

# Algebra

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## §7. Homological Algebra

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(Last time: We did Hilbert, Serre, applied  $p$ -adic filtration,

$R$  commutative with a  $1$ , but most of time doesn't need to be.

(just be careful with tensor products in non-commutative)

We've already seen that if we apply  $N \otimes_R -$  to a short exact sequence, it may not remain exact (1.26) defined flat modules  $N$  to be those where exactness is preserved for all short exact sequences.

We also consider  $\text{Hom}_R(N, -)$  and  $\text{Hom}_R(-, N)$

If  $0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow 0$  is exact we get  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, M_1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, M_2) \rightarrow 0$

and:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M_2, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M_1, N) \rightarrow 0$ .

but these need not be exact. We do have exactness at left and middle terms, but not necessarily on right.

e.g. If  $N = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $R = \mathbb{Z}$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

We get non-exactness.

(7.1) Def<sup>n</sup>: A module  $P$  is projective if for any map  $\phi: P \rightarrow M_2$ , then there is a map  $P \rightarrow M_1$  which composes with  $M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  to give  $\phi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow \phi \\ M_1 & \longrightarrow & M_2 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

equivalently,  $\text{Hom}(P, -)$  preserves exactness of short exact sequences.

(7.2) Def<sup>n</sup>: A module  $E$  is injective if  $\text{Hom}(-, E)$  preserves exactness of short exact sequences

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & M_1 \longrightarrow M_2 \\ & & \downarrow \psi \\ & & E \end{array}$$

Examples:  
① Free modules are projective.  
② the fraction field of an integral domain  $R$  is an injective  $R$ -module.

(7.3) Lemma: For an  $R$ -module  $P$ , the following are equivalent:

- ①  $P$  is projective.
- ②  $\text{Hom}(P, -)$  preserves exactness of short exact sequences.

③ If  $\epsilon: M \rightarrow P$  is surjective, then there exists  $\beta: P \rightarrow M$  with  $\epsilon\beta = \text{identity}$ .

④  $P$  is a direct summand of every module of which it is a quotient.

⑤  $P$  is a direct summand of a free module.

Proof: ①  $\Rightarrow$  ②  $\checkmark$

②  $\Rightarrow$  ③

We have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker \epsilon \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\epsilon} P \rightarrow 0$$

Then:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, \ker \epsilon) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, M) \rightarrow$

$\text{Hom}(P, P) \rightarrow 0$  is exact and so

$\exists \beta: P \rightarrow M$  such that  $\epsilon\beta = \text{id}$ .

③  $\Rightarrow$  ④:

$P = M/M_1$  and so we have

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M \rightarrow P \rightarrow 0 \text{ exact .}$$

Apply ③:  $\exists \beta: P \rightarrow M$  such that  $\epsilon\beta = \text{id}$ .

Therefore  $P$  is a direct summand of  $M$ .

④  $\Rightarrow$  ⑤:

Given  $P$ , we can define a free module on  $e_{x_\lambda}$  where  $\{x_\lambda\}$  is a generating set of  $P$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \longrightarrow & P \\ e_{x_\lambda} & \longmapsto & x_\lambda \end{array} \text{ gives } R\text{-module map.}$$

Apply ④ to see that  $P$  is a direct summand of  $F$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}: \quad \text{By } \textcircled{5} \quad F = P \oplus Q$$

free

free modules are projective and  $\text{Hom}$  behaves well w.r.t. direct summands and so  $P$  is projective.

### Remarks:

- ① Given a PID, every f.g. projective is free (using structure theorem of f.g. modules over PIDs)
- ② There is a similar result giving equivalent statements for injective modules (ex. sheet)
- ③ Projective modules, being direct summands of free modules, are flat.

(7.4) Def<sup>n</sup>: A projective presentation of  $M$  is a short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

with  $P$  projective. It is a free presentation if  $P$  is free.

Remark: The proof  $\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow \textcircled{5}$  shows how to produce a free presentation of a module.

(7.5) (Def<sup>n</sup>) Given a projective presentation of  $M$ ,

(i) Apply  $N \otimes -$  to get:

$$N \otimes K \longrightarrow N \otimes P \longrightarrow N \otimes M \longrightarrow 0.$$

$$\text{Define } \text{Tor}^R(N, M) = \ker(N \otimes K \longrightarrow N \otimes P)$$

(Note, we don't necessarily have  $\ker \rightarrow 0$ , this recording what the kernel is through Tor.)

(ii) Apply  $\text{Hom}_R(-, N)$  to get:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(M, N) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(P, N) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(K, N).$$

$$\text{Define: } \text{Ext}_R(M, N) = \text{coker}(\text{Hom}(P, N) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(K, N)).$$

Thus, if ①  $N$  is flat,  $\text{Tor}^R(N, M) = 0 \quad \forall M$ .

②  $E$  is injective  $\text{Ext}_R(M, E) = 0 \quad \forall M$ .

③ If  $P$  is projective, then,  
 $\text{Ext}_R(P, N) = 0 \quad \forall N$ .

(If we have a projective presentation of  $P$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad 0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow P' \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow 0$$

But from (7.3), we know  $P$  is a direct summand of  $P'$ , and so if we apply  $\text{Hom}(-, N)$  to  $\textcircled{*}$  we still have a short exact sequence and so we get  $\text{Ext}_R(P, N) = 0$ .

Remark: ① Tor and Ext are independent of choice of projective presentation. (ex sheet)

Now  $\text{Tor}^R$  superscript  $R$  (to generate  $\text{Tor}_i^R$ )  
 $\text{Ext}_R$  subscript  $R$  (to generate  $\text{Ext}_R^i$ )

② One may take a projective presentation of  $N$  and apply  $-\otimes_R M$  to it. The analogous kernel is ~~is~~ isomorphic to  $\text{Tor}(N, M)$

③ Similarly, we could have taken a short exact sequence:  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow E \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$   
injective

and consider  $\text{coker}(\text{Hom}(M, E) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, L))$ .

This is isomorphic to  $\text{Ext}(M, N)$

[can check these in our time, get same abelian groups by different approaches]

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -module

has a free presentation:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times 2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

Apply:  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \otimes -$

$$\text{Tor}^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = \text{Ker} \left( \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z} \right)$$

induced by  
mult. by 2

zero map

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$



Now, let's apply  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(-, N)$  for <sup>any</sup>  $N$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, N) = \text{coker}(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, N))$$

induced by  
mult. by 2.

$$= \text{coker}(N \xrightarrow{\text{mult. by 2}} N)$$

$$= N/2N$$

