Homological Algebra Problem Sets

Problem Set 3

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Problem 1.0.1 (Prove Corollary 2.3.2)

For R a PID, show that an R-module A is divisible if and only if A is injective.

Recall that a module is divisible if and only if for every $r \neq 0 \in R$ and every $a \in A$, we have a = br for some $b \in A$.

Solution:

Note: we'll assume R is commutative, and since R is a domain, it has no nonzero zero divisors and thus all elements $r \in R$ are left-cancelable.

 \implies : Suppose A is divisible, we then want to show every R-module morphism of the following form lifts, where we regard the ideal J and the ring R as R-modules:



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Since R is a PID, we have J = jR for some $j \in \overline{R}$, so it suffices to produce lifts of the following form:



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Consider $f(j) \in A$. Since A is divisible, we have A = jA, so we can write $f(j) = j\mathbf{a}'$ for some $\mathbf{a}' \in A$. Using R-linearity and the fact that j is left-cancelable, we have

$$jf(1_R) = f(j) = j\mathbf{a}' \implies f(1_R) = \mathbf{a}'.$$

Thus we can set

$$\tilde{f}: R \to A$$

$$1_R \mapsto \mathbf{a}'.$$

and extending R-linearly yields a well-defined R-module morphism. Moreover, the diagram commutes by construction, since $\iota(1_R) = 1_R$.

 \Leftarrow : Suppose $A \in R$ -Mod is injective, where by Baer's criterion we equivalently have a lift of the following form for every $J \subseteq R$:



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Let $j \in R$ be a nonzero element that is not a zero-divisor, we then want to show that A = jA, i.e. that for every $\mathbf{a} \in A$, there is a $\mathbf{a}' \in A$ such that $\mathbf{a} = j\mathbf{a}'$. Fixing $\mathbf{a} \in A$, define a map $f_a : J \to A$ in the following way: for $x \in J$, use the fact that $\langle j \rangle \coloneqq jR$ to first write x = jr for some $r \in R$, and then set $f_a(x) = f_a(jr) \coloneqq r\mathbf{a}$. To summarize, we have

$$f_a: J = jR \to R$$

 $x = jr \mapsto r\mathbf{a}.$

By injectivity, we can take the inclusion $jR \hookrightarrow R$ and get a lift:



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We can now use the fact that

$$r\mathbf{a} = f_a(jr)$$

$$= \tilde{f}_a(\iota(jr))$$

$$= \tilde{f}_a(jr)$$

$$= jr\tilde{f}_a(1_R) \qquad \text{using R-linearity and $j,r \in R$}$$

$$= rj\tilde{f}_a(1_R) \qquad \text{since R is commutative}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{a} = j\tilde{f}_a(1_R) \in jA,$$

where in the last step we have canceled an r on the left. So in the definition of divisibility, we can take

$$\mathbf{a}' \coloneqq \tilde{f}_a(1_R),$$

and letting a range over all elements of A yields the desired result.

Problem 1.0.2 (Calculating Ext Groups) Calculate $\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^{i}(\mathbb{Z}/p,\mathbb{Z}/q)$ for distinct primes p,q. The following are several claims that are later used in the actual solution:

Claim 1: For any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n,\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n.$$

Proof (?).

Note that there is an injection

$$1 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}),$$

which follows from the fact that there is a SES

$$1 \to \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{x \mapsto nx} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi_n} \mathbb{Z}/n \to 1$$

where π_m is the canonical quotient morphism, and applying the left-exact contravariant functor $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n,\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ yields the first exact sequence above. We use this to identify the former as a submodule of the latter, and note that for any \mathbb{Z} -module morphism $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$,

- 1. Since \mathbb{Z} is a free \mathbb{Z} -module with generator 1, f is entirely determined by f(1), and
- 2. f descends to a map $\tilde{f}: \mathbb{Z}/n \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ if and only if $f(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$, i.e. f(n) = [0] is in the equivalence class of zero in the quotient, and so

$$[1] = [0] = f(n) = nf(1).$$

Using this injection, we can identify the submodule $\operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/n,\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ as all of those morphism $\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ which descend to make the following diagram commute.



