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1 | Wednesday, January 13

Reference:

- The course text is Weibel [1].
- See the many corrections/errata: <http://www.math.rutgers.edu/~weibel/Hbook-corrections.html>
- Sections we'll cover:
 - 1.1-1.5,
 - 2.2-2.7,
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 - Appendix A (when needed)
- Course Website: <https://uga.view.usg.edu/d21/le/content/2218619/viewContent/33763436/View>

1.1 Overview

Definition 1.1.1 (Exact complexes)

A **complex** is given by

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d_{i-1}} M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d_i} M_i \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} M_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots$$

where $M_i \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ and $d_i \circ d_{i-1} = 0$, which happens if and only if $\text{im } d_{i-1} \subseteq \ker d_i$. If $\text{im } d_{i-1} = \ker d_i$, this complex is **exact**.

Example 1.1.2(?): We can apply a functor such as $\otimes_R N$ to get a new complex

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d_{i-1} \otimes 1_N} M_{i-1} \otimes_R N \xrightarrow{d_i \otimes 1} M_i \otimes_R N \rightarrow M_{i+1} \xrightarrow{d_{i+1} \otimes 1} \cdots$$

Example 1.1.3(?): Applying $\text{Hom}(N, \cdot)$ similarly yields

$$\text{Hom}_R(N, M_i) \xrightarrow{d_{i-1}^*} \text{Hom}_R(N, M_{i+1}),$$

where $d_i^* = d_i \circ (\cdot)$ is given by composition.

Example 1.1.4(?): Applying $\text{Hom}(\cdot, N)$ yields

$$\text{Hom}_R(M_i, N) \xrightarrow{d_i^*} \text{Hom}_R(M_{i+1}, N)$$

where $d_i^* = (\cdot) \circ d_i$.

Remark 1.1.5: Note that we can also take complexes with arrows in the other direction. For F a functor, we can rewrite these examples as

$$d_i^* \circ d_{i-1}^* = F(d_i) \circ F(d_{i-1}) = F(d_i \circ d_{i-1}) = F(0) = 0,$$

provided F is nice enough and sends zero to zero. This follows from the fact that functors preserve composition. Even if the original complex is exact, the new one may not be, so we can define the following:

Definition 1.1.6 (Cohomology)

$$H^i(M^*) = \ker d_i^* / \text{im } d_{i-1}^*.$$

Remark 1.1.7: These will lead to ***ith* derived functors**, and category theory will be useful here. See appendix in Weibel. For a category \mathcal{C} we'll define

- $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ as the objects
- $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$ a set of morphisms between them, where a more modern notation might be $\text{Mor}(A, B)$.
- Morphisms compose: $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ means that $g \circ f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, C)$
- Associativity
- Identity morphisms

See the appendix for diagrams defining zero objects and the zero map, which we'll need to make sense of exactness. We'll also need notions of kernels and images, or potentially cokernels instead of images since they're closely related.

Remark 1.1.8: In the examples, we had $\ker d_i \subseteq M_i$, but this need not be true since the objects in the category may not be sets. Such an example is the category of complexes of R -modules: $\text{Cx}(R\text{-Mod})$. In this setting, kernels will be subcomplexes but not subsets.

Definition 1.1.9 (Functors)

Recall that **functors** are “functions” between categories $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ such that

- Objects are sent to objects,
- Morphisms are sent to morphisms, so $A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightsquigarrow F(A) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(B)$,
- F respects composition and identities

Example 1.1.10 (*Hom*): $\text{Hom}_R(N, \cdot) : R\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$, noting that the hom set may not have an R -module structure.

Remark 1.1.11: Taking cohomology yields the i th derived functors of F , for example $\text{Ext}^i, \text{Tor}_i$. Recall that functors can be *covariant* or *contravariant*. See section 1 for formulating simplicial and singular homology (from topology) in this language.

1.2 Chapter 1: Chain Complexes

1.2.1 Complexes of R -modules

Definition 1.2.1 (Exactness)

Let R be a ring with 1 and define $R\text{-Mod}$ to be the category of *right* R -modules. $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ is **exact** if and only if $\ker g = \text{im } f$, and in particular $g \circ f = 0$.

Definition 1.2.2 (Chain Complex)

A **chain complex** is

$$C. := (C., d.) := \left(\cdots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \right)$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $d_n \circ d_{n+1} = 0$. We drop the n from the notation and write $d^2 := d \circ d = 0$.

Definition 1.2.3 (Cycles and boundaries)

- $Z_n = Z_n(C.) = \ker d_n$ are referred to as **n -cycles**.
- $B_n = B_n(C.) = \text{im } d_{n+1}$ are the **n -boundaries**.

Definition 1.2.4 (Homology of a chain complex)

Note that if $d^2 = 0$ then $B_n \leq Z_n \leq C_n$. In this case, it makes sense to define the quotient module $H^n(C.) := Z_n/B_n$, the **n th homology** of $C.$.

Definition 1.2.5 (Maps of chain complexes)

A map $u : C. \rightarrow D.$ of chain complexes is a sequence of maps $u_n : C_n \rightarrow D_n$ such that all of the following squares commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & C_n & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow u_{n+1} & & \downarrow u_n & & \downarrow u_{n-1} & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & D_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & D_n & \longrightarrow & D_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Remark 1.2.6: We can thus define a category $\text{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod})$ where

- The objects are chain complexes,
- The morphisms are chain maps.

Exercise 1.2.7 (Weibel 1.1.2)

A chain complex map $u : C_{\bullet} \rightarrow D_{\bullet}$ restricts to

$$u_n : Z_n(C_{\bullet}) \rightarrow Z_n(D_{\bullet})$$

$$u_n : B_n(D_{\bullet}) \rightarrow B_n(D_{\bullet})$$

and thus induces a well-defined map $u_{n,*} : H_n(C_{\bullet}) \rightarrow H_n(D_{\bullet})$.

Remark 1.2.8: Each H_n thus becomes a functor $\text{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ where $H_n(u) := u_{*,n}$.

2 | Friday, January 15

2.1 Review

See assignment posted on ELC, due Wed Jan 27

Remark 2.1.1: Recall that a chain complex is C_{\bullet} where $d^2 = 0$, and a map of chain complex is a ladder of commuting squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & C_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow u_{n-1} & & \downarrow u_n & & \downarrow u_{n+1} & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & D_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & D_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

[Link to diagram](#)

Recall that $u_n : Z_n(C) \rightarrow Z_n(D)$ and $u_n : B_n(C) \rightarrow B_n(D)$ preserves these submodules, so there are induced maps $u_{*,n} : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$ where $H_n(C) := Z_n(C)/B_n(C)$. Moreover, taking $H_n(\cdot)$ is a functor from $\text{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ for any fixed n and on objects $C \mapsto H_n(C)$ and chain maps $u_n \rightarrow H_n(u) := u_{*,n}$. Note the lower indices denote maps going down in degree.

2.2 Cohomology

Definition 2.2.1 (Quasi-isomorphism)

A chain map $u : C \rightarrow D$ is a **quasi-isomorphism** if and only if the induced map $u_{*,n} : H^n(C) \rightarrow H^n(D)$ is an isomorphism of R -modules.

Remark 2.2.2: Note that the usual notion of an isomorphism in the categorical sense might be too strong here.

Definition 2.2.3 (Cohomology)

A **cochain complex** is a complex of the form

$$\dots \xrightarrow{d^{n-2}} C^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} C^n \xrightarrow{d^n} C^{n+1} \dots$$

where $d^n \circ d^{n-1} = 0$. We similarly write $Z^n(C) := \ker d^n$ and $B^n(C) := \text{im } d^{n-1}$ and write the R -module $H^n(C) := Z^n(C)/B^n(C)$ for the n th **cohomology** of C .

Remark 2.2.4: There is a way to go back and forth bw chain complexes and cochain complexes: set $C_n := C^{-n}$ and $d_n := d^{-n}$. This yields

$$C^{-n} \xrightarrow{d^{-n}} C^{-n+1} \iff C_n \xrightarrow{d^n} C_{n-1},$$

and the notions of $d^2 = 0$ coincide.

Definition 2.2.5 (Bounded complexes)

A cochain complex C is **bounded** if and only if there exists an $a \leq b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $C_n \neq 0 \iff a \leq n \leq b$. Similarly C^n is bounded above if there is just a b , and **bounded below** for just an a . All of the same definitions are made for chain complexes.

Remark 2.2.6: See the book for classical applications:

- 1.1.3: Simplicial homology
- 1.1.5: Singular homology

2.3 Operations on Chain Complexes

Remark 2.3.1: Write \mathbf{Ch} for $\mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod})$, then if $f, g : C \rightarrow D$ are chain maps then $f + g : C \rightarrow D$ can be defined as $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$, since D has an addition coming from its R -module structure. Thus the hom sets $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ch}}(C, D)$ becomes an abelian group. There is a distinguished **zero object**¹ 0 , defined as the chain complex with all zero objects and all zero maps. Note that we also have a zero map given by the composition $(C \rightarrow 0) \circ (0 \rightarrow D)$.

Definition 2.3.2 (Products and Coproducts)

If $\{A_\alpha\}$ is a family of complexes, we can form two new complexes:

- The **product** $\left(\prod_\alpha A_\alpha\right)_n := \prod_\alpha A_{\alpha,n}$ with the differential

$$\left(\prod d_\alpha\right)_n : \prod A_{\alpha,n} \xrightarrow{d_{\alpha,n}} \prod A_{\alpha,n-1}.$$

- The **coproduct** $\left(\prod_\alpha A_\alpha\right)_n := \bigoplus_\alpha A_{\alpha,n}$, i.e. there are only finitely many nonzero entries, with exactly the same definition as above for the differential.

Remark 2.3.3: Note that if the index set is finite, these notions coincide. By convention, finite direct products are written as direct sums.

These structures make \mathbf{Ch} into an **additive category**. See appendix for definition: the homs are abelian groups where composition distributes over addition, existence of a zero object, and existence of finite products. Note that here we have arbitrary products.

Definition 2.3.4 (Subcomplexes)

We say B is a **subcomplex** of C if and only if

- $B_n \leq C_n \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ for all n ,
- The differentials of B_n are the restrictions of the differentials of C_n .

Remark 2.3.5: This can be alternatively stated as saying the inclusion $i : B \rightarrow C$ given by $i_n : B_n \rightarrow C_n$ is a morphism of chain complexes. Recall that some squares need to commute, and this forces the condition on restrictions.

Definition 2.3.6 (Quotient Complexes)

When $B \leq C$, we can form the quotient complex C/B where

$$C_n/B_n \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_n} C_{n-1}/B_{n-1}.$$


Moreover there is a natural projection $\pi : C \rightarrow C/B$ which is a chain map.

¹See appendix A 1.6 for initial and terminal objects. Note that \emptyset is an initial but non-terminal object in \mathbf{Set} , whereas zero objects are both.

Remark 2.3.7: Suppose $f : B \rightarrow C$ is a chain map, then there exist induced maps on the levelwise kernels and cokernels, so we can form the **kernel** and **cokernel** complex:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \ker f_n & \xrightarrow{\quad \exists d_n \quad} & \ker f_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow i_n & & \downarrow i_{n-1} & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & B_n & \xrightarrow{\quad d_n \quad} & B_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_n & \xrightarrow{\quad d_n \quad} & C_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow \pi_n & & \downarrow \pi_{n-1} & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{coker} f_n & \xrightarrow{\quad \exists d_n \quad} & \operatorname{coker} f_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Here $\ker f \leq B$ is a subcomplex, and $\operatorname{coker} f$ is a quotient complex of C . The chain map $i : \ker f \rightarrow B$ is a categorical kernel of f in \mathbf{Ch} , and π is similarly a cokernel. See appendix A 1.6. These constructions make \mathbf{Ch} into an **abelian category**: roughly an additive category where every morphism has a kernel and a cokernel. 

3 | 1.2 (Wednesday, January 20)

3.1 Taking Chain Complexes of Chain Complexes

See phone pic for missed first 10m

3.1.1 Double Complexes

Remark 3.1.1: Consider a double complex:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 C_{p,\cdot} : \\
 \vdots \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \vdots \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \vdots \downarrow \\
 \cdots \longleftarrow C_{p-1,q+1} \xleftarrow{d_{p,q+1}^h} C_{p,q+1} \xleftarrow{d_{p+1,q+1}^h} C_{p+1,q+1} \longrightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow d_{p-1,q+1}^v \quad \quad \quad \downarrow d_{p,q+1}^v \quad \quad \quad \downarrow d_{p+1,q+1}^v \\
 C_{\cdot,q} : \quad \cdots \longleftarrow C_{p-1,q} \xleftarrow{d_{p,q}^h} C_{p,q} \xleftarrow{d_{p+1,q}^h} C_{p+1,q} \longrightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow d_{p-1,q}^v \quad \quad \quad \downarrow d_{p,q}^v \quad \quad \quad \downarrow d_{p+1,q}^v \\
 \cdots \longleftarrow C_{p-1,q+1} \xleftarrow{d_{p,q+1}^h} C_{p,q+1} \xleftarrow{d_{p+1,q+1}^h} C_{p+1,q+1} \longrightarrow \cdots \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\
 \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

All of the individual rows and columns are chain complexes, where $(d^h)^2 = 0$ and $(d^v)^2 = 0$, and the square anticommute: $d^v d^h + d^h d^v = 0$, so $d^v d^h = -d^h d^v$. This is almost a chain complex of chain complexes, i.e. an element of $\text{Ch}(\text{ChR-Mod})$. It's useful here to consider lines parallel to the line $y = x$.

Definition 3.1.2 (Bounded Complexes)

A double complex $C_{\cdot,\cdot}$ is **bounded** if and only if there are only finitely many nonzero terms along each constant diagonal $p + q = n$.


Example 3.1.3(?): A *first quadrant* double complex $\{C_{p,q}\}_{p,q \geq 0}$ is bounded: note that this can still have infinitely many terms, but each diagonal is finite because each will hit a coordinate axis.

Remark 3.1.4(The sign trick): The squares anticommute, since the d^v are not chain maps between the horizontal chain complexes. This can be fixed by changing every one out of four signs, defining

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{*,q} &: C_{*,q} \rightarrow C_{*,q-1} \\
 f_{p,q} &:= (-1)^p d_{p,q}^v : C_{p,q} \rightarrow C_{p,q-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This yields a new double complex where the signs of each column alternate:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
C_{0,q} & \xleftarrow{d^h} & C_{1,q} & \xleftarrow{d^h} & C_{2,q} \\
\downarrow d^v & & \downarrow -d^v & & \downarrow d^v \\
C_{0,q-1} & \xleftarrow{d^h} & C_{1,q-1} & \xleftarrow{d^h} & C_{2,q-1}
\end{array}$$

Now the squares commute and $f_{\cdot,q}$ are chain maps, so this object is an element of $\text{Ch}(\text{ChR-Mod})$. 

3.1.2 Total Complexes

Recall that products and coproducts of R -modules coincide when the indexing set is finite.

Definition 3.1.5 (Total Complexes)

Given a double complex $C_{\cdot,\cdot}$, there are two ordinary chain complexes associated to it referred to as **total complexes**:

$$(\text{Tot}^\Pi C)_n := \prod_{p+q=n} C_{p,q} \quad (\text{Tot}^\oplus C)_n := \bigoplus_{p+q=n} C_{p,q}.$$

Writing $\text{Tot}(C)$ usually refers to the former. The differentials are given by


$$d_{p,q} = d^h + d^v : C_{p,q} \rightarrow C_{p-1,q} \oplus C_{p,q-1},$$

where $C_{p,q} \subseteq \text{Tot}^\oplus(C)_n$ and $C_{p-1,q} \oplus C_{p,q-1} \subseteq \text{Tot}^\oplus(C)_{n-1}$. Then you extend this to a differential on the entire diagonal by defining $d = \bigoplus_{p,q} d_{p,q}$.

Exercise 3.1.6 (?)

Check that $d^2 = 0$, using $d^v d^h + d^h d^v = 0$.

Remark 3.1.7: Some notes:

- $\text{Tot}^\oplus(C) = \text{Tot}^\Pi(C)$ when C is bounded.
- The total complexes need not exist if C is unbounded: one needs infinite direct products and infinite coproducts to exist in \mathcal{C} . A category admitting these is called **complete** or **cocomplete**.² 

²Recall that abelian categories are additive and only require *finite* products/coproducts. A counterexample: categories of *finite* abelian groups, where e.g. you can't take infinite sums and stay within the category.

3.1.3 More Operations

Definition 3.1.8 (Truncation below)

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, and define the n th **truncation** $\tau_{\geq n}(C)$ by

$$\tau_{\geq n}(C) = \begin{cases} 0 & i < n \\ Z_n & i = n \\ C_i & i > n. \end{cases}$$

Pictorially:

$$\cdots \longleftarrow 0 \xleftarrow{d_n} Z_n \xleftarrow{d_{n+1}} C_{n+1} \xleftarrow{d_{n+2}} C_{n+2} \longleftarrow \cdots$$

[Link to diagram](#)

This is sometimes call the **good truncation of C below n** .

Remark 3.1.9: Note that

$$H_i(\tau_{\geq n}C) = \begin{cases} 0 & i < n \\ H_i(C) & i \geq n. \end{cases}$$

Definition 3.1.10 (Truncation above)

We define the quotient complex

$$\tau_{< n}C := C / \tau_{\geq n}C.$$

which is C_i below n , C_n/Z_n at n . Thus is has homology

$$\begin{cases} H_i(C) & i < n. \\ 0 & i \geq n \end{cases}$$

Definition 3.1.11 (Translation)

If C is a chain complex and $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, define a new complex $C[p]$ by

$$C[p]_n := C_{n+p}.$$

Degrees	$-p$	\dots	0	\dots	p
C	C_{-p}	\dots	C_0	\dots	C_p
$C[p]$	C_0	\dots	C_p	\dots	C_{2p}

\swarrow (dashed arrow from C_0 to C_0) \swarrow (dashed arrow from C_p to C_p)

[Link to Diagram](#)

Similarly, if C is a *cochain* complex, we set $C[p]^n := C^{n-p}$:

Degrees	$-p$	0	p
C	$C^{-p} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow C^0 \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow C^p$		
$C[p]$	$C^0 \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow C^{-p} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow C^0$		

\swarrow (dashed arrow from C^{-p} to C^0) \searrow (dashed arrow from C^0 to C^{-p})

[Link to Diagram](#)

Mnemonic: Shift p positions in the same direction as the arrows.

In both cases, the differentials are given by the shifted differential $d[p] := (-1)^p d$. Note that these are not alternating: p is the fixed translation, so this is a constant that changes the signs of all differentials. Thus $H_n(C[p]) = H_{n+p}(C)$ and $H^n(C[p]) = H^{n-p}$.

Exercise 3.1.12

Check that if $C^n := C_{-n}$, then $C[p]^n = C[p]_{-n}$.

Remark 3.1.13: We can make translation into a functor $[p] : \mathbf{Ch} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ch}$: given $f : C \rightarrow D$, define $f[p] : C[p] \rightarrow D[p]$ by $f[p]_n := f_{n+p}$, and a similar definition for cochain complexes changing p to $-p$.

4 | Lecture 4 (Friday, January 22)

4.1 Long Exact Sequences

Remark 4.1.1: Some terminology: in an abelian category \mathcal{A} an example of an **exact complex** in $\mathbf{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ is

$$\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

where *exactness* means $\ker = \text{im}$ at each position, i.e. $\ker f = 0$, $\text{im } f = \ker g$, $\text{im } g = C$. We say f is monic and g epic.

As a special case, if $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ is exact then A must be zero, since the image of the incoming map must be 0. This also happens when every other term is zero. If $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow 0$, then $A \cong B$ since f is both injective and surjective (say for R -modules).

Theorem 4.1.2 (Long Exact Sequences).

Suppose $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is a SES in $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ (note: this is a sequence of *complexes*), then there are natural maps

$$\delta : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A)$$

called **connecting morphisms** which decrease degree such that the following sequence is exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1}(C) \longrightarrow \\ & & & & & \searrow \delta & \\ & & & & & & \\ \hookrightarrow & H_n(A) & \xrightarrow{f_* = H_n(f)} & H_n(B) & \xrightarrow{g_* = H_n(g)} & H_n(C) & \longrightarrow \\ & & & & \nearrow \delta & & \\ & & & & & & \\ \hookrightarrow & H_{n-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & \cdots & & & \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

This is referred to as the **long exact sequence in homology**. Similarly, replacing chain complexes by cochain complexes yields a similar connecting morphism that increases degree.

Note on notation: some books use ∂ for homology and δ for cohomology.

The proof that this sequence exists is a consequence of the *snake lemma*.

Lemma 4.1.3 (The Snake Lemma).

The sequence highlighted in red in the following diagram is exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{ker}(f) & \longrightarrow & \text{ker}(\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \text{ker}(\beta) \longrightarrow \text{ker}(\gamma) \cdots \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \gamma \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' & \xrightarrow{g'} & C' \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \text{coker}(\alpha) & \longrightarrow & \text{coker}(\beta) & \longrightarrow & \text{coker}(\gamma) \longrightarrow \text{coker}(g') \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$\exists \delta$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Proof (of the Snake Lemma: Existence).

