

Homological methods in commutative algebra - Summary

D. Excursion: Derived functors - Ext

Definition D.1: A homological δ -functor $F_*: A \rightarrow B$ is a sequence of additive functors $F_i: A \rightarrow B$ with a sequence of natural transformations $\delta_i: F_{i+1}(A'') \rightarrow F_i(A')$ for ses $0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$, satisfying the long exact homology sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow F_{i+1}(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta} F_i(A') \rightarrow F_i(A) \rightarrow F_i(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta} F_{i+1}(A') \rightarrow \dots$$

Morphisms of homological δ -functors are sequences $\varphi_i: F_i \rightarrow G_i$ commuting with the differentials

A cohomological δ -functor has connecting morphisms $\delta_i: F^i(A'') \rightarrow F^{i+1}(A')$ raising the dimension instead.

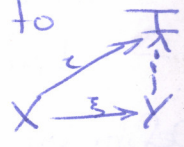
A left-derived functor of a right exact functor $F: A \rightarrow B$ is a homological functor $L_*F: A \rightarrow B$ with $L_0F \cong F$, st. for any homological functor $\Phi_*: A \rightarrow B$ and natural transformation $\Phi_0 \rightarrow L_0F$, there is a unique extension to $\Phi_* \rightarrow L_*F$.

A right-derived functor of a left exact functor $F: A \rightarrow B$ is a cohomological functor $R^*F: A \rightarrow B$ with $R^0F \cong F$ and

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{CohomFct}}(R^*F, \Phi^*) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Fct}}(R^0F, \Phi^0)$$

Definition D.2: An object I in an Abelian category is injective if

- a) for every mono $\xi: X \rightarrow Y$, any $\tau: X \rightarrow I$ extends to some $\nu: Y \rightarrow I$.
- b) any ses. $0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow X \rightarrow X'' \rightarrow 0$ splits.



Definition D.3: An injective resolution of X is a l.e.s.

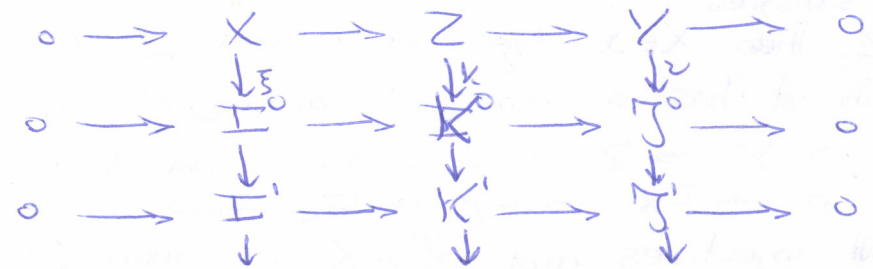
$$0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{\xi} I^0 \xrightarrow{d^0} I^1 \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots \text{ with all } I^i \text{ injective.}$$

Proposition D.1: a) Let $\xi: X \rightarrow I^*$, $\nu: Y \rightarrow J^*$ be injective resolutions, and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a morphism. Then there exists a morphism $\varphi: I^* \rightarrow J^*$ compatible with f (i.e. $\nu \circ f = \varphi \circ \xi$.)

If $\hat{\varphi}$ is a different such morphism, there is a chain homotopy $s^l: I^* \rightarrow J^{*+1}$ between φ and $\hat{\varphi}$, i.e. $\varphi^l - \hat{\varphi}^l = d_{J^*}^{l+1} s^l + s^{l+1} d_{I^*}^l$ (So they induce the same morphism in cohomology.)

b) If $\xi: X \rightarrow I^*$, $\nu: Y \rightarrow J^*$ are injective resolutions and $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y \rightarrow 0$ is a ses., there is an

injective resolution $k: Z \rightarrow K^*$ in a comm. diagram



Theorem D.1: Let A be an Abelian category with sufficiently many injective objects.

- a) Any left exact functor $A \rightarrow B$ has a right derived functor.
- b) A cohomological functor $\mathbb{D}^*: A \rightarrow B$ is a right-derived functor of \mathbb{D}^0 iff $\mathbb{D}^i I = 0$ for all injective objects $I, i > 0$.

c) Let $0 \rightarrow F' \rightarrow F \rightarrow F'' \rightarrow 0$ be a sequence of left exact functors which is exact on injective objects. Then there is a unique sequence of nat. transf. $R^i F'' \rightarrow R^{i+1} F'$ st. we have for all $x \in \text{Ob}(A)$ a l.e.s.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & F'x & \rightarrow & Fx & \rightarrow & F''x & \rightarrow & R^1 F'x & \rightarrow & R^1 Fx & \rightarrow & R^1 F''x & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & & \dots \\
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 \end{array}$$

such that the following square is anti-commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R^i F''x & \xrightarrow{d_{i+1}} & R^{i+1} F'x \\
 \downarrow d_{i+1} & & \downarrow d_{i+1} \\
 R^{i+1} F'x & \xrightarrow{d_i} & R^{i+2} F''x
 \end{array}$$

Theorem D.2: Let A have sufficiently many projectives.

