MATH 612 (HOMEWORK 2)

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Exercise. (Exercise 1) Fix G and let $\alpha : H \to H'$ be given. Let $0 \to F_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} H \to 0, 0 \to G_1 \xrightarrow{g_1} G_0 \xrightarrow{g_0} H \to 0$ be free resolutions. By Lemma 3.1(a), we obtain two homomorphisms $\alpha_1 : F_1 \to G_1, \alpha_0 : F_0 \to G_0$ which commutes with f_i, g_i, α. Then we obtain two chain complexes

$$0 \leftarrow \mathrm{Hom}(F_1, G) \xleftarrow{f_1^*} \mathrm{Hom}(F_0, G) \xleftarrow{f_0^*} \mathrm{Hom}(H, G) \leftarrow 0$$
$$0 \leftarrow \mathrm{Hom}(F_1, G') \xleftarrow{f_1^*} \mathrm{Hom}(F_0, G') \xleftarrow{f_0^*} \mathrm{Hom}(H, G') \leftarrow 0.$$

with induced maps $\alpha_1^*, \alpha_0^*, \alpha^*$ forming a chain map from the chain complex on the bottom to the one on the top. Then α_1^* induces a map from $\mathrm{Ext}(H', G) \to \mathrm{Ext}(H, G)$.

Fix H and let $f : G \to G'$ be given. Let $0 \to F_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} H \to 0$ be a free resolution of H. We obtain two cochain complexes where f_* is a chain map from the top one to the bottom one.

$$0 \leftarrow \mathrm{Hom}(F_1, G) \xleftarrow{f_1^*} \mathrm{Hom}(F_0, G) \xleftarrow{f_0^*} \mathrm{Hom}(H, G) \leftarrow 0$$
$$0 \leftarrow \mathrm{Hom}(F_1, G') \xleftarrow{f_1^*} \mathrm{Hom}(F_0, G') \xleftarrow{f_0^*} \mathrm{Hom}(H, G') \leftarrow 0.$$

f_* indeed makes the diagram commute because for any $\sigma \in \mathrm{Hom}(H, G)$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_*(f_0^*(\sigma)) &= f_*(\sigma \circ f_0) \\ &= f \circ (\sigma \circ f_0) \\ &= (f \circ \sigma) \circ f_0 \\ &= f_0^*(f \circ \sigma) \\ &= f_0^*(f_*(\sigma)). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $f_*(f_1^*(\sigma)) = f_1^*(f_*(\sigma))$ for every $\sigma \in \mathrm{Hom}(F_0, G)$. Since a chain map induces a homomorphism on cohomology groups, f induces a map from $\mathrm{Ext}(H, G) \to \mathrm{Ext}(H, G')$.