

Torsion theories and coverings of preordered groups

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Example

The group \mathbb{Z} of integers with the usual order \leq : (\mathbb{Z}, \leq)
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Reminder

A category \mathcal{C} is *normal* [Z. Janelidze (2010)] when

- it has a zero object 0 ;
- it is regular;
- any regular epimorphism is a normal epimorphism.

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with $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

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N_G is a normal subgroup of G so that the sequence

$$N_G \xrightarrow{k_G} G \xrightarrow{\eta_G} \twoheadrightarrow G/N_G$$

is a short exact sequence in Grp.

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It remains to prove:

- $(N_G, N_G) \in \mathbf{Grp}$;
- $(G/N_G, \eta_G(P_G)) \in \mathbf{ParOrdGrp}$.

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Reminder

Any torsion theory $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{F})$ in a normal category \mathcal{C} induces two functors:

- $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is a (normal epi)-reflector;
- $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ is a (normal mono)-coreflector.

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If \mathcal{X} denotes the class of **all morphisms** in PreOrdGrp, then

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forms a **Galois structure**.

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A reflector $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is said to be **semi-left-exact** when it preserves all pullbacks of the form

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Link with the admissibility

Reminder [G. Janelidze (1990)]

Let $\Gamma = (\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}, F, U, \mathcal{X})$ be a Galois structure (where $F \dashv U$ is a full reflection).

Then $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is **semi-left-exact** if and only if Γ is **admissible** in the sense of categorical Galois theory.

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Consequences

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- *The Galois structure $\Gamma = (\text{PreOrdGrp}, \text{ParOrdGrp}, F, U, \mathcal{X})$ is admissible.*
- *We naturally get a factorization system $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$.*

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Reminder [A. Carboni, G. Janelidze, G.M. Kelly, R. Paré (1997)]

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*Proof of 2 Propositions (Condition (N) + Condition (C))
+ application of 1 Theorem [T. Everaert, M. Gran (2013)]*

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- Besides the torsion theory mentioned above there is also in PreOrdGrp a **pretorsion theory** (in the sense of A. Facchini and C. Finocchiaro) given by the pair

$$(\text{Grp}(\text{PreOrd}), \text{ParOrdGrp}).$$

- The coverings described above can be **classified** in terms of internal actions of a Galois groupoid.
- The results presented in the setting of preordered groups can be generalized to **V-groups** for V a suitable quantale (e.g. Lawvere metric groups, Lawvere ultrametric groups, probabilistic metric groups, etc.).

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