

## Homological algebra solutions Week 6

1. Use Baer's Criterion to show that  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  is an injective  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, and then give an injective resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

*Baer's Criterion:* An  $R$ -module  $M$  is injective if and only if for every ideal  $J \subseteq R$ , every  $R$ -morphism  $J \rightarrow M$  can be lifted to a morphism  $R \rightarrow M$ .

*Solution:* By Baer's Criterion, it suffices to prove the above result for  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $J = (n)$  and  $M = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ . Given  $f : n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ , one may construct a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map  $\bar{f} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  by setting  $\bar{f}(1) = \frac{1}{n}f(n)$ . The linearity can be easily verified as  $\mathbb{Z}$  is generated by 1 element and it is clear that  $\bar{f} = f$  on  $n\mathbb{Z}$ . As a result,  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  is injective and one can apply a similar argument to show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is also injective, hence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

an injective resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . □

2. For  $A$  an abelian group, we define its *Pontrjagin dual* as  $A^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ . Show that when  $A$  is finite, we have  $(A^*)^* \cong A$ , and deduce that there is an equivalence of categories  $\mathbf{FAb} \cong \mathbf{FAb}^{\text{op}}$ , where  $\mathbf{FAb}$  is the category of finite abelian groups. However, find an abelian group such that  $(A^*)^*$  is not isomorphic to  $A$ .

*Solution:* By classification of finite Abelian groups, we may write  $A$  as  $A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_{k_i}$ . Since  $\text{Hom}_R(-, M)$  commutes with the finite direct sum for  $R$  commutative,  $A^* = \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}_{k_i}^*$  and it suffices to prove  $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*)^* = \mathbb{Z}_n$ . First, we show that  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  can be viewed as a finite subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ , identified with  $H_n$  defined as follows:

$$H_n := \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} : q|n \right\}$$

Through direct computation, one can verify that this is indeed a subgroup with respect to addition. Now consider a linear map  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\varphi$  is uniquely determined by  $\varphi(1)$  and  $n\varphi(1) = 0$ , thus  $\varphi(1) \in H_n$  and one can check that each element of  $H_n$  defines a such  $\varphi$ . As a result, we have an isomorphism  $\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi(1)$ .

Next we show that  $H_n^* = \mathbb{Z}_n$ . For each  $\frac{p}{q} \in H_n$ , one may define an endomorphism

$$k \cdot (-) : k \cdot \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \frac{kp}{q} \in H_n \subseteq \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

which is clearly equal to  $k \cdot \text{id}$ , the sum of  $k$  identities in  $H_n$ . While  $k \cdot (-) = (k \bmod n) \cdot (-)$ , we may define a homomorphism  $F : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow H_n^*$  by sending 1 to  $\text{id}$ .

To construct the inverse, for  $\psi \in H^*$ , consider a map  $G : \psi \rightarrow n\psi\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \bmod n$ . Notice that here  $\psi\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  is assumed to be a rational in  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $[0, 1)$  instead of an element in  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .  $G$  is well-defined as each equivalent class of  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  contains exactly one element in  $[0, 1)$  and  $G(0) = 0$  trivially. For linearity of  $G$ , pick  $\alpha, \beta \in H^*$ , we have

$$G(\alpha + \beta) = n(\alpha + \beta(1/n)) = n\alpha(1/n) + n\beta(1/n) = G(\alpha) + G(\beta)$$

Hence  $G$  is well-defined. One can easily check that  $G \circ F = \text{id}_{\mathbb{Z}_n}$  and for  $F \circ G$ , notice that a map  $\psi \in H^*$  is uniquely determined by  $\psi(1/n)$  and through direct computation one can see that  $\varphi(1/n) = F \circ G(1/n)$ . This shows that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \cong H^*$ .

To show that  $(-)^*$  defines an equivalence, notice that  $\text{Hom}(-, M)$  defines a contravariant functor, hence  $(-)^*$  is a functor from  $\mathbf{FAb}^{\text{op}}$  onto  $\mathbf{FAb}$ . However, it also defines a functor from  $\mathbf{FAb}$  to  $\mathbf{FAb}^{\text{op}}$ : for a map  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , it is sent to  $\text{Hom}(f, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) : \text{Hom}(B, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ . By inverting the arrows, we get a map  $\text{Hom}(f, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^{\text{op}} : \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(B, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  in the opposite category. Thus  $(-)^*$  defines an equivalence between  $\mathbf{FAb}$  and  $\mathbf{FAb}^{\text{op}}$  and  $(-)^*$  is equivalent to  $(-)^{\text{op}}$  as  $(A^{\text{op}})^* \cong A$ , which also implies  $\text{Hom}(A, B) \cong \text{Hom}((A^{\text{op}})^*, (B^{\text{op}})^*)$  on the category of abelian groups. The isomorphism between  $((-)^*)^{\text{op}}$  and  $\text{id}_{\mathbf{FAb}^{\text{op}}}$  can be proven analogously hence we are finished.

