

Introduction to 2-Categorical Homological Algebra

Motivation

Symmetric Categorical Group = categorification of Abelian group

	category	2-category
general theory	Abelian category	Define this !!
example	Ab	SCG

We call:

Relatively exact 2-category

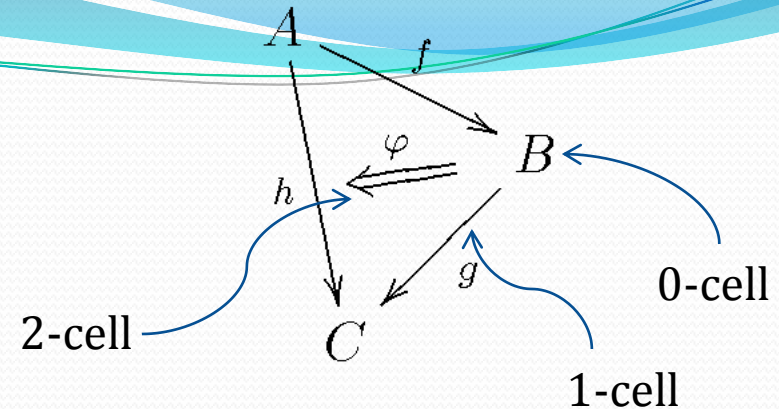
(Def 3.7 ※)

※ cf. 'Cohomology theory in 2-categories' in *Theory and Appl. Categ.*

2-category (strict)

= 'category with 2-cells'

$\mathbf{S}$: 2-category



Assumption

$\forall$ 2-cell in $\mathbf{S}$ is invertible

Duality

'Dual' = invert the direction of 1-cells

e.g.

faithful $\leftrightarrow$ cofaithful

kernel $\leftrightarrow$ cokernel

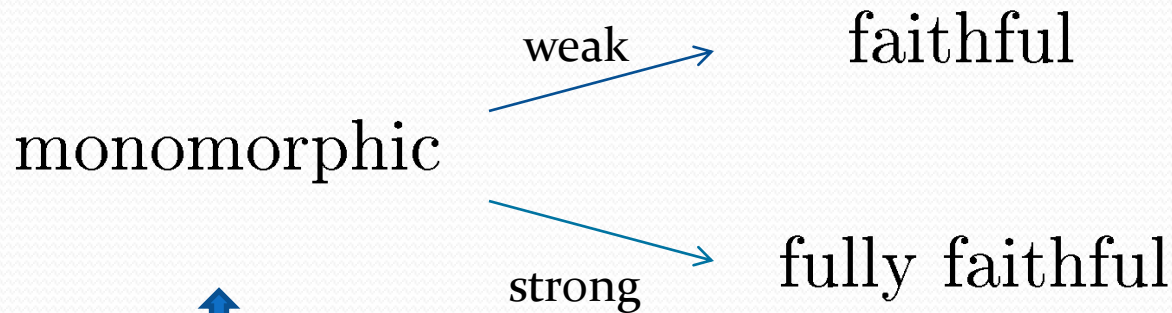
pullback $\leftrightarrow$ pushout

2-categorical notions

① properties of 1-cells

category

2-category



Definition

$A \xrightarrow{f} B : 1\text{-cell in } \mathbf{S}$

$f : (\text{fully}) \text{ faithful}$

$\xLeftrightarrow{\text{def}} f \circ - : \mathbf{S}(X, A) \rightarrow \mathbf{S}(X, B)$
functor is (fully) faithful for any 0-cell X