- Start with $c \in \ker(\gamma) \leq C$, so $\gamma(c) = 0 \in C'$
- **Choose** $b \in B$ by surjectivity
 - We'll show it's independent of this choice.
- Then $b' \in B'$ goes to $0 \in C'$, so $b' \in \ker(B' \rightarrow C')$
- By exactness, $b' \in \ker(B' \rightarrow C') = \text{im}(A' \rightarrow B')$, and now produce a unique $a' \in A'$ by injectivity
- Take the image $[a'] \in \text{coker } \alpha$
- Define $\partial(c) := [a']$.

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Proof (of the Snake Lemma: Uniqueness).

- We chose b , suppose we chose a different \tilde{b} .
- Then $\tilde{b} - b \mapsto c - c = 0$, so the difference is in $\ker g = \text{im } f$.
- Produce an $\tilde{a} \in A$ such that $\tilde{a} \mapsto \tilde{b} - b$
- Then $\tilde{a} := \alpha(\tilde{a})$, so apply f' .
- Define $\beta(\tilde{b}) = \tilde{b}' \in B$.
- Commutativity of the LHS square forces $\tilde{a}' \mapsto \tilde{b}' - b'$.
- Then $\tilde{a} + a' \mapsto \tilde{b}' - b' + b' = \tilde{b}'$.
- So $\tilde{a}' + a'$ is the desired pullback of \tilde{b}'
- Then take $[\tilde{a}'] \in \text{coker } \alpha$; are a', \tilde{a}' in the same equivalence class?
- Use that fact that $\tilde{a} = a' + \bar{a}$, where $\bar{a} \in \text{im } \alpha$, so $[\tilde{a}] = [a' + \bar{a}] = [a'] \in \text{coker } \alpha := A' / \text{im } \alpha$.

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A few changes in the middle, redo!

Proof (of the Snake Lemma: Exactness).

- Let's show $g : \ker \beta \rightarrow \ker \gamma$.
 - Let $b \in \ker \beta$, then consider $\gamma(g(\beta)) = g'(\beta(b)) = g'(0) = 0$ and so $g(b) \in \ker \gamma$.
- Now we'll show $\text{im}(g|_{\ker \beta}) \subseteq \ker \delta$
 - Let $b \in \ker \beta, c = g(b)$, then how is $\delta(c)$ defined?
 - Use this b , then apply β to get $b' = \beta(b) = 0$ since $b \in \ker \beta$.
 - So the unique thing mapping to it a' is zero, and thus $[a'] = 0 = \delta(c)$.
- $\ker \delta \subseteq \text{im}(g|_{\ker \beta})$
 - Let $c \in \ker \delta$, then $\delta(c) = 0 = [a'] \in \text{coker } \alpha$ which implies that $a' \in \text{im } \alpha$.
 - Write $a' = \alpha(a)$, then $\beta(b) = b' = f'(a') = f'(\alpha(a))$ by going one way around the LHS square, and is equal to $\beta(f(a))$ going the other way.
 - So $\tilde{b} := b - f(a) \in \ker \beta$, since $\beta(b) = \beta(f(a))$ implies their difference is zero.

- Then $g(\tilde{b}) = g(b) - g(f(a)) = g(b) = c$, which puts $c \in g(\ker \beta)$ as desired. ■

Exercise 4.1.4 (?)

Show exactness at the remaining places – the most interesting place is at $\operatorname{coker} \alpha$. Also check that all of these maps make sense.

Remark 4.1.5: We assumed that $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ here, so we could chase elements, but this happens to also be true in any abelian category \mathcal{A} but by a different proof. The idea is to embed $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ for some ring R , do the construction there, and pull the results back – but this doesn't quite work! \mathcal{A} can be too big. Instead, do this for the smallest subcategory \mathcal{A}_0 containing all of the modules and maps involved in the snake lemma. Then \mathcal{A}_0 is small enough to embed into $\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ by the Freyd-Mitchell Embedding Theorem. ✍

5 | Lecture 5 (Monday, January 25)

5.1 LES Associated to a SES

Theorem 5.1.1 (?).

For every SES of chain complexes, there is a long exact sequence in homology.

Proof (?).

Suppose we have a SES of chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0,$$

which means that for every n there is a SES of R -modules. Recall the diagram for the snake lemma, involving kernels across the top and cokernels across the bottom. Applying the snake lemma, by hypothesis $\operatorname{coker} g = 0$ and $\ker f = 0$. There is a SES

$$A_n/dA_{n+1} \rightarrow B_n/dB_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n/dC_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

Using the fact that $B_n \subseteq Z_n$, we can use the 1st and 2nd isomorphism theorems to produce

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
H_n(A) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(B) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & H_n(C) & & \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
A_n/dA_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f} & B/dB_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{g} & C/dC_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow d_n & & \downarrow d_n & & \downarrow d_n & & \\
0 \longrightarrow & Z_{n-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & Z_{n-1}(B) & \longrightarrow & Z_{n-1}(C) & \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
\text{coker } d_n & & & & & & \\
= Z_{n-1}(A)/dA_n & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_{n-1}(B) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & H_{n-1}(C) & & \\
= H_{n-1}(A) & & & & & &
\end{array}$$

[Link to diagram](#)

This yields an exact sequence relating H_n to H_{n-1} , and these can all be spliced together.

- $\ker(A_n/dA_{n+1} \rightarrow Z_{n-1}(A) = Z_n(A)/dA_{n+1} := H_n(A)$ using the 2nd isomorphism theorem

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Remark 5.1.2: Note that d is *natural*, which means the following: there is a category \mathcal{S} whose objects are SESs of chain complexes and whose maps are chain maps:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & C' \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

There is another full subcategory \mathcal{L} of \mathbf{Ch} whose objects are LESs of objects in the original abelian category, i.e. exact chain complexes. The claim is that the LES construction in the theorem defines a functor $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$. We've seen how this maps objects, so what is the map on morphisms? Given a morphism as in the above diagram, there is an induced morphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\cdots & \longrightarrow & H_n(A) & \longrightarrow & H_n(B) & \longrightarrow & H_n(C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A) \longrightarrow \cdots \\
& & \downarrow H_n(u_A) & & \downarrow H_n(u_B) & & \downarrow H_n(u_C) & & \downarrow H_{n-1}(u_A) \\
\cdots & \longrightarrow & H_n(A') & \longrightarrow & H_n(B') & \longrightarrow & H_n(C') \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A') \longrightarrow \cdots
\end{array}$$

The first two squares commute, and *naturality* means that the third square commutes as well.

Exercise 5.1.3 (?)

Check the details!

Remark 5.1.4: It is sometimes useful to explicitly know how to compute snake lemma boundary elements. See the book for a recipe for computing $\partial(\xi)$:

- Lift ξ to a cycle $c \in Z_n(C) \subseteq C_n$.
- Pull c back to a preimage $b \in B_n$ by surjectivity.
- Apply the differential to get $d(b) \in Z_{n-1}(B)$, using that images are contained in kernels.
- Since this is in kernel of the outgoing map, it's in the kernel of the incoming map and thus there exists an $a \in Z_{n-1}(A)$ such that $f(a) = db$
- So set $\delta(\xi) := [a] \in H_{n-1}(A)$.

Remark 5.1.5: Why is naturality useful? Suppose $H_n(B) = 0$, you get isomorphisms, and this allows inductive arguments up the LES. The LES in homology is sometimes abbreviated as an **exact triangle**:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & H_*(A) & \\ \partial \nearrow & & \searrow f \\ H_*(C) & \xleftarrow{g} & H_*(B) \end{array}$$

Here $\partial : H_*(C) \rightarrow H_*(A)[1]$ shifts degrees. Note that this motivates the idea of **triangulated categories**, which is important in modern research. See Weibel Ch.10, and exercise 1.4.5 for how to construct these as quotients of Ch.

5.2 1.4: Chain Homotopies

Remark 5.2.1: Assume for now that we're in the situation of R -modules where R is a field, i.e. vector spaces. The main fact/advantage here that is not generally true for R -modules: every subspace has a complement. Since $B_n \subseteq Z_n \subseteq C_n$, we can write $C_n = Z_n \oplus B'_n$ for every n , and $Z_n = B_n \oplus H_n$. This notation is suggestive, since $H_n \cong Z_n/B_n$ as a quotient of vector spaces. Substituting, we get $C_n = B_n \oplus H_n \oplus B'_n$. Consider the projection $C_n \rightarrow B_n$ by projecting onto the first factor. Identifying $B_n := \text{im}(C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n) \cong C_{n+1}/Z_{n+1}$ by the 1st isomorphism theorem in the reverse direction. But this image is equal to B'_{n+1} , and we can embed this in C_{n+1} , so define $s_n : C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$ as the composition

$$s_n := (C_n \xrightarrow{\text{Proj}} B_n = \text{im}(C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n) \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}^{-1}} C_{n+1}/Z_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\cong} B'_{n+1} \hookrightarrow C_{n+1}).$$

Claim 1: $d_{n+1}s_nd_{n+1} = d_{n+1}$ are equal as maps.

Proof (?).

- Check on the first factor $B'_{n+1} \subseteq C_{n+1}$ directly to get $s_nd_{n+1}(x) = d_{n+1}(x)$ for $x \in B'_{n+1}$, and then applying d_{n+1} to both sides is the desired equality.
- On the second factor Z_{n+1} , both sides give zero since this is exactly the kernel.

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Claim 2: $d_{n+1}s_n + s_{n-1}d_n = \text{id}_{C_n}$ if and only if $H_n = 0$, i.e. the complex C is exact at C_n . This map is the sum of taking the two triangle paths in this diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & C_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & C_{n-1} \\
 & \swarrow s_n & \downarrow \text{id} & \nwarrow s_{n-1} & \\
 C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & C_n & &
 \end{array}$$

Proof (?).

We again check this on both factors:

- Using the first claim, $s_n = 0$ on B'_n and thus $s_{n-1}d_n = \text{id}_{B'_n}$.
- On H_n , $s_n = 0$ and $d_n = 0$, and so the LHS is $0 = \text{id}_{H_n}$ if and only if $H_n = 0$.
- On B_n , and tracing through the definition of s_n yields $d_{n+1}s_n(x) = x$ and this yields id_{B_n} .

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Next time: summary of decompositions, start general section on chain homotopies.

6 | Wednesday, January 27

See phone pic for missed first 10m.

6.1 1.4: Chain Homotopies

Definition 6.1.1 (Split Exact)

A complex is called **split** if there are maps $s_n : C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$ such that $d = dsd$. In this case, the maps s_n are referred to as the **splitting maps**, and if C is additionally acyclic, we say C is **split exact**.

Remark 6.1.2: Note that when C is split exact, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & C_n & \xrightarrow{d} & C_{n-1} \\
 & \swarrow s_n & \downarrow \text{id} & \swarrow s_{n-1} & \\
 C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & C_n & &
 \end{array}$$

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Example 6.1.3 (Not all complexes split): Take

$$C = (0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0).$$

Then $\text{im } d = \{0, 2\} = \ker d$, but this does not split since $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}^2 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$: one has an element of order 4 in the underlying additive group. Equivalently, there is no complement to the image. What might be familiar from algebra is $ds = \text{id}$, but the more general notion is $dsd = d$.

Example 6.1.4 (?): The following complex is not split exact for the same reason:

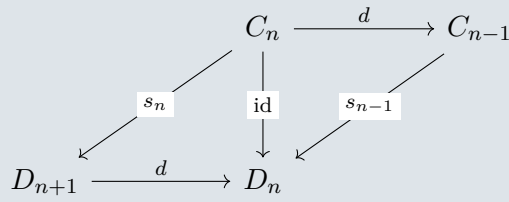
$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \cdots.$$

Question 6.1.5

Given $f, g : C \rightarrow D$, when do we get equality $f_* = g_* : H_*(C) \rightarrow H_*(D)$?

Definition 6.1.6 (Homotopy Terminology for Chains)

A chain map $f : C \rightarrow D$ is **nullhomotopic** if and only if there exist maps $s_n : C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$ such that $f = ds + sd$:



[Link to Diagram](#)

The map s is called a **chain contraction**. Two maps are **chain homotopic** (or initially: f is chain homotopic to g , since we don't yet know if this relation is symmetric) if and only if $f - g$ is nullhomotopic, i.e. $f - g = ds + sd$. The map s is called a **chain homotopy** from f to g . A map f is a **chain homotopy equivalence** if both fg and gf are chain homotopic to the identities on C and D respectively.

Lemma 6.1.7(?).

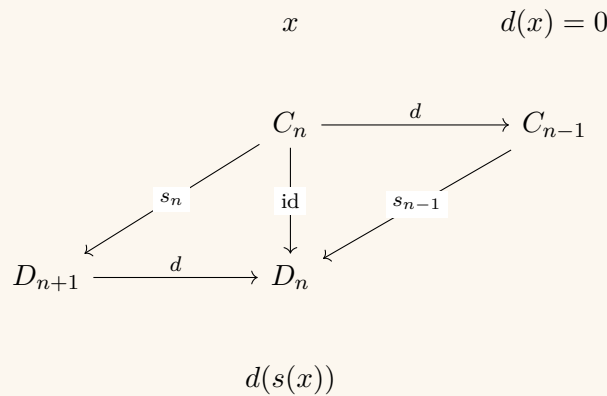
If map $f : C \rightarrow D$ is nullhomotopic then $f_* : H_*(C) \rightarrow H_*(D)$ is the zero map. Thus if f, g are chain homotopic, then they induce equal maps.

Proof (?).

An element in the quotient $H_n(C)$ is represented by an n -cycle $x \in Z_n(C)$. By a previous exercise, $f(x)$ is a well-defined element of $H_n(D)$, and using that $d(x) = 0$ we have

$$f(x) = (ds + sd)(x) = d(s(x)),$$

and so $f[x] = [f(x)] = [0]$.



[Link to Diagram](#)

Now applying the first part to $f - g$ to get the second part. ■

See Weibel for topological motivations.

6.2 1.5 Mapping Cones

Remark 6.2.1: Note that we'll skip *mapping cylinders*, since they don't come up until the section on triangulated categories. The goal is to see how any two maps between homologies can be fit into a LES. This helps reduce questions about *quasi-isomorphisms* to questions about split exact complexes.

Definition 6.2.2 (Mapping Cones)

Suppose we have a chain map $f : B \rightarrow C$, then there is a chain complex $\text{cone}(f)$, the **mapping cone of f** , defined by

$$\text{cone}(f)_n = B_{n-1} \oplus C_n.$$

The maps are given by the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{-d^B} & B_{n-2} \\ & \searrow -f & \\ \oplus & & \oplus \\ C_n & \xrightarrow{d^C} & C_{n-1} \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We can write this down: $d(b, c) = (-d(b), -f(b) + d(c))$, or as a matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -d^B & 0 \\ -f & d^C \end{bmatrix}.$$

Exercise 6.2.3 (?)

Check that the differential on $\text{cone}(f)$ squares to zero.

Exercise 6.2.4 (Weibel 1.5.1)

When $f = \text{id} : C \rightarrow C$, we write $\text{cone}(C)$ instead of $\text{cone}(\text{id})$. Show that $\text{cone}(C)$ is split exact, with splitting map $s(b, c) = (-c, 0)$ for $b \in C_{n-1}, c \in C_n$.

Proposition 6.2.5 (?).

Suppose $f : B \rightarrow C$ is a chain map, then the induced maps $f_* : H(B) \rightarrow H(C)$ fit into a LES. There is a SES of chain complexes:

$$0 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow \text{cone}(f) \longrightarrow B[-1] \longrightarrow 0$$

$$c \longrightarrow (0, c)$$

$$(b, c) \longrightarrow -b$$

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Exercise 6.2.6(?)

Check that these are chain maps, i.e. they commute with the respective differentials d .

The corresponding LES is given by the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1} \text{cone}(f) & \xrightarrow{\delta_*} & H_{n+1}(B[-1]) = H_n(B) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & \searrow \partial & & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_n(C) & \longrightarrow & H_n \text{cone}(f) & \longrightarrow & H_n(B[-1]) = H_{n-1}(B) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

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Lemma 6.2.7(?).

The map $\partial = f_*$

Proof (?).

Letting $b \in B_n$ is an n -cycle.

1. Lift b to anything via δ , say $(-b, 0)$.
2. Apply the differential d to get $(db, fb) = (0, fb)$ since b was a cycle.
3. Pull back to C_n by the map $C \rightarrow \text{cone}(f)$ to get fb .
4. Then the connecting morphism is given by $\partial[b] = [fb]$. But by definition of f_* , we have $[fb] = f_*[b]$.

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7 | Friday, January 29

7.1 Mapping Cones

Remark 7.1.1: Given $f : B \rightarrow C$ we defined $\text{cone}(f)_n := B_{n-1} \oplus C_n$, which fits into a SES

$$0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow \text{cone}(f) \xrightarrow{\delta} B[-1] \rightarrow 0$$

and thus yields a LES in cohomology.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1}(\text{cone}(f)) & \longrightarrow & H_n(B) & \longrightarrow & \\
 & & \searrow \delta = f_* & & \nearrow & & \\
 & H_n(C) & \longrightarrow & H_n(\text{cone}(f)) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(B) & \longrightarrow \\
 & & \nearrow \delta & & \searrow & & \\
 & \cdots & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

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Corollary 7.1.2(?).

$f : B \rightarrow C$ is a quasi-isomorphism if and only if $\text{cone}(f)$ is exact.

Proof (?).

In the LES, all of the maps f_* are isomorphisms, which forces $H_n(\text{cone}(f)) = 0$ for all n . ■

Remark 7.1.3: So we can convert statements about quasi-isomorphisms of complexes into exactness of a single complex.

We'll skip the rest, e.g. mapping cylinders which aren't used until the section on triangulated categories. We'll also skip the section on δ -functors, which is a slightly abstract language.

7.2 Ch. 2: Derived Functors

Remark 7.2.1: Setup: fix $M \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$, where R is a ring with unit. Note that by an upcoming exercise, $\text{Hom}_R(M, \cdot) : \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ is a *left-exact* functor, but not in general right-exact: given a SES

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0 \quad \in \text{Ch}(\text{Mod-}R),$$

there is an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, A) \xrightarrow{f_* = f \circ (\cdot)} \text{Hom}_R(M, B) \xrightarrow{g_* = g \circ (\cdot)} \text{Hom}_R(M, C)$$

Link to Diagram

However, this is not generally surjective: not every $M \rightarrow C$ is given by composition with a morphism $M \rightarrow B$ (*lifting*). To create a LES here, one could use the cokernel construction, but we'd like to do this functorially by defining a sequence of functors F^n that extend this on the right to form a LES:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, A) & \xrightarrow{f_* = f \circ (\cdot)} & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, B) & \xrightarrow{g_* = g \circ (\cdot)} & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, C) \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & \hookrightarrow F^1(A) & \longrightarrow & F^1(B) & \longrightarrow & F^1(C) \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & \hookrightarrow F^2(A) & \longrightarrow & \dots & &
\end{array}$$

Link to Diagram

It turns out such functors exist and are denoted $F^n(\cdot) := \text{Ext}_R^n(M, \cdot)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, A) & \xrightarrow{f_* = f \circ (\cdot)} & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, B) & \xrightarrow{g_* = g \circ (\cdot)} & \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, C) \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(A) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(B) & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(C) \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & \mathrm{Ext}_R^2(A) & \longrightarrow & \dots & &
\end{array}$$

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By convention, we set $\mathrm{Ext}_R^0(\cdot) := \mathrm{Hom}_R(M, \cdot)$. This is an example of a general construction: **right-derived functors** of $\mathrm{Hom}_R(M, \cdot)$. More generally, if \mathcal{A} is an abelian category (with a certain additional property) and $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a left-exact functor (where \mathcal{B} is another abelian category) then we can define right-derived functors $R^n F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. These send SESs in \mathcal{A} to LESs in \mathcal{B} :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & FA & \longrightarrow & FB & \longrightarrow & FC \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & R^1 FA & \longrightarrow & R^1 FB & \longrightarrow & R^1 FC \longrightarrow \\
& & & & & & \searrow \\
& & \dots & & & &
\end{array}$$

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Similarly, if F is *right-exact* instead, there are left-derived functors $L^n F$ which form a LES ending with 0 at the right:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & & & \searrow \dots \leftarrow \\
 & & LFA & \longrightarrow & LFB & \longrightarrow & LFC \leftarrow \\
 & & & & & & \nwarrow \dots \leftarrow \\
 & & FA & \longrightarrow & FB & \longrightarrow & FC \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

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7.3 2.2: Projective Resolutions

Definition 7.3.1 (Projective Modules)

Let $\mathcal{A} = \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$, then $P \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ satisfies the following universal property:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & P & & \\
 & \swarrow \exists \beta & \downarrow \gamma & & \\
 B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

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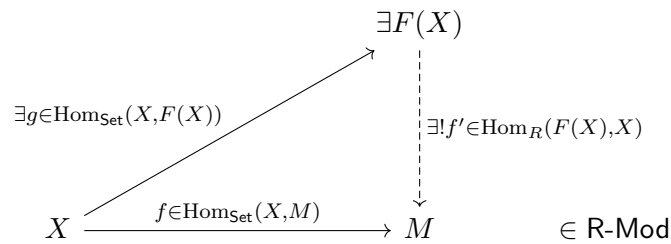
Remark 7.3.2: Free modules are projective. Let $F = R^X$ be the free module on the set X . Then consider $\gamma(x) \in C$, by surjectivity these can be pulled back to some elements in B :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & X & & \\
 & \swarrow \exists \tilde{\beta} & \downarrow \iota_X & & \\
 & \swarrow \exists \beta & F & & \\
 B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\exists b \in g^{-1}(\gamma(x)) := \beta(x) \qquad \gamma(x)$$

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This follows from the universal property of free modules:



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Proposition 7.3.3 (?).

