



## Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple of Contravariant Functors

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### Abstract

In this work we generalize the concept of Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-modules to the concept of Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple of Contravariant Functors between abelian categories.

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### 1 Introduction

For a unital associative ring  $A$ , a fixed right  $A$ -module  $M$ , and  $D = \text{End}_A(M)$ , let  $\text{fgd-tl}(M_A)$  denote the class of all torsionless right  $A$ -modules whose  $M$ -dual are finitely generated over  $D$  and  $\text{fg-tl}({}_D M)$  denote the class of all finitely generated torsionless left  $D$ -modules.  $M$  is called costar module if

$$\text{Hom}_A(-, M) : \text{fgd-tl}(M_A) \rightleftarrows \text{fg-tl}({}_D M) : \text{Hom}_D(-, M)$$

is a duality. Costar modules were introduced by Colby and Fuller in [1].  $M$  is said to be an r-costar module provided that any exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0$$

such that  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $M$ -reflexive, remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(-, M)$  if and only if  $Z$  is  $M$ -reflexive. The notion of r-costar module was introduced by Liu and Zhang in [2]. We say that a right  $A$ -module  $X$  is  $n$ -finitely  $M$ -copresented if there exists a long exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow M^{k_0} \longrightarrow M^{k_1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow M^{k_{n-1}}$$

such that  $n$  is a positive integer and  $k_i$  are positive integers for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . The class of all  $n$ -finitely  $M$ -copresented modules is denoted by  $n\text{-cop}(M)$ . We say that a right  $A$ -module  $M$  is a finitistic  $n$ -self-cotilting module provided that  $n\text{-cop}(M) = (n + 1)\text{-cop}(M)$  and for any exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow M^n \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow 0$$

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such that  $Z \in n\text{-cop}(M)$  and  $n$  is a positive integer, remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(-, M)$ . Finitistic  $n$ -self-cotilting modules were introduced by Breaz in [3]. In [4], L. Yao and J. Chen introduced the concept of  $\text{co-}^*n$ -modules, which is a generalization of finitistic  $n$ -self-cotilting modules to the infinite case, i.e. we say that a right  $A$ -module  $M$  is a  $\text{co-}^*n$ -module provided that  $n\text{-cop}(M) = (n+1)\text{-cop}(M)$  and for any exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow M^I \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$$

such that  $Z \in n\text{-cop}(M)$  and  $I$  is a set, remains exact after applying the functor  $\text{Hom}_A(-, M)$ .

In [5] Castaño-Iglesias generalizes the notion of costar module to Grothendieck categories. Pop in [6] generalizes the notion of finitistic  $n$ -self-cotilting module to finitistic  $n$ - $F$ -cotilting object in abelian categories and he describes a family of dualities between some special abelian categories. Breaz and Pop in [7] generalize a duality exhibited in [3, Theorem 2.8] to abelian categories.

In [8], the author generalizes the notion of  $r$ -costar module to  $r$ -costar pair of contravariant functors between abelian categories, by generalizing the work in [2]. In this paper we generalize the work in [4] by generalizing the notion of  $\text{Co-}^*n$ -modules to a  $\text{Co-}^*n$ -tuple of contravariant functors between abelian categories. We use the same technique of proofs as in [4].

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be additive and contravariant functors between two abelian categories  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ . It is said that they are adjoint on the right if there are natural isomorphisms

$$\eta_{X,Y} : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, G(Y)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(Y, F(X))$$

for all  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and all  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then they induce two natural transformations  $\delta : 1_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow GF$  and  $\delta' : 1_{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow FG$  defined by  $\delta_X = \eta_{X, F(X)}^{-1}(1_{F(X)})$  and  $\delta'_Y = \eta_{G(Y), Y}(1_{G(Y)})$ . Moreover the following identities are satisfied for each  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ .

$$F(\delta_X) \circ \delta'_{F(X)} = 1_{F(X)} \text{ and } G(\delta'_Y) \circ \delta_{G(Y)} = 1_{G(Y)}.$$

