ANDRÉ-QUILLEN HOMOLOGY VIA FUNCTOR HOMOLOGY

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ABSTRACT. We obtain André-Quillen homology for commutative algebras using relative homological algebra in the category of functors on finite pointed sets.

1. Introduction

Let Γ be the small category of finite pointed sets. For any $n \geq 0$, let [n] be the set $\{0,1,...,n\}$ with basepoint 0. We assume that the objects of Γ are the sets [n]. A left Γ -module is a covariant functor $\Gamma \to \mathsf{Vect}$ to the category of vector spaces over a field K. For a left Γ -module F we put

$$\pi_0(F) := \mathsf{Coker}(d_0 - d_1 + d_2 : F([2]) \to F([1])),$$

where d_1 is induced by the folding map $[2] \to [1]$, $1, 2 \mapsto 1$ while d_0 and d_2 are induced by the projection maps $[2] \to [1]$ given respectively by $1 \mapsto 1, 2 \mapsto 0$ and $1 \mapsto 0, 2 \mapsto 1$. The category Γ -mod of left Γ -modules is an abelian category with enough projective and injective objects. Therefore one can form the left derived functors of the functor $\pi_0 : \Gamma$ -mod $\to Vect$, which we will denote by π_* . Thanks to [5] and [6] we know that π_*F is isomorphic to the homotopy of the spectrum corresponding to the Γ -space F according to Segal (see [9] and [1]).

Let A be a commutative algebra over a ground field K and let M be an A-module. There exists a functor $\mathcal{L}(A,M):\Gamma\to \mathsf{Vect}$, which assigns $M\otimes A^{\otimes n}$ to [n] (see [3] or section 3). Here all tensor products are taken over K. It was proved in [7] that $\pi_*(\mathcal{L}(A,M))$ is isomorphic to a brave new algebra version of André-Quillen homology $\mathsf{H}^\Gamma_*(A,M)$ constructed by Alan Robinson and Sarah Whitehouse [10]. The main result of this paper shows that a similar isomorphism also exists for André-Quillen homology if one takes an appropriate relative derived functor of the same functor $\pi_0: \Gamma\text{-}mod\to \mathsf{Vect}$.

2. A CLASS OF PROPER EXACT SEQUENCES

Thanks to the Yoneda lemma, Γ^n , $n \geq 0$, are projective generators of the category Γ -mod. Here

$$\Gamma^n := K[\mathsf{Hom}_{\Gamma}([n], -)],$$

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and K[S] denotes the free vector space spanned by a set S. For left Γ -modules F and T one defines the pointwise tensor product $F\otimes T$ to be the left Γ -module given by $(F\otimes T)([n])=F([n])\otimes T([n])$. Since $\Gamma^n\otimes \Gamma^m\cong \Gamma^{n+m}$ one sees that the tensor product of two projective left Γ -modules is still projective. We also have $\Gamma^n\cong (\Gamma^1)^{\otimes n}$.

A partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ is a sequence of natural numbers $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k \geq 1$. The sum of partition is given by $s(\lambda) := \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k$, while the group $\Sigma(\lambda)$ is a product of the corresponding symmetric groups

$$\Sigma(\lambda) := \Sigma_{\lambda_1} \times \cdots \times \Sigma_{\lambda_k},$$

which is identified with the Young subgroup of $\Sigma_{s(\lambda)}$. Let us observe that $\Sigma_n = Aut_{\Gamma}([n])$ and therefore Σ_n acts on $\Gamma^n \cong (\Gamma^1)^{\otimes n}$. For a partition λ with $s(\lambda) = n$ we let $\Gamma(\lambda)$ be the coinvariants of Γ^n under the action of $\Sigma(\lambda) \subset \Sigma_n$.

For a vector space V we let $S^*(V)$, $\Lambda^*(V)$ and $D^*(V)$ be respectively the symmetric, exterior and divided power algebra generated by V. Let us recall that $S^n(V) = (V^{\otimes n})/\Sigma_n$ is the space of coinvariants of $V^{\otimes n}$ under the action of the symmetric group Σ_n , while $D^n(V) = (V^{\otimes n})^{\Sigma_n}$ is the space of invariants. Moreover for a partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ we put

$$S^{\lambda} := S^{\lambda_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes S^{\lambda_k}.$$

We similarly define Λ^{λ} and D^{λ} . It follows from the definition that

$$\Gamma(\lambda) \cong S^{\lambda} \circ \Gamma^{1}$$
.