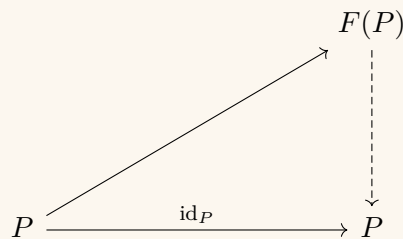
An R -module is projective if and only if it is a direct summand of a free module.

Exercise 7.3.4 (?)

Prove the \Leftarrow direction!

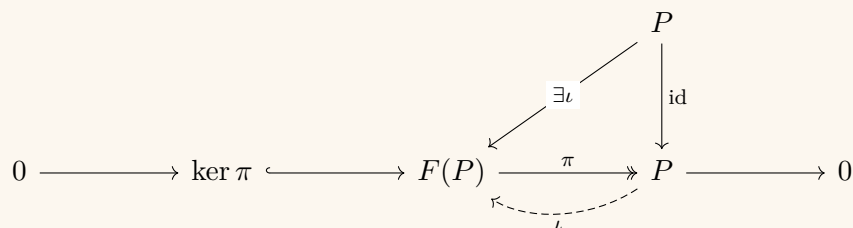
Proof (?).

\Rightarrow : Assume P is projective, and let $F(P)$ be the free R -module on the underlying set of P . We can start with this diagram:



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And rearranging, we get



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Since $\pi \circ \iota$, the SES splits and this $F(P) \cong P \oplus \ker \pi$, making P a direct summand of a free module. ■

Example 7.3.5(?): Not every projective module is free. Let $R = R_1 \times R_2$ a direct product of unital rings. Then $P := R_1 \times \{0\}$ and $P' := \{0\} \times R_2$ are R -modules that are submodules of R . They're projective since R is free over itself as an R -module, and their direct sum is R . However they can not be free, since e.g. P has a nonzero annihilator: taking $(0, 1) \in R$, we have $(0, 1) \cdot P = \{(0, 0)\} = 0_R$. No free module has a nonzero annihilator, since if $0 \neq r \in R$ then $rR \neq 0$ since $r1_R \in rR$, which implies that $r \left(\bigoplus R \right) \neq 0$.

Example 7.3.6(?): Taking $R = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ admits projective R -modules which are not free.

Example 7.3.7(?): Let F be a field, define the ring $R := \text{Mat}(n \times n, F)$ with $n \geq 2$, and set $V = F^n$ thought of as column vectors. This is left R -module, and decomposes as $R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n V$ corresponding to the columns of R , using that $AB = [Ab_1, \dots, Ab_n]$. Then V is a projective R -module as a direct summand of a free module, but it is not free. We have vector spaces, so we can consider dimensions: $\dim_F R = n^2$ and $\dim_F V = n$, so V can't be a free R -module since this would force $\dim_F V = kn^2$ for some k .

Example 7.3.8(?): How many projective modules are there in a given category? Let $\mathcal{C} := \text{Ab}^{\text{fin}}$ be the category of *finite* abelian groups, where we take the full subcategory of the category of all abelian groups. This is an abelian category, although it is not closed under *infinite* direct sums or products, which has no projective objects.

Proof (?).

Over a PID, every submodule of a free module is free, and so we have $\text{free} \iff \text{projective}$ in this case. So equivalently, we can show there are no free \mathbb{Z} -modules, which is true because \mathbb{Z} is infinite, and any such module would have to contain a copy of \mathbb{Z} . ■

Remark 7.3.9: The definition of projective objects extends to any abelian category, not just R -modules.


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Recall the universal of projective modules.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & P & & \\
 & \swarrow \exists \beta & \downarrow \gamma & & \\
 B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

Definition 8.0.1 (Enough Projective)

If \mathcal{A} is an abelian category, then \mathcal{A} has **enough projectives** if and only if for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists a projective object $P \in \mathcal{A}$ and a surjective morphism $P \twoheadrightarrow A$.

Example 8.0.2 (?): $\text{Mod-}R$ has enough projectives: for all $A \in \text{Mod-}R$, one can take $F(A) \twoheadrightarrow A$. 

Example 8.0.3 (?): The category of finite abelian groups does *not* have enough projectives.

Why? 

Lemma 8.0.4 (?).

P is projective if and only if $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(P, \cdot)$ is an exact functor.

Exercise 8.0.5 (?)

Prove this!

Definition 8.0.6 ((Key))

Let $M \in \text{Mod-}R$, then a **projective resolution** of M is an exact complex

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0.$$

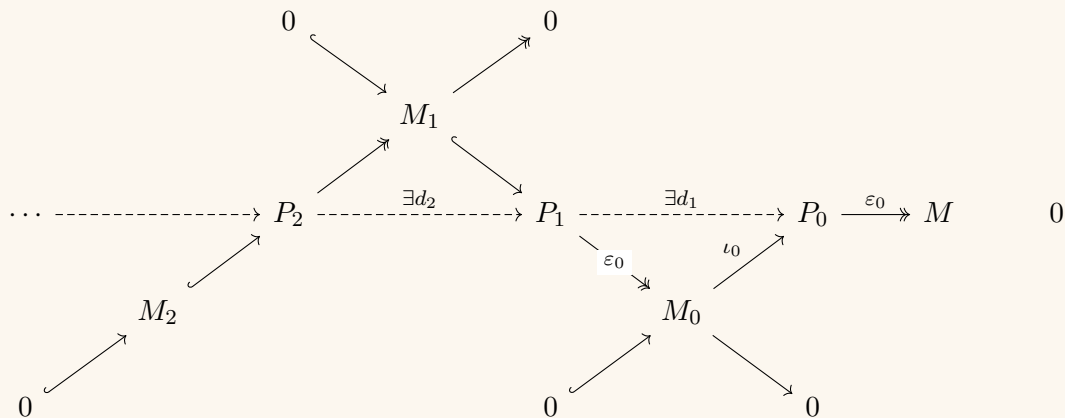
We write $P. \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M$.

Lemma 8.0.7 ((Key)).

Every object $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ has a projective resolution. This is true in any abelian category with enough projectives.

Proof (?).

- Since there are enough projectives, choose $P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_0} M \rightarrow 0$.
- To extend this, set $M_0 := \ker \epsilon_0$, then find a projective cover $P_1 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1} M_0$
- Use that $d_1 := \iota_0 \circ \epsilon_1$ and $\text{im } d_1 = M_0 = \ker \epsilon_0$
- Then $d_2 := \iota_1 \circ \epsilon_2$ with $\text{im } d_2 = M_1$, and $\ker d_1 = \ker \epsilon_1 = M_1$.
- Continuing in this fashion makes the complex exact at every stage.



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8.1 Comparison Theorem

Theorem 8.1.1 (Comparison Theorem).

Suppose $P \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M$ is a projective resolution of an object in \mathcal{A} and $(M \xrightarrow{f} N \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{A})$ and $Q \xrightarrow{\eta} N$ a resolution of N . Then there exists a chain map $P \xrightarrow{f} Q$ lifting f which is unique up to chain homotopy:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P_2 & \xrightarrow{d_2^P} & P_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1^P} & P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon=d_0^P} M \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \exists f_2 & & \downarrow \exists f_1 & & \downarrow \exists f_0 & \downarrow f_{-1}:=f \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & Q_2 & \xrightarrow{d_2^Q} & Q_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1^Q} & Q_0 \xrightarrow{\eta=d_0^Q} N \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

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Remark 8.1.2: The proof will only use that $P \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M$ is a chain complex of projective objects, i.e. $d^2 = 0$, and that $\epsilon \circ d_1^P = 0$. To make the notation more consistent, we'll write $Z_{-1}(P) := M$ and $Z_{-1}(Q) := N$. Toward an induction, suppose that the f_i have been constructed for $i \leq n$, so $f_{i-1} \circ d = d \circ f_i$.

Proof (Existence).

A fact about chain maps is that they induce maps on the kernels of the outgoing maps, so there is a map $f'_n : Z_n(P) \rightarrow Z_n(Q)$. We get a diagram where the top row is not necessarily exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 P_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & Z_n(P) & & \\
 \downarrow \exists f'_{n+1} & & \downarrow f'_n & & \\
 Q_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & Z_n(Q) & \xrightarrow{d} & 0
 \end{array}$$

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Using the definition of projective, since P_{n+1} is projective, the map $f_{n+1} : P_{n+1} \rightarrow Q_{n+1}$ exists where $d \circ f_{n+1} = f'_n \circ d = f_n \circ d$, since $f_n = f'_n$ on $\text{im } d \subseteq Z_n(P)$. This yields commutativity of the above square.

Proof (Uniqueness).

Suppose $g : P \rightarrow Q$ is another lift of f' , then consider $h := f - g$. This is a chain map $P \rightarrow Q$ lifting of $f' - f' = 0$. We'll construct a chain contraction $\{s_n : P_n \rightarrow Q_{n+1}\}$ by induction on n :

We have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 P_0 & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & M & & \\
 \downarrow h_0 := f_0 - f'_0 & & \downarrow f - f' = 0 & & \\
 Q_1 & \xrightarrow{d} & Q_0 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & N
 \end{array}$$

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Setting $P_{-1} := 0$ and $s_{-1} : P_{-1} \rightarrow Q_0$ to be the zero map, we have $\eta \circ h_0 = \varepsilon(f' - f') = 0$. Using projectivity of P_0 , there exists an s_0 as shown below which satisfies $h_0 = d \circ s_0 = ds_0 + s_{-1}d$ where $s_{-1}d = 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 P_0 & \xrightarrow{d_0=0} & P_{-1} = 0 & & \\
 \swarrow \exists s_1 & \downarrow h_0 & \swarrow s_{-1}=0 & & \\
 Q_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & d(Q_1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 0
 \end{array}$$

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Proceeding inductively, assume we have maps $s_i : P_i \rightarrow Q_{i+1}$ such that $h_{n-1} = ds_{n-1} + s_{n-2}d$, or equivalently $ds_{n-1} = h_{n-1} - s_{n-2}d$. We want to construct s_n in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & P_n & \xrightarrow{d} & P_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d} & P_{n-2} \\
 & \swarrow \exists s_n & \downarrow h_n & & \swarrow s_{n-1} & \downarrow h_{n-1} & \swarrow s_{n-2} \\
 Q_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & Q_n & \xrightarrow{d} & Q_{n-1} & &
 \end{array}$$

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So consider $h_n - s_{n-1}d : P_n \rightarrow Q_n$, which we want to equal $d(s_n)$. We want exactness, so we need better control of the image! We have $d(h_n - s_{n-1}d) = dh_n - (h_{n-1} - s_{n-2}d)d$. But this is equal to $dh_n - h_{n-1}d = 0$ since h is a chain map. Thus we get $h_n - s_{n-1}d : P_n \rightarrow Z_n(Q)$, and thus using projectivity one last time, we obtain the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & P_n & & \\
 & \swarrow \exists s_n & \downarrow h_n - s_{n-1}d & & \\
 Q_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d} & Z_n(Q) & \xrightarrow{d} & 0
 \end{array}$$

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Since P_n is projective, there exists an $s_n : P_n \rightarrow Q_{n+1}$ such that $ds_n = h_n - s_{n-1}d$. ■

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Remark 12.0.1: All rings have 1 in this course!

12.1 Horseshoe Lemma

Proposition 12.1.1 (*Horseshoe Lemma*).

Suppose we have a diagram like the following, where the columns are exact and the rows are projective resolutions:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 0 & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P'_2 & \longrightarrow & P'_1 & \longrightarrow & P'_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon'} A' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow \iota_A & & \\
 & & & & A & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow \pi_A & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P''_2 & \longrightarrow & P''_1 & \longrightarrow & P''_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon''} A'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

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Note that if the vertical sequence were split, one could sum together to two resolutions to get a resolution of the middle. This still works: there is a projective resolution of P of A given by

$$P_n := P'_n \oplus P''_n$$

which lifts the vertical column in the above diagram to an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow P' \xrightarrow{\iota} P \xrightarrow{\pi} P'' \rightarrow 0,$$

where $\iota_n : P'_n \hookrightarrow P_n$ is the natural inclusion and $\pi_i : P_n \twoheadrightarrow P''_n$ the natural projection.

12.1.1 Proof of the Horseshoe Lemma

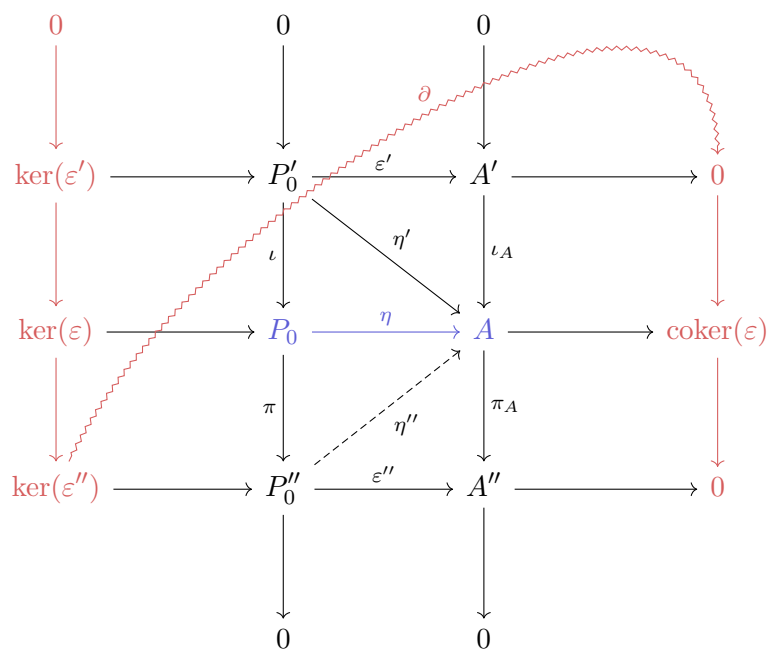
We can construct this inductively:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \ker(\varepsilon') & \longrightarrow & P'_0 & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon'} & A' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \iota & \searrow \eta' & \downarrow \iota_A & & \\
 \ker(\varepsilon) & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & A & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{coker}(\varepsilon) \\
 & & \downarrow \pi & \nearrow \eta'' & \downarrow \pi_A & & \\
 \ker(\varepsilon'') & \longrightarrow & P''_0 & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon''} & A'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

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- P''_0 projective and π_A surjective implies ε'' lifts to $\eta'' : P''_0 \rightarrow A$
- Composing yields $\eta' := \iota_A \circ \eta' : P'_0 \rightarrow A$
- Get $\varepsilon := \eta' \oplus \eta'' : P_0 := P'_0 \oplus P''_0 \rightarrow A$.

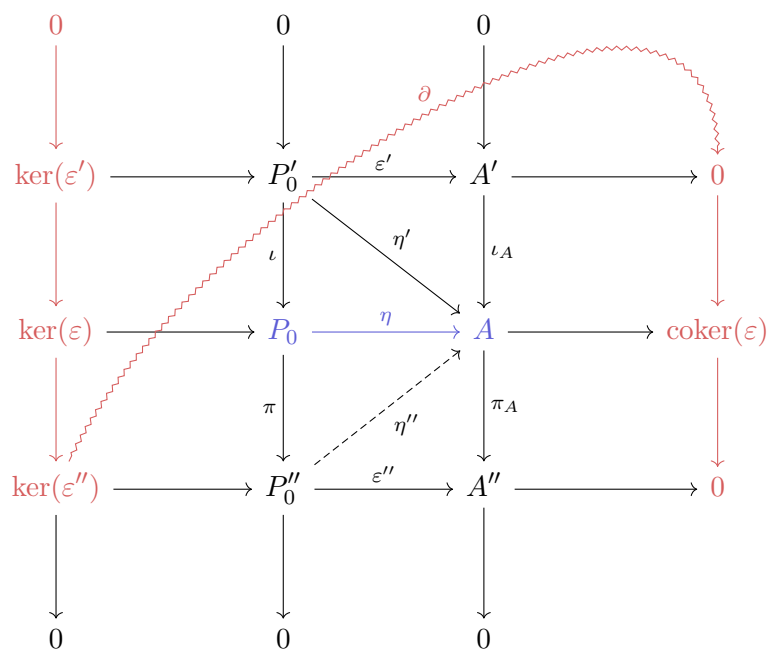
Flipping the diagram, we can apply the snake lemma to the two columns:


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We can now conclude that

- $\text{coker } \varepsilon = 0$
- $\partial = 0$ since it lands on the zero moduli

So append a zero onto the far left column:



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Thus the LHS column is a SES, and we have the first step of a resolution. Proceeding inductively, at the next step we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & & \\
 & & & \downarrow & & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P'_1 & \xrightarrow{d'_1} & \ker(\varepsilon') & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & \ker(\varepsilon) & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P''_1 & \xrightarrow{d''_1} & \ker(\varepsilon'') & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

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However, this is precisely the situation that appeared before, so the same procedure works.

Exercise 12.1.2 (?)

Check that the middle complex is exact! Follows by construction.

12.2 Injective Resolutions

Definition 12.2.1 (Injective Objects)

Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category, then $I \in \mathcal{A}$ is **injective** if and only if it satisfies the following universal property: A is projective if and only if for every monic $\alpha : A \rightarrow I$, any map $f : A \rightarrow B$ lifts to a map $B \rightarrow I$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha & \nearrow \exists \beta & \\
 & & I & &
 \end{array}$$

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We say \mathcal{A} **has enough injectives** if and only if for all A , there exists $A \hookrightarrow I$ where I is injective.

Slogan 12.2.2

Maps on subobjects extend.

Proposition 12.2.3 (*Products of Injectives are Injective*).

If $\{I_\alpha\}$ is a family of injectives and $I := \prod_{\alpha} I_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, then I is again injective.

Proof (?).

Use the universal property of direct products. ■

12.3 Baer's Criterion

Proposition 12.3.1 (Baer's Criterion).

An object $E \in R\text{-Mod}$ is injective if and only if for every right ideal $J \trianglelefteq R$, every map $J \rightarrow E$ extends to a map $R \rightarrow E$. Note that J is a right R -submodule.

Proof (?).

\Rightarrow : This is essentially by definition. Instead of taking arbitrary submodules, we're just taking R itself and *its* submodules:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & J & \longrightarrow & R \\ & & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ & & E & & \end{array}$$

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\Leftarrow : Suppose we have the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \\ & & E & & \end{array}$$

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Let $\mathcal{E} := \{ \alpha' : A' \rightarrow E \mid A \leq A' \leq B \}$, i.e. all of the intermediate extensions:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & B \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & & & \\ & & E & & & & \end{array}$$

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Add a partial order to \mathcal{E} where $\alpha' \leq \alpha''$ if and only if α'' extends α' . Applying Zorn's lemma (and abusing notation slightly), we can produce a maximal $\alpha' : A' \rightarrow E$. The claim is that $A' = B$. Supposing not, then A' is a proper submodule, so choose a $b \in B \setminus A'$. Then define the set $J := \{ r \in R \mid br \in A' \}$, this is a right ideal of R since A' was a right R -module. Now applying the assumption of Baer's condition on E , we can produce a map $f : R \rightarrow E$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & J & \longrightarrow & R \\
 & & \downarrow b \cdot & & \nearrow \exists f \\
 & & A' & & \\
 & & \downarrow \alpha' & & \\
 & & E & &
 \end{array}$$

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Now let $A'' := A' + bR \leq B$, and provisionally define

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha'' : A'' &\rightarrow E \\
 a + br &\mapsto \alpha'(a) + f(r).
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark 12.3.2: Is this well-defined? Consider overlapping terms, it's enough to consider elements of the form $br \in A'$. In this case, $r \in J$ by definition, and so $\alpha'(br) = f(r)$ by commutativity in the previous diagram, which shows that the two maps agree on anything in the intersection.

Note that α'' now extends α' , but $A' \subsetneq A''$ since $b \in A'' \setminus A'$. But then A'' strictly contains A' , contradicting its maximality from Zorn's lemma. ■

Remark 12.3.3: Big question: what *are* injective modules really? These are pretty nonintuitive objects.

