

Lesson #1: Complexes of R-modules, Abelian Categories

① Complexes of R-modules

R = associative ring

mod-R = the category of right R-modules

R-mod = the category of left R-modules

Notation: A, B, C, D, ... ∈ mod-R.

f: A → B R-module homomorphism.

ker(f), Im(f), Coker(f)

Definition: A → B → C is called exact sequence if Im f = ker g.

Examples: (1) $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}^2 \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{Z}$ exact

(2) (1 2) •
a → (2a, -a) (1 2) (a, b) = a + 2b

(2) $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}^2 \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{Z}$ not-exact.

(4) (1 2)
a → (4a, -2a) → 4a - 4a = 0

But Im f ≠ ker g.

Definition: C_0 = ... → C_{n+1} $\xrightarrow{d_{n+1}^c}$ C_n $\xrightarrow{d_n^c}$ C_{n-1} $\xrightarrow{d_{n-1}^c}$... (notation)

A chain complex of R-modules C_n = {C_n}_{n ∈ ℤ} of R-modules and a fam {d_n^c} of ring hom ≠ n ∈ ℤ s.t. d_m^c ∘ d_{m+1}^c = 0

Notation: C = C.

d^c = d^c = {d_n^c}_{n ∈ ℤ}. d ∘ d = d^2 = 0.

differentials

① Any module can be viewed as a chain complex.

Examples: (2) G_• = ⊕_{n ∈ ℤ} G_n is a graded R-module, d = 0

⇒ (G_•, d_•) is a chain complex ... → G_{n+1}^0 → G_n^0 → G_{n-1}^0 → ...

Definition: u is called quasi-isomorphism (quism) if $H_*(u)$ is isom.

Remark: $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ quism $\iff C$ is acyclic

Example: $C_0 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow 0$ $\xrightarrow{1}$
 \downarrow
 $\xrightarrow{2}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C_0 & \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} & \mathbb{Z}_4 & \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} & \mathbb{Z}_4 & \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} & \mathbb{Z}_4 & \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} & \mathbb{Z}_4 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ D_0 & \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} & 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2 & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

is a quism.

Definition:

Cochain complex: $C^0 \quad C^n = C_{-n}$
 $d_c^n: C^n \rightarrow C^{n+1}, d^2 = 0$

Definition: The chain complex C is called:

- bounded if $C_n = 0 \quad \forall |n| \gg 0 \quad (\text{ampl}(C) < \infty) \in \text{Ch}_b$
- bounded above $C_n = 0 \quad \forall n \gg 0 \quad (\text{sup}(C) < \infty) \in \text{Ch}_-$
- bounded below $C_n = 0 \quad \forall n \ll 0 \quad (\text{inf}(C) > -\infty) \in \text{Ch}_+$

$\text{sup}(C) = \sup \{ n \mid C_n \neq 0 \}$

$\text{inf}(C) = \inf \{ n \mid C_n \neq 0 \}$

$\text{ampl}(C) = \text{sup}(C) - \text{inf}(C)$

$\text{Ch}_{\geq 0} = \{ C \mid C_n = 0 \quad \forall n < 0 \}$

Optional:

Definition The cochain complex C is called:

- bounded above if $C^n = 0 \quad \forall n \gg 0 \quad (\iff C \text{ bounded below})$
- bounded below if $C^n = 0 \quad \forall n \ll 0 \quad (\iff C \text{ bounded above})$

Definition:

A category \mathcal{A} is called Ab-category if

(1) $\text{Hom}(A, B)$ is an abelian group (+)

(2)
$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{g'} \end{matrix} C \xrightarrow{h} D$$

$$h(g+g')f = hg f + hg' f$$

Remark: $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, A)$ is an associative ring $\forall A \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \text{ is a ring}$.

Example: Ab is an Ab-category, $\text{mod-}R, \dots$

Lemma: Ch is an Ab-category.

$$\boxed{\text{mod-}R \mapsto \text{Ch}(\text{mod-}R)}$$

Proof: $\text{Obj}(\text{Ch}) = \{ C \mid \text{chain complexes of } R\text{-modules} \}$

$\text{Mor}(\text{Ch}) = \{ \text{Hom}_{\text{Ch}}(C, D) = \{ \alpha: C \rightarrow D \mid \alpha \text{ morphism} \} \}$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} f: C \rightarrow D \\ g: C \rightarrow D \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow f+g: C \rightarrow D$$

$$(f+g)_n(x) = f_n(x) + g_n(x)$$

$$0: C \rightarrow D$$

$$-f: C \rightarrow D$$

(1) and (2) are satisfied! ▣

Let \mathcal{C} be a category.

• $I \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ is called initial object if $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(I, C)$ has only one element $\forall C \in \mathcal{C}$.

• $T \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ is called terminal object if $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(C, T) \rightarrow \dots$

• zero object $0 \in \mathcal{C} = \text{terminal + initial obj.}$

Examples: $\nexists 0$ in Sets

$\exists 0$ in Ab, $R\text{-mod}$, $\text{mod-}R, \dots$

Definition: $A \times B$ is called direct product and satisfies:

$$\begin{matrix} C \xrightarrow{\alpha} A \times B \xrightarrow{\pi_2} B \\ \alpha \downarrow \pi_1 \downarrow \\ A \end{matrix}$$

direct sum:

$$\begin{matrix} A \xrightarrow{i_1} A \oplus B \xrightarrow{+d_1} C \\ \uparrow i_2 \uparrow +d_2 \\ B \end{matrix}$$

Let \mathcal{C} with 0 . Hom \mathcal{C} (B,C) $\exists B \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow C$

Definitions: $f: B \rightarrow C$

$? : A \rightarrow B$ is called kernel of f if it satisfies

$\ker(f)$ is unique up to isomorphism.

$p: C \rightarrow D$ is called cokernel of f if it satisfies

$\text{coker}(f)$ is unique up to isomorphism.

Let \mathcal{C} be any category

$$A \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f_1} \\ \xrightarrow{f_2} \end{matrix} B \rightarrow C$$

$$B \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{matrix} C \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{p_1} \\ \xrightarrow{p_2} \end{matrix} D$$

- (If \mathcal{C} is an Ab-category f monic $\Leftrightarrow f \circ 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0$)
- (If \mathcal{C} is an Ab-category f epi $\Leftrightarrow p \circ f = 0 \Rightarrow p = 0$)

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Exercise: Let \mathcal{C} be a category with 0 objd. then for $f: B \rightarrow C$

(1) $\ker(f)$ is monic.

(2) $\text{coker}(f)$ is epi.

Definition: \mathcal{C} category is called additive if

- (1) f is an Ab category
- (2) $0 \in \mathcal{C}$
- (3) $\exists A \times B$

Exercise $A \times B \cong A \oplus B$

Definition: A category \mathcal{C} is called abelian if

(1) \mathcal{C} is an additive category

(2) $f \in \text{Hom}(B,C) \exists \ker(f), \text{coker}(f)$

(3) $f \neq 0$ monic $\Rightarrow \ker(\text{coker}(f)) = \ker(f)$

$f \neq 0$ epi $\Rightarrow \text{coker}(\ker(f)) = \text{coker}(f)$

Exercise: If \mathcal{C} is an abelian category, $\ker = \text{monic}$, $\text{coker} = \text{epi}$.

Example: $\text{mod-}R \supset R\text{-mod}$.

Theorem: If \mathcal{C} is an abelian category, then $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{C})$ is an abelian category.

Exercise: f isomorphism $\Leftrightarrow f$ is monic and epi