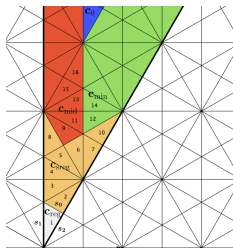


Green's theory of cells in categorification

Or: Mind your cells!

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Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskii, Green ~1942++. Finite semigroups or monoids.

Example. \mathbb{N} , $\text{Aut}(\{1, \dots, n\}) = S_n \subset T_n = \text{End}(\{1, \dots, n\})$, groups, groupoids, categories, any \cdot closed subsets of matrices, “everything” [▶ click](#), etc.

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Left, right and two-sided cells (a.k.a. \mathcal{L} -, \mathcal{R} - and \mathcal{J} -cells): Equivalence classes.

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Example (the transformation monoid T_3). Cells – \mathcal{L} (columns), \mathcal{R} (rows), \mathcal{J} (big rectangles), \mathcal{H} (small rectangles).

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Example. (T_3 .) [▶ More](#)

\mathcal{J}_{all}

$\mathcal{H}(e) = S_3, S_2, S_1$ gives $3 + 2 + 1 = 6$ associated simples (over \mathbb{C}).

S_3

Cute facts.

This is a general philosophy in representation theory.

▶ Each \mathcal{H} Buzz words. Idempotent truncations, Kazhdan–Lusztig cells, Each e is contain quasi-hereditary algebras, cellular algebras, etc.

▶ Each \mathcal{H} (Note. Whenever one has a (reasonable) antiinvolution $*$, the \mathcal{H} -cells to consider are the diagonals $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{L}^*$. kill it. (Apex.)
▶ Each sim I will almost ignore non-contributing \mathcal{H} -cells from now on.

Kazhdan–Lusztig (KL) and others $\sim 1979++$. Green's theory in linear.

Choose a basis. For a finite-dimensional algebra S fix a basis B_S . For $x, y, z \in B_S$ write $y \in z x$ if y appears in $z x$ with non-zero coefficient.

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Spoiler.

On the categorified level all problems vanish and (a version of) the \mathcal{H} -reduction can be recovered.

There is a good basis. For a finitary monoidal category \mathcal{S} , and X, Y, Z indecomposable write $Y \oplus ZX$ if Y is a direct summand of ZX .

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Examples.

- ▶ Cells in \mathcal{S} give \otimes -ideals.
- ▶ If \mathcal{S} is semisimple, then XX^* and X^*X both contain the identity, so cell theory is trivial.
- ▶ For Soergel bimodules cells are Kazhdan–Lusztig cells.
- ▶ For 2-Kac–Moody algebras you can push everything to cyclotomic KLR algebras, and \mathcal{H} -cells are of size one.

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To make the " \simeq " above precise is a whole paper...but it works.
 For example, $B_{1212}B_{1212} \cong pB_{1212}$ for $p = [2][4] \in \mathbb{N}[v, v^{-1}]$ being a shift.
 So B_{1212} is a pseudo-idempotent, but you can't easily rescale on the categorical level.

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Strong \mathcal{H} -reduction ~ 2020 .

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From the table of conjugacy classes and characters

- There are zillions of semigroups, e.g. 1843120128 of order 8. (Compare: There are 5 groups of order 8.)
- Already the easiest of these are not semisimple – not even over \mathbb{C} .
- Almost all of them are of wild representation type.

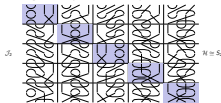
Is the study of semigroups hopeless?

Green & Rea

1978

Classification of simples of the Brauer algebra – in real time

One cell of $\text{Br}(d)$ (the dimension of $\text{Br}(d)$ is 105 and I wasn't able to fit the whole thing on the slide...), with the circle value $\delta \neq 0$.



In general, \mathcal{J} -cells in \mathcal{J}_i are S_i .

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A finite, pivotal (mod) -tensor category \mathcal{C} .

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Clifford, Maschke **\mathcal{H} -reduction** (Maschke year!) – stated for monoids or monoids.

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Classification of simples of the type A Hecke algebra – cheating a bit

Cells of $\mathcal{H}(1 \equiv 2 \equiv 3)$, with δ_k being the Kazhdan-Lusztig (KL) basis.



