

Sections of functors and the problem
of lifting algebraic structures.

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Introduction.

Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be a surjective homomorphism of rings and suppose $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$.

Let A be an S -algebra and let A' be an R -algebra such that $A' \otimes S \simeq A$. A' is called a lifting of A to R , if $\text{Tor}_1^R(A', S) = 0$.

In particular, if A is S -flat then A' is a lifting of A to R if, and only if, $A' \otimes_R S \simeq A$ and A' is R -flat. We may then ask the following question.

When do liftings exist, and if there are some, how many liftings will there be?

If A is S -flat the answer was given by Schlessinger and Lichtenbaum [S].

Using their cohomology theory of algebras, they proved that there exists an obstruction $\mathcal{O} \in H^2(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi)$ such that $\mathcal{O} = 0$ if and only if there exists a lifting, and the set of liftings, modulo isomorphisms reducing to the identity, is then a principal homogenous space over $H^1(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi)$.

This is the kind of problem we shall be concerned with in this paper.

We shall eventually consider a variety of algebraic objects defined over S , such as an algebra, a morphism of algebras, a diagram of morphisms of algebras, a bialgebra etc. In each case we will study the corresponding lifting problem.

A good starting point for the theory of lifting seems to be to consider the following general problem.

Let $\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$ be any functor. When does π admit a section (i.e. a functor $\sigma: \underline{c} \rightarrow \underline{C}$ such that $\sigma \pi = 1_{\underline{c}}$) ?

Chapter 1 is concerned with this general problem. We prove that under certain conditions on π (we need coefficients for a cohomology theory) there exists a sequence of cohomology groups $H^i(\underline{c}, \pi)$ and an obstruction $\mathcal{O} \in H^2(\underline{c}, \pi)$ such that $\mathcal{O} = 0$ if and only if π has a section. Moreover, if there is one section, then the set of all sections is a union of principal homogenous spaces over $H^1(\underline{c}, \pi)$.

In Chapter 2 we shall use the methods of Chapter 1 to give a new proof of a slightly improved version of the result of Lichtenbaum and Schlessinger. The cohomology involved here will be the cohomology of André [A].

Finally in Chapter 3 we shall consider diagrams of morphisms of algebras.

The main result is not too startling. If $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ is a homomorphism of S -algebras, and if A' and B' are liftings of A resp. B to R , then there exist an obstruction

$$\mathcal{O}(A', B') \in H^1(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi)$$

such that $\mathcal{O}(A', B') = 0$ if and only if there exists a homomorphism of R -algebras $\psi': A' \rightarrow B'$ such that $\psi' \otimes_R S \simeq \psi$.

The set of such liftings is a principal homogenous space over $\text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes \ker \pi)$.

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Chapter 1. Sections of functors.

(1.1) Derivation functors associated to a functor

Let $\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$ be a functor of small categories. We shall consider the category $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}$, for which

1. The objects are the morphisms of \underline{c} .
2. If φ, φ' are objects in $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}$ then the set of morphisms $\text{Mor}(\varphi, \varphi')$ is the set of commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{\psi} & * \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi' \\ * & \xleftarrow{\psi'} & * \end{array}$$

We write $(\psi, \psi'): \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'$ for such a morphism.

Let $\varphi \in \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}$ be an object (i.e. a morphism of \underline{c}) and let $\pi^{-1}(\varphi) = \{\lambda \in \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C} \mid \pi(\lambda) = \varphi\}$.

If φ_1 and φ_2 are morphisms in \underline{c} which can be composed then we have a partially defined map:

$$m : \pi^{-1}(\varphi_1) \times \pi^{-1}(\varphi_2) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2)$$

defined by composition of morphisms in \underline{C} .

We shall suppose that there exists a contravariant functor

$$\text{Der}: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$$

with the properties:

(Der 1) There exists a map:

$$\mu : \pi^{-1}(\varphi) \times \text{Der}(\varphi) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(\varphi)$$

and a partially defined map

$$\nu : \pi^{-1}(\varphi) \times \pi^{-1}(\varphi) \rightarrow \text{Der}(\varphi)$$

defined on the subset of those pairs (λ_1, λ_2) having same "source" and same "aim". These maps satisfy the following relations

$$\mu(\lambda, \alpha + \beta) = \mu(\mu(\lambda, \alpha), \beta)$$

$$\nu(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \alpha \quad \text{is equivalent to} \quad \lambda_1 = \mu(\lambda_2, \alpha) .$$