- a) Any right exact functor $F: A \rightarrow B$ has a left-derived functor.
- b) $\mathbb{D}_* : A \rightarrow B$ left-derived functor of \mathbb{D}_0 iff $\mathbb{D}_i P = 0, P$ projective
- c) For a ses. $0 \rightarrow F' \rightarrow F \rightarrow F'' \rightarrow 0$ exact on projectives there is a l.e.s.

$$\dots \rightarrow L_{p+1} F''x \rightarrow L_p F'x \rightarrow L_p Fx \rightarrow L_p F''x \rightarrow L_{p+1} F'x \rightarrow \dots$$

Definition D.4: If A has sufficiently many injectives, let for fixed $X \in \text{Ob}(A)$ $\text{Ext}^*(X, -)$ be the right derived functor of $Y \mapsto \text{Hom}(X, Y)$

This is functorial in X . Explicitly, if $Y \rightarrow I^*$ is an injective resolution, then

$$\text{Ext}^p(X, Y) = H^p(\text{Hom}(X, I^*))$$

Since $\text{Ext}^p(-, Y)$ vanishes on projectives ($\text{Hom}(P, I^*)$ being exact), it is also a right derived functor of $X \mapsto \text{Hom}(X, Y)$, and thus if $P^* \rightarrow X$ is a projective resolution

$$\text{Ext}^p(X, Y) = H^p(\text{Hom}(P^*, Y))$$

Proposition D.2: Let $F: A \rightarrow B$ left exact, A suff. many injectives. Suppose $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \text{Ob}(A)$ satisfies

- a) If $X \cong Y \oplus Z$, then $X \in \mathcal{X} \iff Y \in \mathcal{X}$ and $Z \in \mathcal{X}$.
- b) Every object in A has a mono into an object in \mathcal{X} .
- c) If $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$ exact and $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}$, then $Z \in \mathcal{X}$ and $0 \rightarrow FX \rightarrow FY \rightarrow FZ \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

Then \mathcal{X} contains all injectives and $R^p F X = 0$ when $X \in \mathcal{X}, p > 0$.

I. Tor and Ext of R-modules

1.1 Injective and projective modules + properties of $\text{Ext}_R^k(-, -)$

Proposition 1.1.1 (Baer's criterion): For an R-module N, f.f.a.e.:

- a) $\text{Hom}_R(-, N)$ is an exact functor.
- b) If $M \subseteq M'$ is a sub-R-module, every $f: M \rightarrow N$ extends to an $\varphi: M' \rightarrow N$
- c) For all ideals $I \subseteq R$, every $f: I \rightarrow N$ extends to $R \rightarrow N$.

Definition 1.1.0: Such R-module N is called injective

Definition 1.1.1: If R is a domain, an R-module M is called divisible if $M \xrightarrow{r} M$ is surjective for all $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$.

(Equivalently: c) above holds for $I = (r)$)

Corollary 1.1.1: b) If R is a domain, N injective \Rightarrow N divisible.

a) If N injective, $S \in R$ multiplicative, then $N \rightarrow N_S$ surjective.

Corollary 1.1.2: If R is a PID, N injective \Leftrightarrow N divisible.

Proposition 1.1.2: For any ring R, the category of R-modules has sufficiently many injective objects (and thus injective resolutions.)

Lemma 1.1.1 a) The functor $\text{Ab} \rightarrow R\text{-mod} : G \mapsto \mathcal{R}G := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, G)$ (which is an R-module by $(r\varphi)(g) := \varphi(rg)$.) is a left adjoint functor to the forgetful functor $R\text{-mod} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$.

b) If I is an injective Abelian group, $\mathcal{R}I$ is an injective R-module.

c) If $M \rightarrow \mathcal{R}I$ corresponds to an injective morphism $i: M \rightarrow I$ of Abelian groups under

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(M, I) \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, \mathcal{R}I)$$

then $M \rightarrow \mathcal{R}I$ is also injective.

Corollary (of prop 1.1.2 + cor 1.1.2) 1.1.3: When R is a PID, any quotient of an injective module is injective.

~~Th~~ Thus every R-module has an injective resolution of length 1:

$$0 \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^0/X \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

Proposition 1.1.3: a) For a PID R, $\text{Ext}_R^p(M, N) = 0$ for $p > 1$.

b) Any submodule of a projective R-module is projective. (R PID)

Remark: For a PID R, free R-modules are the same as projective R-modules.

Example: For $a \in R$ not a zero-divisor

$$\text{Ext}_R^k(R/aR, M) \cong \begin{cases} \ker(M \xrightarrow{a} M) & k=0 \\ M/aM & k=1 \\ 0 & k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Proposition 1.1.4: Let R be any ring, N an R-module.

