

Given two morphisms of complexes $v, w : C \rightarrow I$ which are both extensions of u , we show that they are homotopic.

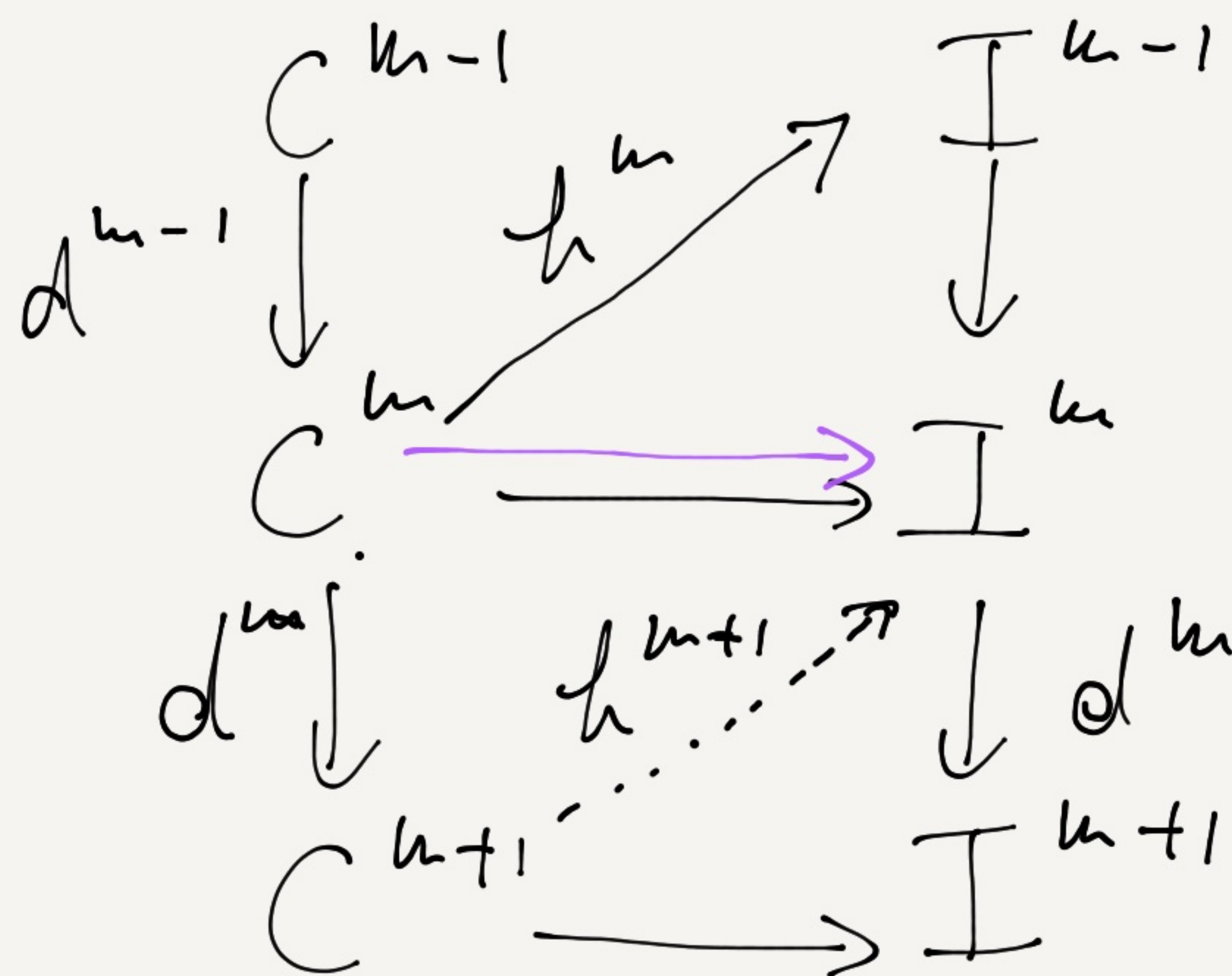
We put $h^{-1} = 0 : A = C^{-1} \rightarrow 0$

Suppose we have constructed h^i for $i \leq n$: $C^i \rightarrow I^{i-1}$

s.t. $v^i - w^i = dh^i + h^{i+1}d^i$

we want h^{n+1} s.t. $v^n - w^n = dh^n + h^{n+1}d^n$

$v^n - w^n - dh^n = h^{n+1}d^n$



to show the existence of h^{n+1} , we need to show that $v^n - w^n - d^{n-1}h^n$ factors through C^{n+1} (a d^n)

$v^m - w^m - dh^m$ is zero on $\text{im } d^{m-1}$ because

$$\begin{aligned} (v^m - w^m - dh^m) d &= (v^m - w^m) d - d(h^m d) \\ &= (v^m - w^m) d - d(v^{m-1} - w^{m-1} - dh^{m-1}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So $v^m - w^m - dh^m$ is zero on $\ker d^m = \text{im } d^{m-1}$ and factors

through $\begin{array}{ccc} C^m & & C^{m+1} \\ \text{ker } d^m & \hookrightarrow & \end{array}$.

This factorization and hence also $v^m - w^m - dh^m$ extends to a morphism $h^{m+1}: C^{m+1} \rightarrow I^m$.

