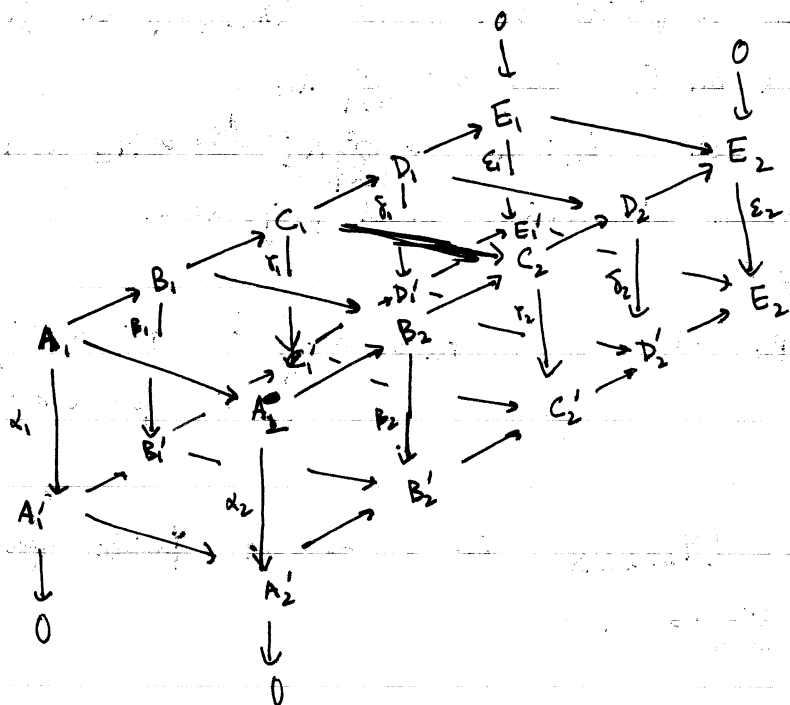


Homotopy Theory of Complexes

§ Functoriality of the connecting homomorphism:



Exact commutative diag.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \text{ker } \beta_1 & \rightarrow & \text{ker } \tau_1 & \rightarrow & \text{ker } \delta_1 & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \text{coker } \beta_1 & \rightarrow & \text{coker } \tau_1 & \rightarrow & \text{coker } \delta_1 \\ \Rightarrow & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ \text{ker } \beta_2 & \rightarrow & \text{ker } \tau_2 & \rightarrow & \text{ker } \delta_2 & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \text{coker } \beta_2 & \rightarrow & \text{coker } \tau_2 & \rightarrow & \text{coker } \delta_2 \end{array}$$

Follows from

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} K_1 & \hookrightarrow & C_1 & \xrightarrow{\tau_1} & C_1' & \rightarrow & K_1' \\ \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ K_2 & \hookrightarrow & C_2 & \xrightarrow{\tau_2} & C_2' & \rightarrow & K_2' \end{array}$$

We work throughout in an abelian category:

Matrix notation:

Let T be a finite set and $(X_t)_{t \in T}$ a family of objects indexed by T . Let $X = \bigoplus_{t \in T} X_t$.

For each t , let $i_t: X_t \rightarrow X$ and $p_t: X \rightarrow X_t$ be the standard inclusion and projection.

Note for $u, v \in T$,

$$\sum_{t \in T} i_t p_t = 1$$

$$p_u i_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } u=v \\ 0 & \text{for } u \neq v \end{cases}$$

Now suppose $(Y_s)_{s \in S}$ is a second finite family of objects, $Y = \bigoplus_{s \in S} Y_s$.

To a morphism

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

we associate a matrix

$$(f_{st})_{(s,t) \in S \times T} \quad \text{with } f_{st} = p_s f i_t: X_t \rightarrow Y_s.$$

Conversely, to such a matrix with

$$f_{st} \in \text{Hom}(X_t, Y_s)$$

there exists a uniquely determined morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$.

