal{F}_A(M, v_M):=(\mathcal{F}(M), \mathcal{F}'(v_M))$  where  $\mathcal{F}'(v_M)$  is the morphism  $\mathcal{F}(M)\otimes A\cong\mathcal{F}(M\otimes A)\xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(v_M)}\mathcal{F}(M)$ . The diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M)\otimes(A\otimes A)\cong(\mathcal{F}(M)\otimes A)\otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}'(v_M)\otimes A} & \mathcal{F}(M)\otimes A \\
 \parallel & \searrow & \parallel \\
 \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A)\otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(v_M)\otimes A} & \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \mathcal{F}(M\otimes(A\otimes A))\cong\mathcal{F}((M\otimes A)\otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(v_M\otimes A)} & \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A) \\
 \downarrow \mathcal{F}(M\otimes\mu_A) & & \downarrow \mathcal{F}(v_M) \\
 \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(v_M)} & \mathcal{F}(M)
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M)\otimes I & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(M)\otimes\eta} & \mathcal{F}(M)\otimes A \\
 \cong \parallel & \searrow & \parallel \\
 \mathcal{F}(M)\cong\mathcal{F}(M\otimes I) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(M\otimes\eta)} & \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A) \\
 \searrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(M)} & & \downarrow \mathcal{F}(v_M) \\
 & & \mathcal{F}(M)
 \end{array}$$

commute. Similarly if  $f:M\rightarrow N$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{D}_A$  then  $\mathcal{F}(f)$  is in  $\mathcal{D}'_A$  since

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M)\otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)\otimes A} & \mathcal{F}(N)\otimes A \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \mathcal{F}(M\otimes A) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f\otimes A)} & \mathcal{F}(N\otimes A) \\
 \mathcal{F}(v_M)\downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{F}(v_N) \\
 \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f)} & \mathcal{F}(N)
 \end{array}$$

commutes. So define  $\mathcal{F}_A(f):=\mathcal{F}(f)$  in  $\mathcal{D}'_A$  and we get a functor  $\mathcal{F}_A:\mathcal{D}_A\rightarrow\mathcal{D}'_A$ .

This proof shows already why we had to require certain coherence conditions for the definition of  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors. The most important property of  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors which is very similar to properties of exact functors will be discussed later on. First we need a few additional properties of  $A$ -objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

By Theorem 2.2 and the remark following 2.3 Lemma 3 of [12] the following is a difference cokernel of a contractible pair in  $\mathcal{C}$

$$A\otimes(A\otimes M)\xrightarrow[A\otimes v_M]{(\mu_A\otimes M)\circ\alpha}A\otimes M\xrightarrow{v_M}M$$

for each  $A$ -object  $M$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ . In fact only the contraction morphism  $(\eta\otimes(A\otimes M))\cdot\lambda^{-1}:A\otimes M\rightarrow A\otimes(A\otimes M)$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ , the morphisms of the above sequence are even in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$ . So we have a difference cokernel of a  $(\mathcal{U}:{}_A\mathcal{C}\rightarrow\mathcal{C})$ -contractible pair in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$ .

- 4.2. **Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{F}: {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  be a covariant functor. Equivalent are
- $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor and  $\mathcal{F}$  preserves difference cokernels of  $\mathcal{U}$ -contractible pairs.
  - There is a  $B$ - $A$ -biobject  $Q$  which is  $A$ -coflat (which is unique up to an isomorphism) such that  $\mathcal{F} \cong Q \otimes_A$  as functors from  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  to  ${}_B\mathcal{C}$ .

PROOF. Assume that a) holds. Then we have a difference cokernel

$$\mathcal{F}(A \otimes (A \otimes M)) \rightrightarrows \mathcal{F}(A \otimes M) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(M).$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor we get a difference cokernel

$$\mathcal{F}(A) \otimes (A \otimes M) \xrightarrow[\mathcal{F}(A) \otimes v_M]{(\mathcal{F}(\mu_A) \otimes M) \circ \alpha} \mathcal{F}(A) \otimes M \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(v_M) \circ \xi^{-1}} \mathcal{F}(M).$$

By definition of  $\mathcal{F}(A) \otimes_A M$  in §3 we get a natural isomorphism  $\mathcal{F}(M) \cong \mathcal{F}(A) \otimes_A M$  with the  $B$ - $A$ -biobject  $\mathcal{F}(A) = Q$ . If  $Q' \otimes_A \cong \mathcal{F}$  then  $Q' \otimes_A A \cong Q \otimes_A A$  hence  $Q' \cong Q$  as  $B$ - $A$ -biobjects.