To give a counterexample of non-finite abelian groups such that  $(A^*)^* \neq A$ , we may consider  $\mathbb{Z}$ . It is clear that  $\mathbb{Z}^* = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ , however  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \neq \mathbb{Z}$ , since otherwise  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is generated by  $\text{id}$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, yet there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear map that sends  $\frac{p}{q}$  to  $\frac{p}{nq}$ , for  $n$  an integer. This morphism is not generated by the identity since all maps generated by the identity takes the form  $p/q \rightarrow n \cdot p/q$   $\square$

3. Let  $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a right exact functor and  $U : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  be an exact functor. If  $\mathbf{A}$  has enough projectives, show that we have a natural isomorphism :

$$L_i(UF) \cong U(L_i(F))$$

*Solution:* Let  $X \in \mathbf{A}$  be an object and  $P_\bullet \xrightarrow{f_\bullet} X$  be a projective resolution,

then we first show that

$$U(L_i(FX)) = U(\ker Ff_i / \text{im } Ff_{i+1}) = \ker UFf_i / \text{im } UFf_{i+1} = L_i(UFX)$$

It suffices to show that  $U(\ker Ff_i) \cong \ker UFf_i$  and  $U(\text{im } Ff_{i+1}) \cong \text{im } UFf_{i+1}$ , since then we have  $U(\ker Ff_i / \text{im } Ff_{i+1}) \cong \ker UFf_i / \text{im } UFf_{i+1}$ . As the proof is similar we will only prove the case of kernels. Let  $f : Y \rightarrow Z$  be a morphism in  $\mathbf{B}$ . Consider the following rows of exact sequences:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & U \ker f & \longrightarrow & UY \longrightarrow UZ \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow g & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \ker Uf & \longrightarrow & UY \longrightarrow UZ \end{array}$$

The first row is exact by exactness of  $U$  and the second row is exact by definition of kernel. The map  $g$  is induced by universal property of kernels and one can verify that the diagram is commutative. By 5-lemma we have  $\ker Uf = U \ker f$ . Now we may assume that  $f = f_i$  and replace  $Y, Z$  by  $FP_{i+1}, FP_i$ . This finishes the proof.

To show that there is a natural transformation between the two functors, given  $P_\bullet \xrightarrow{a_\bullet} X, Q_\bullet \xrightarrow{b_\bullet} Y$  and a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  (notice that this induces a morphism between the projective resolutions), one needs to show that the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U(L_i F X) & \xrightarrow{U(L_i F f)} & U(L_i F Y) \\ \downarrow \tau_X & & \downarrow \tau_Y \\ L_i(UFX) & \xrightarrow{L_i(UF f)} & L_i(UFY) \end{array}$$

Where  $\tau_X, \tau_Y$  are isomorphisms obtained previously. To do this one may consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & U(L_n F X) & & \\ & \nearrow q & \downarrow i & \searrow \tau_X & \\ U \ker Ff_n \cong \ker UFf_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & L_n(UFX) \\ \downarrow UF\varphi_n & & \downarrow UL_n(F\varphi) & & \downarrow L_n(UF\varphi) \\ U \ker Fg_n \cong \ker UFG_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad} & L_n(UFY) \\ & \searrow p & \downarrow j & \nearrow \tau_Y & \\ & & U(L_n F Y) & & \end{array}$$

The map  $UL_n(F\varphi)$  can be viewed as the natural map induced by  $UF\varphi_n$  between the kernels and all squares, triangles are commutative except

the pair  $(L_n(UF\varphi) \circ \tau_X, \tau_Y \circ U(L_nF\varphi))$ . But since  $q$  (respectively  $q$ ) is the natural quotient morphism, it is an epimorphism and to verify that  $L_n(UF\varphi) \circ \tau_X = \tau_Y \circ U(L_nF\varphi)$ , it suffices to verify that  $L_n(UF\varphi) \circ \tau_X \circ q = \tau_Y \circ U(L_nF\varphi) \circ q$ . This can be done through diagram chasing:

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(UF\varphi) \circ \tau_X \circ q &= L_n(UF\varphi) \circ i \\ &= j \circ UF\varphi_n \\ &= \tau_Y \circ p \circ UF\varphi_n \\ &= \tau_Y \circ U(L_nF\varphi) \circ q \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof.  $\square$

4. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring, and  $N$  an  $R$ -module. Show or recall that  $-\otimes_R N : R\text{-}\mathbf{Mod} \rightarrow R\text{-}\mathbf{Mod}$  is right exact. We denote by  $\text{Tor}_R^i(-, N)$  the associated left derived functor. Find a projective resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , and use it to compute  $\text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}}^i(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$  for every  $i \geq 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Solution:* we show that  $-\otimes N$  is right exact. Consider an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{i} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M'' \rightarrow 0$$

pass this sequence by the functor  $-\otimes N$ , one gets

$$0 \rightarrow M' \otimes N \xrightarrow{i \otimes N} M \otimes N \xrightarrow{\pi \otimes N} M'' \otimes N \rightarrow 0$$

To prove the exactness, one may use the following two lemmas:

**Lemma 1:** For  $M, N, P$  arbitrary  $R$ -modules, one has  $\text{Hom}(M \otimes N, P) = \text{Hom}(M, \text{Hom}(N, P))$ .

*Proof:* One may construct a pair of isomorphisms between the two  $\text{Hom}$  modules as follows: for  $\varphi : M \otimes N \rightarrow P$ , there is an induced map  $F(\varphi) : M \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, P)$ , such that  $F\varphi(m)(n) = \varphi(m \otimes n)$ . Conversely, given a map  $\psi : M \rightarrow \text{Hom}(N, P)$ , there is an induced map  $G(\psi) : M \otimes N \rightarrow P$  such that  $G(\psi)(m \otimes n) = \psi(m)(n)$ . One can easily check that the two are well-defined  $R$ -homomorphisms that are inverse to each other.  $\square$

**Lemma 2:** A sequence  $M' \xrightarrow{f} M \xrightarrow{\pi} M'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact if and only if for all  $R$ -module  $N$  the following sequence is exact:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M'', N) \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} \text{Hom}(M, N) \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} \text{Hom}(M', N)$$

*Proof:*  $\Rightarrow$ : The proof is trivial by definition of right exactness.

$\Leftarrow$ : *Surjectivity of  $\pi$ :* Suppose that  $\pi$  is not surjective then let  $N = M''/\text{im } \pi$ , and let  $q$  be the projection onto  $N$ , then clearly  $0 \circ \pi = q \circ \pi$ , hence  $\bar{\pi}$  is not injective, giving us a contradiction;

$\ker \bar{f} = \text{im } \bar{\pi}$ : We have  $\text{im } \bar{\pi} \subseteq \ker \bar{f}$  and it suffices to check that  $\ker \pi \subseteq$

$\text{im } \bar{f}$ . To do this, first let  $N = M/\text{im } f$  and let  $\varphi$  be the natural projection, then  $\varphi \circ f = 0 \implies \varphi \in \ker \bar{f} = \text{im } \bar{\pi}$ . Hence there is a  $\psi : M'' \rightarrow M/\text{im } f$ , such that  $\psi \circ \pi = \varphi$ . As a result, one has  $\ker \pi \subseteq \ker \psi = \text{im } f$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 2, to show the right exactness of tensor product, it suffices to show the exactness of the following sequence for every  $R$ -module  $P$ :

$$\text{Hom}(M'' \otimes N, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M \otimes N, P) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M' \otimes N, P) \rightarrow 0$$

By Lemma 1, this sequence is equivalent to

$$\text{Hom}(M'', \text{Hom}(N, P)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M, \text{Hom}(N, P)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(M', \text{Hom}(N, P)) \rightarrow 0$$

Yet the last sequence is naturally exact since  $\text{Hom}(-, \text{Hom}(N, P))$  is a left exact functor.

For the following part the tensor product  $- \otimes -$  is always tensor product of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules unless specified. Consider the following projective resolution of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{n} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow 0$$

Pass it by  $- \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m$ , one gets

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m \xrightarrow{n} \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow 0$$

Suppose that  $m, n$  are not coprime. Using  $M/IM = M \otimes R/I$ , one can show that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m = \mathbb{Z}_n/m\mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}/\text{gcd}(m, n)\mathbb{Z}$ . As a result, for  $i \geq 2$ ,  $\text{Tor}_i(\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m) = 0$ ; By right exactness we have  $\text{Tor}_0(\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m) = \mathbb{Z}_{\text{gcd}(n, m)}$ . Moreover  $\text{Tor}_1(\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m) = \ker(\cdot n) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m$ . More explicitly, we may write this kernel as  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}_m : nx = 0 \text{ mod } m\} = (\text{scm}(m, n)/n)\mathbb{Z}_m = (m/\text{gcd}(m, n))\mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}/(\text{gcd}(m, n))\mathbb{Z}$ .

For  $m, n$  coprime, since  $\text{gcd}(m, n) = 1$ , we have  $m\mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , hence  $\mathbb{Z}_n \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m = 0$  and the multiplication by  $n$  is invertible on  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ . Thus  $\cdot n$  is an isomorphism and  $\text{Tor}^i(\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m) = 0, \forall i \geq 0$   $\square$