

Ch. 5 Cohomology

§41 The Hom Functor

Def Let A and B be abelian groups.

Let $\text{Hom}(A, B) =$ all homomorphisms from A to B .

It becomes an abelian gp itself using the addition operation in B : (If $f, g \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$, define $(f+g)(a) = f(a) + g(a)$.)

Ex $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \cong G$: $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ is determined by $f(1) \in G$.

$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$: Let $f: \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. ~~It is zero.~~

If $f(1) = n \neq 0$, then $f(1+1+1) = 3n \neq 0$, but $1+1+1 = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$. Thus $f(1) = 0$.

$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$: Let $f: \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$. Where could $f(1)$ go? It can only go to 0, 2 or 4.

Q: Later we will find a general rule for $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})$.

Def Let G, A and B be abelian gps. Let $f \in \text{Hom}(A, B)$.
Define

$$\tilde{f}: \text{Hom}(B, G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, G)$$

by

$$\tilde{f}(\phi) = \phi \circ f.$$

$\tilde{f}$ is the dual hom. of f (wrt G)

Notice: $\tilde{f} \in \text{Hom}(\text{Hom}(B, G), \text{Hom}(A, G))$.

Reversing arrows:

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$$\text{Hom}(A, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{f}} \text{Hom}(B, G)$$

For a given G the mapping $(A, f) \rightarrow (\text{Hom}(A, G), \tilde{f})$
determines a contravariant functor. See §28, pg 158.

41.1 Fun Facts

- (a) If f is an iso., so is $\tilde{f}$.
- (b) If f is the zero hom., so is $\tilde{f}$.
- (c) If f is onto, then $\tilde{f}$ is one-to-one.

We will prove (c).

Proof of (c)

Suppose $f: A \rightarrow B$ is onto. Let $\phi, \psi \in \text{Hom}(B, G)$.

Suppose $\tilde{f}(\phi) = \tilde{f}(\psi)$ in $\text{Hom}(A, G)$.

That is, $\forall a \in A$ we have

$$\tilde{f}(\phi)(a) = \tilde{f}(\psi)(a)$$

$$\text{or } \phi \circ f(a) = \psi \circ f(a).$$

Let $b \in B$. $\exists a' \in A$ s.t. $f(a') = b$, since f is onto.

Then

$$\tilde{f}(\phi)(a') = \phi \circ f(a') = \phi(b).$$

$$\text{and } \tilde{f}(\psi)(a') = \psi \circ f(a') = \psi(b).$$

Since $\tilde{f}(\phi)(a') = \tilde{f}(\psi)(a')$ we have $\phi(b) = \psi(b)$.

This holds $\forall b \in B$, thus $\phi = \psi$ and $\tilde{f}$ is one-to-one.

Another way to express this is to say

if $A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow 0$ is exact

then $\text{Hom}(A, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{f}} \text{Hom}(B, G) \leftarrow 0$ is exact.

We can extend this idea.

41.2 If $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$ is exact, then the dual seq

$$\text{Hom}(A, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{f}} \text{Hom}(B, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{g}} \text{Hom}(C, G) \leftarrow 0$$

is exact. Also, if f is 1-to-1 and the first seq splits, the $\tilde{f}$ is onto and the dual seq splits.

Pf See textbook. [Review pf of 23.1(2), pg 131-2 first.]

Note It is not true in general that $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ exact implies the dual seq is exact. See Example on pg 24d after the proof of 41.2. See Exercise 4 for when the dual seq is exact (G is a division alg.). See §52 for how the Ext functor "measures" ~~the~~ how far from being exact the dual seq. is.

Def Given $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(A, A')$, $\beta \in \text{Hom}(A', G')$ define

$$\text{Hom}(\alpha, \beta): \text{Hom}(A', G') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, G) \text{ by}$$

Sending $(\phi: A' \rightarrow G') \mapsto (\beta \circ \phi' \circ \alpha): A \rightarrow G$.

Now Hom can be considered as a functor not just in the first variable but in both! see textbook.

Thm 4.13 (a) $\text{Hom}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i, G) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \text{Hom}(A_i, G)$

(b) $\text{Hom}(A, \bigoplus_{i=1}^n G_i) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \text{Hom}(A, G_i)$

(c) $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, G) \cong \ker(G \xrightarrow{xm} G)$

Note: Book's version of this thm is more general.

