ON THE NOTION OF PRECOHOMOLOGY

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ABSTRACT. For a cochain complex one can have the cohomology functor. In this paper we introduce the notion of precohomology for a cochain that is not a complex, i.e., $d^{q+1} \circ d^q$ may not be zero. Such a cochain, with objects and morphisms of an abelian category A, is called a cochain precomplex whose category is denoted by Pco(A). If a cochain precomplex is actually a cochain complex, then the notion of precohomology coincides with that of cohomology, i.e., precohomology is a generalization of cohomology. For a left exact functor F from an abelian category A to an abelian category B, the hyperprecohomology of F is defined, and some properties are given. In the last section, a generalization of an inverse limit, called a preinverse limit, is introduced. We discuss some of the links between precohomology and preinverse limit.

Introduction

Let **Z** be the ring of integers and let A be an abelian category. Suppose a sequence of objects and morphisms in A is given

which may not satisfy $d^q \circ d^{q-1} = 0$ for certain $q \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then one may not be able to take the cohomology at C^q . We will introduce a functor

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for such a cochain by initially complexifying the cochain to a cochain complex, then taking the cohomology of the complex. For diagram (or element) chasing, we use an exact imbedding of A into the category of abelian groups. It should be noted that precohomology is a self-dual construction and that it is not an exact connected sequence of functors. Furthermore, for each $n \in \mathbf{Z}$, Ph^n is half exact. Hence, they are not derived functors, see § 1.

1. Precohomology

Let A be an abelian category, and let Co (A) and Co⁺ (A) be the categories of cochain complexes and positive cochain complexes of objects in A, respectively.

DEFINITION 1.1. A sequence of objects and morphisms of A,

$$--- \longrightarrow C^{q-1} \xrightarrow{d^{q-1}} C^q \xrightarrow{d^q} C^{q+1} \xrightarrow{---} ---$$

is said to be a cochain precomplex, whose category is denoted by Pco (A), and Pco⁺ (A) denotes the category of positive cochain precomplexes. A morphism $(f_q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}} : (C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}} \to (D^q, e^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ in Pco (A) is a sequence of morphisms $f_q : C_q \to D_q$ such that the diagram

commutes, i.e., $f_{q+1} \circ d^q = e^q \circ f_q$ for $q \in \mathbf{Z}$.

Note. A cochain precomplex $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ is a cochain complex if $d^{q+1} \circ d^q = 0$ for $q \in \mathbf{Z}$.

LEMMA 1.2. Let $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ be an object in Pco (A). Then $(C^q/Im d^{q-1} \circ d^{q-2}, ''d^{q''})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$, abbreviated as $(''C^{q''})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$, is an object in Co (A), where $''d^{q''}$ is the morphism induced by d^q as will be described below in the proof.

Proof. Let.

be a cochain precomplex in Pco (A). Then the morphism $''d^{q''}$ is defined as the morphism

such that "dq" ([cq]) = [dqcq] in C^{q+1}/Im dq \circ dq-1 for [cq] \in Cq/Im dq-1 \circ dq-2. Note "dq" is well-defined. It remains to demonstrate that "dq+1" \circ "dq" ([cq]) = 0. By the above definition, "dq+1" \circ "dq" ([cq]) = [dq+1 \circ dq (cq)] = 0 holds in C^{q+2}/Im dq+1 \circ dq.

REMARK. The assignment of an object $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ in Pco (A) to the object $(C^q/\text{Im } d^{q-1} \circ d^{q-2}, "d^{q"})_{q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a right exact functor.

Note. We call this process (functor) (Cq, dq) $\xrightarrow[q \in \mathbf{Z}]{} (''Cq'', ''dq'')_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ the complexifying functor of the precomplex (Cq, dq)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}.

DEFINITION 1.3. For an object $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ in Pco (A), define the q-th precohomology of $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$, denoted as $Ph^q(C^*)$, by

i. e., by the q-th cohomology of the cochain complex derived from the cochain precomplex $\{C^q, d^q\}_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$.

