

## TRIPLES AND LOCALIZATIONS<sup>(1)</sup>

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $A$  be a ring (associative) with unity, and let  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  denote the category of unital left  $A$ -modules. If  $\mathcal{G}$  is a strongly complete Serre class in  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ , then (see [3], and also [6]) there is an exact functor  $S: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the quotient category  ${}_A\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{G}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  is an abelian category. Denoting the opposite ring of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(SA, SA)$  by  $C$ , the localization functor  $L: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_C\mathcal{M}$  is defined by  $L = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(SA, S\_)$ . The functor  $S$  induces a ring homomorphism from  $A$  to  $C$ , and this in turn induces a forgetful functor  $V: {}_C\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$ . It is shown in [3] that  $S$  is left adjoint to  $V \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(SA, \_)$ , and that the natural transformation from  $S \cdot V \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(SA, \_)$  to  $I_{\mathcal{C}}$  associated with adjointness is in fact an equivalence. Furthermore, if  $T': \mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$  and  $S': {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are functors, where (i)  $\mathcal{B}$  is abelian, (ii)  $S'$  is exact and left adjoint to  $T'$ , and (iii) the associated natural transformation from  $S'T'$  to  $I_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an equivalence, then  $\mathcal{B}$  is equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

The purpose of this paper is to give an alternative account of this theory which is more "module-theoretic", i.e. free of reference to the category  ${}_A\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{G}$ . We shall see that a category defined by Eilenberg and Moore in [2] serves as a suitable replacement for  ${}_A\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{G}$ . This category has the advantage of being isomorphic (not just equivalent) to an easily defined full subcategory of  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ .

The account of localization theory presented here is completely independent of the results of Gabriel [3] and of Walker and Walker [6], except when we consider the equivalence of the two approaches. However, familiarity with §3 and §4 of Goldman [4], and with §2 of Eilenberg and Moore [2] is assumed.

**2. Quotient modules.** A class  $\mathcal{G}$  of modules is called a *strongly complete Serre class* [6] if it is closed under formation of submodules, homomorphic images, extensions, and arbitrary direct sums. (These classes are also called *hereditary torsion classes*—see [1].) Given a strongly complete Serre class, for any module  $X$  define  $\sigma X$  to be the (unique) largest submodule  $X'$  of  $X$  for which  $X'$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then  $\sigma$  gives rise to an idempotent kernel functor (as defined in [4]). Conversely, if  $\sigma$  is an idempotent kernel functor, the class  $\mathcal{G}$  of modules  $X$  satisfying  $\sigma X = X$  is a strongly complete Serre class.

Suppose we are given a strongly complete Serre class  $\mathcal{G}$ . Denoting  $X/\sigma X$  by  $\bar{X}$  for any module  $X$ , let  $Q_{\sigma}(X)$  be the largest submodule of an injective hull  $E(\bar{X})$  of  $\bar{X}$  which satisfies  $Q_{\sigma}(X) \supseteq \bar{X}$  and  $Q_{\sigma}(X)/\bar{X} = \sigma(E(\bar{X})/\bar{X})$ . Then  $Q_{\sigma}(X)$  is a faithfully  $\sigma$ -injective module ([4], §3). We have a map  $\eta X: X \rightarrow Q_{\sigma}(X)$ , defined as the

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composition of the canonical map from  $X$  to  $\bar{X}$  with the embedding map of  $\bar{X}$  into  $Q_\sigma(X)$ . Also, given a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , there is a unique map  $Q_\sigma(f)$  from  $Q_\sigma(X)$  to  $Q_\sigma(Y)$  satisfying  $\eta Y \cdot f = Q_\sigma(f) \cdot \eta X$ . In this way we obtain a covariant functor  $Q_\sigma: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$  and a natural transformations  $\eta: I_{A\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow Q_\sigma$ . It is easily verified that the map  $\eta Q_\sigma(X)$  from  $Q_\sigma(X)$  to  $Q_\sigma^2(X)$  is an isomorphism, and that this map coincides with the map  $Q_\sigma(\eta X)$ . Also [4, Theorem 3.9], the functor  $Q_\sigma$  is left exact. Furthermore, for any module  $X$ ,  $\sigma(X) = \ker \eta X$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is the class of modules for which  $Q_\sigma(X) = 0$ .

