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Eg. 2.3.7

similar to Ex 2.3.6.

Note that $a_{w,x,y} \otimes id_z = 1_A \cdot P(g)(1_A) = 1_A$.

Eg. 2.3.8

$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_G(A)$. Note that asso isom $a_{-, -, -}$ gives a

mapping from $G \times G \times G$ to A , i.e. $a \in \text{Fun}(G^3, A) = C^3$ (§1.7).

(view A as a trivial G -mod)

$$C^3 \xrightarrow{d^4} C^4$$

$$w \mapsto d^4 w, \quad d^4 w(w,x,y,z) = [w \circ \omega(x,y,z)] \cdot w(w,x,y,z)^{-1} \cdot w(w,x,y,z)$$

$$w(w,x,y,z)^{-1} \cdot w(w,x,y)$$

Define a new asso isom $a_{-, -, -}^w$ by

$$a_{\delta_f, \delta_h, \delta_m}^w = w(g,h,m) \cdot id_{\delta_{ghm}} : (\delta_f \otimes \delta_h) \otimes \delta_m \rightarrow \delta_f \otimes (\delta_h \otimes \delta_m)$$

Then $d^4 w = 0 \Rightarrow$ pentagon axiom holds.

"Linear Version"

View $\mathcal{G}_G(k^X)$ as subset of Vect_G . Define $\mathcal{G}_G^w(k^X)$ following above w , and extend the associativity isom of \mathcal{G}_G^w by additivity to arbitrary direct sum of objects δ_g .

In $\mathcal{G}_G(k^X)$, by def of \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R} ,

$$1 \otimes \delta_g = \mathcal{L} \otimes id_g \circ w(1,1,g)^{-1} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_g = w(1,1,g)^{-1}$$

$$r_{\delta_h} \otimes 1 = id_{\delta_h} \otimes w(g,1,1) \Rightarrow r_{\delta_h} = w(g,1,1)$$

Therefore triangle axiom says $w(g,1,h) = w(g,1,1) \cdot w(1,1,h)$.

By $\mathcal{L}_x = r_x = id_x$, $w(g,1,1) = w(1,1,g) = 1_A \Rightarrow w(g,1,h) = 1_A, \forall g,h \in G$.

A cycle satisfying this condition is called to be normalized.

Prop 2.3.10 We will show in Prop 2.6.1 that cohomologically equivalent w 's give rise to equivalent monoidal cats.

Prop 2.3.12 Let \mathcal{C} be a cat. Then the cat $\text{End}(\mathcal{C})$ is a monoidal cat,

where \otimes is given by composition of functors, the asso isom is identity. The unit obj is $id_{\mathcal{C}}$.

If \mathcal{C} is abelian, the cat of additive, left exact, right exact and exact endofunctors are monoidal.

Ex. 2.3.13 Let A be an associative ring with unit. $(A\text{-bimod}, \otimes_A, a, \text{reg. mod}, \nu)$ is monoidal.

If A is comm., $A\text{-bimod}$ has a full monoidal subcat $A\text{-mod}$, regarded as bimod in which left and right actions coincide.

If X is a scheme, $(\mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(X), \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}, a, \mathcal{O}_X, \nu)$ is monoidal. If $X = \text{Spec} A$, then $\mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(X) = A\text{-mod}$.

Similar, if A is a f.d. alg., $A\text{-bimod}, A\text{-mod (of f.d.)}$ are monoidal.

Examples from geometry

$\text{Coh}(X)$. X : Noether scheme

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$$V\mathcal{B}(X)$$

$\text{Loc}(X)$ of locally constant sheaves of f.d. k -vector spaces

Ex. 2.3.14 The cat of tangles.

Let $S_{m,n}$ be the disjoint union of m S^1 and n $I = [0, 1]$.

A tangle is a smooth embedding $f: S_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, 1]$ s.t. boundary maps to boundary and interior maps to interior. (brinds \perp arcs \perp links) \rightarrow coordinate: x, y, z

inputs := points of f with $z=0$

output := " " " " " " $z=1$.

