

# Recap

## Def

A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is

- a collection  $\text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  of objects  
-  $\forall M, N \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , a collection of morphisms from  $M$  to  $N$  (can be empty), sometimes written as  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N)$ .

-  $\forall L, M, N \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , a function  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, N) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(L, N)$   
(composition)  $(g, f) \mapsto g \circ f$

-  $\forall M \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , an element  $\text{id}_M \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(M, M)$  (identity)

such that

- (associativity):  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}(L, M), g \in \text{Hom}(M, N), h \in \text{Hom}(N, P)$  we have  
 $(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$

- (identity):  $\forall f \in \text{Hom}(L, M), f \circ \text{id}_L = f = \text{id}_M \circ f$ .

## Examples

Set, Grp, Ring,  $R\text{-Mod}$ ,  $\text{Mod-}R$ , Ab

(Summary of Category Theory in appendix)

## Def

Let  $R$  be a ring. A right  $R$ -module is an abelian group  $M$  equipped with a map  $M \times R \rightarrow M$  such that  $\forall r, s \in R, m, n \in M$ ,

- $(m+n)r = mr + nr$
- $m(r+s) = mr + ms$
- $m(rs) = (mr)s$
- $m \cdot 1 = m$

## Mod- $R$

Objects: right  $R$ -modules

Morphisms: right  $R$ -homomorphisms  $(f(mr + m'r') = f(m)r + f(m')r')$

Def A functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  consists of

- a function  $\text{ob}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{ob}(\mathcal{B})$ ,  $A \mapsto F(A)$   
-  $\forall A, A' \in \mathcal{A}$ , a function  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, A') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(F(A), F(A'))$ ,  $f \mapsto F(f)$   
s.t.

i)  $F(f' \circ f) = F(f') \circ F(f) \quad \forall A \xrightarrow{f} A' \xrightarrow{f'} A''$  in  $\mathcal{A}$

ii)  $F(1_A) = 1_{F(A)} \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{A}$

## 1.1 Complexes of R-modules

Given  $A, B, C \in \text{Mod-}R$ ,  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g: B \rightarrow C$  (right)  $R$ -homomorphisms, we can form the sequence  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ .

The sequence is exact (at  $B$ ) if  $\ker(g) = \text{im}(f)$ . It follows that  $g \circ f = 0$ .

### Def

A chain complex  $C$  of  $R$ -modules is a family  $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $R$ -modules, with  $R$ -homomorphisms  $d_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$  s.t.  $d_{n-1} \circ d_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-2}$  is zero  $\forall n$ .  
the "differentials" of  $C$ .

From this we get:

- The module of  $n$ -cycles of  $C$ :  $Z_n = Z_n(C) = \ker(d_n)$ .
- The module of  $n$ -boundaries of  $C$ :  $B_n = B_n(C) = \text{im}(d_{n+1})$ .

(Note Since  $d \circ d = 0$  we have  $0 \subseteq B_n \subseteq Z_n \subseteq C_n \forall n$ )

- The  $n^{\text{th}}$  homology module of  $C$ :  $H_n(C) = Z_n / B_n$ .

Write  $C = C$ .

### Def

A morphism of chain complexes  $u: C \rightarrow D$  (i.e. a chain complex map) is a family of  $R$ -homomorphisms  $u_n: C_n \rightarrow D_n$  s.t.  $u_{n-1} \circ d_n = d_n \circ u_n$ , i.e. s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & \dots \\ & & \downarrow u_{n+1} & & \downarrow u_n & & \\ \dots & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & D_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} & \dots \end{array}$$

\*typo in Weibel\*

Category:  $\text{Ch}(\text{Mod-}R)$

### 1.1.2

A morphism  $u: C \rightarrow D$  of chain complexes sends boundaries to boundaries and cycles to cycles, hence maps  $H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$ .

### Proof

Write  $C_d, D_d$  etc. Then by definition of  $u$ ,  $u_{n-1} \circ C_d = D_d \circ u_n \forall n$ .