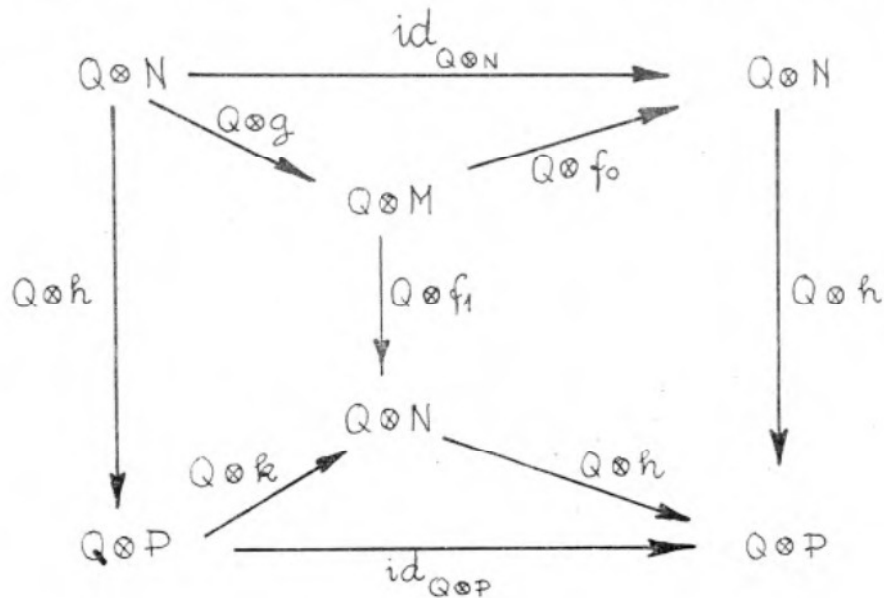
Conversely assume that b) holds. The following commutative diagram indicates that  $Q \otimes_A: {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (Q \otimes (A \otimes M)) \otimes X & \rightrightarrows & (Q \otimes M) \otimes X & \rightarrow & (Q \otimes_A M) \otimes X \\ \text{IR} & & \text{IR} & & \text{IR} \\ Q \otimes (A \otimes (M \otimes X)) & \rightrightarrows & Q \otimes (M \otimes X) & \rightarrow & Q \otimes_A (M \otimes X). \end{array}$$

The verification of the coherence diagrams for  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors is left to the reader. Now let

$$M \xrightarrow[f_1]{f_0} N \xrightarrow{h} P$$

be a difference cokernel of a  $\mathcal{U}$ -contractible pair in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  with contraction  $g: N \rightarrow M$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  and section  $k: P \rightarrow N$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $f_0 g = id_N$ ,  $f_1 g f_0 = f_1 g f_1$ ,  $h k = id_P$  and  $h f_1 = f_1 g$ . Now  $Q \otimes$  preserves the whole situation, so we get a commutative diagram



This implies that

$$Q \otimes M \xrightarrow[Q \otimes f_1]{Q \otimes f_0} Q \otimes N \xrightarrow{Q \otimes h} Q \otimes P$$

is a difference cokernel of a  $\mathcal{U}$ -contractible pair [12, 2.3].

A similar diagram is obtained by tensoring with  $Q \otimes A$  on the left. This induces a commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (Q \otimes A) \otimes M & \Rightarrow & (Q \otimes A) \otimes N & \rightarrow & (Q \otimes A) \otimes P \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ Q \otimes M & \Rightarrow & Q \otimes N & \rightarrow & Q \otimes P \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q \otimes_A M & \Rightarrow & Q \otimes_A N & \rightarrow & Q \otimes_A P \end{array}$$

where all rows and columns are difference cokernels in  ${}_B\mathcal{C}$ , due to the fact that  $f_0, f_1$  and  $h$  are  $A$ -morphisms and that colimits commute with colimits. Hence  $Q \otimes_A : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  preserves difference cokernels of  $\mathcal{U}$ -contractible pairs.