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To characterize these, it suffices to determine all of the possible images f(1). Moreover, we can restrict our attention to coset representatives in the interval $[0,1) \cap \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, where we want to find all $q := f(1) \in [0,1)$ such that nq = 1. A complete list of n such representatives is given by

$$q \in \left\{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \cdots, \frac{n-1}{n}\right\}.$$

Setting $f_i(1) := \left\lfloor \frac{i}{n} \right\rfloor$ (where we take the equivalence class mod \mathbb{Z}) yields n distinct morphisms $f_i : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ that descend to $\tilde{f}_i : \mathbb{Z}/n \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$. We can define a map

$$\Psi: \mathbb{Z} \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

 $i \mapsto f_i,$

and using the fact that if $i = i' \pmod{n}$, write i' = i + kn for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$f_{i'}(1) = f_{i+kn}(1) = \left[\frac{i+kn}{n}\right] = \left[\frac{i}{n} + k\right] = \left[\frac{i}{n}\right] = f_i(1),$$

since $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, so by the first isomorphism theorem Ψ descends to an isomorphism

$$\tilde{\Psi}: \mathbb{Z}/n \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/n, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}).$$

Claim 2: \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is an injective object in \mathbb{Z} -modules.

Proof (?).

By the previous exercise, it suffices to show that \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is divisible. More generally, if any group G is divisible and $N \leq G$ is a normal subgroup, then G/N will be divisible. This follows from the fact that if $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in G/N$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write $\bar{a} = a + N$ and $\bar{b} = b + N$ for some coset representatives, use divisibility to write a = nb, and then compute

$$\bar{a} = a + N = (nb) + N := n(b+N) = n\bar{b}.$$

That $\mathbb Q$ is divisible is a straightforward check: let $n \in \mathbb Z$ and $a \in \mathbb Q$, we then want a $b \in \mathbb Q$ such that a = nb, and $b \coloneqq \frac{a}{n} \in \mathbb Q$ works. Since $\mathbb Q$ is an abelian group, $\mathbb Z$ is automatically normal, and the result follows.

Claim:

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}/n}{m(\mathbb{Z}/n)} \cong \mathbb{Z}/d \qquad \qquad d \coloneqq \gcd(\mathbb{Z}/m, \mathbb{Z}/n).$$

Proof (?).

Using

$$M \otimes_R \frac{A}{I} \cong \frac{M}{IM} \in R\text{-}\mathbf{Mod},$$

and taking

- $M := \mathbb{Z}/m$,
- $A := \mathbb{Z}$,
- $I := n\mathbb{Z}$,

we have

$$\mathbb{Z}/m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}/m}{n(\mathbb{Z}/m)}$$
 $\in \mathbb{Z}$ -Mod.

We can now use the map

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}/m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/n$$
$$x \mapsto x(1 \otimes 1)$$

and compute

$$\ker \varphi = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x(1 \otimes 1) = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n \mid x \text{ or } m \mid x \right\}$$

$$= \langle n, m \rangle$$

$$= \langle \gcd(n, m) \rangle$$

$$:= \langle d \rangle.$$

by Bezout's theorem

Now applying the first isomorphism theorem yields the result.

Solution:

We'll follow the procedure outlined in Weibel:

- Define the contravariant functor $F(\cdot) := \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/p, \cdot)$, then noting that it is left-exact, it has right-derived functors.
- Find an injective resolution I of \mathbb{Z}/q .
- Write F(I) as a new (not necessarily exact) chain complex.
- Compute $\operatorname{Ext}^i_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/p,\mathbb{Z}/q) := R^i F(\mathbb{Z}/q) := H^i(F(\mathbb{Z}/q)).$

We can first take the following injective resolution:

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/q \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d^0} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d^1} 1$$
$$[1]_q \longrightarrow \left[\frac{1}{q}\right]$$

$$[x] \longrightarrow [qx]$$

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This is a chain complex by construction, since $d^2([1]_q) = \left[q\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)\right] = [1] = [0]$. We now delete the augmentation and apply $F(\cdot)$:

$$1 \longrightarrow I^0 \coloneqq \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d^0} I^1 \coloneqq \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d^1} 1$$

$$\downarrow F(\cdot) \downarrow \downarrow f(\cdot) \downarrow f(\cdot)$$

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Here we immediately simplify by applying the isomorphism from the earlier claim. Noting that $d^0(x) := qx$ was multiplication by q, we have $\partial^0(f) = d^0 \circ f$ is post-composition by the multiplication by q map, and $\tilde{\partial}^0$ similarly becomes multiplication by q.

We now take homology:

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^{1}(\mathbb{Z}/p,\mathbb{Z}/q) \coloneqq R^{1}F(\mathbb{Z}/q) \coloneqq \frac{\ker \partial^{1}}{\operatorname{im} \partial^{0}} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}/p}{q(\mathbb{Z}/p)} \cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z} \cong 1,$$

where $d := \gcd(p, q) = 1$ if p, q are coprime.