We shall define  $(G, \eta)$  to be a localization functor on  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  if  $G: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$  is a covariant left exact functor, and  $\eta$  is a natural transformation from  $I_{A\mathcal{M}}$  to  $G$  satisfying the condition that the natural transformations  $G\eta$  and  $\eta G$  from  $G$  to  $G^2$  are the same, and are in fact natural equivalences. With this definition, the results from [4] cited above can be summarized as

**THEOREM 2.1.** *If  $\sigma$  is an idempotent kernel functor, then there is a localization functor  $(G, \eta)$  for which  $\sigma(X) = \ker \eta X$ , and for which  $\mathcal{G}$  is the class of modules  $X$  for which  $GX = 0$ .*

We now show that every localization functor can be realized in this fashion.

In any category with kernels, define a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  to be an essential morphism if, given a morphism  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ ,  $g$  is a monomorphism if  $\ker f = \ker gf$ . For the category  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ , this is equivalent to:  $\text{im } f$  is an essential submodule of  $Y$ .

**LEMMA 2.2.** *If  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor,  $X \xrightarrow{\eta X} GX$  is an essential morphism for every  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $g: GX \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $\ker \eta X = \ker g \cdot \eta X$ , and let this kernel be  $i: K \rightarrow X$ . Since  $G$  is left exact,

$$Gi = \ker G(\eta X) = \ker Gg \cdot G\eta X.$$

However,  $G\eta$  is an equivalence, so it follows that  $\ker Gg = 0$ , and  $Gg$  is a monomorphism. Suppose that  $j: Z \rightarrow GX$  is  $\ker g$ . We then have the following commutative diagram whose rows are exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Z & \xrightarrow{j} & GX & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \\ & & \downarrow \eta Z & & \downarrow \eta GX & & \downarrow \eta Y \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & GZ & \xrightarrow{Gj} & G^2X & \xrightarrow{Gg} & GY \end{array}$$

Since  $Gj = 0$  and  $\eta G$  is an equivalence,  $j = 0$  and hence  $g$  is a monomorphism.

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *If  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor, then  $GX = 0$  if and only if  $\eta X = 0$ .*

**Proof.** This follows trivially from the fact that  $\text{im } \eta X$  is an essential submodule of  $GX$ .

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $(G, \eta)$  be a localization functor. Then*

- (1) *the class  $\mathcal{G}$  of modules  $X$  for which  $GX=0$  is a strongly complete Serre class;*
- (2) *if  $\sigma$  is the corresponding idempotent kernel functor, then  $\sigma(X)=\ker \eta X$  for each module  $X$ ;*
- (3) *for each  $X$ ,  $GX \cong Q_\sigma(X)$  in a natural way.*

**Proof.** (1) We must show that  $\mathcal{G}$  is closed under (a) homomorphic images, (b) submodules, (c) extensions, and (d) arbitrary direct sums. Now (b) and (c) follow immediately from the left exactness of  $G$ . To establish (a), suppose  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow 0$  is exact, and that  $X$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Then  $\eta Y \cdot f = Gf \cdot \eta X = 0$ , and so (since  $f$  is epic)  $\eta Y = 0$ . By the above corollary,  $GY = 0$  as desired. Finally, let  $Y = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Lambda} M_\alpha$ , where each  $M_\alpha$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and let  $q_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow Y$  be the canonical embedding. For each  $\alpha$ ,  $\eta Y \cdot q_\alpha = Gq_\alpha \cdot \eta M_\alpha = 0$ , and so, by the universal property of direct sums,  $\eta Y = 0$  and  $Y$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

(2) Let  $i : K \rightarrow X$  be  $\ker \eta X$ . Since  $G$  is left exact,  $\ker G\eta X$  is  $Gi : GK \rightarrow GX$ , and so, since  $G\eta$  is an equivalence,  $GK = 0$  and  $K$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ . Thus  $\text{im } i \subseteq \sigma(X)$ . Now let  $j : \sigma(X) \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion mapping. Since  $\sigma(X)$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\eta\sigma(X) = 0$ , so  $0 = Gj \cdot \eta\sigma(X) = \eta X \cdot j$ . Therefore  $\sigma(X) \subseteq \ker \eta X = \text{im } i$ , and the desired equality results.