Then N is injective iff for all ideals $I \subseteq R$, $\text{Ext}_R^1(R/I, N) = 0$.

Fact 1.1.1: The multiplication with $a \in R$ on the R-module $\text{Ext}_R^k(M, N)$ is the same as the map induced by either $M \xrightarrow{a} M$ or $N \xrightarrow{a} N$.

Fact 1.1.2: If multiplication by a annihilates M or N, then also $\text{Ext}_R^k(M, N)$

Fact 1.1.3: If ~~R~~ R is Noetherian, then any f.g. R-module M has a projective resolution

$$0 \leftarrow M \leftarrow P^0 \leftarrow P^1 \leftarrow P^2 \leftarrow \dots$$

where all P^i are f.g. free R-modules.

Fact 1.1.4: If M and N are f.g. over a Noetherian ring R , then all $\text{Ext}_R^k(M, N)$ are f.g.

Fact 1.1.5: Let $S \subseteq R$ be multiplicative.

- a) If M is a projective R -module, M_S is a projective R_S -module
- b) If N is an injective R_S -module, it is an injective R -module.

Fact 1.1.6: For $S \subseteq R$ multiplicative, M an R -module, X an R_S -module, there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\text{Ext}_{R_S}^k(M_S, X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Ext}_R^k(M, X)$$

compatible with l.e.s. and in degree 0 $\text{Hom}_{R_S}(M_S, X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_R(M, X)$.

Remark: The natural map $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)_S \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{R_S}(M_S, N_S)$ is in general neither injective nor surjective.

If M is f.g., it is injective, and if M is finitely presented, it is an iso.

Proposition 1.1.5: Let R be Noetherian, M f.g., S multiplicative. Then there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\text{Ext}_R^k(M, X)_S \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Ext}_{R_S}^k(M_S, X_S)$$

compatible with l.e.s. and in degree 0 $\text{Hom}_R(M, X)_S \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{R_S}(M_S, X_S)$.

Projective and injective dimension

For an object X in an Abelian category \mathcal{A} , define

$$\text{idim}_{\mathcal{A}}(X) = \sup \{ p \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{Ext}^p(T, X) \neq 0 \text{ for some object } T \text{ of } \mathcal{A} \}$$

$$\text{pdim}_{\mathcal{A}}(X) = \sup \{ p \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{Ext}^p(X, T) \neq 0 \text{ for some object } T \text{ of } \mathcal{A} \}$$

When \mathcal{A} has sufficiently many injective objects, $X \neq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{idim}_{\mathcal{A}}(X) &= \min \{ \ell \mid \text{There is an injective resolution of length } \ell \} \\ &= \min \{ \ell \mid \text{Any inj. res. } 0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow I^+ \text{ has truncated inj. res. } 0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow I_{\ell} \rightarrow I_{\ell+1} \rightarrow \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

When \mathcal{A} has sufficiently many projective objects, $X \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pdim}_{\mathcal{A}}(X) &= \sup \min \{ \ell \mid \text{There is a projective resolution of length } \ell \} \\ &= \min \{ \ell \mid \text{Any proj. res. } \dots \leftarrow P_{\ell} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow X \leftarrow P_0 \text{ has truncated proj. res. } \dots \leftarrow P_{\ell} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow X \leftarrow P_0 \rightarrow 0 \} \end{aligned}$$

In fact, it follows from the proof and Baer's criterion that for R -module X

$$\text{idim}_R(X) = \sup \{ p \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{Ext}_R^p(R/I, X) \neq 0 \text{ for some ideal } I \}$$

$$= \sup \{ p \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{Ext}_R^p(T, X) \neq 0 \text{ for some f.g. } R\text{-module } T \}$$

~~and similarly for $\text{pdim}_R(X)$~~ not! for pdim ! (We don't have proposition 1.1.4)

Corollary 1.1.4: For R Noetherian, $\text{idim}_R(M) = \sup_{\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{idim}_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}}(M_{\mathfrak{m}}) = \sup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{idim}_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$

Corollary 1.1.5: For R Noetherian, M f.g.

$$\text{pdim}_R(M) = \sup_{\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{pdim}_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}}(M_{\mathfrak{m}}) = \sup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{pdim}_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$$

Corollary 1.1.6: Let R be a Dedekind domain. Then an R -module M is injective iff it is divisible. So any quotient of an injective module is injective. We have $\text{idim}_R(M) \leq 1$ for all M .

Also $\text{pdim}_R(M) \leq 1$ for all M . Any submodule of a projective R -module is projective. Any f.g. torsion free R -module is projective.

