

# BLUEPRINT FOR THE LIQUID TENSOR EXPERIMENT

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**Remark 0.1.** This text is based on the lecture notes on Analytic Geometry [Sch20], by Peter Scholze. The final section is copy-pasted from those lecture notes almost verbatim. This text is meant as a blueprint for the Liquid Tensor Experiment.

**Remark 0.2.** In this text  $\mathbf{N}$  denotes the natural numbers *including* 0.

## 1. BREEN–DELIGNE DATA

The goal of this section is to give a precise statement of a variant of the Breen–Deligne resolution. This variant is not actually a resolution, but it is sufficient for our purposes, and is much easier to state and prove.

We first recall the original statement of the Breen–Deligne resolution.

**Theorem 1.1** (Breen–Deligne). *For an abelian group  $A$ , there is a resolution, functorial in  $A$ , of the form*

$$\dots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n_i} \mathbb{Z}[A^{r_{ij}}] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[A^3] \oplus \mathbb{Z}[A^2] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[A^2] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[A] \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

What does a homomorphism  $f: \mathbb{Z}[A^m] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[A^n]$  that is functorial in  $A$  look like? We should perhaps say more precisely what we mean by this. The idea is that  $m$  and  $n$  are fixed, and for each abelian group  $A$  we have a group homomorphism  $f_A: \mathbb{Z}[A^m] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[A^n]$  such that if  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  is a group homomorphism inducing  $\phi_i: \mathbb{Z}[A^i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[B^i]$  for each natural number  $i$  then the obvious square commutes:  $\phi_n \circ f_A = f_B \circ \phi_m$ .

The map  $f_A$  is specified by what it does to the generators  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m) \in A^m$ . It can send such an element to an arbitrary element of  $\mathbb{Z}[A^n]$ , but one can check that universality implies that  $f_A$  will be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combination of “basic universal maps”, where a “basic universal map” is one that sends  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  to  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , where  $t_i$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combination  $c_{i,1} \cdot a_1 + \dots + c_{i,m} \cdot a_m$ . So a “basic universal map” is specified by the  $n \times m$ -matrix  $c$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A *basic universal map* from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , is an  $n \times m$ -matrix with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** A *universal map* from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , is a formal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear combination of basic universal maps from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ .

If  $f$  is a basic universal map, then we write  $[f]$  for the corresponding universal map.

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $f = \sum_g n_g [g]$  be a universal map. We say that  $f$  is *bound by* a natural number  $N$  if  $\sum_g |n_g| \leq N$ .

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We point out that basic universal maps can be composed by matrix multiplication, and this formally induces a composition of universal maps. As mentioned above, one can also check (this has been formalised in Lean) that this construction gives a bijection between universal maps from exponent  $m$  to  $n$  and functorial collections  $f_A: \mathbf{Z}[A^m] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[A^n]$ .

**Definition 1.5.** In other words, we are considering the following two categories:

- the category whose objects are natural numbers, and whose morphisms are matrices;
- the category with the same objects, but with Hom-sets replaced by the free abelian groups generated by the sets of matrices. We denote this latter category  $\text{FreeMat}$ .

Both categories naturally come with a monoidal structure: for the first it is given by the Kronecker product of matrices (a.k.a. tensor product of linear maps) which induces a monoidal structure on  $\text{FreeMat}$ . As usual, we will denote this monoidal structure  $\_ \otimes \_$ . For example, if  $f$  is a basic universal map, then  $2 \otimes f$  denotes the block matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} f & 0 \\ 0 & f \end{pmatrix}$$

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $N$  be a natural number, and  $i < N$ . Then  $\pi'_{N,i}$  denotes the basic universal map from exponent  $N$  to 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{N-1})^t$$

where  $a_j = \delta_{ij}$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $N$  and  $n$  be natural numbers. Then  $\pi_n^N$  denotes the universal map from exponent  $N \cdot n$  to  $n$  given by  $\sum_{i < N} [\pi'_{N,i} \otimes n]$ .

(On  $\mathbf{Z}[A^{N \cdot n}] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[A^n]$  this map is the formal sum of the maps  $\mathbf{Z}[A^{N \cdot n}] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[A^n]$  induced by the projection maps  $A^{N \cdot n} = (A^n)^N \rightarrow A^n$ .)

**Definition 1.8.** Let  $N$  and  $n$  be natural numbers. Then  $\sigma_n^N$  denotes the universal map from exponent  $N \cdot n$  to  $n$  given by  $[\sum_{i < N} \pi'_{N,i} \otimes n]$ .

(On  $\mathbf{Z}[A^{N \cdot n}] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[A^n]$  this map is induced by the summation map  $A^{N \cdot n} = (A^n)^N \rightarrow A^n$ .)

**Definition 1.9.** A *Breen–Deligne data* is a chain complex in  $\text{FreeMat}$ .

Concretely, this means that it consists of a sequence of exponents  $n_0, n_1, n_2, \dots \in \mathbb{N}$ , and universal maps  $f_i$  from exponent  $n_{i+1}$  to  $n_i$ , such that for all  $i$  we have  $f_i \circ f_{i+1} = 0$ .

A morphism of Breen–Deligne data is a morphism of chain complexes.

**Definition 1.10.** For every natural numbers  $N$ , the endofunctor  $N \otimes \_$  on  $\text{FreeMat}$  induces an endofunctor of Breen–Deligne data.

Concretely, it maps a pair  $(n, f)$  of Breen–Deligne data, to the pair  $N \otimes (n, f)$  consisting of exponents  $N \cdot n_i$  and universal maps  $N \otimes f_i$ .

Let  $\text{BD}$  be Breen–Deligne data. The universal maps  $\sigma^N$  and  $\pi^N$  defined above, induce morphisms  $\sigma_{\text{BD}}^N, \pi_{\text{BD}}^N: N \otimes \text{BD} \rightarrow \text{BD}$ .

**Definition 1.11.** A *Breen–Deligne* package consists of Breen–Deligne data  $\text{BD}$  together with a homotopy  $h$  between  $\pi_{\text{BD}}^2$  and  $\sigma_{\text{BD}}^2$ .

**Definition 1.12.** Let  $\text{BD}$  be a Breen–Deligne package and  $N$  a power of 2. Then the homotopy  $h$  induces a homotopy between  $\pi_{\text{BD}}^N$  and  $\sigma_{\text{BD}}^N$  by iterative composition of the homotopy packaged in  $\text{BD}$ .

**Definition 1.13.** We will now construct an example of a Breen–Deligne package. In some sense, it is the “easiest” solution to the conditions posed above. The exponents will be  $n_i = 2^i$ , and the homotopies  $h_i$  will be the identity. Under these constraints, we recursively construct the universal maps  $f_i$ :

$$f_0 = \pi_1^2 - \sigma_1^2, \quad f_{i+1} = (\pi_{2^{i+1}}^2 - \sigma_{2^{i+1}}^2) - (2 \otimes f_i).$$

We leave it as exercise for the reader, to verify that with these definitions  $(n, f, h)$  forms a Breen–Deligne package.

We now make definitions that will make precise some conditions between constants that will be needed when we construct Breen–Deligne complexes of normed abelian groups.

**Definition 1.14.** Let  $f$  be a basic universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ . Let  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . We say that  $(c_1, c_2)$  is *f-suitable*, if for all  $i$

$$\sum_j c_1 |f_{ij}| \leq c_2.$$

To orient the reader: later on we will be considering maps on normed abelian groups induced from universal maps, and this inequality will guarantee that if  $\|m\| \leq c_1$  then  $\|f(m)\| \leq c_2$ .

**Definition 1.15.** Let  $f$  be a universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ . Let  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . We say that  $(c_1, c_2)$  is *f-suitable*, if for all basic universal maps  $g$  that occur in the formal sum  $f$ , the pair of nonnegative reals  $(c_1, c_2)$  is *g-suitable*.

**Definition 1.16.** Let  $f$  be a universal map and let  $r, r', c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . We say that  $(c_1, c_2)$  is *very suitable* for  $(f, r, r')$  if there exist  $N, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $c' \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that:

- $f$  is bound by  $N$  (see Definition 1.4)
- $(c_1, c')$  is *f-suitable*
- $r^b N \leq 1$
- $c' \leq (r')^b c_2$

**Definition 1.17.** Let  $\text{BD} = (n, f)$  be Breen–Deligne data, let  $r, r' \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , and let  $\kappa = (\kappa_0, \kappa_1, \dots)$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers. We say that  $\kappa$  is *BD-suitable* (resp. *very suitable* for  $(\text{BD}, r, r')$ ), if for all  $i$ , the pair  $(\kappa_{i+1}, \kappa_i)$  is *f<sub>i</sub>-suitable* (resp. *very suitable* for  $(f_i, r, r')$ ).

(Note! The order  $(\kappa_{i+1}, \kappa_i)$  is contravariant compared to Definition 1.15. This is because of the contravariance of  $\widehat{V}(\_)$ ; see Definition 5.9.)

**Definition 1.18.** Let  $\text{BD}$  be a Breen–Deligne package with data  $(n, f)$  and homotopy  $h$ . Let  $\kappa, \kappa'$  be sequences of nonnegative real numbers. (In applications  $\kappa$  is a  $(n, f)$ -suitable sequence.)

Then  $\kappa'$  is *adept* to  $(\text{BD}, \kappa)$  if for all  $i$  the pair  $(\kappa_i/2, \kappa'_{i+1}\kappa_{i+1})$  is *h<sub>i</sub>-suitable*. (Recall that  $h_i$  is the homotopy map  $n_i \rightarrow n_{i+1}$ .)

