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# The Hermitian Morita Theorems

Los Teoremas Hermíticos de Morita

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#### Abstract

Similar to the Morita theorems proved in [1] and the relative version given by Van Oystaeyen and Verschoren in [9], we will prove in this note a (relative) hermitian version of the Morita theorems, i.e., we will describe which equivalences of the category of (relative) sesquilinear, resp. hermitian, modules are determined by a single object and viceversa. A first approach was made in [5], which includes some partial version of the Morita theorems in the hermitian context. As we will show in this note, the techniques developed in [6] permit us to present a complete solution to the problem of generalizing the Morita theorems to the hermitian case.

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#### Resumen

En esta nota probamos una versión hermítica (relativa) de los teoremas de Morita, análoga a la dada en [1] y a la versión relativa dada por Van Oystaeyen y Verschoren en [9]. Esto es, describimos qué equivalencias de la categoría de módulos sesquilineales, resp. hermíticos (relativos), están determinadas por un objeto único y viceversa. Una primera aproximación a la solución de este problema aparece ya en [5], en donde se incluye una versión parcial de los Teoremas de Morita en el contexto hermítico. Como demostramos en esta nota, las técnicas desarrolladas en [6] nos han permitido presentar una solución completa al problema de la generalización, al contexto hermítico, de los Teoremas de Morita.

Palabras y frases clave: teoremas de Morita, formas hermíticas.

### 1 Generalities.

Throughout this paper, R is a commutative ring with unit and all rings are unitary R-algebras; the letters  $A, A', \ldots$ , will denote such R-algebras. Let us denote the category of left (resp. right) A-modules by A-mod (resp. mod-A) and the corresponding sets of morphisms by  $_A[M, N]$  (resp  $[M, N]_A$ ). Bimodules will always be defined over R.

An algebra with involution is a couple  $(A, \alpha)$ , where A is an R-algebra and  $\alpha : A \to A$  an R-linear map satisfying  $\alpha^2 = 1_A$  and  $\alpha(a_1a_2) = \alpha(a_2)\alpha(a_1)$  for every  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ . We may define with respect to  $\alpha$  a construction similar to the usual "restriction of scalars". However, since we use an involution instead of algebra morphisms, we have to switch sides. So, if M is a left (resp. right) A-module, then  $\alpha$  induces a right (resp. left) A-module structure on M by putting  $m \cdot a = \alpha(a)m$  (resp.  $a \cdot m = m\alpha(a)$ ) for every  $m \in M$  and  $a \in A$ . We denote this module by  $^{\alpha}M$  (resp  $M^{\alpha}$ ). If  $(A', \alpha')$  is a second R-algebra with involution and if M is an (A, A')-bimodule then the (A', A)-bimodule  $^{\alpha'}M^{\alpha}$  is defined by putting  $a' \cdot m \cdot a = \alpha(a)m\alpha'(a')$  for any  $a \in A, a' \in A'$  and  $m \in M$ . If M is an A-bimodule, then we write  $M_{\alpha} = ^{\alpha}M^{\alpha}$ .

Any left linear map  $f \in {}_{A}[M,N]$  yields an obvious right linear map  $f^{\alpha} \in [M^{\alpha}, N^{\alpha}]_{A}$ . Actually,  $(-)^{\alpha}$  and  ${}^{\alpha}(-)$  define a category equivalence between A-mod and mod-A.

(1.1) Let us briefly recollect some definitions and properties of abstract localization. For a more detailed treatment, we refer to [2, 3, 4, 7, 8 et al]. We restrict to left A-modules, right A-modules being treated similarly.

A left exact subfunctor  $\lambda$  of the identity in A-mod such that  $\lambda(M/\lambda M) = 0$  for any  $M \in A$ -mod will be called a *radical*. Any radical is completely determined by the couple  $(\mathcal{T}_{\lambda}, \mathcal{F}_{\lambda})$ , where the *torsion class*  $\mathcal{T}_{\lambda}$  (resp. the *torsionfree class*  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda}$ )) consists of  $\lambda$ -torsion (resp.  $\lambda$ -torsionfree) left A-modules, i.e. left A-modules M such that  $\lambda M = 0$  (resp.  $\lambda M = M$ ). On the other hand, the radical  $\lambda$  is also completely determined by the set  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$  of left A-ideals L such that A/L is  $\lambda$ -torsion. We call this set the Gabriel filter associated to  $\lambda$ . It is easy to see that  $m \in \lambda M$  if and only if there exists some  $L \in \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$  such that Lm = 0.

