

Mapping cones [Weibel, Intro to homological algebra, §1.5]

$f: A \rightarrow B$ hom. of chain complexes

$\text{Cone}(f)$ is the complex defined by $\text{Cone}(f)_i = B_i \oplus A_{i-1}$ with differential $d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}: B_i \oplus A_{i-1} \rightarrow B_{i-1} \oplus A_{i-2}$ given

by $\begin{pmatrix} d_i^B & -f_{i-1} \\ 0 & -d_{i-1}^A \end{pmatrix}$, i.e. $d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}(b, a) = (d_i^B b - f_{i-1} a, -d_{i-1}^A a)$.

There is a short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Cone}(f) \rightarrow A[-1] \rightarrow 0$$

where the left map sends b to $(b, 0)$ and the right map sends (b, a) to $-a$. We consider the long exact sequence in homology

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_i(B) & \rightarrow & H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) & \rightarrow & H_i(A[-1]) & \xrightarrow{\text{connecting hom.}} & H_{i-1}(B) \\ [b] & \mapsto & [b, a] & & \parallel & & \\ & & & & H_{i-1}(A) & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

want to show that this is $H_{i-1}(f)$

Let $a \in Z_{i-1}(A)$. Then $(0, -a)$ is a preimage in $\text{Cone}(f)_i$.

Let's apply the differential of $\text{Cone}(f)$:

$$d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}(0, -a) = -f_{i-1}(a) - d_{i-1}^A(-a) = f_{i-1}(a)$$

$\uparrow$ $a \in Z_{i-1}(A)$

Therefore the connecting hom. $H_{i-1}(A) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(B)$ is $[a] \mapsto [f_{i-1}(a)]$, i.e. it is $H_{i-1}(f)$.

So get long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow H_i(A) & \xrightarrow{H_i(f)} & H_i(B) & \rightarrow & H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) & \rightarrow & H_{i-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots \\ & & [b] & \mapsto & [b, 0] & & \\ & & & & [b, a] & \mapsto & [-a] \end{array}$$

Problem 44a

$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{p} C \rightarrow 0$ s.e.s. of chain complexes

$\Phi: \text{Cone}(f) \rightarrow C$ defined by

$$\Phi_i: B_i \oplus A_{i-1} \rightarrow C_i$$

$$(\ell, a) \mapsto p_i \ell$$

Φ is a chain hom.: need to show that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_i \oplus A_{i-1} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_i} & C_i \\ d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)} \downarrow & & \downarrow d_i^C \\ B_{i-1} \oplus A_{i-2} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{i-1}} & C_{i-1} \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

pick $(\ell, a) \in B_i \oplus A_{i-1}$.

$$d_i^C \Phi_i(\ell, a) = d_i^C(p_i \ell)$$

$$\Phi_{i-1} d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}(\ell, a) = \Phi_{i-1}(d_i^B \ell - f_{i-1} a, -d_{i-1}^A a) =$$

$$= p_{i-1}(d_i^B \ell - f_{i-1} a) = p_{i-1} d_i^B \ell = d_i^C(p_i \ell)$$

$\uparrow$
 $p_{i-1} \circ f_{i-1} = 0$

$\uparrow$
 p is a hom. of complexes

Now we want to compare the l.e.s. induced by $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ and the long exact sequence induced by $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Cone}(f) \rightarrow A[-1] \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_i(A) & \xrightarrow{H_i(f)} & H_i(B) & \xrightarrow{(*)} & H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) & \xrightarrow{H_{i-1}(f)} & H_{i-1}(A) \xrightarrow{H_{i-1}(f)} H_{i-1}(B) \\ \text{id} \downarrow & & \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow H_i(\Phi) & & \downarrow \text{id} \\ H_i(A) & \xrightarrow{H_i(f)} & H_i(B) & \xrightarrow{H_i(p)} & H_i(C) & \xrightarrow{H_{i-1}(f)} & H_{i-1}(A) \xrightarrow{H_{i-1}(f)} H_{i-1}(B) \end{array}$$

$\uparrow \partial_i$
oppo site of hom. ∂_i

Need to show that the two squares $(*)$ and $(**)$ commutes:

$(*)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow H_i(\Phi) \\ H_i(B) & & \\ & \searrow & \\ & & H_i(C) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & [\ell, 0] \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ [\ell] & & \\ & \searrow & \\ & & [p_i \ell] \end{array}$$

ok

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (**) & H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) & \\
 & \searrow & \\
 H_i(\Phi) & \downarrow & H_{i-1}(A) \\
 & H_i(C) & \nearrow -\partial_i
 \end{array}$$

Start from $(b, a) \in Z_i(\text{Cone}(f))$. It is clear that $H_i(\Phi)[b, a] = [\Phi_i(b, a)] = [p_i b]$, whereas the map $H_i(\text{Cone}(f)) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(A)$ sends $[b, a]$ to $[-a]$.

So we need to prove that $-\partial_i[p_i b] = [-a]$, i.e. $\partial_i[p_i b] = [a]$.

Since (b, a) is a cycle, we have $d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}(b, a) = 0$, i.e. $d_i^B b - f_{i-1} a = 0$ and $-d_{i-1}^A a = 0$, i.e. $f_{i-1} a = d_i^B b$ and a is a cycle. From the definition of connecting homomorphism, it is easy to see that $\partial_i[p_i b] = [a]$.

