

*Relative cohomology for operator modules  
over operator algebras*

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Let  $A$  be a unital algebra and let  $\text{Mod}_A$  be the category of all unital right  $A$ -modules.

$I \in \text{Mod}_A$  is **injective** if any morphism whose codomain is  $I$  can be extended along every monomorphism  $\mu$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\forall \mu} & F \\ \forall f \downarrow & \swarrow \exists \tilde{f} & \\ & & I \end{array}$$

$P \in \text{Mod}_A$  is **projective** if any morphism whose domain is  $P$  can be lifted over every epimorphism  $\pi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & P \\ & \swarrow \exists \tilde{f} & \downarrow \forall f \\ E & \xrightarrow{\forall \pi} & F \end{array}$$

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equivalently, every  $E \in \text{Mod}_A$  is injective;  
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key concept: exact sequences

short exact sequence

$$E \xrightarrow{\mu} F \xrightarrow{\pi} \gg G$$

means:  $\mu$  is mono,  $\pi$  is epi and  $\ker \pi = \text{im } \mu$  (so  $G \cong F/\text{im } \mu$ )

long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & E_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & E_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & E_3 & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & \searrow \pi_1 & & \nearrow \mu_1 & & \searrow \pi_2 & & \nearrow \mu_2 \\ & & & & G_1 & & & & G_2 \end{array}$$

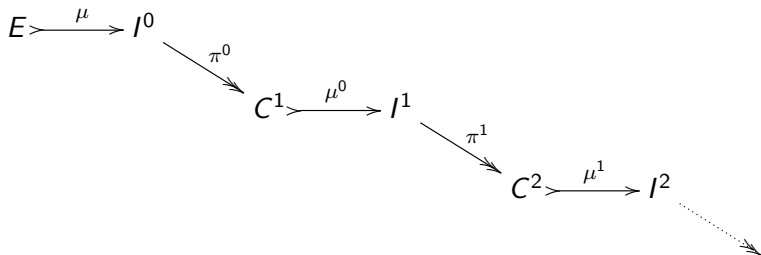
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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E & \xrightarrow{\mu} & I^0 & & & & \\ & & \searrow \pi^0 & & & & \\ & & C^1 & \xrightarrow{\mu^0} & I^1 & & \\ & & & & \searrow \pi^1 & & \\ & & & & C^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu^1} & I^2 & \cdots \end{array}$$

injective resolution

$$E \longrightarrow I^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} I^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} I^2 \xrightarrow{d^2} \dots$$

## Our kind of categories

$A$ , unital complex algebra, **operator algebra** if it is a Banach algebra, an operator space and completely isometric to a closed subalgebra of some  $B(H)$ ;

equivalently, the multiplication on  $A$  is (multiplicatively) completely contractive, that is, is linearisation

$$A \otimes_h A \rightarrow A \text{ is completely contractive.}$$

e.g., every  $C^*$ -algebra; the disk algebra  $A(\mathbb{D})$ ; ...

$E$ , unital right  $A$ -module, **operator module (over  $A$ )** if it is an operator space and the linearisation of the module multiplication

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$\mathcal{M}od_A^\infty$  is the category of all such modules together with completely bounded  $A$ -module maps.

## Our kind of categories

$\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty$  is a full subcategory of  $mnMod_A^\infty$  whose objects are the **matrix normed  $A$ -modules**:  
the linearisation of the module multiplication

$$E \widehat{\otimes} A \rightarrow E \text{ is completely contractive.}$$

e.g.,  $CB(A, F)$ , the completely bounded maps from  $A$  into an operator space  $F$  is a matrix normed module but not necessarily an operator module.

both categories are additive **but not abelian**:

**monomorphism**: injective cb  $A$ -module maps

**epimorphism**: cb  $A$ -module maps with dense range

**isomorphism**: bijective cb  $A$ -module maps with cb inverse

what to do?



what to do? exact categories!



key concept: kernel-cokernel pairs

short exact sequence = kernel-cokernel pair

$$E \xrightarrow{\mu} F \xrightarrow{\pi} \gg G$$

means:  $\mu$  is a kernel of  $\pi$  and  $\pi$  is a cokernel of  $\mu$

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means:  $(\mu_1, \pi_2)$  is a kernel-cokernel pair (a.s.o.)

where we assume that each  $f_i$  is **admissible**, i.e., can be factorised as  $f_i = \mu_i \pi_i$ .

## Our kind of categories

in both  $\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty$  and  $mnMod_A^\infty$ ,

**kernel:** cb  $A$ -module isomorphism onto its image

**cokernel:** completely open cb  $A$ -module map

## Exact categories

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive category and let  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{P})$  be a class of kernel-cokernel pairs which is closed under isomorphisms.

$\mathcal{E}x = (\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{P})$  is an **exact structure** on  $\mathcal{A}$  (in the sense of Quillen) if:

[E<sub>0</sub>] For all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{id}_E \in \mathcal{M}$ .

[E<sub>0</sub><sup>op</sup>] For all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{id}_E \in \mathcal{P}$ .