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A left A-module E is said to be  $\lambda$ -injective, if for any  $\lambda$ -isomorphism  $f: M \to N$  in A-mod, i.e., a morphism with both  $\lambda$ -torsion kernel and cokernel, and any morphism  $g: M \to E$  there exists a morphism  $\overline{g}: N \to E$  extending G, i.e., with  $g = \overline{g} \circ f$ . If this morphism is always unique as such, then E is said to be  $\lambda$ -closed. This is also equivalent to E being  $\lambda$ -torsionfree and  $\lambda$ -injective. The full subcategory of A-mod consisting of the  $\lambda$ -closed left A-modules will be denoted by  $(A, \lambda)$ -mod and it is well known that the inclusion functor

$$i_{\lambda} : (A, \lambda)$$
-mod  $\hookrightarrow A$ -mod

possesses an exact adjoint

$$a_{\lambda} : A \operatorname{-mod} \to (A, \lambda) \operatorname{-mod}$$

(the *reflector* of A-mod into  $(A, \lambda)$ -mod). The left exact functor

$$Q_{\lambda} = i_{\lambda} \circ a_{\lambda} : A\text{-mod} \to A\text{-mod}$$

is called the *localization functor at*  $\lambda$  and may be described in many different ways. For instance let E be an injective hull of  $M/\lambda M$ , then  $Q_{\lambda}(M)$  consists of those  $e \in E$  such that  $Le \subseteq M/\lambda M$  for some  $L \in \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$ . So, for any left A-module M, there exists a canonical  $\lambda$ -isomorphism

$$j_{\lambda} = j_{j,M} : M \to Q_{\lambda}(M)$$

which is the composition of the canonical morphism  $M \to M/\lambda M$  and the inclusion  $M/\lambda M \hookrightarrow Q_{\lambda}(M)$ . If  $\lambda$  is a radical in A-mod, then  $Q_{\lambda}(A)$  is canonically endowed with an R-algebra structure extending that of A. Moreover, if M is a left A-module (resp. an (A, A')-bimodule) then  $Q_{\lambda}(M)$  possesses a natural left  $Q_{\lambda}(A)$ -module (resp. a  $(Q_{\lambda}(A), A')$ -bimodule) structure.

(1.2) Let us fix radicals  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$ ) in A-mod and A'-mod respectively. Then we say that an (A, A')-bimodule P is  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -flat or relatively flat (with respect to  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ ), if for any left A'-linear map  $f' : M' \to N'$  with  $\lambda'$ -torsion kernel, the left A-module Ker $(P \otimes_{A'} f')$  is  $\lambda$ -torsion. It is easy to see that P is  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -flat if and only if  $Q_{\lambda}(P)$  is relatively flat, or equivalently if it satisfies each of the following conditions:

(1.2.1) for any injective left A'-linear map  $i' : M' \hookrightarrow N'$ , the left A-module  $\operatorname{Ker}(P \otimes_{A'} i')$  is  $\lambda$ -torsion.

(1.2.2) for any  $\lambda'$ -torsion left A'-module T', the left A-module  $P \otimes_{A'} T'$  is  $\lambda$ -torsion.

The next (technical) result will play a key-role in all that follows:

(1.3) Lemma. [6,9] Let P be an (A, A')-bimodule and M' a left A'-module, then:

(1.3.1)  $Q\lambda(P \otimes_{A'} M' = Q\lambda(Q\lambda(P) \otimes_{A'} M';$ 

(1.3.2) if P is relatively flat, then  $Q\lambda(P \otimes_{A'} M' = Q\lambda(P \otimes_{A'} Q_{\lambda'}(M'));$ 

(1.3.3) if P is also relatively flat and  $\lambda$ -closed, then it has a canonical  $(Q_{\lambda}(A), Q_{\lambda'}(A'))$ -bimodule structure and for any left  $Q_{\lambda'}(A')$ -module M', the left A-modules  $P \otimes_{A'} M'$ ,  $P \otimes_{Q_{\lambda'}(A')} M'$  and  $P \otimes_{Q_{\lambda'}(A')} Q_{\lambda'}(M')$  sre  $\lambda$ -isomorphic.

