

Triangulated Categories and Localization

"Last week":

more generally of an abelian category \mathcal{A}

$\text{Ch}(\text{Ab}) =$ category of chain complexes of abelian groups and chain maps

$\text{K}(\text{Ab}) =$ category of chain complexes of abelian groups and homotopy classes of chain maps

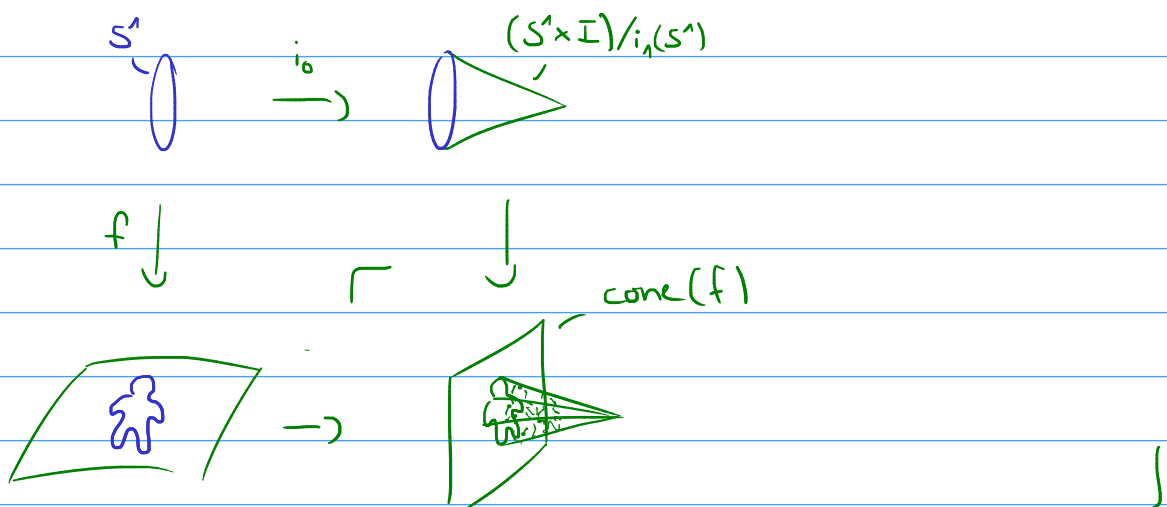
We will now introduce mapping cones of chain maps.

Quick recollection from algebraic topology:

$$\text{cone}(f) = \text{colim} \begin{pmatrix} X & \xrightarrow{i_0} & (X \times I) / i_1(X) \\ f \downarrow & & \\ Y & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (Y \amalg (X \times I) / i_1(X)) / f(x) \sim i_0(x)$$

Ex.:



Def.:

The mapping cone of a chain map $f: (X, d^X) \rightarrow (Y, d^Y)$ is

$$\text{cone}(f)_\bullet = X_{\bullet-1} \oplus Y_\bullet$$

together with the differential

$$d_{\text{cone}(f)} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{\bullet-1}^X & 0 \\ -f_{\bullet-1} & d_\bullet^Y \end{pmatrix}$$

Rem.:

Why should this be a mapping cone?

Using the "unit interval chain complex" I_\bullet , we can mimic the topological definition of mapping cones. Turns out to result in our definition of mapping cones for chain maps.

The mapping cone of a chain map $f: X_\bullet \rightarrow Y_\bullet$ fits into the following short exact sequence in $\text{Ch}(\text{Ab})$:

$$0 \rightarrow Y_\bullet \xrightarrow{(i_2)} \text{cone}(f)_\bullet \xrightarrow{(-p_1)} X_{\bullet-1} \rightarrow 0$$

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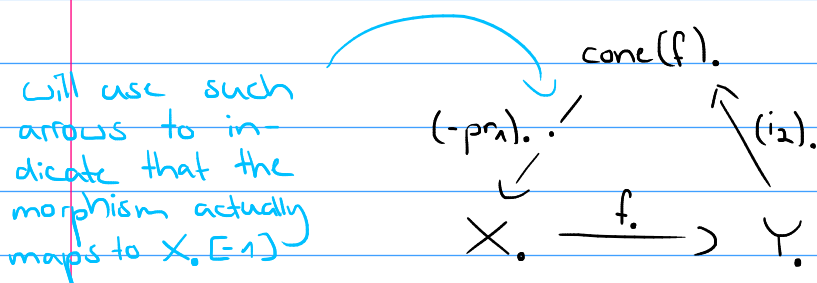
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\
 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & Y_n & \xrightarrow{i_2} & X_{n-1} \oplus Y_n & \xrightarrow{-p_1} & X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 & \text{degree } n \\
 \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow d_n^Y & \textcircled{1} & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -d_{n-1}^X & 0 \\ -f_{n-1} & d_n^Y \end{pmatrix} & \textcircled{2} & \downarrow -d_{n-1}^X & & \downarrow 0 & \\
 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & Y_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i_2} & X_{n-2} \oplus Y_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{-p_1} & X_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 & \text{degree } n-1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 y & \mapsto & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\
 \downarrow & \textcircled{1} & \downarrow \\
 d_n^y(y) & \mapsto & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ d_n^y(y) \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} & \mapsto & -x \\
 \downarrow & \textcircled{2} & \downarrow \\
 \begin{pmatrix} -d_{n-1}(x) \\ -f_{n-1}(x) + d_n^y(y) \end{pmatrix} & \mapsto & d_{n-1}(x)
 \end{array}$$

