

PROBLEM SESSION
DESCENT TECHNIQUES IN MODULAR
REPRESENTATION THEORY

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4. LECTURE

Let k be a field of characteristic $p > 0$, and let G be a finite group.

Problem 4.1. Show that a kG -module M is endotrivial if and only if its restriction $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$ to a p -Sylow subgroup P of G is endotrivial.

Problem 4.2. Show that the Čech complex is, indeed, a complex. Compute $\check{H}^0(U, F)$ when F is a sipp sheaf.

Problem 4.3. Show that the Čech cohomology group $\check{H}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ for the cover $\mathcal{U} = \{G/H \rightarrow G/G = *\}$ is naturally isomorphic to the group (with respect to point-wise multiplication) of “weak H -homomorphisms $G \rightarrow k^\times$ ”, i.e., those functions $u: G \rightarrow k^\times$ such that:

- (a) $u(h) = 1$ for all $h \in H$;
- (b) $u(g) = 1$ for all $g \in G$ such that $p \nmid |H^g \cap H|$, and
- (c) $u(g_2g_1) = u(g_2) \cdot u(g_1)$ for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$ with $p \mid |H^{g_2g_1} \cap H^{g_1} \cap H|$.

Problem 4.4. Show that $\check{H}^0(\mathcal{U}, \text{Pic}^{\text{st}})$ (for the same covering as above) is isomorphic to

$$\{W \in T(P) \mid \forall g \in G : \text{Res}_{P[g]}^P(W) \cong {}^g\text{Res}_{P[g]}^P(W) \text{ in } T(P[g])\} \subseteq T(P)$$

where $P[g] := P^g \cap P$.