Let  $z \in Z_n(C) = \ker(C_d)$ . wts  $u_n(z) \in Z_n(D) = \ker(D_d)$

We have  $C_d(z) = 0$ , so  $u_{n-1} \circ C_d(z) = 0 = D_d \circ u_n(z)$ , i.e.  $u_n(z) \in Z_n(D)$ .

Let  $b \in B_n(C) = \text{im}(C_{d+1})$ . Then  $\exists x \in C_{n+1}$  s.t.  $C_{d+1}(x) = b$ .

wts  $u_n(b) \in B_n(D)$ , i.e.  $\exists y \in D_{n+1}$  s.t.  $D_{d+1}(y) = u_n(b)$ .

Since  $b = C_{d+1}(x)$ ,  $u_n(b) = u_n(C_{d+1}(x)) = D_{d+1}(u_{n+1}(x))$ , so take  $y = u_{n+1}(x)$ .

Then  $u_n(b) \in B_n(D)$ .

Def

A morphism  $C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  of chain complexes is called a quasi-isomorphism if the maps  $H_n(C_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(D_\bullet)$  are all isomorphisms

Def Reindex  $C^n = C_{-n}$

A cochain complex  $C^\bullet$  of  $R$ -modules is a family  $\{C^n\}$  of  $R$ -modules, together with maps  $d^n: C^n \rightarrow C^{n+1}$  s.t.  $d \circ d = 0$ .

From this we get

- The module of  $n$ -cocycles  $Z^n(C^\bullet) = \ker(d^n)$
- The module of  $n$ -coboundaries  $B^n(C^\bullet) = \text{im}(d^{n-1})$
- The  $n^{\text{th}}$  cohomology module of  $C^\bullet$   $H^n(C^\bullet) = Z^n/B^n$ .

Morphisms & quasi-isomorphisms are defined as for chain complexes.

Def

- i) A chain complex  $C_\bullet$  is called bounded if almost all the  $C_n$  are zero.
- ii) If  $C_n = 0$  unless  $a \leq n \leq b$ , we say that the complex has amplitude in  $[a, b]$ .
- iii) A complex  $C_\bullet$  is bounded above (below) if  $\exists$  a bound  $b(a)$  s.t.  $C_n = 0 \forall n > b (n < a)$ .

These types of chain complexes all form full subcategories of  $\text{Ch} = \text{Ch}(R\text{-Mod})$   
 $\text{Ch}_b, \text{Ch}_-, \text{Ch}_+$

(Similarly for cochain complexes:  $\text{Ch}^b, \text{Ch}^-, \text{Ch}^+, \text{Ch}^{\geq 0}$ ).

1.2 Operations on Chain Complexes (Abelian Categories)

Def

category of abelian groups

A category  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an Ab-category (or pre-additive category) if

- every hom-set  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, B)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  forms an abelian group under addition
- composition distributes over addition: given  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{g'} \end{matrix} C \xrightarrow{h} D$  we have  $h(g+g')f = hg f + hg' f$  in  $\text{Hom}(A, D)$ .

Ex

$\text{Ch}$  is an Ab-category: add chain maps degreewise -  $\{f_n\} + \{g_n\} = \{f_n + g_n\}$ .

Def

An additive functor  $F: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  between Ab-categories is a functor s.t. each  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(B', B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(F(B'), F(B))$  is a group homomorphism.  
(i.e.  $F(f+g) = F(f) + F(g)$ ).

Def

An additive category is an Ab category  $\mathcal{A}$  with a zero object (i.e. an object that is initial & terminal), and  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ , a product  $A \times B$ .

Note

This structure is enough to make finite products the same as finite coproducts.

Ex

$\text{Ch}$  is an additive category. The zero object is the complex  $0$  of zero modules  $\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$ . Given a family  $\{A_\alpha\}$  of complexes of  $R$ -modules, the product  $\prod A_\alpha$  and coproduct  $\bigoplus A_\alpha$  exist in  $\text{Ch}$  and are defined degreewise: the differentials are  $\prod d_\alpha: \prod A_{\alpha,n} \rightarrow \prod A_{\alpha,n-1}$  and  $\bigoplus d_\alpha: \bigoplus A_{\alpha,n} \rightarrow \bigoplus A_{\alpha,n-1}$ .