In general, \mathcal{J} -cells are indexed by partitions, and \mathcal{H} -cells are the trivial group.

1978

Example (G - \mathcal{H} - mod , ground field \mathbb{C}).

- Let $K \subset G \subset G$ be a subgroup.
- K - Mod is a \mathcal{C} - mod , with action $\text{Res}_K^G \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} G$ - \mathcal{H} - $\text{mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\text{-Mod}(K\text{-Mod})$.

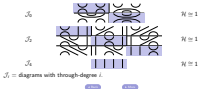


- which is indeed an action because Res_K^G is a \otimes -functor.
- All of these are 2-simple.
- The decategorifications are $K_0(\mathcal{C})$ - mod .

1978

Classification of simples of the Temperley-Lieb algebra – in real time

Cells of $\text{TL}_d(\delta)$, with the circle value $\delta \neq 0$.



Mazorchuk-Miemietz and others – 2010+ – Green's theory in categorification

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From the book 'Algebraic Combinatorics' by Brundan and Shimozono, 2010.

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| S_{11} | 39916800 | 19 | 19 | 1 | 18 |
| S_{12} | 479001600 | 21 | 21 | 1 | 20 |
| S_{13} | 6227020800 | 23 | 23 | 1 | 22 |
| S_{14} | 87178291200 | 25 | 25 | 1 | 24 |
| S_{15} | 1309320832000 | 27 | 27 | 1 | 26 |
| S_{16} | 20922789248000 | 29 | 29 | 1 | 28 |
| S_{17} | 355687407360000 | 31 | 31 | 1 | 30 |
| S_{18} | 6355136576000000 | 33 | 33 | 1 | 32 |
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From the paper on categorification by Hopkins

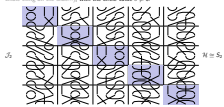
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Is the study of semigroups hopeless?

Green & Cox (1971)

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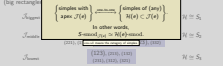
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Clifford, Maschke-reduction (Maschke year) – stated for monoids or monoids

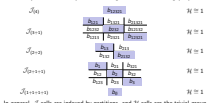
Example (the big rectangle): There is a one-to-one correspondence $\mathbb{K}\langle \text{rows} \rangle / \mathcal{J} \cong \mathbb{K}\langle \text{cols} \rangle / \mathcal{J}$



- Cute facts:
- Each $N(e)$ contains precisely one idempotent e or no idempotent. Each e is contained in some $N(e)$. (Idempotent separation.)
 - Each $N(e)$ is a unique subalgebra. (Group-like.)
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Classification of simples of the type A Hecke algebra – cheating a bit

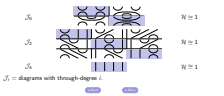
Cells of $H(1 \equiv 2 \equiv 3)$, with δ_k being the Kazhdan-Lusztig (KL) basis.



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Classification of simples of the Temperley-Lieb algebra – in real time

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Mazorchuk-Miemietz and others –2010+-. Green's theory in categorification

Example $H(1 \equiv 2)$, but now Soergel bimodules over \mathbb{C} with their indecomposables.



We count the correct number of **isomorphism classes**, namely $1 + 2 + 1 = 4$.

From the paper on categorification by Soergel

Example (G -Mod, ground field \mathbb{C}).

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Mazorchuk-Niemi-reduction –2010. categorification

Examples: There is a one-to-one correspondence $\mathbb{K}\langle \text{rows} \rangle / \mathcal{J} \cong \mathbb{K}\langle \text{cols} \rangle / \mathcal{J}$. Cells in \mathcal{J} are S_i or $\mathbb{F}^{\text{op}} \cong \mathbb{F}$. Strong N -reduction –2020. $\mathcal{C}^{\text{mod}} \cong \mathcal{C}^{\text{mod}} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{K}\langle \text{rows} \rangle / \mathcal{J}$.

