

## Patrick's talk on Mackey functors

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Goal: Find a simple set of Mackey functors from which all can be constructed.

$G_n =$  finite abelian gp.

Notation:  $G_n \text{Set} =$  category of finite  $G_n$ -sets  
 $Ab =$  abelian gps.

Recall a Mackey functor  $M$  is  
 contravariant/covariant functor

$$1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G_n \text{Set} & \longrightarrow & Ab \\ \parallel & \longrightarrow & \oplus \end{array}$$

$$2) \quad \text{For} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\delta} & S \\ \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id} \\ R & \xrightarrow{B} & T \end{array} \quad \text{pull back diagram}$$

$$\alpha^* \beta_x = \delta_x \gamma^* : \underline{M}(R) \rightarrow \underline{M}(T).$$

Def A contravariant functor additive on disjoint unions is called a Bredon coefficient system.

Let  $\underline{M}[G]$  be the category of Mackey functors  
 $G\text{-mod} =$  category of  $\mathbb{Z}[G]$ -modules

We define two functors

$$\underline{M}[G] \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \xleftarrow{R} \end{array} G\text{-mod}$$

$$L \underline{M} := \underline{M}(G/e)$$

$$R V(G/H) := V^H$$

fixed pt Mackey functors

Prop For a  $G$ -module  $V$  and Mackey functor  $\underline{M}$ ,  $L$  and  $R$  are left + right adjoint

$$\text{i.e. } \text{Hom}_{G\text{-mod}}(L \underline{M}, V) \cong \text{Hom}_{\underline{M}[G]}(\underline{M}, R V)$$

Let  $K$  be a (normal) subgroup of  $G$

$$G \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} G/K \quad \text{quotient ep}$$

Define a category  $M[G]/K$  whose

objects are Mackey functors  $\underline{M}$  with

$$\underline{M}(G/H) = 0 \text{ unless } K \subseteq H. \text{ This}$$

is the category of Mackey functors concentrated over  $K$ .

Let  $G\text{-Set}^K = \text{category of } G\text{-sets fixed by } K$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G/K\text{-sets} & & \\
 \varepsilon^\# \downarrow & \nearrow \varepsilon^\# & \text{isomorphism} \\
 G\text{-Set}^K & & 
 \end{array}$$

*pullback along  $\varepsilon$*

Let  $\underline{M}' \in M[G/K]$

$$G\text{-Set}^K \xrightarrow{\varepsilon^\#} G/K\text{-sets} \xrightarrow{\underline{M}'} \text{Ab}$$

The composite is a Mackey functor concentrated over  $K$ .

Consider the diagrams

$G/H$  mod

$\downarrow \mathbb{R}$

$M[G/H] \xrightarrow{\epsilon_*} M[G]/H$

Note 1.  $RV(G/H) = 0$  if  $H \neq J$ .

2.  $RV(G/H) = V$  for a  $G/H$ -module  $V$ .

Main  
Thm Let  $A$  be a collection of  $G$ -Mackey functors

1.2 d.t. 1)  $RV$  is in  $A$  for all  $H \subseteq G$  and  $G/H$ -modules  $V$ .

2) If  $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$  is SES with any  $Z$  in  $A$ , so is the

third. (Closure). Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is the collection of all Mackey functors.

Pf (For non-abelian  $G$ , use  $NH/H$ -module  $\mathcal{V}$ .)

Partition the subgroups of  $G$

$S_0 = \{e\}$ .  $S_j =$  collection of subgroups not in  $S_{j-1}$  but each proper subgroup is in some  $S_i$  for  $i < j$ .

e.g.  $G = C_2 \times C_2 = \{e, (0,1), (1,0), (0,1)\}$

$$S_0 = \{e\}$$

$S_1 =$  set of subgroups of order 2

$$S_2 = \{G\}$$

For some  $m$ ,  $S_m = \{G\}$ .

Choose a subgroup  $H_j$  from each  $S_j$ .

$$\text{Let } S_j = \{ H_{j1}, H_{j2}, \dots \}$$

$$S_m = \{ G \}$$

Choose

$$H_0 = e$$

$$H_1 = H_{1,k_1}$$

$$H_2 = H_{2,k_2}$$

$$\vdots$$

Def A Mackey functor  $\underline{M}$  is of type  $j$  if  $\underline{M}(G/H_j) \neq 0$  but  $\underline{M}(G/H_{j'}) = 0$  for  $j' < j$ .

Proceed by induction

Suppose  $\underline{M}$  has type  $j$ . Assume  
all type  $j'$  functors for  $j' < j$  are  
in  $A_0$ .