- inputs and output have vanishing y -coordinates.

$$\tilde{T}_{p,q} := \{ \text{tangles having } p \text{ inputs and } q \text{ outputs} \}$$

$$T_{p,q} := \tilde{T}_{p,q} / (\text{isotopy}) \quad (\text{inputs and outputs preserving "y=0" when moved})$$

Define a composition map $T_{p,q} \times T_{q,r} \rightarrow T_{p,r}$, induced by the concatenation of tangles.

Namely, if $\tilde{s} \in \tilde{T}_{p,q}$ and $\tilde{t} \in \tilde{T}_{q,r}$, pick representatives $\tilde{s} \in \tilde{T}_{p,q}, \tilde{t} \in \tilde{T}_{q,r}$ such that the inputs of \tilde{s} coincide with the outputs of \tilde{t} , concatenate them, perform an appropriate reparametrization, and rescale $z \rightarrow \frac{z}{2}$. The obtained tangle represents the desired composition $\tilde{t} \circ \tilde{s}$ (independent from the choice of \tilde{s} and \tilde{t}).

Define a monoidal cat T called the cat of tangles.

cat structure:

$$\text{ob } T = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\text{Hom}_{T}(p,q) = T_{p,q} \quad \text{composition as above w/ } \tilde{t} \circ \tilde{s} \in \tilde{T}_{p,q} \text{ represented by trivial braid. } \text{id}_0 = \phi.$$

monoidal structure

$$\text{obj: } m \otimes n = m+n$$

$$\text{mor: } b \otimes b' \text{ represented by } \tilde{t} \perp \tilde{s} \text{ (in } \tilde{T} \text{ is } \tilde{t}, \text{ any points of } \tilde{t} \text{ has a smaller } \tilde{t} \text{)}.$$

Exercise 2.3.15 Check the following:

- (1) The tensor product $b \otimes b'$ is well defined, and its def makes \otimes a bi functor.

Choose $\tilde{b} \xrightarrow{\text{isotopy}} \tilde{b}'$, $\tilde{b}' \xrightarrow{\text{isotopy}} \tilde{b}''$. Max the whole space s.t. \tilde{b}, \tilde{b}' in $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0,1)$, \tilde{b}'', \tilde{b}'' in $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (1,2)$.

Then the isotopy $\tilde{b} \rightarrow \tilde{b}''$ can be chosen to be contained in $\mathbb{R}^2 \times (0,2)$.

$$\therefore \tilde{b} \rightarrow \tilde{b}'' \text{ is } \tilde{b} \rightarrow \tilde{b}' \rightarrow \tilde{b}'' \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2 \times (0,2)$$

Choose $\tilde{b}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} b_1, \tilde{b}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{isom}} b_2$. Max the whole space st. \tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2 in $V(X \otimes 1)$, b_1, b_2 in $(X \otimes 1)$.

Then the isom $\tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b_1$ can be chosen to be contained in $(X \otimes 1)$.

Similarly $\tilde{b}_2 \rightarrow b_2$.

Similar $b_1' \otimes b_2' = (b_1 \otimes b_2) \otimes (b_1' \otimes b_2')$ (compose t_1 and b_1' (resp t_2 and b_2') in half-space u ($X \otimes 1$) (resp $(X \otimes 1)$).

(2) There is an obvious associativity isom for \otimes .

$$A \otimes (B \otimes C) \cong (A \otimes B) \otimes C$$

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§ 2.4 Monoidal functors and their morphisms.

Def 2.4.1 Let $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, 1, a, \alpha)$ and $(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}, \tilde{\otimes}, \tilde{1}, \tilde{a}, \tilde{\alpha})$ be monoidal cat. A monoidal functor from \mathcal{C} to $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is a pair (F, \tilde{J}) , where $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}$ is a functor, and natural isom

$$\tilde{J}_{X,Y}: F(X) \tilde{\otimes} F(Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} F(X \otimes Y)$$

such that $F(1) \cong \tilde{1}$ and diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (FX \otimes FY) \tilde{\otimes} FZ & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}_{FX, FY, FZ}} & FX \tilde{\otimes} (FY \otimes FZ) \\ \downarrow \tilde{J}_{X,Y} \otimes \tilde{J}_{FZ} & \searrow & \downarrow \text{id}_{FX} \otimes \tilde{J}_{Y,Z} \\ F(X \otimes Y) \tilde{\otimes} FZ & & FX \tilde{\otimes} F(Y \otimes Z) \\ \downarrow \tilde{J}_{X \otimes Y, FZ} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(a_{X,Y,Z})} & \downarrow \tilde{J}_{X, Y \otimes Z} \\ F(X \otimes Y \otimes Z) & & F(X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) \end{array}$$

is commutative (monoidal structure axiom).