Rmk

$$\bigoplus H_n(A_\alpha) \cong H_n(\bigoplus A_\alpha), \quad \prod H_n(A_\alpha) \cong H_n(\prod A_\alpha) \quad \forall n.$$

Def

A chain complex  $B$  is called a subcomplex of  $C$  if each  $B_n$  is a submodule of  $C_n$  and the differential on  $B$  is the restriction of the differential on  $C$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  the inclusions  $i_n: B_n \hookrightarrow C_n$  constitute a chain map  $B \rightarrow C$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  In this case we can form the quotient complex  $C/B$  given by  $\dots \rightarrow C_n/B_n \xrightarrow{d} C_{n-1}/B_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} \dots$

← the kernels of the  $f_n$ .

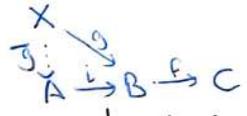
Ex

Given a chain map  $f: B \rightarrow C$ ,  $\{\ker(f_n)\}$  is a subcomplex of  $B$  denoted  $\ker(f)$  and  $\{\text{coker}(f_n)\}$  is a quotient complex of  $C$  denoted  $\text{coker}(f)$ .

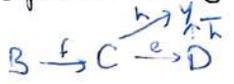
Def

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive category.

i) A kernel of a morphism  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is a map  $i: A \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $f \circ i = 0$  and for any morphism  $g: X \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $f \circ g = 0$ ,  $\exists!$  morphism  $\bar{g}: X \rightarrow A$  s.t.  $g = i \circ \bar{g}$ .



ii) A cokernel of  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is a map  $e: C \rightarrow D$  s.t.  $e \circ f = 0$  and for any morphism  $h: C \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $h \circ f = 0$ ,  $\exists!$  morphism  $\bar{h}: D \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $h = \bar{h} \circ e$ .



iii) A map  $i: A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is monic if  $i \circ g = 0 \Rightarrow g = 0 \quad \forall g: A' \rightarrow A$ .

iv) A map  $e: C \rightarrow D$  is an epi if  $h \circ e = 0 \Rightarrow h = 0 \quad \forall h: D \rightarrow D'$ .

Rmk Every kernel is monic & every cokernel is an epi.

Def An abelian category is an additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  s.t.

- a) every map in  $\mathcal{A}$  has a kernel & a cokernel
- b) every mono in  $\mathcal{A}$  is the kernel of its cokernel
- c) every epi in  $\mathcal{A}$  is the cokernel of its kernel.

Ex  $\text{Mod-}R$  is an abelian category.

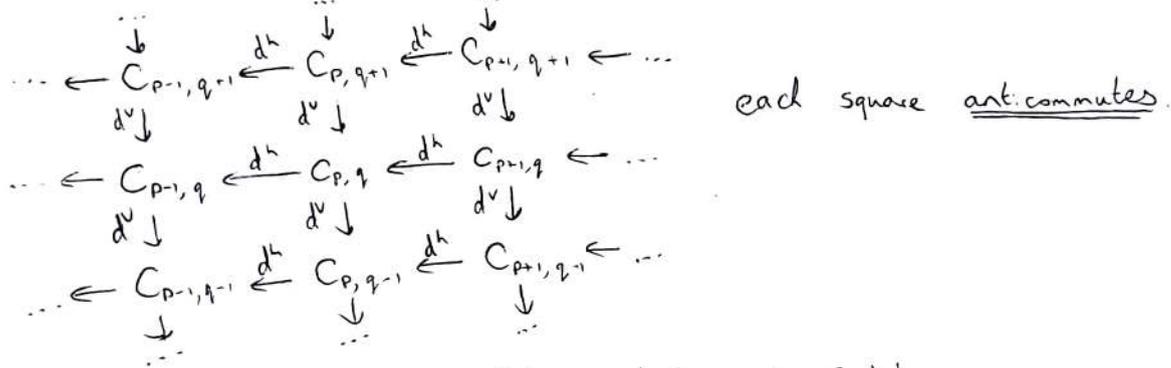
Rmk In an abelian category, the image  $\text{im}(f)$  of  $f: B \rightarrow C$  is the subobject  $\text{Ker}(\text{coker} f)$  of  $C$ .