**Lemma 1.19.** *Let  $\text{BD}$  be a Breen–Deligne package,  $N$  a power of 2, and let  $\kappa, \kappa'$  be sequences of nonnegative real numbers. Assume that  $\kappa'$  is adept to  $(\text{BD}, \kappa)$ . Let  $h^N$  be the homotopy between  $\pi_{\text{BD}}^N$  and  $\sigma_{\text{BD}}^N$  defined in Def 1.12.*

*For all  $i$ , the pair  $(\kappa_i/N, \kappa'_{i+1}\kappa_{i+1})$  is  $h_i^N$ -suitable.*

*Proof.* Omitted. (But done in Lean.) □

**Lemma 1.20.** *Let  $\text{BD}$  be a Breen–Deligne package, and let  $r, r'$  be nonnegative reals, such that  $r < 1$  and  $r' > 0$ .*

*There exists a sequence  $\kappa$  of positive real numbers such that  $\kappa$  is very suitable for  $(\text{BD}, r, r')$ .*

*Proof.* The sequence can be constructed recursively, which we leave as exercise for the reader. (It has been done in Lean.) □

**Lemma 1.21.** *Let  $\text{BD}$  be a Breen–Deligne package, and let  $r, r'$  be nonnegative reals, such that  $0 < r < 1$  and  $0 < r' \leq 1$ . Let  $\kappa$  be any sequence of positive reals.*

*There exists a sequence  $\kappa'$  of nonnegative real numbers  $\kappa'$  is adept to  $(\text{BD}, \kappa)$ .*

*Proof.* The sequence can be constructed recursively, which we leave as exercise for the reader. (It has been done in Lean.) □

## 2. VARIANTS OF NORMED GROUPS

**Remark 2.1.** Normed groups are well-studied objects. In this text it will be helpful to work with the more general notion of *semi-normed group*. This drops the separation axiom  $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$  but is otherwise the same as a normed group.

The main difference is that this includes “uglier” objects, but creates a “nicer” category: semi-normed groups need not be Hausdorff, but quotients by arbitrary (possibly non-closed) subgroups are naturally semi-normed groups.

Nevertheless, there is the occasional use for the more restrictive notion of normed group, when we come to polyhedral lattices below (see Section 6).

In this text, a morphism of (semi)-normed groups will always be bounded. If the morphism is supposed to be norm-nonincreasing, this will be mentioned explicitly.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $r > 0$  be a real number. An  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module is a semi-normed group  $V$  endowed with an automorphism  $T: V \rightarrow V$  such that for all  $v \in V$  we have  $\|T(v)\| = r\|v\|$ .

The remainder of this text sets up some algebraic variants of semi-normed groups.

**Definition 2.3.** A *pseudo-normed group* is an abelian group  $(M, +)$ , together with an increasing filtration  $M_c \subseteq M$  of subsets  $M_c$  indexed by  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , such that each  $M_c$  contains 0, is closed under negation, and  $M_{c_1} + M_{c_2} \subseteq M_{c_1+c_2}$ . An example would be  $M = \mathbb{R}$  or  $M = \mathbb{Q}_p$  with  $M_c := \{x : |x| \leq c\}$ .

A pseudo-normed group  $M$  is *profinutely filtered* if each of the sets  $M_c$  is endowed with a topological space structure making it a profinite set, such that following maps are all continuous:

- the inclusion  $M_{c_1} \rightarrow M_{c_2}$  (for  $c_1 \leq c_2$ );
- the negation  $M_c \rightarrow M_c$ ;
- the addition  $M_{c_1} \times M_{c_2} \rightarrow M_{c_1+c_2}$ .

A *morphism* of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups  $M \rightarrow N$  is a group homomorphism  $f$  that is

- *bounded*: there is a constant  $C$  such that  $x \in M_c$  implies  $f(x) \in N_{Cc}$ ;
- *continuous*: for one (or equivalently all) constants  $C$  as above, the induced map  $M_c \rightarrow N_{Cc}$  is a morphism of profinite sets, i.e. continuous.

The reason the two definitions are equivalent is that a continuous injection between profinite sets must be a topological embedding.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $r'$  be a positive real number. A profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group  $M$  has an  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$  if it comes endowed with a distinguished morphism of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups  $T^{-1}: M \rightarrow M$  that is bounded by  $r'^{-1}$ : if  $x \in M_c$  then  $T^{-1}x \in M_{c/r'}$ .

A morphism  $M \rightarrow N$  of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups with  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$  is a morphism of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups  $f$  that commutes with the action of  $T^{-1}$  and is *strict*: if  $x \in M_c$  then  $f(x) \in N_c$ .

### 3. SPACES OF CONVERGENT POWER SERIES

We will now construct the central example of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups with  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $r' > 0$  be a real number, and let  $S$  be a finite set. Denote by  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$  the set

$$\left\{ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{n,s} T^n \in T\mathbf{Z}[[T]] \right)_{s \in S} \left| \sum_{n \geq 1, s \in S} |a_{n,s}| (r')^n < \infty \right. \right\}.$$

Note that  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$  is naturally a pseudo-normed group with filtration given by

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c} = \left\{ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{n,s} T^n \right)_{s \in S} \left| \sum_{n \geq 1, s \in S} |a_{n,s}| (r')^n \leq c \right. \right\}.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $r' > 0$  and  $c \geq 0$  be real numbers, and let  $S$  be a finite set. The space  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c}$  is the profinite limit of the finite sets

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c, \leq N} = \left\{ \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{n,s} T^n \right)_{s \in S} \left| \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N, s \in S} |a_{n,s}| (r')^n \leq c \right. \right\}$$

This endows  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c}$  with the profinite topology. In particular, it is a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group.

*Proof.* Formalised, but omitted from this text. □

For the remainder of this section, let  $r' > 0, c \geq 0$  be real numbers, and let  $S$  be a finite set.

**Definition 3.3.** There is a natural action of  $T^{-1}$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$ , via

$$T^{-1} \cdot \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{n,s} T^n \right)_{s \in S} = \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{n+1,s} T^n \right)_{s \in S}.$$

**Lemma 3.4.** *The natural action of  $T^{-1}$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$  restricts to continuous maps*

$$T^{-1} \cdot \_ : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_r(S)_{\leq c} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_r(S)_{\leq c/r'}.$$

*In particular,  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$  has an  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* Formalised, but omitted from this text. □

#### 4. SOME NORMED HOMOLOGICAL ALGEBRA

It will be convenient to use the following definition generalizing the notion of a bound on the norm of a right inverse of a normed group morphism (note that the morphisms we consider have no reason to have a right inverse, even when they are surjective).

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be semi-normed groups, let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $H$  and  $C$  be a positive real number. A morphism  $f : G \rightarrow H$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $K$  if, for all  $x$  in  $K$ , there exists some  $g$  in  $G$  such that  $f(g) = x$  and  $\|g\| \leq C\|x\|$ . If  $K = H$  we simply say  $f$  is  $C$ -surjective.

The following controlled surjectivity lemma will be used to prove Proposition 4.3 and Lemma 5.8.

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be normed groups. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $H$  and  $f$  a morphism from  $G$  to  $H$ . Assume that  $G$  is complete and  $f$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $K$ . Then  $f$  is  $(C + \varepsilon)$ -surjective onto the topological closure of  $K$  for every positive  $\varepsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be any element of the closure of  $K$ . First note the conclusion is trivial when  $x = 0$ , so we can assume  $x \neq 0$ . Then write  $x$  as a sum  $\sum_{i \geq 0} x_i$  with all  $x_i \in K$ ,  $\|x - x_0\| \leq \varepsilon_0$  and  $\|x_i\| \leq \varepsilon_i$  for  $i > 0$  for some sequence of positive numbers  $\varepsilon_i$  to be chosen later. By assumption, we can then lift each  $x_i$  to  $g_i$  such that  $f(g_i) = x_i$  and  $\|g_i\| \leq C\|x_i\|$ , and then set  $g = \sum g_i$ . Because  $G$  is complete, this sum converges provided the  $\varepsilon_i$  sequence converges fast enough to zero. We then have  $f(g) = x$  and

$$\|g\| \leq C \sum_{i \geq 0} \|x_i\| \leq C(\|x\| + \varepsilon_0) + C \sum_{i > 0} \varepsilon_i \leq (C + \varepsilon)\|x\|$$

where the last inequality holds provided the  $\varepsilon_i$  sequence converges fast enough to zero. For instance  $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon \|x\| / (2^{i+1}C)$  satisfies all our constraints on the  $\varepsilon_i$  sequence (in particular they are positive because  $x \neq 0$ ). □

We often use the following quantitative exactness property:

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $M_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} M_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} M_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} M_3$  be a four-term complex of bounded maps of normed abelian groups. Assume that, for some positive constants  $C$  and  $D$ ,  $d_0$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $\ker d_1$  and  $d_1$  is  $D$ -surjective onto  $\ker d_2$ .*

*Then  $\widehat{M_0} \xrightarrow{\widehat{d_0}} \widehat{M_1} \xrightarrow{\widehat{d_1}} \widehat{M_2} \xrightarrow{\widehat{d_2}} \widehat{M_3}$  is a complex and, for every positive  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\widehat{d_0}$  is  $(C + \varepsilon)$ -surjective onto  $\ker \widehat{d_1}$ .*

While the above statement in terms of complexes is what we will use, the heart of the statement is the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $f : M_0 \rightarrow M_1$  and  $g : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be bounded maps between normed groups. Assume there are positive constants  $C$  and  $D$  such that:*

- $f$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $\ker g$ .
- $g$  is  $D$ -surjective onto its image.

