

# On Whitehead's quadratic functor for supermodules

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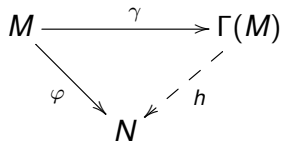
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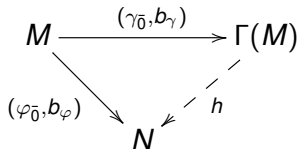
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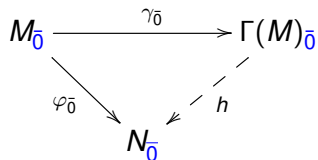
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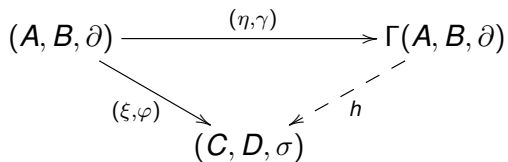
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$$\Gamma(A, B, \partial) = (\bar{\Gamma}(A, B, \partial), \Gamma(B), \partial_{\Gamma})$$

If  $\partial$  is onto,

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