**Theorem 0.1.** Let A be an Ab5-category, U an object of A, and

$$A = End_{\mathcal{A}}(U)$$

; also, let  $S: \mathcal{A} \to ModA^0$  be the functor defined by

$$S(X) = Hom_{\mathcal{A}}(U, X),$$

and T its left adjoint. Then, the following two statements are equivalent:

- 1. U is a generator of A;
- 2. S is full and faithful and T is exact.