Proposition 1.1.6: Let R be Noetherian. $I \subseteq R$ ideal, M, N f.g. R -modules. Then

$$\widehat{\text{Ext}}_R^p(M, N) = \text{Ext}_R^p(\widehat{M}, \widehat{N}) \quad (I\text{-adic completion})$$

Lemma 1.1.2: An R -module P is projective iff it is a direct sum of a free R -module. If P is f.g., F may be chosen f.g. as well.

Corollary 1.1.1: If P is finitely represented, then P is projective iff $\text{Ext}_R^i(P, T) = 0$ for all f.g. R -modules T .

Corollary 1.1.2: If R Noetherian, M f.g., then $\text{pdim}_R(M) \geq \text{pdim}_R(\hat{M})$

When R is local and $I \subseteq R$ is a proper ideal, equality holds.

1.2 Torsion products and flat modules

Definition 1.2.1: For an R -module M , let $\text{Tor}_p^R(M, N)$ be the p -th left derived functor of $N \mapsto M \otimes_R N$.

Remark: For a s.e.s. $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$, we get a l.e.s.

$$\rightarrow \text{Tor}_{p+1}^R(M, N'') \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M, N') \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M, N'') \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{p-1}^R(M, N'') \rightarrow \dots$$

For a s.e.s. $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$, we get the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M' \otimes_R N \rightarrow M \otimes_R N \rightarrow M'' \otimes_R N \rightarrow 0$$

which is exact on free, and hence on projective, R -modules, giving a l.e.s.

$$\rightarrow \text{Tor}_{p+1}^R(M'', N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M', N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_p^R(M'', N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{p-1}^R(M', N) \rightarrow \dots$$

To calculate $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)$, one takes a projective resolution $P_* \rightarrow N \rightarrow 0$ and then $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = H_i(M \otimes P_*)$.

Fact 1.2.1: If $i > 0$ and one of M, N is projective, then $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = 0$.

So $\text{Tor}_i^R(-, N)$ is also the left-derived functor of $M \mapsto M \otimes N$.

Proposition 1.2.1: There is a unique family of isomorphisms $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(N, M)$ which is $M \otimes N \cong N \otimes M$ in degree 0 and that exchanges the two connecting homomorphisms β in the l.e.s.'s above.

Example 1.2.1: For $a \in R$ not a zero-divisor

$$\text{Tor}_i^R(M, R/aR) \cong \begin{cases} M/aM & i=0 \\ \ker(M \xrightarrow{a} M) & i=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Fact 1.2.2: Multiplication with $a \in R$ on $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)$ is the same as the maps induced by $M \xrightarrow{a} M$ and $N \xrightarrow{a} N$.

Fact 1.2.3: If R Noetherian, M, N f.g., then $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)$ f.g.

Fact 1.2.4: For a multiplicative subset $S \subseteq R$, there are canonical isos $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)_S \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(M, N_S) \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(M_S, N) \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(M_S, N_S) \cong \text{Tor}_i^{R_S}(M_S, N_S)$.

Fact 1.2.5: Tor is compatible with direct limits: $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, \varinjlim N_\alpha) = \varinjlim \text{Tor}_i^R(M, N_\alpha)$

Proposition 1.2.2: For an R -module M , t.f.a.e.:

- a) The functor $M \otimes -$ is exact
- b) $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = 0$ when $i > 0$ and any N
- c) $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N) = 0$ when $i > 0$ and N f.g.
- b) Only for $i=1$
- c) Only for $i=1$.

Definition 1.2.2: Such R -module M is called flat.

Proposition 1.2.3: For an R -module M , t.f.a.e.:

- a) M is flat
- b) For any ideal $I \subseteq R$, $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, R/I) = 0$
- c) For any I , $I \otimes_R M \rightarrow IM: i \otimes m \mapsto im$ is injective (hence iso)

If R Noetherian, b) and c) only necessary for I prime

Corollary 1.2.1: If M is a flat module, it is torsion-free.

The converse holds if R is a Dedekind domain.

Example 1.2.2: If M is a projective module, it is flat.

Fact 1.2.6: For an R -module M , t.f.a.e.

- (a) M is flat
- (b) For any multiplicative $S \subseteq R$, M_S is a flat R -module (c) — " — R_S -module
- (d) For every maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} , $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is a flat R -module (e) — " — $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -module

Example 1.2.4: Any localization is a flat R -module (i.e. R_S is flat)

Example 1.2.5: The completion \hat{R} w.r.t. any ideal I is a flat R -module, if R is Noetherian. If M is f.g. and flat, \hat{M} is a flat \hat{R} -module.

Example 1.2.6: The product of arbitrarily many flat modules over a Noetherian ring is again flat.

Example 1.2.7: The direct sum of arbitrarily many flat modules is always flat.

Fact 1.2.7: For any R -module M , t.f.a.e.

