

Let  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$  denote the category of cochain complexes of abelian groups,  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{free}}$  and  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{tf}}$  the full subcategories of objects whose entries are free and  $p$ -torsion-free, and  $D(\mathbb{Z})$  the derived category. Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  has projective dimension 1, this is given by

$$D(\mathbb{Z}) \simeq h\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{free}} \simeq \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{tf}}[\text{qis}^{-1}].$$

The category  $h\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{free}}$  is the homotopy category of  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{free}}$ , whose objects are  $X, Y \in \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{free}}$  and morphisms are cochain homotopy classes of maps in  $[X, Y]$ . Note that our construction of the derived category requires choosing free or  $p$ -torsion-free resolutions for general cochain complexes.

**Remark 1.** *Let's talk a bit about homotopy. The abelian category  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$  comes equipped with a natural tensor product  $\otimes$  giving it the structure of a symmetric monoidal category. There is an internal Hom functor  $\underline{\text{Hom}} : \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\text{op}} \times \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$  which of course satisfies*

$$\text{Hom}(Z \otimes X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}(Z, \underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y))$$

*functorial in  $X, Y, Z \in \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$ .*<sup>1</sup> Explicitly,

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}^n(X, Y) = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(X^i, Y^{i+n})$$

*with differential  $df = d_Y \circ f - (-1)^n f \circ d_X$  for  $f$  homogeneous of degree  $n$ .*<sup>2</sup> *One of the nice things about  $\underline{\text{Hom}}$  is that it captures homotopy. There is a natural group isomorphism*

$$\text{Hom}(X, Y) \cong Z^0(\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y)) = \{f \in \underline{\text{Hom}}^0(X, Y) : df = 0\}$$

*that identifies the nullhomotopies of a fixed  $f \in \text{Hom}(X, Y)$  with*

$$B^0(\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y)) = \{h \in \underline{\text{Hom}}^{-1}(X, Y) : dh = f\}.$$

*It follows that  $H^0(\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y)) \cong [X, Y]$  and taking higher cohomology captures higher homotopy. Also note that if  $X, Y \in \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  then  $\underline{\text{Hom}}(X, Y)$  is just  $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$  concentrated in degree 0.*<sup>3</sup>

**Definition 2.** *Classical  $p$ -completion is the functor*

$$\hat{\cdot} : \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}, \quad X \mapsto \varprojlim_{n \geq 1} X/p^n X.$$

*We say  $X \in \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is **classically  $p$ -complete** if the natural map  $X \rightarrow \hat{X}$  is an isomorphism. On a somewhat related note,  $X \in D(\mathbb{Z})$  is **derived  $p$ -complete** if  $\text{Hom}_{D(\mathbb{Z})}(Y, X) = 0$  for every  $Y \in D(\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $p : Y \xrightarrow{\sim} Y$ . Such objects span a full subcategory  $D_p(\mathbb{Z}) \subseteq D(\mathbb{Z})$ .*

**Proposition 3.** *The inclusion  $D_p(\mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow D(\mathbb{Z})$  admits a left adjoint  $\hat{\cdot} : D(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow D_p(\mathbb{Z})$  called the **derived  $p$ -completion** given by choosing a representative in  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$  and applying classical  $p$ -completion in each degree.*

<sup>1</sup> $\underline{\text{Hom}}$  is sometimes referred to as the **mapping class group**.

<sup>2</sup>Be warned that I might be confusing homological and cohomological conventions.

<sup>3</sup>Hence,  $\underline{\text{Hom}}$  extends the inner Hom on  $\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  (which is represented by the naïve Hom that is automatically enriched over  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Note that  $\underline{\text{Hom}}$  gives rise to  $\underline{\text{Ext}}^i$  on  $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$ . For  $X, Y \in \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  it seems reasonable that we would have  $\underline{\text{Ext}}^i(X, Y)$  is just  $\text{Ext}^i(X, Y)$  in degree 0. More generally I expect there to be some spectral sequence relating the two notions.

We extend derived notions to  $\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  by thinking of abelian groups as complexes concentrated in degree 0. Given  $X \in \mathbf{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , the classical  $p$ -completion of  $X$  represents the derived  $p$ -completion of  $X$  and so we may identify the two.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $X \in \mathbf{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .*

- (a)  *$X$  is derived  $p$ -complete if and only if  $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[p^{-1}], X)$  and  $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}[p^{-1}], X)$  are both contractible. This holds if and only if every short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[p^{-1}] \longrightarrow 0$$

*admits a unique splitting.*

- (b)  *$X$  is classically  $p$ -complete if and only if it is  $p$ -adically separated and derived  $p$ -complete.*  
(c)  *$X$  is **pro-free** (i.e., the  $p$ -completion of a free abelian group) if and only if it is derived  $p$ -complete and  $p$ -torsion-free.*

**Remark 5.** *I'm not entirely sure about the content of the above proposition. I know that  $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}[p^{-1}], X)$  classifies extensions of  $\mathbb{Z}[p^{-1}]$  by  $X$ , with the zero element corresponding to the trivial extension. Any splitting is by definition an extension isomorphic to the trivial extension as a short exact sequence. So it makes sense that if  $\mathrm{Ext}^1$  vanishes then there is a unique splitting (up to isomorphism). But what if there is only a weak equivalence to 0?*

Complexes of pro-free abelian groups span a full subcategory  $\mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{pro-free}} \subseteq \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$ . The following result shows that this subcategory lets us get at  $D_p(\mathbb{Z})$ .

**Theorem 6.** *The functor  $\mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{pro-free}} \rightarrow D(\mathbb{Z})$  obtained by passing to (formal) qis classes has essential image  $D_p(\mathbb{Z})$  and induces an equivalence  $h\mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{pro-free}} \xrightarrow{\sim} D_p(\mathbb{Z})$ .*

Our goal now is to start tying in fixed points. Our first stop is deriving  $\eta_p$ .

**Proposition 7.** *There is an essentially unique functor  $L\eta_p : D(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow D(\mathbb{Z})$  such that*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{tf}} & \xrightarrow{\eta_p} & \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{tf}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D(\mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow[\exists! L\eta_p]{} & D(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

*commutes up to natural isomorphism.*<sup>4</sup>

**Definition 8.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a category and  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  an endofunctor. The **fixed point** category  $\mathcal{C}^T$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  with respect to  $T$  is the category whose objects are pairs  $(X, \varphi)$  with  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\varphi \in \mathrm{Isom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, TX)$ . The data of a morphism  $f : (X, \varphi) \rightarrow (X', \varphi')$  is  $f \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, X')$  such that*

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<sup>4</sup>In particular, there is no nontrivial homotopical coherence introduced at this stage in the game.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \\
\varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi' \\
TX & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TX'
\end{array}$$

*commutes.*

Basically by definition, we immediately see that there is an equivalence  $\mathrm{DC}_{\mathrm{sat}} \simeq (\mathrm{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{pro-free}})^{\eta_p}$ . In fact, more is true.

**Theorem 9.**  $\mathrm{DC}_{\mathrm{sat}} \simeq (\mathrm{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})^{\mathrm{pro-free}})^{\eta_p}$  *restricts to an equivalence*  $\mathrm{DC}_{\mathrm{str}} \xrightarrow{\sim} D_p(\mathbb{Z})^{L\eta_p}$ .