Let M be an (A, A')-bimodule, M" a left A'-module, then we will write  $M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}M'$  for  $Q_{\lambda}(M \otimes_{A'}M')$  and  $m \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}m'$  for  $j_{\lambda}(m \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}m')$  for any  $m \in M$  and  $m' \in M'$ , where  $j_{\lambda} : M \otimes_{A'}M' \to M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}M'$  is the canonical localization map. So, the previous lemma allows us to write:

$$P\widehat{\otimes}_{A'}M'\widehat{\otimes}_{A''}M'' = (P\widehat{\otimes}_{A'}M')\widehat{\otimes}_{A''}M'' = P\widehat{\otimes}_{A'}(M'\widehat{\otimes}_{A''}M'')$$

whenever P is relatively flat.

(1.4) A  $\lambda$ -closed and  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -flat (A, A')-bimodule P is said to be  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ invertible or relatively invertible (with respect to  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ ), if there exists a  $\lambda'$ -closed and  $(\lambda', \lambda)$ -flat (A', A)-bimodule Q together with A-bimodule (resp. A-bimodule) isomorphisms

$$\varphi: P \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q \to Q_{\lambda}(A) \quad \text{resp.} \quad \psi: Q \otimes_A P \to Q_{\lambda'}(A').$$

Moreover, cf. [9], we may always assume the above isomorphisms to fit into the following commutative diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} P \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} P \xrightarrow{P \otimes_{A'} \psi} P \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q_{\lambda'}(A') & Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} P \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q \xrightarrow{Q \otimes_{A} \varphi} Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} Q_{\lambda}(A) \\ \varphi \widehat{\otimes}_{A} P & & \downarrow & \text{resp. } \psi \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q & & \downarrow \\ Q_{\lambda}(A) \widehat{\otimes}_{A} P \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} P & & Q_{\lambda'}(A') \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} Q \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} Q \end{array}$$

The module Q, which is obviously relatively invertible, is said to be an *inverse* for P, and is, as one easily verifies, isomorphic to  $_A[P, Q_\lambda(A)]$ . Moreover, the evaluation map  $P \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} (_A[P, Q_\lambda(A)]) :\to Q_\lambda(A)$ , may then be used as an isomorphism.

This leads us to the relative version of the Morita theorems, cf. [9]:

(1.5) Theorem. Let  $\lambda$  (resp.  $\lambda'$ ) be a radical in A-mod (resp. A'-mod). Then there is a bijective correspondence between bimodule isomorphism classes of relatively invertible (A, A')-bimodules and isomorphism classes of category equivalences between the categories  $(A, \lambda)$ -mod and  $(A', \lambda')$ -mod.

Note that the above correspondence is given by associating to any category equivalence  $F : (A, \lambda)$ -mod  $\rightarrow (A', \lambda')$ -mod , the  $(\lambda', \lambda)$ -invertible (A, A')-bimodule  $F(Q_{\lambda}(A))$ . Conversely, to any relatively invertible (A, A')-bimodule Q with inverse P, we associate the category equivalence

$$Q \widehat{\otimes}_A - \cong {}_A[P, -] : (A, \lambda) \operatorname{-\mathbf{mod}} \to (A', \lambda') \operatorname{-\mathbf{mod}}.$$

Let as point out that  $Q_{\lambda'}(A')$  and  $_A[P, P]$  are isomorphic as left A'-bimodules.