A direct application. For (Scher quotients of) 2-Kac-Moody algebras, $\mathcal{C}^{\text{mod}} \cong \mathbb{F}^{\text{op}} \cong \mathbb{F}$ and \mathcal{J} -cells are indexed by dominant integral weights. The associated 2-simplices are the categorifications of simple g -modules (I is Chuang-Rouquier & Khovanov-Laud).

N -reduction implies that there are no other 2-simplices.

A trickier application. We can classify 2-simplices of Soergel bimodules of any finite Coxeter type except for one apex to type F_4 .

Thanks for your attention!

| | Totality | Associativity | Identity | Invertibility | Commutativity |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Semigroupoid | Unneeded | Required | Unneeded | Unneeded | Unneeded |
| Small Category | Unneeded | Required | Required | Unneeded | Unneeded |
| Groupoid | Unneeded | Required | Required | Required | Unneeded |
| Pragma | Required | Unneeded | Unneeded | Unneeded | Unneeded |
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| Loop | Required | Unneeded | Required | Required | Unneeded |
| Semigroup | Required | Required | Unneeded | Unneeded | Unneeded |
| Inverse Semigroup | Required | Required | Unneeded | Required | Unneeded |
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Picture from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semigroup>.

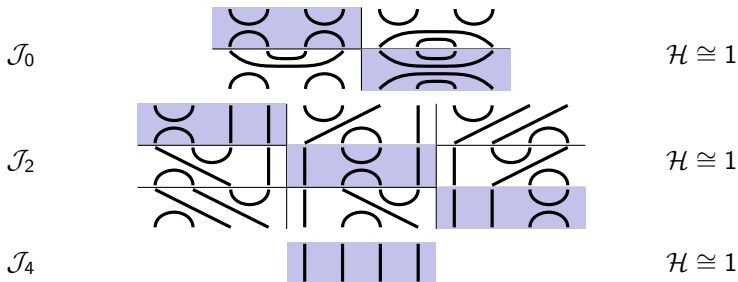
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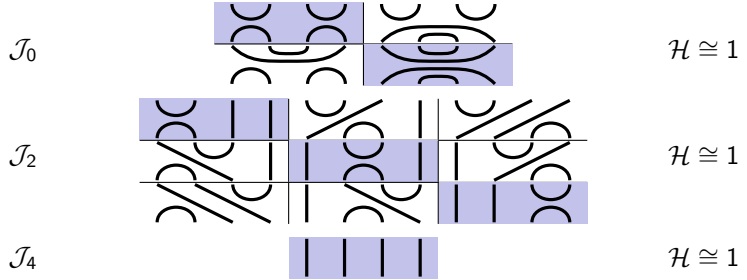
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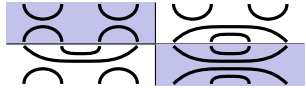
Note that \mathcal{H} -cells are group-like, e.g.

so up to rescaling by $1/\delta$,

is the unit in the trivial group.