$F$  and  $G$  are left exact, since they are adjoint on the right. The pair  $(F, G)$  is called a duality if there are functorial isomorphisms  $GF \simeq 1_{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $FG \simeq 1_{\mathcal{D}}$ . An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  (respectively  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ ) is called  $F$ -reflexive (respectively,  $G$ -reflexive) in case  $\delta_X$  (respectively,  $\delta'_Y$ ) is an isomorphism. An object  $X$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  (respectively  $Y$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ ) is called  $F$ -torsionless (respectively,  $G$ -torsionless) in case  $\delta_X$  (respectively,  $\delta'_Y$ ) is a monomorphism. By  $\text{Ref}(F)$  we will denote the full subcategory of all  $F$ -reflexive objects. As well by  $\text{Ref}(G)$  we will denote the full subcategory of all  $G$ -reflexive objects. It is clear that the functors  $F$  and  $G$  induce a duality between the categories  $\text{Ref}(F)$  and  $\text{Ref}(G)$ .

Let  $U$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}$ . For an object  $X$  in an abelian category  $\mathcal{C}$ , we say that  $X$  is  $U$ -generated if there is an exact sequence

$$U^{(I)} \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $I$  is an index set and if there is an exact sequence

$$U^{(I_2)} \longrightarrow U^{(I_1)} \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow 0,$$

where each  $I_i$  is an index set, then  $X$  is said to be  $U$ -presented. We say that  $X$  is  $U$ -cogenerated if there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow U^I,$$

where  $I$  is an index set and if there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow U^{I_1} \longrightarrow U^{I_2},$$

where each  $I_i$  is an index set, then  $X$  is said to be  $U$ -copresented. We say that  $X$  is  $n$ - $U$ -copresented if there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow U^{I_0} \longrightarrow U^{I_1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow U^{I_{n-2}} \longrightarrow U^{I_{n-1}},$$

where each  $I_i$  is an index set and  $n$  is a positive integer. We denote by  $Cogen(U)$ ,  $Copres(U)$  and  $n$ - $Copres(U)$  the classes of all  $U$ -cogenerated,  $U$ -copresented and  $n$ - $U$ -copresented objects respectively. It is clear that  $(n+1)$ - $Copres(U) \subseteq n$ - $Copres(U)$ , for every positive integer  $n$ .

An object  $U$  in  $\mathfrak{C}$  is called co- $F$ -small if for any set  $I$ , there is a canonical isomorphism  $F(U^I) \cong F(U)^{(I)}$ . The object  $U$  is called  $n$ - $F$ -quasi-injective if for any exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow U^I \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $Y \in n$ - $Copres(U)$ , the sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow F(Y) \longrightarrow F(U^I) \longrightarrow F(X) \longrightarrow 0,$$

is exact.

Let  $F : \mathfrak{C} \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}$  and  $G : \mathfrak{D} \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}$  be additive and contravariant functors between two abelian categories  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$ , such that they are adjoint on the right. Let  $U \in \mathfrak{C}$  such that  $V = F(U)$  is a projective object in  $\mathfrak{D}$ . If  $U$  is  $F$ -reflexive, the tuple  $(F, G, V, U)$  is called a Co- $*^n$ -tuple, where  $n$  is a positive integer, if:

- (i)  $U$  is co- $F$ -small,
- (ii)  $(n+1)$ - $F$ -quasi-injective,
- (iii)  $n$ - $Copres(U) = (n+1)$ - $Copres(U)$ .

There are two examples of contravariant functors that could satisfy the conditions to be Co- $*^n$ -tuple. The first is the typical example and the second was exhibited by Castano-Iglesias in [5].

