

The equivalence between Barr-Beck cotriple homology and the Brown-Ellis higher Hopf formulae

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We use Categorical Galois Theory to interpret cotriple homology in arbitrary semi-abelian monadic categories in terms of generalized Brown-Ellis-Hopf formulae. Given such a category \mathcal{A} and a chosen Birkhoff subcategory \mathcal{B} of \mathcal{A} , thus we describe the Barr-Beck derived functors of the reflector of \mathcal{A} onto \mathcal{B} in terms of centralization of higher extensions. In case \mathcal{A} is the category \mathbf{Gp} of all groups and \mathcal{B} is the category \mathbf{Ab} of all abelian groups, this yields a new proof for Brown and Ellis's formulae.

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