

The Main Theorem

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I. The Main Theorem

Theorem 1.1

Let (C, \otimes) be a rigid abelian tensor category such that $\text{End}(\mathbb{1}) = k$ and let $\omega : C \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k$ be an exact faithful k -linear tensor functor. Then,

- the functor $\underline{\text{Aut}}^{\otimes}(\omega)$ of k -algebras is represented by an affine group scheme G ;
- the functor $C \rightarrow \text{Rep}_k(G)$ defined by ω is an equivalence of tensor categories.

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- The rigidity of C gives us a coinverse map on B , therefore B is a Hopf algebra over k , and $G := \mathrm{Spec}(B)$ is the affine group scheme we need.

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When B is a Hopf algebra with the coinverse S , for any $(V, \rho) \in \mathrm{Comod}_B$ we define ρ^\vee to be the composite

$$V^\vee \xrightarrow{\rho'} B \otimes V^\vee \xrightarrow{t} V^\vee \otimes B \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id} \otimes S} V^\vee \otimes B.$$

Then $(V^\vee, \rho^\vee) \in \mathrm{Comod}_B$ and it is the dual of (V, ρ) .

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- Let $A = B_V^\vee$. Then V is a finite-dimensional faithful left A -module.
- If e_1, \dots, e_n span V as a k -vector space, then $a \mapsto (ae_1, \dots, ae_n) : A \rightarrow V^n$ is injective.
- The proposition follows by writing W as a quotient of A^m for some m .

Remark

Let B be a coalgebra over a field k .

- The finite-dimensional right comodules over B form an abelian category Comod_B and the forgetful functor to Vec_k is exact and faithful.
- A bialgebra structure on B provides Comod_B with a tensor structure; the forgetful functor preserves tensor products.
- A Hopf algebra structure on B provides Comod_B with a rigid tensor structure and the forgetful functor preserves duals.

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For X in C , let $\langle X \rangle$ denote the full subcategory of C whose objects are the quotients of subobjects of direct sums of copies of X .

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- It suffices show that $Y \hookrightarrow X^{m'}$ for some $m' \leq \dim_k \omega(X)$.
- Suppose that $m > \dim_k \omega(X)$. Since $y \in \omega(Y) \subset \omega(X)^m$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \omega(X)^m$.

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$$X^m \xrightarrow{(a_1, \dots, a_m)} X \quad \text{and} \quad X^m \xrightarrow{A} X^{m-1}.$$

The kernel N of (a_1, \dots, a_m) is isomorphic to X^{m-1} via

$$N \hookrightarrow X^m \twoheadrightarrow X^{m-1}.$$

- Since $y \in \omega(N)$, we have $Y \subset N \cong X^{m-1}$.
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- Let Q be the smallest subobject of $P \times Y$ such that $\omega(Q)$ contains (p, y) . Thus, the projection map $\text{pr}_1 : Q \rightarrow P$ is an epimorphism since $p \in \omega(\text{pr}_1(Q))$, and so $\dim_k \omega(Q) \geq \dim_k \omega(P)$.

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- Since $\dim_k \omega(P)$ is maximal, $\dim_k \omega(Q) = \dim_k \omega(P)$, and so $\text{pr}_1 : Q \xrightarrow{\sim} P$. The composition map $P \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1^{-1}} Q \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} X$ is the desired map.
- To prove the uniqueness, let E be the equalizer of two f 's. It is a subobject of P and $\omega(E)$ is also the equalizer of two $\omega(f)$'s. Therefore $p \in \omega(E)$, and then $E = P$.

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- Keep continuing the procedure we get an epimorphism $\phi : P^r \twoheadrightarrow Y$.
- It follows that there exists an epimorphism $P^s \twoheadrightarrow \ker(\phi)$, and then we obtain an exact sequence

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- For $Y, Z \in C$, $f : Y \rightarrow Z$, $a \in A = \text{End}(P)$, $u : P \rightarrow Y$ we have

$$(h^P(f) \circ a)(u) = f \circ (u \circ a) = (f \circ u) \circ a = (a \circ h^P(f))(u).$$

Thus, $h^P(\text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \subset \text{Hom}_A(h^P(Y), h^P(Z))$.

- It remains to prove that h^P is essentially surjective and full.

