

Preprojective component in a suitable Krull-Schmidt category

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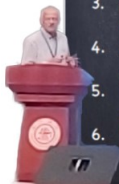
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INDECOMPOSABLE REPRESENTATIONS. - II (*)

PETER GABRIEL.

Let us call an abelian category a *length-category* if every object is both noetherian and artinian, that is has finite length, and if the isomorphism classes of objects form a set. The standard example is that of the category of modules of finite length over some ring (compare with § 7). But length-categories also appear naturally in various other situations, for instance in the representation theory of algebraic groups. In such cases, although any length-category may be interpreted as some category of modules (§ 7), it is often in the interest of geometric intuition not to use this interpretation.

In a length-category each object is a finite direct sum of indecomposable objects with local rings of endomorphisms, so that by Krull-Remak-Schmidt-Azumaya the decomposition is unique up to an isomorphism. The main and perhaps hopeless purpose of representation theory is to find an efficient general method for constructing the indecomposable objects by means of the simple objects, which are supposed to be given. This problem, which has been stumbling for some ten years, has been aroused recently by some new striking works. I want to take the opportunity of this talk in Rome to present a guide to the recent literature in this field, together with some personal interpretations (*).

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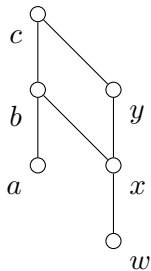
1.1 In our terminology a *quiver* is a set of points connected together by some (directed) arrows (look at it as a category without composition law for the morphisms; a quiver is sometimes called a *graph*, but it

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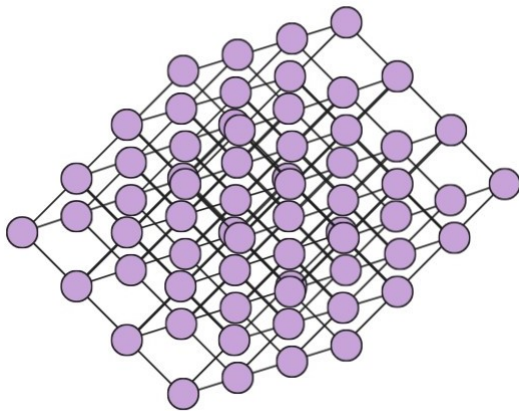
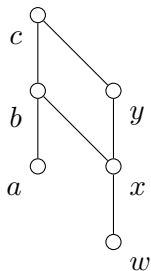
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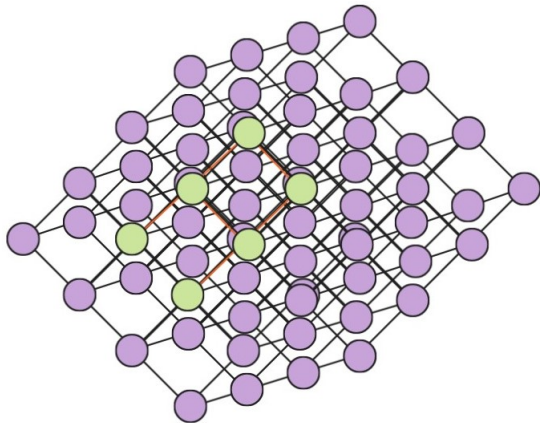
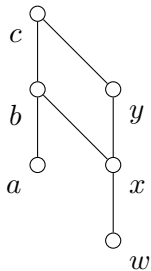
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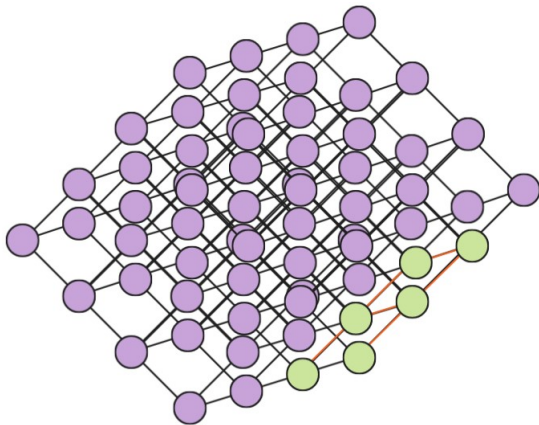
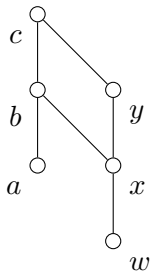
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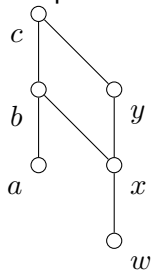
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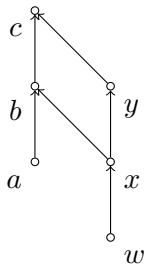
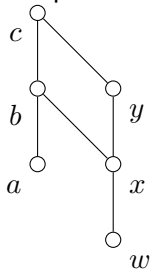
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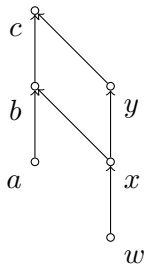
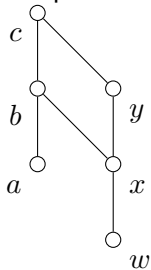
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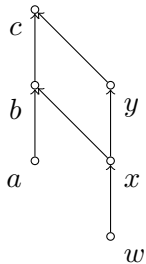
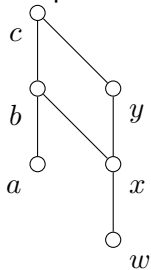
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Krull-Schmidt category

Consider a Krull-Schmidt category \mathcal{B} with the following four properties:

- A,1 \mathcal{B} has an exact structure with enough projectives and injectives.
- A,2 \mathcal{B} has almost split sequences.
- A,3 There is an indecomposable projective object $\hat{S} \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $\text{Hom}(\hat{S}, X) \neq 0$ for all $X \in \mathcal{B}$ and if $f : X \rightarrow \hat{S}$ is a non-zero morphism, then f is a retraction.
- A,4 If $X \rightarrow Q$ and $Y \rightarrow Q$ are irreducible morphisms in \mathcal{B} , with Q indecomposable projective and X, Y indecomposable objects of \mathcal{B} , then $X \cong Y$.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{B} be a category satisfying the previous conditions and let \mathcal{C} be the Auslander-Reiten component of \hat{S} , the object of \mathcal{B} in A.3. Then, there exists a “unique” set of sections $\{\mathcal{S}_i\}_{i \in I}$ in \mathcal{C} , where I is either the set of natural numbers or $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, with the following properties

- (1) If $X \in \mathcal{S}_i$ and X is not projective, then $i > 1$ and $\tau X \in \mathcal{S}_{i-1}$.
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- (3) If $X \rightarrow Y$ is an irreducible morphism with $Y \in \mathcal{S}_i$ projective, then $X \in \mathcal{S}_i$.
- (4) If $i \neq j$, then $\mathcal{S}_i \cap \mathcal{S}_j = \emptyset$.
- (5) $\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{S}_i$.

Pseudo hereditary projectives

Let \mathcal{A} be a Krull-Schmidt category with an exact structure having enough projectives and enough injectives. We call an indecomposable projective object $M \in \mathcal{A}$, *pseudo hereditary projective* if for any chain of irreducible morphisms in \mathcal{A} :

$$X_1 \rightarrow X_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow X_l \rightarrow M$$

the objects X_1, \dots, X_l are projective in \mathcal{A} .

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Suppose $\{\mathcal{S}'_i\}_{i \in J}$ is a family of sections in \mathcal{C} with the conditions (1), (2), (3), (4).

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