A monoidal functor F is said to be an equiv of monoidal cat if it is an equiv of cat.

Rem 2.4.2 A functor can be equipped with different monoidal structure or not admit any monoidal structure

$\mathcal{C}(F, \tilde{J})$ defined above also preserves 1 and v . i.e. $\exists \varphi: \tilde{1} \rightarrow F(1)$ isom st.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(1 \otimes X) & \xrightarrow{F(a_{1,X})} & F(X) \\ \uparrow \tilde{J} & \nearrow & \uparrow \tilde{J} \\ F(1) \tilde{\otimes} F(X) & & F(X) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) \\ \uparrow \varphi \otimes \text{id} & \nearrow \tilde{J}_{F(X)} & \uparrow \text{id} \otimes \varphi \\ \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(X) & & F(X) \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{1} \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(X \otimes 1) & \xrightarrow{F(a_{X,1})} & F(X) \\ \uparrow \tilde{J} & \nearrow & \uparrow \tilde{J} \\ F(X) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) & & F(X) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) \\ \uparrow \text{id} \otimes \varphi & \nearrow \tilde{J}_{F(X)} & \uparrow \varphi \otimes \text{id} \\ F(X) \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{1} & & \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(X) \end{array}$$

commutative for any X . (*)

In the case $X=1$, diagram (*) says

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(1) & \xrightarrow{F(a_{1,1})} & F(1) \\ \downarrow \varphi \otimes \text{id}_{F(1)} & \searrow & \downarrow F(a_{1,1}) \\ F(1) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) & & F(1 \otimes 1) \\ \downarrow \tilde{J}_{1,1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(a_{1,1})} & \downarrow F(a_{1,1}) \\ F(1) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) & & F(1 \otimes 1) \end{array}$$

Since $\tilde{J}_{1,1}, F(a_{1,1}), \tilde{F}(a_{1,1})$ are all isom, we obtain an isom $\tilde{J}_{1,1}^{-1} \circ F(a_{1,1}) \circ \tilde{F}(a_{1,1})^{-1}: \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(1) \rightarrow F(1) \tilde{\otimes} F(1)$.

The existence and uniqueness of φ is implied by " $\tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(1)$ is fully-faithful". And it is easy to see " $\tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(1)$ is fully-faithful and $\tilde{1} \cong F(1) \Rightarrow \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(1)$ is fully-faithful".

Prop 2.4.3: For any X , and φ defined above, diagrams

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{1} \tilde{\otimes} F(X) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{J}_{F(X)}} & F(X) \\ \downarrow \varphi \otimes \text{id}_{F(X)} & \searrow & \downarrow F(a_{1,X}) \\ F(1) \tilde{\otimes} F(X) & & F(1 \otimes X) \end{array}$$

and

$$(2.26) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(X) \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{J}_{F(X)}} & F(X) \\ \downarrow \text{id}_{F(X)} \otimes \varphi & \searrow & \downarrow F(a_{X,1}) \\ F(X) \tilde{\otimes} F(1) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{J}_{F(X)}} & F(X \otimes 1) \end{array}$$

are commutative

To prove this, we need to prove a lemma.

$$F(x) \otimes \tilde{F}(L) \xrightarrow{\text{nat}} \tilde{F}(x \otimes L)$$

is comm.

