

# Toward Tor and Hom (homological algebra)

- projective / injective module

Def Let  $R$  be a ring, and let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module

(1)  $M$  is a projective left  $R$ -module iff

$$\text{Hom}_R(M, ?) : (\text{left } R\text{-modules}) \rightarrow (\text{abel. groups})$$
$$N \mapsto \text{Hom}_R(M, N)$$

is exact.

E.g. Every free left  $R$ -module is projective.

$$\left( \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} R \right)$$

(2)  $M$  is an injective left  $R$ -module

if

$$\text{Hom}_R(?, M) : (\text{left } R\text{-modules}) \rightarrow (\text{abelian groups})$$

is exact.

E.g. (a) If  $R$  is a division ring, then every  $R$ -module is both injective and projective. (Exer.)

(b)  $R = \mathbb{Z}$  Every  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space, regarded as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module is injective

Exer A  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $M$  is injective iff

$M$  is divisible  
 "only iff": easier.

$$M \xrightarrow{[n]} M$$

$$\forall_{n \neq 0} n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$  is divisible

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid \gcd(b, p) = 1 \right\}$$

a prime number

$$\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$$

$$\text{Hom}_R(\cdot, M)$$

are both left exact

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, \cdot)$  (but generally not right exact)

Given  
 E.g.  $0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$  a short exact sequence  
 of left  $R$ -modules.  $\leadsto$  an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, N') \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \xrightarrow{\beta_0} \text{Hom}_R(M, N'')$$

Want info about this arrow

$$\delta_0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M, N') \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \text{Ext}_R^1(M, N) \xrightarrow{\beta_1} \text{Ext}_R^1(M, N'')$$

$$\delta_1 \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(M, N') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^2(M, N'')$$

$$\dots \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N'')$$

$\rightarrow \dots$

$$i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Im}(\beta_0) = \text{Ker}(\delta^0), \dots, \text{Im}(\beta_i) = \text{Ker}(\delta^i)$$

$$\text{Im}(\delta_0) = \text{Ker}(\alpha_1), \dots$$

$$0 \rightarrow N' \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'' \rightarrow 0$$

long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N'', M) \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} \text{Hom}_R(N, M) \xrightarrow{\beta_0} \text{Hom}_R(N', M) \\ \xrightarrow{\delta^0} \text{Ext}_R^1(N'', M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N', M) \\ \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(N'', M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(N, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^i(N', M) \\ \rightarrow \dots$$

eg.  $\text{Im}(\beta_0) = \text{Ker}(\delta^0)$

$$\leadsto \text{have } \text{coker}(\beta_0) \hookrightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N', M)$$

How to get/define these  $\text{Ext}^i$  groups?

Ans. To define  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)$   $M, N$ : left  $R$ -module

3 ways

(1) Take a projective resolution of  $M$

an exact sequence of projective left  $R$ -modules indexed by  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Look at

$$\dots \rightarrow P_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{i+1}} P_i \xrightarrow{\partial_i} \dots \rightarrow P_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} P_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} M \rightarrow 0$$

$i$  = grading as chain complex

$-i$  = grading as a cochain complex

$$\text{Im}(\partial_0) = M \\ \text{Ker}(\partial_0) = \text{Im}(\partial_1)$$

$$\text{Hom}_R(P_\bullet, N) = \left( 0 \xrightarrow{\delta^1} \text{Hom}_R(P_0, N) \xrightarrow{\delta^0} \text{Hom}_R(P_1, N) \xrightarrow{\delta^{-1}} \dots \right)$$

Have  $\delta^{i+1} \circ \delta^i = 0 \quad \forall i$ .  $\delta^i: \text{Hom}_R(P_i, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_{i+1}, N)$   
← a cochain complex  $\deg = i \rightarrow \dots$

$$H^i(\text{Hom}_R(P_\bullet, N)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) = \frac{\text{Ker}(\delta^i)}{\text{Im}(\delta^{i-1})} \quad \forall i$$

Fact Given any two projective resolutions

$$P_\bullet \rightarrow M \quad \text{and} \quad Q_\bullet \rightarrow M$$

there exists a natural isomorphism  
 (depending on the two resolutions)

$$H^i(\text{Hom}_R(P_\bullet, N)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(\text{Hom}_R(Q_\bullet, N))$$

These canonical isomorphisms satisfy the  
 natural } cocycle condition  
 } associativity condition.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_\bullet \rightarrow M, & Q_\bullet \rightarrow M, & L_\bullet \rightarrow M \\ H^i(\text{Hom}_R(P_\bullet, N)) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^i(\text{Hom}_R(L_\bullet, N)) \\ \searrow \sim & \text{commutes!} & \nearrow \sim \\ & H^i(\text{Hom}_R(Q_\bullet, N)) & \end{array}$$

$\leadsto \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)$  is well-defined  
 (using projective resolutions of  $M$ )  
up to unique isomorphism!

$$\text{Define } \text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) = \varinjlim_{\substack{P \rightarrow M \\ \text{proj. resol}^n \text{ of } M}} H^i(\text{Hom}_R(P, N))$$

(2) Define  $\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N)$

using injective resolutions of  $N$ :

$$N \rightarrow I. \quad \therefore \quad 0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow I_0 \rightarrow I_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{exact}$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 injective left  $R$ -modules

$$\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H^i(\text{Hom}_R(M, I.))$$

↑  
unique up to unique isom.

$$= \varinjlim_{\substack{N \rightarrow I. \\ \text{inj. resol}^n}} H^i(\text{Hom}_R(M, I^i))$$

(3) Use both: a proj. resol<sup>n</sup>  $P. \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$   
and an inj. resol  $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow I.$

$$\text{Ext}_R^i(M, N) = H^i \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{the (simple) co-chain cpx} \\ \text{associated to the double} \\ \text{co-cochain complex} \\ \text{Hom}_R(P., I^i) \end{array} \right)$$

and show that the third def<sup>n</sup> coincides

with the first two !