and

clearly exact.

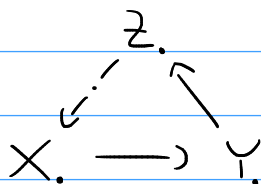
This data, considered in $\mathcal{K}(\text{Ab})$, is usually written in the form



and called the strict triangle on $f: X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$.

Def.:

A diagram in $\mathcal{K}(\text{Ab})$ of the form



is an exact triangle on (X_0, Y_0, Z_0) , if it is isomorphic to a strict triangle.

commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f_1} & Y & \xrightarrow{g_1} & Z & \xrightarrow{h_1} & X[-1] \\
 \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \downarrow \beta_1 & & \downarrow \gamma_1 & & \downarrow \alpha_{[-1]} \\
 X' & \xrightarrow{f'_1} & Y' & \xrightarrow{g'_1} & \text{conc}(f'_1) & \xrightarrow{(-pr'_1)} & X'[-1]
 \end{array}$$

in $K(\text{Ab})$ such that the vertical morphisms are isomorphisms

Ex.:

•
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & 0 & \\
 \swarrow & & \searrow \\
 X & = & X
 \end{array}$$
 is an exact triangle:

consider $\text{conc}(\text{id}_{X_n})_* = X_{n-1} \oplus X_n$ with differential

$$d_* = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{n-1}^X & 0 \\ -\text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & d_n^X \end{pmatrix}.$$

and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \xrightarrow{d_{n+2}} & X_n \oplus X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & X_{n-1} \oplus X_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & X_{n-2} \oplus X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \\
 & \parallel \downarrow 0 & \searrow \eta_n & \parallel \downarrow 0 & \searrow \eta_{n-1} & \parallel \downarrow 0 & \\
 \xrightarrow{d_{n+2}} & X_n \oplus X_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & X_{n-1} \oplus X_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & X_{n-2} \oplus X_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}}
 \end{array}$$

with $\eta_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\text{id}_{X_n} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Since

$$d_{n+1} \circ \eta_n + \eta_{n-1} \circ d_n = \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{X_n} \end{pmatrix} = \text{id}_{\text{conc}(\text{id}_{X_\bullet})_n}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -d_n^* & 0 \\ -\text{id}_{X_n} & d_{n+1}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\text{id}_{X_n} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\text{id}_{X_{n-1}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -d_{n-1}^* & 0 \\ -\text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & d_n^* \end{pmatrix} = \text{id}_{\text{conc}(\text{id}_{X_\bullet})_n} - 0$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d_n^* \\ 0 & \text{id}_{X_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & -d_n^* \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have $\text{conc}(\text{id}_{X_\bullet})_* \cong 0_*$, which yields an isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 0 & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ X_\bullet & = & X_\bullet \end{array} \quad \text{exact triangle}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{conc}(\text{id}_{X_\bullet})_* & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ X_\bullet & = & X_\bullet \end{array} \quad \text{strict triangle}$$

of diagrams in $\mathcal{K}(\text{Ab})$.

• If

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ \swarrow h & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

is an exact triangle, then so are its rotates

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X[-1] & \\ \swarrow -f[-1] & & \searrow h \\ Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ \swarrow g & & \searrow f \\ Z[1] & \xrightarrow{-h[1]} & X \end{array}$$

We will show that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & X_{\bullet}[-1] & \\
 -f_{\bullet}[-1] \swarrow & & \nearrow h_{\bullet} \\
 Y_{\bullet} & \xrightarrow{g_{\bullet}} & Z_{\bullet}
 \end{array}$$

is exact. The argument for the other rotate is similar.