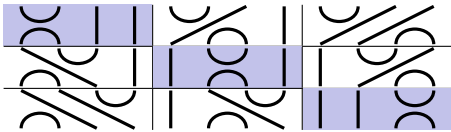
Cells of $TL_4(\delta)$, with

\mathcal{J}_0



$\mathcal{H} \cong 1$

\mathcal{J}_2



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\mathcal{J}_4



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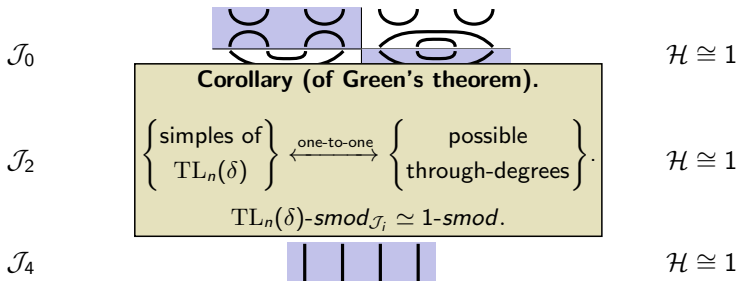
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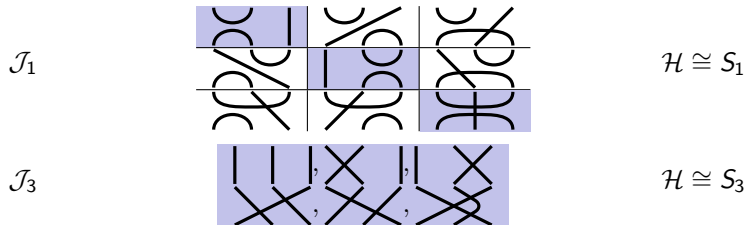
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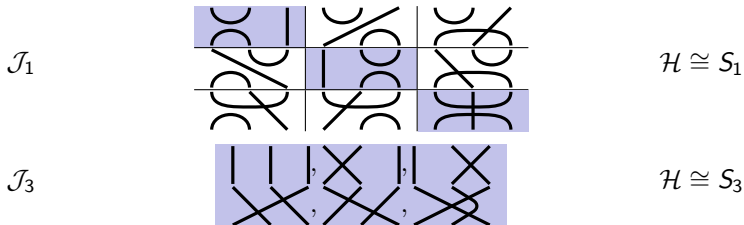
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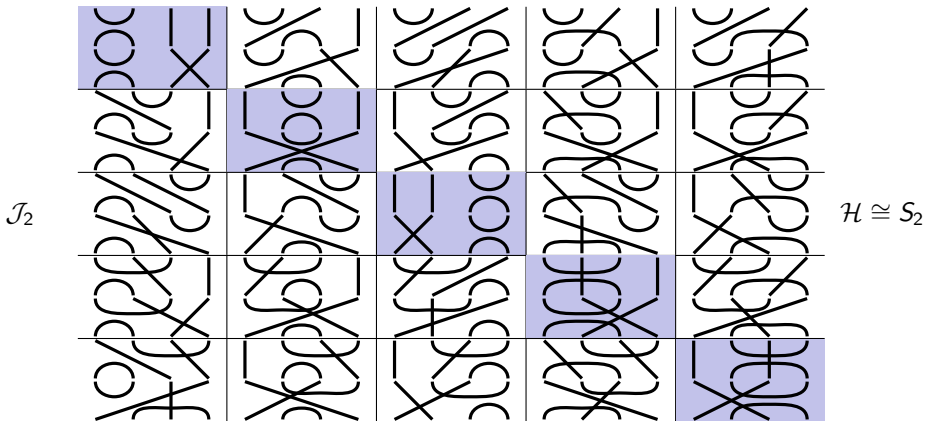
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\mathcal{J}_2

Corollary (of Green's theorem – here over \mathbb{C}).

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{simples of} \\ \text{Br}_n(\delta) \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\text{one-to-one}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{partitions of} \\ n, n-2, n-4, \dots \end{array} \right\}.$

$\text{Br}_n(\delta)\text{-smod}_{\mathcal{J}_i} \simeq S_i\text{-smod}.$

$\mathcal{H} \cong S_2$

Exercise.

Do the same for the partition algebra.

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Cells of $H(1 \text{ --- } 2 \text{ --- } 3)$, with b_w being the Kazhdan–Lusztig (KL) basis.

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|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|
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| | $b_{1232} \quad b_{232} \quad b_{12132}$ | |
| | $b_{1213} \quad b_{2321} \quad b_{12321}$ | |
| $\mathcal{J}_{(2+2)}$ | $b_{13} \quad b_{213}$ | $\mathcal{H} \cong 1$ |
| | $b_{132} \quad b_{2132}$ | |
| $\mathcal{J}_{(2+1+1)}$ | $b_1 \quad b_{21} \quad b_{321}$ | $\mathcal{H} \cong 1$ |
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| $\mathcal{J}_{(1+1+1+1)}$ | b_\emptyset | $\mathcal{H} \cong 1$ |

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Moreover, \mathcal{H} -cells are group-like, e.g. $b_{12321} \bar{b}_{12321} = [3]! b_{12321} + \text{bigger friends}$.

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| b_{132} | b_{2132} |
|-----------|------------|

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Warning.

We only formulate the precise statements for the additive setting, but then at least for 2-categories.

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The crucial difference...

...is what we like to consider as “elements” of our theory:

Abelian prefers simples,
additive prefers indecomposables.

