

## 2.2 Projective Resolutions

Def: An object  $P$  in an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  is projective if it satisfies the following : for each surjection  $g: B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ ,  $r: P \rightarrow C$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ \exists \beta & \downarrow & r \\ B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Rmk: 1.  $\beta$  may not be unique.

2.  $P$  is projective  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Hom}(P, -)$  is right exact.

Prop: An  $R$ -module is projective  $\Leftrightarrow$  it's a direct summand of a free   
(2.2.1)  $R$ -module

Pf:  $\Rightarrow:$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ \text{id} & \downarrow & \\ F & \xrightarrow{\pi} & P \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad \text{so } P \text{ is a summand of } F$$

$\Leftarrow:$  Suppose  $F = P \oplus Q$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P \oplus Q & \\ \uparrow \pi & \downarrow & \\ \tilde{F} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & P \quad (F = +\pi) \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow & \\ B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

easy to check:  $f = g \circ \tilde{f}$

E.g.: Over some rings (like  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k$ , division rings), projective  $\Rightarrow$  free.

(2.2.2) However, it's not always true.

1. If  $R = R_1 \oplus R_2$ , then  $P = P_1, Q = P_2$  (summands) are projective, but they are not free, since  $(0,1) \cdot P = 0$ .

2. Let  $R = M_n(k)$ ,  $V = k^n$ , then  $\dim_k R = n^2$ ,  $\dim_k V = n$ .

Moreover,  $V$  is an  $R$ -module, where  $R = V^{\oplus n}$ .

Thus  $V$  is  $R$ -projective.

Claim:  $V$  is not  $R$ -free. If not,  $V \cong_R R^d$  (also  $V \cong_R R^d$ )

So  $\dim_k V = d \cdot n^2$ , but  $\dim_k V = n$ , a contradiction.

Rmk: The category  $\mathcal{A}$  of finite abelian groups is an example of an abelian category with no projective objects. (no free objects)

We say an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projectives if for every object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there is a surjection  $P \rightarrow A$  with  $P$  projective.

Def: A chain complex  $P$  with each  $P_n$  projective is called a chain complex of projectives. Note:  $P$  may not be a projective object of  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ .

E.X: A chain complex  $P$  is a projective object in  $\text{Ch}$  iff it's a split exact complex of projectives.

Pf:  $\Rightarrow$ : claim 1: every  $P_n$  is projective.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Pf: Consider } \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \\ \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \\ \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

so  $P_n$  is projective

claim 2:  $P$  is split exact

Pf: Consider the surjection  $\text{cone}(P) \rightarrow P[-1] \rightarrow 0$

$P$  is projective, so is  $P[-1]$ .

$$0 \rightarrow P \xrightarrow{i} \text{cone}(P) \xrightarrow{\pi} P[-1] \rightarrow 0$$

so  $\text{cone}(P) \cong P \oplus P[-1]$

$\text{cone}(P)$  is always split exact, so are  $P$  and  $P[-1]$ .

$\Leftarrow$ :  $P$  is split exact, so  $P_n \cong B_n \oplus B_{n-1}$ , and  $B_n$  are projective

Let  $P(n)$  be the chain complex:  $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow B_{n-1} \rightarrow B_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots$

$$so P \cong \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} P(n).$$

Consider the maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f = \bigoplus f_n & \downarrow f = \bigoplus f_n & \text{where } f = \bigoplus f_n \\ X \xrightarrow{g} Y \rightarrow 0 & & \end{array}$$

For each  $n$ ,  $P(n)$  is split exact chain complex of projectives,

so projective, thus we get  $f_n: P(n) \rightarrow X$ .

Define  $\tilde{f} = \bigoplus \tilde{f}_n$ , we get  $g\tilde{f} = f$ .

E.X

If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projectives, then so does  $\text{Ch}(\mathcal{A})$ .

(2.2.2)

Pf:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} P_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & P_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & P_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow \\ B_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B_n & \longrightarrow & B_{n-1} \end{array}$$

First, we get  $d_n: P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$ .

Second, we want to get a split exact complex from  $\cdots \rightarrow P_{n+1} \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots$

Indeed,  $\text{cone}(P_\bullet)[1]$  works.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_{n-1} \oplus P_n & \longrightarrow & P_{n-2} \oplus P_{n-1} \\ (x, y) & \longmapsto & (-dx, dy-x) \\ \downarrow f_{n-1} & & \downarrow f_{n-1} \\ B_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & B_{n-1} \\ +dx & & +dx \end{array}$$

Def: Let  $M$  be an object of  $\mathcal{A}$ . A left resolution of  $M$  is an exact

(2.2.4) complex  $\cdots \rightarrow P_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ . It's a projective resolution

if each  $P_i$  is projective.