It suffices to treat the case of a strict triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{cone}(f_{\bullet}) & \\
 (-p_{n})_{\bullet} \swarrow & & \nearrow (i_2)_{\bullet} \\
 X_{\bullet} & \xrightarrow{f_{\bullet}} & Y_{\bullet}
 \end{array}$$

with its rotate

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & X_{\bullet}[-1] & \\
 -f_{\bullet}[-1] \swarrow & & \nearrow (-p_{n})_{\bullet} \\
 Y_{\bullet} & \xrightarrow{(i_2)_{\bullet}} & \text{cone}(f_{\bullet})
 \end{array}$$

Consider the morphisms ψ and φ

$$Y_{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(i_2)_{\bullet}} \text{cone}(f_{\bullet}) \xrightarrow{(-p_{n})_{\bullet}} X_{\bullet}[-1] \xrightarrow{-f_{\bullet}[-1]} Y_{\bullet}[-1]$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \text{id} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \downarrow & \uparrow (0, \text{id}, 0) & \parallel \\
 & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

$$Y_{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(i_2)_{\bullet}} \text{cone}(f_{\bullet}) \xrightarrow{(i_2)_{\bullet}} \text{cone}((i_2)_{\bullet}) \xrightarrow{(-p_{n})_{\bullet}} Y_{\bullet}[-1]$$

$$\parallel \\
 Y_{\bullet-1} \oplus \text{cone}(f_{\bullet})$$

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$$Y_{\bullet-1} \oplus X_{\bullet-1} \oplus Y_{\bullet}$$

of triangles. Now we have

$$\mathcal{U} \circ \varphi = (0, \text{id}, 0) \circ \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \text{id} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{id}$$

and

$$\varphi \circ \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} -f \\ \text{id} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \circ (0, \text{id}, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -f & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \text{id} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id} \end{pmatrix}$$

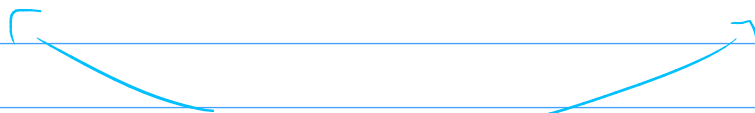
$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{id} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -f & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{id} & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{id} & f & -d^Y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & d^Y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\text{id} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -d^Y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d^X & 0 \\ -i_z & -f & d^Y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -d^Y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -d^X & 0 \\ -i_z & -f & d^Y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\text{id} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



homotopy

so that the rotate is an exact triangle.

By definition of exact triangles, the functoriality of homology yields:

Prop.:

For every exact triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ h_1 \swarrow & & \nearrow g_1 \\ X & \xrightarrow{f_1} & Y \end{array}$$

the induced sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & H_{n+1}(g_1) & & H_{n+1}(h_1) & & H_n(f_1) & & H_n(g_1) & & H_n(h_1) & & H_{n-1}(f_1) \\ _ & \rightarrow & H_{n+1}(Z) & \rightarrow & H_n(X) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y) & \rightarrow & H_n(Z) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(X) & \rightarrow & _ \end{array}$$

on the homology groups is exact.

Triangulated categories

Let \mathcal{C} be a category and let $T \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$. A diagram in \mathcal{C} of the form

here now

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ \swarrow & & \nearrow \\ Z \rightarrow T(X) & & \\ \swarrow & & \nearrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

will be called a triangle in \mathcal{C} (with respect to T).

This notion allows us to generalize the structure exact triangles give to $K(\text{Ab})$:

Def.:

An additive category \mathcal{C} together with an additive automorphism $T \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$ (called *translation/shift functor*) and a collection Δ of distinguished triangles in \mathcal{C} (with respect to T) (also called *exact triangles in \mathcal{C}*) is called a triangulated category, if

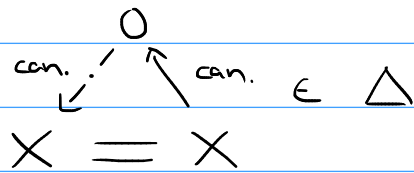
(TC1) For every morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} there exists an object $Z \in \mathcal{C}$ together with morphisms $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ and $h: Z \rightarrow T(X)$ such that

existence

axiom

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ \swarrow h & & \nearrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array} \in \Delta.$$

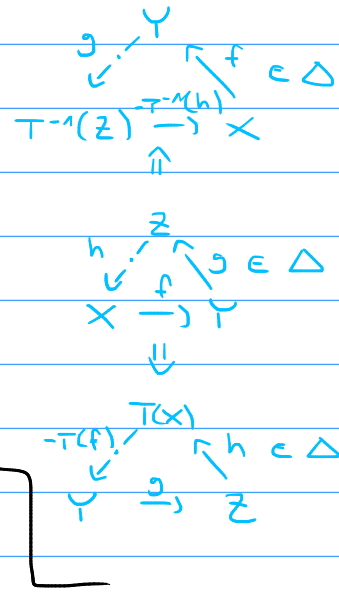
(TC2) •



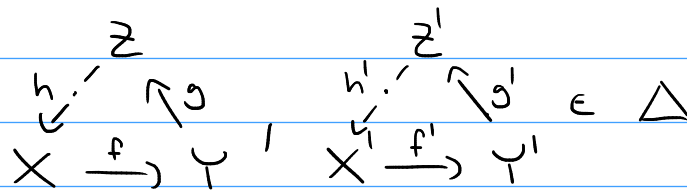
for all objects $X \in \mathcal{C}$

• Δ is closed under rotations.