Problem 1.0.3 (Weibel 2.3.2)

Let $A \in \mathbf{Ab}$, and show that the following map is injective:

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_A: A \to I(A) \coloneqq \prod_{f \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})} \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \\ a \mapsto \mathbf{a} \text{ where } \mathbf{a}(f) \coloneqq f(a) \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \end{split}$$

i.e. when looking at the image $\varepsilon_A(a)$ in the product, the component indexed by f is an element of \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} obtained by evaluating f(a).

Hint: if $a \in A$, find a map $f : a\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ with $f(a) \neq 0$ and extend this to a map $f' : A \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$.

Solution:

By contrapositive, we'll suppose $a \neq 0$ and show $\varepsilon_A(a) \neq 0$. Following the hint, we first consider the cyclic subgroup $a\mathbb{Z} = \{an \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and define a map

$$f_a: a\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$$

$$an \mapsto n.$$

We now pick $\ell > 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ to be any integer, and define a composition $f : a\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$:



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By choice of ℓ , this map satisfies $f(a) = [1/\ell] \neq 0$, so the map is nonzero. Since \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} is injective, the universal property provides a lift \tilde{f} :



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Since \tilde{f} lifts f, it is also nonzero. But now we can check that

$$\varepsilon_A(a)(f) := f(a) \neq 0,$$

so the f component of the image of a is nonzero and thus $\mathbf{a} := \varepsilon_A(a) \neq 0$ in the product.

Problem 1.0.4 (Weibel 2.4.2)

If $U: \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{C}$ is right-exact functor, show that

$$U(L_iF) \cong L_i(UF)$$
.

Solution:

We'll show that $(U \circ L_i F)(X) \cong (L_i(U \circ F))(X)$ for every object X. Starting with the left-hand side, to compute left-derived functors, we'll need projective resolutions, so let $P \to X$ be a projective resolution of X. Fixing labeling, we have the following situation:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} X \xrightarrow{0} 0$$

$$\downarrow F(\cdot)$$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow FP_2 \xrightarrow{F(\partial_2)} FP_1 \xrightarrow{F(\partial_1)} FP_0 \xrightarrow{0} 0$$

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We now have by definition

$$L_i F(X) \coloneqq \frac{\ker F(\partial_i)}{\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})} \implies U(L_i F(X)) \coloneqq U\left(\frac{\ker F(\partial_i)}{\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})}\right).$$

For the right-hand side, we can take the same projective resolution $P \to X$, and apply a similar process:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow P_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} X \xrightarrow{0} 0$$

$$\downarrow (U \circ F)(\cdot)$$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow UFP_2 \xrightarrow{(UF)(\partial_2)} UFP_1 \xrightarrow{(UF)(\partial_1)} UFP_0 \xrightarrow{0} 0$$

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Again, by definition,

$$(L_i(UF))(X) := \frac{\ker(UF)(\partial_i)}{\operatorname{im}(UF)(\partial_{i+1})},$$

and thus it suffices to show that there is an isomorphism

$$U\left(\frac{\ker F(\partial_i)}{\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})}\right) \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\ker(UF)(\partial_i)}{\operatorname{im}(UF)(\partial_{i+1})}.$$

To show this, we apply the exact functor U to the following SES to produce a new SES, from which we'll produce the desired isomorphism f:

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1}) \xrightarrow{\iota_{i}} \operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i}) \xrightarrow{\pi_{i}} \frac{\operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i})}{\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow U \left(\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})\right) \xrightarrow{U(\iota_{i})} U \left(\operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i})\right) \xrightarrow{U(\pi_{i})} U \left(\frac{\operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i})}{\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})}\right) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow U \left(\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1})\right) \xrightarrow{U(\iota_{i})} U \left(\operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i})\right) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\pi}_{i}} \frac{U(\operatorname{ker} F(\partial_{i}))}{U(\operatorname{im} F(\partial_{i+1}))} \longrightarrow 0$$

Link to Diagram

Here $\tilde{\pi}_i$ is the natural quotient map, whose image is $\operatorname{coker} U(\iota_i)$. Finally, the map f exists an any abelian category, using that whenever $0 \to A \xrightarrow{g_1} B \xrightarrow{g_2} C \to 0$ is exact, there is an isomorphism $C \xrightarrow{\sim} B/\operatorname{im}(g_1)$.