(3) Let  $Y = \text{im } \eta X$ . In view of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$Y \subseteq GX \subseteq E(Y)$$

where  $E(Y)$  is an injective hull of  $Y$ . Recalling Goldman's construction of  $Q_\sigma(X)$ , the desired isomorphism will follow if we can show  $GX/Y = \sigma(E(Y)/Y)$ , and this in turn will follow if we can prove (i)  $GX/Y$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and (ii)  $\sigma(E(Y)/GX) = 0$ . Let  $Z = GX/Y$ , and let  $p : GX \rightarrow Z$  be the canonical epimorphism. Then we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{\eta X} & GX & \xrightarrow{p} & Z & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \eta X & & \downarrow \eta GX & & \downarrow \eta Z & & \\ GX & \xrightarrow{G\eta X} & G^2 X & \xrightarrow{Gp} & GZ & & \end{array}$$

whose first row is exact. Then  $0 = G(p \cdot \eta X) = Gp \cdot G\eta X$  and, since  $G\eta$  is an equivalence,  $Gp = 0$ . Thus  $\eta Z \cdot p = Gp \cdot \eta GX = 0$  and so  $\eta Z = 0$  and  $Z$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ . This establishes (i). To prove (ii), let  $W = E(Y)/GX$ . The following diagram is commutative and has exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & GX & \xrightarrow{i} & E(Y) & \longrightarrow & W & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \eta GX & & \downarrow \eta E(Y) & & \downarrow \eta W & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G^2 X & \xrightarrow{Gi} & GE(Y) & \longrightarrow & GW & & \end{array}$$

The first column is an isomorphism, so  $\eta E(Y) \cdot i$  is a monomorphism. Since  $i$  is an essential monomorphism,  $\eta E(Y)$  is a monomorphism. Since  $E(Y)$  is injective and  $\eta E(Y)$  is an essential morphism,  $\eta E(Y)$  is in fact an isomorphism. A standard diagram chase reveals  $\eta W$  to be a monomorphism. Hence  $\sigma(W) = \ker \eta W = 0$ .

**3. The ring of quotients.** Suppose  $\sigma$  is an idempotent kernel functor, and  $(G, \eta)$  is a corresponding localization functor. In [4], it was shown that  $GA$  has a unique ring structure for which  $\eta A$  is a ring homomorphism. It was also shown in [4] that each  $GX$  can be given a (unique)  $GA$ -module structure extending the  $A$ -module structure of  $GX$ . We shall show now how  $GA$  has a ring structure.

We write endomorphisms on the opposite side to scalars, and thus avoid talking about opposite rings. Since  $A$  is an  $A$ - $A$  bimodule,  $GA$  has a right  $A$ -module structure given by  $g \cdot a = (g)\rho_a$ , where  $\rho_a : A \rightarrow A$  maps  $a'$  to  $a'a$  for all  $a'$  in  $A$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *The left  $A$ -module  $GA$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_A({}_A GA, {}_A GA)$ .*

**Proof.** For  $g$  in  $GA$ , the map  $\rho_g : A \rightarrow GA$  where  $(a)\rho_g = ag$  induces a map  $\overline{\rho}_g$  from  $\text{im } \eta A$  to  $GA$ . Since  $GA/\text{im } \eta A$  is in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and  $GA$  is faithfully  $\sigma$ -injective,  $\overline{\rho}_g$  lifts to a unique map  $\theta_g$  from  $GA$  to  $GA$ . We define  $\delta : GA \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A({}_A GA, {}_A GA)$  by  $(g)\delta = \theta_g$ . Let  $1$  denote  $(1)\eta_A$ , and let  $\epsilon : \text{Hom}_A({}_A GA, {}_A GA) \rightarrow GA$  be defined by  $(f)\epsilon = (1)f$ . It is easily verified that  $\epsilon$  is an  $A$ -homomorphism, and that  $(g)\delta\epsilon = g$  for all  $g$  in  $GA$ . Furthermore, if  $f$  is in  $\text{Hom}_A({}_A GA, {}_A GA)$ , the restrictions of  $f$  and  $(f)\epsilon\delta$  to  $\text{im } \eta A$  coincide. Since  $GA$  is faithfully  $\sigma$ -injective,  $f = (f)\epsilon\delta$ , so  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  are inverses of one another.