Def A subcategory  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an abelian subcategory if it is abelian, and an exact sequence in  $\mathcal{B}$  is also exact in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ , we can form  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$  in the same way as  $\text{Ch}(\text{Mod-}R)$  and  $H_n: \text{Ch}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a functor.

Thm (1.2.3)  
 $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$  is an abelian category.

Def  
 A double complex (or bicomplex) in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a family  $\{C_{p,q}\}$  of objects of  $\mathcal{A}$ , together with maps  $d^h: C_{p,q} \rightarrow C_{p-1,q}$  and  $d^v: C_{p,q} \rightarrow C_{p,q-1}$  s.t.  
 $d^h \circ d^h = d^v \circ d^v = d^v d^h + d^h d^v = 0$ . Denote this by  $C$ .



We say a double complex is bounded if it has only finitely many nonzero terms along each diagonal line  $p+q=n$ .

Sign trick

The  $d^v$  are not maps in  $\text{Ch}$  (anticommutativity), but we can define chain maps  $f_{p,q}: C_{p,q} \rightarrow C_{p,q-1}$  by introducing  $\pm$  signs:  $f_{p,q} = (-1)^p d_{p,q}^v$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  We can identify the category of double complexes with  $\text{Ch}(\text{Ch})$ .

Def

Define the total complexes  $Tot(C) = Tot^\pi(C)$  and  $Tot^\oplus(C)$  by

$$Tot^\pi(C)_n = \prod_{p+q=n} C_{p,q} \quad \text{and} \quad Tot^\oplus(C)_n = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} C_{p,q}.$$

The formula  $d = d^h + d^v$  defines maps  $d: Tot^\pi(C)_n \rightarrow Tot^\pi(C)_{n-1}$  and  $d: Tot^\oplus(C)_n \rightarrow Tot^\oplus(C)_{n-1}$  s.t.  $d \circ d = 0$ , so these are chain complexes.

(Relevant to spectral sequences).

We say an abelian category is complete if  $Tot^\pi$  exists, and cocomplete if  $Tot^\oplus$  exists.

$\hookrightarrow Mod-R$  and  $Ch(Mod-R)$  are complete & cocomplete.

Translation:  $C[p]_n = C_{n+p}$ ,  $C[p]^n = C^{n-p}$ , with differential  $(-1)^p d$ .

$$\hookrightarrow H_n(C[p]) = H_{n+p}(C), \quad H^n(C[p]) = H^{n-p}(C).$$

$\hookrightarrow$  We can make translation a functor by defining  $f[p]_n = f_{n+p}$  (or  $f[p]^n = f^{n-p}$ ) for a chain map  $f: C \rightarrow D$ .

1.3 Long exact sequences

Thm 1.3.1

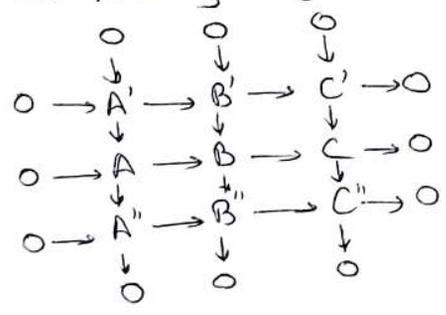
Let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$  be a ses of chain complexes. Then  $\exists$  natural maps  $\partial: H_n(C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A)$  (called connecting homomorphisms), s.t.  
 $\dots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_n(A) \xrightarrow{f} H_n(B) \xrightarrow{g} H_n(C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{f} \dots$  is an exact sequence.  
 (Similarly for cochain complexes).  $\partial \mapsto f_{n-1} \circ d_n \circ g_n^{-1}(\bar{z})$

Ex 1.3.1

Let  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  be a ses of complexes. Show that if 2 of the 3 complexes  $A, B, C$  are exact (i.e. exact at each  $A_n$  (for  $A_i$ )), then so is the third.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  i.e.  $im(d_i) = ker(d_{i-1}) \forall i$

3x3 lemma

Consider the following diagram in an abelian category such that every column is exact.



