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ACTION ACCESSIBLE AND WEAKLY ACTION REPRESENTABLE VARIETIES OF ALGEBRAS

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We prove that the converse of the implication

weakly action rep. category $\Rightarrow$ action accessible category

is not true for varieties of non-associative algebras over a field.

Counterexamples:

$\text{Nil}_k(\text{Lie})$ and $\text{Sol}_t(\text{Lie})$.

$\downarrow$
 $k \geq 3$

$\downarrow$
 $t \geq 2$

PRELIMINARIES

- $\mathcal{C}$ semi-abelian category
(pointed + Barr-exact + protomodular + finite coproducts)
- Split extension of B by X :
$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{k} A \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \\ \xleftarrow{\beta} \end{matrix} B \rightarrow 0$$
with $\alpha\beta = \text{id}_B$ and $(X, k) = \ker \alpha$.
- Split extensions by X :
 $\text{SplExt}(-, X): \mathcal{C}^{\Phi} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ where $\text{SplExt}(B, X)$ is the set of iso classes of split ext. of B by X .

• Internal actions on X :

$$\text{Act}(-, X): \mathcal{C}^{\Phi} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

Remark $\text{Act}(-, X) \cong \text{SplExt}(-, X)$.

• Action representable category
(Borceux, Janelidze, Kelly, 2005)

$\forall X \in \mathcal{C}, \exists [X] \in \mathcal{C}$ such that
 $\downarrow$ **ACTOR OF X**

$$\text{SplExt}(-, X) \cong \text{Hom}(-, [X]).$$

Examples

- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Grp} \rightsquigarrow [X] = \text{Aut}(X)$;
- $\mathcal{C} = \text{Lie} \rightsquigarrow [X] = \text{Der}(X)$;
- $\mathcal{C} \text{ abelian} \rightsquigarrow [X] = 0$.

Remark

The notion of A.R. category is quite restrictive.

Theorem (García-Montínez,

Tsishryn, Van der Linden, Kienue,
2021)

Let $\mathcal{V}$ be a variety of non-associative algebras over a field IF (IF infinite, $\text{char}(IF) \neq 2$). If $\mathcal{V}$ is A.R., then $\mathcal{V} = \text{AbAlg}$ or $\mathcal{V} = \text{Lie}$.

Remark

A non-associative algebra X is a vector space endowed with a bilinear multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} X \times X &\longrightarrow X \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto xy. \end{aligned}$$

A variety V is a class of algebras which satisfies a set of identities.

Remark

Any variety V is a semi-abelian category.

• Weekly action rep. category
(Janelidze, 2022):

$\forall X \in \mathcal{C}, \exists T = T(X) \in \mathcal{C}$ and

$\zeta: \text{SplExt}(-, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(-, T)$

ζ weak representation
of $\text{SplExt}(-, X)$

• Acting morphism:

$(\varphi: B \rightarrow T) \in \text{Im}(\zeta_B)$

Examples

• $\mathcal{C} = \text{A.R.} \rightsquigarrow T = [X]$.

• $\mathcal{C} = \text{Assoc} \rightsquigarrow T = \text{Bin}(X)$

(Janelidze, 2022).

• $\mathcal{C} = \text{Leib} \rightsquigarrow T = \text{Bider}(X)$

(Cigoli, M., Metere, 2023).

Proposition (Janelidze, 2022)
(*)

Weakly act. rep. $\Rightarrow$ Act. accessible.

every object in $\text{SplExt}(X)$ is "accessible", i.e., it has a morphism into a "faithful" or "subterminal" object.

Example

If $\mathcal{C}$ is A.R., then

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow [X] \ltimes X \rightleftarrows [X] \rightarrow 0$$

is a terminal object in $\text{SplExt}(X)$.

Question

Does the converse of (*) hold?

Theorem (Gray, 2025)

Let $\mathcal{C}$ A.R., $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ BIRKHOFF.

full reflective closed under subobjects and quotients/images

Suppose $\exists S \xrightarrow{m'} B' \dots v_{u'} \xrightarrow{u_{u'}=u_{u'}} X \in \mathcal{X}$

$\{m, m' \in \mathcal{X}, u, u' \in \mathcal{C}\}$

$B \xrightarrow{u} D \xrightarrow{v} [X]$

$m \downarrow \cong \downarrow u'$

v_u

such that:

- (1) (u, u') cannot be amalgamated in $\mathcal{X}$;
 - (2) the split ext with kernel $\mathcal{X}$ corresp. to v_u and $v_{u'}$ are in $\mathcal{X}$.
- Then $\mathcal{X}$ is NOT weakly act. rep..

DEF Two monomorphisms
 $B \xleftarrow{m} S \xrightarrow{m'} B'$

have an amalgam in $\mathcal{C}$
if $\exists B \xrightarrow{u} D \xleftarrow{u'} B$ in $\mathcal{C}$
such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{m'} & B' \\ m \downarrow & \equiv & \downarrow u' \\ B & \xrightarrow{u} & D \end{array}$$

Remark

$\mathcal{C}$ A.R. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ has the A.P.

Example (Gray, 2025)

• $\mathcal{C} = \text{Grp}$, $\mathcal{X} = \text{Sol}_t(\text{Grp})$, $t \geq 3$.
 $\exists S$ abelian, B 2-nilpotent
and $m, m' : S \rightarrow B$ which
cannot be amalgamated in $\mathcal{X}$.
Thus, $\mathcal{X}$ is not weakly act rep.

