

Previously, on Homological Algebra:

Every  $R$ -module has a projective resolution.

When  $R$  is a Noetherian local ring / fg graded  $k$ -algebra, every fg (graded) module has a minimal projective resolution

$$\dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_2(M)} \rightarrow R^{\beta_1(M)} \rightarrow R^{\beta_0(M)} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

$\beta_i(M)$  := betti numbers of  $M$

Graded case:  $\dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_j R(-j)^{\beta_{ij}(M)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_j R(-j)^{\beta_{0j}(M)} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$   
 (all maps are degree  $j$  preserving)

$\beta_{ij}(M)$  := graded betti numbers of  $M$

Most interesting invariants of  $M$  are encoded in its (graded) betti numbers  
 (and sometimes in the differentials in the minimal resolution)

## ————— // ————— Injective Resolutions

exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots$  all  $E_i$  injective  
 $\Updownarrow$   $\uparrow$  wcomplexes (differentials go up)

Complex  $0 \rightarrow E^0 \rightarrow E^1 \rightarrow \dots$  with  $H^0(E) = M, H^i(E) = 0$  for  $i > 0$

Fact Every  $R$ -module has an injective resolution

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \circ & & & \\ & & & \downarrow & & & \\ 0 \rightarrow M & \xrightarrow{i_0} & E^0 & \xrightarrow{\partial^0} & E^1 & \xrightarrow{\text{coker } \partial^0} & \circ \\ & & \searrow & \nearrow & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & \circ & & & \\ & & & \downarrow & & & \\ & & & \text{coker } i_1 & & & \\ & & & \circ & & & \\ & & & \downarrow & & & \\ & & & & & & \dots \end{array}$$

Graded/local case: every module has a minimal injective resolution

## Abelian Categories

A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is preadditive if

- every  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$  is an abelian group
- for every  $x, y, z$  objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(z, x) & \xrightarrow{\circ} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(z, y) \\ (f, g) & \longmapsto & f \circ g \end{array}$$

is bilinear, meaning

$$g \circ (f_1 + f_2) = g \circ f_1 + g \circ f_2$$

and

$$(g_1 + g_2) \circ f = g_1 \circ f + g_2 \circ f$$

Example  $R\text{-mod}$

$\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$  preadditive categories

An additive functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a functor such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) & \xrightarrow{F_{x,y}} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(F(x), F(y)) \\ f & \longmapsto & F(f) \end{array}$$

is a homomorphism of abelian groups.

## $\mathcal{C}$ category

- An object  $i$  is initial in  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(i, x)$  is a singleton for all objects  $x$  in  $\mathcal{C}$
- An object  $t$  is terminal in  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, t)$  is a singleton for every  $x$
- A zero object is an initial and terminal object.

Exercise Initial, terminal, and zero objects, if they exists, are unique up to isomorphism.

### Examples

- $R\text{-mod}$ :  $0$  is a zero object
- $\text{Ring}$ :  $\mathbb{Z}$  is initial, no terminal object

Def  $\mathcal{C}$  category with a  $0$ -object,  $x, y$  objects  
the zero arrow  $x \xrightarrow{0} y$  is the unique arrow  
 $x \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow y$

Remark In a preadditive category, the 0-arrow  $x \xrightarrow{0} y$  is the same as the 0 in  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(x, y)$

An Additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  is a preadditive category such that:

- $\mathcal{A}$  has a zero object
- $\mathcal{A}$  has all finite products

Lemma In any additive category, finite coproducts exists and coincide with products.

Proof  $x, y$  two objects  $\Rightarrow$  their product exists

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & z & =^{x \times y} \\ \pi_1 \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_2 \\ x & & y \end{array}$$

The universal property of the product gives arrows  $i_1, i_2$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & x & & & 0 \\ & \downarrow i_1 & & \downarrow & \\ & z & & & \\ & \downarrow & & & \\ x & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & y & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & & y & & 1y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i_2 & & \downarrow \\ x & \xleftarrow{\pi_1} & z & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & y \end{array}$$

Claim  $z, i_1, i_2$  are a coproduct for  $x$  and  $y$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & i_1 & z & i_2 & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ x & & \exists! h & & y \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow & \swarrow g & \\ & w & & & \end{array}$$

need to show:  
 $\exists! h$

Existence: take  $h := f\pi_1 + g\pi_2$

$$hi_1 = f\underbrace{\pi_1}_{1_x} i_1 + g\underbrace{\pi_2}_{0} i_1 = f$$

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$$hi_2 = f\underbrace{\pi_1}_{0} i_2 + g\underbrace{\pi_2}_{1_y} i_2 = g$$

