

Some Functors and Adjunctions involving Complexes and Bicomplexes

Definition/Notation 1. For an abelian category \mathcal{A} , by a *complex* over \mathcal{A} , we mean unbounded cochain complexes of objects in \mathcal{A} . We let $\text{Comp}(\mathcal{A})$ denote the abelian category of complexes over \mathcal{A} . Similarly, by a *bicomplex* over \mathcal{A} , we mean an unbounded cochain complex over $\text{Comp}(\mathcal{A})$. Equivalently and more conveniently, a bicomplex over \mathcal{A} essentially consists of

- Objects $A^{i,j}$ in \mathcal{A} for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Morphisms $d_{\uparrow, A}^{i,j} : A^{i,j} \rightarrow A^{i,j+1}$ in \mathcal{A} for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Morphisms $d_{\rightarrow, A}^{i,j} : A^{i,j} \rightarrow A^{i+1,j}$ in \mathcal{A} for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that

- $d_{\uparrow, A}^{i,j+1} \circ d_{\uparrow, A}^{i,j} = 0$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $d_{\rightarrow, A}^{i,j+1} \circ d_{\rightarrow, A}^{i,j} = 0$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $d_{\uparrow, A}^{i+1,j} \circ d_{\rightarrow, A}^{i,j} = d_{\rightarrow, A}^{i,j+1} \circ d_{\uparrow, A}^{i,j}$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We denote the category of bicomplexes over \mathcal{A} by $\text{Bicomp}(\mathcal{A})$.

Remark 2. We will use the notation introduced in Definition/Notation 1 to describe bicomplexes, often without explicit mention. For instance, we simply write “ X is a bicomplex over \mathcal{A} ” to indicate the data of objects $X^{i,j}$ and morphisms $d_{\rightarrow, X}^{i,j}, d_{\uparrow, X}^{i,j}$ satisfying the appropriate conditions as in Definition/Notation 1. Furthermore, if the underlying complex and indices are either clear from the context or irrelevant, we abuse notation and write d_{\rightarrow} (resp. d_{\uparrow}) instead of $d_{\rightarrow, X}^{i,j}$ (resp. $d_{\uparrow, X}^{i,j}$). Analogously, when we say “ Y is a complex”, we take for granted the data of objects Y^i in \mathcal{A} and morphisms $d_Y^i : Y^i \rightarrow Y^{i+1}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that $d_Y^{i+1} \circ d_Y^i = 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Again, we shorten d_Y^i to d_Y or just d if it causes no confusion.

Convention 3. Throughout, we will reserve the symbol \mathcal{A} for an arbitrary abelian category that has all countable products and coproducts. Unless otherwise mentioned, complexes and bicomplexes are assumed to be over \mathcal{A} .

Definition 4. Define a functor $\mathcal{D} : \text{Comp}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Bicomp}(\mathcal{A})$ in the following manner

- For $A \in \text{Comp}(\mathcal{A})$, $\mathcal{D}(A)$ is the bicomplex given by
 - $\mathcal{D}(A)^{i,j} = A^{i+j}$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$
 - $d_{\rightarrow, \mathcal{D}(A)}^{i,j} = d_{\uparrow, \mathcal{D}(A)}^{i,j} = d_A^{i+j}$ for all $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism in $\text{Comp}(\mathcal{A})$, then $\mathcal{D}(f)$ is the morphism of bicomplexes induced by the maps $\mathcal{D}(A)^{i,j} = A^{i+j} \xrightarrow{f^{i+j}} B^{i+j} = \mathcal{D}(B)^{i,j}$

Definition 5. Suppose that \mathcal{A} admits all countable coproducts. Then, we may define a functor $\mathcal{L} : \text{Bicom}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Comp}(\mathcal{A})$ in the following manner.