It seems that the strong property of being a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor rarely occurs. But the following theorem shows that this property is closely related to inner hom functors. Let us first consider the case  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Z}\text{-Mod}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  have a right adjoint  $\mathcal{G} : {}_B\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  preserve colimits resp. limits hence they are additive functors. Now the natural bijection

$${}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M), N) \cong {}_A\mathcal{C}(M, \mathcal{G}(N)) \text{ is composed of}$$

$$\mathcal{G} : {}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M), N) \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}(M), \mathcal{G}(N))$$

and

$${}_A\mathcal{C}(\Phi M, \mathcal{G}(N)) : {}_A\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}(M), \mathcal{G}(N)) \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}(M, \mathcal{G}(N)).$$

Both maps are homomorphisms of abelian groups since  $\mathcal{G}$  is an additive functor and  $\Phi M : M \rightarrow \mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}(M)$  is in  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$ . Thus a pair of adjoint functors between  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  and  ${}_B\mathcal{C}$  with  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Z}\text{-Mod}$  is automatically such that not only the morphism sets  ${}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M), N)$  and  ${}_A\mathcal{C}(M, \mathcal{G}(N))$  are isomorphic in the category of sets but even the inner hom functors  ${}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]$  and  ${}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]$  are isomorphic in  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Z}\text{-Mod}$ . Unfortunately this is not true in the general case. However the following theorem holds

**4.3. Theorem.** a) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a closed monoidal category and  $\mathcal{F} : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{G} : {}_B\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be functors.  $\mathcal{F}$  is left adjoint to  $\mathcal{G}$  and a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor if and only if there is a natural isomorphism

$${}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N] \cong {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]$$

for all  $M \in {}_A\mathcal{C}$  and  $N \in {}_B\mathcal{C}$ .

b) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a coclosed monoidal category and  $\mathcal{F} : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{G} : {}_B\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be functors.  $\mathcal{F}$  is right adjoint to  $\mathcal{G}$  and a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor if and only if there is a natural isomorphism

$${}_B\langle \mathcal{F}(M), N \rangle \cong {}_A\langle M, \mathcal{G}(N) \rangle$$

for all  $M \in {}_A\mathcal{C}$  and  $N \in {}_B\mathcal{C}$ .

PROOF. First assume that there is a natural isomorphism

$$\Phi : {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N] \cong {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)].$$

Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is left adjoint to  $\mathcal{G}$  by  ${}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M), N) \cong {}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes I, N) \cong \mathcal{C}(I, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]) \cong \mathcal{C}(I, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]) \cong {}_A\mathcal{C}(M \otimes I, \mathcal{G}(N)) \cong {}_A\mathcal{C}(M, \mathcal{G}(N))$ . Call this isomorphism  $\varphi$ . It is clear that  $\varphi$  is natural in  $M$  and  $N$ .

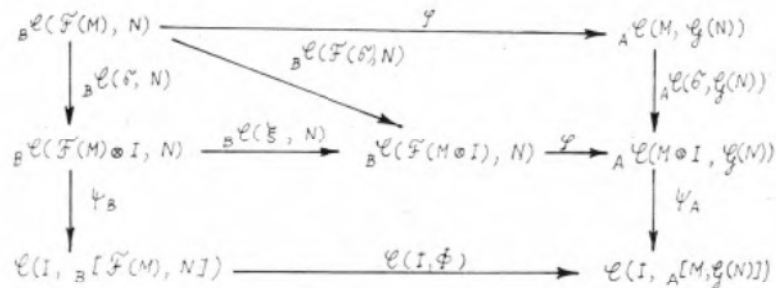
Now define  $\xi : \mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C$  by  ${}_B\mathcal{C}(\xi, N)$  as  ${}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C, N) \cong \mathcal{C}(C, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]) \cong \mathcal{C}(C, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]) \cong {}_A\mathcal{C}(M \otimes C, \mathcal{G}(N)) \cong {}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C), N)$ . Again  $\xi$  is clearly a natural transformation in  $M$  and  $C$ .

To check the two properties for a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor denote by

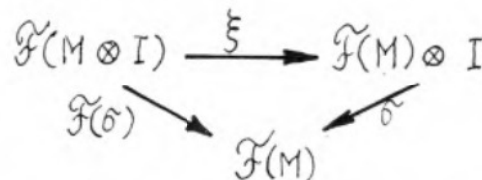
$$\psi_A : {}_A\mathcal{C}(M \otimes C, M') \cong \mathcal{C}(C, {}_A[M, N'])$$

$$\psi_B : {}_B\mathcal{C}(N \otimes C, N') \cong \mathcal{C}(C, {}_B[N, N'])$$

the adjointness isomorphisms of 3.10. Then the diagram



commutes, the outer hexagon by definition of  $\varphi$ , the lower pentagon by definition of  $\xi$ , the upper right hand quadrangle since  $\varphi$  is a natural transformation and the upper left hand triangle since all morphisms of the diagram are isomorphisms. Hence we get a commutative diagram in  ${}_B\mathcal{C}$