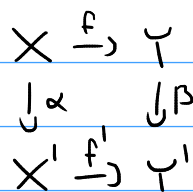
• Δ is closed under isomorphisms.



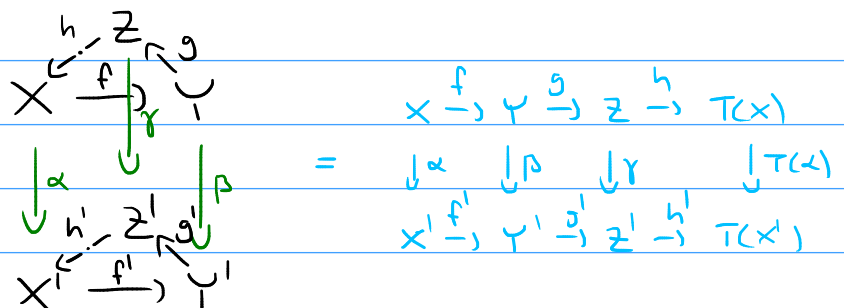
(TC3) For each two distinguished triangles



and morphisms $\alpha: X \rightarrow X'$ and $\beta: Y \rightarrow Y'$ such that the diagram



commutes, there exists a morphism $\gamma: Z \rightarrow Z'$ such that



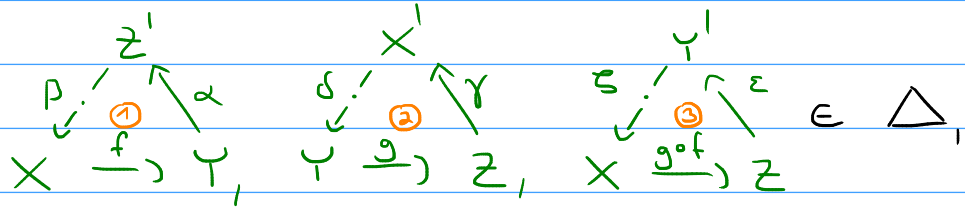
bookkeeping axiom

morphism axiom

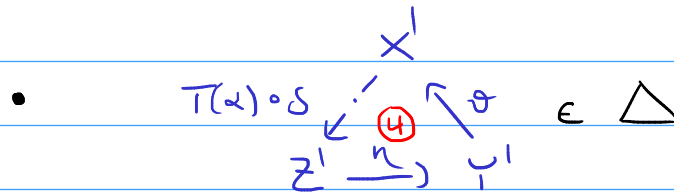
is a morphism a triangles.

(TC4) Whenever

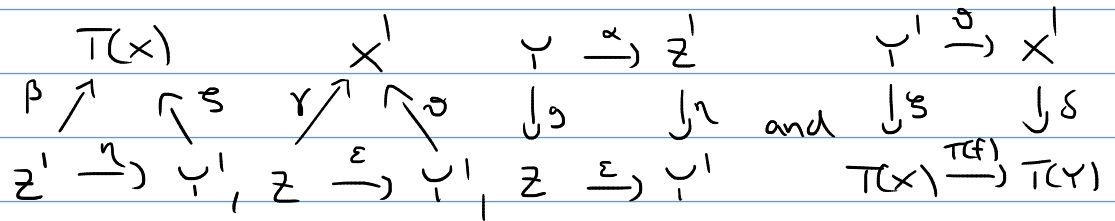
octahedron
axiom



there exist morphisms $\eta: Y' \rightarrow X'$ and $\theta: X' \rightarrow Z'$ such that

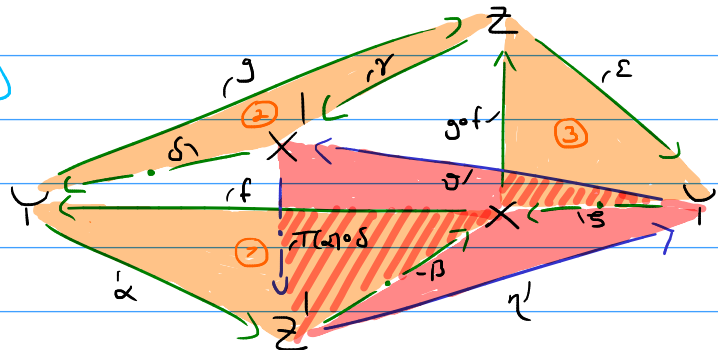


the four diagrams



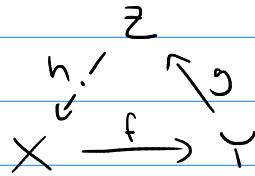
commute.

the four
remaining
diagrams
commute



We can think of the third object in a dist. triangle

is unique
up to (non!) -
unique isom.
→ cone(f)



as a cone of f . Using this, we can explain the meaning of the octahedron axiom:

The octahedron axiom demands the existence of a well-behaved distinguished triangle relating the cones of two morphisms and the cone of their composition.

