

Exercise 3.6

Prove that homology commutes with exact additive functors. That is, if $F : {}_R\text{Mod} \rightarrow {}_S\text{Mod}$ is an exact additive functor, then for every complex C of R -modules and every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ there is an S -module isomorphism $H_n(F(C)) \cong F(H_n(C))$.

Suppose we are given the following complex C of R -modules:

$$\cdots \quad C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \cdots$$

Applying F to each component and differential of C will give us the following sequence $F(C)$:

$$\cdots \quad F(C_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{F(d_{n+1})} F(C_n) \xrightarrow{F(d_n)} F(C_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{F(d_{n-1})} \cdots$$

Because F is additive, we have that $F(d_{n+1}) \circ F(d_n) = F(d_{n+1} \circ d_n) = F(0_{C_{n+1}, C_{n-1}}) = 0$, and therefore $F(C)$ is a complex of S -modules.

The n th homology of C and $F(C)$ respectively are expressed by the following short exact sequences:

$$0 \longrightarrow I_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\iota} K_n \xrightarrow{\nu} H_n(C) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow I'_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\iota'} K'_n \xrightarrow{\nu'} H_n(F(C)) \longrightarrow 0$$

Here I_{n+1} and K_n are the image and kernel of d_{n+1} and d_n respectively, I'_{n+1} and K'_n are the image and kernel of $F(d_{n+1})$ and $F(d_n)$, and ι and ν are the usual inclusion and projection maps associated with a quotient. Because F is exact, taking the image of the first of these short exact sequences gives another short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow F(I_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{F(\iota)} F(K_n) \xrightarrow{F(\nu)} F(H_n(C)) \longrightarrow 0$$

Suppose now that there exist isomorphisms α_{n+1} and β_n such that the following diagram (*) holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & F(I_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{F(\iota)} & F(K_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\nu)} & F(H_n(C)) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha_{n+1} & & \downarrow \beta_n & & \\ & & & \circ & & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & I'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & K'_n & \xrightarrow{\nu'} & H_n(F(C)) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Then $0 = F(\nu) \circ F(\iota)$, hence $0 = F(\nu) \circ \beta^{-1} \circ \iota' \circ \alpha$ because the square commutes. Composing both sides with α^{-1} gives $0 = F(\nu) \circ \beta^{-1} \circ \iota'$. Now ν' is the cokernel of ι' , hence the universal property of cokernels gives a map $\gamma : H_n(F(C)) \rightarrow F(H_n(C))$ where $\gamma \circ \nu' = F(\nu) \circ \beta^{-1}$. An identical argument gives a map

$\gamma' : F(H_n(C)) \rightarrow H_n(F(C))$, where $\gamma' \circ F(\nu) = \nu' \circ \beta$. Therefore $\gamma \circ \nu' \circ \beta = F(\nu)$, whence $\gamma' \circ \gamma \circ \nu' \circ \beta = \nu' \circ \beta$. The composition of two epimorphisms is epic, so $\gamma' \circ \gamma = \text{id}$. Therefore the following diagram is commutative, and γ is the desired isomorphism, provided α and β exist.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & F(I_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{F(\iota)} & F(K_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\nu)} & F(H_n(C)) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow \alpha_{n+1} & & \downarrow \beta_n & & \downarrow \gamma & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & K'_n & \xrightarrow{\nu'} & H_n(F(C)) & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

We must now demonstrate the existence of $(*)$. Consider the following diagram consisting of S -modules:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{F(d_n)} & F(C_{n-1}) \\
\text{id} \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow \text{id} \\
F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{F(d_n)} & F(C_{n-1})
\end{array}$$

Now d_n has an epi-mono factorization in ${}_R\text{Mod}$, given by $C_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon} I_n \xrightarrow{\mu} C_{n-1}$, and $F(d_n)$ has an epi-mono factorization in ${}_S\text{Mod}$, given by $F(C_n) \xrightarrow{\epsilon'} I'_n \xrightarrow{\mu'} F(C_{n-1})$. Note also that $F(d_n) = F(\mu \circ \epsilon) = F(\mu) \circ F(\epsilon)$, hence the image of the epi-mono factorization $C_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon} I_n \xrightarrow{\mu} C_{n-1}$ under F is an epi-mono factorization of $F(d_n)$. By problem 2.5 we then have that the following diagram commutes, hence α_n is the desired isomorphism between $F(I_n)$ and I'_n .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\epsilon)} & F(I_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\mu)} & F(C_{n-1}) \\
\text{id} \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow \alpha_n & \uparrow \alpha'_n & \circ & \downarrow \text{id} \\
F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{\epsilon'} & I'_n & \xrightarrow{\mu'} & F(C_{n-1})
\end{array}$$

We use the commutativity of the first square to find an isomorphism $\beta_n : F(K_n) \rightarrow K'_n$. The map d_n is expressible as $0 \rightarrow K_n \xrightarrow{\delta} C_n \xrightarrow{\epsilon} I_n \rightarrow 0$. We inject kernels on the left of the above diagram to produce the following diagram of short exact sequences. The proof of the existence of β_n is the dual of that given earlier when proving the existence of γ , and is not repeated.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & F(K_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\delta)} & F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\epsilon)} & F(I_n) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow \beta_n & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow \alpha & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & K'_n & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{\epsilon'} & I'_n & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

Having produced the desired isomorphisms, it remains to show that the following square commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
F(I_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{F(\iota)} & F(K_n) \\
\alpha_{n+1} \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow \beta_n \\
I'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\iota'} & K'_n
\end{array}$$

This is shown in the following diagram, in which all vertical rectangles commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
F(K_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(C_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{F(\epsilon)} & F(I_{n+1}) & & \\
\searrow & & \downarrow \text{id} & \searrow F(d_{n+1}) & \downarrow \alpha_{n+1} & \searrow & \\
& & F(K_n) & \xrightarrow{F(\delta)} & F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(I_n) \\
\downarrow \beta_{n+1} & & \downarrow \beta_n & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
K'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F(C_{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & I'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & I'_n \\
\searrow & & \downarrow & \searrow F(d_{n+1}) & \downarrow \epsilon' & \searrow & \\
& & K'_n & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & F(C_n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & I'_n \\
& & & & \downarrow \alpha_n & &
\end{array}$$

Comparing this diagram to (*) we see that $F(\iota) = F(\delta)^{-1} \circ F(d_{n+1}) \circ F(\epsilon)^{-1}$, and $\iota' = (\delta')^{-1} \circ F(d_{n+1}) \circ (\epsilon')^{-1}$, where these inverses are formed by choosing representatives. This process is well defined, because it is well defined back in ${}_R\text{Mod}$, and F respects composition of morphisms. The commutativity of vertical rectangles in the above diagram then implies that $\beta_n \circ F(\iota) = \iota' \circ \alpha_{n+1}$, as desired. Hence the diagram (*) exists, and the proof is complete.