Then for every positive  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\hat{f}$  is  $(C + \varepsilon)$ -surjective onto  $\ker \hat{g}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $\ker g$ ,  $\hat{f}$  is  $C$ -surjective onto  $\ker g$  seen as a subset of  $\widehat{M}_1$ . Hence this lemma will follow directly from Lemma 4.2 once we'll have proven that  $\ker g$  is dense in  $\ker \hat{g}$ . Let  $\hat{y}$  be an element of  $\ker \hat{g}$ . Pick any  $\delta > 0$  and take  $y \in M_1$  such that  $\|\hat{y} - y\| \leq \delta$ . Let  $z = g(y) \in M_2$ , which has norm  $\|z\| = \|g(y)\| = \|g(y - \hat{y})\|$  bounded by  $C_g \delta$ , where  $C_g$  is the norm of  $g$ . We can thus find some  $y' \in M_1$  with  $\|y'\| \leq DC_g \delta$  and  $g(y') = z$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y - y'$ , we can thus find  $y \in \ker(g : M_1 \rightarrow M_2)$  such that still  $\|\hat{y} - y\| \leq (1 + DC_g)\delta$ ; as  $\delta$  was arbitrary, this gives the desired density.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 4.3.* The complex equations  $\hat{d}_1 \circ \hat{d}_0 = 0$  and  $\hat{d}_2 \circ \hat{d}_1 = 0$  follow from  $d_1 \circ d_0 = 0$  and  $d_2 \circ d_1 = 0$  by extension of identities.

In order to get the quantitative estimates, we apply Lemma 4.4 to  $f = d_0$  and  $g = d_1$ . By exactness at  $M_2$ , the assumption we made on elements of  $\ker d_2$  translates to the assumption made by the lemma on the image of  $d_1$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.5.** A *system of complexes* of normed abelian groups is for each sufficiently large  $c$  (i.e. all  $c \geq c_0$  for some  $c_0 > 0$ ), a complex

$$C_c^\bullet : C_c^0 \rightarrow C_c^1 \rightarrow \dots$$

of normed abelian groups together with maps of complexes  $\text{res}_{c',c} : C_{c'}^\bullet \rightarrow C_c^\bullet$ , for  $c' \geq c \geq c_0$ , satisfying  $\text{res}_{c,c} = \text{id}$  and the obvious associativity condition. We use notation  $(C_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  for a system of complexes, although we will frequently omit any mention of the lower bound  $c_0$  and just write  $C_c^\bullet$ .

By convention, for every system of complexes  $(C_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$ , we will set  $C_c^{-1} = 0$  for all  $c \geq c_0$ . This will come up each time we write  $C_c^{i-1}$  and  $i$  could be 0.

In this section, given  $x \in C_{c'}^\bullet$  and  $c_0 \leq c \leq c'$  we will use the notation  $x|_c := \text{res}_{c',c}(x)$ .

**Definition 4.6.** A system of complexes is *admissible* if all differentials and maps  $\text{res}_{c',c}^i$  are norm-nonincreasing.

Throughout the rest of this section,  $k$  (and  $k'$ ,  $k''$ ) will denote reals at least 1,  $m$  will be a non-negative integer, and  $K$ ,  $K'$ ,  $K''$  will denote non-negative reals.

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $(C_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be a system of complexes. For an integer  $m \geq 0$  and reals  $k \geq 1$ ,  $c'_0 \geq c_0$  and  $K \geq 0$ , we say the datum  $(C_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  is  *$\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  and for  $c \geq c'_0$  with bound  $K$*  if the following condition is satisfied. For all  $c \geq c'_0$  and all  $x \in C_{kc}^i$  with  $i \leq m$  there is some  $y \in C_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|x|_c - dy\| \leq K\|dx\|.$$

We will also need a version where the inequality is relaxed by some arbitrary small additive constant.

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $(C_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be a system of complexes. For an integer  $m \geq 0$  and reals  $k \geq 1$ ,  $c'_0 \geq c_0$  and  $K \geq 0$ , the datum  $(C_c^\bullet)_c$  is *weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  and for  $c \geq c'_0$  with bound*

$K$  if the following condition is satisfied. For all  $c \geq c'_0$ , all  $x \in C_{kc}^i$  with  $i \leq m$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is some  $y \in C_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|x|_c - dy\| \leq K\|dx\| + \varepsilon.$$

We first note that the difference between those two definitions is only about cocycles if we are ready to lose a tiny something on the norm bound  $K$ .

**Lemma 4.9.** *Let  $C^\bullet$  be a system of complexes. If  $C^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  and for  $c \geq c'_0$  with bound  $K$  and if, for all  $c \geq c'_0$  and all  $x \in C_{kc}^i$  with  $i \leq m$  such that  $dx = 0$  there is some  $y \in C_c^{i-1}$  such that  $x|_c = dy$  then, for every positive  $\delta$ ,  $C^\bullet$  is  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  and for  $c \geq c'_0$  with bound  $K + \delta$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be some positive real number. Let  $x$  be an element of  $C_{kc}^i$  for some  $c \geq c'_0$  and  $i \leq m$ . If  $dx = 0$  then the assumption we made about exact elements is exactly what we want.

Assume now that  $dx \neq 0$ . The weak exactness assumption applied to  $\varepsilon = \delta\|dx\|$  gives some  $y \in C_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x|_c - dy\| &\leq K\|dx\| + \delta\|dx\| \\ &= (K + \delta)\|dx\| \end{aligned}$$

□

A more important observation is that, in both definitions, we can also ask some control on the norm of  $y$  if we are ready to square the restriction depth factor  $k$ .

**Lemma 4.10.** *Let  $C^\bullet$  be a system of complexes which is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  and for  $c \geq c'_0$  with bound  $K$ . For all  $c \geq c'_0$ , all  $x \in C_{k^2c}^i$  with  $i \leq m$ , all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and all  $\delta > 0$  there is some  $y \in C_c^{i-1}$  such that*

$$\|x|_c - dy\| \leq K\|dx\| + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|y\| \leq K(K + 1)\|x\| + \delta.$$

*Proof.* Fix  $x$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and  $\delta$ . The weak exactness assumption applied to  $x$  and some  $\eta$  to be chosen later gives us  $w \in C_{kc}^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|x|_{kc} - dw\| \leq K\|dx\| + \eta.$$

Then the weak exactness assumption applied to  $w$  and some  $\tau$  to be chosen later gives us  $z \in C_c^{i-2}$  such that

$$\|w|_c - dz\| \leq K\|dw\| + \tau.$$

We set  $y = w|_c - dz$ . Since  $dy = dw|_c$ , we get the first required estimate as long as  $\eta \leq \varepsilon$ . And we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\| &\leq K\|dw\| + \tau \\ &\leq K(\|x|_{kc}\| + K\|dx\| + \eta) + \tau \\ &\leq K(K + 1)\|x\| + K\eta + \tau \end{aligned}$$

which is fine as long as  $K\eta + \tau \leq \delta$ . So we set  $\eta = \min(\varepsilon, \delta/(2K))$  (interpreted as  $\varepsilon$  if  $K = 0$ ) and  $\tau = \delta/2$ . □

**Lemma 4.11.** *Let  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be an admissible collection of complexes of normed abelian groups.*

*Assume that  $M_c^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$ . Then the completion  $\overline{M_c^\bullet}$  is weakly  $\leq k^2$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$ .*



*Proof.* Let  $x \in \overline{M_{k^2c}^i}$ , where  $c \geq c_0$  and  $i \leq m$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . We can write  $x = \sum_j x^j$  where

- $x^j \in M_{k^2c}^i$  for all  $j \geq 0$ ,
- $\|x - x^0\| \leq \epsilon_0$  for some positive  $\epsilon_0$  to be chosen later. This implies that  $\|dx - dx^0\| \leq \epsilon_0$  and in particular  $\|dx^0\| \leq \|dx\| + \epsilon_0$ ,
- $\|x^j\| \leq \epsilon_j$  if  $j > 0$ , for some positive  $\epsilon_j$  to be chosen later. This implies  $\|dx^j\| \leq \epsilon_j$  for all  $j > 0$ .

Using Lemma 4.10, we get a sequence  $y^j$  in  $M_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|x_{|c}^j - dy^j\| \leq K\|dx^j\| + \delta_j \quad \text{and} \quad \|y^j\| \leq K(K+1)\|x^j\| + \tau_j.$$

for positive sequences  $\delta$  and  $\tau$  to be chosen later.

Since  $M_c^{i-1}$  is complete, the series  $\sum y^j$  converges as soon as we can guarantee that  $\sum \|y^j\|$  converges. Our estimates ensure this convergence as soon as the sum of the  $K(K+1)\epsilon_j + \tau_j$  converges so here we only need  $\epsilon$  and  $\tau$  to be summable.