This concludes the proof of the fact that the diagram with the 2 rows with 5 columns is commutative.

By 5-lemma, we have that $H_i(\Phi)$ is an isomorphism for every i . Therefore Φ is a quasi-isomorphism.

Problem 44b

$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{p} C \rightarrow 0$ s.e.s. of chain complexes
 We know that $\Phi: \text{Cone}(f) \rightarrow C$, $(b, a) \mapsto pb$ is a quasi-isom. of complexes.

Let's suppose that each layer $0 \rightarrow A_i \xrightarrow{f_i} B_i \xrightarrow{p_i} C_i \rightarrow 0$ splits, so we have sections $s_i: C_i \rightarrow B_i$ s.t. $p_i s_i = \text{id}_{C_i}$.
 Notice that the collection of s_i ~~is~~ is not, in general, a morphism of complexes from C to B .

We want to show that in this case Φ is a homotopic equivalence, i.e. there exists a morphism of complexes $\Psi: C \rightarrow \text{Cone}(f)$ such that $\Phi\Psi$ is homotopic to id_C and $\Psi\Phi$ is homotopic to $\text{id}_{\text{Cone}(f)}$.

From now on, I will suppress the letter f in all formulas in other words I will assume that A is a subcomplex of B , i.e. that f is an inclusion.

For every i , define $\Psi_i: C_i \rightarrow \text{Cone}(f)_i$ by

$$\Psi_i c = (s_i c, (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c) \quad \forall c \in C_i. \text{ This makes}$$

sense because $(d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c$ is an element of A_{i-1}

$$\text{since } p_{i-1} (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c = (d_i^C p_i s_i - p_{i-1} s_{i-1} d_i^C) c = \\ = (d_i^C - d_i^C) c = 0 \Rightarrow (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c \in \ker p_{i-1} = A_{i-1}.$$

Ψ is a morph. of complexes: need to show that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_i & \xrightarrow{\Psi_i} & \text{Cone}(f)_i \\ d_i^C \downarrow & & \downarrow d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)} \\ C_{i-1} & \xrightarrow{\Psi_{i-1}} & \text{Cone}(f)_{i-1} \end{array}$$

commutes: for every $c \in C_i$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)} \Psi_i c &= d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)} (s_i c, (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c) = \\
&= (d_i^B s_i c - (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c, -d_{i-1}^B (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) c) \\
&= (s_{i-1} d_i^C c, d_{i-1}^B s_{i-1} d_i^C c) \\
\Psi_{i-1} d_i^C c &= (s_{i-1} d_i^C c, (d_{i-1}^B s_{i-1} - s_{i-2} d_{i-1}^C) d_i^C c) \\
&= (s_{i-1} d_i^C c, d_{i-1}^B s_{i-1} d_i^C c)
\end{aligned}
\quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \text{equal!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi \Psi &= \text{id}_C \text{ because } \forall i, \forall c \in C_i \quad \Phi_i \Psi_i c = \Phi_i(s_i c, ?) = \\
&= p_i s_i c = c.
\end{aligned}$$

What is $\Psi \Phi$? $\forall i, \forall (b, a) \in \text{Cone}(f)_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_i \Phi_i(b, a) &= \Psi_i(p_i b) = (s_i p_i b, (d_i^B s_i - s_{i-1} d_i^C) p_i b) = \\
&= (s_i p_i b, (d_i^B s_i p_i - s_{i-1} p_{i-1} d_i^B) b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Construct } h_i: \text{Cone}(f)_i &\longrightarrow \text{Cone}(f)_{i+1} \\
(b, a) &\longmapsto (0, b - s_i p_i b)
\end{aligned}$$

this is well defined because $b - s_i p_i b \in A_i$
since $p_i(b - s_i p_i b) = p_i b - p_i s_i p_i b = p_i b - p_i b = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_{i+1}^{\text{Cone}(f)} h_i(b, a) &= d_{i+1}^{\text{Cone}(f)} (0, b - s_i p_i b) = \\
&= (-(b - s_i p_i b), -d_i^B (b - s_i p_i b)) \\
&= ((s_i p_i - \text{id}_{B_i}) b, d_i^B (s_i p_i - \text{id}_{B_i}) b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{i-1} d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)}(b, a) &= h_{i-1}(d_i^B b - a, -d_{i-1}^B a) = \\
&= (0, d_i^B b - a - s_{i-1} p_{i-1}(d_i^B b - a)) \\
&= (0, d_i^B b - a - s_{i-1} p_{i-1} d_i^B b)
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(d_{i+1}^{\text{Cone}(f)} h_i + h_{i-1} d_i^{\text{Cone}(f)})(b, a) =$$

$$= (s_i p_i b - b, d_i^B s_i p_i b - a - s_{i-1} p_{i-1} d_i^B b)$$

$$= (\Psi_i \Phi_i - \text{id}_{\text{Cone}(f)_i})(b, a)$$

$\Rightarrow$ the collection $\{h_i\}$ is a homotopy between $\Psi\Phi$ and $\text{id}_{\text{Cone}(f)}$.