In particular $\Gamma(1,\dots,1)\cong\Gamma^n$ and $\Gamma(n)\cong S^n\circ\Gamma^1$.

Let

$$0 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow T \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of left Γ -modules. It is called a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence if for any partition λ with $s(\lambda) = n$ the induced map

$$T([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \to T_2([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)}$$

is surjective. Here and elsewhere, M^G denotes the subspace of G-fixed elements of a G-module M. For a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence $0 \to T_1 \to T \to T_2 \to 0$ the sequence

$$0 \to T_1([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \to T([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \to T_2([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \to 0$$

is also exact. Following to Section XII.4 of [4] we introduce the relative notions. An epimorphism $f: F \to T$ is called a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism if

$$0 \to \mathsf{Ker}(f) \to F \to T \to 0$$

is a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence. Similarly, a monomorphism $f: F \to T$ is called a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism if

$$0 \to F \to T \to \mathsf{Coker}(f) \to 0$$

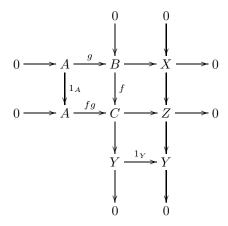
is a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence. A morphism $f: F \to T$ is called a \mathcal{Y} -morphism if $F \to \mathsf{Im}(f)$ is a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism and $\mathsf{Im}(f) \to T$ is a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism. A left Γ -module Z is called \mathcal{Y} -projective if for any \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism $f: F \to T$ and any morphism $g: Z \to T$ there exists a morphism $h: Z \to F$ such that g = fh.

Lemma 2.1. i) If a short exact sequence is isomorphic to a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence, then it is also a \mathcal{Y} -exact sequence.

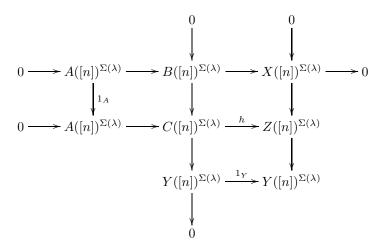
- ii) A split short exact sequence is \mathcal{Y} -exact.
- iii) A composition of two \mathcal{Y} -epimorphisms is still a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism.

- iv) If f and g are two composable epimorphisms and fg is a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism, then f is also a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism.
- v) A composition of two \mathcal{Y} -monomorphisms is still a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism.
- vi) If f and g are two composable monomorphisms and fg is a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism, then g is also a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism.

Proof. The properties i)- iv) are clear. Let $f: B \to C$ and $g: A \to B$ be monomorphisms. One can form the following diagram:

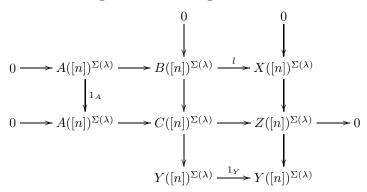


Assume f and g are are \mathcal{Y} -monomorphisms; then for any partition λ with $s(\lambda) = n$ one has a commutative diagram:



The diagram chasing shows that h is an epimorphism and therefore fg is a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism and v) is proved. Assume now that fg is a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism.

Then we have the following commutative diagram:



The diagram chasing shows that l is an epimorphism and therefore f is a \mathcal{Y} -monomorphism and therefore we get vi).

As an immediate corollary we obtain that the class of all \mathcal{Y} -exact sequences is proper in the sense of Mac Lane [4]. We now show that there are enough \mathcal{Y} -projective objects.

Lemma 2.2. i) For any partition λ the left Γ -module $\Gamma(\lambda)$ is a \mathcal{Y} -projective object.

ii) A morphism $f: F \to T$ of left Γ -modules is a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism iff for any partition λ the induced morphism

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma - mod}(\Gamma(\lambda), F) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma - mod}(\Gamma(\lambda), T)$$

is an epimorphism.

- iii) For any left Γ -module F there is a \mathcal{Y} -projective object Z and a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism $f:Z\to F$.
- iv) Any projective Y-module is a direct summand of the sum of objects of the form $\Gamma(\lambda)$.
- v) The tensor product of two \mathcal{Y} -projective left Γ -modules is still \mathcal{Y} -projective.

