

# §5 Consequences of the additivity theorem II

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Quillen's theorem A: Let  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a functor. If  $B(\gamma, f) \simeq *$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then  $Bf: B\mathcal{C} \rightarrow B\mathcal{D}$  is a homotopy equivalence.

Thm: | Resolution theorem | Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be an exact category with  $\mathcal{C}$  a full exact subcategory, s.t.  $\mathcal{C}$  is closed under exact sequences, extensions and cokernels. Assume that for any  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  there exists an exact sequence

$$D \rightarrow C \rightarrow C' \quad \text{called the resolution}$$

with  $C, C' \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$K(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow K(\mathcal{D})$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

pf: We will show that  $|s\mathcal{C}[j]| \rightarrow |s\mathcal{D}[j]|$  is a homotopy equivalence. From last time we know that

$$|s\mathcal{C}[j]| \rightarrow |s\mathcal{D}[j]| \rightarrow |s(S(C \rightarrow 0))[j][j]|$$

is a homotopy fiber sequence, hence sufficient to show that  $|s(S(C \rightarrow 0))[j][j]|$  is contractible.

$$|s(S(C \rightarrow 0))[j][j]| \simeq ([n] \mapsto |s(S\mathcal{C}[n] \rightarrow s\mathcal{D}[n])[j]|)$$

By 6.14 we know it suffices to show that for any  $n \geq 0$   $|s(S\mathcal{C}[n] \rightarrow s\mathcal{D}[n])[j]|$  is contractible.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} D_0 & \rightarrow & D_1 & \rightarrow & D_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_0 & \rightarrow & C_1 & \rightarrow & C_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_0' & \rightarrow & C_1' & \rightarrow & C_2' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D_0 \twoheadrightarrow D_1 & & \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 C_0 \twoheadrightarrow P & & 
 \end{array}
 \rightsquigarrow \text{exact sequence } P \twoheadrightarrow C_1 \twoheadrightarrow \bar{C}$$

Using that  $\mathcal{C}$  is extension closed we get that  $P \in \mathcal{C}$ . Moreover, we have another pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D \twoheadrightarrow C_1 & & \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\
 C_0' \twoheadrightarrow C_1/D_e & & 
 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 D \twoheadrightarrow C_1 & \twoheadrightarrow & \bar{C} & & \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow & & \\
 C_0' \twoheadrightarrow C_1/D_e & \twoheadrightarrow & \bar{C} & \text{SES} & \\
 & & \mathcal{C} & & 
 \end{array}$$

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$\text{SES}$ ,  $\text{SD}(\mathcal{C})$  satisfies the same condition as  $\mathcal{C}$ .

claim:  $\text{Is}(\mathcal{C} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{D})[-] \simeq *$

$$\text{Is}(\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D})[\omega] = \left\{ (C, D, \alpha) \mid C \in \text{SE}(\mathcal{C}), D \in \text{SD}(\mathcal{C}), \alpha: C \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi D \right\}$$

$$(D_{0_1} \twoheadrightarrow D_{0_2} \twoheadrightarrow \dots \twoheadrightarrow D_{0_n}) \in \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{D}^{(n)})[\omega].$$

s.t.  $D_{0_j}/D_{0_i} \in \mathcal{C} \quad \forall 1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . By theorem A we then

get

$$\text{Is}(\mathcal{C} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D}^{(n)})$$

$$\exists: \mathcal{C}^{(n)} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}^{(n)}$$

$\mathcal{C}^{(n)}$  has an initial object  $\simeq \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C}^{(n)}) \simeq *$ , so

sufficient to prove that

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{D}) \simeq \forall d \in \mathcal{D}^{(n)} \mathcal{C}$$

$\mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow C_0 \twoheadrightarrow C_0'$  SES, and  $(C_0, \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow C_0) \in \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}]$ .