Let  $A$  be unital associative ring and  $M$  a right  $A$ -module. Suppose that  $D = End_A(M)$ , then it is clear that  $M$  is a  $D$ - $A$ -bimodule. The contravariant functors  $\Delta = Hom_A(, M) : Mod-A \rightarrow D-Mod$  and  $\Delta' = Hom_D(, M) : D-Mod \rightarrow Mod-A$  are right adjoint.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a group. For  $\mathcal{G}$ -graded rings  $A = \bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{G}} A_x$  and  $B = \bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{G}} {}_x B$  we will denote by  $Mod_{gr} A$  (respectively, by  $B-Mod_{gr}$ ) the category of all  $\mathcal{G}$ -graded unital right  $A$ -modules (respectively, left  $B$ -modules). For  $N, M \in Mod_{gr} A$  we can consider the  $\mathcal{G}$ -graded abelian group  $HOM_A(N, M)$ , whose  $x$ th homogeneous component is

$${}_x HOM_A(N, M) = \{f \in Hom_A(N, M) | f(N_y) \subseteq M_{xy}, \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{G}\}.$$

If  $N, M \in B\text{-Mod}_{gr}$  we can consider the  $\mathcal{G}$ -graded abelian group  $HOM_B(N, M)$ , whose  $x$ th homogeneous component is

$$HOM_B(N, M)_x = \{f \in Hom_B(N, M) | f(yN) \subseteq_{y^x} M, \text{ for all } y \in \mathcal{G}\}.$$

If we suppose that  $B = HOM_A(M, M) = END(M_A)$ , then  $B$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -graded ring and  $M$  is a graded  $(B, A)$ -bimodule. Now we have a pair of contravariant functors

$$H_A^{gr} = HOM_A(-, M) : Mod_{gr} - A \rightleftarrows B - Mod_{gr} : HOM_B(-, M) =_B H^{gr}.$$

If for any object  $X \in \mathfrak{C}$  there is a projective object  $P \in \mathfrak{C}$  and an epimorphism  $P \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$ , we say that  $\mathfrak{C}$  has enough projectives. From now on we suppose that both  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}$  have enough projectives. It is clear that we can construct a projective resolution for any object  $X$ . Suppose we have a projective resolution of  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{D}$ .

$$P : \dots \rightarrow P_2 \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0.$$

This gives rise to the chain complex

$$0 \rightarrow G(X) \rightarrow G(P_0) \rightarrow G(P_1) \rightarrow \dots,$$

for which we can compute its homology at the  $n$ -th spot (the kernel of the map from  $G(P_n)$  modulo the image of the map to  $G(P_{n+1})$ ) and denote it by  $H^n(G(P))$ . We define  $R^n G(X) = H^n(G(P))$  as the  $n$ -th right derived functors of  $G$ . The  $n$ -th right derived functors of  $F$  can be defined similarly. For the functor  $G$  and for a positive integer  $n$ , we define  ${}^\perp T_G^{i \geq n} = \{X \in \mathfrak{D} : R^i G(X) = 0 \text{ for every } i \geq n\}$ .

In the same way one can define  ${}^\perp T_F^{i \geq n}$ .

Let

$$0 \rightarrow Q \xrightarrow{f} U \rightarrow V \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence in  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Applying the functor  $F$  we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(V) \rightarrow F(U) \xrightarrow{p} X \rightarrow 0, \tag{2.1}$$

where  $X = \text{Im}(F(f))$  and  $F(f) = j \circ p$  is the canonical decomposition of  $F(f)$ , where  $j : X \rightarrow F(Q)$  is the inclusion map. Applying the functor  $G$  to the sequence (2.1), we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G(X) \xrightarrow{G(p)} GF(U) \rightarrow GF(V).$$

Now if we put  $\alpha = G(j) \circ \delta_Q$ , then

$$G(p) \circ \alpha = G(p) \circ G(j) \circ \delta_Q = G(j \circ p) \circ \delta_Q = GF(f) \circ \delta_Q = \delta_U \circ f.$$

So we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & Q & \xrightarrow{f} & U & \rightarrow & V & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \delta_U & & \downarrow \delta_V & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & G(X) & \xrightarrow{G(p)} & GF(U) & \rightarrow & GF(V) & & \end{array} \tag{2.2}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** [5, Lemma 1.1, Lemma 1.2] Let  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a pair of contravariant functors as above and assume that  $U$  and  $V$  are objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , respectively. Then:

- (i)  $F(X) \in \text{Copres}(F(U))$  whenever  $X$  is a  $U$ -presented object of  $\mathcal{C}$ ,
- (ii)  $G(Y) \in \text{Copres}(G(V))$  whenever  $Y$  is a  $V$ -presented object of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

For the next statements, we assume that  $U$  and  $V$  are generators of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , respectively.