Thinking about it as the coherency of f leads to the following explanation:

Given $Z' = Y/X$, $X' = Z/Y$ and $Y' = Z/X$, we also have

$$Z/Y = X' = Y'/Z' = (Z/X)/(Y/X),$$

the third isomorphism theorem.

Rem.:

Distinguished triangles behave very similarly to exact sequences in abelian categories:

- composition $g \circ f$ in

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} Z \rightarrow T(X)$$

is 0.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & = & X & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & T(X) \\ & & \parallel & \downarrow f & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z & \rightarrow & T(X) \end{array}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \quad g \circ f = 0$$

- 2/3 property (includes 5-lemma):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z & \xrightarrow{h} & T(X) \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow T(\alpha) \\ X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' & \xrightarrow{g'} & Z' & \xrightarrow{h'} & T(X') \end{array}$$

morph. of triangles. If two of α, β, γ are isomorphisms, the so is the third.

WLOG α, β isom (otherwise rotate)

Applying $\text{Hom}(A, -)$ (to Ab) keeps exactness (see below),
 \hookrightarrow then apply 5-lemma.

homological functor

- f is

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow T(X)$$

is an isomorphism if and only if $Z \cong 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \rightarrow & Z & \rightarrow & T(X) \\
 f \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow T(f) \\
 Y & = & Y & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & T(Y)
 \end{array}$$

\sim f isom $\stackrel{2/3}{(=)}$ \downarrow isom

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Ex.:

The category $K(Ab)$ is triangulated with distinguished triangles given by the exact triangles:

(TC1): ✓ by definition

(TC2): ✓ by definition/seen already

(TC3): Can clearly assume that we are given two strict triangles

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{cone}(f_*) & & \text{cone}(f'_*) \\
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (-pr_1)_* \swarrow & \nearrow (iz)_* \\
 X_* \xrightarrow{f_*} Y_*
 \end{array} & \text{and} & \begin{array}{ccc}
 (-pr'_1)_* \swarrow & \nearrow (iz'_1)_* \\
 X'_* \xrightarrow{f'_*} Y'_*
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

and morphisms $\alpha_* : X_* \rightarrow X'_*$ and $\beta_* : Y_* \rightarrow Y'_*$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_* & \xrightarrow{f_*} & Y_* \\
 \downarrow \alpha_* & & \downarrow \beta_* \\
 X'_* & \xrightarrow{f'_*} & Y'_*
 \end{array}$$

commutes up to chain homotopy, i.e. there exists a chain homotopy γ_* such that

$$\beta_* \circ f_* - f'_* \circ \alpha_* = d_{*+1}^{\gamma'} \circ \gamma_* + \gamma_{*-1} \circ d_*^{\alpha} \quad (*)$$

The map

$$\gamma_* = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{*-1} & 0 \\ \gamma_{*-1} & \beta_* \end{pmatrix} : \text{cone}(f_*) \rightarrow \text{cone}(f'_*)$$

now does the job:

γ_* is morphism of chain complexes

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ \gamma & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -d^{\alpha} & 0 \\ -f & d^{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \circ d^{\alpha} & 0 \\ \gamma \circ d^{\alpha} - \beta \circ f & \beta \circ d^{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \alpha \parallel \beta \text{ morphism } + (*) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -d^{\alpha'} \circ \alpha & 0 \\ -f' \circ \alpha - d^{\gamma'} \circ \gamma & d^{\gamma'} \circ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -d^{\alpha'} & 0 \\ -f' & d^{\gamma'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ \gamma & \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

γ_* yields morphism of triangles

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet (i_2)_* \circ \beta_* &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \beta_* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{*-1} & 0 \\ \gamma_{*-1} & \beta_* \end{pmatrix} \circ (i_2)_* = \gamma_* \circ (i_2)_* \\ \bullet (-pr_1)_* \circ \gamma_* &= (-pr_1)_* \circ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{*-1} & 0 \\ \gamma_{*-1} & \beta_* \end{pmatrix} = (-\alpha_{*-1}, 0) = \alpha_{*+1} \circ (-pr_1)_* \end{aligned}$$

(TC4): Once again it suffices to treat strict triangles. So consider strict triangles