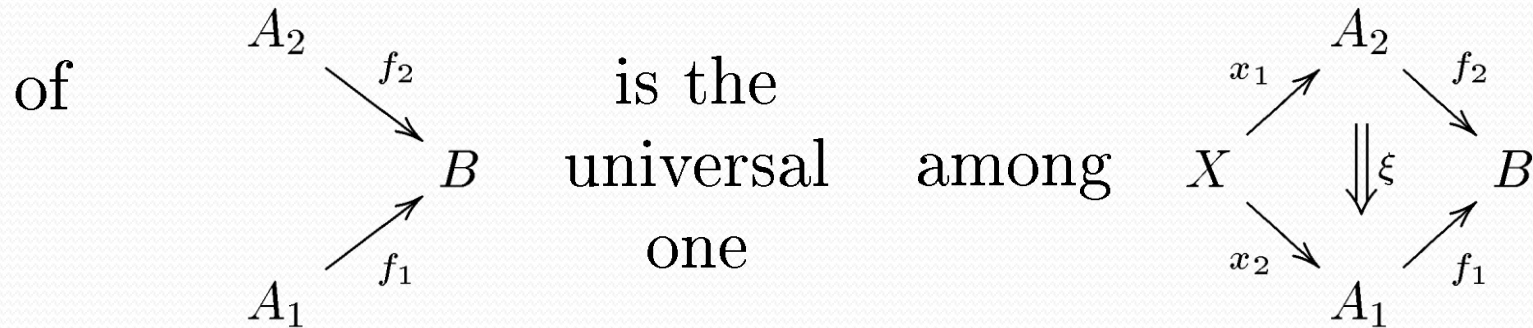
category

2-categorical notions

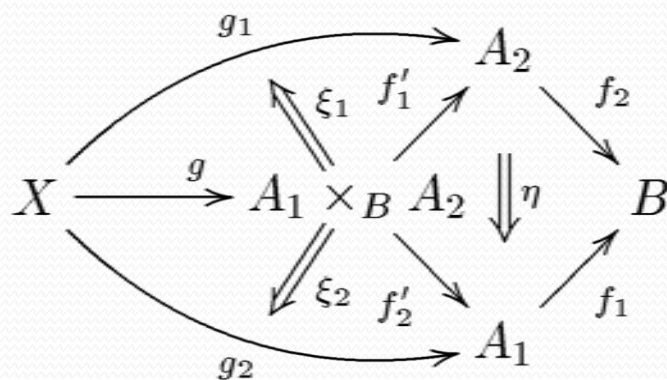
② Bilimits

(cf. Borceux, *Handbook of categorical algebra*)

e.g. pullback $(A_1 \times_B A_2, f'_1, f'_2, \eta)$



i.e. for any (X, x_1, x_2, ξ) , there exists a factorization (x, ξ_1, ξ_2)



compatible with ξ and η

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 g \circ f'_1 \circ f_2 & \xrightarrow{\xi_1 \circ f_2} & g_1 \circ f_2 \\
 g \circ \xi \Downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \Downarrow \eta \\
 g \circ f'_2 \circ f_1 & \xrightarrow{\xi_2 \circ f_1} & g_2 \circ f_1
 \end{array}$$

uniquely up to a unique 2-cell.

Symmetric Categorical Group

= symmetric 2-group = Picard category

Definition

A symmetric categorical group
= a symmetric monoidal category $(\mathbb{G}, \otimes, 0)$

$\otimes : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$

category
tensor functor
unit object

such that

- (i) any morphism $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ has an inverse
- (ii) any object A has an ‘inverse’ w.r.t. $\otimes$
i.e. $\forall A \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{G}), \exists A^* \in \text{Ob}(\mathbb{G}), \exists \eta_A : 0 \rightarrow A \otimes A^*.$

2-category SCG

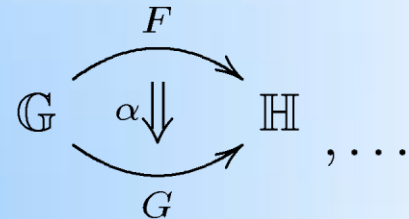
Symmetric Categorical Group

SCG

0-cell = symmetric categorical group $\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{H}, \dots$

1-cell = monoidal functor $F : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}, \dots$

2-cell = monoidal transformation



Locally SCG 2-category

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analog of
additive category

$\mathbf{S}$: locally SCG

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

(A1) For every 0-cells A, B , Hom-category $\mathbf{S}(A, B)$ belongs to SCG,
and $\text{Hom} = \mathbf{S}(-, -) : \mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \text{SCG}$ is a 2-functor.

(A2) $\mathbf{S}$ has a zero object.

(A3) For any A, B , their product and coproduct exist.

Relatively exact 2-category

Relative exact 2-category

← analog of
Abelian category

$\mathbf{S}$: relatively exact 2-category

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

(A) $\mathbf{S}$ is locally SCG.

(B1) For any 1-cell f , $\text{Ker}(f)$ and $\text{Cok}(f)$ exist.