For the second more complicated diagram for  $\mathcal{C}$ -functors observe first from § 3 that we have natural isomorphisms

$${}_A[M \otimes C, M'] \cong [C, {}_A[M, M']] \quad \text{and} \quad {}_B[N \otimes C, N'] \cong [C, {}_B[N, N']]$$

and that the diagram

$$\begin{aligned} [C \otimes D, {}_A[M, M']] &\cong {}_A[M \otimes (C \otimes D), M'] \cong {}_A[(M \otimes C) \otimes D, M'] \\ &\cong [D, [C, {}_A[M, M']]] \cong [D, {}_A[M \otimes C, M']] \end{aligned}$$



and the corresponding diagram with respect to  ${}_B\mathcal{C}$  commute. Thus we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 {}_A[M \otimes (C \otimes D), \mathcal{G}(N)] \cong {}_A[(M \otimes C) \otimes D, \mathcal{G}(N)] \cong [D, {}_A[M \otimes C, \mathcal{G}(N)]] & & \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 [C \otimes D, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]] & \longrightarrow & [D, [C, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]]] \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 [C \otimes D, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]] & \longrightarrow & [D, [C, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]]] \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (C \otimes D), N] \cong {}_B[(\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C) \otimes D, N] \cong [D, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C, N]]. & & 
 \end{array}$$

Observe now the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 {}_A[M \otimes (C \otimes D), \mathcal{G}(N)] & \longrightarrow & [C \otimes D, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]] & \longrightarrow & [C \otimes D, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]] \\
 \uparrow & \swarrow & \uparrow & \longleftarrow & \uparrow \\
 {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M \otimes (C \otimes D)), N] & & {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \otimes D, N] & \xleftarrow{B[\xi, N]} & {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (C \otimes D), N] \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 & & {}_B[\mathcal{F}(\beta), N] & & {}_B[\beta, N] \\
 & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 {}_B[\mathcal{F}((M \otimes C) \otimes D), N] & \xleftarrow{B[\xi, N]} & {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \otimes D, N] & \xleftarrow{B[\xi \otimes D, N]} & {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C \otimes D, N] \\
 \uparrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 {}_A[(M \otimes C) \otimes D, \mathcal{G}(N)] & & [D, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C), N]] & \longleftarrow & [D, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C, N]] \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & [D, {}_A[M \otimes C, \mathcal{G}(N)]] & & [D, [C, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]]] \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & [D, [C, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]]]
 \end{array}$$

The outer frame commutes, since the previous diagram commutes.

The left quadrangle is commutative since  $\Phi$  is a natural transformation, the right hand square since  $\psi_B$  is a natural transformation, the three outer pentagons by the definition of  $\xi$ . Since all morphisms are isomorphisms, the inner pentagon commutes also. Hence we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{F}(M \otimes (C \otimes D)) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (C \otimes D) \\
 \downarrow \mathcal{F}(\beta) & & \downarrow \beta \\
 \mathcal{F}((M \otimes C) \otimes D) \xrightarrow{\xi} \mathcal{F}(M \otimes C) \otimes D \xrightarrow{\xi \otimes D} (\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C) \otimes D
 \end{array}$$

commutative. This proves one direction of part a) of the theorem.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor and left adjoint to  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then we have isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{C}(C, {}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N]) &\cong {}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M) \otimes C, N) \cong {}_B\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{F}(M \otimes C), N) \cong \\
 &{}_A\mathcal{C}(M \otimes C, \mathcal{G}(N)) \cong \mathcal{C}(C, {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)])
 \end{aligned}$$

natural in  $C \in \mathcal{C}, M \in {}_A\mathcal{C}$  and  $N \in {}_B\mathcal{C}$ . Hence  ${}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N] \cong {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]$  is a natural isomorphism.

The proof of part b) of the theorem is essentially dual to the proof of part a) and is left to the reader.

