

⊗-Frobenius functors and exact module categories

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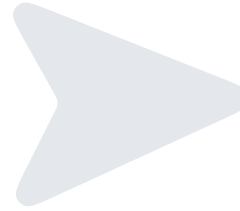
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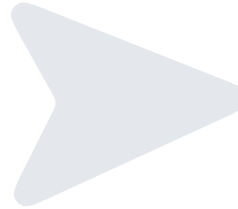
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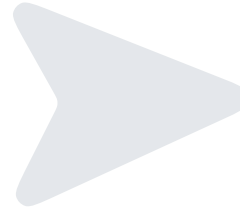
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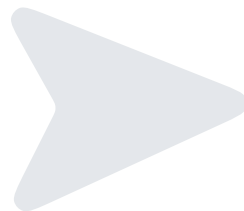
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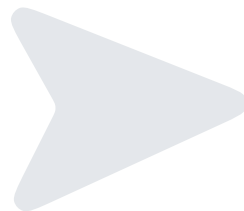
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$$S^4(h) = \alpha_H^{-1} \rightarrow (g_H h g_H^{-1}) \leftarrow \alpha_H \quad [\text{Radford '76}]$$

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