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See missing first 10m Recall the definition of injectives.

Remark 13.0.1: Over a PID, divisible is equivalent (?) to injective as a module.

Example 13.0.2(?): \mathbb{Q} is divisible, and thus an injective \mathbb{Z} -module. Similarly $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \cong [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$.

Example 13.0.3(?): Let $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ be prime, then $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{p}] \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ has elements of the form $\sum \frac{a_i}{p^{n_i}}$, and is not divisible. On the other hand, $\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty} := \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{p}]/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{p}] \cap [0, 1)$ is divisible since $p^n \left(\frac{a}{p^n}\right) = a \in \mathbb{Z}$, which equals zero in \mathbb{Z}_{p^∞} . To solve $xr = a/p^n$ with $r, a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $r \neq 0$, first assume $\gcd(r, p) = 1$ by just dividing through by any common powers of p . This amounts to solving $1 = srt p^n$ where

$s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a}{p^n} &= sr \left(\frac{a}{p^n} \right) + tp^n \left(\frac{a}{p^n} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{sa}{p^n} \right) r \\ &:= xr \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}.\end{aligned}$$

Fact 13.0.4

Every injective abelian group is isomorphic to a direct sum of copies of \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Z}_{p^∞} for various primes p .

Example 13.0.5(?): $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \bigoplus_{p \text{ prime}} \mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty}$. To prove this, do induction on the number of prime factors in the denominator.

Exercise 13.0.6 (2.3.2)

$\mathbf{Ab} = \mathbb{Z}\text{-Mod}$ has enough injectives.

Remark 13.0.7: As a consequence, $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ has enough injectives for *any* ring R .

13.1 Transferring Injectives Between Categories

Next we'll use our background in projectives to deduce analogous facts for injectives.

Definition 13.1.1 (Opposite Category)

Let \mathcal{A} be any category, then there is an opposite/dual category \mathcal{A}^{op} defined in the following way:

- $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}) = \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$
- $A \rightarrow B \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{A}) \implies B \rightarrow A \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}})$, so

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}}(B, A) \quad f \mapsto f^{\text{op}}.$$

- We require that if $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ in \mathcal{A} , then $f^{\text{op}} \circ g^{\text{op}} = (g \circ f)^{\text{op}}$ where $C \xrightarrow{g^{\text{op}}} B \xrightarrow{f^{\text{op}}} A$.
- $\mathbb{1}_A^{\text{op}} = \mathbb{1}_A$ in \mathcal{A}^{op} .

⚠ Warning 13.1.2

Thinking of these as functions won't quite work! For $f : A \rightarrow B$, there may not be any map $B \rightarrow A$ – you'd need it to be onto to even define such a thing, and if it's not injective there are many choices. Note that initials and terminals are swapped, and since 0 is both. Counterintuitively, $A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow B$ is 0, which maps to $B \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A = 0^{\text{op}}$.

Remark 13.1.3: Note that $(\cdot)^{\text{op}}$ switches

- Monics and epis,
- Initial and terminal objects,
- Kernels and cokernels.

Moreover, \mathcal{A} is abelian if and only if \mathcal{A}^{op} is abelian.

Definition 13.1.4 (Contravariant Functors)

A **contravariant functor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a *covariant* functor $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & C_2 & & C_2 & \xrightarrow{f^{\text{op}}} & C_1 & & FC_2 & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & FC_1 \\ & & & & \mathcal{C} & \rightsquigarrow & \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} & & \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} & \rightsquigarrow & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

In particular, $F(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1}$ and $F(gf) = F(f)F(g)$

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Example 13.1.5 (?): $\text{Hom}_R(\cdot, A) : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is a contravariant functor in the first slot.

Definition 13.1.6 (Left-Exact Functors)

A contravariant functor $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ between abelian categories is **left exact** if and only if the corresponding covariant functor $F : \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$: That is, SESs in \mathcal{A} get mapped to long left-exact sequences in \mathcal{B} :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & & & F(\cdot) & & \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & FC & \longrightarrow & FB & \longrightarrow & FA \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Lemma 13.1.7 (?).

If \mathcal{A} is abelian and $A \in \mathcal{A}$, then the following are equivalent:

- A is injective in \mathcal{A} .
- A is projective in \mathcal{A}^{op} .
- The contravariant functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\cdot, A)$ is exact.

Lemma 13.1.8 (?).

If an abelian category \mathcal{A} has enough injectives, then every $M \in \mathcal{A}$ has an injective resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow \dots$$

which is an exact cochain complex with each I^n injective. There is a version of the comparison lemma that is proved in roughly the same way as for projective resolutions.

Next up: how to transport injective resolutions in $\mathbb{Z}\text{-Mod}$ to $R\text{-Mod}$.

Observation 13.1.9

If $A \in \mathbf{Ab}$ and $N \in R\text{-Mod}$ then $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(N, A) \in \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ in the following way: taking $f : N \rightarrow A$ and $r \in R$, define a right action $(f \cdot r)(n) := f(rn)$.

Exercise 13.1.10 (?)

Check that this is a morphism of abelian groups, that this yields a module structure, along with other details. For noncommutative rings, it's crucial that the r is on the right in the action and on the left in the definition.

Lemma 13.1.11 (?)

If $M \in \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$, then the following natural map τ is an isomorphism of abelian groups for each $A \in \mathbf{Ab}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau : \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(?(M), A) &\rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R}(M, \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(R, A)) \\ f &\mapsto \tau(f)(m)(r) := f(mr), \end{aligned}$$

where $m \in M$ and $r \in R$. Note that R is a left R -module, so the hom in the RHS is a right R -module and the hom makes sense.

Exercise 13.1.12 (?)

Check the details here, particularly that the module structures all make sense.

There is a map μ going the other way: $\mu(g)(m) = g(m)(1_R)$ for $m \in M$.

Remark 13.1.13: A quick look at why these maps are inverses:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\tau(f)) &= (\tau f)(m)(1_R) \\ &= f(m \cdot 1) \\ &= f(m). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\mu(g))(m)(r) &= (\mu g)(mr) \\ &= g(mr)(1) \\ &= g(m \cdot r) && \text{since } g \in \mathbf{Mor}_{R\text{-Mod}} \\ &= g(m)(r \cdot 1) && \text{by observation earlier} \\ &= g(m)(r). \end{aligned}$$

Remark 13.1.14: The $?$ functor in the lemma will be the forgetful functor applied to M , yielding an adjoint pair.

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14.1 Transporting Injectives

Remark 14.1.1: Last time: we had a lemma that for any $M \in \text{Mod-}R$ and $A \in \text{Ab}$ there is an isomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(F(M), A) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod-}R}(M, \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(R, A)),$$

where $F : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is the forgetful functor.

Definition 14.1.2 (Adjoin)

A pair of functors $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ and $R : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ are **adjoint** if there are natural bijections

$$\tau_{AB} : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(L(A), B) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, R(B)) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B},$$

where *natural* means that for all $A \xrightarrow{f} A'$ and $B \xrightarrow{g} B'$ there is a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA', B) & \xrightarrow{(Lf)^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B') \\ \downarrow \tau & & \downarrow \tau & & \downarrow \tau \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A', RB) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB) & \xrightarrow{(Rg)_*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB') \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

In this case we say L is **left adjoint** to R and R is **right adjoint** to L .

Remark 14.1.3: The lemma thus says that $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(R, \cdot) : \text{Ab} \rightarrow \text{Mod-}R$ (using that $R \in R\text{-Mod}$ is a left R -module) is right adjoint to the forgetful functor $\text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Ab}$.

Remark 14.1.4: Recall that F is **additive** if $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(B', B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(FB', FB)$ is a morphism of abelian groups for all $B, B' \in \mathcal{B}$.

Proposition 14.1.5 (?).

If $R : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an additive functor and right adjoint to an exact functor $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, then $I \in \mathcal{B}$ injective implies $R(I) \in \mathcal{A}$ is injective. Dually, if $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is additive and left adjoint to an exact functor $R : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, then $P \in \mathcal{A}$ projective implies $L(P) \in \mathcal{B}$ is projective.

Corollary 14.1.6 (?).

If $I \in \text{Ab}$ is injective, then $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(R, I) \in \text{Mod-}R$ is injective.

Proof (?).

This follows from the previous lemma: $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(R, \cdot)$ is right adjoint to the forgetful functor

$\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ which is certainly exact. This follows from the fact that kernels and images don't change, since these are given in terms of set maps and equalities of sets. ■

Exercise 14.1.7 (2.3.5, 2.3.2)

Show that $\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$ has enough injectives, using that \mathbf{Ab} has enough injectives.

Proof (of proposition).

It suffices to show that the contravariant functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(\cdot, RI)$ is exact. We know it's left exact, so we'll show surjectivity. Suppose we have a SES $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} A'$ which is exact in \mathcal{A} . Then $0 \rightarrow LA \xrightarrow{Lf} LA'$ is exact, and we can apply hom to obtain the exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA', I) \xrightarrow{(Lf)^*} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, I) \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying τ yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA', I) & \xrightarrow{(Lf)^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, I) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \tau \sim & & \downarrow \tau \sim & & \downarrow \text{---} \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A', RI) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RI) & \dashrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

- The top sequence is exact since I is injective in \mathcal{B}
- Therefore the bottom map is onto (diagram chase)

■

14.2 2.4: Left Derived Functors

Remark 14.2.1: Goal: define left derived functors of a right exact functor F , with applications the bifunctor $\cdot \otimes_R \cdot$, which is right exact and covariant in each variable. We're ultimately interested in Hom functors and Ext , but this is slightly more technical since it's covariant in one slot and contravariant in the other, so focusing on this functor makes the theory slightly easier to develop. This can be fixed by switching \mathcal{C} with \mathcal{C}^{op} once in a while. Everything for left derived functors will have a dual for right derived functors.

Remark 14.2.2: Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be abelian categories where \mathcal{A} has enough projectives and $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a right exact functor (which implicitly assumes F is additive). We want to define $L_i F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ for $i \geq 0$.

Definition 14.2.3 (Left Derived Functors)

For $A \in \mathcal{A}$, fix once and for all a projective resolution $P \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A$, where $P_{<0} = 0$. Then define $FP = (\cdots \rightarrow F(P_1) \xrightarrow{Fd_1} F(P_0) \rightarrow 0)$, noting that A no longer appears in this complex. We can write $H_0(FP) = FP_0/(Fd_1)(FP_1)$, and define

$$(L_i F)(A) := H_i(FP).$$

Remark 14.2.4: Note that $P_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A \rightarrow 0$ is exact, and since F is right exact, it can be shown that the following is a SES: $FP_1 \xrightarrow{Fd_1} FP_0 \xrightarrow{F\varepsilon} FA \rightarrow 0$. We can use this to compute the original homology, despite it not having any homology itself! From this, we can extra $L_0(A) := FP_0/(Fd_1)(FP_1) = FP_0/\ker F(\varepsilon)$ using exactness at FP_0 , and by the 1st isomorphism theorem this is isomorphic to the image FA using surjectivity. So $L_0 F \cong F$.

Theorem 14.2.5 (?).

$L_i F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ are additive functors.

Proof (?).

First, $\mathbb{1}_P : P \rightarrow P$ lifts $\mathbb{1}_A : A \rightarrow A$ since it yields a commuting ladder, and $F(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1}$, so $(L_i f)(\mathbb{1}) = \mathbb{1}$. Then in the following diagram, the outer rectangle commutes since the inner squares do:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow \tilde{f} & & \downarrow f \\ P' & \longrightarrow & A' \\ \downarrow \tilde{g} & & \downarrow g \\ P'' & \longrightarrow & A'' \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

So $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}$ lifts $g \circ f$ and therefore $g_* f_* = (gf)_*$. Thus $L_i F$ is a functor. That they are additive comes from checking the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow \tilde{g} & \downarrow \tilde{f} & \downarrow f \\ Q & \longrightarrow & B \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Then $\tilde{f} + \tilde{g}$ lifts $f + g$, and H_i is an additive functor: $(F\tilde{f} + F\tilde{g})_* = (F\tilde{f})_* + (F\tilde{g})_*$. Thus $L_i F$ is additive. ■

15 | Wednesday, February 10

Remark 15.0.1: Setup: Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} and $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ where \mathcal{A} has enough projectives. Let $P \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A \in \mathcal{A}$ be a projective resolution, we want to define the left derived functors $L_i F(A) := H_i(FP)$.

Lemma 15.0.2(?).

$L_i F(A)$ is well-defined up to natural isomorphism, i.e. if $Q \rightarrow A$ is a projective resolution, then there are canonical isomorphism $H_i(FP) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_i(FQ)$. In particular, changing projective resolutions yields a new functor $\hat{L}_i F$ which are naturally isomorphic to F .

Proof (?).

We can set up the following situation

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_P} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \exists f & & \downarrow \mathbb{1}_A & & \\ Q & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_Q} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Here f exists by the comparison theorem, and thus there are induced maps $f_* : H_*(FP) \rightarrow H_*(FQ)$ by abuse of notation – really, this is more like $(f_*)_i = H_u(Ff)$. We're using that both F and H_i are both additive functors. Note that the lift f of $\mathbb{1}_A$ is not unique, but any other lift is chain homotopic to f , i.e. $f - f' = ds + sd$ where $s : P \rightarrow Q[1]$. So they induce the same maps on homology, i.e. $f'_* = f_*$. Thus the isomorphism is canonical in the sense that it doesn't depend on the choice of lift.

Similarly there exists a $g : Q \rightarrow P$ lifting $\mathbb{1}_A$, and so gf and $\mathbb{1}_P$ are both chain maps lifting $\mathbb{1}_A$, since it's the composition of two maps lifting $\mathbb{1}_A$. So they induce the same map on homology by the same reasoning above. We can write

$$g_* f_* = (gf)_* = (\mathbb{1}_{FP})_* = \mathbb{1}_{H_*(FP)},$$

and similarly $f_* g_* = \mathbb{1}_{H_*(FQ)}$, making f_* an isomorphism. ■

Corollary 15.0.3(?).

If A is projective, then $L^{>0} F A = 0$.

Proof (?).

Use the projective resolution $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\mathbb{1}_A} A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$. In this case $H_{>0}(FP) = 0$. ■

Remark 15.0.4: This is an interesting result, since it doesn't depend on the functor! Short aside on F -acyclic objects – we don't need something as strong as a *projective* resolution. ■

Definition 15.0.5 (F -acyclic objects)

An object $Q \in \mathcal{A}$ is F -acyclic if $L_{>0}FQ = 0$.

Remark 15.0.6: Note that projective implies F -acyclic for every F , but not conversely. For example, flat R -modules are acyclic for $\cdot \otimes_R \cdot$. In general, flat does not imply projective, although projective implies flat.

Definition 15.0.7 (F -acyclic resolutions)

An F -acyclic resolution of A is a left resolution $Q \rightarrow A$ for which every Q_i is F -acyclic.

Remark 15.0.8: One can compute $L_iF(A) \cong H_i(FQ)$ for any F -acyclic resolution. For the L_iF to be functors, we need to define them on maps!

Lemma 15.0.9 (?).

If $f : A \rightarrow A'$, there is a natural associated morphism $L_iF(f) : L_iF(A) \rightarrow L_iF(A')$.

Proof (?).

Again use the comparison theorem:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \exists \tilde{f} \downarrow & & \downarrow f & & \\ P' & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Then there is an induced map $\tilde{f}_* : H_*(FP) \rightarrow H_*(FP')$, noting that one first needs to apply F to the above diagram. As before, this is independent of the lift using the same argument as before, using the additivity of F and H_* and the chain homotopy is pushed through F appropriately. So set $(L_iF)(f) := (\tilde{f}_*)_i$. ■

We can now pick up the theorem from the end of last time:

Theorem 15.0.10 (?).

$L_iF : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ are additive functors.

Proof (?).

Done last time! ■

Theorem 15.0.11 (?).

Using the same assumptions as before, given a SES

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

there are natural connecting maps δ yielding a LES

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & \cdots \\
 & & & \delta_{i+1} & & & \\
 \hookrightarrow & L_i F(A') & \longrightarrow & L_i F(A) & \longrightarrow & L_i F(A'') & \hookrightarrow \\
 & & & \delta_i & & & \\
 \hookrightarrow & L_{i-1} F(A') & \dashrightarrow & \cdots & \dashrightarrow & \cdots & \hookrightarrow \\
 & & & \delta_1 & & & \\
 \hookrightarrow & F A' & \longrightarrow & F A & \longrightarrow & F A'' & \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Proof (?).

Using the Horseshoe lemma, we can obtain the following map:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & & 0 & \\
 & & & \downarrow & \\
 P' & \longrightarrow & A' & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 P & \dashrightarrow \exists & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 P'' & \longrightarrow & A'' & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

So we get a SES of complexes over \mathcal{A} , $0 \rightarrow P' \rightarrow P \rightarrow P'' \rightarrow 0$. One can use that $P = P' \oplus P''$, or alternatively that each P_n'' is a projective R -module, to see that there are splittings

$$0 \longrightarrow P' \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} P \xrightarrow{\quad g \quad} P'' \longrightarrow 0$$

$\xleftarrow{f'} \quad \xleftarrow{g'}$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Note that this can be phrased in terms of $g'g = 1$, $f'f = 1$, or $g'g + f'f = 1$. Since F is additive, it preserves all of these relations, particularly the ones that define being split exact. So additive functors preserve split exact sequences. Thus $0 \rightarrow FP' \rightarrow FP \rightarrow FP'' \rightarrow 0$ is still split exact, even though F is only right exact. Now take homology and use the LES in homology to get the desired LES above, and δ is the connecting morphism that comes from the snake lemma.

Proving naturality: we start with the following setup.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g'' \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & B'' \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Naturality of δ will be showing that the following square commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L_{i+1}F(A'') & \xrightarrow{\delta} & L_iF(A') \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 L_{i+1}F(B'') & \xrightarrow{\delta} & L_iF(B')
 \end{array}$$

We now apply the horseshoe lemma several times:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & & P' & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & P'' & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow g' & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g'' & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & B'' & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & & Q' & \longrightarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & Q'' & & 0
 \end{array}$$

$\exists G'$ $\exists G$ $\exists G''$

The diagram shows a 3x3 grid of chain complexes. The top row is $0 \rightarrow P' \rightarrow P \rightarrow P'' \rightarrow 0$. The middle row is $0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$. The bottom row is $0 \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0$. The left column is $0 \rightarrow Q' \rightarrow A' \rightarrow P' \rightarrow 0$. The middle column is $0 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0$. The right column is $0 \rightarrow Q'' \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow P'' \rightarrow 0$. The horizontal maps are $A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A''$, $B' \rightarrow B \rightarrow B''$, and $Q' \rightarrow Q \rightarrow Q''$. The vertical maps are $A' \rightarrow B' \rightarrow Q'$, $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow Q$, and $A'' \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow Q''$. The maps $P' \rightarrow A'$, $P \rightarrow A$, and $P'' \rightarrow A''$ are labeled $\exists G'$, $\exists G$, and $\exists G''$ respectively. The maps $A' \rightarrow P'$, $A \rightarrow P$, and $A'' \rightarrow P''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $B' \rightarrow P'$, $B \rightarrow P$, and $B'' \rightarrow P''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow A'$, $Q \rightarrow A$, and $Q'' \rightarrow A''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow B'$, $Q \rightarrow B$, and $Q'' \rightarrow B''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow P'$, $Q \rightarrow P$, and $Q'' \rightarrow P''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow A'$, $Q \rightarrow A$, and $Q'' \rightarrow A''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow B'$, $Q \rightarrow B$, and $Q'' \rightarrow B''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively. The maps $Q' \rightarrow P'$, $Q \rightarrow P$, and $Q'' \rightarrow P''$ are labeled g' , g , and g'' respectively.

It turns out (details omitted see Weibel p. 46) that G can be chosen such that we get a commutative diagram of chain complexes with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & P' & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & P'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow G' & & \downarrow G & & \downarrow G'' \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & Q' & \longrightarrow & Q & \longrightarrow & Q'' \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We proved naturality of the connecting maps ∂ in the corresponding LES in homology in general (see prop. 1.3.4). This translates to naturality of the maps $\delta_i : L_i(A'') \rightarrow L_{i-1}(A')$. ■

Remark 15.0.12: See exercise 2.4.3 for “dimension shifting”. This is a useful tool for inductive arguments.

16 | Friday, February 12

Remark 16.0.1: Last time: right-exact functors have left-derived functors where a SES induces a LES. The functors are *natural* with respect to the connecting morphisms in the sense that certain squares commute. Weibel refers to $\{L_i F\}_{i \geq 0}$ as a **homological δ -functor**, i.e. anything that takes SESs to LESs which are natural with respect to connecting morphism.