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{cone}(f_*) & & \text{cone}(g_*) & & \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*) \\ \begin{array}{c} (-pr_1)_* \swarrow \quad \nwarrow (i_2)_* \\ X \xrightarrow{f_*} Y \end{array} & , & \begin{array}{c} (-pr_1)_* \swarrow \quad \nwarrow (i_2)_* \\ Y \xrightarrow{g_*} Z \end{array} & \text{and} & \begin{array}{c} (-pr_1)_* \swarrow \quad \nwarrow (i_2)_* \\ X \xrightarrow{g_* \circ f_*} Z \end{array} \end{array}$$

and the morphisms

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{X_{*-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & g_* \end{pmatrix} : \text{cone}(f_*) \rightarrow \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ X_{*-1} \oplus Y & & X_{*-1} \oplus Z \end{array}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} f_{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_Z \end{pmatrix} : \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*) \longrightarrow \text{cone}(g_*)$$

\parallel \parallel
 $X_{-n} \oplus Z$ $Y_{-1} \oplus Z$

and

$$\beta = (i_2)_*[-1] \circ (-pr)_* : \text{cone}(g_*) \longrightarrow \text{cone}(f_*)[-1]$$

\parallel \parallel

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y_{-1} \oplus Z & & X_{-2} \oplus Y_{-1} \\
 \downarrow (-pr)_* & & \uparrow \\
 Y_{-1} & \xrightarrow{(i_2)_*[-1]} &
 \end{array}$$

We want to show that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{cone}(g_*) & \\
 \beta_* \swarrow & & \nwarrow S_* \\
 \text{cone}(f_*) & \xrightarrow{\eta_*} & \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*)
 \end{array}$$

is an exact triangle by showing that it is isomorphic to the strict triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{cone}(\eta_*) & \\
 (-pr)_* \swarrow & & \nwarrow (i_2)_* \\
 \text{cone}(f_*) & \xrightarrow{\eta_*} & \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*)
 \end{array}$$

Consider the morphisms

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \text{id}_{Y_{n-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{Z_n} \end{pmatrix}}_{\varphi.} : \text{cone}(g_*) \longrightarrow \text{cone}(\eta_*).$$

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$$Y_{n-1} \oplus Z_n \quad \text{cone}(f_{*n-1}) \oplus \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*)$$

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$$X_{n-2} \oplus Y_{n-1} \oplus X_{n-1} \oplus Z_n$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{id}_{Y_{n-1}} & f_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{Z_n} \end{pmatrix}}_{\psi.} : \text{cone}(\eta_*) \longrightarrow \text{cone}(g_*).$$

We get two morphisms of diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{cone}(f_*) \xrightarrow{\eta.} \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*) \xrightarrow{\xi.} \text{cone}(g_*) \xrightarrow{\beta.} \text{cone}(f_*)[-1] & & & & & & \\ \parallel & \parallel & \varphi. \downarrow & \uparrow \psi. & & \parallel & \\ \text{cone}(f_*) \xrightarrow{\eta.} \text{cone}(g_* \circ f_*) \xrightarrow{(iz).} \text{cone}(\eta_*) \xrightarrow{(-pr).} \text{cone}(f_*)[-1] & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\beta. \circ \psi. \simeq (-pr). \quad \text{via} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi. \circ \xi. \simeq (iz). \quad \text{via} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we have

$$\psi. \circ \varphi. = \dots = \text{id}$$

and

$$\varphi. \circ \psi. \simeq \text{id} \quad \text{via} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\text{id}_{X_{n-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover one shows, that the remaining four dia-

grams of the octahedron commute.

Def.:

An abelian category \mathcal{A} is called split, if every short exact sequence in \mathcal{A} splits.

Prop.:

Every triangulated abelian category \mathcal{C} is split.

proof:

Let

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$$

be a short exact sequence in \mathcal{C} . By (TC1), there is a distinguished triangle of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Z & \\ B \swarrow & & \nearrow \alpha \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

and by (TC2),

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 0 & \\ & \swarrow & \nearrow \\ B & = & B \end{array}$$

is a distinguished triangle. Therefore we have a

diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & Z & \xrightarrow{\beta} & T(A) \\
 f \downarrow & \cong & \parallel & & & & \downarrow T(f) \\
 B & = & B & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & T(B)
 \end{array} \quad (*)$$

whose rows are given by distinguished triangles and whose left square is commutative. By (TC3), this allows us to find a morphism $\varphi: Z \rightarrow 0$ that makes (*) commutative. In particular, we have

$$T(f \circ T^{-1}(\beta)) = T(f) \circ \beta = 0,$$

so that $f \circ T^{-1}(\beta) = 0$. Since the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{\alpha} C \rightarrow 0$$

is exact, f is monic, which yields $T^{-1}(\beta) = 0$ and hence $\beta = 0$ by applying T . Using (TC2), we have a commutative diagram of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & Z & \xrightarrow{0} & T(A) \\
 \parallel & & & & \downarrow 0 & & \parallel \\
 A & = & A & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & T(A)
 \end{array}$$