Note. We have Ker ''dq'' = {[c^q] \in C^q/Im d^{q-1} \circ d^{q-2} | d^q (c^q - d^{q-1} c^{q-1}) = 0 for some $c^{q-1} \in C^{q-1}$ } and Im ''dq-1'' = {[c^q] \in C^q/Im d^{q-1} \circ d^{q-2} | c^q = d^{q-1} (c^{q-1}) for some $c^{q-1} \in C^{q-1}$ }.

From this note, we plainly have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 1.4. Precohomology is a generalization of cohomology in the sense that precohomology coincides with cohomology in the case when a cochain precomplex is a cochain complex.

DEFINITION 1.5. Let $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ be a cochain precomplex in Pco (A), then the dual-complexifying functor of the precomplex $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ is defined as $(\operatorname{Ker} d^{q+1} \circ d^q, 'd^{q'})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$, where $'d^{q'}$ is the restriction of d^q on the subobject $\operatorname{Ker} d^{q+1} \circ d^q$ of C^q . The object which was obtained above is a cochain complex, denoted by $('C^{q'}, 'd^{q'})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ or simply by $('C^{q'})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$. Define the q-th dual-precohomology 'Phq (C*) of a precomplex C* as

$$'Ph^{q}(C^*) = \operatorname{Ker}' d^{q'} / \operatorname{Im}' d^{q-1'}.$$

Theorem 1.6. (Self-Duality of Precohomology). The canonical map from 'Cq' to ''Cq'' induces an isomorphism from 'Phq (C*) to Phq (C*) for each $q \in \mathbf{Z}$.

Proof. We will give a proof using [4]. Let us denote the canonical map 'Phq (C*) \rightarrow Phq (C*) by Φ , i. e., for the cohomologous class \overline{x} of $x \in \operatorname{Ker}' \operatorname{d}^q' \Phi(\overline{x}) = \overline{\pi_q(i_q x)}$, where i is the monomorphism Ker $\operatorname{d}^{q+1} \circ \operatorname{d}^q \rightarrow \operatorname{C}^q$ and π_q denotes the projection $\operatorname{C}^q \rightarrow \operatorname{C}^q / \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{d}^{q-1} \circ \operatorname{d}^{q-2}$. Notice $\overline{\pi_q(i_q x)} = [\overline{x}]$, where $[x] \in ''\operatorname{C}^{q''} = \operatorname{C}^q / \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{d}^{q-1} \circ \operatorname{d}^{q-2}$. This map is well-defined since ''dq'' ([x]) = 0 holds in ''Cq+1''. This is because $x \in \operatorname{Ker}'\operatorname{d}^q'$, i. e., 'dq' (x) = dq (x) = 0 in 'Cq+1'. First we will show that Φ is monomorphic. Suppose $[\overline{x}] = 0$, then $[x] \in \operatorname{Im}''\operatorname{d}^{q-1''}$. Hence $x = \operatorname{d}^{q-1}(x^{q-1})$ as in the note after Def 1.3. We need to check $x^{q-1} \in \operatorname{Ker} \operatorname{d}^q \circ \operatorname{d}^{q-1} = '\operatorname{C}^{q-1'}$. $\operatorname{d}^q\operatorname{d}^{q-1}(x^{q-1}) = \operatorname{d}^q x = 0$ holds from the above. Secondly, we will prove Φ is epimorphic. Let $[\overline{x}] \in \operatorname{Ph}^q(\operatorname{C}^*)$. Then, since $[x] \in \operatorname{Ker}''\operatorname{d}^{q''}$, $\operatorname{d}^q(x - \operatorname{d}^{q-1}x') = 0$ holds for some $x' \in \operatorname{C}^{q-1}$. Then Φ $(x - \operatorname{d}^{q-1}x') = [x - \operatorname{d}^{q-1}x'] = [x]$ holds since $-\operatorname{d}^{q-1}x' = \operatorname{d}^{q-1}(-x')$. Notice also $x - \operatorname{d}^{q-1}x' \in \operatorname{Ker} \operatorname{d}^{q+1}\circ \operatorname{d}^q = '\operatorname{C}^q'$.