Problem 1.0.5 (Weibel 2.4.3)

• If $0 \to M \to P \to A \to 0$ is exact with P projective or F-acyclic, show that

$$L_iF(A) \cong L_{i-1}FM$$

 $i \geq 2$.

• Show that if

$$0 \to M_m \to P_m \to P_{m-1} \to \cdots \to P_0 \to A \to 0$$

is exact with P_i projective or F-acyclic, then

$$L_i F(A) \cong L_{i-m-1} F(M_m)$$
 $i \ge m+2.$

- Moreover show that $L_{m+1}F(A)$ is the kernel of $F(M_m) \to F(P_m)$.
- Conclude that if $P \to A$ is an F-acyclic resolution of A, then $L_iF(A) = H_i(F(P))$.

Solution:

Claim:

$$L_i F(A) \cong L_{i-1} FM$$
 $i \ge 2.$

Proof (of claim).

Following the proof of Weibel Theorem 2.4.6, let $P_M \to M$ and $P_A \to A$ be projective resolutions of M and A respectively. Then applying the Horseshoe Lemma, there is a projective resolution $P_P \to P$ of P such that the following is a short exact sequence of chain complexes:

$$0 \to P_M \to P_P \to P_A \to 0$$
,

where in fact in each degree n piece, this is induces a *split* exact sequence. Using that F is additive and additive functors preserve split exact sequences, the following is a SES for every n:

$$0 \to FP_M^n \to FP_P^n \to FP_A^n \to 0$$
,

which implies that there is a SES of chain complexes

$$0 \to FP_M \to FP_P \to FP_A \to 0.$$

Thus there is an associated LES of derived functors:



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Using that P is F-acyclic, the middle terms $L_iFP = 0$ for all i > 0, and thus this splits into a collection of SESs:

$$0 \to L_2FA \xrightarrow{\partial_2} L_1FM \to 0$$

$$0 \to L_3FA \xrightarrow{\partial_3} L_2FM \to 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$0 \to L_iFA \xrightarrow{\partial_3} L_{i-1}FM \to 0.$$

This makes every ∂_i for $i \geq 2$ an isomorphism.

Claim:

$$L_iFA \cong \ker(FM \to FP).$$

Proof(?).

Using the same argument as above, consider the lower order terms of the associated LES:



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Noting that $L_1FP = 0$ by F-acyclicity, the highlighted portion forms a four term exact sequence. We can form another exact sequence and compare the two:

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That the map indicated by the dotted line exists and is an isomorphism holds in any abelian category, using that fact that whenever $0 \to A \to B \xrightarrow{f} C \to 0$ is a SES we have $A \cong \ker f$.

Claim: If $P \to A$ is an F-acyclic resolution of A, then there is an isomorphism

$$L_iFA \cong H_i(FP)$$
.

Problem 1.0.6 (Weibel 2.5.2)

Show that the following are equivalent:

- a. A is a projective R-module.
- b. $\operatorname{Hom}_R(\,\cdot\,,A)$ is an exact functor.
- c. $\operatorname{Ext}_R^{i\neq 0}(A,B)=0$ and for all B, i.e. A is $\operatorname{Hom}_R(\,\cdot\,,B)$ -acyclic for all B.
- d. $\operatorname{Ext}_{R}^{1}(A,B)$ vanishes for all B.

Proof $(a \implies b)$.

Suppose M is projective and ξ is a SES, then apply $F(\cdot) := \operatorname{Hom}_R(\cdot, M)$ to ξ to obtain the associated LES

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \operatorname{Hom}_R(\cdot, M)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_R(C, M) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_R(B, M) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_R(A, M) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}^1_R(C, M) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

We can then use the fact that $\operatorname{Ext}_R^i(X,M) := L_i \operatorname{Hom}_R(X,B)$ for X = A,B,C and apply corollary 2.4.2: if A is projective then $L_i F(A) = 0$ for all $i \neq 0$ for any functor F. So all of the Ext^i above for i > 1 vanish, collapsing the LES down to a SES, which means that $F(\xi)$ is again a SES, so F preserves all short-exact sequences and by definition is exact.

Problem 1.0.7 (Weibel 2.6.4)

Show that colim is left adjoint to Δ , and conclude that colim is right-exact when when \mathcal{A} is abelian and colim exists. Show that the pushout, i.e. $\bullet \leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$, is not an exact functor on \mathbf{Ab} .