16.1 Aside: Natural Transformations

Definition 16.1.1 (Natural Transformation)

Given functors $F, G, \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, a **natural transformation** $\eta : F \Rightarrow G$ is the following data:

- For all $C \in \mathcal{C}$ there is a map $F(C) \xrightarrow{\eta_C} G(C) \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{D})$, sometimes referred to as $\eta(C)$.
- If $C \xrightarrow{f} C' \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$, there is a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FC & \xrightarrow{Ff} & FC' \\ \downarrow \eta_C & & \downarrow \eta_{C'} \\ GC & \xrightarrow{Gf} & GC' \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

- η is a **natural isomorphism** if all of the η_C are isomorphisms, and we write $F \cong G$.

Definition 16.1.2 (Equivalence of Categories)

A functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is an **equivalence of categories** if and only if there exists a $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ such that $GF \cong \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $FG \cong \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{D}}$.

Example 16.1.3(?): A category \mathcal{C} is **small** if $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ is a set, then take $\mathcal{C} := \text{Cat}$ whose objects are categories and morphisms are functors. Note that in all categories, all collections of morphisms should be sets, and the small condition guarantees it. In this case, natural transformations $\eta : F \rightarrow G$

is an additional structure yielding morphisms of morphisms. These are called **2-morphisms**, and in this entire structure is a **2-category**, and our previous notion is referred to as a **1-category**.

Theorem 16.1.4(?).

Assume \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are abelian and $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a right-exact additive functor where \mathcal{A} has enough projectives. Then the family $\{L_i F\}_{i \geq 0}$ is a *universal δ -functor* where $L_0 F \cong F$ is a natural isomorphism.

Remark 16.1.5: Here *universal* means that if $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ is also a δ -functor with a natural *transformation* (not necessarily an isomorphism) $\varphi_0 : T_0 \rightarrow F$, then there exist unique morphism of δ -functors $\{\varphi_i : T_i \rightarrow L_i F\}_{i \geq 0}$, i.e. a family of natural transformations that commute with the respective δ maps coming from both the T_i and the $L_i F$, which extend φ_0 . This will be important later on when we try to show Ext and Tor are functors in either slot.

Proof (?).

Assume $\{T_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ and φ_0 are given, and assume inductively that $n > 0$ and we've defined $\varphi_i : T_i \rightarrow L_i F$ for $0 \leq i < n$ which commute with the δ maps. Step 1: given $A \in \mathcal{A}$, fix a reference exact sequence: pick a projective mapping onto A and its kernel to obtain

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying the functors T_i and $L_i F$ yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & x & \cdots & k & \cdots & 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 T_n A & \xrightarrow{\quad \delta \quad} & T_{n-1} K & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T_{n-1} P & & \\
 \downarrow \exists \varphi_{n-1}(A) & & \downarrow \varphi_{n-1}(K) & & \downarrow \varphi_{n-1}(P) & & \\
 L_n F P = 0 & \longrightarrow & L_n F A & \xleftarrow{\quad \delta \quad} & L_{n-1} F K & \longrightarrow & L_{n-1} F P \\
 & & \downarrow \exists ! y := \varphi_{n-1}(x) & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \ell & \cdots & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

So define $\varphi_n(A)(x) := y$, which makes the LHS square commute by construction. Note that $L_n F P$ vanishes (as do all its higher derived functors) since P is projective.

Warning 16.1.6

The map $\varphi_n(A)$ could depend on the choice of P !

We now want to show that φ_n is a natural transformation. Supposing $f : A' \rightarrow A$, we need to show φ_n commutes with f .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & K' & \longrightarrow & P' & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \exists h & & \downarrow \exists g & & \downarrow f \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Since P' is projective, we can lift f to $P' \rightarrow P$, and then define h to be the restriction of g to $K' \rightarrow K$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 T_n A' & \xrightarrow{T_n f} & & & T_n A \\
 \searrow \delta' & & T_{n-1} K' & \xrightarrow{T_{n-1} h} & T_{n-1} K & \swarrow \delta \\
 \downarrow \varphi_n(A') & & \downarrow \varphi_{n-1} & & \downarrow \varphi_{n-1} & \downarrow \varphi_n(A) \\
 & & L_{n-1} F K' & \xrightarrow{L_{n-1} F h} & L_{n-1} F K & \\
 \nearrow \delta' & & & & & \nwarrow \delta \\
 L_n F A' & \xrightarrow{L_n F f} & & & L_n F(A)
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Note that all of the quadrilaterals here commute. The middle top and bottom come from naturality of T_* , $L_* F$ with respect to δ , the RHS/LHS due to the construction of the φ_n , and φ_{n-1} is natural by the inductive hypothesis. Now in order to traverse $T_n A' \rightarrow T_n A \rightarrow L_n F(A)$, we can pass the path through one commuting square at a time to make it equal to $T_n A' \rightarrow L_n F A' \rightarrow L_n F A$, so the outer square commutes. We have

$$\delta \varphi_n(A) T_n F = \delta L_n F f \varphi_n(A'),$$

and since δ is monic (using the previous vanishing due to projectivity), so we can cancel on the left and this yields the definition of naturality.

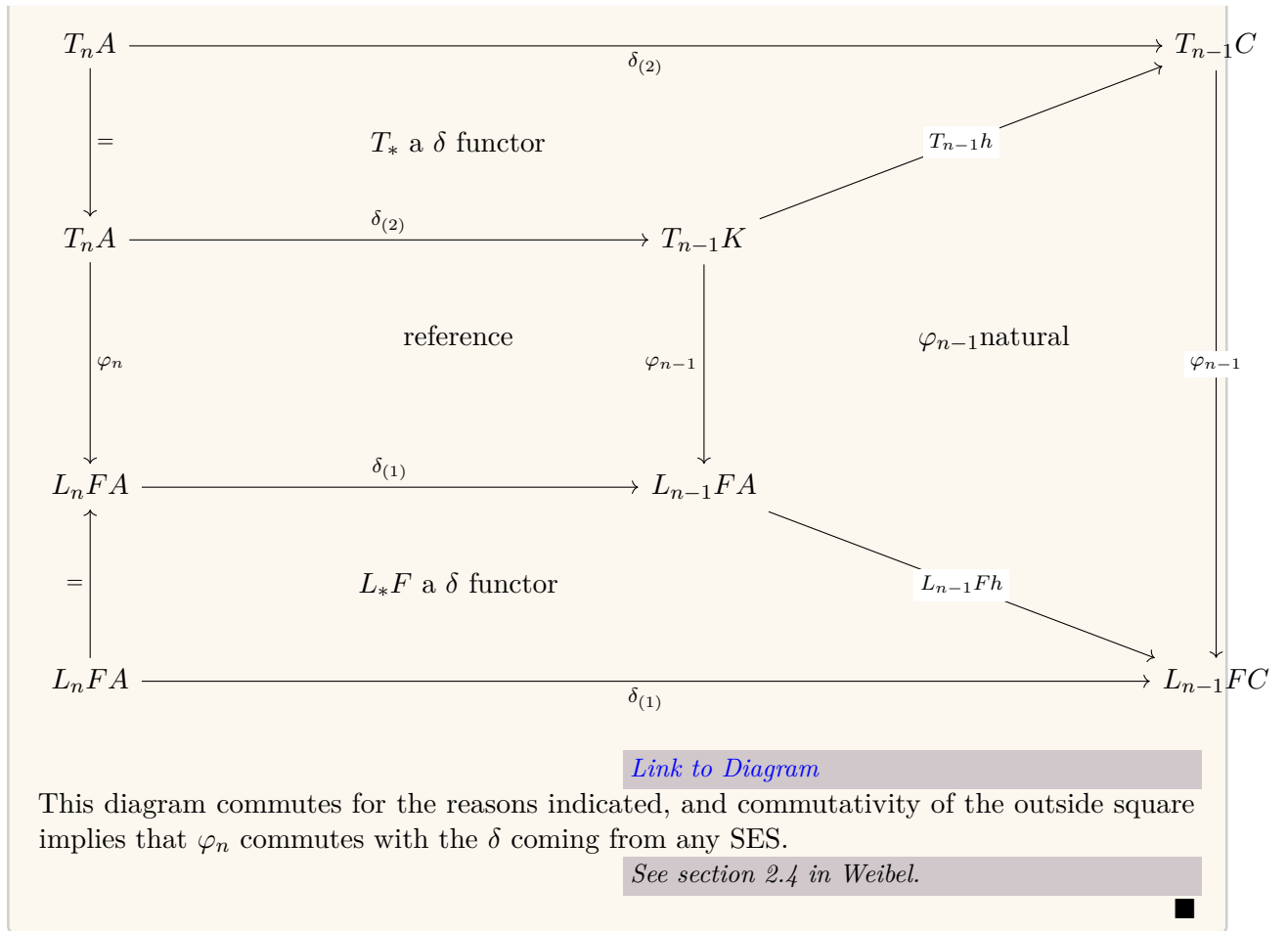
Corollary 16.1.7(?).

The definition of $\varphi_n(A)$ does not depend on the choice of P . Taking $A' = A$ in the previous argument with $f = \mathbb{1}$, suppose $P' \neq P$. Then $T_n f = \mathbb{1} = L_n F f$ and setting $\varphi'_n(A)$ to be the map coming from P' , we get $\varphi'_n(A) = \varphi_n(A)$ using the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & K' & \longrightarrow & P' & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \exists h & & \downarrow \exists g & & \downarrow \mathbb{1} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

So the $\varphi_n(A)$ are uniquely defined. We now want to show that φ_n commutes with the δ_n coming from an *arbitrary* SES instead of a fixed reference SES.



17 | Monday, February 15

17.1 2.5: Right-Derived Functors

Remark 17.1.1: Today: right-derived functors of a left-exact functor. Luckily we can use some opposite category tricks which save us some work of re deriving everything.

Definition 17.1.2 (Right Derived Functors)

Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be left-exact where \mathcal{A} has enough injectives. Given $A \in \mathcal{A}$, fix an injective resolution $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} I$ and define

$$R^i F := H^i(FA) \quad i \geq 0.$$

Remark 17.1.3: Then

$$0 \rightarrow FA \xrightarrow{F\varepsilon} FI^0 \xrightarrow{Fd^0} FI^1$$

is exact, and

$$R^0FA = \ker F(d^0)/\langle 0 \rangle = \operatorname{im} F\varepsilon \cong FA,$$

and so there is naturally an isomorphism $R^0F \cong F$. Observe that F yields a right-exact functor $F^{\operatorname{op}} : \mathcal{A}^{\operatorname{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{\operatorname{op}}$, where we note that $F^{\operatorname{op}}(f^{\operatorname{op}}) = F(f)^{\operatorname{op}}$. Note that taking the opposite category sends injectives to projectives and so $\mathcal{A}^{\operatorname{op}}$ has enough projectives. This means that L_iF^{op} are defined using the projective resolution I , so we have

$$R^iF(A) = (L_iF^{\operatorname{op}})^{\operatorname{op}}.$$

Thus all results about left-derived functors translate to right-derived functors:

- R_iF is independent of the choice of injective resolution, up to a natural isomorphism.
- If A is injective, then $R^{i>0}F(A) = 0$.
- The collection $\{R^iF\}_{i \geq 0}$ forms a universal cohomological δ -functor for F .
- An object $Q \in \mathcal{A}$ is F -**acyclic** if $R^{>0}F(Q) = 0$.
- R^iF can be computed using F -acyclic objects instead of injective resolutions.

Definition 17.1.4 (?)

Fix a right R -module $M \in \operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R$, then $F := \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}(M, \cdot) : \operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \operatorname{Ab}$ is a left-exact functor. Its right-derived functors are **ext functors** and denoted $\operatorname{Ext}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}^i(M, \cdot)$.

Example 17.1.5 (?)

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}^i(M, A) = (R^iF)(A) = [R^i\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}(M, \cdot)](A).$$

Remark 17.1.6: Exercises 2.5.1, 2.5.2 are important extensions of our existing characterizations of injectives and projectives in $\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R$. These upgrade the characterization involving Hom to one involving Ext .³

Remark 17.1.7: Fix $B \in \operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R$ and consider $G := \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}(\cdot, B) : \operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R \rightarrow \operatorname{Ab}$. Then G is still left-exact, but is now *contravariant*. We can regard it as a covariant functor left-exact functor $G : \operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R^{\operatorname{op}} \rightarrow \operatorname{Ab}$. So we define $R^iG(A)$ by an injective resolution of A in $\mathcal{A}^{\operatorname{op}}$, and this is the same as a projective resolution of A in \mathcal{A} . So apply G and take cohomology. It turns out that

$$R^i\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}(\cdot, B) \cong R^i\operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Mod}\text{-}R}(A, \cdot)(B) := \operatorname{Ext}_{R\text{-}\operatorname{Mod}}^i(A, B),$$

so we can use the same notation $\operatorname{Ext}_R^i(\cdot, B)$ for both cases.

³Note the typo in 2.5.1.3, it should say the following: “ B is $\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, \cdot)$ is acyclic for all A .”

17.2 2.6: Adjoint Functors and Left/Right Exactness

Slogan 17.2.1

• adjoints are \cdot^{op} exact, since \cdot adjoints have \cdot -derived functors.

Theorem 17.2.2(?).

Let

$$\mathcal{A} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{L} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{R} \end{array} \mathcal{B}$$

be an adjoint pair of functors. Then there exists a natural isomorphism

$$\tau_{AB} : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB) \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Moreover,

- L is right exact, and
- B is left exact.

Proposition 17.2.3(1.6: Yoneda).

A sequence

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C$$

is exact in \mathcal{A} if and only if for all $M \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$, the sequence

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, A) \xrightarrow{\alpha^* := \alpha \circ \cdot} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, B) \xrightarrow{\beta^* := \beta \circ \cdot} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, C)$$

is exact.

Proof (?).

1. Take $M = A$, then $0 = \beta^* \alpha^*(1_A) = \beta \alpha 1 = \beta \alpha$. Thus $\text{im } \alpha \subseteq \ker \beta$.
2. Take $M = \ker \beta$ and consider the inclusion $\iota : \ker M \hookrightarrow B$, then $\beta^*(\iota) = \beta \iota = 0$ and thus $\iota \in \ker \beta^* = \text{im } \alpha^*$. So there exists $\sigma \in \text{Hom}(\ker \beta, A)$ such that $\iota = \alpha^*(\sigma) := \alpha \sigma$, and thus $\ker \beta = \text{im } \iota \subset \text{im } \alpha$.

Thus $\ker \beta = \text{im } \alpha$, yielding exactness of the bottom sequence. ■

Proof (of theorem).

We'll first prove that R is left-exact. Take a SES in B , say

$$0 \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0.$$

Apply the left-exact covariant functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, \cdot)$ followed by τ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B') & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(LA, B'') \\
 & & \downarrow \tau_{AB} & & \downarrow \tau_{AB} & & \downarrow \tau_{AB} \\
 0 & \dashrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(A, RB') & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(A, RB) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(A, RB'')
 \end{array}$$

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The bottom sequence is exact by naturality of τ . Now applying the Yoneda lemma, we obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, RB'').$$

So R is left exact. Now $L^{\text{op}} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is right adjoint to R^{op} , so L^{op} is left exact and thus L is right exact. ■

17.3 Tensor Product Functors and Tor

Remark 17.3.1: Let

- $R, S \in \text{Ring}$,
- $B \in (R, S)\text{-biMod}$,
- $C \in S\text{-Mod}$.

Then $\text{Hom}_S(B, C) \in \text{Mod-}R$ in a natural way: given $f : B \rightarrow C$, define $(f \cdot r)(b) = f(rb)$. ✍

Exercise 17.3.2 (?)

Check that this is a well-defined morphism of right S -modules.

Remark 17.3.3: We saw this structure earlier with $S = \mathbb{Z}$, see p.41. ✍

Proposition 17.3.4(?).

Fix R, S and ${}_R B_S$ as above. Then for every $A \in \text{Mod-}R$ and $C \in \text{--Mod}S$ there is a natural isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau : \text{Hom}_S(A \otimes_R B, C) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_R(A, \text{Hom}_S(B, C)) \\
 f &\mapsto g(a)(b) = f(a \otimes b) \\
 f(a \otimes b) &= g(a)(b) \leftarrow g.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the tensor product is a right S -module, and the hom on the right is a right R -module, so these expressions make sense. Here B is fixed, so A and C are variables and this is a

statement about bifunctors

$$\cdot \otimes_R B : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Mod-}S,$$

which is left adjoint to

$$\text{Hom}_S(B, \cdot) : \text{Mod-}S \rightarrow \text{Mod-}R.$$

So the former is a left adjoint and the latter is a right adjoint, so by the theorem, $\cdot \otimes_R B$ is right exact.

Remark 17.3.5: If B is only a left R -module, we can always take $S = \mathbb{Z}$, which makes this into a functor

$$\cdot \otimes_R B : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Ab}.$$

Since this is a right exact functor from a category with enough injectives, we can define left-derived functors.

Definition 17.3.6 (?)

Let $B \in (R, S)\text{-biMod}$ and let

$$T(\cdot) := \cdot \otimes_R B : \text{Mod-}R \rightarrow \text{Mod-}S.$$

Then define $\text{Tor}_n^R(A, B) := L_n T(A)$.

Remark 17.3.7: Note that these are easier to work with, since they're covariant in both variables.

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Remark 18.0.1: We looked at $B \in (R, S)\text{-biMod}$ and showed $\cdot \otimes_R B : R\text{-Mod} \rightarrow S\text{-Mod}$ is left adjoint to hom , and has left-derived functors $\text{Tor}_n^R(\cdot, B) := L_n(\cdot \otimes_R B)$.

$$R\text{-Mod} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\cdot \otimes_R B} \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Hom}_S(B, \cdot)} \end{array} S\text{-Mod}.$$

Note that $\text{Tor}_0^R(A, B) \cong A \otimes_R B$.

Remark 18.0.2: $A \otimes_R \cdot$ is also right exact, and it turns out that

$$L_n(A \otimes_R \cdot)(B) \cong L_n(\cdot \otimes_R B)(A).$$

So unambiguously denote either of this left derived functors as $\text{Tor}_n(A, B)$.

18.1 Limits and Colimits

Definition 18.1.1 (Functor Category)

Given categories \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{A} , define a **functor category** $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}}$ by

- $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}})$: functors $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.
- $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}})$: natural transformations $\eta : A \rightarrow B$ between functors.

\mathcal{I} is thought of as an index category, and we'll write $A_i := A(i) \in \mathcal{A}$ for $i \in \mathcal{I}$. If $\alpha : i \rightarrow j$ is a morphism in \mathcal{I} , then denote $A(\alpha) := \alpha_*$, which is the morphism defined by the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_i & \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} & A_j \\ \eta_i \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_j \\ B_i & \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} & B_j \end{array}$$

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Composition is defined by $A \xrightarrow{\eta} B \xrightarrow{\zeta} C$ is given by $(\zeta_{\eta})_i = \zeta_i \circ \eta_i$. We need the collection of morphisms to be sets, so we'll require \mathcal{I} to be a *small category* (i.e. the class of objects forms a set).

Example 18.1.2 (Poset Category): Take (I, \leq) a poset (which is reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive, but not every two elements are comparable), define a category by

- $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{I}) = I$
- $|\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{I}}(i, j)| \leq 1$, and $i \rightarrow j \iff i \leq j$

Note that if $i \not\leq j$, then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{I}}(i, j) = \emptyset$.

Remark 18.1.3: Both $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}}$ are small, so we can consider functors between them.

Definition 18.1.4 (Diagonal Functor)

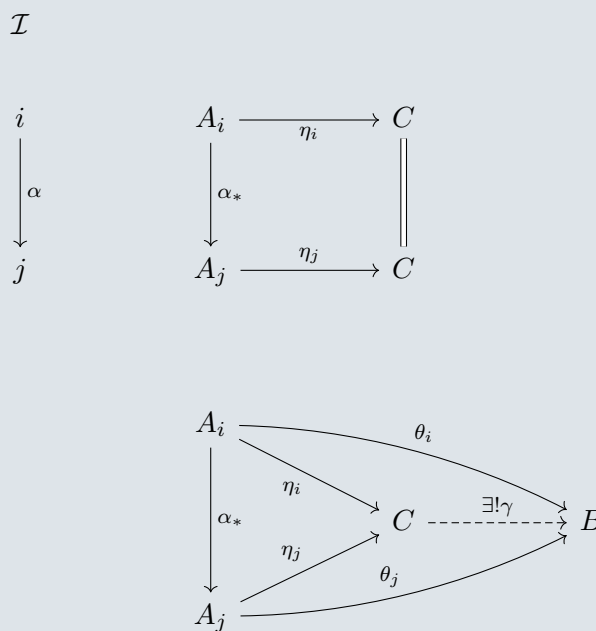
The **diagonal functor** is defined as $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}}$ where for $B \in \mathcal{A}$ the functor $\Delta(B)$ is the constant functor, i.e. $\Delta(B)_i = B$ for all $i \in \mathcal{I}$. All morphism are sent to the identity, i.e. $i \xrightarrow{\alpha} j \xrightarrow{\Delta(B)} B \xrightarrow{1_B} B$.

Work out how morphisms work here with respect to natural transformations.