We then set  $y = \sum y^j$  and compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{|c} - dy\| &= \left\| \sum_{j \geq 0} x_{|c}^j - dy^j \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \|x_{|c}^j - dy^j\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} K\|dx^j\| + \delta_j \\ &\leq K\|dx\| + K\epsilon_0 + \delta_0 + \sum_{j > 0} (K\epsilon_j + \delta_j) \end{aligned}$$

So everything is fine as long as  $\sum_{j \geq 0} (K\epsilon_j + \delta_j) \leq \epsilon$ , say  $\epsilon_j = \epsilon 2^{-j-2}/K$  and  $\delta_j = \epsilon 2^{-j-2}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.12.** *Let  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be an admissible collection of complexes of complete normed abelian groups.*

*Assume that  $M_c^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$ . Then  $M_c^\bullet$ , for every  $\delta > 0$ , it is  $\leq k^2$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K + \delta$ .*

*Proof.* Lemma 4.9 ensures we only need to care about cocycles of  $M$ . More precisely, let  $x$  be a cocycle in  $M_{k^2c}^i$  for some  $i \leq m$  and  $c \geq c_0$ . We need to find  $y \in M_c^{i-1}$  such that  $dy = x_{|c}$ .

By weak  $\leq k$ -exactness applied to  $x$  and a sequence  $\epsilon_j$  to be chosen later, we can find a sequence  $w^j \in M_{kc}^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|x_{kc} - dw^j\| \leq \epsilon_j.$$

Then, by weak  $\leq k$ -exactness applied to each  $w^{j+1} - w^j$  and a sequence  $\delta_j$  to be chosen later, we can find a sequence  $z^j \in M_c^{i-2}$  such that

$$\|(w^{j+1} - w^j)_{|c} - dz^j\| \leq K\|dw^{j+1} - dw^j\| + \delta_j.$$

We set  $y^j := w_{|c}^j - \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} dz^l \in M_c^{i-1}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\|y^{j+1} - y^j\| &= \|(w^{j+1} - w^j)_{|c} - dz^j\| \\ &\leq K\|dw^{j+1} - dw^j\| + \delta_j \\ &\leq 2K\varepsilon_j + \delta_j.\end{aligned}$$

So  $y^j$  is a Cauchy sequence as long as we make sure  $2K\varepsilon_j + \delta_j \leq 2^{-j}$  for instance. Since  $M_c^{i-1}$  is complete, this sequence converges to some  $y$ . Because  $dy^j = dw_{|c}^j$ , we get that  $\|x_{|c} - dy^j\| \leq \varepsilon_j$  and in the limit  $x_{|c} = dy$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.13.** *Let  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  and  $(M_c'^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be two admissible collections of complexes of complete normed abelian groups. For each  $c \geq c_0$  let  $f_c^\bullet : M_c^\bullet \rightarrow M_c'^\bullet$  be a collection of maps between these collections of complexes that are norm-nonincreasing and which all commute with all restriction maps, and assume that there exists these maps satisfy*

$$\|x_{|c}\| \leq K''\|f(x)\|$$

for all  $i \leq m+1$  and all  $x \in M_{kk''c}^i$ . Let  $N_c^\bullet = M_c'^\bullet / M_c^\bullet$  be the collection of quotient complexes, with the quotient norm; this is again an admissible collection of complexes.

Assume that  $M_c^\bullet$  (resp.  $M_c'^\bullet$ ) is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact (resp.  $\leq k'$ -exact) in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$  (resp.  $K'$ ). Then  $N_c^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq kk'k''$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m-1$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K'(KK''+1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n \in N_{kk'k''c}^i$  for  $i \leq m-1$ . We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We need to find an element  $y \in N_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|n_{|c} - dy\| \leq K'(KK''+1)\|dn\| + \varepsilon.$$

Pick any preimage  $m' \in M_{kk'k''c}^{i-1}$  of  $n$ . In particular  $dm'$  is a preimage of  $dn$ . By definition of the quotient norm, we can find  $m_1 \in M_{kk'k''c}^{i+1}$  and  $m_1'' \in (M')_{kk'k''c}^{i+1}$  such that

$$dm' = f(m_1) + m_1''$$

with  $\|m_1''\| \leq \|dn\| + \varepsilon_1$ , for some positive  $\varepsilon_1$  to be chosen later.

Applying the differential to the last displayed equation, and using that this kills the image of  $d$ , and that  $f$  is a map of complexes, we see that

$$f(dm_1) = -dm_1''.$$

Using the norm bound on  $f$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|dm_{1|kk'c}\| &\leq K''\|f(dm_1)\| = K''\|dm_1''\| \\ &\leq K''\|m_1''\| \leq K''\|dn\| + K''\varepsilon_1.\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, weak exactness of  $M$  applied to  $m_{1|kk'c}$  gives  $m_0 \in M_{kk'c}^i$  such that

$$\|m_{1|kk'c|k'c} - dm_0\| \leq K\|dm_{1|kk'c}\| + \varepsilon_1$$

which combines with the previous estimate to give:

$$\|m_{1|k'c} - dm_0\| \leq KK''\|dn\| + (KK''+1)\varepsilon_1.$$

Now let  $m'_{\text{new}} = m'_{|k'c} - f(m_0) \in M_{k'c}^{i-1}$ ; this is a lift of  $n_{|k'c}$ . Then

$$dm'_{\text{new}} = dm'_{|k'c} - f(m_{1|k'c}) + f(m_{1|k'c} - dm_0) = m''_{1|k'c} + f(m_{1|k'c} - dm_0).$$

In particular,

$$\|dm'_{\text{new}}\| \leq (KK'' + 1)\|dn\| + (KK'' + 2)\varepsilon_1.$$

Now weak exactness of  $M'$  gives  $x \in M_c'^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|m'_{\text{new}|c} - dx\| \leq K'\|dm'_{\text{new}}\| + \varepsilon_1 \leq K'((KK'' + 1)\|dn\| + (KK'' + 2)\varepsilon_1) + \varepsilon_1.$$

In particular, letting  $y \in N_c^{i-1}$  be the image of  $x$ , we get

$$\|n_{|c} - dy\| \leq K'(KK'' + 1)\|dn\| + (K'(KK'' + 2) + 1)\varepsilon_1,$$

which is exactly what we wanted if we choose  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon/(K'(KK'' + 2) + 1)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.14.** *Let  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  and  $(M_c'^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be two admissible collections of complexes of complete normed abelian groups. For  $c \geq c_0$  let  $f_c^\bullet : M_c^\bullet \rightarrow M_c'^\bullet$  be a collection of maps between these collections of complexes that is strictly compatible with the norm and commutes with restriction maps, and assume that it satisfies*

$$\|x_{|c}\| \leq K''\|f(x)\|$$

*for all  $i \leq m+1$  and all  $x \in M_{k''c}^i$ . Let  $N_c^\bullet = M_c^\bullet / \overline{M_c^\bullet}$  be the collection of quotient complexes, with the quotient norm; this is again an admissible collection of complexes.*

*Assume that  $M_c^\bullet$  (resp.  $M_c'^\bullet$ ) is  $\leq k$ -exact (resp.  $\leq k'$ -exact) in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$  (resp.  $K'$ ). Then, for every  $\delta > 0$ ,  $N_c^\bullet$  is  $\leq (kk'k'')^2$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m-1$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K'(KK'' + 1) + \delta$ .*

*Proof.* The exactness assumptions on  $M$  and  $M'$  give the corresponding weak exactness condition. Hence Proposition 4.15 ensures that  $N_c^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq kk'k''$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m-1$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K'(KK'' + 1)$ . Since  $N_c^\bullet$  is a complex of complete groups, Lemma 4.12 gives the required exactness.  $\square$

We also need the ‘dual’ version of 4.15, for kernels instead of cokernels.

**Proposition 4.15.** *Let  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  and  $(M_c'^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$  be two admissible collections of complexes of complete normed abelian groups. For each  $c \geq c_0$  let  $f_c^\bullet : M_c^\bullet \rightarrow M_c'^\bullet$  be a collection of maps between these collections of complexes which all commute with all restriction maps. Assume moreover that we are given two constants  $r_1, r_2 \geq 0$  such that:*

- *for all  $i, c \geq c_0$  and all  $x \in M_c^i$*

$$\|f(x)\| \leq r_1\|x\|;$$

- *for all  $i \leq m+1, c \geq c_0$  and all  $y \in M_c'^i$ , there exists  $x \in M_c^i$  such that*

$$f(x) = y \text{ and } \|x\| \leq r_2\|y\|.$$

*Let  $N_c^\bullet$  be the collection of kernel complexes, with the induced norm; this is again an admissible collection of complexes.*