By taking iterated pushout, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow C_0 \twoheadrightarrow C_0' & & C_0 \twoheadrightarrow C_0 \\ \downarrow & \searrow \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ C \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P} \twoheadrightarrow C_0' & & \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{D}/\mathcal{P} \end{array}$$

$\beta \nearrow$

s.t.  $C_0 \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P}/\mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P}/C_0$  SES

$$(C, \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow C) \xrightarrow{\text{identity factor}} (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P}) \leftarrow (C_0, \mathcal{D} \twoheadrightarrow C_0)$$

$$\sim |B(\mathcal{D}[\mathcal{A}])| \cong *$$

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Thm: Devissage Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an abelian category and

assume  $\mathcal{A}$  is a full subcategory closed in  $\mathcal{B}$  under direct sum, subobjects and quotient objects <sup>i.e.  $\mathcal{A}$  abelian subcat</sup>. If every object  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  has a finite filtration

$$0 = B_{-1} \twoheadrightarrow B_0 \twoheadrightarrow \dots \twoheadrightarrow B_p = B$$

with  $B_i/B_{i-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$K(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\sim} K(\mathcal{B})$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

Pf: As before it is sufficient to prove that

$$|s(S\mathcal{A}[n] \rightarrow S\mathcal{B}[n])[E]| \cong * \quad \forall n.$$

Delicate issue/difference from before, is that  $S\mathcal{A}[n], S\mathcal{B}[n]$  are no longer abelian, so have to analyze the properties of the functor  $S\mathcal{A}[n] \rightarrow S\mathcal{B}[n]$ . With

$$T\mathcal{B}[n] := \{c_1 \xrightarrow{c_1^B} \dots \twoheadrightarrow c_n^B\}$$

This can be shown to be equivalent to  $S\mathcal{B}[n]$ . More precisely,

an object of  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{C}[n]$  is a string of monomorphisms

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_n$$

with morphisms given by usual commutative diagrams

↳ without further assumptions. The equivalence sends any  $D \in \mathcal{S}\mathcal{C}[n]$  to the top row

$$D_{01} \rightarrow D_{02} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D_{0n}$$

Under this equivalence admissible monomorphisms in  $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{C}[n]$  corresponds to commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} C_1 & \rightarrow & C_2 & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & C_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ D_1 & \rightarrow & D_2 & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & D_n \end{array}$$

s.t.

$$D_i \oplus_{C_i} C_{i+1} \rightarrow D_{i+1}$$

are admissible monomorphisms for any  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Claim:  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{A}[n]$  has all kernels and cokernels, and they are all admissible.

Claim: For any commutative diagram in  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{B}[n]$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{a} & B & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{coker}(a) \\ \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow g \\ X' & \xrightarrow{a'} & B & \xrightarrow{f'} & \text{coker}(a') \end{array}$$

The map  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{A}[n] \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\mathcal{B}[n]$  is so called regular

s.t.  $X/X' \in \mathcal{F}\mathcal{A}[n]$ , then  $\ker(f')/\ker(f) \in \mathcal{F}\mathcal{A}[n]$ .

Now, given  $B_0 \rightarrow B_1 \in \mathcal{F}\mathcal{B}[n]$ , filter  $B_1$  as

$$0 = B_{-1,1} \rightarrow B_{0,1} \rightarrow B_{1,2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_{p,1} = B_1$$

w.  $B_{i,1}/B_{i-1,1} \in \mathcal{A}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq p$ . By taking iterative pullback we get a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 = B_{-1,0} & \rightarrow & B_{1,0} & \rightarrow & B_{2,0} & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow B_{p,0} = B_0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \dots \downarrow \\
0 = B_{-1,1} & \rightarrow & B_{1,1} & \rightarrow & B_{2,1} & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow B_{p,1} = B_1
\end{array}$$

It can be shown that this is a filtration of  $B_0 \rightarrow B_1$  by admissible monomorphisms with  $B_{i,0}/B_{i-1,0} \rightarrow B_{i,1}/B_{i-1,1}$  is a monomorphism for  $0 \leq i \leq p$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under subobjects and  $B_{i,1}/B_{i-1,1} \in \mathcal{A}$  we see that  $B_{i,0}/B_{i-1,0} \in \mathcal{A}$ . The result now follows from 9.22.  $\square$

Lemma 9.22. Assume  $\mathcal{B}$  is an exact category with all admissible kernels and cokernels. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a full exact subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$  which is closed under direct sums, subobjects and quotient objects. Suppose that the inclusion  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is regular. If every object  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  has a finite filtration

$$0 = C_0 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_n = B$$

w.  $C_i/C_{i-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$|s(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B})[-]| \simeq *$$