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# On Categoric ities of (Co-) Reflex ivity and Their Applications\*

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**Abstract** In this paper, we study some categoricities of reflexivity and coreflexivity. The main results are as follows: (1).  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are a pair of equivalent categories (2). Reflexivity and coreflexivity can be extended as mentioned in the paper. Those can be used to simplify and generalize some results of [1-4].

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#### 1 Preliminaries

The notions of (co-) reflexivity were proposed by E. J. Taft and D. E. Radford in different way in 1973 (see [1-3]). E. J. Taft mainly considered relations of dualization, while D. E. Radford worked out some conditions of finiteness Now, those are still basic objects of study. We are mainly interested in categoricities of (co-) reflexivity and their applications in this paper.

Throughout the paper everything take place over fixed field  $\mathbf{k}$ . We assume readers know basic theory of Hopf algebras, so we directly use the notation and term in logy of [4].

Let  $\mathbb C$  be the category of coalgebras,  $\mathbf A$  the category of algebras. They are non-full subcategories of  $\mathbf k$ -mod Recall that a morphism f in  $\mathbf k$ -mod is isomorphic, monic, epiciff f of the underlying set is bijective, injective, surjective respectively. However, there is little difference between epics and surjections in  $\mathbf A$ , so we work with  $\mathbf A$ ,  $\mathbf C$  rather than  $\mathbf A$ ,  $\mathbf C$  in section 3

As in [4], definite two contravariant functors:

$$C^{\frac{F=()^*}{A}}A \quad , \quad A^{\frac{G=()^o}{C}}C$$

for  $A = Ob\mathbf{A}$ , and  $C = Ob\mathbf{C}$ , there are two natural maps  $\eta_{and} \zeta$  such that (see [4]):  $\zeta: A = A^{o^*} = FG(A), \quad \zeta(a), f = f, a, \quad \forall f = A^o, a = A,$  (1.1)

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$$\eta: C \quad C^{*o} = GF(C), \quad \eta(c), g = g, c, \forall g \quad C^*, c \quad C.$$
(1.2)

We summarize some well-known results of [1-3], which will be used in the sequel

**Definition** 1 Let A be an algebra.

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- (a) A is called proper if  $\zeta$  is injective.
- (b) A is called weakly reflexive if  $\zeta$  is surjective
- (c) A is called ref lex ive if  $\zeta$  is bijective.

**Definition** 2 Let C be a coalgebra

- (a) C is called coref lex ive if  $\eta$  is surjective.
- (b) C is strongly coreflex ive if  $C^*$  is almost noetherian.

**Remark**  $\eta$  is always injective

**Lemma** 1 (a)  $f \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(C,D)$  is injective (surjective) iff  $f \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(D^{+},C^{+})$  is surjective (injective).

- (b) If  $g \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(A, B)$  is surjective, then  $g^{\circ} \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B^{\circ}, A^{\circ})$  is injective
- (c) Let B be proper and A weakly reflexive. If  $g \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(A,B)$  is injective, then  $g^{\circ} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B^{\circ},A^{\circ})$  is surjective
- (d) Let A and B be reflex ive  $g + \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}}(A, B)$  is injective (surjective) iff  $g^{\circ} + \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(B^{\circ}, A^{\circ})$  is surjective (injective).

**Proof**. See [1-3].

#### 2 Equivalentness and Its Applications

Let  $\mathbf{A}_{\perp}$  be the subcategory of  $\mathbf{A}_{\perp}$ , consisting of reflexive algebras,  $\mathbf{C}_{\perp}$  the subcategory of  $\mathbf{C}_{\perp}$ , consisting of coreflexive coalgebras

**Theorem** 1  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{C}_1$  are a pair of equivalent category.

**Proof.** We proceed in two steps

(1) We will prove there exist natural transformation  $\eta$  from identity functor  $1_{\mathbb{C}}$  to product functor  $GF = ()^{*o}$ :

$${}^{\eta}_{\mathbf{C}} \stackrel{\eta}{\sim} GF \quad , \quad \eta_{\mathbf{C}} \mid \quad \eta_{\mathbf{c}}, \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\eta$  is definited by (1. 2)

A lso, a natural transformation  $\zeta$  from  $1_A$  to  $FG = ()^{o^*}$ :

$$1_{\mathbf{A}} \stackrel{\zeta}{\sim} FG$$
 ,  $\zeta_{\mathbf{A}} \mid_{A}$ , (2.2)

where **4** is as (1. 1).

It is sufficient for (2 1) to verify the commutative digramm

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
C & \stackrel{\eta}{-} & C^{*o} \\
f & & f^{*o} \\
D & \stackrel{\eta}{-} & D^{*o}
\end{array}$$

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In fact,  $\forall c$  C,  $\forall d$  D, we have  $f^{*o}\eta(c)$ ,  $d^* = \eta(c)$ ,  $f^*(d^*) = f^*(d^*)$ ,  $c = d^*$ ,  $f(c) = \eta(c)$ ,  $d^*$  Similarly, (2 2) is verified

(2) Restriction  $F|_{\mathbf{C}_1}$  is a functor from  $\mathbf{C}_1$  to  $\mathbf{A}_L$  i.e., C Ob  $\mathbf{C}_1$  implies F(C) Ob  $\mathbf{A}_L$  i.e.,  $\mathcal{F}_{(C)}$  is an isomorphism.

