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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, π_1, π_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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