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① Theorem The ~~the~~ $[VECT]$ -enriched category

② (Finite G -sets, Hecke operators between them $Free_G(\mathbb{Z})$)

is the decategorification of the $[CAT]$ -enriched category

(Finite G -sets, Category of \mathbb{Z} -spans)

③ John B. stated the theorem using the wrong kind of decategorification. Also, he worked over \mathbb{N}_0 ; we'll work over \mathbb{C} .

④ We first explain what "enrichment" is, and how our version of "decategorification" relates to it.

If \mathcal{C} is a category and \mathcal{D} is a category with some notion \otimes in it, then a

$(\mathcal{D}$ -enriched category $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}})$ is

a category whose objects are ~~the~~ objects of \mathcal{C} (all of them?) and whose Hom-sets are now objects in \mathcal{D} .

The reason \mathcal{D} should have some \otimes is so that we can compose morphisms in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}}$. Moreover, composition in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}}$ is a morphism in \mathcal{D} !

eg. $\mathcal{D} = Vect \Rightarrow$ usual $\otimes = \otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$
 $\mathcal{D} = Cat \Rightarrow$ direct product of categories.

So \mathcal{D} needs to be a monoidal category

⑤ How is decategorification related to enrichment?

DECAT

Given a \otimes -functor between \otimes categories A, B ,
 we can define $P(\text{DECAT}) : A\text{-enriched CAT} \rightarrow B\text{-enriched CAT}$

$\mathcal{C}_B =$ Same objects as in \mathcal{C}_A , but $\text{Hom}_B = \text{DECAT}(\text{Hom}_A)$ $\mathcal{C}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_B$
 (Of course, we also only work with "more complex" \rightarrow "less complex",
 but morally, this construction can be done more generally.)

e) **Example**: Say $\mathbb{1} =$ Category with 1 object & 1 morphism.

Then one has $\text{SET} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{D}} \mathbb{1}$
 all sets $\rightarrow (*)$
 all maps $\rightarrow (\text{id}_*)$

What is $\mathcal{C}_{\text{SET}} \xrightarrow{P(\mathbb{D})} \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{1}}$?

ANS: $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{1}}$ has same # of objects as $\mathcal{C}_{\text{SET}} = \mathcal{C}$.

~~Set-enriched~~ Set-enriched cats are just usual categories!

But all objects have only 1 map between them

Lemma All objects are isomorphic.

(Pf) $\mu_{xy} : X \xrightarrow{\mu_{xx}} X \xrightarrow{\mu_{xy}} Y$ must be $\text{id}_X \forall X$

⑧ Conclusion: (Isoclasses of ^{Small} 1-enriched categories)

(Set)

(Equivalence classes of (small) 1-enriched categories) $\leftrightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$\{0, 1\} = TV = \text{Truth Values}$ The empty one!

⑨ A TV-enriched category means every morphism set has the choice to be empty or nonempty, and every nonempty set just has one morphism in it.

Moreover, the category \mathcal{C}_{TV} is itself a category! $|\text{Hom}(X, X)| = 1 \forall X$, etc.

Thus, \mathcal{C}_{TV} is just a partial order on $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$!!

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② We want $\mathcal{C}_{CAT} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{C}\text{-Vect}}$

① Actually, we use D : "nice CAT" $\rightarrow \mathbb{C}\text{-VECT}$.

to get $P(D)$. ~~Nice~~ "Nice" means so nice, that it's actually a groupoid in "disguise".

That is, it's the ~~enriched~~ category of G -sets for some groupoid G .

(b) Groupoid theory is not very popular because people ~~get~~ break up the groupoid into its isoclasses and then just study its skeleton, so this comes back to group theory!

Also unpopular is the zeroth homology of groups: as top. spaces, grps. have ~~are~~ just 1-component, and

$$H_0(\text{top space } X, \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{\# \text{ components}}$$

But now, one can do $H_0(\text{groupoid}) = \mathbb{R}^{\# \text{ isoclasses in } G}$,
for G a groupoid!

What makes this process even more interesting is the notion of "transfers"; for (co)homology theories.

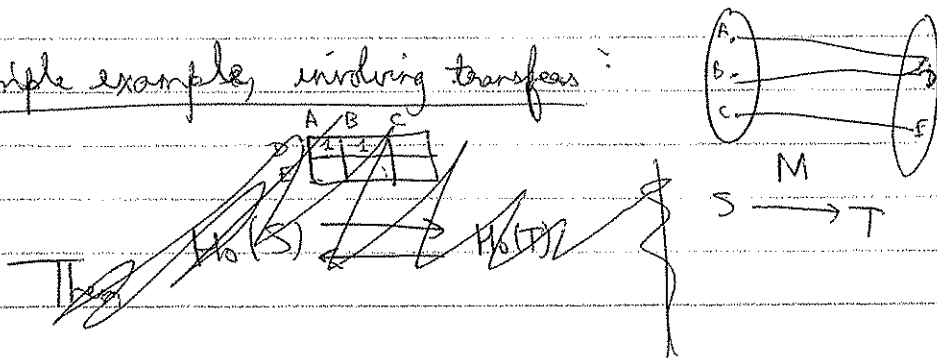
(c) Generally / philosophically, homology is a covariant functor, and cohomology is a contravariant functor.

But sometimes, we get ~~the~~ the other sort of variance too!

eg. $X \xleftarrow{M} Y \xrightarrow{N} Z$ gives the usual $N_*: H_0(Y) \rightarrow H_0(Z)$

but also the more interesting $M^!: H_0(X) \rightarrow H_0(Y)$

(d) Simple example, involving transfers:



Then $H_0(S) \xrightarrow{M_*} H_0(T)$

$$\alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C \mapsto (\alpha + \beta) D + \gamma E$$

		A	B	C
\mathbb{R}	D	1	1	0
	E	0	0	1

Has the rather interesting "transfer" map $M^! = (M_*)^T$!

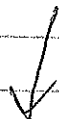
$$\alpha D + \beta E \mapsto \alpha(A+B) + \beta C$$

(Summing over the fibers)

(e) In fact, this is exactly how spans give rise to matrices!
Both sides give us numbers...

(f) But the really interesting thing comes when we start with groupoids! We then turn them into topological spaces and thence into vector spaces.

Spans ~~are~~ turn into linear operators, and this happens by means of the "transfer trick".



This is what we ~~had~~ had called de-groupoid - although one can also call it the zeroth ^{-ification} homology for groupoids.
This is the DECAT we use, as said above!