To prove this, we need to prove a lemma:

Lemma 1: Let E be a cot, $F, G, H \in \text{End } \mathcal{B}$, $f: F \rightarrow G$, $g: G \rightarrow H$, $h: F \rightarrow H$ are natural trans. $E: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ equiv of cut, E^T a quasi-inverse of E . Then

$$\forall x, F(x) \xrightarrow{f_x} G(x) \quad \forall x, F(Ex) \xrightarrow{f_{Ex}} G(Ex)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow \delta_x & \\ & H(x) & \\ & \downarrow \delta_{Ex} & \\ & H(Ex) & \end{array}$$

is comm. is comm. (*)

Pf: \Rightarrow Obviously

\Leftarrow Consider the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F(EE^T(x)) & \xrightarrow{f_{EE^T(x)}} & G(EE^T(x)) & & \\ \downarrow \tilde{F}(x) & \searrow h_{EE^T(x)} & \downarrow G(x) & \searrow \delta_{EE^T(x)} & \\ F(x) & \xrightarrow{f_x} & G(x) & \xrightarrow{\delta_x} & H(EE^T(x)) \\ & \searrow h_x & \downarrow H(x) & & \\ & & H(x) & & \end{array}$$

where $\alpha: EE^T \rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathcal{B}}$ natural isom. All rectangles commute by the naturality of f, g, h . The upper triangle commutes by condition. Therefore the lower triangle commutes. \square

Pf of Prop 2.4.3. By lemma 1, to prove (2.25) is comm, only need to prove

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{F} \otimes \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x) & \xrightarrow{\text{Nat}} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x) \\ \downarrow \varphi_{\tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)} & \wr & \downarrow \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)^T \\ \tilde{F}(1 \otimes \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes (1 \otimes x)) \end{array}$$

is comm. To prove this, it is sufficient to establish the commutativity of the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{F} \otimes \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x) & \xrightarrow{\text{Nat}} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x) \\ \downarrow \varphi_{\tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)} & \wr & \downarrow \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)^T \\ \tilde{F}(1 \otimes \tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1 \otimes x)} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes (1 \otimes x)) \end{array}$$

\wr : by composition
 \wr : by monoidal structure axiom.
 \wr : by naturality
 \wr : by def of \tilde{F} .

To prove (2.26), we prove that φ is canonical for r , i.e. we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1)} & \tilde{F}(1) \\ \downarrow \text{id}_{\tilde{F}(1)} \otimes \varphi & \wr & \downarrow \tilde{F}(1)^T = \tilde{F}(L)^T \\ \tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1)} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes 1) \end{array}$$

Pf: consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1)) \otimes \tilde{F}(1) & \xrightarrow{\text{Nat}} & \tilde{F}(1) \otimes (\tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1)) \\ \downarrow \text{id}_{\tilde{F}(1)} \otimes \varphi & \wr & \downarrow \text{id}_{\tilde{F}(1)} \otimes \tilde{F}(1) \\ \tilde{F}(1) \otimes (\tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1)) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1)} & \tilde{F}(1) \otimes \tilde{F}(1 \otimes 1) \\ \downarrow \tilde{F}(1) & \wr & \downarrow \tilde{F}(1) \\ \tilde{F}(1 \otimes 1) \otimes 1 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}(1)} & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes (1 \otimes 1)) \\ & & \downarrow \tilde{F}(1) \\ & & \tilde{F}(1 \otimes 1) \end{array}$$

\wr : by triangle axiom

\wr : by u.t...l.t. of τ

↷: by triangle axiom

↷: by naturality of J .

Then by monoidal structure axiom, we obtain: ↷, i.e.

$$(L*) \quad F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{id}_{F(L_2)} \circ J_{1,2} \otimes \tilde{id}_{F(L_1)} = \tilde{id}_{F(L_1)} \otimes F(L_2) \circ \tilde{id}_{F(L_1)} \circ J_{1,2} \circ a$$

Consider:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{r}_{L_1} \otimes \tilde{id}} & F(L_1) \otimes F(L_2) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F(L_1) \otimes (F(L_2) \otimes \tilde{I}) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \searrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F(L_1) \otimes F(L_2) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F(L_1) \otimes F(L_2) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F(L_1) \otimes F(L_2) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 (F(L_1) \otimes \tilde{I}) \otimes F(L_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F(L_1) \otimes F(L_2)
 \end{array}$$

↷: by naturality of a

↷: by triangle axiom

↷: by (L*), note that $r_i = l_i$ and $\tilde{a} \circ (\varphi \otimes id_{F(L_1)}) \circ id_{F(L_2)} \otimes \tilde{I} = id_{F(L_1)} \otimes id_{F(L_2)} \circ \tilde{I}$ (by def of φ).