Now suppose $Z = \bigoplus_{r \in R} Z_r$, R a finite set. For morphisms

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$, we have

$$(gf)_{rt} = \sum_s g_{rs} f_{st}.$$

Example: $X = X_1 \oplus X_2$. The standard inclusions $i_1: X_1 \rightarrow X$ and $i_2: X_2 \rightarrow X$ have matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, whereas the standard projections $X \xrightarrow{p_1} X_1$, $X \xrightarrow{p_2} X_2$ have matrices $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$.

Defn: A complex $C^\bullet = (C^n, \partial^n)$ is a sequence of objects and morphisms

$$\dots \rightarrow C^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial^{n-1}} C^n \xrightarrow{\partial^n} C^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

with $\partial^n \partial^{n-1} = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$. no dots

A morphism of complexes $f^\bullet: C^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet$ ($f^\bullet = (f^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$) is a sequence of maps $f^n: C^n \rightarrow D^n$ with

$$f^{n+1} \partial^n = \partial^n f^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & C^n & \xrightarrow{\partial^n} & C^{n+1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & f^n \downarrow & & \partial & & \downarrow f^{n+1} \\ \dots & \rightarrow & D^n & \xrightarrow{\partial^n} & D^{n+1} & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Defn: C^\bullet a complex, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$H^n(C^\bullet) = \ker \partial^n / \operatorname{im}(\partial^{n-1})$$

↑
nth cohomology of C^\bullet .

} Say n^{th} cohomology is a functor from complexes to the underlying category.

Notation: For any complex A^\bullet put $Z^m(A^\bullet) = \ker \partial^m$, and $\imath^m(A^\bullet) = \operatorname{coker}(\partial^{m-1})$.

$$0 \rightarrow Z^m(A^\bullet) \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow A^{m+1} \quad (\text{exact})$$

$$A^{m-1} \rightarrow A^m \rightarrow \imath^m(A^\bullet) \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{exact}).$$

Definition: A sequence of complexes

$$\dots \rightarrow C_1^\bullet \rightarrow C_2^\bullet \rightarrow C_3^\bullet \rightarrow \dots$$

is said to be exact if, for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\dots \rightarrow C_1^n \rightarrow C_2^n \rightarrow C_3^n \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact.

Proposition: Given an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet \rightarrow E^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

there exists a canonical exact seq.

$$\dots \rightarrow H^n(D^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(E^\bullet) \xrightarrow{c} H^{n+1}(C^\bullet) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(D^\bullet) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(E^\bullet) \rightarrow \dots$$

Moreover the connecting map c is functorial, i.e., if

$$0 \rightarrow C_1^\bullet \rightarrow D_1^\bullet \rightarrow E_1^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$0 \rightarrow C_2^\bullet \rightarrow D_2^\bullet \rightarrow E_2^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

is a commutative diagram of complexes with each row being an exact sequence of complexes, then

$$H^n(E_1^\bullet) \xrightarrow{c} H^{n+1}(C_1^\bullet)$$

(comm.)

$$\downarrow$$

$$H^n(E_2^\bullet) \xrightarrow{c} H^{n+1}(C_2^\bullet)$$

$$\downarrow$$

Commutative where c in either row is the connecting homomorphism.

Proof:

For any complex A^\bullet , we have a canonical factorization of ∂^n ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$$A^n \rightarrow Z^n(A^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^{n+1}(A^\bullet) \rightarrow A^{n+1}$$

Now

$$H^n(A^\bullet) = \ker(Z^n(A^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^{n+1}(A^\bullet))$$

and

$$H^{n+1}(A^\bullet) = \operatorname{coker}(Z^n(A^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^{n+1}(A^\bullet)).$$

Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & C^{n-1} & \rightarrow & D^{n-1} & \rightarrow & E^{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C^n & \rightarrow & D^n & \rightarrow & E^n \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

implies the exactness of

$$\begin{array}{l} \left. \begin{array}{l} 'Z^n(C^\bullet) \rightarrow 'Z^n(D^\bullet) \rightarrow 'Z^n(E^\bullet) \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{and of} \\ 0 \rightarrow Z^{n-1}(C^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^{n-1}(D^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^{n-1}(E^\bullet) \end{array} \right\} \text{Snake lemma} \end{array}$$

One therefore has a comm. diag with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 'Z^n(C^\bullet) & \rightarrow & 'Z^n(D^\bullet) & \rightarrow & 'Z^n(E^\bullet) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z^{n+1}(C^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^{n+1}(D^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^{n+1}(E^\bullet) \end{array}$$

Apply the Snake Lemma to get the conclusion.

