

Week 6

Chain complexes of R -modules

A chain complex C_\bullet of R -modules is a family $\{C_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of R -modules, together with maps $d = d_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$ such that $d \circ d = 0$.

- d_n are called differentials
 - $Z_n = \ker d_n$ the n -cycles
 - $B_n = \operatorname{im} d_{n+1}$ the n -boundaries
 - $H_n(C_\bullet) = Z_n / B_n$ the n -th homology module of C_\bullet
- A morphism of chain complexes $f: C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$ is a family of maps $\{f_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $f_i: C_i \rightarrow D_i$ and $d f_i = f_{i-1} d$.
 - This forms the category of R -module complexes, $\operatorname{Ch}(\operatorname{mod}-R)$.

Question 1:

C_\bullet has basis $(v_1, v_2 - v_1, v_3 - v_1, \dots, v_n - v_1)$.

Now, since T connected, there exists a path from v_i to v_1 , say by edges e_{i1}, \dots, e_{ip} .

$$\text{Then } d(e_{i1} + \dots + e_{ip}) = v_i - v_1$$

Now, suppose we have $d(e_i) = v_k - v_j$.

If $v_k = v_1$, then $v_k - v_j = -(v_j - v_1)$.

If $v_k \neq v_1$, then $v_k - v_j = v_k - v_1 - (v_j - v_1)$.

Hence, it follows that $d(\sum r_i e_i) = \sum_{j=2}^n r'_j (v_j - v_1)$

Hence $\text{Im } d = \text{span}(v_2 - v_1, \dots, v_n - v_1)$. Hence it

follows that $H_0(C_\bullet) = Rv_1$ is free of rank 1.

Now, consider $R = \mathbb{Z}$. Hence $\ker d$ is free of rank $m - n + 1$ and so the general case follows. □

Snake lemmas if we have exact rows:

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

then exist long exact sequence:

$$\ker f \rightarrow \ker g \rightarrow \ker h \rightarrow \text{coker } f \rightarrow \text{coker } g \rightarrow \text{coker } h$$

Question 2

we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A_n/B_n(A_\bullet) & \rightarrow & B_n/B_n(B_\bullet) & \rightarrow & C_n/B_n(C_\bullet) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ d \downarrow & & d \downarrow & & d \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z_{n-1}(A_\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z_{n-1}(B_\bullet) & \rightarrow & Z_{n-1}(C_\bullet) \end{array}$$

if the rows are exact, then snake lemma gives us

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_n(A_\bullet) & \rightarrow & H_n(B_\bullet) & \rightarrow & H_n(C_\bullet) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(A_\bullet) \\ \searrow & & & & & & \searrow \\ & & H_{n-1}(B_\bullet) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(C_\bullet) & & \end{array}$$

which is what we want. we can show the rows are exact via snake lemma.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A_n & \rightarrow & B_n & \rightarrow & C_n \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow d & & \downarrow d \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A_{n-1} & \rightarrow & B_{n-1} & \rightarrow & C_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

gives $0 \rightarrow Z_n(A_\bullet) \rightarrow Z_n(B_\bullet) \rightarrow Z_n(C_\bullet) \rightarrow$

exact. $\rightarrow A_{n-1}/B_{n-1}(A_\bullet) \rightarrow B_{n-1}/B_{n-1}(B_\bullet) \rightarrow C_{n-1}/B_{n-1}(C_\bullet) \rightarrow 0$

Tor functors.

- For R -module M , a free resolution is an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow R^{\oplus s_2} \rightarrow R^{\oplus s_1} \rightarrow R^{\oplus s_0} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

throw M away, and tensor with R -module N .
to obtain chain complex $M_\bullet \otimes_R N$:

$$\dots \rightarrow N^{\oplus s_2} \rightarrow N^{\oplus s_1} \rightarrow N^{\oplus s_0} \rightarrow 0.$$

(tensor's commute with colimits as left adjoints)

$$\text{define } \text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) := H_i(M_\bullet \otimes_R N)$$

- this doesn't depend on choice of free resolution.

Question 3:

we have $N^{\oplus s_2} \rightarrow N^{\oplus s_1} \rightarrow M \otimes_R N \rightarrow 0$ exact

since $- \otimes_R N$ is right exact.

$$\text{Hence } \text{Tor}_0^R(M, N) = M \otimes_R N.$$

Q4.

Essentially, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & R^{\oplus s'} & \rightarrow & R^{\oplus s} & \rightarrow & R^{\oplus s''} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & M' & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & M'' \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

after apply $- \otimes N$, the rows of the resolution stay exact since free modules are projective. This gives us a SES

$$0 \rightarrow N^{\oplus s'} \rightarrow N^{\oplus s} \rightarrow N^{\oplus s''} \rightarrow 0$$

and the corresponding LES in homology is what we want.

Question 5.

submodules of a free module are free over a PID

Hence we have a resolution

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\oplus i} \rightarrow R^{\oplus j} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

and the result follows

Question 6

$$0 \rightarrow (r) \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/(r) \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{as } R\text{-modules})$$

gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_1^R(R, N) &\rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/(r), N) \rightarrow (r) \otimes_R N \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow R \otimes_R N \rightarrow R/(r) \otimes_R N \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note, $\text{Tor}_1^R(R, N) = 0$, and so $\text{Tor}_1^R(R/(r), N)$

is isomorphic to $\ker((r) \otimes_R N \rightarrow R \otimes_R N)$ which

is exactly the r -torsion of n . □