Proof. Let λ be a partition with $s(\lambda) = n$. By definition $\Gamma(\lambda) = H_0(\Sigma(\lambda), \Gamma^n)$. Hence for any left Γ -module F one has

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma - mod}(\Gamma(\lambda), F) \cong H^0(\Sigma(\lambda), \operatorname{Hom}_{\Gamma - mod}(\Gamma^n, F) \cong F(n)^{\Sigma(\lambda)}.$$

The assertions i) and ii) are immediate consequences of this isomorphism. To prove iii) we set

$$X(\lambda) := \mathsf{Hom}_{\Gamma - mod}(\Gamma(\lambda), F).$$

Moreover, for each $x \in X(\lambda)$ we let $f_x : \Gamma(\lambda) \to F$ be the corresponding morphism. Take $Z = \bigoplus_{\lambda} \bigoplus_{x \in X(\lambda)} \Gamma(\lambda)$. Then the collection f_x , $x \in X(\lambda)$, yields the morphism $f: Z \to F$. We have to show that it is a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism. Let $g: \Gamma(\lambda) \to F$ be a morphism of left Γ -modules. By ii) we need to lift g to Z. By our construction $g \in X(\lambda)$ and therefore the inclusion $\Gamma(\lambda) \to Z$ corresponding to the summand $g \in X(\lambda)$ is an expected lifting and iii) is proved. The proof of iii) shows that one can assume P to be a sum of Γ^{λ} and iv) follows. To prove the last statement one observes that, for any partitions λ and μ , one has

$$\Gamma(\lambda) \otimes \Gamma(\mu) \cong (\Gamma^{s(\lambda)} \otimes \Gamma^{s(\mu)})^{\Sigma(\lambda) \times \Sigma(\mu)} = (\Gamma^{s(\lambda) + s(\mu)})^{\Sigma(\lambda) \times \Sigma(\mu)}$$

and therefore $\Gamma(\lambda) \otimes \Gamma(\mu)$ is \mathcal{Y} -projective.

3. Definition of André-Quillen homology and the functor $\mathcal L$

The definition of André-Quillen homology is based on the framework of homotopical algebra [8] and it is given as follows. We let $C_*(V_*)$ be the chain complex associated to a simplicial vector space V_* . Let A be a commutative algebra over a ground field K and let M be an A-module. A simplicial resolution of A is an augmented simplicial object $P_* \to A$ in the category of commutative algebras, which is a weak equivalence (in other words $C_*(P_*) \to A$ is a weak equivalence). A simplicial resolution is called free if P_n is a polynomial algebra over K for all $n \geq 0$. Any commutative algebra possesses a free simplicial resolution which is unique up to homotopy. Then the André-Quillen homology is defined by

$$D_*(A, M) := H_*(C_*(\Omega^1_P \otimes_{P_*} M)),$$

where Ω^1 is the Kähler 1-differential and $P_* \to A$ is a free simplicial resolution. In dimension 0 we have $\mathsf{D}_0(A,M) \cong \Omega^1_A \otimes_A M$.

As we mentioned above the functor $\mathcal{L}(A, M) : \Gamma \to \mathsf{Vect}$ is given on objects by $[n] \mapsto M \otimes A^{\otimes n}$. For a pointed map $f : [n] \to [m]$, the action of f on $\mathcal{L}(A, M)$ is given by

$$f_*(a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n) := b_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_m,$$

where $b_j = \prod_{f(i)=j} a_i, \ j=0,\cdots,n$.

Example 3.1. Let M = A = K[t]. In this case one has an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{L}(K[t], K[t]) \cong S^* \circ \Gamma^1.$$

To see this isomorphism, one observes that Γ^1 assigns the free vector space on a set [n] to [n] and therefore both functors in question assign the ring $K[t_0, \dots, t_n]$ to [n]. An important consequence of this isomorphism is the fact that the functor $\mathcal{L}(K[t], K[t])$ is \mathcal{Y} -projective.

Lemma 3.2. For any commutative algebra A and any A-module M, one has a natural isomorphism $\pi_0(\mathcal{L}(A, M)) \cong \Omega^1_A \otimes_A M$.

Proof. By the definition we have $\pi_0(\mathcal{L}(A, M)) = \mathsf{Coker}(b : M \otimes A^{\otimes 2} \to M \otimes A)$, where $b(m \otimes a \otimes b) = ma \otimes b - m \otimes ab + mb \otimes a$. Since

$$adb \otimes m \mapsto (ma \otimes b) \, mod \, \mathsf{Im}(b)$$

yields the isomorphism $\Omega^1_A \otimes_A M \to \mathsf{Coker}(b)$, the result follows.

