

HOMOLOGICAL ALGEBRA: HOMEWORK 4

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1) Suppose T is a right exact functor and some derived functor $L_n T$, $n > 0$, is also right exact. Show that $L_m T$ is the zero functor for all $m \geq n$.

Proof. T is right exact, so the left derived functor $L_n T$ is defined. The proof shall be by induction on m . Let A be arbitrary and let $P_\bullet \rightarrow A$ be a projective resolution with factors $0 \rightarrow K_i \rightarrow P_i \rightarrow K_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$. Since $L_n T$ is right exact and $0 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ is short exact, $L_n T(K_0) \rightarrow L_n T(P_0) \rightarrow L_n T(A) \rightarrow 0$ is exact. P_0 is projective and $n > 0$, so $L_n T(P_0) = 0$. Thus $L_n T(A) = 0$, proving the base case.

Suppose that $L_m T(A) = 0$ for all A . Then by dimension shifting, $L_{m+1}(A) = L_m T(K_0) = 0$. \square