- Then
- i) if the bottom two rows are exact, so is the top row.
  - ii) if the top two rows are exact, so is the bottom row.
  - iii) if the top and bottom rows are exact and the composite  $A \rightarrow C$  is zero, the middle row is also exact.

Snake Lemma (Proof given in "It's my Turn", 1980)

Consider a commutative diagram of R-modules of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & A' & \rightarrow & B' & \rightarrow & C' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow h \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{i} & B & \xrightarrow{p} & C \end{array}$$

If the rows are exact then there is an exact sequence

$$\text{Ker}(f) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(g) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(h) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{coker}(f) \rightarrow \text{coker}(g) \rightarrow \text{coker}(h)$$

with  $\partial$  defined by  $\partial(c') = i^{-1}gp^{-1}(c')$  ( $c' \in \text{Ker}(h) \subseteq C'$ ).

Moreover, if  $A' \rightarrow B'$  is monic, then so is  $\text{Ker}(f) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(g)$ , and if  $B \rightarrow C$  is surjective, then so is  $\text{coker}(g) \rightarrow \text{coker}(h)$ .

Rmk

The snake lemma holds in any abelian category.

5-lemma

In any commutative diagram with exact rows in any abelian category, if  $a, b, d, e$  are isomorphisms, then  $c$  is also an isomorphism. More precisely, if  $b$  &  $d$  are monic &  $a$  is an epi, then  $c$  is monic and dually if  $b$  &  $d$  are epis and  $e$  is monic, then  $c$  is an epi.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} A' & \rightarrow & B' & \rightarrow & C' & \rightarrow & D' & \rightarrow & E' \\ \downarrow a & & \downarrow b & & \downarrow c & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow e \end{array}$$

Constructing  $\partial$

Consider the ses of chain complexes  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ . From the snake lemma and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z_n A & \rightarrow & Z_n B & \rightarrow & Z_n C \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A_n & \rightarrow & B_n & \rightarrow & C_n \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A_{n-1} & \rightarrow & B_{n-1} & \rightarrow & C_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \frac{A_{n-1}}{dA_n} & \rightarrow & \frac{B_{n-1}}{dB_n} & \rightarrow & \frac{C_{n-1}}{dC_n} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

We see that the rows are exact in the diagram

$$\frac{A_n}{dA_{n+1}} \rightarrow \frac{B_n}{dB_{n+1}} \rightarrow \frac{C_n}{dC_{n+1}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow Z_{n+1}(A) \xrightarrow{f} Z_{n+1}(B) \xrightarrow{g} Z_{n+1}(C)$$

$$\text{Ker}(d: \frac{A_n}{dA_{n+1}} \rightarrow Z_{n+1}(A)) = H_n(A) \text{ and } \text{coker}(d: \frac{A_n}{dA_{n+1}} \rightarrow Z_{n+1}(A)) = H_{n-1}(A).$$

Therefore the snake lemma gives us the exact sequence

$$H_n(A) \xrightarrow{f} H_n(B) \xrightarrow{g} H_n(C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(B) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(C)$$

## 1.4 Chain Homotopies

### Def

A complex  $C$  is called split if there are maps  $s_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$  s.t.  $d = dsd$ .

The  $s_n$  are called splitting maps.

If in addition  $H_n(C) = 0 \forall n$  (i.e.  $C$  is acyclic), then we say  $C$  is split exact.

### Def

Let  $f, g: C \rightarrow D$  be chain maps. We say  $f$  and  $g$  are chain homotopic if  $\exists$  maps  $s_n: C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$  s.t.  $f_n - g_n = s_{n-1}d_n + d_{n+1}s_n \forall n$ .

The  $\{s_n\}$  are called a chain homotopy from  $f$  to  $g$ .

We say  $f: C \rightarrow D$  is a chain homotopy equivalence if  $\exists g: D \rightarrow C$  s.t.  $gf$  and  $fg$  are chain homotopic to the identity.

### Lem

If  $f$  and  $g$  are chain homotopic then they induce the same maps  $H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$ .