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- Let $M \in \text{Mod}_A$, and choose a finite presentation for M ,

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- Here ψ is defined by multiplication with an $s \times r$ matrix of elements in $A = \text{End}(P)$. This matrix induces a morphism $\bar{\psi} : P^s \rightarrow P^r$ satisfying $h^P(\bar{\psi}) = \psi$, and so

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$$\text{Hom}(P^m, Z) \cong h^P(Z)^m \cong \text{Hom}_A(h^P(P^m), h^P(Z)).$$

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There is an exact sequence

$$P^m \rightarrow P^n \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0,$$

and then we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(Y, Z) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(P^n, Z) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}(P^m, Z) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_A(h^P(Y), h^P(Z)) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_A(A^n, h^P(Z)) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_A(A^m, h^P(Z)) \end{array}$$

Thus, $\mathrm{Hom}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_A(h^P(Y), h^P(Z))$ is an isomorphism and so h^P is full.

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Let $B = A^\vee$. Using the Yoneda lemma, we obtain

$$A = \text{End}(P) \cong \text{End}(h^P) \cong \text{End}(\omega), \text{ and so } B \cong \text{End}(\omega)^\vee.$$

We note that via the isomorphism $h^P \cong \omega$, the right A -module $h^P(Y)$ corresponds to the natural left $\text{End}(\omega)$ -module $\omega(Y)$ for every $Y \in C = \langle X \rangle$. Together with Lemma 2.8, we obtain

$$(C, \omega) \cong (\text{End}(\omega)\text{Mod}, \text{forget}) \cong (\text{Comod}_{\text{End}(\omega)^\vee}, \text{forget}).$$

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- Passing to the direct limit over the isomorphism classes, we obtain Proposition 2.1 with $B = \lim_{\rightarrow [X]} B_X$.

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Proposition 3.1

Let (C, \otimes) be an abelian tensor category such that $\text{End}(\mathbb{1}) = k$ and let $\omega : C \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k$ be an exact faithful k -linear tensor functor, and let $B = \varinjlim B_X$. Then B has a unique structure of a commutative k -bialgebra such that the equivalence of categories in Proposition 2.1 is compatible with tensor structures.

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Lemma 3.2

The underlying k -vector space of B represents the functor $V \mapsto \text{Hom}_k(\omega, \omega \otimes V)$ on Vec_k , i.e.,

$$\text{Hom}_k(B, V) \cong \text{Hom}_k(\omega, \omega \otimes V) \text{ that is functorial in } V.$$

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- It remains to show that $\Phi_{N \otimes B} = \text{id}_N \otimes \Phi_B$.
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and then a homomorphism $u : B \rightarrow B'$. The uniqueness of u follows from the following lemma.

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- Take duals, we obtain, for any B^\vee -modules (M^\vee, ρ^\vee) ,

$$V^\vee \otimes M^\vee \hookrightarrow (V \otimes M)^\vee \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} B^\vee \otimes M^\vee \xrightarrow{\rho^\vee} M^\vee,$$

$$\text{i.e., } \rho^\vee \circ (u^\vee \otimes \mathrm{id}_{M^\vee}) = \rho'^\vee \circ (u'^\vee \otimes \mathrm{id}_{M^\vee}).$$

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Take $(M^\vee, \rho^\vee) = (B^\vee, \Delta^\vee)$, we obtain

$$\Delta^\vee \circ (u^\vee \otimes \text{id}_{B^\vee})(v \otimes \mathbf{1}_{B^\vee}) = u^\vee(v) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{B^\vee} = u^\vee(v),$$

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Let B be a k -coalgebra, then $B \otimes B$ is again a k -coalgebra. A coalgebra homomorphism $m : B \otimes B \rightarrow B$ defines a functor

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sending (V, W) to $V \otimes W$ with the coaction

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Therefore the bijection $\{m : B \otimes B \rightarrow B\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{\phi : \text{Comod}_{B \otimes B} \rightarrow \text{Comod}_B\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \{\phi : \text{Comod}_B \times \text{Comod}_B \rightarrow \text{Comod}_B\}$ follows from Lemma 3.4.

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Now we check the part (a). Suppose that m is associative, i.e., the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & B \otimes B & & \\ & \nearrow^{m \otimes \text{id}} & & \searrow^m & \\ B \otimes B \otimes B & & & & B \\ & \searrow_{\text{id} \otimes m} & & \nearrow_m & \\ & & B \otimes B & & \end{array}$$

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Proof of Proposition 3.1

Proposition 2.1 give us the equivalence $(C, \omega) \cong (\text{Comod}_B, \text{forget})$. Thus, the tensor structure on C induces a tensor structure on Comod_B such that the forgetful functor is a tensor functor. By Proposition 3.6, this tensor structure corresponds to coalgebra homomorphisms (m, e) such that m is commutative and associative and e is an identity, and then B is a commutative k -bialgebra.

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Let B be a k -bialgebra, then

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