

Homological algebra (Oxford, fall 2017)

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Problem sheet 3: (hand in Monday Nov. 13th at noon, or Monday Nov. 20th at noon)

Exercise 1. Let \mathbf{Ab}_{fin} denote the category of finite abelian groups.

▷ Prove that the only projective object of \mathbf{Ab}_{fin} is the zero group.

▷ Prove that the only injective object of \mathbf{Ab}_{fin} is the zero group.

Exercise 2. Let $R := \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, and let $M \subset R$ be the ideal generated by $1 + \sqrt{-5}$ and $1 - \sqrt{-5}$. Prove that the map $R \oplus R \rightarrow M \oplus M$ given by $(1, 0) \mapsto (1 + \sqrt{-5}, 2)$ and $(0, 1) \mapsto (2, 1 - \sqrt{-5})$ is an isomorphism. Deduce that M is a projective R -module.

Exercise 3. Prove that $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is an injective $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ -module. (without using the Baer's criterion)

Exercise 4. An abelian group A is called *divisible* if $\forall a \in A$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists b \in A$ such that $nb = a$. Prove that every divisible abelian group is an injective \mathbb{Z} -module. (without using the Baer's criterion)

Exercise 5. Let $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $a|n$ and $b|n$.

Let $P_{\bullet} = (P_0 \leftarrow P_1 \leftarrow P_2 \leftarrow \dots)$ be a projective resolution of \mathbb{Z}/a as a \mathbb{Z}/n -module. Compute the homology of $P_{\bullet}/b := (P_0/bP_0 \leftarrow P_1/bP_1 \leftarrow P_2/bP_2 \leftarrow \dots)$. Prove that the answer is independent of the choice of projective resolution P_{\bullet} .

Exercise 6. Let $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $a|n$ and $b|n$.

Let $P_{\bullet} = (P_0 \leftarrow P_1 \leftarrow P_2 \leftarrow \dots)$ be a projective resolution of \mathbb{Z}/a as a \mathbb{Z}/n -module. Compute the cohomology of $\text{Hom}(P_{\bullet}, \mathbb{Z}/b\mathbb{Z}) := [\text{Hom}(P_0, \mathbb{Z}/b) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P_1, \mathbb{Z}/b) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P_2, \mathbb{Z}/b) \rightarrow \dots]$. Prove that the answer is independent of the choice of projective resolution P_{\bullet} .

Exercise 7. Let $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $a|n$ and $b|n$.

Let $I^{\bullet} = (I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow I^2 \rightarrow \dots)$ be an injective resolution of \mathbb{Z}/b as a \mathbb{Z}/n -module. Compute the cohomology of $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z}, I^{\bullet}\mathbb{Z}) := [\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/a, I^0) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/a, I^1) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/a, I^2) \rightarrow \dots]$. Prove that the answer is independent of the choice of injective resolution I^{\bullet} .

Exercise 8. Let $P_{\bullet} \rightarrow M$ be a projective resolution, let $Q_{\bullet} \rightarrow N$ be a projective resolution, and let $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow E \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence.

Show that there exists a projective resolution $S_{\bullet} \rightarrow E$ that fits into a short exact sequence of augmented chain complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & P_2 & \longrightarrow & P_1 & \longrightarrow & P_0 & \longrightarrow & M \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & S_2 & \longrightarrow & S_1 & \longrightarrow & S_0 & \longrightarrow & E \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & Q_2 & \longrightarrow & Q_1 & \longrightarrow & Q_0 & \longrightarrow & N \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Hint: Set $S_n := P_n \oplus Q_n$.