(1.6) If  $\lambda$  is a radical in A-mod and  $\alpha : A \to A$  an R-involution, then one easily verifies the set  $\{\alpha(L) : L \in \mathcal{L}_{\lambda}\}$  to be a Gabriel filter of right A-ideals. We will write  $\alpha(\lambda)$  for the associated radical (in mod-A) and  $Q_{\alpha(\lambda)}$  for the localization functor at  $\alpha(\lambda)$  in mod-A. The functors  $(-)^{\alpha}$  and  $^{\alpha}(-)$  define a category equivalence between the categories  $(A, \lambda)$ -mod and mod- $(A, \alpha(\lambda))$ . Moreover, for any left A-module M, we have  $Q_{\lambda}(M)^{\alpha} = Q_{\alpha\lambda}(M^{\alpha})$  and if M is an (A, A')-bimodule, then  $^{\alpha'}Q_{\lambda}(M)^{\alpha} = Q_{\alpha\lambda}(^{\alpha'}M^{\alpha})$ , where  $\alpha'$  is an R-involution on A'. In particular, if M is an A-bimodule, then  $Q_{\lambda}(M)_{\alpha} = Q_{\alpha\lambda}(M_{\alpha})$ .

(1.7) A triple  $(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  is called a *torsion triple*, if  $(A, \alpha)$  is an *R*-algebra with involution and  $\lambda$  a radical in *A*-mod which satisfies the equivalent conditions:

(1.7.1) the *R*-involution  $\alpha : A \to A$  extends (uniquely) to an *R*-involution  $\widehat{\alpha} : Q_{\lambda}(A) \to Q\lambda(A)$ ;

(1.7.2) the *R*-algebras  $Q_{\lambda}(A)$  and  $Q_{\alpha(\lambda)}(A)$  are isomorphic over *A*;

(1.7.3) there exists a  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -invertible (A, A')-bimodule P, for some algebra with involution  $(A', \alpha')$  and radical  $\lambda'$  in A'-mod], with the property that

 $P \cong {}^{\alpha}_{A}[P,Q_{\lambda}(A)]^{\alpha'}$  as (A,A')-bimodules.

Note that these conditions are trivially fulfilled whenever  $\lambda$  is induced by a radical in *R*-mod; for other examples we refer to [6,10].

### 2 Hermitically invertible modules.

(2.1) Let us fix a torsion triple  $(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and a  $\lambda$ -closed left A-module M. A map  $h: M \times M \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  which is biadditive and satisfies  $h(a_1m_1, a_2m_2) = a_1h(m_1, m_2)\alpha(a_2)$  for every  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  is called a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear form. If, moreover,  $h(m_1, m_2) = \widehat{\alpha}(h(m_2, m_1))$ , then h is called a  $\lambda$ -hermitian form. For any  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear form  $h: M \times M \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$ , define  $h^a \in {}_A[M, {}^{\alpha}_A[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)]]$  by  $h^a(m_2)(m_1) = h(m_1, m_2)$  for any  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ . This correspondence defines a bijection between the  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear forms on M and the left A-linear maps from M to  ${}^{\alpha}_A[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)]$ . If  $h^a$  is an isomorphism, then h is called nonsingular. If M is an (A, A')-bimodule and  $h: M \times M \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear form satisfying  $h(m_1a', m_2) = h(m_1, m_2\alpha'(a'))$ , for any  $a' \in A'$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  then h is said to be A'-compatible. So, an A'-compatible  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear morphism  $h: M \times M \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  is essentially a bimodule morphism  $M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} {}^{\alpha'} M^{\alpha} \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$ . Note also that this is equivalent to requiring that the map  $h^a: M \to {}^{\alpha}_A[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)]{}^{\alpha'}$  is (A, A')-linear.

If M is a  $\lambda$ -closed left A-module and  $h: M \times M \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear form, then the couple (M, h) is called a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear module or a relative sesquilinear module. If h is also  $\lambda$ =hermitian, then (M, h) is a  $\lambda$ -hermitian module or relative hermitian module. It is said to be A'-compatible (resp. nonsingular) whenever h is A'-compatible (resp. nonsingular).

(2.2) A morphism  $f : (M, h) \to (N, k)$  between  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear left A-modules is a left A-linear map  $f : M \to N$  such that  $h = k \circ (f \times f)$ , or, equivalently such that the diagram

$$M \xrightarrow{h^{a}} {}^{\alpha}_{A}[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)]$$

$$f \downarrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow^{\alpha}_{A}[f, Q_{\lambda}(A)]$$

$$N \xrightarrow{k^{a}} {}^{\alpha}_{A}[N, Q_{\lambda}(A)]$$

commutes. We thus obtain categories  $S(A, \alpha, \lambda)$ , resp.  $\mathcal{H}(A, \alpha, \lambda)$ , with objects the  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear left A-modules, resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian left A-modules, and with obvious morphisms.

