# **Homological Algebra Problem Sets**

Problem Set 3

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# 1 Wednesday, February 17

Problem 1.0.1 (Prove Corollary 2.3.2)

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

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

#### Solution:

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

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



#### Link to Diagram

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



# Link to Diagram

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

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

Thus we can set

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

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

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

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



#### Link to Diagram

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

$$f_a: J = jR \to R$$
  
 $x = jr \mapsto r\mathbf{a}.$ 

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



#### Link to Diagram

We can now use the fact that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proof(?).

Note that there is an injection

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

which follows from the fact that there is a SES

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

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

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

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

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



### Link to Diagram

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proof (?).

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

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

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

Claim:

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

Proof (?).

Using

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

and taking

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

we have

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

We can now use the map

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

and compute

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

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

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

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

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

by Bezout's theorem

Now applying the first isomorphism theorem yields the result.

#### Solution:

We'll follow the procedure outlined in Weibel:

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

We can first take the following injective resolution:

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

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

## Link to Diagram

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

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

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

#### Link to Diagram

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

We now take homology:

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

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

*Problem* 1.0.3 (Weibel 2.3.2)

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

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

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

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

#### Solution:

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

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

$$an \mapsto n.$$

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



## Link to Diagram

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



#### Link to Diagram

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

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

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

Problem 1.0.4 (Weibel 2.4.2)

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

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

#### **Solution:**

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

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

$$\downarrow F(\cdot)$$

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

#### Link to Diagram

We now have by definition

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

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

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

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

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

#### Link to Diagram

Again, by definition,

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

and thus it suffices to show that there is an isomorphism

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

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

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

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

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

#### Link to Diagram

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

Problem 1.0.5 (Weibel 2.4.3)

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

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

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

## Solution:

Claim:

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

Proof (of claim).

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

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

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

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

which implies that there is a SES of chain complexes

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

Thus there is an associated LES of derived functors:



#### Link to Diagram

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

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

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

Claim:

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

# Proof(?).

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



#### Link to Diagram

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

# Link to Diagram

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

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

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

*Problem* 1.0.6 (Weibel 2.5.2)

Show that the following are equivalent:

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

*Problem* 1.0.7 (Weibel 2.6.4)

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