By (TC2), also

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 T^{-1}(Z) & \xrightarrow{0} & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & Z \\
 0 \downarrow & & \parallel & & & & \downarrow 0 \\
 0 & \rightarrow & A & = & A & \rightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

is a diagram whose rows are distinguished triangles. Since the left square obviously commutes, (TC3) yields a morphism $\gamma: B \rightarrow A$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} T^{-1}(Z) & \xrightarrow{\circ} & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & Z \\ \circ \downarrow & & \circ & \parallel & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \circ \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & = & A & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

and hence also

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \rightarrow & Z & \xrightarrow{\circ} & T(A) \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \circ & & \parallel \\ A & = & A & \rightarrow & 0 & \xrightarrow{\circ} & T(A) \end{array} \right)$$

commutes. In particular, f is a retraction, so that the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\gamma} B \xrightarrow{\circ} C \rightarrow 0$$

(with a dashed arrow γ from A to B)

splits. □

Cor.:

The category $\text{Ch}(\text{Ab})$ does not have the structure of a triangulated category.

proof:

Since

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{can.}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

is a non-split short exact sequence of abelian groups, the same holds for the associated chain complexes concentrated in degree 0, so that the category $\text{Ch}(\text{Ab})$ of chain complexes is not split

Def.:

An additive functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ between two triangulated categories \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C}' with translation functors T and T' respectively is called exact (or triangulated), if

F
commutes
with
translations

{ (i) There exists an isomorphism $F \circ T \cong T' \circ F$.

F
behaves
like "normal"
exact functors

{ (ii) F maps distinguished triangles in \mathcal{C} to distinguished triangles in \mathcal{C}' .

This allows us to define:

Def.:

Let \mathcal{D} be a (full) subcategory of a triangulated category \mathcal{C} . We call \mathcal{D} a (full) triangulated subcategory of \mathcal{C} , if \mathcal{D} is triangulated and the inclusion functor $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is exact.

Ex.:

The categories $K^b(\text{Ab})$, $K^+(\text{Ab})$ and $K^-(\text{Ab})$ are full triangulated subcategories of $K(\text{Ab})$.

Épaise actually "only" equivalent to thick

Def.:

A full triangulated subcategory \mathcal{D} of a triangulated category is called thick (saturated or épaise), if whenever $X \oplus Y \in \mathcal{D}$, also $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$.

Ex.:

If $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ is an exact functor between two triangulated categories \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C}' , then

$$\text{ker}(F) := \{X \in \mathcal{C} \mid F(X) \cong 0\}$$

every thick subcategory is a kernel (see Verdier quotient)

is a thick subcategory of \mathcal{C} .

opposite category of a triangulated category is triangulated with translation $(T^{-1})^{\text{op}}$

Def.:

An additive functor $H: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ from a triangulated category \mathcal{C} to an abelian category \mathcal{A} is called (co-)homological, if for every distinguished triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & Z & \\
 h \swarrow & & \searrow g \\
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
 \end{array}$$

in \mathcal{C} , the sequence

$$H(X) \xrightarrow{H(f)} H(Y) \xrightarrow{H(g)} H(Z)$$

is exact.

Ex:

- $\text{Hom}(X, -)$ is homological
- $\text{Hom}(-, X)$ is cohomological
- H_n is homological for every $n \geq 0$
↖ homology of chain complexes

Localization

Def.:

Let S be a collection of morphisms of a category \mathcal{C} . A localization of \mathcal{C} with respect to S consists of a category $S^{-1}\mathcal{C}$ together with a functor $Q_S: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{C}$ such that

(i) $Q_S(s)$ is an isomorphism for all $s \in S$.

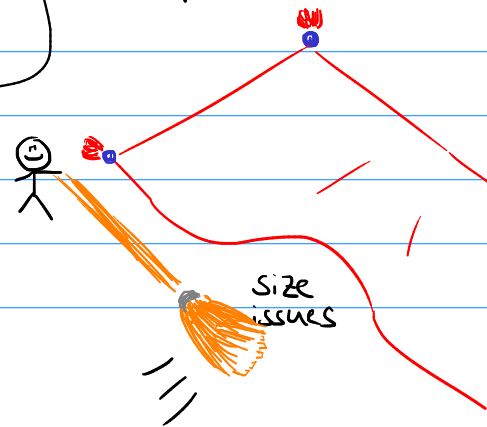
(ii) Any functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ mapping all elements of S to isomorphisms factors uniquely through Q_S , i.e. there exists a unique functor $G: S^{-1}\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ with $F \cong G \circ Q_S$.

