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## Radical functor in the concrete category

Usually radicals are studied in the categories of modules or rings. We shall generalize this notion for an arbitrary category.

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an arbitrary concrete category. (Though all these things we can do in an arbitrary category.)

**Definition.** Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be functors from the category  $\mathcal{A}$  to the category  $\mathcal{B}$ . The functor  $T_1$  is called a subfunctor of the functor  $T_2$  (denote  $T_1 \leq T_2$ ) if  $T_1(A)$  is a subobject of  $T_2(A)$  (denote  $T_1(A) \subseteq T_2(A)$ ) for every  $A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$  and the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_1(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_1(\varphi)} & T_1(A_2) \\ i_1 \downarrow & & i_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_2(\varphi)} & T_2(A_2) \end{array}$$

is commutative for every morphism  $\varphi: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ ,  $A_1, A_2 \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Definition.** The functor  $T_1$  is called a normal subfunctor of the functor  $T_2$  if  $T_1(A)$  is a normal subobject of  $T_2(A)$  for every  $A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a category,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be functors on  $\mathcal{A}$ , such that  $T_1$  is a normal subfunctor of  $T_2$ . A factor-functor  $T_2/T_1$  is a functor such that  $(T_2/T_1)(A) = T_2(A)/T_1(A) \forall A \in Ob(\mathcal{A})$  and the next diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_1(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_1(\varphi)} & T_1(A_2) \\ i_1 \downarrow & & i_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1) & \xrightarrow{T_2(\varphi)} & T_2(A_2) \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \pi_2 \downarrow \\ T_2(A_1)/T_1(A_1) & \longrightarrow & T_2(A_2)/T_1(A_2), \end{array}$$

where  $i_1, i_2$  are normal monomorphisms,  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  are canonical epimorphisms.

**Definition.** A preradical functor  $T$  on the category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a radical functor if  $T(I/T) = 0$ , where  $I$  is an identity functor.

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