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Properties of $R^i F$:

(1) $\forall i$: $R^i F$ is an additive functor from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B} .

(Can also show that $R^i F(A \oplus B) = R^i F(A) \oplus R^i F(B)$)

(2) There is a natural isomorphism $F \cong R^0 F$

(3) If $I \in \mathcal{O}b(\mathcal{A})$ is injective, then $R^i F(I) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0$

(4) For any short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

there are coboundary morphisms $\delta^i: R^i F(A'') \rightarrow R^{i+1} F(A')$

s.t.

$$\dots \rightarrow R^i F(A') \rightarrow R^i F(A) \rightarrow R^i F(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta^i} R^{i+1} F(A') \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact.

Furthermore, the δ^i are functorial, i.e., given a morphism

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$0 \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0$$

the coboundary morphisms form commutative diagrams

$$R^i F(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta^i} R^{i+1} F(A')$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \partial & \downarrow \\ R^i F(B'') & \xrightarrow{\delta^i} & R^{i+1} F(B') \end{array}$$

Sketch of proof: To construct δ^i , choose injective resolutions I' and I'' of A' and A'' , use Lemma 2

above to construct morphisms fitting in a commutative

diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I'' & \longrightarrow & I' \oplus I''' & \longrightarrow & I'' \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

Definition: An object J is called acyclic for F if

$$R^i F(J) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Remark: One can use acyclic resolutions instead of injective resolutions to compute the right derived functors.

Sketch of proof: Given an acyclic resolution $A \rightarrow C^i$, let B^i be the image of C^i in C^{i+1} for $i \geq 0$ and put $B^{-1} := A$.

The n -th cohomology of the complex $F(C^i)$ is then the cokernel of the map $F(C^{n-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{n-1})$ for $n \geq 1$.

For $i \geq 0$ we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow B^{i-1} \rightarrow C^i \rightarrow B^i \rightarrow 0$$

which gives $R^i F(A) \cong R^{i-1} F(B^0) \cong \dots \cong R^1 F(B^{i-2})$ for $i \geq 1$

and
$$0 \rightarrow F(B^{i-2}) \rightarrow F(C^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{i-1}) \rightarrow R^1 F(B^{i-2}) \rightarrow 0$$

Hence
$$R^1 F(B^{i-2}) = \text{coker}(F(C^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{i-1})) = h^1(F(C))$$

Now we move towards defining cohomology of sheaves on schemes.

Lemma 3: The category of modules over a ring R with a unit (not necessarily commutative) has enough injectives.

Idea of proof: The R -module $R^+ := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$ is injective. Cyclic modules admit nonzero maps to R and for any R -module A :

$$A \hookrightarrow \prod_{a \in A} R^+ \quad R a \xrightarrow{\neq 0} R^+$$

\Rightarrow Lemma 4: For a ringed space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) , the category of

sheaves of \mathcal{O}_X -modules has enough injectives.

Idea of proof: Given an \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{F} , embed each stalk \mathcal{F}_x ($x \in X$) into an injective $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ -module I_x . Then put $\mathcal{I} := \prod_{x \in X} (i_x)_* I_x$

$$i_x: \{x\} \hookrightarrow X$$

\forall \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{G} , we have $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{I})$

$$= \prod_{x \in X} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, (i_x)_* I_x),$$

$$\text{and } \forall x \in X, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, (i_x)_* I_x) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}(\mathcal{G}_x, I_x)$$

\Rightarrow Corollary: Apply this to (X, \mathcal{Z}_X) where X is any

topological space and \mathcal{Z}_X is the locally constant sheaf.

We obtain that the category of sheaves of abelian groups on X has enough injectives.

Fact: The category of modules over a ring R has enough projectives: any module is the quotient of a free module which is projective.

However, the category of sheaves of abelian groups on a topological space X does not necessarily have enough projectives.

Example: Suppose X is a topological space s.t.

$\exists x \in X$ s.t. \forall open $V \ni x, \exists$ an open $U \ni x$
closed point
s.t. $U \not\subseteq V$ and U is connected.

For such U, V , let $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U} := i_! \mathcal{Z}_U$ be the extension by 0 of the constant sheaf \mathcal{Z}_U , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(W) = \mathcal{Z}_U(W) \quad \text{if } W \subset U, \text{ and } \mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(W) = 0, \text{ if } W \not\subset U.$$

Let \mathcal{Z}_x be the skyscraper sheaf supported at x with stalk \mathbb{Z} , i.e., $\mathcal{Z}_x(W) = \mathbb{Z}$, if $x \in W$, and $\mathcal{Z}_x(W) = 0$ if $x \notin W$.

Note that there is a surjective morphism

$$\mathcal{Z}_{X,U} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$$

Claim: \mathcal{Z}_x is NOT the quotient of a projective sheaf.

Otherwise if $\mathcal{P} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$ with \mathcal{P} projective, then

$$\exists \text{ lift } \mathcal{P} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_{X,U} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$$

We have $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(V) = 0$ because $V \notin U$

\Rightarrow the map $\mathcal{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x(V)$ which factors through $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(V)$ is 0.

If we fix x and \mathcal{P} , we can change U and V as above. This means that $\forall V \ni x$ open $\mathcal{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x(V)$ is 0. \Rightarrow the map on stalks $\mathcal{P}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$ is 0: contradiction. \square