Acting F on the following diagram

$$C \stackrel{\eta}{\longrightarrow} GF(C)$$
,

we obtain

$$FG(F(C)) \xrightarrow{F(\eta_c)} F(C).$$

On the other hand, we have the inverse digramm

$$F\left(C\right) \stackrel{\mathcal{T}_{F\left(C\right)}}{\longrightarrow} FG\left(F\left(C\right)\right),$$

and the equality

$$F(\eta_t) \zeta_{F(C)} = 1_{F(C)} \tag{2.3}$$

holds In fact, for any f = F(C), x = C, it is easy to verify the following equatities:

$$F(\eta)\zeta_{(c)}(f)$$
,  $x = \zeta_{(c)}(f)$ ,  $\eta(x) = \eta(x)$ ,  $f = f$ ,  $x$ .

Note  $\mathcal{N}$  is an isomorphism for any C Ob;  $\mathbb{C}_{1}$ . Furthermore,  $F(\mathcal{N})$  is an isomorphism, and so is  $\mathcal{L}_{F(C)}$  by  $(2\ 3)$ .

Similarly, the restriction 
$$G | \mathbf{A} |$$
 is a functor from  $\mathbf{A} |$  to  $\mathbf{C}_1$ , and equality
$$G(\zeta) \eta_{G(A)} = 1_{G(A)}$$
(2 4)

holds

All  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are isomorphisms, for any C Ob;  $\mathbb{C}_1$ , A Ob  $\mathbb{A}_1$ , and we have by (1) and (2),

$$GF \stackrel{\eta}{\cong} 1_{\mathbb{C}^1}$$
 (natural isomorphism), (2.5)

$$FG \stackrel{\zeta}{\cong} 1_{\mathbf{A}^{-1}}$$
 (natural isomorphism ). (2.6)

This completes the proof

Introduce some applications of theorem 1. (1) A ccording to theorem, F is a bijection of Hom  $\mathbb{C}_1(C,D)$  onto  $\operatorname{Hom} \mathbf{A}_1(D^*,C^*)$ , while G is a bijection of  $\operatorname{Hom} \mathbf{A}_1(A,B)$  onto  $\operatorname{Hom} \mathbf{C}_1(B^o,A^o)$ . This therefore produces interesting results: for any algebra morphism  $f:D^*$   $C^*$ , there exists a unique coalgebra morphism f:C D such that  $f_1^*=f$ ; and for any coalgebra morphism  $g:B^o$   $A^o$ , there exist a unique algebra morphism g:A B such that  $g_1^o=g$ . In general, it is incorrect (see [1]). Moreover, f  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}_1}(C,D)$  is injective (surjetive) iff  $F(f)=f^*$   $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(D^*,C^*)$  is surjective (injective), while g  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(A,B)$  is injective (surjective) iff  $G(g)=g^o$   $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}_1}(B^o,A^o)$  is surjective (injective). This is extrem by generalizes Proposition 4.1—4.3 of [1].

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(2) Recall that ( )\* and ( )° are a pair of adjoint functors, but the proof is rather indirect, and difficult to verify (see Theorem 6 0 5 of [4]). Using (2 3) and (2 4), one prove this theorem by calculation, then obtain a concrete understanding.

#### 3 Extensionality and Applications

In this section, we slightly modify  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  by  $\widetilde{\mathbf{C}}$  as follow s:

- (1)  $Ob\widetilde{\mathbf{A}} = Ob\mathbf{A}$  but  $Hom\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = Hom_{\mathbf{k}-mod}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) \supset Hom\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ .
- (2)  $Ob\widetilde{\mathbb{C}} = Ob\mathbb{C}$  but H on  $\widetilde{\mathbb{C}}(C,D) = \operatorname{Hom}_{k-\operatorname{mod}}(C,D) \supset \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(A,B)$ .

Therefore,  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbf{C}}$  are full subcategories of  $\mathbf{k}$ -  $\mathbf{mod}$ , and a sequence is exact in  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$  or  $\widetilde{\mathbf{C}}$  means so is it in  $\mathbf{k}$ -  $\mathbf{mod}$ , no any confusion between epics and surjections, etc

In many categories, we usually study one problem such that: for an exact sequence

$$0 \quad A_1 \quad A \quad A_2 \quad 0$$

if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  satisfy conditions (P), how about  $A_2$ ? If yes, the (P) is called extensionable For example, almost noetherian algebra and rational module are extensionable (see [2—4]). We will prove (co-) reflexivity is extensionable