[E<sub>1</sub>]  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under composition.

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[E<sub>2</sub>] The pushout of a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}$  along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields a morphism in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

[E<sub>2</sub><sup>op</sup>] The pullback of a morphism in  $\mathcal{P}$  along an arbitrary morphism exists and yields a morphism in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

In this case we say  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x)$  is an **exact category**.



### Theorem

*Let  $A$  be an operator algebra. The class  $\mathcal{Ex}_{\max}$  of all kernel-cokernel pairs forms an exact structure on  $\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty$  and on  $mnMod_A^\infty$ .*

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this is the largest exact structure any additive category can be endowed with;

at the opposite end, the **minimal exact structure**  $\mathcal{E}x_{\min}$  always consists of the split kernel-cokernel pairs

**Split:**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E & \xrightarrow{\mu} & F & \xrightarrow{\pi} & G \\ & \swarrow \text{---} & \nwarrow \text{---} & & \\ & \exists \nu & \exists \theta & & \end{array}$$

such that  $\nu\mu = \text{id}_E$ ,  $\pi\theta = \text{id}_G$  and  $\mu\nu + \theta\pi = \text{id}_F$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category,  $\mathcal{M}$  a class of monomorphisms, and  $\mathcal{P}$  a class of epimorphisms.

$I \in \mathcal{A}$  is  *$\mathcal{M}$ -injective* if any morphism whose codomain is  $I$  can be extended along morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}$

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$P \in \mathcal{A}$  is  *$\mathcal{P}$ -projective* if any morphism whose domain is  $P$  can be lifted over morphisms in  $\mathcal{P}$

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## Cohomological dimension in an exact category

Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x)$  be an exact category with  $\mathcal{E}x = (\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{P})$ .

“dimension” of  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  = shortest length of an injective resolution

**cohomological dimension** of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x)$ :

$$\text{cohomdim}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x) := \sup \{ \text{Inj}_{\mathcal{M}}\text{-dim}(E) \mid E \in \mathcal{A} \}$$

### Theorem (Rosbotham 2021)

*Let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. Let*

$$\text{dg}_{C^*}(A) = \text{cohomdim}(\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max})$$

*be the global  $C^*$ -dimension of  $A$ . Then  $\text{dg}_{C^*}(A) \geq 2$ .*

## Exact functors

### Definition

An additive functor  $F: (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x_1) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}x_2)$  between two exact categories is **exact** if  $F(\mathcal{E}x_1) \subseteq \mathcal{E}x_2$ .

### Proposition

Let  $F: (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}x_1) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}x_2)$  be an exact functor between exact categories. If there is another exact structure  $\mathcal{E}x'_2$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  then

$$\mathcal{E}x'_1 = \{(\mu, \pi) \in \mathcal{E}x_1 \mid (F\mu, F\pi) \in \mathcal{E}x'_2\}$$

forms an exact structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

### Applied to our categories

Let  $F: (mnMod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}p^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max})$  be the forgetful functor (where  $\mathcal{O}p^\infty = \mathcal{O}Mod_{\mathbb{C}}^\infty$ ). Then

$$\mathcal{E}x_{\text{rel}} := \{(\mu, \pi) \in \mathcal{E}x \mid (F\mu, F\pi) \in \mathcal{E}x_{\min}\}$$

forms the **relative exact structure** on  $mnMod_A^\infty$ .

## Enough injectives

four exact categories:

$$(\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max}); (\mathcal{O}Mod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\text{rel}}); \\ (mnMod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max}); (mnMod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\text{rel}}) \quad .$$

for instance,  $CB(A, I)$  is injective in  $(mnMod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\max})$  for every  $I \in \mathcal{O}p^\infty$  injective

and  $CB(A, F)$  is injective in  $(mnMod_A^\infty, \mathcal{E}x_{\text{rel}})$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{O}p^\infty$ ;

since  $E \cong CB_A(A, E) \hookrightarrow CB(A, E) \hookrightarrow CB(A, B(H))$  for every  $E \in mnMod_A^\infty$ , where  $E \subseteq B(H)$  as an operator space,  $mnMod_A^\infty$  has **enough injectives**.

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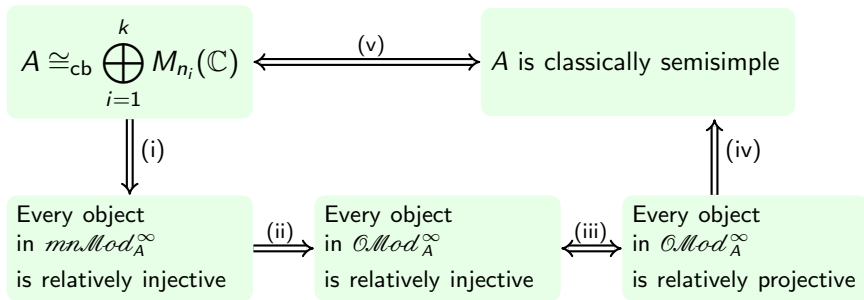
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- (v) this was already discussed. □