Proposition 1.7. (Half-Exacteness). Let $0 \to C_1^* \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} C_2^* \xrightarrow{\beta^*} C_3^* \to 0$ be a short exact sequence in Pco (A). Then, for each $q \in \mathbf{Z}$, the sequence

$$\operatorname{Ph}^{q}\left(C_{1}^{*}\right) \xrightarrow{\alpha^{q}} \operatorname{Ph}^{q}\left(C_{2}^{*}\right) \xrightarrow{\overline{\beta}^{q}} \operatorname{Ph}^{q}\left(C_{3}^{*}\right)$$

is exact at Phq (C2).

Proof. Suppose $\overline{\beta}^q([\overline{x}]) = [\beta^q(x)] = 0$ holds in Ph^q(C₃*). That is, $[\beta^q(x)] \in \text{Im } "d_3^{q-1}"$ holds, which implies $\beta^q(x) = d_3^{q-1}(y)$ for some $y \in C_3^{q-1}$. Since β_3^{q-1} is an epimorphism, there exists $x' \in C_3^{q-1}$ such

that $\beta^{q-1}\left(x'\right)=y.$ Let $x''=d_2^{q-1}\,x'.$ We obtain $\beta^q\left(x''-x\right)=0$ since $\beta^q\left(x''-x\right)=\beta^q\,d_2^{q-1}\,x'-\beta^q\left(x\right)=d_3^{q-1}\,\beta^{q-1}\left(x'\right)-\beta^q\left(x\right)=d_3^{q-1}\left(y\right)-\beta^q\left(x\right)=0.$ Therefore one can find $z\in C_1^q$ such that $\alpha^q\left(z\right)=x''-x$ by the exactness. We need to prove "d_1" [z] = 0, i. e.,

$$d_1^q z - d_1^q d_1^{q-1} z' = 0$$
 holds for some $z' \in C_1^{q-1}$.

We have that

$$\begin{split} \alpha^{q+1} \, d_1^q \, z - \alpha^{q+1} \, d_1^q \, d_1^{q-1} \, z' &= \alpha^{q+1} \, d_1^q \, z - d_2^q \, d_2^{q-1} \, \alpha^{q-1} \, z' = \\ &= d_2^q \, (\alpha^q \, (z) - d_2^{q-1} \, \alpha^{q-1} \, z'). \end{split}$$

Therefore, it is sufficient to prove $[\alpha^q(z)] \in \text{Ker } "d_2^q"$, i. e., to show $[x''-x] \in \text{Ker } "d_2^q"$. Choose $x'-x^0 \in C_2^{q-1}$, where x^0 is chosen such that $d_2^q x - d_2^q d_2^{q-1} x^0 = 0$ for $[x] \in \text{Ker } "d_2^q"$ above. Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_2^q \left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime\prime} - \mathbf{x} - d_2^{q-1} \left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime} - \mathbf{x}^0 \right) \right) &= d_2^q \, \mathbf{x}^{\prime\prime} - d_1^q \, \mathbf{x} - d_2^q \, d_2^{q-1} \left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime} - \mathbf{x}^0 \right) \\ &= d_2^q \left(d_2^{q-1} \, \mathbf{x}^{\prime} - \mathbf{x} - d_2^{q-1} \left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime} - \mathbf{x}^0 \right) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

holds. Hence Phq is a half-exact functor.

