

# Algebraic Topology I P.S. 1

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2. (a) From the two short exact sequences induced from the inclusion of complexes, we get two long exact sequences. Define  $f$  to be  $f = q_* \circ \partial$  in the diagram below, where  $H_n(C_1)$  are identified with each other. Also define  $g$  to be equal to  $\partial$  as below. Since the rows are exact,  $\ker g = \text{im } q_*$  and since  $\text{im } f \subset \text{im } q_* = \ker g$ , this implies that  $g \circ f = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n+1}(C_1) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{n+1}(C) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & H_{n+1}(C/C_1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_n(C_1) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \dots \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow f & & & & \\
 \dots & \xrightarrow{g} & H_n(C_0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_n(C_1) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & H_n(C_1/C_0) & \xrightarrow{g} & H_{n-1}(C_0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \dots
 \end{array}$$

(Note: A dashed arrow points from  $H_{n+1}(C/C_1)$  to  $H_n(C_1)$  in the top row, and another dashed arrow points from  $H_n(C_1)$  to  $H_n(C_1/C_0)$  in the bottom row.)

- (b) We define  $d : \ker f \rightarrow \text{coker } g$  as follows: take  $x \in \ker f$ , then by definition  $f(x) = q_* \circ \partial(x) = 0 \in H_n(C_1/C_0)$ . By  $\ker q_* = \text{im } i_*$ , there exists a  $y \in H_n(C_0)$  such that  $i_*(y) = \partial(x)$  then  $y \mapsto y \text{ im } g \in \text{coker } g$ . This gives us  $d$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & \ker f & & \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 \dots & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n+1}(C_1) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{n+1}(C) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & H_{n+1}(C/C_1) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_n(C_1) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \dots \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow f & & & & \\
 \dots & \xrightarrow{g} & H_n(C_0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_n(C_1) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & H_n(C_1/C_0) & \xrightarrow{g} & H_{n-1}(C_0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \swarrow d & & & & & & \\
 & & \text{coker } g & & & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

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