- (a) $\text{Tor}_p^R(M, T) = 0$ for any T and any $p > d$ \hat{a}) Only $p = d+1$
- (b) $\text{Tor}_p^R(M, T) = 0$ for any f.g. T and any $p > d$ \hat{b}) Only $p = d+1$
- (c) $\text{Tor}_p^R(M, R/I) = 0$ for any ideal $I \subseteq R$, any $p > d$ \hat{c}) Only $p = d+1$.

For R Noetherian, it is enough to have c or \hat{c}) for I prime.

Definition 1.2.3: Define the flat dimension $\text{fl. dim}_R(M)$ of M to be the largest such d (or $+\infty$ if none exists)

Fact 1.2.8: For an R -module M

- a) $\text{fl. dim}_R(M) \leq \text{pdim}_R(M)$
- b) $\text{fl. dim}_R(M) = \sup_{\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{fl. dim}_{R_{\mathfrak{m}}}(M_{\mathfrak{m}}) = \sup_{\mathfrak{m}} \text{fl. dim}_R(M_{\mathfrak{m}})$
- c) $\text{fl. dim}_R(M) = \sup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)} \text{fl. dim}_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \sup_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{fl. dim}_R(M_{\mathfrak{p}})$

Remark: Examples 1.2.5, 1.2.6, 1.2.7. remain true for $\{R\text{-modules of fl. dim}_R \leq d\}$

Proposition 1.2.4: For an R -module M , t.f.a.e.

- (a) $\text{fl. dim}(M) \leq d$
- (b) M has a flat resolution

$$(4) \quad 0 \leftarrow M \leftarrow F_0 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow F_d \leftarrow 0$$

of length d , i.e. all F_i are flat.

(c) For any sequence (4), if F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{d-1} are flat, so is F_d .

If R is Noetherian, \hat{R} and M f.g., all F_i can be taken to be f.g.

Fact 1.2.9: If $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow F \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ is a ses. of R -modules and F is flat, then $\text{fl. dim}_R(N) = \max\{0, \text{fl. dim}_R(M) - 1\}$

Proposition 1.2.5: Let R be Noetherian, M, N f.g. Then

$$\text{Tor}_i^{\hat{R}}(\hat{M}, \hat{N}) \cong \widehat{\text{Tor}_i^R(M, N)}$$

1.3 The case of f.g. modules over Noetherian rings

Proposition 1.3.1: Let R be Noetherian local, M f.g. Then t.f.a.e.

- (a) M is free
- (b) M is projective
- (c) M is flat
- (d) $\text{Tor}_i^R(M, k) = 0$
- (e) $\text{Tor}_i^{\hat{R}}(\hat{M}, k) = 0$

(completion w.r.t. \mathfrak{m} .)

For (d) \Rightarrow (a), choose $R^n \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ giving iso when tensored with k and note that $\ker(\pi) \otimes k = 0$ implies $\ker(\pi) = 0$ by Nakayama's lemma.

Corollary 1.3.1: If R Noetherian local, M f.g. then $\text{pdim}_R(M) = \text{fl. dim}_R(M) = \sup \{d \in \mathbb{N} \mid \text{Tor}_{d+1}^R(M, k) \neq 0\}$

Corollary 1.3.2: If R Noetherian local, M any R -module - then $\text{fl. dim}_R(M) \leq \text{fl. dim}_R(k)$.

Corollary 1.3.3: If R Noetherian (local or not) and M f.g. then $\text{fl. dim}_R(M) = \text{pr. dim}_R(M)$.

Proposition 1.3.2: If R Noetherian, M f.g., t.f.a.e.

- (a) M is projective
- (b) M is flat
- (c) $\text{Spec } R$ can be covered by $\text{Spec } R_f$, $f \in R$, s.t. M_f is a free R_f -module
- (d) \hat{M} is a locally free $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}$ -module on $\text{Spec } R$
- (e) $M_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is a free $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ -module for any maximal ideal \mathfrak{m} of R .
- (f) $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a free $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module for any prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of R .

Non-trivial part is (f) \Rightarrow (c) for which we have:

Lemma 1.3.1: Let R be Noetherian, M f.g. Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$ s.t.

$M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a free $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module. Then there is $f \in R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ s.t. M_f is free R_f -module.

Proof: Let $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$ s.t. their images in $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ generate this free $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module. The finitely many generators of M over R can in $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ be written as a linear combination of the m_j - and by finding a common denominator of the coefficients this holds even in R_f for some $f \in R \setminus \mathfrak{p}$.

Let $N \subseteq R_f^k$ be the kernel of $R_f^k \xrightarrow{(r_i)_{i=1}^k} M_f : (r_i)_{i=1}^k \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^k r_i m_i$.