Uniqueness: if  $h'$  also satisfies  $h'i_1 = f$ ,  $h'i_2 = g$

$$\Rightarrow (h - h')i_1 = f - f = 0, (h - h')i_2 = g - g = 0$$

Sufficient: 0 is the unique arrow satisfying  $x i_1 = 0$ ,  $x i_2 = 0$

$$\text{Useful: } i_1\pi_1 + i_2\pi_2 = 1_z \quad \text{since}$$

$$\pi_1(i_1\pi_1 + i_2\pi_2) = \underbrace{\pi_1 i_1}_{1_x} \pi_1 + \underbrace{\pi_1 i_2}_{0} \pi_2 = \pi_1 = \pi_1 1_z \quad \checkmark$$

$$\pi_2(i_1\pi_1 + i_2\pi_2) = \underbrace{\pi_2 i_1}_{0} \pi_1 + \underbrace{\pi_2 i_2}_{1_y} \pi_2 = \pi_2 = \pi_2 1_z \quad \checkmark$$

$$\chi i_1 = 0, \chi i_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi = \chi 1_Z = \chi(i_1\pi_1 + i_2\pi_2) = \underbrace{\chi i_1\pi_1}_{=0} + \underbrace{\chi i_2\pi_2}_{=0} = 0$$

□

From now on: in any additive category  
 we write  $A \oplus B$  for the product  $\cong$  coproduct of  $A$  and  $B$   
 (of course  $A \oplus B$  is only defined up to isomorphism)

Remark  $A \oplus B$  is characterized by the existence of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{i_A}, A \oplus B & \\ & & A \oplus B \xrightarrow{\pi_A} A \\ B & \xrightarrow{i_B} A \oplus B & \\ & & A \oplus B \xrightarrow{\pi_B} B \end{array}$$

such that

$$\pi_A i_A = \text{id}_A, \quad \pi_B i_B = \text{id}_B, \quad i_A \pi_A + i_B \pi_B = \text{id}_{A \oplus B}$$

Theorem  $F$  additive functor between additive categories,

- ①  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F(x \xrightarrow{o} y) = F(x) \xrightarrow{o} F(y)$
- ②  $F(A \oplus B) = F(A) \oplus F(B)$

## Exercise of additive category

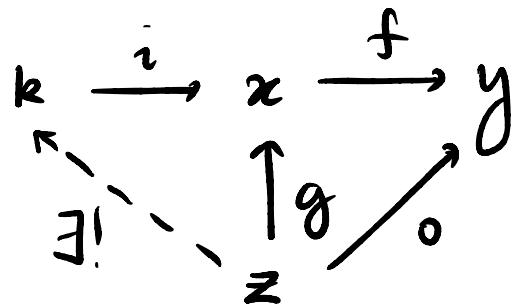
- $f$  mono  $\Leftrightarrow (fg = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0)$
- $f$  epi  $\Leftrightarrow (gf = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0)$

An additive category,  $x \xrightarrow{f} y$

the kernel of  $f$  is an arrow  $k \xrightarrow{i} x$  such that

- $(k \xrightarrow{i} x \xrightarrow{f} y) = 0$
- any  $z \xrightarrow{g} x$  such that  $z \xrightarrow{g} x \xrightarrow{f} y = 0$

factors uniquely through  $\ker f$ :



the cokernel of  $f$  is an arrow  $y \xrightarrow{p} c$  such that

- $(x \xrightarrow{f} y \xrightarrow{p} c) = 0$
- any  $y \xrightarrow{g} z$  such that  $x \xrightarrow{f} y \xrightarrow{g} z = 0$

factors uniquely through  $\text{coker } f$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} x & \longrightarrow & y & \xrightarrow{p} & c \\ & \searrow o & \downarrow g & & \nearrow \exists! \\ & & z & & \end{array}$$

Remarks ① If  $k \xrightarrow{i} x$  is a kernel for  $x \xrightarrow{f} y$ ,  $k$  is the unique object (up to iso) that has the following universal property:

for every object  $z$  and every  $z \xrightarrow{g} x$ , there exists a unique  $z \xrightarrow{h} k$  such that  $ih = g$ .

② Whenever they exist, kernels are mono and cokernels are epi

$$z \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \end{matrix}} \ker f \longrightarrow x \xrightarrow{f} y$$

$$(\ker f) \circ g_1 = (\ker f) \circ g_2 \Rightarrow (\ker f) \circ (g_1 - g_2) = 0$$

Enough to show:  $(\ker f) \circ g = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \ker f & \longrightarrow & x \xrightarrow{f} y \\ g \uparrow z & \nearrow o & \end{array}$$

$o$  factors uniquely through  $\ker f$   
 $g$  is a factorization of  $o$  through  $\ker f$   
 $\Rightarrow g = 0$

② kernels and cokernels do not necessarily exist!