Pf of (c) The sequence $(m > 0)$ $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{xm} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{mod } m} \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Thus,

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{x}m} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \xleftarrow{\widetilde{\text{mod } m}} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, G) \leftarrow 0$$

is exact. Since $\text{mod } m: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ is onto, $\widetilde{\text{mod } m}$ is one-to-one. Thus,

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}, G) \cong \text{im}(\widetilde{\text{mod } m}) \cong \ker(\tilde{x}m).$$

We claim $\ker(\tilde{x}m) \cong \ker(G \xrightarrow{xm} G)$. Consider

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \xleftarrow{\tilde{x}m} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G)$$

$$\rho \parallel \downarrow$$

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$$G \xleftarrow{xm} G$$

Let $g \in G$ (lower right corner).

Let $\phi_g \in \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G)$ be determined by $\phi_g(1) = g$.

Then define $\rho(\phi_g) = g$. Then ρ is an iso. Now

$$\tilde{x}_m(\phi_g)(1) = \phi_g(m \times 1) = m \phi_g(1) = m g. \text{ Thus,}$$

the diagram commutes. Thus $\ker(\tilde{x}_m) \cong \ker(x_m)$. □

Lemma 41.4 Let m and n be positive integers. Let $d = \gcd(m, n)$. Then the seq

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\times \frac{n}{d}} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\times m} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\text{mod } d} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

Pf Exercise 3. See next page for an example

Fun fact $\text{Hom}\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{m\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}\right) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d\mathbb{Z}}$.

Pf $\text{Hom}\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{m\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}\right) \underset{41.3c}{\cong} \ker\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\times m} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}\right) \underset{41.4}{\cong} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d\mathbb{Z}}.$

Ex $\text{Hom}\left(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{15\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10\mathbb{Z}}\right) \cong$

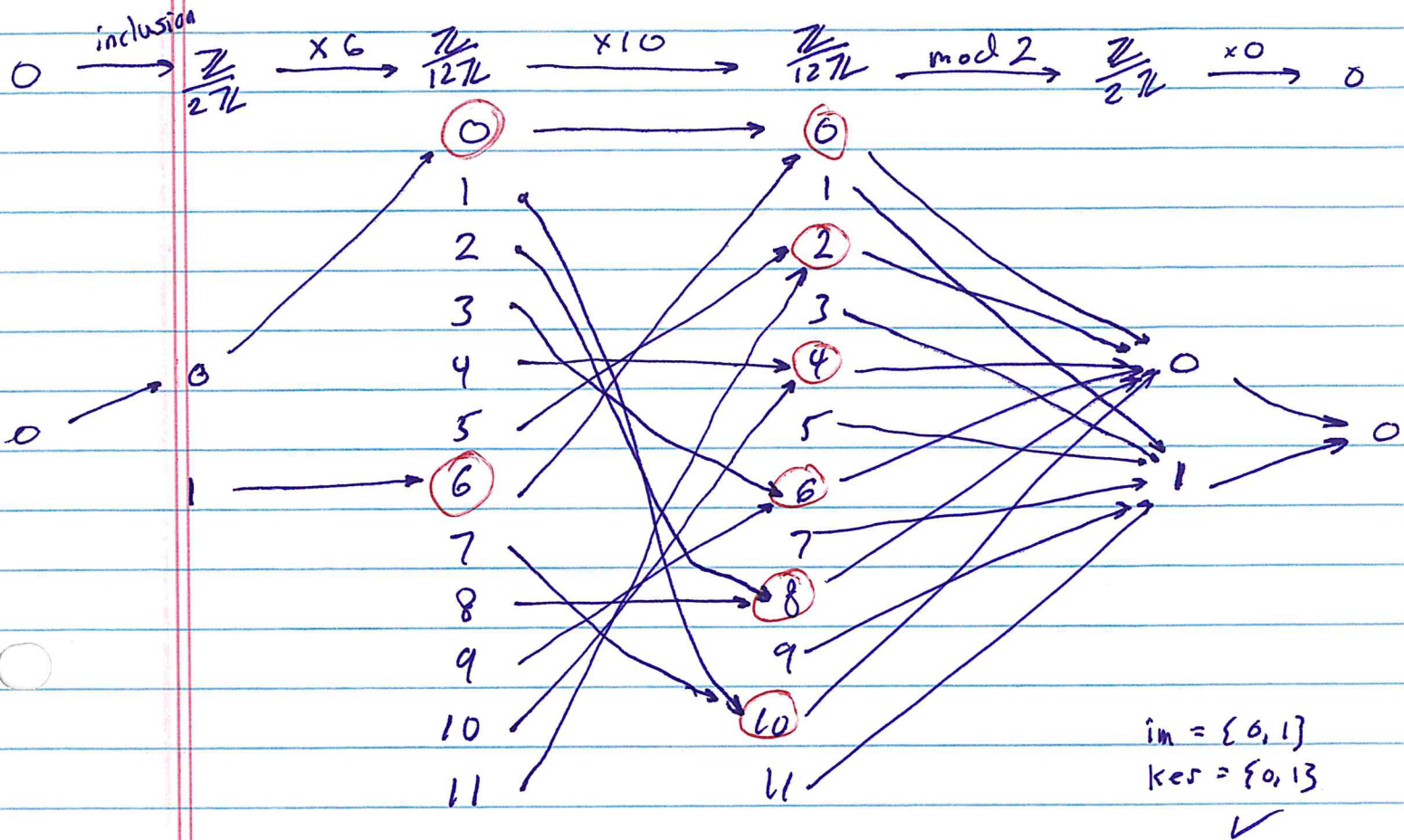
$$\text{Hom}\left(\mathbb{Z}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}}\right) \oplus \text{Hom}\left(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}}\right) \oplus \text{Hom}\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{15\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}}\right) \oplus \text{Hom}\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{15\mathbb{Z}}, \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10\mathbb{Z}}\right)$$