The maps  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  are in fact bimodule homomorphisms. If we use Theorem 3.1 to define a ring structure on  $GA$ ,  $\eta A$  is seen to be a ring homomorphism. Denoting  $GA$  by  $C$ , the ring  $C$  is the double centralizer of the module  ${}_A C$ .

Let  $L'$  be the functor from  ${}_A \mathcal{M}$  to  ${}_C \mathcal{M}$  defined as

$${}_A \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{G} {}_A \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_A({}_A C_C, -)} {}_C \mathcal{M}$$

and let  $V = \text{Hom}_C({}_C C_A, \_)$  be the forgetful functor from  ${}_A \mathcal{M}$  to  ${}_C \mathcal{M}$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *If  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor, and  $L'$  and  $V$  are as defined above, then  $G$  is naturally equivalent to  $VL'$ .*

**Proof.** There is a natural transformation from  $VL'$  to  $G$  given by

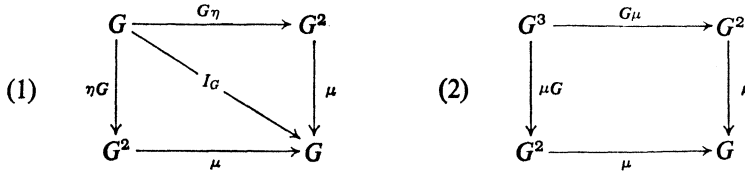
$$\begin{aligned} VL'X &= \text{Hom}_C({}_C C_A, \text{Hom}_A({}_A C_C, GX)) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_A({}_A C_A, GX) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(\eta A, 1)} \text{Hom}_A({}_A A_A, GX) \cong GX. \end{aligned}$$

To show this is an equivalence, it suffices to show  $\text{Hom}_A(\eta A, 1_{GX})$  is an isomorphism. Let  $f$  be in  $\text{Hom}_A(A, GX)$ . Since  $f(\sigma A) \subseteq \sigma(GX) = 0$ , and  $\sigma(A) = \ker \eta A$ ,  $f$  factors uniquely through  $\text{im } \eta A$ . Since  $GX$  is faithfully  $\sigma$ -injective, the map from  $\text{im } \eta A$  to  $GX$  lifts uniquely to a map  $f'$  from  $C = GA$  to  $GX$ . Thus, given  $f$  in

$\text{Hom}_A(A, GX)$ , there is a unique  $f'$  in  $\text{Hom}_A(C, GX)$  such that  $f=f' \cdot \eta A$ . Thus  $\text{Hom}_A(\eta A, l_{GX})$  is an isomorphism.

REMARK. The ring  $C$  described here is isomorphic (over  $A$ ) to the ring of quotients defined in [3] and in [6]. If we identify these rings, then the functor  $\mathcal{V}L$  (see Introduction), which gives the module of quotients as an  $A$ -module, is equivalent to  $Q_\sigma$ . (See [6, the remark following Proposition 2.3.] Since, for any  $A$ -module  $X$ ,  $LX$  and  $L'X$  are (essentially)  $C$ -modules with the same  $A$ -module structure, Goldman's remark [4] about the uniqueness of the  $C$ -module structure on  $Q_\sigma(X)$  shows  $L$  and  $L'$  are equivalent functors. This comment (or rather a rigorous version thereof) shows that, if  $L$  is a localization functor in the sense of [6],  $\mathcal{V}L$  gives a localization functor in the present sense, and if  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor in the present sense,  $\text{Hom}_A({}_A C_C, G\_\_)$  is equivalent to a localization functor in the sense of [6].