*Assume that  $M_c^\bullet$  (resp.  $M_c'^\bullet$ ) is weakly  $\leq k$ -exact (resp.  $\leq k'$ -exact) in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$  (resp.  $K'$ ). Then  $N_c^\bullet$  is weakly  $\leq kk'$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m-1$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K + r_1r_2KK'$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n \in N_{kk'c}^i \subseteq M_{kk'c}^i$  for  $i \leq m-1$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We need to find an element  $y \in N_c^{i-1}$  such that

$$\|n|_c - dy\| \leq K + r_1 r_2 K K' \|dn\| + \epsilon.$$

By weak exactness of  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$ , we can find  $m \in M_{k'c}^{i-i}$  such that

$$\|n|_{k'c} - dm\| \leq K \|dn\| + \epsilon_1,$$

where  $\epsilon_1 > 0$  to be chosen later. By weak exactness of  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$ , we can find  $m' \in M_c^{i-2}$  such that

$$\|f(m)|_c - dm'\| \leq K' \|df(m)\| + \epsilon_2,$$

where  $\epsilon_2 > 0$  to be chosen later. Let  $m_1 \in M_c^{i-2}$  be a lift of  $m'$  and let  $m_2 \in M_c^{i-1}$  be such that

$$f(m_2) = f(m|_c - dm_1) \text{ and } \|m_2\| \leq r_2 \|f(m|_c - dm_1)\|.$$

Set  $y = m|_c - dm_1 - m_2 \in M_c^{i-1}$ . By construction  $f(y) = 0$ , so  $y \in N_c^{i-1}$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \|n|_c - dy\| &= \|n|_c - dm|_c + d^2 m_1 - dm_2\| = \|n|_c - dm|_c - dm_2\| \leq \\ &\|n|_c - dm|_c\| + \|dm_2\| = \|(n|_{k'c} - dm)|_c\| + \|dm_2\| \leq \|(n|_{k'c} - dm)\| + \|dm_2\| \leq \\ &K \|dn\| + \epsilon_1 + \|dm_2\|. \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used the defining property of  $m$  and admissibility of  $(M_c^\bullet)_{c \geq c_0}$ . By the same assumption and since  $f(n|_{k'c}) = f(n)|_{k'c} = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|dm_2\| &\leq \|m_2\| \leq r_2 \|f(m|_c - dm_1)\| = r_2 \|f(m)|_c - df(m_1)\| = r_2 \|f(m)|_c - dm'\| \leq \\ &r_2 (K' \|df(m)\| + \epsilon_2) = r_2 (K' \|f(dm)\| + \epsilon_2) = r_2 (K' \|f(n|_{k'c}) - f(dm)\| + \epsilon_2) = \\ &r_2 (K' \|f(n|_{k'c} - dm)\| + \epsilon_2) \leq r_2 (K' r_1 \|n|_{k'c} - dm\| + \epsilon_2) \leq r_2 (K' r_1 (K \|dn\| + \epsilon_1) + \epsilon_2) \end{aligned}$$

In particular we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|n|_c - dy\| &\leq K \|dn\| + \epsilon_1 + r_2 (K' r_1 (K \|dn\| + \epsilon_1) + \epsilon_2) = \\ &(K + r_1 r_2 K K') \|dn\| + \epsilon_1 (1 + r_1 r_2 K') + r_2 \epsilon_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now let

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{2(1 + r_1 r_2 K')} \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{\epsilon}{2r_2} & \text{if } r_2 \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } r_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

In any case  $r_2 \epsilon_2 \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and so

$$\|n|_c - dy\| \leq (K + r_1 r_2 K K') \|dn\| + \epsilon$$

as required.

If  $i = 0$ , then all  $m$ ,  $m'$ ,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are 0, so  $y = 0$  as required.  $\square$

Consider a system of double complexes  $M_c^{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \geq 0$ ,  $c \geq c_0$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
M_c^{0,0} & \longrightarrow & M_c^{0,1} & \longrightarrow & M_c^{0,2} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
M_c^{1,0} & \longrightarrow & M_c^{1,1} & \longrightarrow & M_c^{1,2} & \longrightarrow & \dots \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
M_c^{2,0} & \longrightarrow & M_c^{2,1} & \longrightarrow & \ddots & & \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
\vdots & & \vdots & & & & 
\end{array}$$

of complete normed abelian groups.

**Definition 4.16.** We say that the system of double complexes  $M_c^{p,q}$  satisfies the *normed spectral homotopy condition* for  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $H, c_0 \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  if the following condition is satisfied:

For  $q = 0, \dots, m$  and  $c \geq c_0$ , there is a map  $h_{k'c}^q: M_{k'c}^{0,q+1} \rightarrow M_c^{1,q}$  with

$$\|h_{k'c}^q(x)\|_{M_c^{1,q}} \leq H \|x\|_{M_{k'c}^{0,q+1}}$$

for all  $x \in M_{k'c}^{0,q+1}$ , and such that for all  $c \geq c_0$  and  $q = 0, \dots, m$  the “homotopic” map

$$\text{res}_{k'^2c, k'c}^{1,q} \circ d^{0,q} + h_{k'c}^q \circ d_{k'^2c}^{0,q} + d_{k'c}^{1,q-1} \circ h_{k'^2c}^{q-1}: M_{k'^2c}^{0,q} \rightarrow M_{k'c}^{1,q}$$

factors as a composite of the restriction  $\text{res}_{k'^2c, c}^{0,q}$  and a map

$$\delta_c^{0,q}: M_c^{0,q} \rightarrow M_{k'c}^{1,q}$$

that is a map of complexes (in degrees  $\leq m$ ), and satisfies the estimate

$$(4.1) \quad \|\delta_c^{0,q}(x)\|_{M_{k'c}^{1,q}} \leq \epsilon \|x\|_{M_c^{0,q}}$$

for all  $x \in M_c^{0,q}$ .

**Proposition 4.17.** Fix an integer  $m \geq 0$  and constants  $k, K$ . Then there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  and constants  $k_0, K_0$ , depending (only) on  $k, K$  and  $m$ , with the following property.

Let  $M_c^{p,q}$  be a system of double complexes as above, and assume that it is admissible. Assume further that there is some  $k' \geq k_0$  and some  $H > 0$ , such that

- (1) for  $i = 0, \dots, m+1$ , the rows  $M_c^{i,q}$  are weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m-1$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$ ;
- (2) for  $j = 0, \dots, m$ , the columns  $M_c^{p,j}$  are weakly  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $K$ ;
- (3) it satisfies the normed spectral homotopy condition for  $m, H$  and  $c_0$ .

Then the first row is weakly  $\leq k'^2$  exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$  with bound  $2K_0H$ .

We note that the bound on the homotopy is of a peculiar nature, in that the bound only depends on a deep restriction of  $x$ .

*Proof.* First, we treat the case  $m = 0$ . If  $m = 0$ , we claim that one can take  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2k}$  and  $k_0 = k$ . We have to prove exactness at the first step. Let  $x_{k'^2c} \in M_{k'^2c}^{0,0}$  and denote  $x_{k'c} = \text{res}_{k'^2c, k'c}^{0,0}(x)$  and

$x_c = \text{res}_{k'^2 c, c}^{0,0}(x)$ . Then by assumption (2) (and  $k' \geq k$ ), we have

$$\|x_c\|_{M_c^{0,0}} \leq k \|d_{k'c}^{0,0}(x_{k'c})\|_{M_{k'c}^{1,0}}.$$

On the other hand, by (3),

$$\|\text{res}_{k'^2 c, k'c}^{1,0}(d_{k'^2 c}^{0,0}(x)) \pm h_{k'^2 c}^0(d_{k'^2 c}'^{0,0}(x))\|_{M_{k'c}^{1,0}} \leq \epsilon \|x_c\|_{M_c^{0,0}}.$$

In particular, noting that  $\text{res}_{k'^2 c, k'c}^{1,0}(d_{k'^2 c}^{0,0}(x)) = d_{k'c}^{0,0}(x_{k'c})$ , we get

$$\|x_c\|_{M_c^{0,0}} \leq k \|d_{k'c}^{0,0}(x_{k'c})\|_{M_{k'c}^{1,0}} \leq k\epsilon \|x_c\|_{M_c^{0,0}} + kH \|d_{k'^2 c}'^{0,0}(x)\|_{M_{k'^2 c}^{0,1}}.$$

Thus, taking  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2k}$  as promised, this implies

$$\|x_c\|_{M_c^{0,0}} \leq 2kH \|d_{k'^2 c}'^{0,0}(x)\|_{M_{k'^2 c}^{0,1}}.$$

This gives the desired  $\leq \max(k'^2, 2k_0 H)$ -exactness in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$ .

Now we argue by induction on  $m$ . Consider the complex  $N^{p,q}$  given by  $M^{p,q+1}$  for  $q \geq 1$  and  $N^{p,0} = M^{p,1}/\overline{M^{p,0}}$  (the quotient by the closure of the image, which is also the completion of  $M^{p,1}/M^{p,0}$ ), equipped with the quotient norm. Using the normed version of the snake lemma, Proposition 4.14 in the appendix to this lecture, one checks that this satisfies the assumptions for  $m-1$ , with  $k$  replaced by  $\max(k^4, k^3 + k + 1)$ .  $\square$

## 5. COMPLETIONS OF LOCALLY CONSTANT FUNCTIONS

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $V$  be a semi-normed group, and  $X$  a compact topological space. We denote by  $V(X)$  the normed abelian group of locally constant functions  $X \rightarrow V$  with respect to the sup norm. With  $\widehat{V}(X)$  we denote the completion of  $V(X)$ .

These constructions are functorial in bounded group homomorphisms  $V \rightarrow V'$  and contravariantly functorial in continuous maps  $f: X \rightarrow X'$ .

Note in particular that  $V(f)$  and  $\widehat{V}(f)$  are norm-nonincreasing morphisms of semi-normed groups.

**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , and let  $V$  be an  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module. Let  $X$  be a compact space. Then  $\widehat{V}(X)$  is naturally an  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module, with the action of  $T$  given by post-composition.*

*Proof.* Formalised, but omitted from this text.  $\square$

We continue to use the notation of before: let  $r' > 0, c \geq 0$  be real numbers, and let  $M$  be a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with  $r'$ -action by  $T^{-1}$  (see Section 2).

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $f$  be a basic universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ . We get an induced homomorphism of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups  $M^m \rightarrow M^n$  bounded by the maximum (over all  $i$ ) of  $\sum_j |f_{ij}|$ , where the  $f_{ij}$  are the coefficients of the  $n \times m$ -matrix representing  $f$ .*

*This construction is functorial in  $f$ .*

*Proof.* Omitted.  $\square$

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $f$  be a basic universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , and let  $(c_2, c_1)$  be  $f$ -suitable. We get an induced map

$$V(f): V(M_{\leq c_1}^n) \rightarrow V(M_{\leq c_2}^m)$$

induced by the morphism of profinitely filtered pseudo-normed groups  $M^m \rightarrow M^n$ .

