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Exercise (not related to them.)

Let $M = (\dots \rightarrow M^i \xrightarrow{d} M^{i+1} \rightarrow \dots)$ be a complex of A -modules.

Show that M is an exact sequence iff

$H^i(M) = 0$ for all i . In this case M is called an acyclic complex.



Proof (of theorem) By "diagram chasing".

Step 1. Take a cohomology class $[n] \in H^i(N)$,
We have to find a suitable chain. class where $n \in Z^i(N)$.

$$d_s^i([n]) \in H^{i+1}(Z).$$

Since $\psi^i: M^i \rightarrow N^i$ is surj, there is $m \in M^i$ s.t.
 $\psi^i(m) = n$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} l & \longrightarrow & d(m) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \uparrow \pi & & \uparrow \pi & & \\ L^{i+1} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & M^{i+1} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & N^{i+1} \\ & & d \uparrow & & \uparrow d \\ & & M^i & \xrightarrow{\psi} & N^i \\ & & \downarrow \pi_m & & \downarrow \pi_n \end{array}$$

Now $\psi(d(m)) = d(\psi(m)) = d(n) = 0$,

so by exactness at M^{i+1} there is $l \in L^{i+1}$ s.t.
 $\psi(l) = d(m)$.

Next,

$$\psi(d(l)) = d(\psi(d(m))) =$$

$$\psi((d \circ d)(m)) = 0. \text{ Since } \psi \text{ is } \hookrightarrow,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} d(l) & L^{i+2} & \hookrightarrow & M^{i+2} & 0 \\ \uparrow d & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ l & L^{i+1} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & M^{i+1} & \\ & & & & \downarrow d(m) \end{array}$$

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conclude that $d(l) = 0$. So $l \in Z^{i+1}(L)$.

We define

$$\gamma([n]) := [l] \in H^{i+1}(L).$$

Step 2. Here we prove independence of choices.

We compare the process $n \rightsquigarrow m \rightsquigarrow l$ above,

to an alternative proc $n' \rightsquigarrow m' \rightsquigarrow l'$,

where $n' \in Z^i(N)$, $[n'] = [n]$, $\psi(m') = n$, $\psi(l') = d(m)$.

We must show that $[l'] = [l]$.

Since $[n'] = [n]$, there's $z \in N^{i-1}$ s.t.
 $n' - n = d(z)$. Choose $y \in M^{i-1}$ s.t. $\psi(y) = z$,

and consider $z := m' - m - d(y) \in M^i$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(z) &= \psi(m') - \psi(m) - \psi(d(y)) = n' - n - d(\psi(y)) = \\ &= n' - n - d(z) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

By exact $\exists x \in L^i$ s.t. $\psi(x) = z$.

Now

$$\psi(l' - l - d(x)) = d(m') - d(m) - \underbrace{\psi(d(x))}_{d(\psi(x))} = 0.$$

Since ψ is inj, \Rightarrow

$$l' - l = d(x).$$

thus $[l'] = [l]$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \overset{\text{d}(\psi(x))}{\Rightarrow} \\ \text{d}(z) \\ \overset{\text{d}(m') - \text{d}(m)}{\Rightarrow} \end{array}$$

Step 3 ∂^i_S is A-linear

Exercise. \Downarrow

Step 4. Now we prove exactness at $H^i(N)$

$$H^i(M) \xrightarrow{H^i(\varphi)} H^i(N) \xrightarrow{\delta^i} H^{i+1}(L)$$

Take $[n] \in H^i(N)$. Assume $[n] = H^i(\varphi)([m])$ for some $m \in Z^i(M)$. Then $d(m) = 0$, and $\ell = 0$ in $Z^{i+1}(L)$ lifts $d(m)$. Thus

$$\delta^i([n]) = [0] = 0.$$

Conversely, say $\delta^i([n]) = 0$. This means that in the process of construction $n \rightsquigarrow m \rightsquigarrow \ell$, we have $\ell \in B^{i+1}(L)$. Thus $\ell = d(x)$ for some $x \in L^i$. Now

$$d(m) = \varphi(\ell) = \varphi(d(x)) = d(\varphi(x)).$$

$$\text{Let } y := m - \varphi(x) \in M^i.$$

Then

$$d(y) = d(m) - d(\varphi(x)) = 0,$$

so $y \in Z^i(M)$. And

$$\varphi(y) = \underbrace{\varphi(m)}_{= \ell} - \underbrace{\varphi(\varphi(x))}_{= 0} = n, \quad \text{so}$$

$$H^i(\varphi)([y]) = [\varphi(y)] = [n].$$

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Step 5. Exactness at $H^i(M)$.

