

Shake Lemma

Proof. *It is a routine verification that the class of $z' \bmod \text{Im } d'$ is in-dependent of the choices made when taking inverse images, whence defining the map 5. The proof of the exactness of the sequence is then routine, and consists in chasing around diagrams. It should be carried out in full detail by the reader who wishes to acquire a feeling for this type of triviality. As an example, we shall prove that*

$$\text{Ker } \delta \subset \text{Im } g_*$$

where g_ is the induced map on kernels. Suppose the image of z'' is 0 in $\text{Coker } d'$. By definition, there exists $u' \in M'$ such that $z' = d'u'$. Then*

$$fz' = fd'u' = dfu'$$

by commutativity. Hence

$$(z-fu') = 0,$$

and $z - fu'$ is in the kernel of d . But $g(z - fu') = gz = z''$. This means that z'' is in the image of g_ as desired. All the remaining cases of exactness will be left to the reader. The original snake diagram may be completed by writing in the kernels and cokernels as follows (whence the name of the lemma):*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \text{Ker}(d) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad} & \text{Ker}(\delta) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad} & \text{Ker}(\partial) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & A_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad\varphi_1\quad} & B_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad\psi_1\quad} & C_1 \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \partial \\
 0 & \rightarrow & A_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad\varphi_0\quad} & B_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad\psi_0\quad} & C_0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \text{Koker}(d) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad} & \text{Koker}(\delta) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad} & \text{Koker}(\partial)
 \end{array}$$