

Exercise 1. We have a free resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{m} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/m \rightarrow 0$$

Applying  $\text{Hom}(-, B)$  & noting that  $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, B) \cong B$ , we find that  $\text{Ext}'_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, B)$  is the homology of the complex

$$0 \leftarrow B \xleftarrow{m} B$$

i.e.,  $\text{Ext}'_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/m, B) \cong B/mB$ .

Exercise 2. This follows from the similar properties for  $\text{Hom}$  and  $H^*$ .

Exercise 3 By Exercise 2,  $\text{Ext}'_{\mathbb{Z}}(\bigoplus_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Z}, A) \cong \prod_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{Ext}'_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}, A) = 0$ .

Exercise 4. a) Given an extension

$$\xi: 0 \rightarrow B \xrightarrow{\alpha} E \xrightarrow{\beta} A \rightarrow 0$$

we obtain, by applying  $\text{Hom}(A, -)$ , an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, E) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} \text{Hom}(A, A) \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{Ext}'(A, B) \rightarrow \dots$$

If  $\text{Ext}'(A, B) = 0$ , the map  $\text{Hom}(A, E) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} \text{Hom}(A, A)$  is surjective and hence there is a map

$s \in \text{Hom}(A, E)$  such that

$$\beta_*(s) = \beta \circ s = \text{id}_A$$

This means that  $\beta$  admits a section, or, in other words, that  $\xi$  is split.

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b) Part a) shows that in general there is a map  $\Theta: \{ \text{extension of } A \text{ by } B \} /_{\text{iso}} \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$  given by  $\Theta(\xi) = \partial(\text{id}_A)$ .

$\Theta$  surjective Let  $x \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B)$ , and let  $F$  be a free module surjecting onto  $A$ , so that we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} F \xrightarrow{p} A \rightarrow 0. \quad (*)$$

Applying  $\text{Hom}(-, B)$  we get

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(F, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(K, B) \xrightarrow{\partial} \text{Ext}^1(A, B) \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus we can find  $\beta \in \text{Hom}(K, B)$  s.t.

$$\partial(\beta) = x \in \text{Ext}^1(A, B).$$

We now modify  $(*)$  so that it starts at  $B$  instead of  $K$ .

$$\text{Let } E = \text{coker} \begin{pmatrix} y \mapsto (j(y), -\beta(y)) \\ K \rightarrow F \oplus B \end{pmatrix}$$

Then there is a map  $E \rightarrow A$  induced

by  $F \oplus B \rightarrow A$ , along with a commutative

diagram w/ exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & K & \xrightarrow{i} & F & \xrightarrow{p} & A \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow = \\ \xi: & 0 & \rightarrow & B & \rightarrow & E & \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

which yields  $\Theta(\xi) = x$ .

$\Theta$  injective. The above construction defines in fact a map

$$\psi: \text{Ext}^1(A, B) \rightarrow \{ \text{extensions} \} /_{\text{iso}}$$

satisfying  $\psi(\Theta(\xi)) = \xi$ , hence  $\Theta$  is injective.

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3.1.2. First recall that, by Hatcher, p. 195, any abelian group  $G$  has a "canonical" free resolution of the form  $0 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow 0$ .

Let  $\alpha: H \rightarrow H$  be multiplication by  $n$ . We take the free resolution of  $H$  above and dualize:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}(F_1, G) & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}(F_0, G) & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}(H, G) \leftarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha^* & & \downarrow \alpha^* & & \downarrow \alpha^* \end{array}$$

$$0 \leftarrow \text{Hom}(F_1, G) \leftarrow \text{Hom}(F_0, G) \leftarrow \text{Hom}(H, G) \leftarrow 0$$

For  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(F_i, G)$  we then have

$$\alpha^*(\varphi)(x) = \varphi(\alpha(x)) = \varphi(nx) = n\varphi(x),$$

i.e.,  $\alpha^*$  is multiplication by  $n$ .

Hence the induced map on homology is multiplication by  $n$  as well.

Similarly if we resolve  $G$  and apply  $\text{Hom}(H, -)$ .

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3.1.3. Take the free  $\mathbb{Z}/4$ -resolution

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4 \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4 \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $p(x) = x \bmod 2$ .

We dualize this sequence, i.e., apply  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4}(-, \mathbb{Z}/2)$ .

Note that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4}(\mathbb{Z}/4, \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$  (indeed, a generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/4$  can be mapped to either 0 or 1).

Hence the dualized chain complex has the form

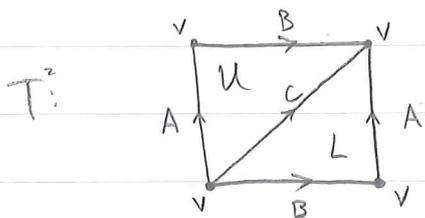
$$\cdots \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \xleftarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/2 \xleftarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/2 \xleftarrow{\text{id}} \mathbb{Z}/2 \leftarrow 0, \quad (\text{since } 2^* = 0)$$

hence  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}/4}^n(\mathbb{Z}/2, \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2 \quad \forall n \geq 1$ .

3.1.6. I'll do  $H^*(S^1 \times S^1, \mathbb{Z})$  to illustrate the technique.

Let  $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$ , then we can identify

$T^2$  with the unit cube w/ the opposite sides identified:



We now write down the corresponding cochain complex.

For this, we first recall that if  $F$  is a free abelian group w/ finite basis  $B$ , then

the dual  $F^* = \text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{Z})$  is free abelian

on basis  $B^* = \{b^* \mid b \in B\}$ , where  $b^*: F \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is the function

$$b^*(b') = \begin{cases} 1, & b = b' \\ 0, & b \neq b' \end{cases}$$

So let  $v = V^*$ ,  $a = A^*$ ,  $b = B^*$ ,  $c = C^*$ ,  $u = U^*$ ,  $l = L^*$ .

Then the terms in the

cochain complex are as follows:



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3.1.11. a) From Example 2.40 we have

$$\tilde{H}_p(M(\mathbb{Z}/m, n)) = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \mathbb{Z}/m & m = n \end{cases}$$

Let  $X = M(\mathbb{Z}/m, n)$ , and let  $p: X \rightarrow X/S^n = S^{n+1}$  be the quotient map.

Then  $p_*$  is trivial on all homology groups, since there are never any two groups  $\neq 0$  in the appropriate dimensions.

On cohomology, however, we have

$$H^{n+1}(X) \cong \text{Ext}'_2(\mathbb{Z}/m, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/m \text{ by UCT.}$$

The long exact sequence for the pair  $(X, S^n)$  reads:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H^n(X) & \rightarrow & H^n(S^n) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{n+1}(S^{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^{n+1}(X) & \rightarrow & H^{n+1}(S^n) & \rightarrow \dots \\ & & 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/m & \longrightarrow & 0 & \end{array}$$

Hence the map  $\tau^*: H^{n+1}(S^{n+1}) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(X)$  is surjective.

This implies that the splitting in UCT is not natural. Indeed, in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}'(H_n(X), \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^{n+1}(X) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(H_{n+1}(X), \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow p^* & \xleftarrow{\delta_1} & \uparrow (p_*)^* & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}'(H_n(S^{n+1}), \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^{n+1}(S^{n+1}) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(H_{n+1}(S^{n+1}), \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & \xleftarrow{\delta_2} & & \end{array}$$

the square involving the sections  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  cannot commute, since  $p^* \delta_2 \neq 0$  while  $\delta_1 (p_*)^* = 0$ .