(B2) For any 1-cell f ,

$$f : \text{faithful} \Leftrightarrow f = \text{ker}(\text{cok}(f))$$

$$f : \text{cofaithful} \Leftrightarrow f = \text{cok}(\text{ker}(f)).$$

(Co-)Kernel

※ '2-(co)kernel' or 'bi(co-)kernel' would be a more appropriate term

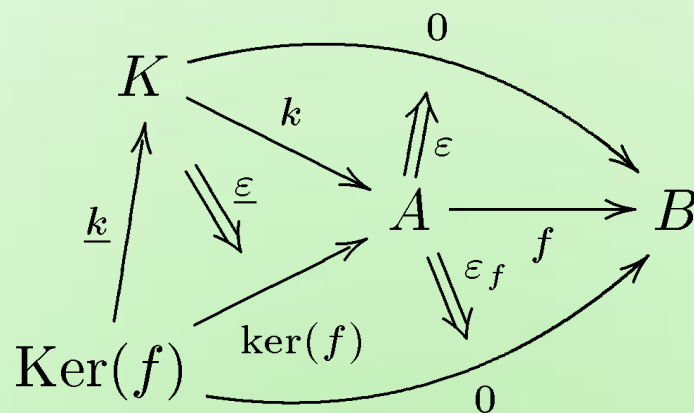
Kernel $\longleftrightarrow$ Cokernel
dual

Kernel

$f : 1\text{-cell in } \mathbf{S}$

Kernel $(\text{Ker}(f), \text{ker}(f), \varepsilon_f)$

= the universal one among those (K, k, ε)



i.e. for any (K, k, ε) , there exists a factorization $(\underline{k}, \underline{\varepsilon})$ compatible with ε and ε_f , uniquely up to a unique 2-cell.

Properties of 1-cells in $\mathbf{S}$

$\mathbf{S}$: relatively exact 2-category

f : 1-cell in $\mathbf{S}$

$$f : \text{faithful} \iff f = \ker(\text{cok}(f))$$

$$f : \text{cofaithful} \iff f = \text{cok}(\ker(f))$$

$$f : \text{fully faithful} \iff \text{Ker}(f) = 0$$

$$f : \text{fully cofaithful} \iff \text{Cok}(f) = 0$$

$$f : \text{equivalence} \iff f : \text{faithful \& fully cofaithful}$$

$$\iff f : \text{cofaithful \& fully faithful}$$

Factorization in $\mathbf{S}$

Recall

Any morphism f in Abelian category $\mathcal{C}$ admits a (monomorphic, epimorphic)-factorization:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ \text{epim.} \searrow & \circlearrowleft & \swarrow \text{monom.} \\ & \text{Coim}(f) \cong \text{Im}(f) & \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{S}$: relatively exact 2-category

Any 1-cell f in $\mathbf{S}$ admit

dual

(faithful, fully cofaithful)-factorization

(fully faithful, cofaithful)-factorization

Factorization in $\mathcal{S}$

In fact,

(faithful, fully cofaithful)-factorization
= Image factorization

(fully faithful, cofaithful)-factorization
= Coimage factorization

Caution

In ‘2-categorical homological algebra’,

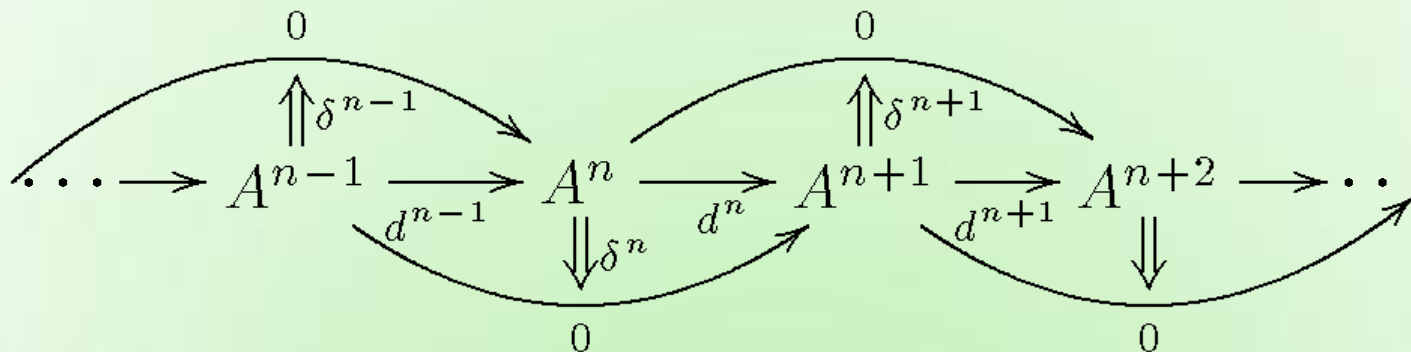
Image $\neq$ Coimage

Complex

= sequence + compatibility

Definition

A sequence



is a **complex** if it satisfies

$$d^{n+1} \circ \delta^n = \delta^{n+1} \circ d^{n-1}$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d^{n+1} \circ d^n \circ d^{n-1} & \Rightarrow & d^{n+1} \circ 0 \\ \Downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \Downarrow \text{can} \\ 0 \circ d^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\text{can}} & 0 \end{array}$$