Then $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow R_f^k \rightarrow M_f \rightarrow 0$ gives $0 \rightarrow N_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}}^k \xrightarrow{\cong} M_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow 0$, implying that $N_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$. As R is Noetherian, N is f.g. Since all finitely many generators get killed by multiplying by some element in $(R_f) \setminus \mathfrak{p}$, there is $\hat{f} \in (R_f) \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ s.t. $\hat{f} N = 0$, so $N_{\hat{f}} = 0$ and $(R_{\hat{f}})^k \xrightarrow{\cong} M_{\hat{f}}$, so $M_{\hat{f}}$ is free.

2 Regular rings and Cohen-Macaulay-rings

2.1 An application of the Koszul complex

Let M be an R -module and $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$. We define now the Koszul complex $C_*(\underline{x}, M)$. For $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_p\}$, define

$$\triangleright C_p(\underline{x}, M) = \{ \text{Alternating functions } I^{n-p} \xrightarrow{f} M \}$$

$$\triangleright d_j: C_p(\underline{x}, M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(\underline{x}, M) \quad (k := n-p)$$

$$(d_j f)(i_1, \dots, i_{k+1}) = x_{j+1} f(i_1, \dots, \hat{i}_{j+1}, \dots, i_{k+1})$$

$$\triangleright d: C_p(\underline{x}, M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(\underline{x}, M) \quad d = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j d_j$$

For a morphism $f: A_* \rightarrow B_*$ of chain complexes, define the cone $C(f)_i := \text{Cone}(f)_i := B_i \oplus A_{i-1}$, $d_{C(f)}(b, a) = (d_B b + f(a), -d_A(a))$

The ses. $0 \rightarrow B_* \rightarrow C(f)_* \rightarrow A_* \rightarrow 0$ gives the les.

$$\dots \rightarrow H_i(A_*) \xrightarrow{f_*} H_i(B_*) \rightarrow H_i(C(f)_*) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(A_*) \xrightarrow{f_*} \dots$$

We have for $\underline{x}' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$

$$C_*(\underline{x}, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Cone}(C_*(\underline{x}', M) \xrightarrow{x_n} C_*(\underline{x}, M))$$

$$C_p(\underline{x}, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_p(\underline{x}', M) \oplus C_{p-1}(\underline{x}', M)$$

$$f \longmapsto (f|_{I^{n-p-1}}, f|_{I^{n-p}})$$

Definition 2.1.1 A sequence (x_1, \dots, x_n) is called M -regular if

$$M / (x_1 M + \dots + x_{i-1} M) \xrightarrow{\cdot x_i} M / (x_1 M + \dots + x_i M)$$

is injective for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Proposition 2.1.1 a) If \underline{x} is M -regular, then $H_i(\underline{x}, M) = 0$ for $i > 0$.

b) If R is Noetherian^{local} and M f.g., the converse also holds, if $x_i \in \mathfrak{m}$.

c) $H_0(\underline{x}, M) = M / (x_0 M + \dots + x_n M)$.

Corollary 2.1.1: When R is a Noetherian local ring, M f.g., then any permutation of an M -regular sequence of elements of \mathfrak{m} stays M -regular.

Fact 2.1.1: Let R be a ring, $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ an R -regular sequence such that $I = \underline{x}R$ is a proper ideal. Then

a) $0 \leftarrow R/I \leftarrow C_*(\underline{x}, R)$ is a free resolution of R/I .

b) For every R -module M

$$\text{Tor}_i^R(M, R/I) \cong H_i(\underline{x}, M)$$

$$\text{Ext}_R^i(R/I, M) \cong H_{n-i}(\underline{x}, M)$$

c) $\text{pdim}(R/I) = \text{fl. dim}(R/I) = n$.

2.2 Regular rings

Let (R, \mathfrak{m}) be a Noetherian local ring of dimension $d > 0$. We have $\dim_k(\mathfrak{m}^2 / \mathfrak{m}^3) \geq d$. We call R regular if equality holds. This is equivalent to \mathfrak{m} being generated by d elements x_1, \dots, x_d and to

$$\text{Gr.}(R, \mathfrak{m}) := \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{m}^i / \mathfrak{m}^{i+1}$$

being a polynomial ring. It follows that regular rings are domains.

Proposition 2.2.1: Let R be regular Noetherian local, x_1, \dots, x_d generating \mathfrak{m} . 150

- The sequence $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ is a regular sequence.
- The Koszul complex is a free resolution $0 \leftarrow k = R/\mathfrak{m} \leftarrow C_+(x, R)$ of length d .
- The cohomological dimension of the category of R -modules is d (i.e. the supremum of projective and injective dimensions.)

(Recall prime avoidance lemma)

Theorem 1 (Serre): For a Noetherian local ring - t.f.a.e.:

- R is regular
- $\text{gl. dim}(R)$ is finite
- $\text{gl. dim}(R) = \dim(R)$
- $d := \text{fl. dim}_R(k)$ is finite.

Proof: $d) \Rightarrow a)$. We induction on $d = \text{fl. dim}_R(k)$. If $d=0$, k is flat over R so by proposition 1.3.1 k is free - so $k=R$ and R is regular of $\dim 0$.