- (iii)  $X$  is  $F$ -torsionless if and only if  $X \in \text{Cogen}(G(V))$ , for every  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ,
- (iv)  $Y$  is  $G$ -torsionless if and only if  $Y \in \text{Cogen}(F(U))$ , for every  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $F$  and  $G$  be a pair of contravariant functors as above. Let  $V$  be a projective generator in  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $G(V) = U$  and let  $n$  be a positive integer. For any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ , if  $R^i G(Y) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $G(Y) \in (n+2)\text{-Copres}(U)$ .

### 3 Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple Pair of Contravariant Functors

Throughout this section, let  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a pair of additive and contravariant functors which are adjoint on the right, between abelian categories. As well, let  $U$  be a  $F$ -reflexive object in  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $F(U) = V$  be a projective generator in  $\mathcal{D}$ . Moreover, we consider a positive integer  $n$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Suppose that  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple. Then for any  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ ,  $\delta_X$  is an isomorphism and  $R^i G(F(X)) = 0$ , for every  $i \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . It follows that  $X \in (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$ , by assumptions. Hence there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Since  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple we have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow 0,$$

after applying the functor  $F$ . Applying the functor  $G$  to the last sequence and taking into account that  $V$  is projective, hence  $V^{(I)} = F(U)^{(I)} = F(U^I)$  is also projective, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow GF(X) \rightarrow GF(U^I) \rightarrow GF(Y) \rightarrow R^1 G(F(X)) \rightarrow 0,$$

and the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & U^I & \rightarrow & Y & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \delta_X & & \downarrow \delta_{U^I} & & \downarrow \delta_Y & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & GF(X) & \rightarrow & GF(U^I) & \rightarrow & GF(Y) & \rightarrow & R^1 G(F(X)) \rightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

By Lemma 2.1,  $\delta_Y$  is a monomorphism. By Snake Lemma, it follows that  $\delta_X$  is an isomorphism since  $\delta_{U^I}$  is an isomorphism. Then  $\delta_Y$  is also an isomorphism by a similar argument. Hence,  $R^1 G(F(X)) = 0$ , by commutativity of the right square. Since  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ ,  $R^1 G(F(Y)) = 0$ . Then we can get the assertion inductively.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** The following conditions are equivalent

- (1)  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a Co- $*$ <sup>n</sup>-tuple.

(2) i)  $U$  is co- $F$ -small,

(ii) For any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ , where  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$  and  $I$  is a set, it remains exact after applying the functor  $F$  if and only if  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ , where  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$  and  $I$  a set. Assume that  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Since  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple, we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow 0.$$

Conversely, assume that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Applying the functor  $G$  we get the following long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow GF(X) \rightarrow GF(U^I) \rightarrow GF(Y) \rightarrow R^1G(F(X)) \rightarrow R^1G(F(U^I)) \rightarrow R^1G(F(Y)) \rightarrow \dots \quad (3.1)$$

By Proposition 3.1,  $\delta_X$  is an isomorphism and  $R^iG(F(X)) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . Thus, we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & U^I & \rightarrow & Y & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \delta_X & & \downarrow \delta_{U^I} & & \downarrow \delta_Y & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & GF(X) & \rightarrow & GF(U^I) & \rightarrow & GF(Y) & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

It is clear, by Snake Lemma, that  $\delta_Y$  is an isomorphism, which means that  $Y \cong GF(Y)$ . From the

exactness of sequence (3.1) we conclude that  $R^iG(F(Y)) \cong R^iG(F(U^I)) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ , so by Lemma 2.2,  $Y \cong GF(Y) \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . (2) $\Rightarrow$  (1) It is enough to prove  $n\text{-Copres}(U) = (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$ . If  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , then  $F(X)$  is  $V$ -generated over  $\mathfrak{D}$ , thus by [5, Lemma 2.2], there exists an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ , which remains exact after applying the functor  $F$ . Then  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , hence  $X \in (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** Suppose that  $(F, G, V, U)$  be a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple. Then  $G$  is an exact functor in  $F(n\text{-Copres}(U))$ . Moreover  $F(n\text{-Copres}(U)) = {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ .

*Proof.* By Proposition 3.1 we have  $F(n\text{-Copres}(U)) \subseteq {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$  and  $G$  is an exact functor in  $F(n\text{-Copres}(U))$ . Conversely, for any  $X \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ , by Lemma 2.2,  $G(X) \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Since  $V$  is a generator in  $\mathfrak{D}$ , there is an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow Y \xrightarrow{f} V^{(I)} \xrightarrow{g} X \rightarrow 0$ , where  $I$  is a set. If we apply the functor  $G$  we get the long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G(X) \rightarrow G(V^{(I)}) \rightarrow G(Y) \rightarrow R^1G((X)) \rightarrow R^1G((V^{(I)})) \rightarrow R^1G((Y)) \rightarrow \dots$$

By assumption  $R^iG((X)) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . Since  $R^iG((V^{(I)})) = 0$ , for any  $i \geq 1$ ,  $R^iG((Y)) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ , by the exactness. Thus  $Y \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$  and hence by Lemma 2.2,  $G(Y) \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Since  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple, applying the functor  $F$  to the following sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G(X) \rightarrow G(V^{(I)}) \rightarrow G(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & V^{(I)} & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \delta'_Y & & \downarrow \delta'_{V^{(I)}} & & \downarrow \delta'_X & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & FG(Y) & \longrightarrow & FG(V^{(I)}) & \longrightarrow & FG(X) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Hence by Snake Lemma,  $\delta'_X$  is an epimorphism and  $\text{Ker}(\delta'_X) \cong \text{Coker}(\delta'_Y)$ , since  $\delta'_{V^{(I)}}$  is an isomorphism. Similarly  $\delta'_Y$  is also an epimorphism. Thus,  $\delta'_X$  is an isomorphism and therefore  $X \cong FG(X) \in F(n\text{-Copres}(U))$ . So  $F(n\text{-Copres}(U)) = {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Suppose that  $(F, G, V, U)$  be a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple. Then  $F$  preserves any exact sequence in  $n\text{-Copres}(U)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \longrightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence in  $n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Applying the functor  $F$  we get the following long exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F(Z) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha} R^1 F(Z) \longrightarrow \dots$$

Thus we can get the following two exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & W & \longrightarrow & F(X) & \longrightarrow & Q \longrightarrow 0, \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & F(Z) & \longrightarrow & F(Y) & \longrightarrow & W \longrightarrow 0, \end{array}$$

where  $Q = \text{Im } \alpha$  and  $W = \text{Im } F(f)$ . Applying the functor  $G$  to the last sequence we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_Y & & \downarrow \delta_Z & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & G(W) & \longrightarrow & GF(Y) & \longrightarrow & GF(Z) & \longrightarrow & R^1 G(W) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

It is clear by Proposition 3.1 that  $\delta_Y$  and  $\delta_Z$  are isomorphisms and  $R^i G(F(Y)) = 0 = R^i G(F(Z))$ ,

for any  $i \geq 1$ . By Snake Lemma,  $X \cong G(W)$  and by the exactness  $R^i G(W) = 0$  for any  $i \geq 1$ . Hence by Proposition 3.2,  $W = F(D)$  for some  $D \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Therefore

$$W = F(D) \cong F(GF(D)) = FG(F(D)) = FG(W) \cong F(X).$$

Hence  $F(f)$  is an epimorphism, and therefore the induced sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow F(Z) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

(1)  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple.

(2) (i)  $U$  is  $\text{co-}F$ -small,

(ii) For any exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \longrightarrow 0$  with  $X, Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , we have  $Z \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$  if and only if  $0 \longrightarrow F(Z) \xrightarrow{F(g)} F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(X) \longrightarrow 0$  is exact.