Want to define cohomology

Cohomology (1)

1st naive Definition

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \text{Ker}(d^n) & \nearrow & H'^n(A^\bullet) & & \\
 & & \searrow & & & & \\
 A^\bullet : & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & A^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & A^n & \xrightarrow{d^n} & A^{n+1} \rightarrow \\
 & & \nearrow & & \searrow & & \\
 & & & & \text{Cok}(d^{n-1}) & & \\
 & & & & \nearrow & & \\
 & & & & H'^n(A^\bullet) & &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$H'^n(A^\bullet) := \text{Cok}(d^{n-1})$$

$$\text{or } \text{Ker}(\overline{d^n})$$

equivalent

NO!

Can we obtain long cohomology sequence?

Bad point

2-cells $\delta^\bullet$ are not taken into account.

Suitable for sequences, but not for complexes.

Equivalence (1)

$$H_1'^n(A^\bullet) := \text{Cok}(\underline{d}^{n-1}), \quad H_2'^n(A^\bullet) := \text{Ker}(\overline{d}^n)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \exists w : H_1'^n(A^\bullet) \longrightarrow H_2'^n(A^\bullet) \text{ equivalence} \\ \begin{array}{ccccc} & \text{Ker}(d^n) & & \text{Cok}(d^{n-1}) & \\ & \uparrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow & \\ \text{Ker}(d^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & A^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & A^n & \xrightarrow{d^n} & A^{n+1} & \longrightarrow \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ & A^{n-1} & & A^n & & A^{n+1} & & \end{array} \end{array} \quad (5.22)$$

$$H'^n(A^\bullet) := H_1'^n(A^\bullet) \simeq H_2'^n(A^\bullet)$$

Relative (Co-)Kernel

$$= \boxed{\text{kernel}} + \boxed{\text{compatibility}}$$

Relative kernel

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \Uparrow \varphi \\ \Uparrow \end{array} \quad : \text{diagram in } \mathbf{S}$$

Relative kernel $(\text{Ker}(f, \varphi), \ker(f, \varphi), \varepsilon_{(f, \varphi)})$

= the universal one among those (K, k, ε)

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \qquad \qquad 0 \\ \curvearrowright \qquad \qquad \curvearrowright \\ K \xrightarrow{k} A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \\ \Uparrow \varepsilon \qquad \Uparrow \varphi \end{array}$$

satisfying $\varphi \circ k = g \circ \varepsilon$

Relation: Kernel and Relative kernel

- $\text{Ker}(f) = \text{Ker}(f, \text{can})$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 0 & & \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \text{can} & \searrow & \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{0} & C \end{array}$$

- $\text{ker}(f, \varphi)$ factors through $\text{Ker}(f)$:

fully faithful (3.33)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & & & \\ & \searrow & \uparrow k(f, \varphi) & \searrow & & & \\ \text{Ker}(f, \varphi) & & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ & \swarrow \text{ker}(f) & \downarrow \varepsilon_f & \swarrow & & & \\ & \text{Ker}(f) & & & & & \\ & \searrow & \uparrow & \searrow & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

- Relative kernel = 'two-step kernel' (3.20)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{Ker}(g) & & \\ & \nearrow \underline{f} & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ \text{Ker}(f, \varphi) & & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow \varphi & \nearrow & & & \\ & \text{Ker}(\underline{f}) & & & & & \\ & \searrow & \uparrow & \searrow & & & \\ & & 0 & & & & \end{array}$$