Lemma 3.3. i) Let A be a commutative algebra and let

$$0 \to M_1 \to M \to M_2 \to 0$$

be a short exact sequence of A-modules. Then

$$0 \to \mathcal{L}(A, M_1) \to \mathcal{L}(A, M) \to \mathcal{L}(A, M_2) \to 0$$

is a *Y*-exact sequence.

ii) Let $f: B \to A$ be a surjective homomorphism of commutative algebras. Then for any A-module M the induced morphism of left Γ -modules

$$\mathcal{L}(B,M) \to \mathcal{L}(A,M)$$

is a \mathcal{Y} -epimorphism.

Proof. One observes that for any partition λ with $s(\lambda) = n$ one has

$$(\mathcal{L}(A,M)([n]))^{\Sigma(\lambda)} = (M \otimes A^{\otimes n})^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \cong M \otimes D^{\lambda}(A).$$

Since we are over a field the tensor product is exact and we obtain i). By the same reason f has a linear section, which also yields a linear section of $D^{\lambda}(B) \to D^{\lambda}(A)$, because D^{λ} is a functor defined on the category of vector spaces.

4. Relative derived functors

By Lemma 2.2 the class of \mathcal{Y} -exact sequences has enough projective objects. Thanks to [4] this allows us to construct the relative derived functors. Let us recall that an augmented chain complex $X_* \to F$ is called a \mathcal{Y} -resolution of F if it is exact (that is, $H_i(X_*) = 0$ for i > 0 and $H_0(X_*) \cong F$) and all boundary maps $X_{n+1} \to X_n$ are \mathcal{Y} -morphisms, $n \geq 0$. It follows from Lemma 2.2 that $X_* \to F$ is a \mathcal{Y} -resolution iff for any partition λ the augmented complex

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{Hom}}_{\Gamma\operatorname{-mod}}(\Gamma(\lambda),X_*) \to \operatorname{\mathsf{Hom}}_{\Gamma\operatorname{-mod}}(\Gamma(\lambda),F)$$

is exact. A \mathcal{Y} -resolution $Z_* \to F$ is called a \mathcal{Y} -projective resolution if for all $n \geq 0$ the left Γ -module Z_n is a \mathcal{Y} -projective object. We define $\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F)$ using relative derived functors of the functor $\pi_0 : \Gamma$ -mod $\to \mathsf{Vect}$. In other words we put

$$\pi_n^{\mathcal{Y}}(F) := H_n(\pi_0(Z_*)), \ n \ge 0,$$

where $Z_* \to F$ is a \mathcal{Y} -projective resolution. By [4] this gives the well-defined functors $\pi_n^{\mathcal{Y}}: \Gamma$ -mod $\to \text{Vect}, n \geq 0$.

Lemma 4.1. If K is a field of characteristic zero, then $\pi_*(F) \cong \pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F)$.

Proof. In this case all exact sequences are \mathcal{Y} -exact, because for any finite group G, the functor $M \mapsto M^G$ is exact.

Lemma 4.2. For left Γ -modules F, T one has an isomorphism

$$\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F \otimes T) \cong \pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F) \otimes T([0]) \oplus F([0]) \otimes \pi_*^{Y}(T).$$

Proof. The result in dimension 0 is known (see Lemma 4.2 of [5]). Let $Z_* \to F$ and $R_* \to T$ be \mathcal{Y} -projective resolutions. By Lemma 2.2 $Z_* \otimes R_* \to F \otimes T$ is also a \mathcal{Y} -projective resolution. Thus

$$\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F \otimes T) = H_*(\pi_0(Z_* \otimes R_*))$$

$$\cong H_*(\pi_0^{\mathcal{Y}}(Z_*) \otimes R_*([0]) \oplus Z_*([0]) \otimes \pi_0^{Y}(R_*))$$

$$\cong \pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(F) \otimes T([0]) \oplus F([0]) \otimes \pi_*^{Y}(T),$$

where the last isomorphism follows from the Eilenberg-Zilber theorem and Künneth theorem. $\hfill\Box$

Lemma 4.3. Let $\epsilon: X_* \to A$ be a simplicial resolution in the category of commutative algebras and let M be an A-module. Then the associated chain complex of the simplicial Γ -module $C_*(\mathcal{L}(X_*, M)) \to \mathcal{L}(A, M)$ is a \mathcal{Y} -resolution.