Commutativity of (Comm) follows from the functoriality of the connecting map in the Snake Lemma. QED.

Remarks:

1. If $C^\bullet \xrightarrow{f} D^\bullet$ is a map of complexes, the induced map

$$H^n(f): H^n(C^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(D^\bullet)$$

is the one which makes the diagram (For any complex A^\bullet , $j: Z^n(A^\bullet) \rightarrow A^n$ is the canonical monomorphism)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^n & \xrightarrow{f^n} & D^n \\ j \downarrow & & \downarrow j \\ Z^n(C^\bullet) & \xrightarrow{f^n} & Z^n(D^\bullet) \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ H^n(C^\bullet) & \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} & H^n(D^\bullet) \end{array}$$

commute, where for any complex A^\bullet , π is the canonical map $C^n \rightarrow \text{coker}(\partial^{n-1}) = C^n / \text{im } \partial^{n-1} = Z^n(C^\bullet)$. More precisely the following cube commutes and defines $H^n(f)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C^n & \xrightarrow{f} & D^n & \xleftrightarrow{j} & Z^n(D') \\
 & \xleftarrow{j} & \downarrow \pi & \xrightarrow{j} & \downarrow \pi \\
 & & Z^n(C') & & Z^n(D') \\
 \pi \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\text{via cobord } \pi's} & \downarrow \pi & \xrightarrow{\text{via } j} & \downarrow \pi \\
 Z^n(C') & \xrightarrow{\text{via } j} & H^n(C') & \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} & H^n(D')
 \end{array}$$

In particular, the composite $Z^n(C') \xrightarrow{\pi} H^n(C') \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} H^n(D')$ is also the composite $Z^n(C') \xrightarrow{j} C^n \xrightarrow{f} D^n \xrightarrow{\pi} Z^n(D')$ induced by j .

$$Z^n(C') \xrightarrow{j} C^n \xrightarrow{f} D^n \xrightarrow{\pi} Z^n(D')$$

2. We can form a category of short exact sequences of complexes, and another category consisting of long exact sequence of objects. Then what we have shown is that there is a functor from one to the other.

Trying to switch to Fridays. First Friday class.

Std. Notation: $Z^n(A^\bullet) = \ker(A^n \xrightarrow{\partial^n} A^{n+1})$
 $Z^n(A^\bullet) = \operatorname{coker}(A^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial^{n-1}} A^n)$

Everything happening in an abelian cat.

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Homotopy: Let $f, g: C^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet$ be two maps of complexes. A homotopy from f to g is a sequence $s = (s^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of maps $s^n: C^n \rightarrow D^{n-1}$ such that

If this is so, we write $f \sim g$.

$$f^n - g^n = \partial^{n-1} s^n + s^{n+1} \partial^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Proposition: Let $f, g: C^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet$ be homotopic maps. Then $H^n(f) = H^n(g), n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We have remarked earlier that the composite (for $\alpha: C \rightarrow D$ map of cplx)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad Z^n(C) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^n(C) \xrightarrow{H^n(\alpha)} H^n(D) \xleftarrow{r_{\alpha,j}} Z^n(D)$$

is the composite

$$\textcircled{2} \quad Z^n(C) \xleftarrow{j} C^n \xrightarrow{\alpha} D^n \xrightarrow{\pi} Z^n(D)$$

As earlier, if A^\bullet is a complex, $j: Z^n(A^\bullet) \hookrightarrow A^n$ nat'l mono., & $\pi: A^n \rightarrow Z^n(A^\bullet)$ nat'l epi.