$$H^i(L) \xrightarrow{H^i(\varphi)} H^i(M) \xrightarrow{H^i(\psi)} H^i(N)$$

Since $\psi \circ \varphi = 0$ and H^i is an additive functor, we get $H^i(\psi) \circ H^i(\varphi) = 0$.

Now let $m \in H^i(M)$ be s.t. $H^i(\psi)(m) = 0$.

So $\psi(m) = d(z)$ for some $z \in N^{i-1}$.

Let $y \in M^{i-1}$ be s.t. $\psi(y) = z$.

So $\psi(d(y)) = d(\psi(y)) = d(z) = \psi(m)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 l & & m - d(y) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 L^i & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & M^i & \xrightarrow{\psi} & N^i \ni \psi(m) \\
 & \uparrow d & \uparrow d & & \uparrow \\
 & M^{i-1} & \xrightarrow{\psi} & N^{i-1} & \ni z \\
 & \downarrow y & & &
 \end{array}$$

We get $\psi(m - d(y)) = 0$, so

$\exists l \in L^i$ s.t. $\varphi(l) = m - d(y)$.



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Now

$$\varphi(d(l)) = d(\varphi(l)) = d(m - d(y))$$

$$= d(m) - d(d(y)) = 0 - 0 = 0.$$

Since φ is inj. $\Rightarrow d(l) = 0$; so
 $l \in \mathbb{Z}^i(L)$. And

$$H^i(\varphi)([l]) = [\varphi(l)] = [m - d(y)] = [m].$$

Step 6. Exactness at $H^i(L)$.

Exercise. (Similar to step 4)

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Step 7. Functoriality. Given comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & L & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & M & \xrightarrow{\psi} & N \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ 0 & \rightarrow & L_+ & \xrightarrow{\varphi_+} & M_+ & \xrightarrow{\psi_+} & N_+ \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{matrix} \cong \\ \cong_+ \end{matrix}$$

in $\mathbb{C}(\text{Mod } A)$, rows ex. seq. Take $[n] \in H^i(N)$.



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Must prove

$$(H^{i+1}(\varphi) \circ \partial_{\leq}^i)([n]) = (\partial_{\leq}^i \circ H^i(\varphi))([n]).$$

Say $n \rightsquigarrow m \rightsquigarrow l$ is a choice process for $\partial_{\leq}^i([n])$. So $\psi(m) = n$ and $\psi(l) = \alpha(m)$.

Let $n_f := \gamma(n) \in N_f^i$, $m_f := \beta(m)$ and $l_f := \alpha(l)$.

Then $d(n_f) = d(\gamma(n)) = \gamma(d(n)) = \emptyset$, so $n_f \in \mathbb{Z}^i(N_f)$

and $\boxed{H^i(\varphi)([n]) = [n_f]}$. Now

$$\psi_f(m_f) = \psi_f(\gamma(m)) = \gamma(\psi(m)) = \gamma(n) = n_f$$

$$\text{and } \psi_f(l_f) = \psi_f(\alpha(l)) = \beta(\psi(l))$$

$$= \beta(m) = m_f.$$

We see that

$n \rightsquigarrow m \rightsquigarrow l$ is a choice proc. for $\boxed{\partial_{\leq}^i([n_f]) = [l_f]}$.

Finally

$$\boxed{H^{i+1}(\varphi)([l]) = [\psi(l)] = [l_f].}$$

We get

$$H^{i+1}(\varphi)(\partial_{\leq}^i([n])) = H^{i+1}(\varphi)([l_f])$$

$$= [l_f] = \partial_{\leq}^i([n_f]) = \partial_{\leq}^i(H^i(\varphi)([n])).$$

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