SUBVARIETIES OF Lie

- $\text{Nil}_k(\text{Lie}), k \geq 3$
($L^0 = L, L^k = [L, L^{k-1}] = 0$).
- $\text{Sol}_t(\text{Lie}), t \geq 2$
($L^{(0)} = L, L^{(t)} = [L^{(t-1)}, L^{(t-1)}] = 0$).

Remark (Beox, García-Martínez,
M, Van der Linden,
Vienne, 2025)

$\text{Nil}_2(\text{Lie})$ is weakly act. rep.
with

$$T(X) = \{f \in \text{End}(X) \mid \dots$$
$$\dots f([x, y]) = [f(x), y] = 0\}$$

and $f * g = 0$.

Theorem (García-Martínez, M, 2025)

$\text{Nil}_k(\text{Lie})$ and $\text{Sol}_t(\text{Lie})$
are not weakly act. rep.,
for any $k \geq 3$ and $t \geq 2$.

Proof

- $S = \text{IF}\{a, b\}$ abelian.
- $B = \text{IF}\{x, a, b\}, [x, a] = b$.
- $B' = \text{IF}\{y, a, b\}, [y, b] = a$.
- $B \cong B' \cong \mathfrak{h}_3 \rightsquigarrow$ Heisenberg algebra

Suppose $\exists D \in \text{Sol}_t(\text{Lie})$
such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\sim} & B' \\ \downarrow \sim & \cong & \downarrow \exists u' \\ B & \xrightarrow{\exists u} & D \end{array}$$

- Let $P = \langle u(B), u'(B') \rangle \leq D$.
- S is an ideal of B and $B' \Rightarrow \Rightarrow U = u(S) = u'(S)$ is an ideal of $P \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$ we have the adjoint map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad}: P &\longrightarrow \text{Der}(U) \\ p &\longmapsto [p, -] \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Der}(U) \cong \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{F})$.

$\downarrow$
abelian 2-dim.

- P solvable $\Rightarrow \text{ad}(P)$ solvable.
 - $\text{ad}(P) = \langle \text{ad}_u(x), \text{ad}_{u'}(x) \rangle$
 $\cong \langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \cong \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{F})$.
- $\nwarrow$
SIMPLE $\nwarrow$ $\mathfrak{E}$

Thus, $\mathfrak{m}$ and $\mathfrak{m}'$ cannot be amalgamated in $\text{Sol}_t(\text{lie})$ (and $\text{Nil}_k(\text{lie})$).

Remark lie has the A.P.

• $\mathcal{L} = \mathfrak{gl}(3, \mathbb{F})$.

• $\psi: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$

$$\begin{cases} x \mapsto -e_{23} \\ a \mapsto e_{12} \\ b \mapsto e_{13} \end{cases}$$

$\leadsto \psi(\mathcal{B}) \cong \mathfrak{h}_3$

$\psi(\mathcal{S}) = \psi'(\mathcal{S})$

• $\psi': \mathcal{B}' \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$

$$\begin{cases} y \mapsto -e_{32} \\ a \mapsto e_{12} \\ b \mapsto e_{13} \end{cases}$$

$\leadsto \psi'(\mathcal{B}') \cong \mathfrak{h}_3$

• $X \cong \mathbb{F}^3$ abelian $\leadsto [X] \cong \mathcal{L}$.

• $\gamma = \text{id}_{\mathcal{L}}: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \cong [X]$.

• The split extension of B by X
 corresp. to $\nu \circ \psi = \psi : B \rightarrow L$ is

$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{i_2} B \rtimes_{\psi} X \xleftarrow[\substack{i_1 \\ \pi_1}]{\pi_1} B \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{IF}\{e_1, e_2, e_3\} \text{ IF}\{x, a, b, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x, a] &= b, [x, e_3] = -e_2, \\
 [a, e_2] &= [b, e_3] = e_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

One has

- $B_{\psi} = B \rtimes_{\psi} X = \text{IF}\{x, a, b, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$
- $[B_{\psi}, B_{\psi}] = \text{IF}\{b, e_1, e_2\}$
- $[B_{\psi}, [B_{\psi}, B_{\psi}]] = \text{IF}\{e_1\}$
- $[B_{\psi}, [B_{\psi}, [B_{\psi}, B_{\psi}]]] = 0.$

Thus $B_{\psi} \in \text{Nil}_3(\text{Lie}) \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow B_{\psi} \in \text{Sol}_2(\text{Lie}).$

In a similar way

$$B'_{\psi'} \in \text{Nil}_3(\text{Lie}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow B'_{\psi'} \in \text{Sol}_2(\text{Lie}).$$

Thus, $B_{\psi}, B'_{\psi'} \in \text{Nil}_k(\text{Lie})$
and $B_{\psi}, B'_{\psi'} \in \text{Sol}_t(\text{Lie})$,
for any $k \geq 3$ and $t \geq 2$. $\square$

Remark

Gray's example can be
refined in order to prove
that $\text{Nil}_k(\text{Grp})$ ($k \geq 3$) and
 $\text{Sol}_2(\text{Grp})$ are not weakly
act. rep..

Open question

What about
 $\text{Nil}_2(\text{Grp})$?