Since $\pi: Z^n(C) \rightarrow H^n(C)$ is an epimorphism and the map $H^n(D) \rightarrow Z^n(D)$ induced by j is a monomorphism, the Propⁿ. is proved if we show that substituting $\alpha=f$ and $\alpha=g$ in $\textcircled{1}$ give the same composites. This then amounts to showing that substituting $\alpha=f$ and $\alpha=g$ in $\textcircled{2}$ give the same composite in $\textcircled{2}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (f^n - g^n)j &= (\partial^{n-1} s^n - s^{n+1} \partial^n)j \\ &= \partial^{n-1} s^n j - s^{n+1} \partial^n j \\ &= \partial^{n-1} s^n j \quad (\text{since } \partial^n \circ j = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \circ (f^n - g^n) \circ j &= \pi \circ \partial^{n-1} \circ s^n \circ j \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{since } \pi \circ \partial^{n-1} = 0, \pi \text{ being the cokernel of } \partial^{n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \pi \circ f^n \circ j = \pi \circ g^n \circ j$

q.e.d.

Notation: A^\bullet complex: $A^\bullet[m] = (\dots \xrightarrow{(-1)^m \partial} A^{n+m} \xrightarrow{(-1)^{m+1} \partial} A^{n+m+1} \xrightarrow{(-1)^{m+2} \partial} A^{n+m+2} \dots)$

$(A^\bullet[m])^n = A^{n+m}$; $\partial_{A^\bullet[m]}^n = (-1)^m \partial_{A^\bullet}^{n+m}$.

Mapping Cones:

Let $f: P^\bullet \rightarrow Q^\bullet$ be a map of complexes.

Define a complex

$$C^\bullet = C^\bullet$$

by the following rules

$$C^n = P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n$$

and

$$\partial_C^n = \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_{P^\bullet}^{n+1} & 0 \\ f & \partial_{Q^\bullet}^n \end{pmatrix} : P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n \rightarrow P^{n+2} \oplus Q^{n+1}$$

\parallel C^n \rightarrow \parallel C^{n+1}

Let $i: Q^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$ be the map given at each level n by $i^n: Q^n \rightarrow P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n$ (the nat'l inclusion)

and $p: C^\bullet \rightarrow P^\bullet$ be given by the projection $p^n: P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n \rightarrow P^{n+1}$. One checks easily that

i and p are maps of complexes. Indeed consider, note that $i^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Q^n} \end{pmatrix}$ and $p^n = (1_{P^{n+1}}, 0)$ in matrix notation.

We have to check

(a) $\partial_C^n \circ i^n = i^{n+1} \circ \partial_{Q^\bullet}^n$

and (b) $\partial_{P^\bullet}^{n+1} \circ p^n = p^{n+1} \circ \partial_C^n$

i.e. $-\partial_{P^\bullet}^{n+1} \circ p^n = p^{n+1} \circ \partial_C^n$.

Then (a) is the matrix equality

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\partial_{P^\bullet}^{n+1} & 0 \\ f & \partial_{Q^\bullet}^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Q^n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Q^{n+1}} \end{pmatrix} \partial_{Q^\bullet}^n$$

(Both sides equal $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_{Q^\bullet}^n \end{pmatrix}$)

Similarly (b) is verified by checking

$$-\partial_{P^0}^{n+1} (1_{P^{n+1}}, 0) = (1_{P^{n+2}}, 0) \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_{P^0}^{n+1} & 0 \\ \dagger & \partial_{Q^0}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

In fact both sides equal $(-\partial_{P^0}^{n+1}, 0)$.

Lemma: We have an exact sequence of complexes

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow Q^\bullet \xrightarrow{i} C_f^\bullet \xrightarrow{p} P^\bullet[1] \rightarrow 0$$

where C_f^\bullet is the mapping cone $\text{of } f: P^\bullet \rightarrow Q^\bullet$ and for each n , in matrix notation

$$i^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Q^n} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad p^n = (1_{P^{n+1}}, 0).$$

Proposition

In what follows we fix the map $f: P^\bullet \rightarrow Q^\bullet$ above, and use the notations and notions introduced above.

