

**Exercise 1.** Let  $C, D$  be two chain complexes of  $R$ -modules. Their tensor product  $C \otimes_R D$  is defined as follows. We let

$$(C \otimes_R D)_n = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} C_i \otimes_R D_{n-i}$$

and for  $x \in C_i$  and  $y \in D_{n-i}$ , the differential is given by

$$d_n^{C \otimes_R D}(x \otimes y) = d_i^C(x) \otimes y + (-1)^i x \otimes d_{n-i}^D(y).$$

- (i) Show that  $(C \otimes_R D, d^{C \otimes_R D})$  defines a chain complex.
- (ii) Show that the complexes  $C \otimes_R D$  and  $D \otimes_R C$  are isomorphic.

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f: B \rightarrow C$  be a morphism of chain complexes. We let

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

and define a morphism  $d_n: \text{cone}(f)_n \rightarrow \text{cone}(f)_{n-1}$  by

$$d_n(b, c) = (-d_{n-1}^B(b), d_n^C(c) - f_{n-1}(b)).$$

- (i) Show that  $(\text{cone}(f), d)$  defines a chain complex.
- (ii) Show that we have an exact sequence of complexes

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

where  $B[-1]$  is the complex defined by  $B[-1]_n = B_{n-1}$  and  $d_n^{B[-1]} = -d_{n-1}^B$ .

- (iii) Deduce that we have a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(\text{cone}(f)) \rightarrow H_n(B) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(\text{cone}(f)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

- (iv) Show that the morphism  $\delta: H_n(B) \rightarrow H_n(C)$  may be chosen to coincide with the morphism induced by  $f$ .
- (v) Deduce that  $f$  is a quasi-isomorphism if and only if  $\text{cone}(f)$  is exact.