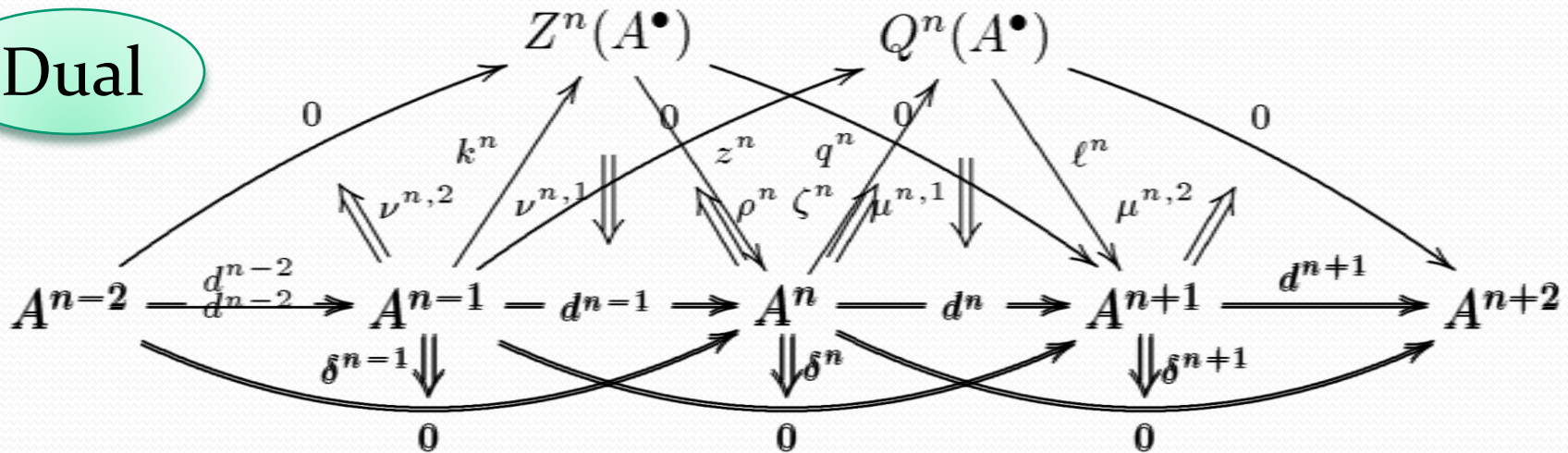
Cohomology (2)

$A^\bullet = (A^n, d^n, \delta^n) : \text{complex}$

$$[Z^n(A^\bullet), z^n, \zeta^n] := \text{Ker}(d^n, \delta^{n+1})$$

$$[Q^n(A^\bullet), q^n, \rho^n] := \text{Cok}(d^{n-1}, \delta^{n-1})$$

Dual



$$H_1^n(A^\bullet) := \text{Cok}(k^n, \nu^{n,2})$$

$$H_2^n(A^\bullet) := \text{Ker}(\ell^n, \mu^{n,2})$$

Theorem

$$H_1^n(A^\bullet) \simeq H_2^n(A^\bullet)$$

Equivalence (2)

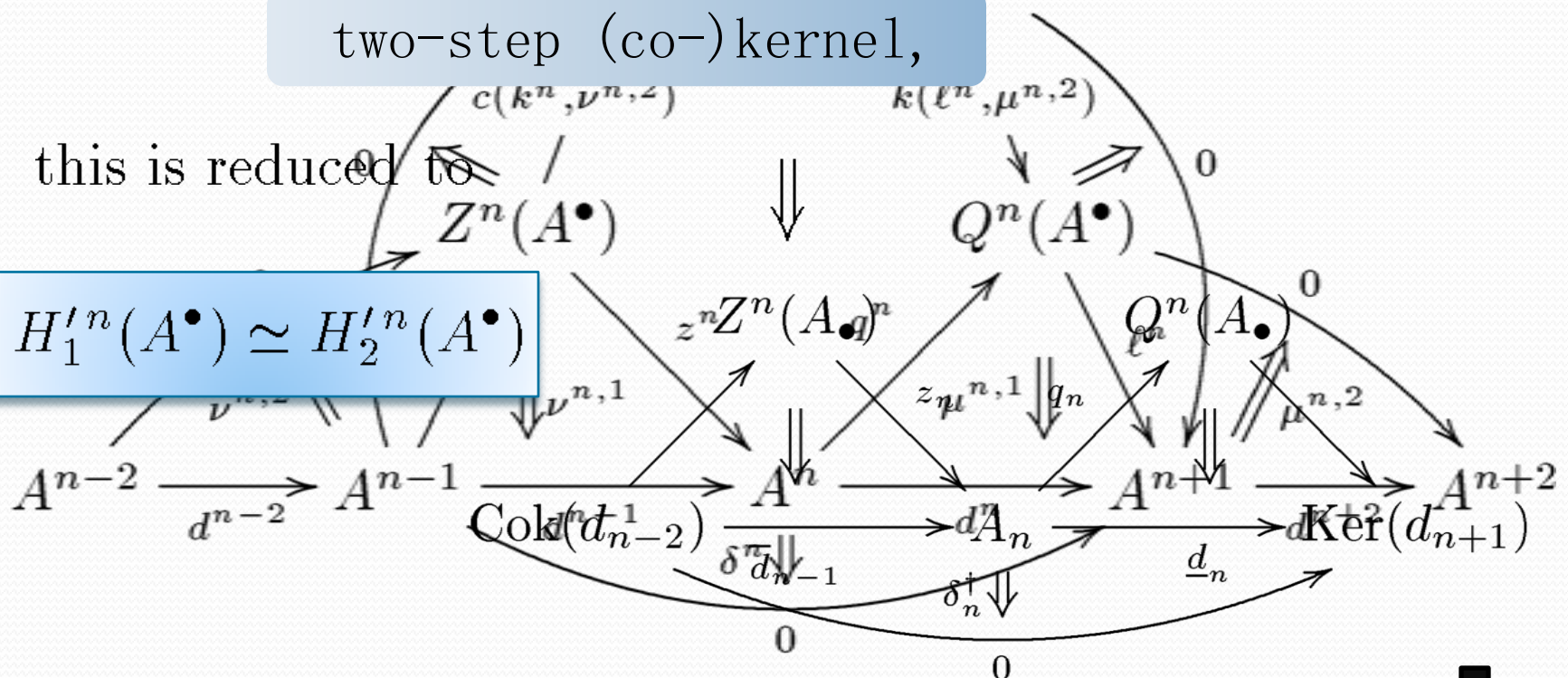
$$H^n(A^\bullet) := H_1^n(A^\bullet) \simeq H_2^n(A^\bullet)$$

