

Integrations and computation of functor Ext

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Let Λ be a finite dimensional algebra over a field K . If M, N are left Λ -modules, an *integration* from M to N is a K -linear map $f: \Lambda \otimes_K M \rightarrow N$ for which $f(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \otimes x) = \lambda_1 f(\lambda_2 \otimes x) + f(\lambda_1 \otimes \lambda_2 x)$. The reason for the name “integration” is that if one writes $\int (\int x dt) d\lambda$ for $f(\lambda \otimes x)$ and assumes that λ_1, λ_2 , and x are functions of the independent variable t , the above equation turns into the following valid formula from integral calculus:

$$\int \left(\int x dt \right) d(\lambda_1 \lambda_2) = \lambda_1 \int \left(\int x dt \right) d\lambda_2 + \int \left(\int \lambda_2 x dt \right) d\lambda_1.$$

There exists a *universal integration* ω_M from M , in that any integration from M to an arbitrary module factors uniquely through ω_M , and there exists a *couniversal integration* χ_N to N , in that any integration from an arbitrary module to N factors uniquely through χ_N .

Integrations suggest an alternative, simpler approach to the computation of the group $\text{Ext}_\Lambda^1(C, A)$. We obtain an arbitrary s.e.s. $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ from the split s.e.s. $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \oplus C \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ by preserving the maps and twisting the module structure of $A \oplus C$ by an appropriate integration. These considerations shed new light on almost split sequences.

The notion of integration is inspired by the theory of bocses.

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