Proposition: Fix $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and consider the commutative exact diagram arising from (*):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & Q^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i^{n-1}} & C_f^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{p^{n-1}} & P^n \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial^{n-1} & & \downarrow \partial^{n-1} & & \downarrow -\partial^n \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Q^n & \rightarrow & C_f^n & \rightarrow & P^{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Then the resulting connecting map

$$\varphi: Z^n(P^\bullet) \rightarrow Z^n(Q^\bullet)$$

is the composite

$$Z^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} H^n(Q^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\text{via } j} Z^n(Q^\bullet).$$

Proof: We continue use our notations:

$$j: Z^n(A) \hookrightarrow A^n$$

and

$$\pi: A^n \longrightarrow Z^n(A')$$

for every complex A' and every integer n .

Let

$$K = \ker(C_f^{n+1} \rightarrow P^{n+1}),$$

and

$$K' = \operatorname{coker}(Q^{n-1} \rightarrow C_f^n).$$

Now $C_f^{n+1} \rightarrow P^{n+1}$ is the map $(-\partial_{P^n}^n, 0)$ and

$Q^{n-1} \rightarrow C_f^n$ is the map $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \partial_{C^n}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$. Therefore

$$K = Z^n(P') \oplus Q^{n-1}$$

and

$$K' = P^{n+1} \oplus Z^n(Q').$$

Moreover the natural maps

$$u: K \hookrightarrow C^{n-1}$$

$$v: C^n \rightarrow K'$$

are given by

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} j & 0 \\ 0 & 1_{Q^{n-1}} \end{pmatrix}: Z^n(P') \oplus Q^{n-1} \longrightarrow P^n \oplus Q^{n-1}$$

and

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1_{P^{n+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix}: P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n \longrightarrow P^{n+1} \oplus Z^n(Q').$$

The composite

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K & \xrightarrow{u} & C^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_c^{n-1}} & C^n & \xrightarrow{v} & K' \\ \parallel & & & & & & \parallel \\ Z^n(P^0) \oplus Q^{n-1} & & & & & & P^{n+1} \oplus Z^n(Q^0) \end{array}$$

is therefore given by the matrix product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1_{P^{n+1}} & 0 \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_{P^0}^n & 0 \\ f^n & \partial_{Q^0}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} j & 0 \\ 0 & 1_{Q^{n-1}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \pi f^n j & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $\alpha: K \rightarrow Z^n(P^0)$ is the natural map (induced by $\varphi^{n-1}: C^{n-1} \rightarrow P^n$) and $\beta: Z^n(Q^0) \rightarrow K'$ the natural map induced by $i^n: Q^n \rightarrow P^{n+1} \oplus Q^n$, then by the construction of the

connecting map, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z^n(P^0) \oplus Q^{n-1} = K & \xrightarrow{v \circ \partial_c^{n-1} \circ u} & K' = P^{n+1} \oplus Z^n(Q^0) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \uparrow \beta \\ Z^n(P^0) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Z^n(Q^0) \end{array}$$

commutes, and ϕ is the only diagram map which makes the diagram commute, for α is epi and β mono. Now

$$\alpha = (1_{Z^n(P^0)}, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Z^n(Q^0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Moreover the diagram below clearly commutes (basis matrix multiplication).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z^n(P^0) \oplus Q^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \pi f^n j & 0 \end{pmatrix} = v \partial_c^{n-1} u} & P^{n+1} \oplus Z^n(Q^0) \\ \alpha = (1_{Z^n(P^0)}, 0) \downarrow & & \uparrow \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_{Z^n(Q^0)} \end{pmatrix} \\ Z^n(P^0) & \xrightarrow{\pi f^n j} & Z^n(Q^0) \end{array}$$

Therefore, $\phi = \pi \circ f^n \circ j$. On the other hand by an earlier

Remark the composite

$$Z^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} H^n(Q^\bullet) \xleftarrow{\text{via } j} Z^n(Q^\bullet)$$

is the same as the composite

$$Z^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{j} P^n \xrightarrow{f^n} Q^n \xrightarrow{\pi} Z^n(Q^\bullet).$$