Definition 18.1.5 (Colimit)

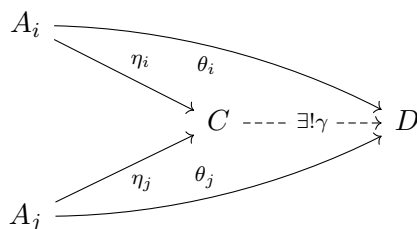
The **colimit** of a functor $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an object $C \in \mathcal{A}$ which we'll denote $\text{colim}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i$, along with a natural transformation $\eta : A \rightarrow \Delta(C)$ which is universal among natural transformations

of the form $\theta : A \rightarrow \Delta(B)$ for $B \in \mathcal{A}$. The unique map in the universal property is from $C \rightarrow B$, and we have the following situation:




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Example 18.1.6(?): Let (I, \leq) be a poset and take \mathcal{I} its poset category. Then there are morphisms $i \rightarrow j \iff i \leq j$, and we have a diagram



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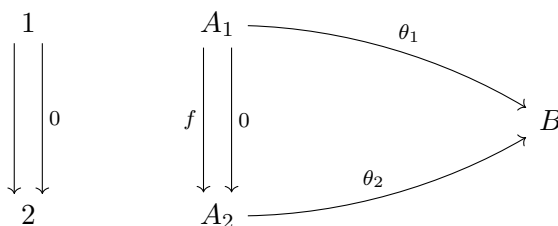
This is the **direct limit**. Note that for a poset of category of subsets, this ends up being the union. 

Example 18.1.7(?): Let $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{I}) = \{1, 2\}$, and take two maps, one of which we'll label by “0”:



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Suppose now that \mathcal{A} is an abelian category, and suppose we're given a morphism $A_1 \xrightarrow{f} A_2$ in \mathcal{A} . Define $A \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{I}}$, and define a functor

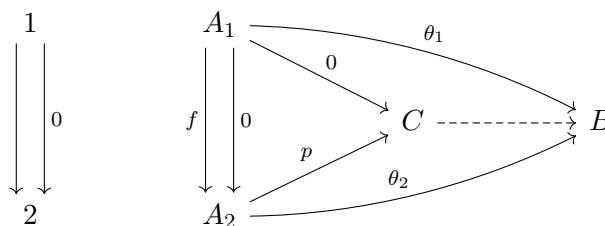


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By commutativity,

- $\theta_2 \circ 0 = \theta_1 \implies \theta_1 = 0$
- $\theta_2 \circ f = \theta_1 = 0$.

So suppose there was a colimit C , then it'd fit into this diagram as follows:



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Note that C is precisely the cokernel of f !

Remark 18.1.8: Think about this last diagram: what happens when you mod out by larger modules?

Exercise 18.1.9 (Colimits always exist)

Suppose I is a discrete category, i.e. $\text{Hom}(i, j) = \emptyset$ unless $i = j$, in which case $\text{Hom}(i, i) = \{1_i\}$. Supposing that $A : I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, show that $\text{colim}_{i \in I} A_i = \coprod_i A_i$.

Definition 18.1.10 (?)

A category \mathcal{A} is **cocomplete** if every colimit $\text{colim}_{i \in I} A_i$ exists for every $A \in \mathcal{A}^I$ and all small categories I .

Exercise 18.1.11 (Taking colimits defines a functor for cocomplete categories)

Show that when \mathcal{A} is cocomplete, $\text{colim} : \mathcal{A}^I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ defines a functor.

Exercise 18.1.12 (Weibel 2.6.4)

Show that the functor colim is left-adjoint to the diagonal functor Δ , so there is an adjunction

$$\mathcal{A}^I \overset{\text{colim}}{\underset{\Delta}{\rightleftarrows}} \mathcal{A}.$$

Thus when \mathcal{A} is abelian and colim exists, it is right-exact (since left-adjoints are always right-exact). Note that it's not exact in general.

Proposition 18.1.13 (*Cocomplete iff all coproducts exist*).

For any abelian category \mathcal{A} , the following are equivalent:

1. $\coprod A_i$ exists in \mathcal{A} for every set $\{A_i\}$ of objects in \mathcal{A} (*set-indexed coproducts*).
2. \mathcal{A} is cocomplete.

Remark 18.1.14: We'll prove this next time, note that $2 \implies 1$ since coproducts are special cases of limits.

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19.1 Colimits and Adjoint

Proposition 19.1.1 (?).

Assume \mathcal{A} is abelian so we have cokernels for maps. TFAE:

1. $\bigoplus A_i$ exists in \mathcal{A} for every set $\{A_i\}$ of objects in \mathcal{A} .
2. \mathcal{A} is cocomplete, i.e. $\text{colim}_{i \in I} A_i$ exists for every functor $I \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ with I small.

Proof (?).

Note that (1) is a special case of (2), so it suffices to show $1 \implies 2$. Given a functor $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ and let $f : \bigoplus_{\alpha i \rightarrow j} A_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i$ where $i, j \in \mathcal{I}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 i & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & j \\
 \downarrow A & & \downarrow A \\
 A_i & \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} & A_j
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{I} \\
 \downarrow A \\
 \mathcal{A}
 \end{array}$$

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Then the map $f(a_{i,\alpha}) = \alpha_*(a_i) - a_i \in A_j - A_i$, so this is $\alpha_* - \mathbb{1}$. Let $C := \text{coker } f := \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i / \text{im}(f)$, and we'll denote elements in this quotient with a bar.

Claim: $C = \text{colim}_{i \in I} A_i$ with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_i : A_i &\rightarrow C \\
 a_i &\mapsto \bar{a}_i,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we first embed A_i into the direct sum and then take the quotient.

Exercise (?)

Use the universal property of cokernels in \mathcal{A} . Check that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_i & & \\
 \downarrow \alpha_* & \searrow \eta_i & \\
 & & C \\
 \uparrow \eta_j & \nearrow & \\
 A_j & &
 \end{array}$$

This essentially follows from the fact that $\overline{\alpha_*(a_i)} = \bar{a}_i$.

Remark 19.1.3: $\text{Mod-}R$ satisfies (1), since direct sums of R -modules still have an R -module structure. Thus $\text{Mod-}R$ is cocomplete.

Definition 19.1.4 (Limits)

The **limit** of a functor $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is the colimit of the dual functor $A^{\text{op}} : \mathcal{I}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$.

Remark 19.1.5: Note that this amounts to reversing arrows in the conditions of a colimit. Many of the results for colimits go through with arrows reversed. Examples: kernels, direct products. If I is a poset, then limits are referred to as **inverse limits**, using $\varprojlim_{i \in I} A_i$.

Definition 19.1.6 (Complete Categories)

\mathcal{A} is **complete** if and only if $\lim_{i \in I} A_i$ exists whenever \mathcal{I} is small and $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

Theorem 19.1.7 (*The Adjoint-Limit Theorem*).

Let $\mathcal{A} \xrightleftharpoons[R]{L} \mathcal{B}$ be an adjoint pair, where now \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are now arbitrary categories (not necessarily abelian). Then

- The **left adjoint** L preserves **colimits** (direct sums, cokernels, etc). I.e. if $A : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ has a colimit, then so does $(L \circ A) : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, and $L(\text{colim } A_i) = \text{colim}(LA_i)$.
- The **right adjoint** R preserves **limits** (direct products, kernels, etc).

Proof (?).

Not given in the book! See MacLane's *Categories for the Working Mathematician*. ■

Remark 19.1.8: Recall left adjoints are right-exact and have left-derived functors. ✍

Corollary 19.1.9 (?).

If \mathcal{A} is a cocomplete abelian category with enough projectives and $\mathcal{A} \xrightleftharpoons[G]{F} \mathcal{B}$. Then for every set-indexed collection of objects $\{A_i\}$,

$$(L_*F) \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i \right) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} L_*F(A_i),$$

so left-derived functors commute with direct sums.

Proof (?).

Let P_i be the projective resolution of A_i , so $P_i \rightarrow A_i$, then $\bigoplus P_i \rightarrow \bigoplus A_i$ is a projective resolution, and by definition

$$\begin{aligned} (L_*F) \left(\bigoplus A_i \right) &= H_* \left(F \left(\bigoplus P_i \right) \right) \\ &= H_* \left(\bigoplus FP_i \right) \quad \text{by the theorem} \\ &\cong \bigoplus H_*(FP_i) \quad \text{homology commutes with } \bigoplus \in \text{Ch}(\mathcal{A}) \\ &= \bigoplus_i L_*F(A_i). \end{aligned}$$
■

Corollary 19.1.10 (?).

For $A_i \in \mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$, $B \in \mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R$,

$$\mathrm{Tor}_*^R\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i, B\right) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathrm{Tor}_*^R(A_i, B).$$

Proof (of corollary).

$$\mathrm{Tor}_*^R(\cdot, B) = L_*F, \quad F := (\cdot \otimes_R B),$$

and F is a left-adjoint by the tensor-hom adjunction. ■

Remark 19.1.11: One can also show directly from the definition that

$$\mathrm{Tor}_*^R(A, \bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathrm{Tor}_*^R(A, B_i).$$

This uses the fact that $P \otimes_R (\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} (P \otimes_R B_i)$.

Remark 19.1.12: We'll skip the rest of this section, we (hopefully) won't need filtered colimits. ✍

19.2 Balancing Tor and Ext

Idea: their derived functors with either variable fixed will essentially be the same. We'll start by showing that the two left-derived functors of $\cdot \otimes_R \cdot$ give the same results, and similarly for the two right-derived functors $\mathrm{Hom}_R(\cdot, \cdot)$. We'll use double complexes!

19.2.1 Tensor Product Complexes


Suppose we have two chain complexes $(P)_R \in \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{Mod}\text{-}R)$, ${}_R(Q) \in \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod})$. Then there is a double complex where i, j indexes rows and columns: $P \otimes_R Q = \{P_i \otimes_R Q_j\}_{i,j}$, the **tensor product double complex** of P and Q . We use the sign trick from 1.2.5:

- $d^h := d^P \otimes \mathbb{1}$
- $d^v := (-1)^i \mathbb{1} \otimes d^Q$

Taking the direct sum totalization $\mathrm{Tor}^\oplus(P \otimes_R Q)$ is the **total tensor product chain complex** of P and Q . Note that this has a single differential! The big theorem from this section:

Theorem 19.2.1(?).

$$L_n(A \otimes_R \cdot)(B) \cong L_n(\cdot \otimes_R B)(A) := \mathrm{Tor}_n^R(A, B).$$

Remark 19.2.2: Note that this makes the right-hand side notation unambiguous. 

Proof (?).

Choose projective resolutions $P \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A \in \mathrm{Mod}\text{-}R$ and $Q \xrightarrow{\eta} B \in R\text{-}\mathrm{Mod}$. We'll form 3 tensor product double complexes.

- $P \otimes Q$: A first quadrant double complex, since the projective resolutions have nonnegative indices.
- $A \otimes Q$, embedding $A \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ as a complex concentrated in degree 0 (so one column)
- $P \otimes B$ (one row).

There are several maps of double complexes among these induced by ϵ, η :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A \otimes Q_2 & \xleftarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} & P_0 \otimes Q_2 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_1 \otimes Q_2 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_2 \otimes Q_2 \xleftarrow{\quad} \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q \\
 A \otimes Q_1 & \xleftarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} & P_0 \otimes Q_1 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_1 \otimes Q_1 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_2 \otimes Q_1 \xleftarrow{\quad} \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q & & \downarrow 1 \otimes d^Q \\
 A \otimes Q_0 & \xleftarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} & P_0 \otimes Q_0 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_1 \otimes Q_0 & \xleftarrow{d^P \otimes 1} & P_2 \otimes Q_0 \xleftarrow{\quad} \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \eta & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \eta & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \eta \\
 & & P_0 \otimes B & & P_1 \otimes B & & P_2 \otimes B
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We'll show there are two maps:

$$A \otimes Q = \mathrm{Tot}(A \otimes Q) \xleftarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} \mathrm{Tor}(P \otimes Q) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \eta} \mathrm{Tor}(P \otimes B) = P \otimes B,$$

using that totalizing a one-row or one-column complex is summing along diagonals where each has one term, yielding actual equality of the first and last terms respectively above. Moreover,

we'll show these are **quasi-isomorphisms**, and so

$$L_*(A \otimes \cdot) \xleftarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1} H_*(\text{Tor}(P \otimes Q)) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \eta} L_*(\cdot \otimes B)(A).$$

We'll continue with the proof of this next time. ■

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20.1 Finishing the Proof of Balancing Tor

We were trying to prove that taking the left derived functors of the two slots in Tor yield the same thing.

See the diagram from last time!

Proof (?).

We'll need the following:

Claim: This induces a *quasi-isomorphism*

$$P \otimes B \xleftarrow{1 \otimes \eta} \text{Tor}(P \otimes Q) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1} \text{Tot}(A \otimes Q) = A \otimes Q,$$

i.e. it is a morphism that induces an isomorphism on homology.

Recall that by Corollary 1.5, a chain complex is a quasi-isomorphism if and only if the cone complex is acyclic/exact. In degree n of the total complex, the n th piece is the n th diagonal and we have

$$(P_n \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_n).$$

where $P_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1 A \otimes Q_n} \cdot$. Recall that for a map $B_n \xrightarrow{f} C_n$, the cone complex was given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_{n-1} & \oplus & C_n \\ \downarrow -d^B & \searrow -f & \downarrow d^C \\ B_{n-2} & \oplus & C_{n-1} \end{array}$$

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Writing one term out explicitly, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-1}) \oplus Q_n & \oplus & A \otimes Q_n \\
 \downarrow -d^\oplus & \searrow -(\varepsilon \otimes 1) & \downarrow 1 \otimes d \\
 (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-2}) \oplus Q_{n-1} & \oplus & A \otimes Q_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

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Call this complex (2).

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On the other hand, consider the double complex obtained from $P \otimes Q$ by adjoining the shifted complex $(A \otimes Q)[1, 0]^a$ in column $i = -1$. This has the effect of keeping the same complex but relabeling left-most column “in degree 0” into “degree -1 ”. Note that this negatives the leftmost vertical differentials $A \otimes Q_n \rightarrow A \otimes Q_{n-1}$. Now call everything above the dotted line C .

Consider $\text{Tot}(C)[-1]$, which in degree n is $(\text{Tot}(C))_{n-1}$ and since this was an odd shift, negatives all of the signs of differential. So in degree n , this explicitly looks like

$$n : (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-1}) \oplus (A \otimes Q_n)$$

$$n : (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-1}) \oplus (A \otimes Q_n)$$

and we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots & \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-1}) & \oplus A \otimes Q_n \\
 \downarrow -d^\oplus & \searrow -(\varepsilon \otimes 1) & \downarrow 1 \otimes d \\
 (P_{n-1} \otimes Q_0) \oplus \cdots \oplus (P_0 \otimes Q_{n-2}) & \oplus & A \otimes Q_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Calling this complex (3), we have $(3) = (2)$, so it suffices to show (2) is exact, i.e. $\text{Tot}(C)$ is acyclic. This follows from the next result we’ll prove, the *acyclic assembly lemma*. Note that if Q_j is projective, then it’s an algebra fact that $\cdot \otimes_R Q_j$ is exact (not just right exact) since projective implies flat. This implies that the rows of C are exact, since this is taking a project resolution (which is exact) and tensoring with a flat module. Using that C is supported on the upper half-plane and has exact rows, by this part (3) of the acyclic assembly lemma, $\text{Tot}^\oplus(C)$ will be acyclic. A similar argument will go through to show that $1 \otimes \eta$ is also a quasi-isomorphism by adjoining $(P \otimes B)$ as the -1 st row and applying a version of the lemma for right half-plane complexes with exact columns. ■

^aThe book may have the sign incorrect here.

20.2 Acyclic Assembly Lemma

Proposition 20.2.1 (*Acyclic Assembly Lemma*).

Let C be a double complex in $\text{Mod-}R$, then

- $\text{Tot}^\Pi(C)$ is acyclic if either
 1. C is upper half-plane with exact columns, or
 2. C is right half-plane with exact rows.
- $\text{Tot}^\oplus(C)$ is acyclic if either
 3. C is upper half-plane with exact rows^a, or
 4. C is right half-plane with exact columns.

^aThis is the part we used previously, and (4) is the one used for the other half of the argument.

Remark 20.2.2: It suffices to prove (1). Interchanging rows and columns by reflecting along the line $i = j$ interchanges the types showing up in (1) and (2), and doesn't change the total complex. This similarly switches (3) and (4), so we have $1 \implies 2$ and $4 \implies 3$, so we'll show that $1 \implies 4$. Let $\tau_n C$ be the double complex obtained taking a *good truncation* of C at level n :

$$(\tau_n C)_{ij} := \begin{cases} C_{ij} & j > n \\ \ker(d^v : C_{i,n} \rightarrow C_{i,n-1}) & j = n. \end{cases}$$

Up to translation $\tau_n C$ is a 1st quadrant complex, and since we're in case (4), we're assuming the columns are exact. Now using (1), $\text{Tot}^\oplus(\tau_n C) = \text{Tot}^\Pi(\tau_n C)$ since we now have a first quadrant complex and all diagonals are finite, and we can conclude both are exact. This implies that $\text{Tot}^\oplus C$ is acyclic since every cycle in $\text{Tot}^\oplus(C)$ is nonzero in only finitely many terms. Thus each such cycle is a cycle in $\text{Tot}(\tau_n C)$ for some $n \ll 0$, and hence a boundary by the previous argument.

Remark 20.2.3: Note that this argument does not go through for the direct product, since then there may be infinitely many nonzero terms on any diagonal, and not every cycle would be represented after some finite truncation and shift.

Proof (of proposition).

By translating C left or right, it's enough to prove that $H_0 \text{Tot}^\Pi C = 0$. We can write

$$(\text{Tot}^\Pi C)_0 = \prod_{j \geq 0} C_{-j,j} \ni c := (\cdots, c_{-j,j}, \cdots, c_{-2,2}, c_{-1,1}, c_{0,0}),$$

letting the latter element be a 0-cycle. By inducting on j , we'll construct an element b such that $b_{-j,j+1} \in C_{-j,j+1} \subseteq (\text{Tot}^\Pi C)_1$ such that

$$d^v(b_{-j,j+1}) + d^h(b_{-j+1,j}) = c_{-j,j},$$

which will make c a boundary. ■

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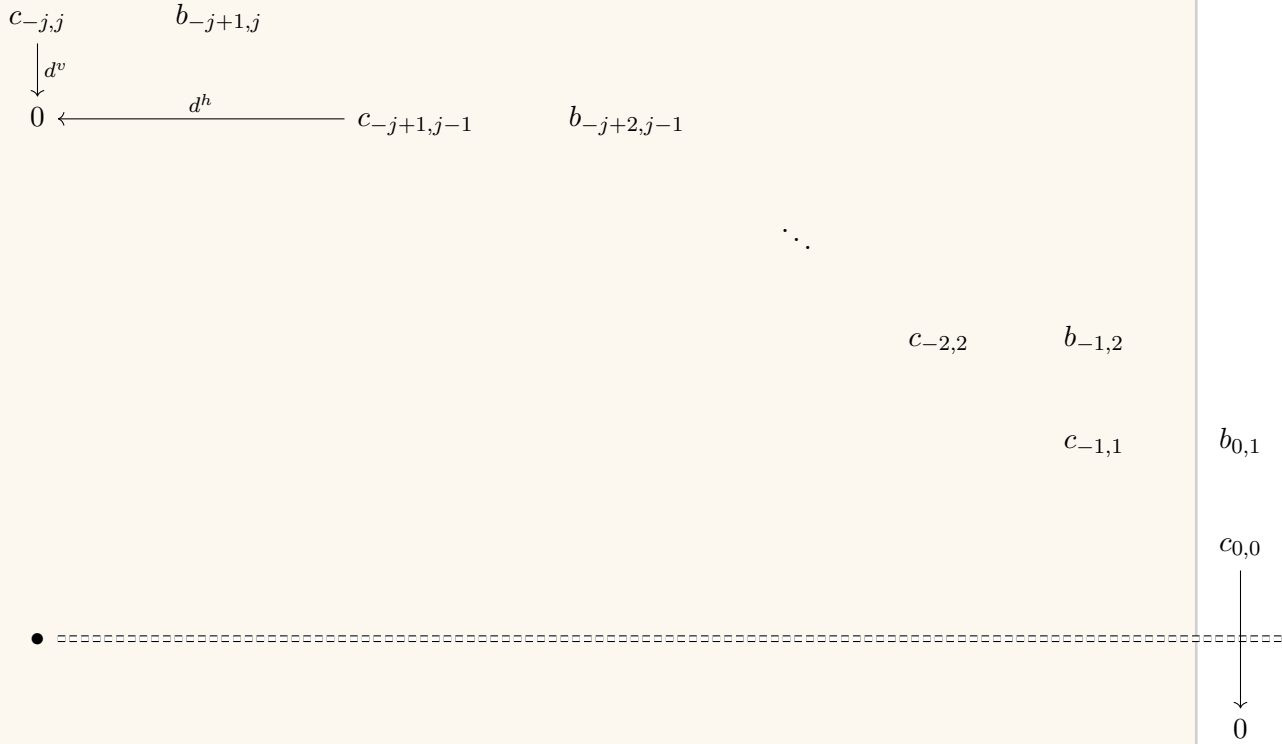
Today: trying to prove acyclic assembly lemma

Proof (Of acyclic assembly lemma).