This construction is functorial in  $f$ .

**Definition 5.5.** Let  $f = \sum_g n_g g$  be a universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , and let  $(c_2, c_1)$  be  $f$ -suitable. We get an induced map

$$V(f): V(M_{\leq c_1}^n) \rightarrow V(M_{\leq c_2}^m)$$

that is the sum  $\sum_g n_g V(g)$ .

This construction is functorial in  $f$ .

**Definition 5.6.** Let  $f$  be a universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , and let  $(c_2, c_1)$  be  $f$ -suitable. We get an induced map

$$\widehat{V}(f): \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_1}^n) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_2}^m)$$

that is the completion of  $V(f)$ .

This construction is functorial in  $f$ .

Let  $r > 0$ , and assume now that  $V$  is an  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module. Assume  $r' \leq 1$ .

**Definition 5.7.** There are two natural actions of  $T^{-1}$  on  $\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c})$ . The first comes from the  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$  on  $M$  which gives a continuous map

$$M_{\leq cr'} \rightarrow M_{\leq c}$$

and thus a normed group morphism  $V(M_{\leq c}) \rightarrow V(M_{\leq cr'})$  which can be extended by completion to

$$(T^{-1})^*: \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq cr'}).$$

The other comes from Lemma 5.2, using the  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module  $V$ . Again by extension to completion, we get a map

$$[T^{-1}]: \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}),$$

that we can compose with the map  $\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq cr'})$ , obtained from the natural inclusion  $M_{\leq cr'} \rightarrow M_{\leq c}$ . We thus end up with two maps

$$(T^{-1})^*, [T^{-1}]: \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq cr'}).$$

and we define  $\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c})^{T^{-1}}$  to be the equalizer of  $(T^{-1})^*$  and  $[T^{-1}]$ . In other words, the kernel of  $(T^{-1})^* - [T^{-1}]$ .

We will also need to understand the image of  $(T^{-1})^* - [T^{-1}]$ . The next lemma ensures it is surjective with controlled preimages, see Definition 4.1.

**Lemma 5.8.** *Let  $M$  be a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with action of  $T^{-1}$ . For any  $r \in (0, 1)$ , any  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module  $V$ , any  $c > 0$  and any  $a$ , the map*

$$\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}^a) \xrightarrow{T^{-1} - [T^{-1}]^*} \widehat{V}(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$$

*has norm bounded by  $r^{-1} + 1$  and is  $\frac{r}{1-r}(1 + \epsilon)$ -surjective.*

*Proof.* The norm bound is clear because  $[T^{-1}]^*$  is norm non-increasing and  $T^{-1}$  scales norm by  $r^{-1}$ . Quantitative surjectivity will follow from Lemma 4.2 once we'll have proven that  $T^{-1} - [T^{-1}]^* : \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}^a) \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$  is  $r/(1-r)$ -surjective onto  $V(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$ .

We first note that any locally constant function  $\varphi \in V(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$  can be extended to a locally constant function  $\bar{\varphi} \in V(M_{\leq c}^a)$  with the same norm (recall  $f$  takes finitely many values and its norm is the maximum of norms of these values).

Let  $f$  be any element of  $V(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$ . We inductively define a sequence of locally constant functions  $h_n \in V(M_{\leq c}^a)$  with  $h_0 = T \circ f$  and  $h_{n+1} = T \circ \overline{[T^{-1}]^* h_n}$ . Here we use the composition symbol to emphasize this is indeed the naive post-composition with  $T$ , there is no extra precomposition with a the inclusion map  $\iota : M_{\leq r'c}^a \hookrightarrow M_{\leq c}^a$  as in the definition of  $T^{-1}$  seen as a map from  $V(M_{\leq c}^a)$  to  $V(M_{\leq r'c}^a)$ .

Since  $[T^{-1}]^*$  is norm non-increasing, extension is norm preserving and  $T$  scales norm by  $r$ , we get that  $\|h_n\| \leq r^{n+1}\|f\|$ . We then set  $g_n = \sum_{i=0}^n h_i$ . The norm estimate on  $h_n$  ensures  $g$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $V(M_{\leq c}^a)$  hence it converges to some  $g$  in  $\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c}^a)$ . We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} (T^{-1} - [T^{-1}]^*)g_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left( T^{-1}h_k - [T^{-1}]^*h_k \right) \\ &= T^{-1}h_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( T^{-1}h_{k+1} - [T^{-1}]^*h_k \right) - [T^{-1}]^*h_n \\ &= \bar{f} \circ \iota + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left( T^{-1} \circ T \circ \overline{[T^{-1}]^*h_k} \circ \iota - [T^{-1}]^*h_k \right) - [T^{-1}]^*h_n \\ &= f - [T^{-1}]^*h_n \end{aligned}$$

which converges to  $f$  hence  $(T^{-1} - [T^{-1}]^*)g = f$ . In addition  $\|g\| \leq \sum_n r^{n+1}\|f\| = r/(1-r)\|f\|$ .  $\square$

**Definition 5.9.** Let  $f$  be a universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , and let  $(c_2, c_1)$  be  $f$ -suitable.

The natural map from Definition 5.6 restricts to a map

$$\widehat{V}(f)^{T^{-1}} : \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_1}^n)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_2}^m)^{T^{-1}}$$

**Lemma 5.10.** Let  $0 < r$  and  $0 < r' \leq 1$  be real numbers. Let  $f$  be a universal map from exponent  $m$  to  $n$ , and let  $(c_2, c_1)$  be very suitable for  $(f, r, r')$ . Then

$$\widehat{V}(f)^{T^{-1}} : \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_1}^n)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_2}^m)^{T^{-1}}$$

is norm-nonincreasing.

*Proof.* Use the assumption that  $(c_2, c_1)$  is very suitable for  $(f, r, r')$  in order to find  $N, b \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $c' \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that:

- $f$  is bound by  $N$  (see Definition 1.4)
- $(c_2, c')$  is  $f$ -suitable
- $r^b N \leq 1$
- $c' \leq (r')^b c_1$

Now, notice that the norm of  $\widehat{V}(f)$  is at most  $N$ , and  $\widehat{V}(f)$  can be factored as



$$\widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_1}^n)^{T^{-1}} \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c'}^n)^{T^{-1}} \xrightarrow{\widehat{V}(f)} \widehat{V}(M_{\leq c_2}^m)^{T^{-1}}$$

Now use the defining property of the equalizer to conclude that the restriction map has norm less than  $1/N$ , and therefore the composition is norm-nonincreasing.  $\square$

**Definition 5.11.** Let  $0 < r$  and  $0 < r' \leq 1$  be real numbers, and let  $V$  be an  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -module. Let  $\text{BD} = (n, f)$  be Breen–Deligne data, and let  $\kappa = (\kappa_0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of constants in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  that is very suitable for  $(\text{BD}, r, r')$ . Let  $M$  be a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with  $r'$ -action of  $T^{-1}$ .

For every  $c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , the maps from Definition 5.9 induced by the universal maps  $f_i$  from the Breen–Deligne  $\text{BD} = (n, f)$  assemble into a complex of normed abelian groups

$$C_{\kappa}^{\text{BD}}(M)_{\bullet}^c: 0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq \kappa_i}^{n_i})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(M_{\leq \kappa_{i+1}}^{n_{i+1}})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

Together, these complexes fit into a system of complexes with the natural restriction maps.

By Lemma 5.10 the differentials are norm-nonincreasing. It is clear that the restriction maps are also norm-nonincreasing, and therefore the system is admissible.

## 6. POLYHEDRAL LATTICES

**Definition 6.1.** A *polyhedral lattice* is a finite free abelian group  $\Lambda$  equipped with a norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda}: \Lambda \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists a finite set  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \subset \Lambda$  that generate the norm: that is to say, for every  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  there exist  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\lambda = \sum c_i \lambda_i$  and  $\|\lambda\| = c_i \|\lambda_i\|$ .

Equivalently (but not verified in Lean): the norm is given by the supremum of finitely many linear functions on  $\Lambda$ ; or once more, equivalently, the “unit ball”  $\{\lambda \in \Lambda \otimes \mathbb{R} \mid \|\lambda\|_{\Lambda} \leq 1\}$  is a polyhedron.

Finally, we can prove the key combinatorial lemma, ensuring that any element of  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))$  can be decomposed into  $N$  elements whose norm is roughly  $\frac{1}{N}$  of the original element.

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a polyhedral lattice. Then for all positive integers  $N$  there is a constant  $d$  such that for all  $c > 0$  one can write any  $x \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c}$  as*

$$x = x_1 + \dots + x_N$$

where all  $x_i \in \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c/N+d}$ .

As preparation for the proof, we have the following results.

