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Exercise: If  $A$  is a retract of  $X$ , then induced map by inclusion  $A \xhookrightarrow{i} B$  induces  $i_* : H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(X)$  is injective.

**Proof:**

Now, there exists a continuous map

$$r : X \rightarrow A \xhookrightarrow{i} X$$

Now, we have the following diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r : X & \rightarrow & A \xhookrightarrow{i} X \\ C(X) & \xrightarrow{r_{\#}} & C(A) \xrightarrow{i_{\#}} C(X) \end{array}$$

where  $r_{\#}, i_{\#}$  are defined as:

$$\begin{array}{ll} r_{\#}(a) = r \circ a & \text{where } a \in C(X) \\ i_{\#}(b) = i \circ a & [a : \Delta \rightarrow X] \\ & \text{where } b \in C(A) \\ & [b : \Delta \rightarrow A] \end{array}$$

Now, boundary maps and  $r_{\#}$  &  $i_{\#}$  commutes as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C_{n+1}(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}^X} & C_n(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n^X} & C_{n-1}(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}^X} & \dots \\ i_{\#} \updownarrow r_{\#} & & i_{\#} \updownarrow r_{\#} & & i_{\#} \updownarrow r_{\#} & & \\ C_{n+1}(A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}^A} & C_n(A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n^A} & C_{n-1}(A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}^A} & \dots \end{array}$$

From the above figure we get,

$$\begin{array}{l} \partial_n^X \circ i_{\#} = i_{\#} \circ \partial_n^A \dots\dots\dots [i] \\ \partial_n^A \circ r_{\#} = r_{\#} \circ \partial_n^X \dots\dots\dots [ii] \end{array}$$

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} H_n(X) = \frac{\ker \partial_n^X}{\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X} \\ H_n(A) = \frac{\ker \partial_n^A}{\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A} \end{array}$$

Let's define,

$$\begin{aligned} i_* : H_n(A) &\longrightarrow H_n(X) \\ a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A &\longmapsto i_{\#}(a) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $i_*$  is well defined:

pf: Let  $a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A = b + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A$

$$\Rightarrow a - b \in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A$$

Now,  $i_*(a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A) = i_{\#}(a) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X$

$$i_*(b + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A) = i_{\#}(b) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} a - b &\in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A \\ \Rightarrow \exists x \in C_{n+1}(A) \text{ st.} \\ a - b &= \partial_{n+1}^A(x) \\ i_{\#}(a - b) &= i_{\#}(\partial_{n+1}^A(x)) \\ &= \partial_{n+1}^X(i_{\#}(x)) \text{ [by equation [i]]} \\ \Rightarrow i_{\#}(a - b) &\in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X \\ \Rightarrow i_{\#}(a) - i_{\#}(b) &\in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X \\ \Rightarrow i_{\#}(a) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X &= i_{\#}(b) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X \end{aligned}$$

[Because We extended  $i_{\#}$  linearly while defining on generator of  $C(A)$ ]

$$\Rightarrow i(a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A) = i(b + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A)$$

Now,  $i_*$  is homomorphism.

It follows easily from the linearity (homomorphism) of  $i_{\#}$ .

$i_*$  is injective:

pf:

$$\begin{aligned} i_*(a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow i_{\#}(a) + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow i_{\#}(a) &\in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^X \\ \Rightarrow \exists x \in C_{n+1}(X) \text{ st.} \\ i_{\#}(a) &= \partial_{n+1}^X(x) \\ \Rightarrow r_{\#}(i_{\#}(a)) &= r_{\#}(\partial_{n+1}^X(x)) = \partial_{n+1}^A(r_{\#}(x)) \text{ [By equation[ii]]} \\ \Rightarrow a &= \partial_{n+1}^A(r_{\#}(x)) \\ \Rightarrow a &\in \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A \\ \Rightarrow a + \text{Im } \partial_{n+1}^A &= 0 \end{aligned}$$