Remark 1.8. Consider the following short exact sequence of precomplexes, denoted as $0 \to {}^{2}\mathbf{Z} \to {}^{3}\mathbf{Z} \to {}^{1}\mathbf{Z} \to 0$, of Pco⁺(A):

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Then the complexifying functor $^{\prime\prime}$ $^{\prime\prime}$ applied to the above implies the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathbf{Z} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \\
\downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
id & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
\downarrow & id & \uparrow \\
\downarrow & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \\
\uparrow & \uparrow & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots
\end{array}$$

From this sequence of complexes, if Ph* were an exact connected sequence of functors, one would obtain

Hence, Phⁿ, $n \in \mathbf{Z}$, is not an exact connected sequence of functors.

Remark 1.9. The right derived functors of Ph⁰ on Pco⁺ (A) are given by

$$\begin{cases} Ph^0 = \text{Ker } (d^0), & n = 0 \\ \text{Coker } (d^0), & n = 1 \\ 0, & n \geqq 2. \end{cases}$$

2. Hyperprecohomology of a left exact functor

Let A and B be abelian categories and let $F: A \longrightarrow B$ be a left exact additive functor.

Definition 2.1. Let $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}} \in Pco^+(A)$. By the complexifying functor, denoted by " " in the previous section, one has

 $(C^q / \operatorname{Im} d^{q-1} \circ d^{q-2}, \ ''d^{q''})_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ as an object $\operatorname{Co^+}(A)$. We will abbreviate the above associated cochain complex as "C*". Then F"C*" is an object of $\operatorname{Co^+}(B)$. The q-th hyperprecohomology of F evaluated at C*, denoted as Ph^qF (C*), is defined as the q-th hyperderived functor of F evaluated at "C*".

Note 1. We have the following diagram of categories and functors

where functors $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}} \longrightarrow {}''C^{*''} \in Co^+(A), {}''C^{*''} \longrightarrow F''C^{*''} \in H^0$ $\in Co^+(B) \text{ and } F''C^{*''} \longrightarrow Ker F'' d^{0''} \text{ are defined as in Definition 2.1,}$ and $H^0: Co^+(A) \longrightarrow A$ is defined by H^0 ("C*") = Ker " $d^{0''}$ = $= H^0 (C^*) = Ker d^0 \text{ and } F: A \longrightarrow B \text{ by Ker } d^0 \longrightarrow F \text{ (Ker } d^0\text{)}.$ Notice F (Ker d^0) $\stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}$ Ker F d^0 holds since F is left exact. Then there are induced spectral sequences

$$\begin{array}{ll} (2.1.1) & E_2^{p, \ q} = H^p \ (R^q \ F \ (''C^{\bullet ''})) = \\ \\ & = H^p \ (--- \to R^q \ F \ (''C^{p''}) \to R^q \ F \ (''C^{p+1''}) \to ---) \end{array}$$

$$(2.1.2)\quad {'E_2^{p,\;q}}=(R^pF)\;(Ph^q\;(\mathbb{C}^{\textstyle *}))$$

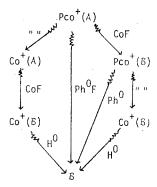
with their abutement the hyperprecohomology PhnF (C*), where RpF denotes the p-th derived functor of F.

Furthermore, (2.1.1) can be extended to

$$(2.1.1'') \quad E_{i}^{p \ q} = (R^{q}F) \ (''C^{p''}) \text{,}$$

see [2, pp. 118].

REMARK. We have the commutative diagram of categories and functors:



See Definition 2.1 and the above Note 1 for the description of each functor. The composition of functors leaving Pco+(A) to B, counterclockwise, defines the zero-th hyperprecohomology PhOF (C*) of F at C* in Pco+(A). The composition of functors leaving Pco+(B) to B, clockwise, defines the zero-th precohomology of FC*.

Preinverse Limit 3.