Lemma: If an Abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough projectives, then every

(2.2.5) object  $M$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  has a projective resolution.

Pf:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \rightarrow & P_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1 = \pi_1 \circ \tilde{d}_1} & P_0 & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & M \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \tilde{d}_1 & & \uparrow \pi_1 & & \\ & & \ker \epsilon & & & & \end{array}$$

E.X

If  $P_\bullet$  is a chain complex of projectives with  $P_i = 0$  for  $i < 0$ ,

(2.2.3)

then a map  $\epsilon: P_\bullet \rightarrow M$  giving a resolution for  $M$  is the same thing as a quasi-isomorphism  $\epsilon: P_\bullet \rightarrow M$ , where  $M$  is the complex concentrated in degree 0.

Pf:

$\cdots \rightarrow P_n \xrightarrow{d_n} \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$  is a projective resolution is equivalent to say  $H_i = 0$  for  $i \geq 0$ , and  $P_\bullet / \text{Im } d_0 \cong M$ ,

which is equivalent to say the following chain map

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \rightarrow & P_{n+1} & \rightarrow & P_n & \rightarrow & P_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & \rightarrow & M & \rightarrow & 0 \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

is a quasi-isomorphism.

Thm:

(Comparison Theorem) Let  $P_\bullet \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M$  be a projective resolution of  $M$

(2.2.6)

and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  a map in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then for every resolution  $Q_\bullet \xrightarrow{g} N$ , there is a chain map  $t: P_\bullet \rightarrow Q_\bullet$  such that  $\eta f_\bullet = f' g_\bullet$ . The chain map is unique up to chain homotopy equivalence.

Pf:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1. & \cdots & \rightarrow & P_2 & \rightarrow & P_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} P_0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow f_1 & \downarrow \text{Id}_1 & \downarrow f'_\bullet \\ & & \cdots & \rightarrow & Q_2 & \rightarrow & Q_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} Q_0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

2. Now suppose we have  $t$  and  $g$  satisfying the above conditions.

$$\eta f_\bullet = f' g_\bullet \Rightarrow \eta(f_\bullet - g_\bullet) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Im}(f_\bullet - g_\bullet) \subseteq \ker \eta = \text{Im } b.$$

So we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_0 & & \\ \downarrow f_\bullet - g_\bullet & & \\ Q_1 & \xrightarrow{s_1} & \text{Im } b \end{array}$$

Similarly, get  $s_n$ .

Lemma: (Horseshoe Lemma) Suppose we have the following projective resolutions:

(2.2.8)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & & & \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & \cdots & \rightarrow p_2 & \rightarrow p_1 & \rightarrow p_0 & \rightarrow A' & \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & A & & & & \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & \cdots & \rightarrow Q_2 & \rightarrow Q_1 & \rightarrow Q_0 & \rightarrow A'' & \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

Then  $P_i \oplus Q_i$  is a projective resolution of  $A$ .

Pf:

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} P_0 \xrightarrow{\pi} A' \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \iota \\ P_0 \oplus Q_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} A \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \pi \quad \downarrow \pi \\ Q_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} A'' \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \iota \\ 0 \quad 0 \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} P_i \oplus Q_i \text{ is projective} \\ \text{since it's a summand} \\ \text{of a free module} \end{array} \right.$$

First, let's define  $d_0 : P_0 \oplus Q_0 \rightarrow A$

$\pi : A \rightarrow A''$  is surjective,  $Q_0$  is projective  $\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\pi} : Q_0 \rightarrow A$ .

Define  $d_0 : P_0 \oplus Q_0 \rightarrow A$  as  $d_0 = (\epsilon \oplus \tilde{\pi})$ .

Easy to check  $d_0$  is surjective, and the commutativity.

Now, we can get the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ P_1 & \rightarrow & \ker \epsilon & \rightarrow & P_0 & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & A' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ P_0 \oplus Q_0 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \ker d_0 & \rightarrow & P_0 \oplus Q_0 & \xrightarrow{d_0} & A \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q_1 & \rightarrow & \ker \tilde{\pi} & \rightarrow & Q_0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\pi}} & A'' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array} \quad \text{Haven't got it yet}$$

Similarly, we get  $d_1$ , and  $d_1$  is surjective. i.e.,  $P_i \oplus Q_i$  is

exact at  $P_i \oplus Q_i$ . Repeat this, we get a projective resolution  $P_i \oplus Q_i$  of  $A$ .