**Lemma 6.3** (Gordan’s lemma). *Let  $\Lambda$  be a finite free abelian group, and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \Lambda$  be elements. Let  $M \subset \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z})$  be the submonoid  $\{x \mid x(\lambda_i) \geq 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $M$  is finitely generated as monoid.*

*Proof.* This is a standard result. We omit the proof here. It is done in Lean.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.4.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a finite free abelian group, let  $N$  be a positive integer, and let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \Lambda$  be elements. Then there is a finite subset  $A \subset \Lambda^{\vee}$  such that for all  $x \in \Lambda^{\vee} = \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \mathbb{Z})$  there is some  $x' \in A$  such that  $x - x' \in N\Lambda^{\vee}$  and for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , the numbers  $x'(\lambda_i)$  and  $(x - x')(\lambda_i)$  have the same sign, i.e. are both nonnegative or both nonpositive.*

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the statement for all  $x$  such that  $\lambda_i(x) \geq 0$  for all  $i$ ; indeed, applying this variant to all  $\pm\lambda_i$ , one gets the full statement.

Thus, consider the submonoid  $\Lambda_+^\vee \subset \Lambda^\vee$  of all  $x$  that pair nonnegatively with all  $\lambda_i$ . This is a finitely generated monoid by Lemma 6.3; let  $y_1, \dots, y_M$  be a set of generators. Then we can take for  $A$  all sums  $n_1 y_1 + \dots + n_M y_M$  where all  $n_j \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.5.** *Let  $x_0, x_1, \dots$  be a sequence of reals, and assume that  $\sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i$  converges absolutely. For every natural number  $N > 0$ , there exists a partition  $\mathbb{N} = A_1 \sqcup A_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup A_N$  such that for each  $j = 1, \dots, N$  we have  $\sum_{i \in A_j} x_i \leq (\sum_{i=0}^\infty x_i)/N + 1$*

*Proof.* Define the  $A_j$  recursively: assume that the natural numbers  $0, \dots, n$  have been placed into the sets  $A_1, \dots, A_N$ . Then add the number  $n+1$  to the set  $A_j$  for which

$$\sum_{i=0, i \in A_j}^n x_i$$

is minimal.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.6.** *For all natural numbers  $N > 0$ , and for all  $x \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c}$  one can decompose  $x$  as a sum*

$$x = x_1 + \dots + x_N$$

*with all  $x_i \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c/N+1}$ .*

*Proof.* Choose a bijection  $S \times \mathbb{N} \cong \mathbb{N}$ , and transport the result from Lemma 6.5.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 6.2.* Pick  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \Lambda$  generating the norm. We fix a finite subset  $A \subset \Lambda^\vee$  satisfying the conclusion of the previous lemma. Write

$$x = \sum_{n \geq 1, s \in S} x_{n,s} T^n[s]$$

with  $x_{n,s} \in \Lambda^\vee$ . Then we can decompose

$$x_{n,s} = N x_{n,s}^0 + x_{n,s}^1$$

where  $x_{n,s}^1 \in A$  and we have the same-sign property of the last lemma. Letting  $x^0 = \sum_{n \geq 1, s \in S} x_{n,s}^0 T^n[s]$ , we get a decomposition

$$x = N x^0 + \sum_{a \in A} a x_a$$

with  $x_a \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$  (with the property that in the basis given by the  $T^n[s]$ , all coefficients are 0 or 1). Crucially, we know that for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , we have

$$\|x(\lambda_i)\| = N \|x^0(\lambda_i)\| + \sum_{a \in A} |a(\lambda_i)| \|x_a\|$$

by using the same sign property of the decomposition.

Using this decomposition of  $x$ , we decompose each term into  $N$  summands. This is trivial for the first term  $N x^0$ , and each summand of the second term decomposes with  $d = 1$  by Lemma 6.6. (It follows that in general one can take for  $d$  the supremum over all  $i$  of  $\sum_{a \in A} |a(\lambda_i)|$ .)  $\square$

**Definition 6.7.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a polyhedral lattice, and let  $N > 0$  be a natural number. (We think of  $N$  as being fixed once and for all, and thus it does not show up in the notation below.)

By  $\Lambda'$  we denote  $\Lambda^N$  endowed with the norm

$$\|(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)\|_{\Lambda'} = \frac{1}{N}(\|\lambda_1\|_{\Lambda} + \dots + \|\lambda_N\|_{\Lambda}).$$

This is a polyhedral lattice.

**Lemma 6.8.** For any  $m \geq 1$ , let  $\Lambda'^{(m)}$  be given by  $\Lambda'^m / \Lambda \otimes (\mathbb{Z}^m)_{\Sigma=0}$ ; for  $m = 0$ , we set  $\Lambda'^{(0)} = \Lambda$ . Then  $\Lambda'^{(m)}$  is a polyhedral lattice.

*Proof.* The proof is done in Lean. TODO: write down a proof here.  $\square$

**Definition 6.9.** For any  $m \geq 1$ , let  $\Lambda'^{(m)}$  be given by  $\Lambda'^m / \Lambda \otimes (\mathbb{Z}^m)_{\Sigma=0}$ ; for  $m = 0$ , we set  $\Lambda'^{(0)} = \Lambda$ . Then  $\Lambda'^{(\bullet)}$  is a cosimplicial polyhedral lattice, the Čech conerve of  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda'$ .

In particular,  $\Lambda'^{(0)} = \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda' = \Lambda'^{(1)}$  is the diagonal embedding.

**Definition 6.10.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a polyhedral lattice, and  $M$  a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group. Endow  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)$  with the subspaces

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c} = \{f: \Lambda \rightarrow M \mid \forall x \in \Lambda, f(x) \in M_{\leq c\|x\|}\}.$$

As  $\Lambda$  is polyhedral, it is enough to check the given condition on  $f$  for a finite collection of  $x$  that generate the norm.

These subspaces are profinite subspaces of  $M^{\Lambda}$ , and thus they make  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)$  into a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group.

If  $M$  has an action of  $T^{-1}$ , then so does  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)$ .

## 7. END OF PROOF

Now we state the following result, which is our main goal.

**N.b.:** It differs from Theorem 9.4 of [Sch20] only in one aspect: we assume that the sets  $S$  are finite, rather than profinite.

**Theorem 7.1.** Let  $\text{BD} = (n, f, h)$  be a Breen–Deligne package, and let  $\kappa = (\kappa_0, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots)$  be a sequence of constants in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  that is BD-suitable. Fix radii  $1 > r' > r > 0$ . For any  $m$  there is some  $k$  and  $c_0$  such that for all finite sets  $S$  and all  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -modules  $V$ , the system of complexes

$$C_{\kappa}^{\text{BD}}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c}^{\bullet}: \widehat{V}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq c})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)_{\leq \kappa_1 c}^2)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

is  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$ .

We will prove Theorem 7.1 by induction on  $m$ . Unfortunately, the induction requires us to prove a stronger statement.

**Theorem 7.2.** Fix radii  $1 > r' > r > 0$ . For any  $m$  there is some  $k$  such that for all polyhedral lattices  $\Lambda$  there is a constant  $c_0(\Lambda) > 0$  such that for all finite sets  $S$  and all  $r$ -normed  $\mathbb{Z}[T^{\pm 1}]$ -modules  $V$ , the system of complexes

$$C_{\Lambda, c}^{\bullet}: \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq \kappa_1 c}^2)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

is  $\leq k$ -exact in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0(\Lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Use  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ , and the isomorphism  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, A) \cong A$ .  $\square$

**A word on universal constants:** We fix once and for all, the constants  $0 < r < r' \leq 1$  a Breen–Deligne package BD, and a sequence of positive constants  $\kappa$  that is very suitable for  $(\text{BD}, r, r')$ . Once the full proof is formalized, we can come back to this place and write a bit more about the other constants.

**The global strategy** of the proof is to construct a system of double complexes such that its first row is the system  $C_{\Lambda, \bullet}^\bullet$  occurring in Theorem 7.2. We can then verify the conditions to Proposition 4.17 and conclude from there. For the time being, we will let  $M$  denote an arbitrary profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with action of  $T^{-1}$ , and whenever needed we can specialize to  $M = \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S)$ .

**Further choices of constants:** We will argue by induction on  $m$ , so assume the result for  $m - 1$  (this is no assumption for  $m = 0$ , so we do not need an induction start). This gives us some  $k > 1$  for which the statement of Theorem 7.2 holds true for  $m - 1$ ; if  $m = 0$ , simply take any  $k > 1$ . In the proof below, we will increase  $k$  further in a way that depends only on  $m$  and  $r$ . After this modified choice of  $k$ , we fix  $\epsilon$  and  $k_0$  as provided by Proposition 4.17. Fix a sequence  $(\kappa'_i)_i$  of nonnegative reals that is adept to  $(\text{BD}, \kappa)$ . (Such a sequence exists by Lemma 1.21.) Moreover, we let  $k'$  be the supremum of  $k_0$  and the  $c'_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, m + 1$ . Finally, choose a positive integer  $b$  so that  $2k'(\frac{r}{r'})^b \leq \epsilon$ , and let  $N$  be the minimal power of 2 that satisfies

$$k'/N \leq (r')^b.$$

Then in particular  $r^b N \leq 2k'(\frac{r}{r'})^b \leq \epsilon$ .

**Definition 7.3.** Let  $\Lambda^{(\bullet)}$  be the cosimplicial polyhedral lattice of Definition 6.9, and recall from 6.10 that  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda^{(m)}, M)$  is a profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with action of  $T^{-1}$ .

Hence  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda^{(\bullet)}, M)$  is a simplicial profinitely filtered pseudo-normed group with action of  $T^{-1}$ .