Proof. Since ϵ is a weak equivalence of simplicial algebras it is a homotopy equivalence in the category of simplicial vector spaces. Thus $M \otimes D^{\lambda}(X_*) \to M \otimes D^{\lambda}(A_*)$ is also a homotopy equivalence, for any partition λ . It follows that

$$\mathcal{L}(X_*, M)([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \to \mathcal{L}(A, M)([n])^{\Sigma(\lambda)}$$

is also a homotopy equivalence of simplicial vector spaces.

The following is our main result.

Theorem 4.4. For any commutative ring A and any A-module M, there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\mathsf{D}_i(A,M) \cong \pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,M)), \ i \geq 0,$$

between the André-Quillen homology and relative derived functors of π_0 applied on the functor $\mathcal{L}(A, M)$.

Proof. Thanks to Lemma 3.2 the result is true for i=0. First consider the case when M=A=K[t]. In this case the André-Quillen homology vanishes in positive dimensions by definition. On the other hand $\mathcal{L}(K[t],K[t])$ is \mathcal{Y} -projective thanks to Example 3.1 and therefore $\pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,M))$ vanishes for all i>0. One can use Lemma 4.2 to conclude that $\pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,A))$ vanishes for all i>0 provided A is a polynomial algebra. For the next step, we prove that the result is true if A is a polynomial algebra and A is any A-module. We have to prove that $\pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,M))$ also vanishes for i>0. We already proved this fact if M=A. By additivity the functor $\pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,-))$ vanishes on free A-modules. By Lemma 3.3 the functor $\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,-))$ assigns the long exact sequence to a short exact sequence of A-modules. Therefore we can consider such an exact sequence associated to a short exact sequence of A-modules

$$0 \to N \to F \to M \to 0$$

with free F. Since the result is true if i=0, one obtains by induction on i that $\pi_i^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(A,M))=0$ provided i>0. Now consider the general case. Let $P_*\to A$ be a free simplicial resolution in the category of commutative algebras. Then we have

$$\Omega^1_{P_*} \otimes_{P_*} M \cong \pi_0^{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathcal{L}(P_*, M)).$$

Thanks to Lemma 4.3 $C_*(\mathcal{L}(P_*, M)) \to \mathcal{L}(A, M)$ is a \mathcal{Y} -resolution consisting of $\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}$ -acyclic objects and the result follows.

The main theorem together with the main result of [7] yields:

Corollary 4.5. If Char(K) = 0, then for any commutative algebra A and any A-module M one has a natural isomorphism

$$\mathsf{D}_*(A,M) \cong \mathsf{H}^\Gamma_*(A,M).$$

This fact was also proved in [10] based on the combinatorical and homotopical analysis of the space of fully grown trees.

Remarks. i) We let $t:\Gamma^{op}\to \mathsf{Vect}$ be the functor which assigns the vector space of all maps $f:[n]\to K,\ f(0)=0$ to [n]. Then $t\otimes_{\Gamma}F\cong \pi_0(F)$ (see Proposition 2.2 of [5]). Hence $\pi_*^{\mathcal{Y}}$ can also be defined as the relative derived functors of the functor $t\otimes_{\Gamma}(-):\Gamma$ -mod $\to \mathsf{Vect}$. More generally one can take any functor $T:\Gamma^{op}\to \mathsf{Vect}$ and define $\mathsf{Tor}_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(T,F)$ as the value of the relative derived functors (with respect to \mathcal{Y} -exact sequences) of the functor $T\otimes_{\Gamma}(-):\Gamma$ -mod $\to \mathsf{Vect}$. Then our result claims that

$$\mathsf{D}_*(A,M) \cong \mathsf{Tor}_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(t,\mathcal{L}(A,M)).$$

Based on Proposition 1.15 of [5] the argument given above shows that

$$\mathsf{D}_*^{\{n\}}(A,M) \cong \mathsf{Tor}_*^{\mathcal{Y}}(\Lambda^n \circ t, \mathcal{L}(A,M)),$$

where $\mathsf{D}^{\{n\}}_*(A,M)$ are defined using Kähler *n*-differentials:

$$\mathsf{D}_*^{\{n\}}(A,M) := H_*(C_*(\Omega^n_{P_*} \otimes_{P_*} M))$$

and for n = 1 one recovers the main theorem.

ii) All results remains true if K is any commutative ring and A and M are projective as K-modules.

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