

Foundations of Representation Theory

—Exercise sheet 4—

Let k be a field.

Exercise 1. Let $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be a functor. Show that G possesses a left adjoint if and only if the functor $\mathcal{C}(X, G_-) : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ is representable for every object X of \mathcal{C} .

Exercise 2. Show that the following two forgetful functors—both called V —possess both a left and a right adjoint.

(i) Let A be a k -algebra and let $V : A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow k\text{-Mod}$.

(ii) Let $V : \underline{\text{Top}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$.

These are examples of functors which are not equivalences of categories but which have both a left and a right adjoint.

Exercise 3. Give the unit and the counit of the following adjunctions; more precisely for the functors $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ and $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ find natural transformations $\eta : \text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow G \circ F$ and $\varepsilon : F \circ G \rightarrow \text{Id}_{\mathcal{D}}$ which fulfill the triangular relations.

(i) Let $\mathcal{C} = k\text{-Mod}$, $\mathcal{D} = A\text{-Mod}$, $F(V) = A \otimes_k V$, and G be the forgetful functor.

(ii) Let A and B be k -algebras and ${}_A N_B$ be a bimodule. Let $\mathcal{C} = \text{Mod-}A$, $\mathcal{D} = \text{Mod-}B$, let $F(M_A) = M \otimes_A N$ and $G(P_B) = \text{Hom}_B(N, P)$.

(iii) Let \mathcal{C} be the category whose objects are pairs (A, S) consisting of a commutative ring A and a multiplicative subset $S \subseteq A$ and whose morphisms $f : (A, S) \rightarrow (B, T)$ are ring homomorphisms $f : A \rightarrow B$ such that $f(S) \subseteq T$. Let $\mathcal{D} = \underline{\text{CommRing}}$. Let $F(A, S) = S^{-1}A$ and $G(B) = (B, B^\times)$.

Exercise 4. Check if the following functors $F : k\text{-CommAlg} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ are representable and, if so, give a representing object.

(i) $F(A) = A^n$ (here n is a natural number).

(ii) $F(A) = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) = (1)\}$ (note the ambiguity of the notation (a_1, \dots, a_n) : on the one hand it denotes an n -tuple of elements of A and on the other hand it denotes the ideal in A which is generated by a_1, \dots, a_n).

(iii) $F(A) = \text{GL}_n(A)$.

Due on Friday, 09.11.2018, before the lecture.