We reduced to proving one case, where C is a double complex upper half-plane with exact columns $\implies \text{Tot}^\Pi(C)$ is acyclic. It's enough to check in degree 0 by shifting. Fix a 0-cycle $\mathbf{c} = (\cdots, c_{-j,j}, \cdots, c_{-2,2}, c_{-1,1}, c_{0,0})$. Find $b \in \prod_{j \leq 0} C_{-j,j+1}$ such that $d(b) = c$, so

$$c_{-j,j} = d^v(b_{-j,j+1}) + d^h(b_{-j+1,j}).$$

$b_{-j,j+1}$



[Link to Diagram](#)

Construct by induction on j : set $b_{1,0} = 0$ and need $c_{0,0} = d^v(b_{0,1})$. Since $d^v c_{0,0} = 0$ and the columns are exact, we can lift this to some $b_{0,1}$ such that $d^v b_{0,1} = c_{0,0}$. Inductively, we want $d^v(b_{-j,j+1}) = c_{j,-j} - d^h(b_{-j+1,j})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d^v(c_{j,-j} - d^h b_{-j+1,j}) &= d^v c_{j,-j} + d^h d^v b_{-j+1,j} \\ &= d^v c_{j,-j} + d^h (c_{-j+1,j-1} - d^h b_{-j+2,j-1}) \\ &= d^v c_{j,-j} + d^h c_{-j+1,j-1} \\ &= 0 \text{ since } d^\Pi = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By exactness of column j , we can lift to $b_{-j,j+1}$, making c a boundary. ■

Remark 21.0.1: This proves that $\cdot \otimes_R \cdot$ is balanced, i.e. taking the derived functors in either variable with the same pair (A, B) results in the same thing. To prove a similar result for hom and ext , we want to consider $\text{Hom}_R(A, \cdot)$ which requires injective resolutions, and $\text{Hom}_R(\cdot, B)$ is contravariant and left-exact, so we take an injective resolution in \mathcal{C}^{op} , i.e. a projective resolution in \mathcal{C} . So take a projective resolution $P \rightarrow A$ and an injective resolution $B \rightarrow I$ and make a first quadrant double complex $C_{i,j} := \text{Hom}(P_i, I^j)$ for $i, j \geq 0$. Define the differentials using the following sign convention:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (-1)^{i+j+1} d_I f(p) & & \text{Hom}(P_i, I^{j+1}) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow d^v \\
 & & \text{Hom}(P_i, I^j) \xrightarrow{d^h} \text{Hom}(P_{i+1}, I^j) \\
 f(p) \longleftarrow & & \longrightarrow f(d^P p)
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Now applying a dual argument as the one for tor yields a “dual acyclic assembly lemma”. ✍

Remark 21.0.2: We’ll skip the first 3 sections of chapter 3. It’s worth looking at 3.2 on tor and flatness. There’s a slightly circular statement that projective implies flat in the book, since we used this to show that certain rows were exact, so refer to a good algebra book for alternative proofs. ✍

21.1 Ext^1 and Extensions

Definition 21.1.1 (Module Extensions)

Let $A, B \in \text{Mod-}R$, then an **extension of A by B** is a SES

$$\xi : 0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow X \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

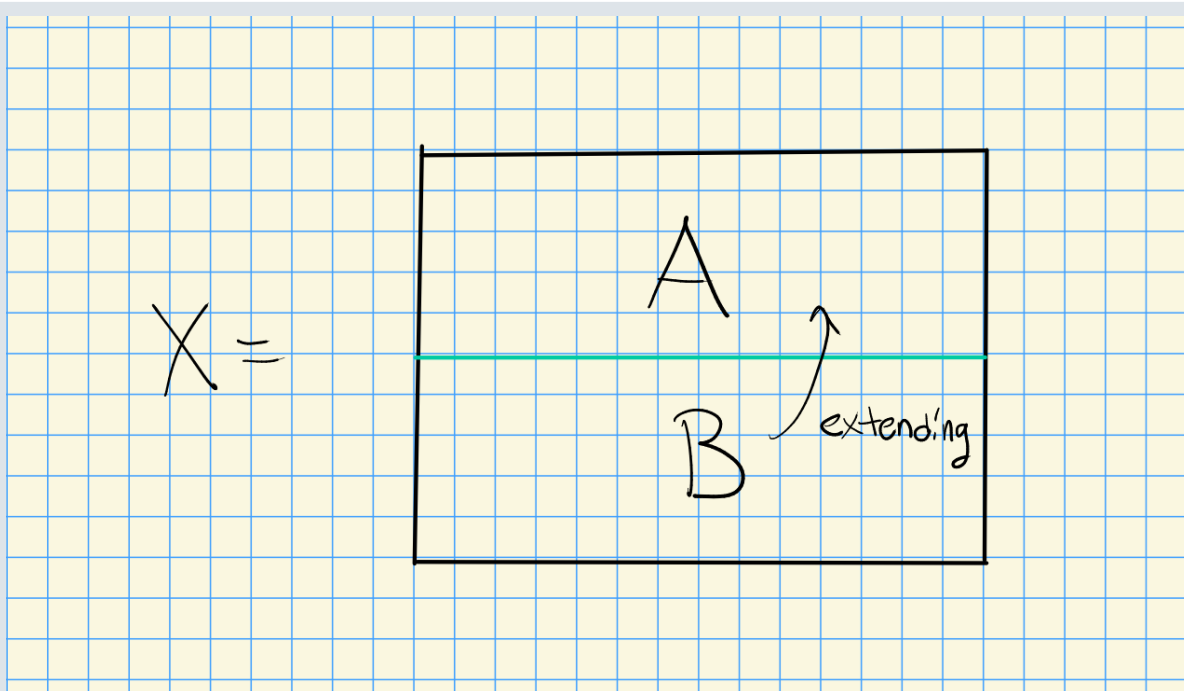


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We say two extensions ξ, ξ' are equivalent and write $\xi \sim \xi'$ iff

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow \exists & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X' & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

An extension is **split** if and only if it is equivalent to

$$0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\iota} A \oplus B \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\pi} 0.$$

⚠ Warning 21.1.2

Note that a SES as above is related to $\text{Ext}(A, B)$, which reverses the order!

Lemma 21.1.3(?).

If $\text{Ext}^1(A, B) = 0$ then every extension of A by B is split.

⚠ Warning 21.1.4

There are lots of corrections needed to this proof in Weibel!

Proof (of lemma).

Given an extension ξ , look at the LES associated to $\text{Hom}^*(\cdot, B)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & \cdots & \longleftarrow & \text{Ext}^1(A, B) \longleftarrow \\ & & & & & & \nearrow \\ \text{Hom}(B, B) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(X, B) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(A, B) & & \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{1}_B \longleftarrow \sigma$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

However, this gives a splitting:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & B & & & & \\ & & \uparrow \mathbb{1}_B & \nwarrow \exists \sigma & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \exists & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X' & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Todo: label $(X, B) \rightarrow (B, B)$ as f_* .

This is one of the many equivalent criteria for a SES of modules to be split. ■

Remark 21.1.5: More generally, given ξ , let $\Theta(\xi) := \partial(\mathbb{1}_B) \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$. Thus TFAE:

- ξ is split
- $\mathbb{1}_B$ lifts to some $\sigma \in \text{Hom}(X, B)$
- $\mathbb{1}_B \in \text{im } f_* = \ker \partial$
- $\Theta(\xi) = 0$, even if $\text{Ext}^1(A, B) \neq 0$.

Then $\Theta(\xi)$ is an *obstruction* to ξ being split. ✍

Remark 21.1.6: If $\xi' \sim \xi$ then $\partial'(\mathbb{1}_B) = \partial(\mathbb{1}_B) \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$ by naturality of the connecting morphisms. So equivalent extensions have the same obstruction, i.e. Θ only depends only on the equivalence class $[\xi]$ of the SES. ✍

Theorem 21.1.7(?).

Given $A, B \in \text{Mod-}R$ (or an abelian category with enough projectives and injectives), there is a correspondence

$$\{0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow X \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0\} / \sim \xrightarrow[\Theta]{\Psi} \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$$

Note that this is a bijection of sets, but we'll upgrade it to a bijection of abelian groups.

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Last time: we looked at group extensions. Given $\xi : 0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow X \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$, we had a canonical element in $\text{Ext}^1(A, B)$, namely $\Theta(\xi) = \delta(\mathbb{1}_B)$. This only depends on the equivalence class of ξ .

Theorem 22.0.1(?).

Given $A, B \in \text{Mod-}R$, there is a bijection

$$\{\text{Extensions of } A \text{ by } B\} \xrightarrow[\Theta]{\Phi} \text{Ext}_R^1(A, B)$$

Proof (?).

Claim: Θ is surjective.

Fix a SES

$$0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{j} P \xrightarrow{\pi} A \rightarrow 0$$

with P projective, and take the LES resulting from applying $\text{Hom}(\cdot, B)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & & & \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & \text{Hom}(A, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(P, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, B) & \longrightarrow \\ & & & & \searrow \partial & & \\ & & & & \text{Ext}^1(A, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^1(P, B) = 0 \\ & & & & & & \uparrow x \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Letting $x \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$ and choose $\beta \in \text{Hom}(M, B)$ with $\partial\beta = x$ using that P is projective and thus $\text{Ext}^1(P, B)$ vanishes. Now let X be the **pushout** of $j : M \rightarrow P$ and $\beta : M \rightarrow B$. Note that we can apply the universal property of cokernels to get a map of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{g=(j,-\beta)} & P \oplus B & \longrightarrow & X = \operatorname{coker} g & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & \searrow \cdot 0 & \downarrow \pi \oplus 0 & & \swarrow \exists! \mu & & \\
 & & A & & & &
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Taking the pushout yields a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{j} & P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \sigma & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\iota} & X & \xrightarrow{\mu} & A & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Exercise (?)

Check that this diagram commutes and that the new row is exact.

Taking the LES for $\operatorname{Hom}(\cdot, B)$ yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Hom}(P, B) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Hom}(P, B) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Ext}^1(A, B) \\
 & & \uparrow \sigma_* & & \uparrow \beta_* & & \downarrow \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Hom}(X, B) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Hom}(B, B) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Ext}^1(A, B) \\
 & & & & \downarrow \mathbb{1}_B & & \downarrow \Theta(\xi) \\
 & & & & \mathbb{1}_B & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \Theta(\xi)
 \end{array}$$

$\beta \mapsto x$ (top horizontal arrow)
 $\beta \mapsto x$ (curved arrow from β to x)
 $\mathbb{1}_B \mapsto \Theta(\xi)$ (bottom horizontal arrow)

(*) [Link to Diagram](#)

So we

- Started with x
- Took a reference SES
- Produce the cokernel
- Took a pushout and found β .
- Showed that $\beta \mapsto x$.

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This shows surjectivity, but depended on choice of β .

Claim: Θ is injective.

Note that the previous construction there is a way to associate to $x \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$ an extension of A by B . To see that this gives a well-defined map Ψ , so $\Psi(x) = [\xi]$ as well, suppose $\beta' \in \text{Hom}(M, B)$ is another lift of x . Note that although $\text{Ext}^1(P, B) = 0$, the fact that $\ker \partial = \text{Hom}(M, B) \neq 0$, there are many such choices of lifts. Using exactness of diagram $(*)$, there exists an $f \in \text{Hom}(P, B)$ such that $\beta' = \beta + fj$, recalling that $j : M \rightarrow P$. Now taking the pushout X' of j and β' , the maps $i : B \rightarrow X$ and $\sigma + if : P \rightarrow X$ induce an isomorphism $X' \xrightarrow{\sim} X$ and thus an equivalence $\xi \xrightarrow{\sim} \xi'$.

Exercise (?)

Check this isomorphism.

Moreover, given any extension ξ , we can fit it into a diagram of the following form:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow \exists \beta & & \downarrow \exists \sigma & & \parallel & & \\ \xi : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

First we use projectivity of P to get $\sigma : P \rightarrow X$. Then restricting σ to the kernels of π, μ respectively makes $\beta : M \rightarrow B$, so this diagram commutes

Exercise (?)

Check that X is the pushout of j and β .

It follows that $\Psi(\Theta(\xi)) = \xi$ and thus Θ is injective, making it a bijection. ■

Remark 22.0.5: Note the importance of the reversed directions after taking the Hom!

Remark 22.0.6: How can we upgrade this to a group homomorphism? One way is to pull back the group structure from the right-hand side to the left-hand side, but it turns out that Baer worked out an intrinsic group structure around 1934. We can construct the “smallest” extension such that A is a quotient and B is a submodule.

Definition 22.0.7 (Baer Sum (1934))

Suppose we have two extensions of A by B :

$$\begin{array}{l} \xi : 0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{\pi} A \rightarrow 0 \\ \xi' : 0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{i'} X' \xrightarrow{\pi'} A \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Let X'' be the **pullback** of π, π' , defined by

$$X'' := \left\{ (x, x') \in X \times X' \mid \pi(x) = \pi'(x') \in A \right\},$$

which identifies the two copies of A . This fits into a cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X'' & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & X' \\
\pi_1 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi' \\
X & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A
\end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Note that X'' contains 3 copies of B :

- $B \times 0$, or really $i(B) \times \{0\} \subset X''$ (using exactness).
- $0 \times B$, i.e. $\{0\} \times i'(B) \subseteq X''$ (using exactness).
- $\tilde{\Delta} = \{(-b, b) \mid b \in B\}$, the **skew diagonal**. One can check that $\pi i(-b) = 0 = \pi' i'(b)$.

Note that we're identifying B with $i(B), i'(B)$. Set $Y := X''/\tilde{\Delta}$, then $(b, 0) + (-b, b) = (0, b)$ where $(-b, b) \in \tilde{\Delta}$, so $B \times 0$ and $0 \times B$ have the same image in Y , since

$$(B \times 0) \cap \tilde{\Delta} = \{(0, 0)\} = (0 \times B) \cap \tilde{\Delta}.$$

In fact this image in Y is isomorphic to B , by construction of what we're quotienting out by. Denoting this subgroup of Y by B , we get a SES

$$\varphi : 0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Y/B \rightarrow 0.$$

What is Y/B ? We can write this as

$$Y/B = \frac{X''/\tilde{\Delta}}{(0 \times B)/\tilde{\Delta}} \cong \frac{X''}{(0 \times B) + \tilde{\Delta}} \cong \frac{X''/0 \times B}{(\tilde{\Delta} + (0 \times B))/(0 \times B)}.$$

But the numerator is isomorphic to X by π_1 , and the denominator is isomorphic to B by π_1 . So φ is an extension of A by B called the **Baer sum** of ξ, ξ' .

Corollary 22.0.8(?).

The equivalence classes of extensions of A by B is an abelian group under Baer sums, where zero is the class of split extensions. Moreover, the map Θ from the previous theorem is an isomorphism of abelian groups.

Remark 22.0.9: Next time we'll check this by showing $\Theta(\varphi) = \Theta(\xi) + \Theta(\xi')$.

23 | Wednesday, March 03

23.1 Baer Sum and Higher Exts

Last time: Baer sum.

Remark 23.1.1:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \xi' : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & X' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & & \uparrow \beta' & & \uparrow \sigma' & & \parallel & & \\
 \text{Ref :} & 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{j} & P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & \mathbb{1}_B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Theta(\xi') & \\
 & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(X', B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(B, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_R^1(A, B) \\
 & & \downarrow \sigma_* & & \downarrow \beta'_* & & \parallel \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(P, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(M, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}_R^1(A, B) \\
 & & & & \downarrow \beta' & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \beta' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \partial(\beta') = \Theta(\xi')
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We want to define $\xi' \oplus \xi''$. An important takeaway is that Θ can alternatively be defined as a map induced by the original boundary map coming from the SES, i.e. $\partial(\beta') = \Theta(\xi')$. This fits into the diagram as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}
\xi' : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & X' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \uparrow \beta' & & \uparrow \sigma' & & \parallel & & \\
\text{Ref} : & 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \xrightarrow{j} & P & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & \downarrow \beta'' & & \downarrow \sigma'' & & \parallel & & \\
\xi'' : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\iota''} & X'' & \xrightarrow{\pi''} & A & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We define

$$\tilde{X} := \left\{ (x', x'') \in X' \times X'' \mid \pi'(x') = \pi''(x'') \right\} \twoheadrightarrow Y,$$

and note that we had a skew diagonal $\tilde{\Delta} \subseteq \tilde{X}$. This yields a YES

$$\varphi : 0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Y/B \cong A \rightarrow 0.$$

Corollary 23.1.2(?).

The set of equivalence classes of extensions of A by B is an abelian group under the Baer sum, where

$$[\xi] \oplus [\xi'] := [\varphi],$$

where the identity element 0 is the class of split extensions. The map Θ is an isomorphism of abelian groups.

Remark 23.1.3: One should check that this is well-defined since we're using equivalence classes. There is a fast way to do both at once, i.e. showing Θ is well-defined and also a group morphism.

Proof (?).

We'll show that

$$\Theta(\varphi) = \Theta(\xi) + \Theta(\xi'') \in \text{Ext}_R^1(A, B),$$

which will make it a group isomorphism since Θ was already a set bijection. Considering commutativity in the 3-row diagram, we can get a well-defined map

$$\sigma := \sigma' \oplus \sigma'' : P \rightarrow \tilde{X}.$$

So let $\bar{\sigma} : P \rightarrow Y$ be the induced map. The restriction of $\bar{\sigma}$ to M is induced by the map

$$\beta' + \beta'' : M \rightarrow (B \times 0) + (0 \times B) \subseteq \tilde{X}.$$

These both map to B in Y under the SES $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Y/B \rightarrow 0$. This gives a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & P & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow \beta' + \beta'' & & \downarrow \bar{\sigma} & & \parallel & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & Y & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

We then have $\Theta(\varphi) = \partial(\beta' + \beta'') = \partial(\beta') + \partial(\beta'')$ using that $\partial \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod})$. But this is equal to $\Theta(\xi') + \Theta(\xi'')$, which is what we wanted to show. ■

Remark 23.1.4: What about the 0 element for split SESs? Recall that additive functors preserve split exact sequences, since these are just in terms of sums of maps composing to the identity. Then applying the hom functor to the original SES produces another SES, which in particular has no Ext correction term.

Remark 23.1.5: Similarly, $\text{Ext}^n(A, B)$ is identified with equivalence classes of longer sequences with $n + 2$ terms, and an equivalence is a sequence of maps that result in commuting squares:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\xi : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X_n & \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow X_1 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & & \parallel & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \parallel \\
\xi' : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X'_n & \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow X'_1 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Note that if $P^\bullet \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution, then the comparison theorem yields maps and a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\varphi : & 0 & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & P_{n-1} & \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow P_0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & & \downarrow \exists \beta & & \downarrow \exists & \downarrow & \downarrow \exists & \parallel \mathbb{1}_A \\
\xi' : & 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & X'_n & \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow X'_1 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Then the dimension shifting theorem (Exc. 2.4.3) and its proof yields an exact sequence

$$\text{Hom}(P_{n-1}, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, B) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}^n(A, B) \rightarrow 0,$$

and the asserted bijection is then given by $\Theta(\xi) := \partial(\beta)$.

23.2 3.6: Kunneth and Universal Coefficient Theorems

Observation 23.2.1

If R is a field F then $\text{Tor}_n^F(A, B) = 0$ for all $n > 0$, i.e. every module over a field is a complex space, hence free, hence projective, hence flat, and so $A \otimes_F \cdot$ is exact.

Question 23.2.2

If $P^\cdot \in \text{Ch}(\text{Mod-}R)$ is a complex of right R -modules and $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ is a left R -module, how is the homology of P^\cdot and that of $P^\cdot \otimes_R M$ related?

Lemma 23.2.3(?).

Given a 5-term exact sequence

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} A_2 \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} C_2,$$

there is a corresponding SES

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} B \xrightarrow{g} C \longrightarrow 0$$

$$A_2 / \ker f = A_2 / \text{im } \alpha = \text{coker } \alpha$$

$$\text{im } g = \ker \gamma$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

In particular, we can always take $A = \text{coker } \alpha$ and $C = \ker \gamma$ in any abelian category.

Theorem 23.2.4(The Kunneth Formula).

Let $P^\cdot \in \text{Ch}(\text{Mod-}R)$ be a chain complex of flat right R -modules such that each boundary module dP_n is again flat. Then for every $M \in R\text{-Mod}$ and all N , there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n(P^\cdot) \otimes_R M \longrightarrow H_n(P^\cdot \otimes_R M) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_R^1(H_{n-1}(P^\cdot), M) \longrightarrow 0$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Remark 23.2.5: Note that the correction term vanishes if R is a field.