(5.24)

$\therefore$) Since a relative (co-)kernel is a
 $\exists w : H_1^n(A^\bullet) \longrightarrow H_2^n(A^\bullet)$ equivalence
 two-step (co-)kernel,

this is reduced to

$$H_1'^n(A^\bullet) \simeq H_2'^n(A^\bullet)$$



Relative 2-exactness

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & \nearrow & \uparrow \delta^{n-1} & \searrow & \uparrow \delta^{n+1} & \searrow & \\
 A^\bullet : & \cdots \rightarrow & A^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & A^n & \xrightarrow{d^n} & A^{n+1} \xrightarrow{d^{n+1}} A^{n+2} \rightarrow \cdots \\
 & & \searrow d^{n-1} & \downarrow \delta^n & \nearrow d^n & \searrow d^{n+1} & \downarrow \\
 & & & 0 & & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Definition

- A sequence $A^\bullet$ is *2-exact* at A^n

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} H'^n(A^\bullet) = 0.$$
- A sequence $A^\bullet$ is *relatively 2-exact* at A^n

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} H^n(A^\bullet) = 0.$$

Snake Lemma (6.18)

Lemma

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow \delta_A^2 & & & & \\
 & \text{---} d_A^1 \text{---} & A^2 & \xrightarrow{d_A^2} & A^3 & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 \\
 & \downarrow f^1 & \downarrow f^2 & & \downarrow f^3 & & \\
 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & B^1 & \xrightarrow{d_B^1} & B^2 & \xrightarrow{d_B^2} & B^3 \\
 & & \downarrow \delta_B^2 & & & & \\
 & & 0 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Commutative squares are indicated by $\lambda^1 \Downarrow$ and $\lambda^2 \Downarrow$.

relatively 2-exact at A^2, A^3, B^1, B^2



$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & 0 & & \\
 & & \uparrow \delta_A^2 & & & & \uparrow \beta & & \\
 \text{Ker}(f^1) & \xrightarrow{\underline{d}_A^1} & \text{Ker}(f^2) & \xrightarrow{\underline{d}_A^2} & \text{Ker}(f^3) & \xrightarrow{d} & \text{Cok}(f^1) & \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_B^1} & \text{Cok}(f^2) & \xrightarrow{\bar{d}_B^2} & \text{Cok}(f^3) \\
 & & & & \downarrow \alpha & & & & \downarrow \bar{\delta}_B^2 & & \\
 & & & & 0 & & & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

2-exact sequence

Statement

Theorem

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow \varphi^\bullet & & \searrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A^\bullet & \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} & B^\bullet & \xrightarrow{g^\bullet} & C^\bullet \longrightarrow 0 : \text{extension}
 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow & & \uparrow \uparrow & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & H^n(B^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H^n(C^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H^{n+1}(A^\bullet) \longrightarrow H^{n+1}(B^\bullet) \longrightarrow \cdots \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

