



II.6. Functoriality

$\alpha: G \rightarrow G'$ a homom., F, F' proj. res. of $\mathbb{Z}$ over $\mathbb{Z}G$ and $\mathbb{Z}G'$ (resp.). Then F' is a cplx. of G' -modules via α . F' acyclic (not proj. in general) over $\mathbb{Z}G'$, so by fundamental lemma, we get an augmentation-preserving G' -chain map $\tau: F \rightarrow F'$ (well-def. up to homotopy).

respects G -action:

$$\tau(gx) = \alpha(g)\tau(x)$$

τ induces map $F_G \rightarrow F_{G'}$ (well-def. up to homotopy), so get $\alpha_*: H_* G \rightarrow H_* G'$.

Prop.: let $g_0 \in G$. $\alpha: G \rightarrow G$ be $\alpha(g) = g_0 g g_0^{-1}$. Then $\alpha_*: H_* G \rightarrow H_* G$ is id.

Pf.

Take $\tau: F \rightarrow F$ to be $\tau(x) = g_0 x$.

Satisfies conditions + induces id. □

Cor.

G a gp., $N \trianglelefteq G$, then $G \curvearrowright N$ by conj. induces $G/N \curvearrowright H_* N$.

Ex. 1.

$N \trianglelefteq G$ as above. F a proj. res. of $\mathbb{Z}$ over $\mathbb{Z}G$, then F_N a cplx. of G/N -modules (Sean), so $H_* F_N$ inherits a G/N action. Show that $H_*(F_N) = H_* N$ and that the action $_{H_* N}$ is the same as the one above.

Soln.

F is also a ~~N -module~~ proj. res. over N so

$$H_* F_N = H_* N.$$

[Hint: action of $g \in G$ on $H_* N$ comes from $\tau: F \rightarrow F$
 $\tau(x) = gx$]

By another prev. exercise, G/N action on F_N is given by
 $x \mapsto (gN)x = gx$