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) The necessity follows from Proposition 3.3 and the sufficiency from a similar proof to that of (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) in Theorem 3.1.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) It follows from (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) in Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Suppose that  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple. Then  $n\text{-Copres}(U)$  is closed under extensions if and only if  $n\text{-Copres}(U) \subseteq {}^\perp T_F^1 = \{X \in \mathcal{C} : R^1F(X) = 0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $n\text{-Copres}(U)$  is closed under extensions. For any  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$  one can construct an exact sequence using the canonical maps to get an extension  $0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow 0$  of  $U$  by  $X$ . We have  $Y \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , by assumption. By Proposition 3.3,  $F$  preserves any exact sequence in  $n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , so applying  $F$  to the last exact sequence we get the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U) \rightarrow 0,$$

thus by the exactness,  $R^1F(X) = 0$ , so  $X \in {}^\perp T_F^1$  and hence  $n\text{-Copres}(U) \subseteq {}^\perp T_F^1$ . Conversely. For any extension  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$ , of  $X$  by  $Z$ , where  $X, Z \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , the induced sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Z) \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow 0,$$

is exact by assumption. According to Proposition 3.1, both  $\delta_X$  and  $\delta_Z$  are isomorphisms and  $F(X), F(Z) \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ . Then it is clear that  $\delta_Y$  is an isomorphism and  $F(Y) \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ . Hence by Lemma 2.2, we have  $Y \cong GF(Y) \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple.
- (2) There is a duality

$$G : {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1} \rightleftarrows n\text{-Copres}(U) : F$$

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) By Propositions 3.1 and Propositions 3.2.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Since  $V^{(I)} \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ , we get  $F(U^I) \cong F(G(V)^I) \cong F(G(V^{(I)})) \cong FG(V^{(I)}) \cong V^{(I)} \cong F(U)^{(I)}$ . So  $U$  is  $\text{co-}F$ -small. For any  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$ , by assumption  $X \cong G(F(X))$  and  $F(X) \in {}^\perp T_G^{i \geq 1}$ , thus  $X \in (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$ , by Lemma 2.2. So  $n\text{-Copres}(U) = (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$ . Now let  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence, with  $Y \in (n+1)\text{-Copres}(U)$  and  $I$  a set. We can get the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(X) \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $Q = \text{Im } \alpha$ , where  $\alpha : F(X) \rightarrow R^1F(Y)$ . By using argument similar to that in Proposition 3.3, we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{f} & U^I & \rightarrow & Y & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_{U^I} & & \downarrow \delta_Y & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & G(W) & \rightarrow & GF(U^I) & \rightarrow & GF(Y) & \rightarrow & R^1G(W) \rightarrow 0 \end{array},$$

where  $W = \text{Im } F(f)$ , and we conclude that  $Q = 0$ , which means that we have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** *Suppose that  $U$  is a  $\text{co-}F$ -small. Assume that  $n\text{-Copres}(U) = {}^\perp T_F^{i \geq 1}$ . Then  $(F, G, V, U)$  is a  $\text{Co-}^*{}^n$ -tuple.*

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow U^I \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ , be an exact sequence with  $X \in n\text{-Copres}(U)$  and  $I$  a set. We can get the following long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(U^I) \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow R^1F(Y) \rightarrow R^1F(U^I) \rightarrow R^1F(X) \rightarrow \dots$$

Note that  $X, U^I \in n\text{-Copres}(U) = {}^\perp T_F^{i \geq 1}$ , so by exactness,  $R^iF(Y) = 0$ , for every  $i \geq 2$ . Now  $R^1F(Y) = 0$  if and only if  $Y \in {}^\perp T_F^{i \geq 1} = n\text{-Copres}(U)$ . So by Theorem 3.1 we get the desired result.  $\square$



## 4 Conclusion

We introduced the concept of  $\text{Co-}^n$ -tuple of contravariant functors and give some characterizations as in Theorems 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

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