Since $- \otimes F(L_2)$ is fully-faithful, we have (L*). \square

Similar for (2.25), one can prove (2.26).

Def 2.4.5: (\tilde{F}, J, φ) is a traditional def of a monoidal functor.

Rule 2.4.6: One can safely identify \tilde{I} with $F(I)$ using φ , and assume that $F(I) = \tilde{I}$ and $\varphi = id_{\tilde{I}}$. (Similarly for how we have identified $I \otimes X$ and $X \otimes I$ with X and assumed that $l_x = r_x = id_x$.)

Rule 2.4.7: It is clear that the composition of monoidal functors is a monoidal functor. Also the identity functor has a natural structure of a monoidal functor.

Def 2.4.8: Let $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, I, a, l, r)$ and $(\mathcal{D}, \otimes, \tilde{I}, \tilde{a}, \tilde{l}, \tilde{r})$ be two monoidal cat, and let (F^1, J^1) and (F^2, J^2) be two monoidal functors from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} . A morphism (or a natural trans) of monoidal functors $\eta: (F^1, J^1) \rightarrow (F^2, J^2)$ is a natural trans $\eta: F^1 \rightarrow F^2$ s.t. η_I is an isom and $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F^1(X) \otimes F^1(Y) & \xrightarrow{J^1_{X,Y}} & F^1(X \otimes Y) \\
 \downarrow \eta_X \otimes \eta_Y & \wr & \downarrow \eta_{X \otimes Y} \\
 F^2(X) \otimes F^2(Y) & \xrightarrow{J^2_{X,Y}} & F^2(X \otimes Y)
 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Monoidal functors between two monoidal cat form a cat (with mor defined above).

Rule 2.4.9: If $\varphi: \tilde{I} \xrightarrow{\sim} F^i(I)$, $i=1,2$, then $\eta_1 \circ \varphi = \eta_2$, so it makes the convention that $\varphi = \varphi_1 = id_{\tilde{I}}$, one has $\eta_2 = id_{\tilde{I}}$.

Pf: Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{I} \otimes F^1(I) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{I}} & F^2(I) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 \tilde{I} \otimes F^1(I) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F^2(I) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \searrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 \tilde{I} \otimes F^1(I) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F^2(I) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 \tilde{I} \otimes F^1(I) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F^2(I) \\
 \downarrow (id \otimes \varphi) \otimes \tilde{id} & \swarrow \tilde{a} & \downarrow \tilde{id} \otimes \varphi \otimes \tilde{id} \\
 \tilde{I} \otimes F^1(I) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}} & F^2(I)
 \end{array}$$

↷: by composition

↷: by naturality of η

↷: by naturality of \tilde{a}

- ↪ : by composition
- ↪ : by naturality of η
- ↪ : by naturality of $\tilde{\epsilon}$

By the uniqueness of η , we obtain $\eta = \eta \circ \eta$. \square

Prop 2.4.10, If a monoidal functor is an equiv of monoidal cat, then it has a monoidal pseudo-inverse.

Thus the monoidal autoequiv of any monoidal cat ^{up to isom} form a group w.r.t composition.

§ 2.5 Examples of monoidal functors

Eg. 2.5.1 forgetful functors:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rep } G &\longrightarrow \text{Vec} \\ \text{Rep } G &\longrightarrow \text{Rep } H, \quad H < G \\ \text{Rep } G &\longrightarrow \text{Rep } H, \quad H \xrightarrow{f} G \text{ homom} \end{aligned}$$

Eg. 2.5.2: $f: H \rightarrow G$ homom, define

$$\begin{aligned} f_*: \text{Vec}_H &\longrightarrow \text{Vec}_G \\ \bigoplus_{h \in H} V_h &\longmapsto \bigoplus_{g \in G} \bigoplus_{h \in H} V_h, \\ &\quad f(h) = g \end{aligned}$$

then f_* is monoidal. If $G = \{e\}$, then f_* is just the forgetful functor $\text{Vec}_H \rightarrow \text{Vec}$.