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(2.3) Fix some torsion triples  $(A, \alpha\lambda)$  and  $(A, \alpha', \lambda')$ . A nonsingular  $\lambda$ -hermitian (A, A')-bimodule (P, h) is called hermitically  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -invertible or relatively hermitically invertible, if P is  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -invertible and h is A'-compatible. As one easily verifies, h is then also  $Q_{\lambda'}(A')$ -compatible.

As an easy example, let  $p_{Q_{\lambda}(A)}: Q_{\lambda}(A) \times Q_{\lambda}(A) \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  be defined by

$$p_{Q_{\lambda}(A)}(a_1, a_2) = a_1 \widehat{\alpha}(a_2),$$

for any  $a_1, a_2 \in Q_{\lambda}(A)$ . Then  $(Q_{\lambda}(A), p_{Q_{\lambda}(A)})$  is a hermitically  $(\lambda, \lambda')$ -invertible A-bimodule.

If (P, h) is a relatively hermitically invertible (A, A')-bimodule, then we can make  $Q = {}_{A}[P, Q_{\lambda}(A)]$  into a hermitically  $(\lambda', \lambda)$ -invertible (A', A)-bimodule by endowing it with the form  $k : Q \times Q \to Q_{\lambda'}(A') \cong {}_{A}[P, P]$ , defined by putting for any  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ :

$$k(q_1, q_2): P \to P: p \mapsto k(q_1, q_2)(p) = h(p, (h^a)^{-1}(q_1))(h^a)^{-1}(q_2).$$

The module (Q, k) is usually referred to as an "inverse" of (P, h).

(2.4) Let (M, h) be a relatively flat A'-compatible  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian) (A, A')-bimodule and (M', h') a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian) left A'-module. Then we may define a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian) form

$$h \otimes_{A'} h' : M \otimes_{A'} M' \times M \otimes_{A'} M' \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$$

by

$$h \otimes_{A'} h'(m_1 \otimes_{A'} m'_1, m_2 \otimes_{A'} m'_2) = h(m_1 h'(m'_1, m'_2), m_2)$$
  
=  $h(m_1, m_2 h'(m'_1, m'_2)),$ 

for any  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  and  $m'_1, m'_2 \in M'$ . One easily verifies the tensor product thus defined to be associative, and the form  $h \otimes_{A'} h'$  to be A''-compatible, whenever (M', h') is.

Since  $Q_{\lambda}(A)$  is  $\alpha(\lambda)$ -closed and since  $j_{\lambda}: M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} M' \times M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} M' \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$ is a  $\lambda$ -isomorphism, the form  $h \otimes_{A'} h'$  defines a unique  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian) form  $h \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} h' : M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} M' \times M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'} M' \to Q_{\lambda}(A)$  making the diagram



commutative, cf. [5]. It thus makes sense to define the *relative tensor product*  $(M,h) \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}(M',h')$  to be the  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (resp.  $\lambda$ -hermitian) left A-module  $(M \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}M',h \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}h')$ . An easy unicity argument shows this tensor product to be associative, whenever it is defined.

## 3 Morita theorems.

(3.1) Fix torsion triples  $(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and  $(A', \alpha', \lambda')$ . Recall from [5,6] that any relatively hermitically invertible (A, A')-bimodule (P, h) determines an equivalence of categories

$$(P,h)\widehat{\otimes}_{A'} - : \mathcal{S}(A',\alpha',\lambda') \to \mathcal{S}(A,\alpha,\lambda)$$

and an equivalence

$$(P,h)\widehat{\otimes}_{A'} - : \mathcal{H}(A',\alpha',\lambda') \to \mathcal{H}(A,\alpha,\lambda)$$

Moreover, if (Q, k) is as in (2.3), then

$$(Q,k)\widehat{\otimes}_A - : \mathcal{S}(A,\alpha,\lambda) \to \mathcal{S}(A',\alpha',\lambda')$$

resp.

$$(Q,k)\widehat{\otimes}_A - : \mathcal{H}(A,\alpha,\lambda) \to \mathcal{H}(A',\alpha',\lambda')$$

is an inverse for  $(P,h)\widehat{\otimes}_{A'}$  –.