### 2.3 Injective Resolutions

Def:

An object  $I$  in an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  is injective if it satisfies the following universal lifting property: Given an injection  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and a map  $\alpha : A \rightarrow I$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A \xrightarrow{f} B \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \alpha \\ I & & \end{array}$$

We say  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives if for every object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , there is an injection  $A \rightarrow I$  with  $I$  injective.

Prop: If  $\{I_\alpha\}$  is a family of injectives, then  $\prod I_\alpha$  is also injective.

Pf:

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow \\ & & \lrcorner \\ & \prod I_\alpha & \downarrow \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & I_\alpha \end{array}$$

Thm:

(Baer's Criterion) A right  $R$ -module  $E$  is injective iff for every right ideal  $J$  of  $R$ , every map  $J \rightarrow E$  extends to a map  $R \rightarrow E$ .

Pf:  $\Rightarrow$ : obvious

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose we have  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

$$\delta \downarrow$$

E

let  $\Sigma = \{\text{extensions } \delta': A' \rightarrow E \text{ of } \delta: A \rightarrow E\}$

Define the order  $\delta': A' \rightarrow E \geq \delta'': A'' \rightarrow E$  as

$$A' \supseteq A'' \text{ and } \delta'|_{A''} = \delta''$$

Then easy to check  $\Sigma$  has a maximal element  $\beta: C \rightarrow E$ .

claim:  $C = B$ , so we get  $B: B \rightarrow E$ , thus E is injective.

If  $C \neq B$ , then  $\exists b \in B$ , but  $b \notin C$ .

Let  $J = (C :_R b)$  be an ideal of R, and we have

a map  $f: J \rightarrow E$

$$r \mapsto \beta(rb)$$

and this map extends to  $\tilde{f}: R \rightarrow E$ .

Now, let  $C' = C + Rb \supsetneq C$ , and define

$$f: C' \rightarrow E$$

which is a morphism.

$$c+rb \mapsto \beta(c) + \tilde{f}(r)$$

• This contradicts with C being maximal.

Hence  $C = B$   $\square$

Def: An abelian group M is called divisible if  $\forall x \in M, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $\exists y \in M$  s.t.  $x = ny$ .

Cor: An  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module M (more generally, a PID-module M) is injective  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is divisible.

Pf: ✓ Consider  $0 \rightarrow (n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Lemma: Every abelian group G can be embedded into a divisible group.

Pf: If G is free, then  $G = \bigoplus_i \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $D = \bigoplus Q$ , then D is divisible and  $0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow D$ .

If G is not free, then we have  $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow 0$  so  $G = F/K \hookrightarrow D/K$ , where D is divisible.  
D is divisible  $\Rightarrow D/K$  is divisible.

Lemma: Let D be an  $\mathbb{Z}$ -injective module, R a ring, then  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, D)$  is an R-injective module.

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow R \\ i \searrow \varphi \quad \uparrow \psi \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, D) \\ \varphi: I \mapsto x \\ \psi: I \mapsto y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow R \\ i \searrow \varphi \quad \uparrow \psi \\ D \\ x \downarrow y \end{array}$$

Thm:  $R\text{-mod}$  has enough injectives, i.e., every  $R$ -module can be embedded into an injective  $R$ -module.

Pf:  $M \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_R(R, M) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, M) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, D)$

Rmk: The above theorem is the only one that we can not get from dualizing the projective result.

Def: A pair of functors  $L: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $R: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are adjoint if there is a natural bijection for all  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $B$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$$T_{AB}: \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, R(B)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(L(A), B)$$

Here, "natural" means for  $f: A \rightarrow A'$  and  $g: B \rightarrow B'$ :

$$\text{Hom}(A', R(B)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, R(B)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, R(B'))$$

$$\downarrow \quad \curvearrowleft \quad \downarrow \quad \curvearrowright \quad \downarrow$$

$$\text{Hom}(L(A), B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(A), B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(A), B')$$

We call  $L$  the left adjoint and  $R$  the right adjoint

E.g.:  $\begin{cases} \text{Forgetful functor: } R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab} \text{ is left adjoint} \\ \text{Hom}(R, -) : \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow R\text{-mod} \text{ is right adjoint} \end{cases}$

Prop: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  are abelian categories.  $(L, R)$  is an adjoint pair.  $L: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is exact, and  $I$  is an injective object in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $R(I)$  is an injective object in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Pf: It suffices to prove  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, R(I))$  is right exact.  
 $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow L(A) \rightarrow L(A')$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(A'), I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(L(A), I) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(A', R(I)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, R(I)) \rightarrow 0$  .