Now let $d > 0$. Then $\mathfrak{m} \neq \mathfrak{m}^2$ as otherwise $\mathfrak{m}=0$, $R=k$ and $d=0$.

Claim: $\mathfrak{m} \notin \text{Ass}_R(R)$. Indeed if $\mathfrak{m} = \text{Ann}_R(r) = \ker(R \xrightarrow{r} R)$, we have

$$\text{a s.e.s. } 0 \rightarrow k = R/\mathfrak{m} \xrightarrow{r} R \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0 \text{ giving}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_{p+1}^R(T, Q) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Tor}_p^R(T, k) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{so } \text{fl. dim}(k) = \text{fl. dim}(Q) - 1 < \text{fl. dim}(Q) \leq \text{fl. dim}(k). \quad \downarrow$$

So by prime avoidance there is $x \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus (\mathfrak{m}^2 \cup \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(R)} \mathfrak{p})$. It follows that $R \xrightarrow{x} R$ is injective - so

$$\underline{\text{pdim}_{R/xR}(\mathfrak{m}/x\mathfrak{m}) \leq \text{pdim}_R(\mathfrak{m}) \stackrel{\text{cor. 1.3.3}}{=} \text{fl. dim}_R(\mathfrak{m})}$$

From $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow R \rightarrow k \rightarrow 0$ we get $\text{Tor}_k^R(\mathfrak{m}, T) \cong \text{Tor}_{k+1}^R(k, T)$ for all T , so $\underline{\text{fl. dim}_R(\mathfrak{m}) \leq \text{fl. dim}_R(k) - 1 = d - 1}$.

Let $x = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\delta$ be elements of \mathfrak{m} whose images in $\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$ generate this as a k -vector space. This gives a splitting of

$$0 \rightarrow k \xrightarrow{x} \mathfrak{m}/x\mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}/xR \rightarrow 0, \text{ showing that } k \text{ is a direct summand of the } R/xR\text{-module } \mathfrak{m}/x\mathfrak{m}, \text{ and thus}$$

$$\delta := \text{fl. dim}_{R/xR}(k) = \text{pdim}_{R/xR}(k) \leq \text{pdim}_{R/xR}(\mathfrak{m}/x\mathfrak{m}) \leq \text{fl. dim}_R(\mathfrak{m}) < d.$$

By the induction hypothesis, R/xR is a regular ring of $\dim \delta < d$.

Let $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_\delta \in \mathfrak{m}$ whose images in R/xR generate the maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}/xR . Then $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_\delta, x$ generate \mathfrak{m} , so $\dim R \leq \delta + 1$.

It remains to prove that $\delta = \dim(R/xR) < \dim(R)$. Let $\mathfrak{q}_0 \supset \dots \supset \mathfrak{q}_\delta$ be a sequence of prime ideals in R/xR with preimages $\mathfrak{p}_0 \supset \dots \supset \mathfrak{p}_\delta$ in R . Then $x \in \mathfrak{p}_0$, so $\mathfrak{p}_0 \notin \text{Ass}_R(R)$, so \mathfrak{p}_0 is not minimal and thus $\dim(R) > \delta$. So $\dim(R) = \delta + 1$ and R is regular.

Corollary 2.2.1 (Serre) Let R be a regular local ring and $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$. 510

Then $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is also regular.

Definition 2.2.1: A Noetherian ring R is called regular if

- For any $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$, $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a regular local ring.
- For any $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{m-Spec } R$, $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is a regular local ring.

An ideal $I \subseteq R$, then R is called regular in I if

- For any $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$ containing I , $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a regular local ring
- For any $\mathfrak{m} \in \text{m-Spec } R$ containing I , $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is a regular local ring.

Proposition 2.2.2: Let R be a Noetherian ring regular in an ideal I .

Then the completion \hat{R} of R w.r.t. I is a regular ring.

Proof: For $x \in I \cdot \hat{R}$, $(1-x)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ converges in \hat{R} , so I is contained in

the Jacobson radical and thus every maximal ideal \mathfrak{n} of \hat{R} contains I .

Its preimage \mathfrak{m} in R is also maximal and contains I , so $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ is a regular local ring. By $\text{Gr}(\hat{R}, \mathfrak{n}) \cong \text{Gr}(R, \mathfrak{m})$, $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and $\hat{R}_{\mathfrak{n}}$

have the same Krull dimension, and since generators of \mathfrak{m} give generators of \mathfrak{n} , we see that $\hat{R}_{\mathfrak{n}}$ is regular.

Proposition 2.2.3: If R is a regular Noetherian ring, then

$R[[T_1, \dots, T_n]]$ and $R[[T_1, \dots, T_n]]$ are also regular.

Proof: Enough for $R[[T]]$. Let $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R[[T]]$ and $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{p} \cap R$.