4. Triples. We begin this section with a review of §2 of [2]. For an arbitrary category  $\mathcal{A}$ , a triple  $\bar{T}=(G, \eta, \mu)$  consists of a covariant functor  $G: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , and natural transformations  $\eta: I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow G$  and  $\mu: G^2 \rightarrow G$  for which the following diagrams commute:



If  $S: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $T: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are functors for which  $S$  is left adjoint to  $T$ , and  $\alpha: ST \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $\beta: I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow TS$  are the associated natural transformations, then  $(TS, \beta, T\alpha S)$  is a triple, and we say  $S$  and  $T$  generate the triple. Also, any triple  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  has a generator. To see this, define  $\mathcal{A}^G$  to be the category whose objects are pairs  $(X, \phi)$ , where  $X$  is an object in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\phi: GX \rightarrow X$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which  $\phi \cdot \eta X = 1_X$  and  $\phi \cdot \mu X = \phi \cdot G\phi$ . A morphism  $[f]: (X, \phi) \rightarrow (X', \phi')$  in  $\mathcal{A}^G$  is given by a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  for which  $f\phi = \phi' \cdot Gf$ , and composition of morphisms in  $\mathcal{A}^G$  is given by  $[f] \cdot [g] = [fg]$ . We define a functor  $S^G$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{A}^G$  by  $S^G X = (GX, \mu X)$ ,  $S^G f = [Gf]$ , and a functor  $T^G$  from  $\mathcal{A}^G$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $T^G(X, \phi) = X$ ,  $T^G[f] = f$ .

It is shown in [2] that  $S^G$  is left adjoint to  $T^G$ , and the natural transformations associated with adjointness,  $\alpha^G: S^G T^G \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{A}^G}$  and  $\beta^G: I_{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow T^G S^G$  are given by  $\alpha^G(X, \phi) = [\phi]$  and  $\beta^G X = \mathcal{N}X$ . The triple generated by  $S^G$  and  $T^G$  is

$$(T^G S^G, \beta^G, T^G \alpha^G S^G) = (G, \eta, \mu).$$

Furthermore, it is shown that, if  $S: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $T: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is another generator of the triple  $(G, \eta, \mu)$ , there is a unique functor  $\Gamma: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^G$  satisfying (i)  $\Gamma S = S^G$ , (ii)  $\Gamma \cdot \alpha = \alpha^G \cdot \Gamma$ , and (iii)  $T^G \Gamma = T$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *If  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor, there is a (unique) equivalence  $\mu: G^2 \rightarrow G$  for which  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  is a triple. Conversely, if  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  is a triple on  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  for which  $G$  is left exact and  $\mu$  is an equivalence,  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor.*

**Proof.** If  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor, choose  $\mu = (G\eta)^{-1} = (\eta G)^{-1}$ . The verification of the conditions for  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  to be a triple is easy. Conversely, if  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  is a triple, and  $\mu$  is an equivalence, condition (1) for triples guarantees  $G\eta = \eta G = \mu^{-1}$ . Thus, if  $G$  is, in addition, left exact,  $(G, \eta)$  is a localization functor.

A triple  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  for which  $G$  is left exact and  $\mu$  is an equivalence will be called *localizing*. Combining Theorems 2.1, 2.4, and 4.1 we have

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Every localizing triple  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  on  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  has an associated idempotent kernel functor  $\sigma$  given by  $\sigma(X) = \ker \eta X$ , and every idempotent kernel functor on  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  arises in this way from a unique (up to equivalence) localizing triple.*

The next theorem shows that, for a localizing triple  $(G, \eta, \mu)$ , the category  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  is a suitable replacement for Gabriel's quotient category.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a strongly complete Serre class, and let  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  be an associated localizing triple. Let  $S^G: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow ({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  and  $T^G: ({}_A\mathcal{M})^G \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$  be the Eilenberg–Moore universal generator for the triple, and let  $\alpha^G$  and  $\beta^G$  be the associated natural transformations. Then*

(1)  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  is isomorphic (not just equivalent) to the full subcategory of  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$  whose objects are all modules  $X$  for which  $\eta X$  is an isomorphism,

(2)  $S^G$  is an exact functor,  $\alpha^G$  is an equivalence, and  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  is an abelian category,

(3) if  $\mathcal{B}$  is any category, and  $S: {}_A\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  a left adjoint to  $T: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{M}$  such that  $S$  and  $T$  generate  $(G, \eta, \mu)$ , and if the associated natural transformation  $\alpha: ST \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an equivalence, then the functor  $\Gamma: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow ({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  is an equivalence.