: 2-exact sequence

Extension

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & & \\
 & & & \uparrow \varphi & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A^\bullet & \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} & B^\bullet & \xrightarrow{g^\bullet} & C^\bullet \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Definition

Extension

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} A^\bullet = (A^n, d_A^n, \delta_A^n)_n, \quad B^\bullet = (B^n, d_B^n, \delta_B^n)_n, \quad C^\bullet = (C^n, d_C^n, \delta_C^n)_n,$$

$$f^\bullet = (f^n : A^n \rightarrow B^n, \lambda^n : f^{n+1} \circ d_A^n \implies d_B^n \circ f^n)_n,$$

$$g^\bullet = (g^n : A^n \rightarrow B^n, \kappa^n : g^{n+1} \circ d_B^n \implies d_C^n \circ g^n)_n,$$

$$\varphi^\bullet = (\varphi^n : g^n \circ f^n \implies 0), \text{ compatible with } \kappa^\bullet \text{ and } \lambda^\bullet$$

such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

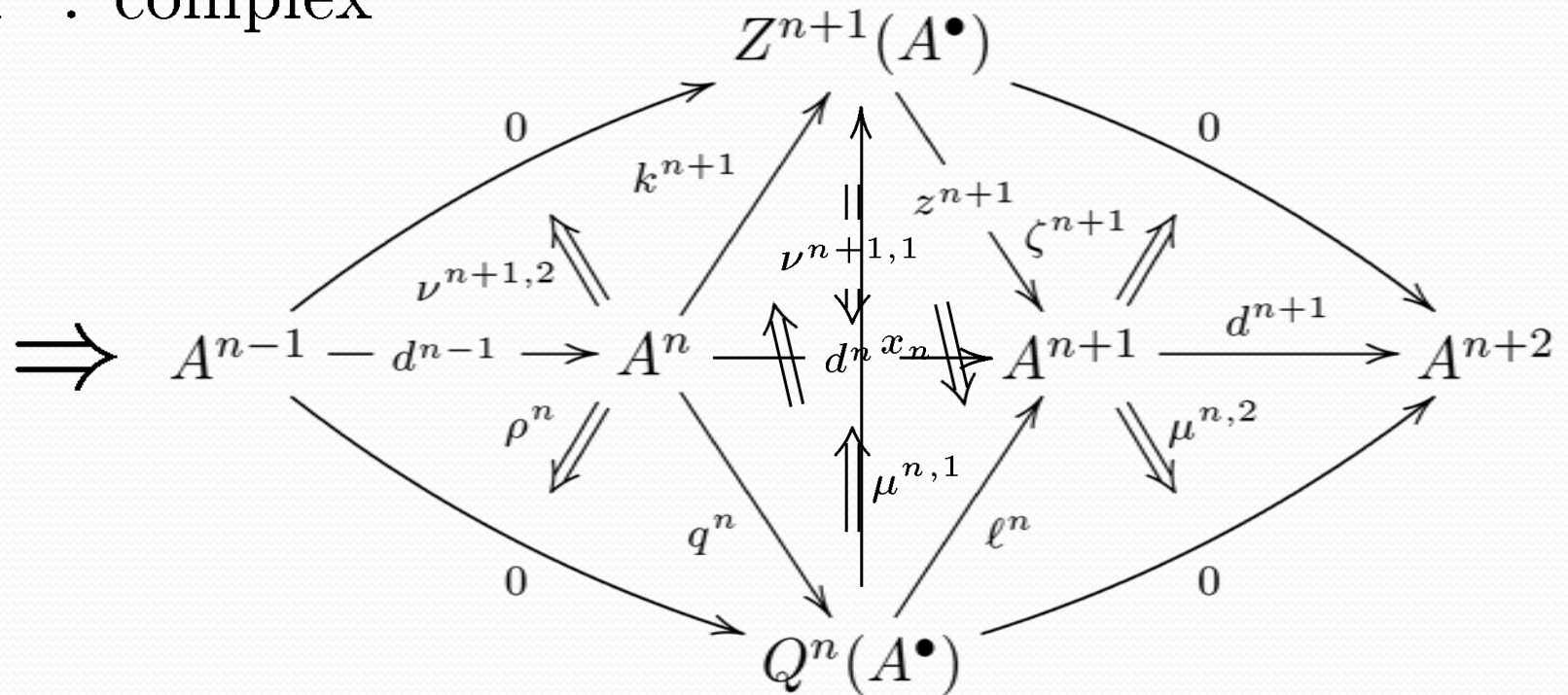
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & 0 & & & \\
 & & & \uparrow \varphi^n & & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A^n & \xrightarrow{f^n} & B^n & \xrightarrow{g^n} & C^n \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