(3.2) In order to establish the complete Morita theorems, we need a notion of "good" category equivalence between categories of relative sesquilinear (resp. relative hermitian) modules: a category equivalence

$$F: \mathcal{S}(A, \alpha, \lambda) \to \mathcal{S}(A', \alpha', \lambda')$$

resp.

$$F: \mathcal{H}(A, \alpha, \lambda) \to \mathcal{H}(A', \alpha', \lambda')$$

is said to be *decent*, if it factorizes through a category equivalence

$$F: (A, \lambda)\operatorname{-\mathbf{mod}} \to (A', \lambda')\operatorname{-\mathbf{mod}}$$

note that we use the same simbol F, as no ambiguity may arise) i.e., if we have a commutative diagram of functors

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{S}(A,\alpha,\lambda) \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{S}(A',\alpha',\lambda') \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (A,\lambda)\text{-mod} \xrightarrow{F} (A',\lambda')\text{-mod} \end{array}$$

where the vertical arrows are defined by forgetting the relative sesquilinear form (a similar condition holds for the category of relative hermitian modules) and if there exists an isomorphism  $\eta : F(^{\alpha}_{A}[(-), Q_{\lambda}(A)]) \cong ^{\alpha'}_{A'}[F(-), Q_{\lambda'}(A')]$ such that for every  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear left A-module (M, l), we have a commutative diagram



If (M, l) is a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear (A, A'')-bimodule, then, by the naturality of  $\eta$ , we have that  $\eta_M$  is an (A', A'')-bimodule isomorphism. Moreover, we will only consider category equivalences between relatively sesquilinear modules which map relative hermitian modules to relative hermitian modules.

We will prove below that if G is an inverse for F, then G is decent as well. Before we can show that the category equivalence induced by a relatively hermitically invertible bimodule is decent, we need the following lemma, whose proof is just a straightforward verification.

(3.3) Lemma. Let U be a right A'-module, V a left A-module and W an (A, A')-bimodule, then the morphism

$$\mu : [U_{A} [V, W]]_{A'} \to {}_{A} [V, [U, W]_{A'}]$$

defined by  $(\mu(f)(v))(u) = f(u)(v)$ , for every  $f \in [U, A[V, W]]_{A'}$ ,  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$ , is an isomorphism. If V is an (A, A'')-bimodule, then  $\mu$  is left A''-

linear and if U is an (A'', A')-bimodule, then  $\mu$  is right A''-linear.

(3.4) Proposition (Morita I). Fix torsion triples  $(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and  $(A', \alpha', \lambda')$ . Then any relatively hermitically invertible (A', A)-bimodule (Q, k) defines a decent equivalence between the categories  $S(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and mathhcal $S(A', \alpha', \lambda')$  and the categories  $\mathcal{H}(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and mathcal $H(A', \alpha', \lambda')$ .

**Proof.** Let (P,h) be an inverse for (Q,k). Define for every  $\lambda$ -closed left A-module M the isomorphism  $\eta_M$  as the composition of the following isomorphisms

$$Q \bigotimes_{A_{A}}^{\alpha}[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)] \cong {}_{A}[P, {}_{A}^{\alpha}[M, Q_{\lambda}(A)]] \cong {}_{A}[P, [M^{\alpha}, Q_{\lambda}(A)_{\alpha}]_{A}]$$
$$\cong [M^{\alpha}, {}_{A}[P, Q_{\lambda}(A)_{\alpha}]]_{A} \cong [M^{\alpha}, {}_{A}[P, Q_{\lambda}(A)]]_{A}$$
$$\cong [M^{\alpha}, Q]_{A} \cong {}_{A'}^{\alpha'}[M, P]$$
$$\cong {}_{A'}^{\alpha'}[Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} M, Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} P] \cong {}_{A'}^{\alpha'}[Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} M, Q_{\lambda'}(A')].$$