\leadsto
 $S^{-1}\mathcal{C}$
unique
up to
equivalence

Ex.:

- The localization of $\text{Ch}(\text{Ab})$ with respect to homotopy equivalences is $K(\text{Ab})$
- The localization of rings (as category with one object)

for experts:



Thm.:

Localizations of categories exist.

- contains id's
- closed under composition
- can extend $\begin{matrix} x & \xrightarrow{f} & y \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow t \\ z & \xrightarrow{g} & w \end{matrix}$ to $\begin{matrix} x & \xrightarrow{f} & y \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow t \\ z & \xrightarrow{g} & w \\ u \downarrow & & \downarrow v \\ z' & \xrightarrow{g'} & w' \end{matrix}$
- given $z \xrightarrow{g'} z' \xrightarrow{u} x \xrightarrow{f} y \xrightarrow{t} w \xrightarrow{v} w'$, can find $x \xrightarrow{f} y \xrightarrow{t} w \xrightarrow{v} w'$

idea of proof:

If S is a left multiplicative system:

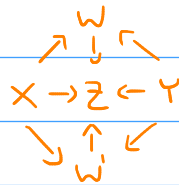
$S^{-1}\mathcal{C}$ is given by:

• objects = objects of \mathcal{C}

• morphisms: $\text{Hom}_{S^{-1}\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \left\{ \underbrace{\left(X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y \right)}_{\text{roofs/hats}} \mid \begin{matrix} f \in \text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}) \\ s \in S \end{matrix} \right\} / \sim$

results in left calculus of fractions; for right turn arrows (and need right mult. system)

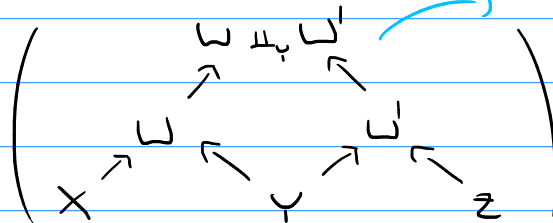
$(X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y) \sim (X \xrightarrow{f'} W' \xleftarrow{s'} Y)$ iff ex. $(X \xrightarrow{z} Z \xleftarrow{r} Y)$ and morphisms $W \rightarrow Z, W' \rightarrow Z$ st.



commutes; think of $[X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y]$ as $s^{-1} \circ f$

• composition: $(Y \xrightarrow{f'} W' \xleftarrow{s'} Z) \circ (X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y)$

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composition of roofs only defined up to isomorphism

• identities: $(X \xrightarrow{=} X \xleftarrow{=} X)$

$\rightsquigarrow Q_S: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S^{-1}\mathcal{C}, X \xrightarrow{f} Y \mapsto (X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xleftarrow{=} Y)$

suffices for us
→ focus on this case

more generally:

hat-pilling: replace hats

$$X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{g} Y$$

by zigzags

$$X_1 \xrightarrow{W_1} X_2 \xleftarrow{ES} X_3 \xrightarrow{W_2} X_4 \xleftarrow{ES} X_5 \xrightarrow{\dots} X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{W_{n-1}} X_n \xleftarrow{ES}$$

and adapt \sim to this situation...

"□"

Actually creates inverse morphisms for $s \in S$:

$$(Y \xrightarrow{s} W \xleftarrow{t} Z) \circ (X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y)$$

"

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} W \\ \text{=} \\ W \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y \xrightarrow{s} W \xleftarrow{t} Z \\ \text{=} \\ X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{s} Y \end{array} \right)$$

"

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} W \xleftarrow{t} Z)$$

write $(X \xrightarrow{f} W \xrightarrow{s} Y) = s^{-1} \circ f$

Rem.:

If \mathcal{D} is a full triangulated subcategory of a triangulated category \mathcal{C} , the localization of \mathcal{C} with respect to $S = \{s \mid \text{cone}(s) \in \mathcal{D}\}$ is a triangulated category (called the Verdier quotient) and is denoted by \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{D} .

see rem. after Def. of triangulated cat.



- translation: extended from \mathcal{D} by setting

$$(X \xrightarrow{f} W \xrightarrow{s} Y) \xrightarrow{T} (T(X) \xrightarrow{T(f)} T(W) \xrightarrow{T(s)} T(Y))$$

- distinguished triangles: triangles isomorphic to images of distinguished triangles of \mathcal{C} under quotient morphism Q_S

Ex.:

$\mathcal{C} = K(\text{Ab})$, $\mathcal{D} = \text{acyclic cochain complexes}$

↑
here cochain complexes

↓
 $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{quasi-isoms.}$

$$\leadsto \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathcal{D}(\text{Ab})$$

derived category of abelian groups
 \leadsto next talk!