is relatively 2-exact.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \uparrow \varphi^n & & \\
 A^n & \xrightarrow{f^n} & B^n & \xrightarrow{g^n} & C^n \\
 \downarrow d_A^n & \xRightarrow{\lambda^n} & \downarrow d_B^n & \xRightarrow{\kappa^n} & \downarrow d_C^n \\
 A^{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f^{n+1}} & B^{n+1} & \xrightarrow{g^{n+1}} & C^{n+1} \\
 & & \downarrow \varphi^{n+1} & & \\
 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

Reduction (1)

$A^\bullet$: complex



$$\text{Ker}(x_n) = H^n(A^\bullet), \text{Cok}(x_n) = H^{n+1}(A^\bullet)$$

(6.15)

Reduction (2)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow \varphi^\bullet & & \searrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A^\bullet & \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} & B^\bullet & \xrightarrow{g^\bullet} & C^\bullet \longrightarrow 0 : \text{extension}
 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow & & \searrow & & \\
 Q^n(A^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Q^n(B^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Q^n(C^\bullet) & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 \\
 \downarrow x_A^n & & \Downarrow & & \downarrow x_B^n & & \Downarrow \\
 0 \longrightarrow \underset{0}{Z^{n+1}(A^\bullet)} & \longrightarrow & Z^{n+1}(B^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Z^{n+1}(C^\bullet) & & \\
 & & \Downarrow & & \nearrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & & &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Relatively 2-exact at 

Proof of the Theorem

By Reduction (1) and Reduction (2) ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow \varphi^\bullet & & \searrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & A^\bullet & \xrightarrow{f^\bullet} & B^\bullet & \xrightarrow{g^\bullet} & C^\bullet \longrightarrow 0 : \text{extension}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & & & \text{Relatively 2-exact at } \\
 & & \uparrow \uparrow & & \searrow & & \\
 \Rightarrow & & Q^n(A^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Q^n(B^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Q^n(C^\bullet) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow x_A^n & & \Downarrow & \downarrow x_B^n & & \Downarrow & \downarrow x_C^n \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & Z^{n+1}(A^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Z^{n+1}(B^\bullet) & \longrightarrow & Z^{n+1}(C^\bullet) \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \nearrow \\
 & & & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Ker}(x_A^n) = H^n(A^\bullet)$$

$$\text{Cok}(x_A^n) = H^{n+1}(A^\bullet)$$

So the theorem follows from Snake Lemma !





Not Use

(Co-)Image

(fully faithful, cofaithful)-factorization
= Image factorization

$$\text{Im}(f) := \text{Ker}(\text{cok}(f))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{\text{cok}(f)} & \text{Cok}(f) \\ & \searrow i(f) & \uparrow \iota & \nearrow \text{ker}(\text{cok}(f)) & \\ & & \text{Im}(f) & & \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\ & \searrow i(f) & \uparrow \iota \\ & & \text{Im}(f) \\ & \nearrow \text{ker}(\text{cok}(f)) & \end{array}$$

← faithful

Proposition (4.3, 4.12)

$i(f)$: fully cofaithful

Image Factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 \searrow i(f) & \Uparrow \iota & \nearrow \ker(\text{cok}(f)) \\
 & \text{Im}(f) &
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{fully cofaithful} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{faithful}
 \end{array}$$

- faithful + fully cofaithful = equivalence
- Lifting property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \\
 \searrow i & \Uparrow \eta & \nearrow m \\
 & I &
 \end{array}$$

i : fully cofaithful
 m : faithful

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i} & I & & \\
 \downarrow i(f) & \nearrow \zeta_i & \nearrow t & \searrow \zeta_m & \downarrow m \\
 \text{Im}(f) & \xrightarrow{\ker(\text{cok}(f))} & B & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\implies \exists t : \text{Im}(f) \rightarrow I, \quad \exists \zeta_i, \quad \exists \zeta_m$$

(unique up to a unique 2-cell)

such that

$$\eta \cdot (m \circ \zeta_i) = \iota \cdot (\zeta_m \circ i(f))$$