$$\cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{30} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{60}$$

(Simplify normal form, check this)

Example for Lemma 4.4.

Let $n=12$, $m=10$. Then $d = \gcd(12, 10) = 2$. $\frac{n}{d} = 6$.



It is exact!

Exercise 3 Optional Reading

Lemma 4.14 Let m and n be positive integers; let $d = \gcd(m, n)$. Then

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_d \xrightarrow{\frac{n}{d}} \mathbb{Z}_n \xrightarrow{m} \mathbb{Z}_n \xrightarrow{\text{mod } d} \mathbb{Z}_d \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact.

Proof

① The $\ker(\frac{n}{d})$ is clearly 0.

② (a) Let $k \in \text{im}(\frac{n}{d}) \subset \mathbb{Z}_n$. Then $k = k' \frac{n}{d}$.

$$\text{Thus, } mk = mk' \frac{n}{d} = \frac{m}{d} k' n = 0 \pmod{n}.$$

Hence, $\text{im}(\frac{n}{d}) \subset \ker(m)$.

(b) Let $k \in \ker(m)$, i.e., $mk = qn$. Let $m' = \frac{m}{d}$; $n' = \frac{n}{d}$.

Now, $m'dk = qn'd \Rightarrow m'k = qn'$. Since m' and n' have no common factors it must be that $m' \mid q$.

$$\text{Thus, } k = \left(\frac{q}{m'}\right)n' \Rightarrow k \in \text{im}(\frac{n}{d}). \Rightarrow \ker(m) \subset \text{im}(\frac{n}{d}).$$

This proves $\ker(m) = \text{im}(\frac{n}{d})$.

③ (a) Let $k \in \text{im}(m)$. Then $k = k'm + qn = k'm'd + qn'd = (k'n' + qn')d = 0 \pmod{d}$. Thus, $\text{im}(m) \subset \ker(\text{mod } d)$.

(b) Let $k \in \ker(\text{mod } d)$. Thus, $k = k'd$.

Now, $d = pm + qn$ for some p and q .

Thus, $k = k'(pm + qn) = p'm + q'n$. We require

$p' \in \mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$. If it is not then $p' = p'' + q'n$ where $p'' \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Then $k = p''m + (q''m + q'n)n$.

Thus $k \in \text{im}(m)$. Hence $\ker(\text{mod } d) \subset \text{im}(m)$.

This proves the lemma.