In the category of fg  $R$ -modules over a non-Noetherian ring,

if  $I$  is an infinitely generated ideal,

$\ker(R \xrightarrow{\pi} R/I) = I$  not in our category!

In fact,  $R \xrightarrow{\pi} R/I$  is an epi, but not a cokernel!

so

③ epis may not be cokernels and monos may not be kernels

④ If coker  $\ker f$  and  $\ker \text{coker } f$  exist, then

there is a canonical arrow  $\text{coker } \ker f \rightarrow \ker \text{coker } f$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \ker f & \longrightarrow & x & \xrightarrow{f} & y \longrightarrow \text{coker } f \\ & & \downarrow & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ & & \text{coker } \ker f & \xrightarrow{\exists!} & \ker \text{coker } f \end{array}$$

$f \circ (\ker f) = 0 \Rightarrow f$  factors uniquely through  $\text{coker } f$   $\dashrightarrow$

$$(\text{coker } f) \circ \dashrightarrow \circ \underbrace{\text{coker } \ker f}_{\text{epi}} = 0 \Rightarrow (\text{coker } f) \circ f = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \dashrightarrow$  factors uniquely through  $\ker \text{coker } f$   $\dashrightarrow$

An abelian category is an additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  such that:

- $\mathcal{A}$  has all kernels and cokernels
- Every mono is the kernel of its cokernel
- Every epi is the cokernel of its kernel
- For every arrow  $f$ , the canonical coker  $\text{ker } f \rightarrow \text{coker } f$  is an iso

### Canonical example $R\text{-mod}$

Unwrapping the definition:  $\mathcal{A}$  is abelian if:

- every  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(x, y)$  is an abelian group
- composition  $\circ$  of arrows is bilinear, meaning
$$g \circ (f_1 + f_2) = g \circ f_1 + g \circ f_2 \quad \text{and} \quad (g_1 + g_2) \circ f = g_1 \circ f + g_2 \circ f$$
- $\mathcal{A}$  has a zero object
- $\mathcal{A}$  has all finite products
- $\mathcal{A}$  has all kernels and cokernels
- Every mono is the kernel of its cokernel
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### Remark

In an abelian category, Every arrow factors as  $f = \text{mono} \circ \text{epi}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{ker } f & \longrightarrow & x & \xrightarrow{f} & y \longrightarrow \text{coker } f \\ & & \text{epi} \downarrow & & \uparrow \text{mono} \\ & & \text{coker ker } f & \dashrightarrow & \text{ker coker } f \\ & & & & \text{iso} \end{array}$$

Image of  $f$  is  $\text{im } f := \text{ker coker } f$

Remark the source of  $\text{im } f$  is the unique object (up to iso) such that  $f$  factors as

$$x \xrightarrow{\text{epi}} \text{im } f \xrightarrow{\text{mono}} y$$

### Exercise Ab abelian category

$$f \text{ mono} \iff \text{ker } f = 0 \quad f \text{ epi} \iff \text{coker } f = 0$$

Exercise Ab abelian category,  $f$  mono,  $g$  epi

$$\text{ker}(fg) = \text{ker } g \quad \text{coker}(fg) = \text{coker } f$$

$$\text{im}(fg) = \text{im } f = f$$

$\text{Ab}$  abelian category

A (chain) complex in  $\text{Ab}$   $(C, \partial)$  or  $C$  is a sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \dots$$

of objects and arrows such that  $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$  for all  $n$

A map of complexes  $C \xrightarrow{f} D$  is a sequence of arrows such that

$$\dots \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_n \downarrow & & \downarrow f_{n-1} \\ \dots \rightarrow D_n \xrightarrow{\delta_n} D_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots & & \end{array}$$

commutes

$\text{Ch}(\text{Ab}) :=$  category of (chain) complexes over  $\text{Ab}$   
and maps of complexes

Lemma  $\text{Ab}$  abelian  $\Rightarrow \text{Ch}(\text{Ab})$  abelian

Sketch:

- $f+g$  computed degreewise:  $(f+g)_n = f_n + g_n$
- $0_{\text{Ch}(\text{Ab})} = \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$
- $C \times D = \dots \rightarrow C_n \times D_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n^C \times \partial_n^D} C_{n-1} \times D_n \rightarrow \dots$
- $\ker f$  induced by the universal property of  $\ker$ 

$\ker f_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \ker f_n$

$\begin{matrix} \ker f_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f_{n+1}} & D_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \ker f_n & \longrightarrow & C_n & \xrightarrow{f_n} & D_n \end{matrix}$
- $f$  mono  $\Leftrightarrow$  all  $f_n$  mono     $f$  epi  $\Leftrightarrow$  all  $f_n$  epi
- $f=0 \Leftrightarrow$  all  $f_n=0$