This proves our Proposition. \square QED

The short exact sequences of complexes $(*)$, i.e.,

$$0 \rightarrow Q^\bullet \xrightarrow{i} C_f^\bullet \rightarrow P^\bullet[1] \rightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H^{n-1}(C^\bullet) \rightarrow H^{n-1}(P^\bullet[1]) \xrightarrow{C_n} H^n(Q^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(C^\bullet) \rightarrow \dots$$

\parallel
 $H^n(P^\bullet)$

Proposition: For each $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, the connecting map

$$C_n: H^n(P^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(Q^\bullet)$$

above is the same as $H^n(f)$, i.e.,

$$C_n = H^n(f).$$

Proof:

We have a commutative exact diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & Q^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i^{n-1}} & C^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{p^{n-1}} & P^n \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & Z^{n-1}(Q^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^{n-1}(C^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^n(P^\bullet) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z^n(Q^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^n(C^\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z^{n+1}(P^\bullet) \\ & & \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Q^n & \xrightarrow{i^n} & C^n & \xrightarrow{p^n} & P^{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Let $\bar{K} = \ker(\cdot Z^{n-1}(C) \rightarrow Z^{n+1}(P))$

and

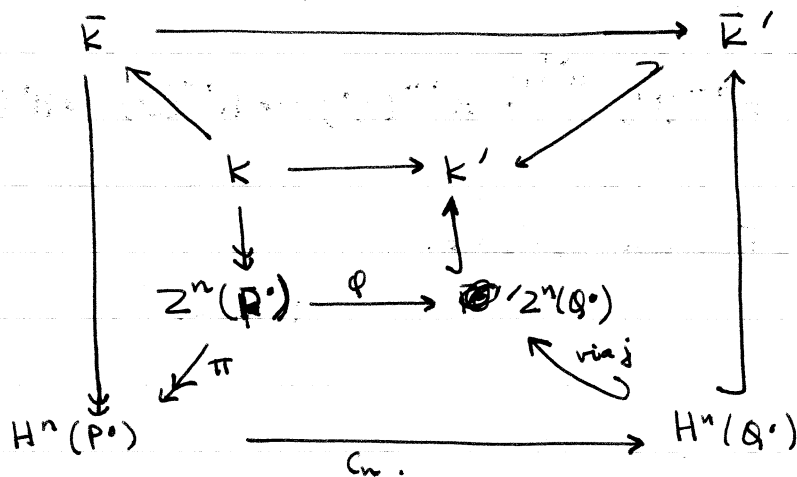
$\bar{K}' = \ker(\cdot Z^{n-1}(Q) \rightarrow Z^n(C))$.

We have natural maps (with k, k' as in previous proof)

$k \rightarrow \bar{K}$ (epi)

$\bar{K}' \rightarrow k'$ (mono).

The data fits into a commutative diagram



Here $\phi: Z^n(P) \rightarrow Z^n(Q)$ is the connecting map of the previous Propⁿ. According to that Propⁿ ϕ factors as

$$Z^n(P) \xrightarrow{\pi} H^n(P) \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} H^n(Q) \xrightarrow{\text{via } j} Z^n(Q).$$

Since π is an epi and $H^n(Q) \hookrightarrow Z^n(Q)$ is mono it follows that

$c_n = H^n(f)$

as required.

q.e.d.

Definition

Theorem: "A map of complexes $f: C^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet$ is called a quasi-isomorphism if $H^n(f): H^n(C^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(D^\bullet)$ is an isomorphism for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$."

Theorem: Let $f: P^\bullet \rightarrow Q^\bullet$ be a map of complexes. Then f is an isomorphism if and only if the mapping cone C_f^\bullet of f is exact.

Proof:

We have an exact sequence (from previous Propⁿ)

$$\dots \rightarrow H^{n-2}(C) \rightarrow H^{n-1}(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{H^{n-1}(f)} H^{n-1}(Q^\bullet) \rightarrow H^{n-1}(C) \rightarrow H^n(P^\bullet) \xrightarrow{H^n(f)} H^n(Q^\bullet) \rightarrow H^n(C) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(P^\bullet) \rightarrow \dots$$

The Theorem follows.

q.e.d.