

Projective and Injective Resolutions

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Examples in talk 4, promise!

Section 1

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Let M be module over principal ideal domain R . If for every $r \in R - \{0\}$ it holds $M = rM$, then M is called *divisible*.

Section 2

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Cochain Complexes

Codefinition 5

Let $\mathbf{C} = (M^n, \alpha^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a family of modules and linear maps of the form

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- ▶ By “reflection”, make chain complex into cochain complex: For chain complex $\mathbf{M} = (M_n, \alpha_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ put $N^n := M_{-n}$, $\beta^n := \alpha_{-n}$ and obtain $\mathbf{N} = (N^n, \alpha^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

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Note: Since

$$H_0(\mathbf{P}_M) = \ker(P_0 \rightarrow 0) / \operatorname{im} \alpha_1 = P_0 / \operatorname{im} \alpha_1 = P_0 / \ker \alpha_0 \cong M$$

we do not suffer loss of information when deleting M .

Injective Resolutions

Codefinition 9

Let $\mathbf{E}' = (E^n, \alpha^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ be an exact positive cochain complex. If all E_n are injective and if the cochain complex

$$\mathbf{E}: 0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\alpha^{-1}} E^0 \xrightarrow{\alpha^0} E^1 \xrightarrow{\alpha^1} E^2 \longrightarrow \dots$$

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In the following: Concepts and proofs for chain complexes. Can be adapted to cochain complexes by “reflection”.

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We want to build fences out of short exact sequences:

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$$0 \rightarrow \ker \pi_0 \xrightarrow{\iota_0} P_0 \xrightarrow{\pi_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

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- ▶ Obtain $\text{im } \alpha_n = \ker \alpha_{n-1} = \ker \pi_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$. □

Section 3

Induced Chain Maps

Lift to Chain Map

Lemma 12

Let $\mathbf{P}: \dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be a chain complex (with differentials $\alpha_n: P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$) such that the P_n are projective and let $\mathbf{Q}: \dots \rightarrow N_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow N_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ be an exact chain complex (with differentials $\beta_n: N_n \rightarrow N_{n-1}$). Then for any module homomorphism $f: M \rightarrow N$ there is a chain map $\mathbf{f}: \mathbf{P}_M \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_N$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
 \dots & \longrightarrow & P_n & \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} & P_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{n-1}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & P_0 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & & & & \downarrow f_0 & & \downarrow f & & \\
 \dots & \longrightarrow & N_n & \xrightarrow{\beta_n} & N_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\beta_{n-1}} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & N_0 & \xrightarrow{\beta_0} & N & \longrightarrow & 0
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- ▶ Suppose we have f_0, \dots, f_{n-1} . We need $f_n: P_n \rightarrow N_n$ with $\beta_n \circ f_n = f_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n$ and for projectivity, we need

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Note: In particular, we get from Lemma 12: If $f: M \rightarrow N$ is linear and \mathbf{P}_M and \mathbf{Q}_N are deleted projective resolutions for M resp. N , then there is an induced chain map $\mathbf{f}: \mathbf{P}_M \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_N$. We call \mathbf{f} the *chainmap generated by f* .

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Proof.

Again, we want to work inductively to construct family $(\varphi_n: P_n \rightarrow N_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of homomorphisms such that for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$f_n - g_n = \beta_{n+1} \circ \varphi_n + \varphi_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n.$$

Proof.

Because P is positive, $\varphi_n = 0$ for $n < 0$.

► Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P_0 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} & M & & \\ & & \downarrow f & & \\ g_0 \downarrow & f_0 & & & \\ N_1 & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & N_0 & \xrightarrow{\beta_0} & N \end{array}$$

Because of $\beta_0 \circ g_0 = f \circ \alpha_0 = \beta_0 \circ f_0$ we have

$$\beta_0 \circ (f_0 - g_0) = f \circ (\alpha_0 - \alpha_0) = 0,$$

thus $\text{im } f_0 - g_0 \subseteq \ker \beta_0 = \text{im } \beta_1$. Same trick as before yields $\varphi: P_0 \rightarrow N_1$ with $f_0 - g_0 = \beta_1 \circ \varphi_0$.

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- Suppose we have $\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}$. We need $\varphi_n: P_n \rightarrow N_{n+1}$ such that

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A commutative diagram with P_n at the top and N_{n+1} at the bottom left. A dashed arrow labeled φ_n points from P_n to N_{n+1} . A solid arrow labeled β_{n+1} points from N_{n+1} to a blue square containing a question mark. A solid arrow labeled φ_n points from P_n to a red square containing a question mark.

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Proof.

► We have

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_n \circ (f_n - g_n \circ \varphi_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n) &= \beta_n \circ f_n - \beta_n \circ g_n - \beta_n \circ \varphi_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n \\ &= f_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n - g_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n - \beta_n \circ \varphi_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n \\ &= (f_{n-1} - g_{n-1} - \beta_n \circ \varphi_{n-1}) \circ \alpha_n \\ &= \varphi_{n-2} \circ \alpha_{n-1} \circ \alpha_n = 0,\end{aligned}$$

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► Now we are done by induction.



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Consider $\text{id}_M: M \rightarrow M$. This map generates chain maps $\mathbf{f}: \mathbf{P}_M \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_M$ and $\mathbf{g}: \mathbf{Q}_M \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_M$. By the previous lemma, $\mathbf{g} \circ \mathbf{f} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{P}_M}$ and $\mathbf{f} \circ \mathbf{g} = \text{id}_{\mathbf{Q}_M}$. □