**4.4. Corollary:** Let  $\mathcal{F} : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{G} : {}_B\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be functors such that there is a natural isomorphism  ${}_B[\mathcal{F}(M), N] \cong {}_A[M, \mathcal{G}(N)]$ . Then there is an  $A$ -coflat object  $Q \in {}_B\mathcal{C}_A$  (unique up to an isomorphism) such that

$$\mathcal{F}(M) \cong Q \otimes_A M \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{G}(N) \cong {}_B[Q, N]$$

natural in  $M$  resp.  $N$ .

Proof: Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor and preserves colimits, Theorem 4.2. implies  $\mathcal{F}(M) \cong Q \otimes_A M$ . By Proposition 3.11 we also get  $\mathcal{G}(N) \cong {}_B[Q, N]$ .

If  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Z}\text{-Mod}$  we know in the situation of Theorem 4.3 that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an additive functor. This holds more generally.

**4.5. Proposition:** Let  $\mathcal{C} = K\text{-Mod}$  with the usual tensor-product. Let  $\mathcal{F} : {}_A\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}_B\mathcal{C}$  be a  $\mathcal{C}$ -functor. Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $K$ -additive, i.e. for all  $f, g \in {}_A\mathcal{C}(M, N), \kappa \in K$  we have

$$\mathcal{F}(f+g) = \mathcal{F}(f) + \mathcal{F}(g) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}(\kappa f) = \kappa \mathcal{F}(f).$$

PROOF. First show that there is a natural isomorphism  $\mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M)$  (natural in  $M \in {}_A\mathcal{C}$ ) such that

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) & \\ \mathcal{F}(q_i) \nearrow & \cong & \searrow \mathcal{F}(p_i) \\ \mathcal{F}(M) & & \mathcal{F}(M) \\ & \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \\ & \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) & \\ & \cong & \\ & \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \\ & \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \end{array}$$

for  $i=1, 2$  commute, where  $q_i$  are the  $i$ -th injections and  $p_i$  are the  $i$ -th projections of the direct sum. The isomorphism is given by  $\mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) \cong \mathcal{F}(M \otimes (K \oplus K)) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (K \oplus K) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M)$ . It is clearly natural in  $M \in {}_A\mathcal{C}$ . The commutativity of the first diagram follows from

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{\mathcal{F}(M)}} & & \mathcal{F}(M) & \\ \downarrow \mathcal{F}(q_i) & \cong & \mathcal{F}(M \otimes K) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes K & \cong & \downarrow q_i \\ \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) \cong \mathcal{F}(M \otimes (K \oplus K)) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes (K \oplus K) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & & & & \end{array}$$

The other diagram follows similarly.

The diagrams (\*) imply immediately the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{F}(M) & \\ \mathcal{F}(q) \swarrow & \Delta & \searrow \mathcal{F}(p) \\ \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \text{and} & \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) \cong \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) \\ & & \mathcal{F}(M) \end{array}$$

Furthermore they imply the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f \oplus g)} & \mathcal{F}(N \oplus N) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f) \oplus \mathcal{F}(g)} & \mathcal{F}(N) \oplus \mathcal{F}(N). \end{array}$$

Hence

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{F}(N) \\ & \searrow \mathcal{F}(\Delta) & & \nearrow \mathcal{F}(\nabla) & \\ \Delta \downarrow & & \mathcal{F}(M \oplus M) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f \oplus g)} & \mathcal{F}(N \oplus N) & \\ & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & \\ \mathcal{F}(M) \oplus \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f) \oplus \mathcal{F}(g)} & & & \mathcal{F}(N) \oplus \mathcal{F}(N) \\ & & & & \uparrow \nabla \end{array}$$

commutes, where the first horizontal arrow is  $\mathcal{F}(f+g) = \mathcal{F}(f) + \mathcal{F}(g)$ .

To show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $K$ -linear, observe that for  $f \in {}_A\mathcal{C}(M, N)$  and  $\kappa \in K$  the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes K & \xrightarrow{f \otimes \kappa} & N \otimes K \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ M & \xrightarrow{\kappa} & N \end{array}$$

commutes. Hence the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}(M) \otimes K & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f) \otimes \kappa} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{F}(N) \otimes K \\ \cong \downarrow & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & \\ \mathcal{F}(M \otimes K) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}(f \otimes \kappa)} & & & \mathcal{F}(N \otimes K) \\ \cong \downarrow & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & \\ \mathcal{F}(M) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & & \mathcal{F}(N) \end{array}$$

commutes, where the lower horizontal arrow is  $\mathcal{F}(\kappa f) = \kappa \mathcal{F}(f)$ .

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