Let $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a cochain precomplex and be regarded as an inverse system:

DEFINITION 3.1. Let A be an abelian category such that denumerable direct products of objects exist and such that the denumerable direct product functor is exact. Let $\mathbf{C}^0 = \mathbf{C}^1 = \Pi$ \mathbf{C}^q and define a morphism $q \in \mathbf{Z}$ $\delta^0:\, {f C}^0
ightarrow {f C}^1$

$$g_0: \mathbf{C}_0 \to \mathbf{C}_1$$

by $\pi_{q+1}\circ \delta^0=\mathrm{d}^q\circ \pi_q-\mathrm{d}^q\mathrm{d}^{q-1}\circ \pi_{q-1}$, where $\pi_q:\ \Pi\ C^q\to C^q$ is the projection. Let $C^n = 0$ for $n \neq 0,1$ and $\delta^n = 0$ for $n \neq 0$. Then

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^0 \xrightarrow{\delta^0} \mathbb{C}^1 \xrightarrow{\delta^1} 0 \longrightarrow \cdots$$

is a cochain complex, denoted by C^* . Define the preinverse limit, denoted as Pim,

$$\operatorname{Pim}_{q \in \mathbf{Z}} C^{q} = H^{0} (\mathbf{C}^{*}) = \operatorname{Ker} \delta^{0}$$

and define the 1-st preinverse limit, denoted as Pim1,

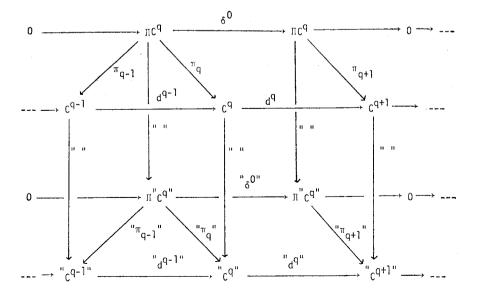
Note. $\lim_{q \to \infty} C^q \subset \operatorname{Pim} C^q$ and $\lim_{q \to \infty} C^q \to \operatorname{Pim}^1 C^q$ hold, where $\lim_{q \to \infty} \operatorname{And} \lim_{q \to \infty} \operatorname{Im}^1 \operatorname{are}$ the usual inverse limits.

THEOREM 3.2. Let $(C^q, d^q)_{q \in \mathbf{Z}}$ be a cochain precomplex, regarded as an inverse system. There exists an isomorphism

$$\Pi \text{ "Cq" / Pim "Cq"} \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \text{Pim}^1 \text{ "Cq" / } \Pi \text{ Phq (C*)}$$

where " " is the canonical epimorphism $\Pi C^q \rightarrow \Pi$ " C^q ".

Proof. Consider the following diagram.



From the definition of ''dq'', one has Π Ker ''dq'' = Ker '' δ 0'' and Π Im ''dq'' = Im '' δ 0''. Hence, the commutative diagram

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi \text{ Im } "d^{q-1}" \longrightarrow \pi \text{ Ker } "d^q" \longrightarrow \pi \text{ Ker } "d^q"/\text{Im } "d^{q-1}" \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{ Im } "\delta^0" \longrightarrow \text{ Ker } "\delta^0" \longrightarrow \pi \text{ Ph}^q(C^*) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{ Im } "\delta^0" \longrightarrow \pi \text{ "} C^q" \longrightarrow \text{ Pim}^1 "C^q" \longrightarrow 0$$

implies, by a well-known lemma applied to the second and third short exact sequences, the following exact sequence,

Hence, one obtains the isomorphism

$$\operatorname{Coker} \ l = \prod_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Z}} {''\mathsf{C}^{\mathbf{q''}}} / \operatorname{Pim} {''\mathsf{C}^{\mathbf{q''}}} \xrightarrow{\boldsymbol{z}} \operatorname{Coker} \ l'' = \operatorname{Pim^1} {''\mathsf{C}^{\mathbf{q''}}} / \prod_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{Z}} \operatorname{Ph^q} \left(\mathbb{C}^* \right).$$

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