Proof (?).

Let $Z_n := Z_n(P^\cdot)$, there there is a SES

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n \rightarrow P_n \xrightarrow{d} dP_n \rightarrow 0.$$

Since P_n, dP_n are flat by assumption, by Exc. 3.2.2, Z_n is also flat. Taking the LES from

applying $\cdot \otimes_R M$, noting that M is arbitrary yields

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & 0 \\
 & & & & & & \uparrow \\
 \hookrightarrow Z_n \otimes_R M & \longrightarrow & P_n \otimes_R M & \longrightarrow & dP_n \otimes_R M & & \\
 & \searrow & & & & & \\
 & & \dots & \longrightarrow & \text{Tor}_1(dP_n, M) & \longrightarrow &
 \end{array}$$

[Link to Diagram](#)

Here $\text{Tor}_1(dP_n, M) = 0$ since dP_n is flat, noting that one could also apply $\text{Tor}(dP_n, \cdot)$ to get a similar LES. So this lifts to a SES of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow Z^\cdot \otimes M \rightarrow P^\cdot \otimes M \rightarrow dP^\cdot \otimes M \rightarrow 0,$$

where we can consider $d \otimes 1$ in the middle. We'll pick this up next time! ■

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Observation 24.0.1

For a SES

$$A_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} A_2 \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} C_2,$$

one can obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{coker } \alpha \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} B \xrightarrow{g} \ker \gamma \rightarrow 0.$$

Observation 24.0.2

For a SES

$$0 \rightarrow Y \xrightarrow{i} Z \xrightarrow{\pi} \frac{Z}{Y} \rightarrow 0$$

there is an induced exact sequence

Some missed stuff here.

Theorem 24.0.3 (Universal Coefficient Theorem).

Let P^\cdot be a chain complex of free abelian groups. For every abelian groups M and every n , the Kunneth sequence splits non-canonically as

$$H_n(P^\cdot \otimes M) \cong (H_n(P^\cdot) \otimes M) \oplus \operatorname{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1}(P), M).$$

Remark 24.0.4: In optimal situations the tor term vanishes, e.g. if either term is torsionfree (so no elements of finite order).

Fact 24.0.5

Every subgroup of a free abelian group is free (hence projective, hence flat).

Proof (?).

Since $dP_n \leq dP_{n-1}$, we can conclude dP_n is free. Thus the following SES splits:

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n \rightarrow P_n \xrightarrow{d} dP_n \rightarrow 0.$$

So any lift of the identity map on dP_n gives an isomorphic copy of the last term in the middle term, yielding $P_n \cong Z_n \oplus dP_n$. Now tensoring with M and using that it distributes over direct sums yields

$$P_n \otimes M \cong (Z_n \otimes M) \oplus (dP_n \otimes M).$$

The left-hand side contains a copy of $\ker(d_n \otimes 1 : P_n \otimes M \rightarrow P_{n-1} \otimes M)$, which itself contains a copy of $Z_n \otimes M$. So by a linear algebra exercise, we have $\ker(d_n \otimes 1) \cong (Z_n \otimes M) \oplus A$ for some unknown A , and since $dP_{n+1} \otimes M = \operatorname{im}(d_{n+1} \otimes 1)$ is contained in the first term, we can use the partial exactness of tensoring to preserve quotients and obtain

$$H_n(P \otimes M) = (H_n(P) \otimes M) \oplus C'$$

for some C' . Now applying the Kunneth formula we find that $C' = \operatorname{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1}(P), M)$, yielding the claimed direct sum. ■

Remark 24.0.6: The following is a generalization for both.

Theorem 24.0.7 (Kunneth formula for complexes).

Let $P, Q \in \operatorname{Ch}(\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod})$ be complexes, then

$$P \otimes Q := \operatorname{Tot}^{\oplus}(P \otimes Q)_n := \bigoplus_{p+q=n} P_p \otimes Q_q$$

with differential^a

$$d(a \otimes b) = (da) \otimes b + (-1)^p a \otimes (db).$$

If P_n, dP_n are flat for all n , then there exists a SES

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(P) \otimes H_q(Q) \rightarrow H_n(P \otimes Q) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} \operatorname{Tor}_1^R(H_p(P), H_q(Q)) \rightarrow 0.$$

^aRecall that the squares would commute if we took the usual differentials, so we use a sign trick to get $d^2 = 0$.

Proof (?).

Omitted here, but uses same ideas as the previous proofs. Hint: take Q to have M in degree 0. ■

24.1 Applications to Topology

Definition 24.1.1 (Simplicial Homology)

See some applications in section 1 of Weibel, e.g. simplicial and singular homology. The setup: $X \in \mathbf{Top}$, $R \in \mathbf{Ring}$ unital, and for $k \geq 0$ let $S_k = S_k(X)$ be the free R -module on $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}}(\Delta_k, X)$ where Δ_k is the standard simplex. By ordering the vertices, this induces an ordering on the faces by taking lexicographic ordering. Then the restriction of a map $\Delta_k \rightarrow X$ to the i th face of Δ_k gives a map $\Delta_{k-1} \rightarrow X$, which induces an R -module morphism

$\partial_i : S_k \rightarrow S_{k-1}$. By summing these we can define $d := \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \partial_i : S_k \rightarrow S_{k-1}$ and it turns out that $d^2 = 0$. So we can define a complex

$$\cdots \rightarrow S_2 \xrightarrow{d} S_1 \rightarrow S_0 \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbf{Ch}(R\text{-Mod}).$$

Taking its homology yields the **simplicial homology** of the complex $H_n(X; R) := H_n(S^\bullet(X))$.

Remark 24.1.2: Taking $R = \mathbb{Z}$ makes $S_k(X)$ a free abelian group. If M is any abelian group, we can define $H_n(X; M) := H_n(S^\bullet(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M)$, the homology with **coefficients** in M . If no coefficients are specified, we write $H_n(X) := H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$. There is then a universal coefficient theorem in topology:

$$H_n(X; M) \cong (H_n(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M) \oplus \operatorname{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1}(X), M).$$

Remark 24.1.3: Next week: group cohomology, spectral sequences next week. This will give us some objects to apply spectral sequences.

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25.1 3.6: Universal Coefficients Theorem

Remark 25.1.1: Let $X \in \mathbf{Top}$ and $S_k(X)$ be the free \mathbb{Z} -module on $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}}(\Delta_k, X)$, which assemble into a chain complex $S(X)$. For $M \in \mathbf{Ab}$, we defined $H^n(X; M) := H^n(\mathrm{Hom}(S(X), M))$ and write $H^n(X) := H^n(X; \mathbb{Z})$. The universal coefficient theorem states

$$H^n(X; M) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_n(X), M) \oplus \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1(H_{n-1}(X), M).$$

⚠ Warning 25.1.2

Note that this is homology on the RHS, not cohomology!

Theorem 25.1.3 (Universal Coefficients Theorem for Cohomology).

Let P^\cdot be a chain complex of projective R -modules. Assume dP_n is also projective for all n . For $M \in R\text{-Mod}$, there is a split SES

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_R^1(H_{n-1}(P), M) \rightarrow H^n(\mathrm{Hom}_R(P^\cdot, M)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_R(H_n(P), M) \rightarrow 0.$$

Ask about naturality!

Proof (Sketch).

As in the last lecture with free abelian groups, since the dP_n are projective we can split $P_n \cong Z_n \oplus dP_n$ since $Z_n = \ker d$. Applying homs, since it's an additive functor this yields a new split exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(dP_n, M) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(P_n, M) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(Z_n, M) \rightarrow 0.$$

Now running the proof for the original Kunneth formula and replacing tensor products to homs, these assemble into a split exact sequence of complexes and this yields the desired SES. Using the strategy of the proof of the UCF for free abelian groups to see that the sequence splits (although non-canonically). ■

Remark 25.1.4: Note that flat is weaker than projective for tensor products, but in an asymmetric situation, there's nothing weaker than projective for the hom functors to be exact (since this is an iff).

25.2 Ch. 6: Group Homology and Cohomology

25.2.1 Definitions and Properties

Definition 25.2.1 (Modules of Groups)

Let $G \in \mathbf{Grp}$ be any group, finite or infinite, and let $A \in G\text{-Mod}$ be a left G -module, i.e. an abelian group on which G acts by additive maps on the left, written $g.a$ or ga for $g \in G, a \in A$.

Here *additive* means that $g.(a_1 + a_2) = g.a_1 + g.a_2$. Note that this implies $g.0 = 0, -g.a = -(g.a), g_1(g_2.a) = (g_1g_2).a, 1_G.a = a$. Writing $\text{End}_R(A) := \text{Hom}_R(A, A)$, we have a group morphism

$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A) \\ g &\mapsto g.(\cdot). \end{aligned}$$

Definition 25.2.2 (Equivariant Maps)

If $B \in G\text{-Mod}$ is another left G -module, then

$$\text{Hom}_G(A, B) = \left\{ f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, B) \mid f(g.a) = g(f(a)) \quad \forall a \in A, \forall g \in G \right\},$$

which are G -equivariant maps.

Definition 25.2.3 (Integral Group Ring)

We define

$$\mathbb{Z}G := \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N m_i g_i \mid m_i \in \mathbb{Z}, g_i \in G, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

We can equip this with a ring structure using $(mg)(m'g') = mm'gg'$ and extending \mathbb{Z} -linearly.

Remark 25.2.4: There is an equality of categories $G\text{-Mod} = \mathbb{Z}G\text{-Mod}$. This is also the same as the functor category $\text{Ab}^{\mathcal{G}}$ (a category of the form $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{T}}$) where \mathcal{G} is the category with one object whose morphisms are the elements of G . In other words, $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{G}) := \{1\}$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(1, 1) = G$. Note that every morphism is invertible since G is a group.

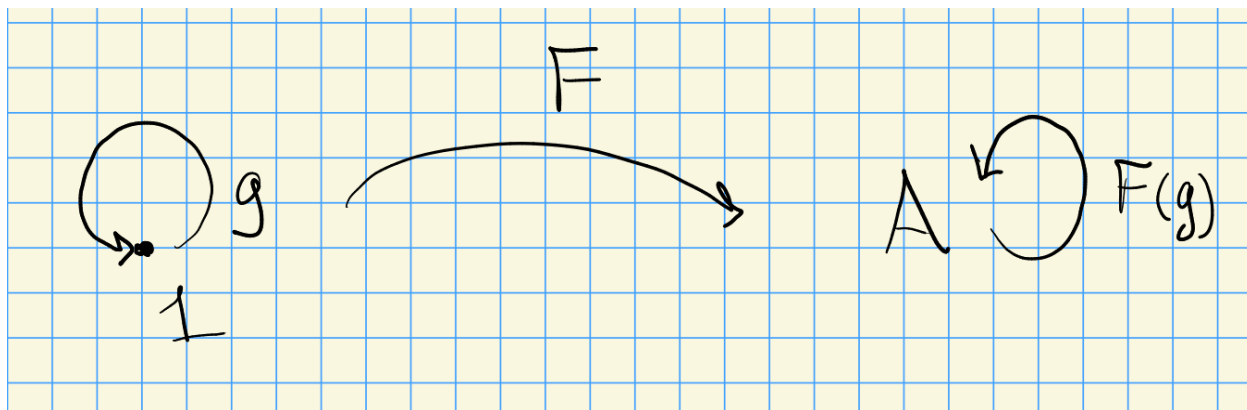


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The right-hand side yields a G -module since $F(g)(a) = g.a$.

Definition 25.2.5 (Trivial modules)

An object $A \in G\text{-Mod}$ is a **trivial** module if and only if $g.a = a$ for all $g \in G$.

Remark 25.2.6: Any $G \in \text{Ab}$ can be viewed as a trivial G -module in this way. This yields a functor $\text{Triv} : \text{Ab} \rightarrow G\text{-Mod}$. There is a distinguished trivial G -module, namely $A := \mathbb{Z}$ with the trivial G -action. There are two natural functors $G\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$:

- $A^G := \{a \in A \mid g.a = a \forall g \in G\}$, the **invariant subgroup** of A .
- $A_G := A / \langle ga - a \mid g \in G, a \in A \rangle$, where we take the G -module generated by the relation in the denominator, which are the **coinvariants** of A .

Exercise 25.2.7 (6.1.1)

1. A^G is the maximal trivial submodule of A , so the functor $(\cdot)^G$ is right-adjoint to Triv . These should both be easy checks! So this is left-exact and has right-derived functors (similar to ext).
2. A_G is the largest G -trivial quotient of A , and $(\cdot)_G$ is left-adjoint to Triv . Thus it is right-exact and has left-derived functors (similar to tor).

Lemma 25.2.8 (?).

Let $A \in G\text{-Mod}$ and \mathbb{Z} be the trivial G -module. Then

1. $A_G \cong \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}G} A$, and
2. $A^G \cong \text{Hom}_G(\mathbb{Z}, A)$ (**important!!**)

Warning 25.2.9

Number 2 above is important to remember!

Proof (of 1).

Viewing $\mathbb{Z} = {}_{\mathbb{Z}}\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{Z}G} \in (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}G)\text{-biMod}$ with the trivial structure, recall^a that we have a functor

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) : \mathbb{Z}\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}G\text{-Mod}$$

where $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, A)$ has an action $(g.f)(x) := f(x.g)$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}, g \in G$. Since $x.g = x$ for all x, g , we have $g.f = f$ and thus $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, A)$ is a trivial G -module, and there is an isomorphism in Ab :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, A) &\xrightarrow[\text{Ab}]{\sim} A \\ f &\mapsto f(a). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) \cong \text{Triv}(\cdot)$. By prop 2.6.3, the functor $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}G} (\cdot)$ is left-adjoint to $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}G} \cdot, \cdot)$. Now applying exercise 6.1.1 part 2, $(\cdot)_G \cong \text{Triv}(\cdot)$. Since left-derived functors are universal δ -functors, we have a natural isomorphism $(\cdot)_G \cong \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}G} (\cdot)$ since they're both left-adjoint to the same functor. ■

^aSee Weibel p. 41.

Proof (of 2).

Taking $f(1)$, we have $A^G \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, A^G)$. Using the adjoint property from exercise 6.1.1 part 1, this is isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_G(\text{Triv}(\mathbb{Z}), A)$. Thus $(\cdot)^G \cong \text{Hom}_G(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$. ■

Remark 25.2.10: The exts here will classify extensions in the category of left \mathbb{Z} -modules. Note the switched order on the hom functor however!

26 | Appendix: Extra Definitions

Definition 26.0.1 (Acyclic)

A chain complex C is **acyclic** if and only if $H_*(C) = 0$.

27 | Extra References

- https://www.math.wisc.edu/~csimpson6/notes/2020_spring_homological_algebra/notes.pdf

28 | Useful Facts

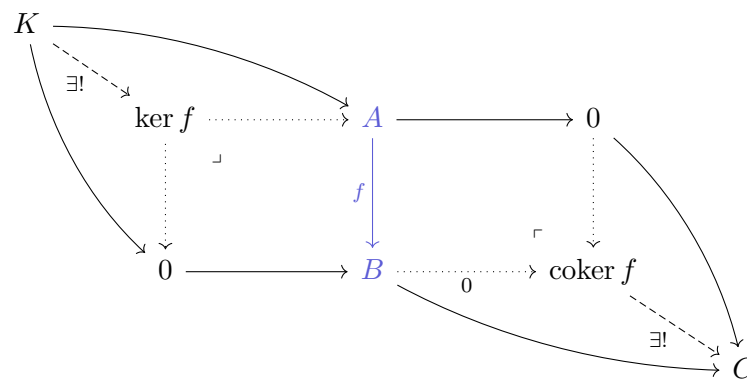
Remark 28.0.1: Notational conventions:

- Finite direct products: \bigoplus
- Cohomological indexing: C^i, ∂^i
- Homological indexing: C_i, ∂_i
- Right-derived functors $R^i F$.
 - Come from left-exact functors
 - Require *injective* resolutions
 - Extend to the right: $0 \rightarrow F(A) \rightarrow F(B) \rightarrow F(C) \rightarrow L_1 F(A) \cdots$
- Left-derived functors $L_i F$.
 - Come from right-exact functors
 - Require *projective* resolutions
 - Extend to the left: $\cdots L_1 F(C) \rightarrow F(A) \rightarrow F(B) \rightarrow F(C) \rightarrow 0$

- Colimits:
 - Examples: coproducts, direct limits, cokernels, initial objects, pushouts
 - Commute with left adjoints, i.e. $L(\operatorname{colim} F_i) = \operatorname{colim} LF_i$.
- Examples of limits:
 - Products, inverse limits, kernels, terminal objects, pullbacks
 - Commute with right adjoints. i.e. $R(\operatorname{colim} F_i) = \operatorname{colim} RF_i$.

Proposition 28.0.2 (Kernels as pullbacks and cokernels as pushouts).

The kernel $\ker f$ of a morphism f can be characterized as a cartesian square, and the cokernel $\operatorname{coker} f$ as a cocartesian square:



[Link to Diagram](#)

Proposition 28.0.3 (Basic properties of Hom).

- $\operatorname{Hom}_R(A, \cdot)$ is:
 - Covariant
 - Left-exact
 - Has right-derived functors $\operatorname{Ext}_R^i(A, B) := R^i \operatorname{Hom}_R(A, \cdot)(B)$ computed using *injective* resolutions.
- $\operatorname{Hom}_R(\cdot, B)$ is:
 - Contravariant
 - Right-exact
 - Has left-derived functors $\operatorname{Ext}_R^i(A, B) := L_i \operatorname{Hom}_R(\cdot, B)(A)$ computed using *projective* resolutions.

Proposition 28.0.4 (Basic Properties of Ext).

- $\operatorname{Ext}^{>1}(A, B) = 0$ for any A projective or B injective.

Fact 28.0.5

A maps $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ in $\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$ is injective if and only if $f(a) = 0_B \implies a = 0_A$. Monomorphisms are

injective maps in $R\text{-Mod}$.

Proposition 28.0.6 (Recipe for computing Ext_R^i).

Write $F(\cdot) := \text{Hom}_R(A, \cdot)$. This is left-exact and thus has right-derived functors $\text{Ext}_R^i(A, B) := R^i F(B)$. To compute this:

- Take an *injective* resolution:

$$1 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} I^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} I^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots$$

- Remove the augmentation ε and just keep the complex

$$I^\cdot := \left(1 \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} I^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} I^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots \right).$$

- Apply $F(\cdot)$ to get a new (and usually **not exact**) complex

$$F(I)^\cdot := \left(1 \xrightarrow{\partial^{-1}} F(I^0) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} F(I^1) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \dots \right),$$

where $\partial^i := F(d^i)$.

- Take homology, i.e. kernels mod images:

$$R^i F(B) := \frac{\ker \partial^i}{\text{im } \partial^{i-1}}.$$

Note that $R^0 F(B) \cong F(B)$ canonically:

- This is defined as $\ker \partial^0 / \text{im } \partial^{-1} = \ker \partial^0 / 1 = \ker \partial^0$.
- Use the fact that $F(\cdot)$ is left exact and apply it to the *augmented* complex to obtain

$$1 \rightarrow F(B) \xrightarrow{F(\varepsilon)} F(I^0) \xrightarrow{\partial^0} F(I^1) \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \dots$$

- By exactness, there is an isomorphism $\ker \partial^0 \cong F(B)$.

Proposition 28.0.7 (Computing $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n)$).

$\varphi : \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z}/n$, where $\varphi(g) := g(1)$.

- That this is an isomorphism follows from
- Surjectivity: for each $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}/n$ define a map

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\ell : \mathbb{Z} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n \\ 1 &\mapsto [\ell]_n. \end{aligned}$$

- Injectivity: if $g(1) = [0]_n$, then

$$g(x) = xg(1) = x[0]_n = [0]_n.$$

- \mathbb{Z} -module morphism:

$$\varphi(gf) := \varphi(g \circ f) := (g \circ f)(1) = g(f(1)) = f(1)g(1) = \varphi(g)\varphi(f),$$

where we've used the fact that \mathbb{Z}/n is commutative.

Proposition 28.0.8 (Common Hom Groups). • $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$.

- $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, \mathbb{Z}/n) = \mathbb{Z}/d$.
- $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$.

Proposition 28.0.9 (Common Ext Groups). • $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, G) \cong G/mG$

– Use $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times m} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m \rightarrow 1$ and apply $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\cdot, \mathbb{Z})$.

- $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, \mathbb{Z}/n) = \mathbb{Z}/d$.
-

Slogan 28.0.10

- In \mathbf{Ab} , direct colimits commute with finite limits. Inverse limits do not generally commute with finite colimits.
- Left adjoints are right-exact with left-derived functors. Right adjoints are left-exact with right-derived functors.
- Left adjoints commute with colimits: $L(\text{colim } F) = \text{colim}(L \circ F)$

Proposition 28.0.11 (Characterizations of Splittings).

TFAE in $\mathbf{R}\text{-Mod}$:

- A SES $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is split.
- ?

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