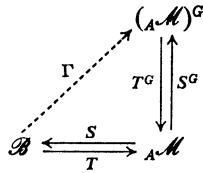
**Proof.** (1) Let  $(G, \eta, \mu)$  be a localizing triple. Then  $\mu = (G\eta)^{-1} = (\eta G)^{-1}$ . If  $(X, \phi)$  is an object in  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$ ,  $\phi\eta X = 1_X$ , so  $\eta X$  is a monomorphism. Since  $\eta X$  is an essential morphism (Lemma 2.2),  $\eta X$  must in fact be an isomorphism. This being the case,  $\phi$  must be  $\eta X^{-1}$ , so every object of  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  is of the form  $(X, \eta X^{-1})$ . Conversely, if  $\eta X$  is an isomorphism,  $(X, \eta X^{-1})$  will be an object of  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  provided  $\eta X^{-1} \cdot \mu X = \eta X^{-1} \cdot G(\eta X^{-1})$ . But since  $\mu = (G\eta)^{-1} = (\eta G)^{-1}$ , this is always satisfied when  $\eta X$  is an isomorphism. Thus the objects of  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  are all pairs  $(X, \eta X^{-1})$  where  $\eta X$  is an isomorphism. The functor  $T^G$  is faithful (2), and, in this case, is also full. Therefore  $T^G$  induces an isomorphism between  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$  and the full subcategory  $\mathcal{D}$  whose objects are  $A$ -modules  $X$  for which  $\eta X$  is an isomorphism.

(2) Since  $T^G$  has a left adjoint  $S^G$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  is a full coreflective subcategory of  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ . In order to show  $\mathcal{D}$  (or  $({}_A\mathcal{M})^G$ ) is abelian, it is sufficient [5, Proposition V.5.3] to show that  $S^G$  is kernel preserving. Let  $f: K \rightarrow X$  be a kernel of  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  in  ${}_A\mathcal{M}$ . Then  $S^G g \cdot S^G f = S^G(gf) = S^G 0 = [0]$ . If  $[w]: (Z, \phi) \rightarrow S^G X$  satisfies  $S^G g \cdot [w] = 0$ , then

$Gg \cdot w = 0$ . Since  $G$  is left exact,  $Gf$  is the kernel of  $Gg$ , so there is a unique  $h : Z \rightarrow GK$  such that  $Gf \cdot h = w$ . Since  $T^G$  is full,  $[h]$  is the desired morphism in  $(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M})^G$  satisfying  $[w] = [Gf] \cdot [h]$ . Thus  $[Gf] = S^G f$  is a kernel of  $S^G$ , as desired.

The functor  $S^G$  is a left adjoint, and so preserves cokernels. Since it also preserves kernels, and since  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}$  and  $(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M})^G$  are abelian categories,  $S^G$  is an exact functor. Finally,  $\alpha^G$  is an equivalence, since  $\alpha^G(X, \eta X^{-1}) = [\eta X^{-1}]$ , which is invertible.

(3) Suppose the hypotheses of [3] hold. Then we have



where  $T^G \Gamma = T$ ,  $\Gamma S = S^G$ , and  $\Gamma \cdot \alpha = \alpha^G \cdot \Gamma$ . Then  $\alpha : (ST^G)\Gamma = ST \rightarrow I_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $\alpha^G : \Gamma(ST^G) = S^G T^G \rightarrow I_{(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M})^G}$  are equivalences.

**COROLLARY 4.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an abelian category, and let  $S : \mathcal{A}\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be an exact covariant functor which is left adjoint to  $T : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}$ . If, in addition, the associated natural transformation  $\alpha$  from  $ST$  to  $I_{\mathcal{B}}$  is an equivalence, then  $\mathcal{B}$  is equivalent to  $(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M})^{TS}$  for the localizing triple  $(TS, \beta, T\alpha S)$  generated by  $S$  and  $T$ .*

**Proof.**  $S$  is exact, and  $T$ , being a right adjoint, is left exact. Therefore,  $TS$  is left exact. Since  $\alpha$  is an equivalence,  $(TS, \beta, T\alpha S)$  is a localizing triple. The conclusion follows from (3) of the theorem.

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