Now apply the construction of the system of complexes from Definition 5.11 to obtain a cosimplicial system of complexes

$$C_{\kappa}^{\text{BD}}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda^{(\bullet)}, M))_{\bullet}.$$

Now take the alternating face map cochain complex to obtain a system of double complexes, whose objects are

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda^{(m)}, M)_{\leq \kappa_i c}^{n_i})^{T^{-1}}.$$

As final step, rescale the norm on the object in row  $m$  by  $m!$ , so that all columns become admissible: the vertical differential from row  $m$  to row  $m + 1$  is an alternating sum of  $m + 1$  maps that are all norm-nonincreasing.

**Lemma 7.4.** *In particular, for any  $c > 0$ , we have*

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda', M)_{\leq c} = \text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c/N}^N,$$

*with the map to  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c}$  given by the sum map.*

*Proof.* Omitted (but done in Lean). □

**Lemma 7.5.** *Similarly, for any  $c > 0$ , we have*

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda'^{(m)}, M)_{\leq c} = \text{Hom}(\Lambda', M)_{\leq c}^{m/\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c}},$$

*the  $m$ -fold fibre product of  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda', M)_{\leq c}$  over  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c}$ .*

**Lemma 7.6.** *There is a canonical isomorphism between the first row of the double complex*

$$C_{\kappa}^{\text{BD}}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda^{(1)}, M))^{\bullet}$$

and

$$C_{\kappa/N}^{N \otimes \text{BD}}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M))^{\bullet}$$

which identifies the map induced by the diagonal embedding  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda' = \Lambda^{(1)}$  with the map induced by  $\sigma^N: N \otimes \text{BD} \rightarrow \text{BD}$ .

*Proof.* Omitted (but done in Lean).  $\square$

**Proposition 7.7.** *Let  $h$  be the homotopy packaged with  $\text{BD}$ , and let  $h^N$  denote the  $n$ -th iterated composition of  $h$  (see Def 1.12) which is a homotopy between  $\pi^N$  and  $\sigma^N: N \otimes \text{BD} \rightarrow \text{BD}$ .*

*Let  $H \in \mathbf{R}_{\geq 0}$  be such that for  $i = 0, \dots, m$  the universal map  $h_i^N$  is bound by  $H$  (see Def 1.4).*

*Then the double complex satisfies the normed homotopy homotopy condition (Def 4.16) for  $m$ ,  $H$ , and  $c_0$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 7.6 we may replace the first row by

$$C_{\kappa/N}^{N \otimes \text{BD}}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M))^{\bullet}.$$

Now it is important to recall that we have chosen  $k' \geq \kappa'_i$  for all  $i = 0, \dots, m+1$ .

Our goal is to find, in degrees  $\leq m$ , a homotopy between the two maps from the first row

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq \kappa_1 c}^2)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

to the second row

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq c/N}^N)^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq \kappa_1 c/N}^{2N})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

respectively induced by  $\sigma^N$  and  $\pi^N$  (which are maps  $N \otimes \text{BD}$

By Definition 1.12 and Lemma 1.19 we can find this homotopy between the complex for  $k'c$  and the complex for  $c$ . (Here we use  $k' \geq c'_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, m$ .) By assumption, the norm of these maps is bounded by  $H$ .

Finally, it remains to establish the estimate (4.1) on the homotopic map. We note that this takes  $x \in \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k'^2 \kappa_i c}^{a_i})^{T^{-1}}$  (with  $i = q$  in the notation of (4.1)) to the element

$$y \in \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k' \kappa_i c/N}^{Na_i})^{T^{-1}}$$

that is the sum of the  $N$  pullbacks along the  $N$  projection maps  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k' \kappa_i c/N}^{Na_i} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k'^2 \kappa_i c}^{a_i}$ .

We note that these actually take image in  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq \kappa_i c}^{a_i}$  as  $N \geq k'$ , so this actually gives a well-defined map

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq \kappa_i c}^{a_i})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k' \kappa_i c/N}^{Na_i})^{T^{-1}}.$$

We need to see that this map is of norm  $\leq \epsilon$ . Now note that by our choice of  $N$ , we actually have  $k' \kappa_i c/N \leq (r')^b \kappa_i c$ , so this can be written as the composite of the restriction map

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq \kappa_i c}^{a_i})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq (r')^b \kappa_i c}^{a_i})^{T^{-1}}$$

and

$$\widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq (r')^b \kappa_i c}^{a_i})^{T^{-1}} \rightarrow \widehat{V}(\text{Hom}(\Lambda, M)_{\leq k' \kappa_i c/N}^{Na_i})^{T^{-1}}.$$

The first map has norm exactly  $r^b$ , by  $T^{-1}$ -invariance, and as multiplication by  $T$  scales the norm with a factor of  $r$  on  $\widehat{V}$ . (Here is where we use  $r' > r$ , ensuring different scaling behaviour of the norm on source and target.) The second map has norm at most  $N$  (as it is a sum of  $N$  maps of norm  $\leq 1$ ). Thus, the total map has norm  $\leq r^b N$ . But by our choice of  $N$ , we have  $r^b N \leq \epsilon$ , giving the result.  $\square$

**Remark 7.8. Note: the text below is copied almost verbatim from [Sch20]. Small parts have been formalized. We expect that the text will be rewritten and expanded as the formalization project progresses.**

*Proof of Theorem 7.2.* By induction, the first condition of Proposition 4.17 is satisfied for all  $c \geq c_0$  with  $c_0$  large enough (depending on  $\Lambda$  but not  $V$  or  $S$ ). By Lemma 6.2, and noting that  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda'^{(\bullet)}, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c}$  is the Čech nerve of

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c/N}^N \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c},$$

also the second condition is satisfied, with  $k$  the maximum of the previous  $k$  and some constant depending only on  $m$  and  $r$ , provided we take  $c_0$  large enough so that  $(k-1)r'c_i c_0/N$  is at least the  $d$  of Lemma 6.2 for all  $i = 0, \dots, m$  (so this choice of  $c_0$  again depends on  $\Lambda$ ). Indeed, then one can splice a surjection of profinite sets between the maps

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c_i c/N}^{Na} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq c_i c}^a$$

and

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq k c_i c/N}^{Na} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda, \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{r'}(S))_{\leq k c_i c}^a,$$

and so the transition map between the columns of that double complex factors over a similar complex arising from a simplicial Čech cover of profinite sets, so the constants are bounded by Proposition 8.2, Lemma 5.8, and Proposition 4.14 (plus probably some other results of which we need to work out the details). At this point, we have finalized our choice of  $k$  (and, as promised, this choice depended only on  $m$  and  $r$ ), and so we also finalized the constants  $\epsilon$ ,  $k'$  and  $N$  from the first paragraph of the proof.

Finally, to the third condition, has been checked in Proposition 7.7.

Thus, we can apply Proposition 4.17, and get the desired  $\leq \max(k'^2, 2k_0 H)$ -exactness in degrees  $\leq m$  for  $c \geq c_0$ , where  $k'$ ,  $k_0$  and  $H$  were defined only in terms of  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $r'$  and  $r$ , while  $c_0$  depends on  $\Lambda$  (but not on  $V$  or  $S$ ). This proves the inductive step.  $\square$

**Question 7.9.** Can one make the constants explicit, and how large are they?<sup>1</sup> Modulo the Breen-Deligne resolution, all the arguments give in principle explicit constants; and actually the proof of the existence of the Breen-Deligne resolution should be explicit enough to ensure the existence of bounds on the  $c_i$  and  $c'_i$ .

This completes the proof of all results announced so far.

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<sup>1</sup>A back of the envelope calculation seems to suggest that  $k$  is roughly doubly exponential in  $m$ , and that  $N$  has to be taken of roughly the same magnitude.

## 8. RELEVANT MATERIAL THAT SHOULD MOVE TO A BETTER PLACE

The next statement uses the definition of the completion of a condensed abelian group, see Definition 5.1.

**Proposition 8.1.** *The condensed abelian group  $\widehat{M}$  is canonically identified with the condensed abelian group associated to the topological abelian group  $\widehat{M}_{\text{top}}$  given by the completion of  $M$  equipped with the topology induced by the norm. The norm defines a natural map of condensed sets*

$$\|\cdot\| : \widehat{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

*Proof.* Note that in the supremum norm any continuous function from  $S$  to  $\widehat{M}_{\text{top}}$  can be approximated by locally constant functions arbitrarily well, and that the space of continuous functions from  $S$  to  $\widehat{M}_{\text{top}}$  is complete with respect to the supremum norm. That  $\|\cdot\|$  defines a map of condensed sets  $\widehat{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  follows for example from this identification with  $\widehat{M}_{\text{top}}$ , as the norm is by definition a continuous map  $\widehat{M}_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 8.2.** *Let  $S' \rightarrow S$  be a surjective morphism of profinite sets, and let  $S_{\bullet} \rightarrow S$  be its Čech nerve. Then the complex*

$$0 \rightarrow \widehat{M}(S) \rightarrow \widehat{M}(S_0) \rightarrow \widehat{M}(S_1) \rightarrow \dots$$

*is exact, and whenever  $f \in \ker(\widehat{M}(S_m) \rightarrow \widehat{M}(S_{m+1}))$  with  $\|f\| \leq c$ , then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is some  $g \in \widehat{M}(S_{m-1})$  with  $\|g\| \leq (1 + \epsilon)c$  such that  $d(g) = f$ .*

*Proof.* Follow the proof of [Sch19, Theorem 3.3]: When  $S$  and all  $S_i$  are finite, the Čechcover splits, so a contracting homotopy gives the result with constant 1. In general, write the Čechcover as a cofiltered limit of Čechcovers of finite sets by finite sets, pass to the filtered colimit, and complete, using Proposition 4.3.  $\square$

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