**Lemma** 2 (a)  $F = ()^*$  is an exact functor over  $\widetilde{C}$ :

- (b)  $G = ()^o$  is left exact functor over  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ .
- (c) Let  $0 A_1 A_2 0$  is an exact sequence in  $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ . If  $A_1$  is weakly reflexive and A proper, then

$$0 \quad A^{\circ}_{2} \quad A^{\circ} \quad A^{\circ}_{1} \quad 0$$

also exact

**Proof.** For any linear map h:  $V_1 = V_2$  where  $V_i$  is vector space, the equalities

$$\operatorname{Kerh}^* = (\operatorname{Im} h) \operatorname{Im} h^* = (\operatorname{Ker} h)$$

hold Hence, (a) is valid (c) holds by (b) and by Lemma 1 (c). We prove (b) in two steps

(1) Let 0  $A_1 = \frac{f}{A_2} = A_2 = 0$  be exact. In order prove left exact sequence

$$0 \qquad A_{2} \stackrel{\star}{=} \frac{g^{\circ}}{} A_{0} \stackrel{f^{\circ}}{=} A_{1}^{\circ}$$

it is enough to verify  $\operatorname{Ker} f^{\circ} = \operatorname{Im}; \ g^{\circ}. \ \operatorname{Note} f^{\circ}$  is restriction of  $f^{\star}$  over  $A^{\circ}$ , then

$$\operatorname{Ker} f^{\circ} = \operatorname{Ker}; f^{\star} \quad A^{\circ} = (\operatorname{Im} f) \quad A^{\circ}.$$

(2) Since  $g^{\circ}$  is the restrition of  $g^{\star}$  over  $A_{2}^{\circ}$ , then

$$\operatorname{Im} g^{\circ} = g^{*} (A_{2}^{*}) = g^{*} (A_{2}^{*} A_{2}^{\circ}) \subset \operatorname{Im} g^{*} A^{\circ}.$$
(3.1)

On the other hand, for any  $a^o$   $\operatorname{Im} g^{\star}$   $A^o$ , there exists  $b^{\star}$   $A^{\star}$  satisfying

$$g^*(b^*) = a^o, J \subset \operatorname{Ker} a^o \subset A$$

where J is a cofinite idea of A. It is easy to see

$$g(J) \subset \operatorname{Ker}b^*$$
.

Since g is surjection, g(J) is also cofinite idea of  $A_2$ . Hence,  $b^* = A_2^o$ , i e

$$g^{\star}(A_{2}^{\star}) \qquad A^{\circ} \subset g^{\circ}(A_{2}^{\circ}) = \operatorname{Im} g^{\circ}. \tag{3.2}$$

By  $(3\ 1)$ -  $(3\ 2)$ , the equalities

$$\operatorname{Im} g^{\circ} = \operatorname{Im} g^{\star} \qquad A^{\circ} = (\operatorname{Ker}; g) \qquad A^{\circ}.$$

Finally, we reach the following equalitis

$$\operatorname{Kerf}^{\circ} = \operatorname{Kerf}^{\star} A^{\circ} = (\operatorname{Im} f) A^{\circ} = (\operatorname{Kerg}) A^{\circ} = \operatorname{Im} g^{\circ}.$$

**Theorem** 2 Let 0  $C_1$  C  $C_2$  0 be an exact sequence in  $\widetilde{\mathbb{C}}$ 

- (a) If C1 and C2 are strongly coref lex ive, then so is C.
- (b) Suppose  $C_2$  is coref lex ive, then  $C_1$  coref lex ive  $\iff$  coref lex ive. In particular, coref lex ivity is extensionable.

**Proof** (a) Since ( ) \* is an exact functor, then

$$0 \quad C_2^{\star} \quad C^{\star} \quad C_1^{\star} \quad 0 \tag{3.3}$$

also exact (a) holds due to extensionality of almost noetherian algebras

(b) In (3 3),  $C_2^*$  is reflexive by Theorem 1, and  $C_1^*$  is always proper (see [4] 6 0 3).

U sing Lemma 2 (c) and (2 1), we obtain the following commutative diagam:

Note  $n_2$  is an isomorphism.  $n_1$  isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow n_2$  isomorphism by Short Five Lemma, i.e. C coreflex ive  $\Leftrightarrow C_1$  coreflex ive

This completes the proof

In dual, we have another theorem.

**Theorem** 3 Let exact sequence

$$0$$
  $A_1$   $A$   $A_2$   $0$ 

keeps exactness under action of  $G = ()^{\circ}$ .

- (a) If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are proper (weakly reflexive), then so is A.
- (b) If any two of A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> and A are reflexive, then so is the third.

In particular, (weakly) reflexivity is extensionable

This proof is dual to the proof above, so we omit it

Theorem 2—3 can be used to generalize and simplify some results of [1-3]. Some propositions in [1-3], which are rather difficult proven, become obvious here We cite examples, (1). If  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are (strongly) coreflexive, then so is  $C_1 \oplus C_2$ . (2). If  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are proper (weakly) reflexive, then so is  $A_1 \oplus A_2$ . Due to the shortage of space we dont give examples any more

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## 关于(余)反射的范畴性质及其应用

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### 摘 要

本文研究了(余)反射的范畴性质及应用,得到的主要结果如下: (1) 余反射余代数范畴和反射代数范畴是等价的 (2) 反射和余反射都具有可扩张性 使用这些结果可以用来推广和化简了[1—4]等人的部分工作.