An easy verification shows that

$$\eta_M(q\widehat{\otimes}_A f)(q'\widehat{\otimes}_A m') = k(q'f(m'),q)$$

and that  $\eta: Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A_{A}}^{\alpha}[(-), Q_{\lambda}(A)] \cong {}_{A'}^{\alpha'}[Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A}(-), Q_{\lambda'}(A')]$ . So, for every  $m \in M$  and  $q \in Q$ , we have that

$$\eta_M(q\widehat{\otimes}_A l^a(m)) = (k\widehat{\otimes}_A l)^a(q\widehat{\otimes}_A m)$$

i.e.,  $(Q, k)\widehat{\otimes}_A$  – is decent. By symmetry,  $P\widehat{\otimes}_{A'}$  – is decent as well.

Conversely,

(3.5) Proposition (Morita II). Let  $(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and  $(A', \alpha', \lambda')$  be torsion triples. Then every decent category equivalence between  $S(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and  $S(A', \alpha', \lambda')$  (resp.  $\mathcal{H}(A, \alpha, \lambda)$  and mathcal  $H(A', \alpha', \lambda')$ ) is induced by a relatively hermitically invertible (A', A)-bimodule.

**Proof.** Let  $F : \mathcal{H}(A, \alpha, \lambda) \to \mathcal{H}(A', \alpha', \lambda')$  be a decent category equivalence, then  $(Q, k) = F(Q_{\lambda}(A), p_{Q_{\lambda}(A)})$  is a hermitically  $(\lambda', \lambda)$ -invertible (A', A)bimodule. Let us now show that  $F(-) = (Q, k)\widehat{\otimes}_A - .$ 

As  $F = Q \widehat{\otimes}_A - : (A, \lambda)$ -mod  $\rightarrow (A', \lambda')$ -mod, we only have to verify that  $F(l) = k \widehat{\otimes}_A l$ , for every  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear left A-module (M, l). Let

$$\eta: F(^{\alpha}_{A}[(-), Q_{\lambda}(A)]) \xrightarrow{\sim} ^{\alpha'}_{A'}[F(-), Q_{\lambda'}(A')],$$

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then

$$\eta_{Q_{\lambda}(A)} = k^{a} : Q \to {\alpha'_{A'}[Q, Q_{\lambda'}(A')]}.$$

Let (M, l) be a  $\lambda$ -sesquilinear left A-module, then for every  $m \in M$  we have a commutative diagram

after identifying

$$Q = Q\widehat{\otimes}_{A_A}{}^{\alpha}[Q_{\lambda}(A), Q_{\lambda}(A)]$$

and

$${}^{\alpha'}_{A'}[Q\widehat{\otimes}_A, Q_{\lambda'}(A')] = {}^{\alpha'}_{A'}[Q\widehat{\otimes}_A Q_{\lambda}(A), Q_{\lambda'}(A')].$$

So, since  $F(l)^a = \eta_M \circ (Q \widehat{\otimes}_A l^a)$ , we have for every  $q, q' \in Q$  and  $m, m' \in M$ 

$$(F(l)^{a}(q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m') = ((\eta_{M} \circ (Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l^{a}))(q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m')$$

$$= \eta_{M}(q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l^{a}(m))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m')$$

$$= ((\eta_{M} \circ (Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} a^{\alpha}_{A}[l^{a}(m), Q_{\lambda}(A)]))(q))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m')$$

$$= ((a'_{A'}[Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l^{a}(m), Q_{\lambda'}(A')] \circ k^{a})(q))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m')$$

$$= (k^{a}(q) \circ (Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l^{a}(m)))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m')$$

$$= k^{a}(q)(q'l(m', m))$$

$$= ((k \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l)^{a}(q \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m))(q' \widehat{\otimes}_{A} m'),$$
hence  $F(l) = k \widehat{\otimes}_{A} l$ , as claimed.

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(3.6) Corollary. With the same notations, if G is an inverse for F, then  $G = (P, h) \widehat{\otimes}_{A'}$ , where (P, h) is an inverse for (Q, k). In particular, G is also decent, as claimed before.

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