This is a **huge** difference – for example in the fiat case there is no Schur’s 2-lemma.

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- ▶ Finite. \mathcal{S} is finite.
- ▶ Finite Serre quotients of $G\text{-Mod}$ for G being a reductive group.
- ▶ Categorical algebra with involution.

Abelian and additive examples.

$H\text{-Mod}$ for H a finite-dimensional, semisimple Hopf algebra. (Think: $\mathbb{C}G$, G finite.)
 $\mathcal{V}ect_G$ for G graded \mathbb{K} -vector spaces, e.g. $\mathcal{V}ect = \mathcal{V}ect_1$.

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Why I like the additive case.

All the example I know from my youth are not abelian, but only additive:

Diagram categories, 2-Kac-Moody algebras
and their Schur quotients, Soergel bimodules,
tilting module categories etc.

And these only fit into the fiat and not the tensor framework.

- ▶ Categorification. The additive Grothendieck ring gives a finite-dimensional algebra with involution.

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Example $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ (Klein four group).

If \mathbb{K} is not of characteristic 2, $\mathbb{K}G$ is semisimple and additive=abelian. So let us have a look at characteristic 2, where we have $\mathbb{K}G \cong \mathbb{K}[X, Y]/(X^2, Y^2)$

First, abelian:

- ▶ X and Y have to act as zero on each simple, so $\mathbb{K}G$ has just \mathbb{K} as a simple.
 - ▶ $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$ has just one element.
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Then additive:

- ▶ Only X^2 and Y^2 have to act as zero on each indecomposable, and one can cook-up infinitely many, e.g.



- ▶ $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$ has infinitely many elements.

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Theorem (Higman ~1953).

For $\text{char}(\mathbb{K}) = p$, $\mathbb{K}G\text{-Mod}$ is...

...always a finite, pivotal tensor category.

... monoidal fiat if and only if ($p \nmid |G|$ or the p -Sylow subgroup of G is cyclic).

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Abelian. A \mathcal{S} -module M :

- ▶ Basics. M is \mathbb{K} -linear and abelian. The action is a monoidal functor $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{K},lex}(M)$ (\mathbb{K} -linear, left exactness).
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The easiest of such modules are called simple transitive (2-simple for short) and they satisfy a Jordan–Hölder theorem.

By definition, these are those \mathcal{S} -modules without \mathcal{S} -stable ideals on the morphism level.

Additive. A \mathcal{S} -module

This categorifies the definition of a simple having no \mathcal{S} -stable subspaces.

► Basics. M is \mathbb{K} -linear, additive and idempotent complete. The action is a monoidal functor

► Finiteness. M is Hom-finite, indecomposables

► Categorification. M is a $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.

Example.

For 2-Kac–Moody algebras the minimal categorifications of the g -simples in the sense of Chuang–Rouquier are 2-simple.

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Example ($G\text{-Mod}$, ground field \mathbb{C}).

- ▶ Let $\mathcal{S} = G\text{-Mod}$, for G being a finite group. As \mathcal{S} is semisimple, abelian=additive. Simples are simple G -modules.
- ▶ For any $M, N \in \mathcal{S}$, we have $M \otimes N \in \mathcal{S}$:

$$g(m \otimes n) = gm \otimes gn$$

for all $g \in G, m \in M, n \in N$. There is a trivial module \mathbb{C} .

- ▶ The regular \mathcal{S} -module $M: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{S})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & M \otimes _ \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f \otimes _ \\ N & \longrightarrow & N \otimes _ \end{array}$$

- ▶ The decategorification is the regular $K_0(\mathcal{S})$ -module.

Example (G -Mod, ground field \mathbb{C}).

- ▶ Let $K \subset G$ be a subgroup.
- ▶ K -Mod is a \mathcal{S} -module, with action

$$\mathcal{R}es_K^G \otimes _ : G\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(K\text{-Mod}),$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}es_K^G(M) \otimes _ \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow \mathcal{R}es_K^G(f) \otimes _ \\ N & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}es_K^G(N) \otimes _ \end{array}$$

which is indeed an action because $\mathcal{R}es_K^G$ is a \otimes -functor.

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