Eg. 2.5.3 Let k be a field, let A be a k -alg with unit, and let $\mathcal{E} = A\text{-mod}$ be the cat of left A -modules, then we have a functor

$$(2.29) \quad \begin{aligned} F: A\text{-bimod} &\longrightarrow \text{End } \mathcal{E} \\ M &\longmapsto M \otimes_A - \end{aligned}$$

The functor is naturally monoidal. A similar functor $F: A\text{-bimod} \xrightarrow{\text{f.d.}} \text{End } \mathcal{E}$ can be defined if A is of f.d. and $\mathcal{E} = A\text{-mod}^{\text{f.d.}}$.

Prop 2.5.4 The functor (2.29) takes values in the full monoidal subcat $\text{End}_{\text{re}}(\mathcal{E})$ of right exact endofunctors of \mathcal{E} , and defines an equiv between the monoidal cat $A\text{-bimod}^{\text{f.d.}}$ and $\text{End}_{\text{re}}(\mathcal{E})$.

Pf: The first statement is clear, since the tensor product functor is right exact.

To prove the second statement, let us construct the quasi-inverse F^{-1} . Define

$$\begin{aligned} F^{-1}: \text{End}_{\text{re}} \mathcal{E} &\longrightarrow A\text{-bimod} \\ G &\longmapsto G(A), \end{aligned}$$

this is clearly a A -bimod, since it is a left A -mod with a commuting action of $\text{End}_A(A) = A^{\text{op}}$.

Obviously, $F^{-1} \circ F = - \otimes_A A \simeq \text{id}_{A\text{-bimod}^{\text{f.d.}}}$. For any G , $F \circ F^{-1}(G) = G(A) \otimes_A -$, by prop 1.5.10, $\exists V \in A\text{-bimod}^{\text{f.d.}}$, s.t. $G(-) = V \otimes_A -$, then $F \circ F^{-1}(G) = (V \otimes_A A) \otimes -$. By the canonical isom $V \otimes_A A \rightarrow V$, one has $F \circ F^{-1} \simeq \text{id}_{\text{End}_{\text{re}}(\mathcal{E})}$. \square

Remark 2.5.5. A similar statement is valid without the f.d. assumption, if one adds the condition that the right exact functors must commute with inductive limits.

Eg. 2.5.6 Let S be a monoid, let $\mathcal{E} = \text{Vec}_S$ (similar to Eg. 2.5.6). Let us view $\text{id}_{\mathcal{E}}$ as a monoidal functor. Let $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{E}}$ be a mon of monoidal functor (Def 2.4.8).

By def, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \delta_f \otimes \delta_h & \xrightarrow{=} & \delta_{fh} \\ \downarrow \eta_f \otimes \eta_h & \Downarrow & \downarrow \eta_{fh} \\ \delta_f \otimes \delta_h & \xrightarrow{=} & \delta_{fh} \end{array} \quad \eta_f := \eta_g$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cdot & & \cdot \\ \downarrow \eta_f \otimes \eta_h & \Downarrow & \downarrow \eta_{fh} \\ \mathcal{D}_f \otimes \mathcal{D}_h & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{D}_{fh} \end{array} \quad \eta_f := \eta_g$$

$\Rightarrow \eta_{fh} = \eta_f \cdot \eta_h$. Where $(\mathcal{D}_g) = \mathcal{C}_S(k) \hookrightarrow \text{Vec}_S$. Hence we can view η as a homomorphism of monoids from S to k . Conversely, if we have a homomorphism $\eta: S \rightarrow k$, we can define a morphism of monoidal functors $\text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ via $\eta_g := \eta(g)$, $\forall g \in \mathcal{C}_S(k)$, and then extend to Vec_S by direct sum. Therefore morphisms $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ correspond to homomorphisms of monoids $\eta: S \rightarrow k$.