W.l.o.g. \mathfrak{m} is maximal, and R is local. Let x_1, \dots, x_d be generators of \mathfrak{m} .

If $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{m}[[T]]$, they also generate \mathfrak{p} over $R[[T]]$, which by $\dim(R[[T]]_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) \geq \text{ht}(\mathfrak{m}) = d$ shows that $R[[T]]_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is regular.

If $\mathfrak{p} \not\supseteq \mathfrak{m}[[T]]$, then $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) > \text{ht}(\mathfrak{m}) = d$. W.l.o.g. \mathfrak{p} is maximal, so

$k(\mathfrak{p}) = R[[T]]_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is a field extension of $k = R/\mathfrak{m}$ of finite type, so a finite extension. If Q is a minimum polynomial of

$T \in R[[T]]_{\mathfrak{p}}$ then x_1, \dots, x_d, Q generate \mathfrak{p} and $R[[T]]_{\mathfrak{p}}$ is regular.

Proposition 2.2.4: All fg. modules over regular local rings have

finite free resolutions.

2.3 Regular sequences and depth

Let (R, \mathfrak{m}, k) be a Noetherian local ring

Proposition 2.3.1: Let M be a fg. R -module. For $n \geq 0$ - t.f.a.e:

- There is a fg. R -module T with $\text{supp}(T) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ st. $\text{Ext}_R^j(T, M) = 0$ for $j < n$.
- $\text{Ext}_R^j(k, M) = 0$ for $j < n$
- For every fg. R -module T with $\text{supp}(T) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$, $\text{Ext}_R^j(T, M) = 0$ for $j < n$.

Definition 2.3.1: The largest such n is called the depth of M .

Fact 2.3.1: $\text{Depth}(A \oplus B) = \min(\text{depth}(A), \text{depth}(B))$

Remark 2.3.1: $\text{Supp } T = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ is equivalent to $\dim(T) = 0$.

Theorem 2 (Auslander, Buchsbaum) Let R Noetherian local, $M \neq 0$ fg. $\text{pdim}(M) < \infty$.

Then (i) $\text{pdim}(M) + \text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(R)$.

Proof: Do induction on $d := \text{pdim}(M)$. If $d=0$, M is free, so $\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(R)$. 151

For $d > 0$, let $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$ be generators forming a basis of $M/\mathfrak{m}M$. With $P = R^k$ we get a ses. $0 \rightarrow M' \xrightarrow{i} P \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ where $P \rightarrow M$ sends the i -th basis vector to m_i . By long exact sequence

$$\text{pdim}(M') = \text{pdim}(M) - 1$$

and it suffices to show that $\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(M') - 1$.

If $d=1$, M' is free, say $M' = R^l$, and as $i(M') = \ker(P \rightarrow M) = \mathfrak{m}P$, i is given by a $(k \times l)$ -matrix with coefficients in \mathfrak{m} so $\text{Ext}^j(k, M') \xrightarrow{i} \text{Ext}^j(k, P)$ vanishes for all j . We get ses.

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^j(k, P) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^j(k, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{j+1}(k, M') \rightarrow 0$$

implying that $\text{depth}(M) = \min(\text{depth}(P), \text{depth}(M') - 1)$, which is just $\text{depth}(M') - 1$ by freeness of P and M' .

If $d > 1$, write $c = \text{depth}(M')$. By the IH, $\text{depth}(R) = (d-1) + c \geq c+1$ so for $i \leq c$

$$\text{Ext}^i(k, P) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(k, M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Ext}^{i+1}(k, M') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{i+2}(k, P)$$

$\parallel \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \parallel$

so $\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(M') - 1$ as desired.

Lemma 2.3.2: Let $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ be M -regular. Then

$$\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(M/xM) + 1$$

Corollary 2.3.1: If (x_1, \dots, x_k) is an M -regular sequence of elements of \mathfrak{m} , then

$$\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(M/(x_1M + \dots + x_kM)) + k$$

Proposition 2.3.2: For a f.g. R -module M , f.f.a.e.:

a) $\text{depth}(M) \geq n$

b) Each M -regular ~~seq~~ sequence $(x_1, \dots, x_j) \in \mathfrak{m}^j$ for $j \leq n$ can be extended to an M -regular sequence $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathfrak{m}^n$.

c) There is an M -regular sequence $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathfrak{m}^n$.

Proposition 2.3.3 We have $\text{depth}_{\hat{R}}(\hat{M}) = \text{depth}_R(M)$ (completion w.r.t. $\mathfrak{I} \in \mathfrak{m}$)

Proposition 2.3.4: If $i < \text{depth}(M) - \dim(\mathfrak{T})$, then $\text{Ext}^i(\mathfrak{T}, M) = 0$.

Proof: Do induction on $d := \dim(\mathfrak{T})$, the case $d=0$ being true by definition.