(Der 2) Suppose φ_1 and φ_2 can be composed in \underline{C} ,
then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(\varphi_1) \times \pi^{-1}(\varphi_2) & \xrightarrow{m} & \pi^{-1}(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2) \\ \uparrow \mu \times \mu & & \uparrow \mu \\ (\pi^{-1}(\varphi_1) \times \text{Der}(\varphi_1)) \times (\pi^{-1}(\varphi_2) \times \text{Der}(\varphi_2)) & \xrightarrow[\delta]{} & \pi^{-1}(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2) \times \text{Der}(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2) \end{array}$$

commutes, with δ defined by:

$$\delta((\lambda_1, \alpha), (\lambda_2, \beta)) = (m(\lambda_1, \lambda_2), \text{Der}(\text{id}, \varphi_2)(\alpha) + \text{Der}(\varphi_1, \text{id})(\beta))$$

Note that $(\text{id}, \varphi_2): \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1$ and $(\varphi_1, \text{id}): \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ are morphisms in $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}$, since the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} & * \\ \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_2 \\ * & \xleftarrow{1} & * \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{1} & * \\ \varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_1 \\ * & \xleftarrow{\varphi_2} & * \end{array}$$

commute.

We shall from now on use the following notations:

$$\varphi_1 \beta = \text{Der}(\varphi_1, \text{id})(\beta)$$

$$\alpha \varphi_2 = \text{Der}(\text{id}, \varphi_2)(\alpha)$$

$$\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \nu(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

A functor with these properties will be called a derivation functor associated to π

There are some obvious examples.

Ex.1. Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be a surjective homomorphism of rings. Let $I = \ker \pi$ and suppose $I^2 = 0$. Consider the category \underline{C} of

flat R-algebras and the category \underline{c} of flat S-algebras. Tensorization with S over R defines a functor

$$\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$$

and the ordinary derivation functor

$$\text{Der}: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$$

given by:

$$\text{Der}(\varphi) = \text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes_S I)$$

where $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ defines the A-module structure on $B \otimes_S I$, is a derivation functor for π .

Ex.2. Let \underline{C}_0 be the full subcategory of \underline{C} defined by the free R-algebras (i.e. the polynomial rings over R in any set of variables), and let \underline{c}_0 be the full subcategory of \underline{c} defined by the free S-algebras. As above the ordinary derivation functor induces a derivation functor for the restriction π_0 of π to \underline{C}_0 .

Ex.3. Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be as before and let \underline{C} be the category of R-flat affine group schemes over R and \underline{c} the category of S-flat affine groups schemes over S.

Tensorization by S over R defines a functor

$$\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$$

Let φ be an object in $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}$ (i.e. $\varphi: \text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$ is a homomorphism of S-flat affine group schemes over S) and consider

$$\text{Der}(\varphi) = \{ \xi \in \text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes \ker \pi) \mid \xi \circ \mu_B = \mu_A \circ (\varphi \otimes \xi + \xi \otimes \varphi) \}$$

where $\mu_A: A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ and $\mu_B: B \rightarrow B \otimes B$ are the comultiplications defining the group scheme structure on $\text{Spec}(A)$ and

$\text{Spec}(B)$ respectively.

Then Der is a derivation functor for π .

Remark. If $\pi^{-1}(\varphi)$ is empty then the conditions (Der 1) and (Der 2) are vacuous.

(1.2.) Obstructions for the existence of sections of functors

Given a functor π with a derivation functor $\text{Der}: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$, let us try to find conditions on \underline{C} and π under which there exists a section σ for π , i.e. a functor $\sigma: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{C}$ such that

$$\sigma \circ \pi = 1_{\underline{C}}$$

We observe immediately that if such a σ exists then certainly we must have

$$\pi^{-1}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C},$$

and moreover there must exist a quasisection i.e. a map $\sigma': \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}$ such that if φ_1 and φ_2 can be composed then $\sigma'(\varphi_1)$ and $\sigma'(\varphi_2)$ can be composed and $\sigma'(\varphi_1) \circ \sigma'(\varphi_2)$ have the same "source" and "aim" as $\sigma'(\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2)$. Given such a quasisection σ' we deduce a map $\sigma_0: \text{ob } \underline{C} \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{C}$, which we shall call the stem of the quasisection σ' .

Now, with all this we may prove:

Theorem 1.2.1) Suppose given a quasisection σ' of π . Then there exists an obstruction

$$\mathcal{O}(\sigma') \in \varprojlim_{\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}}^{(2)} \text{Der}$$

such that $\mathcal{O}(\sigma') = 0$ if and only if there exists a section σ of π with the same stem σ_0 as σ' . Moreover, if $\mathcal{O}(\sigma') = 0$ then the set of sections having the stem σ_0 , modulo isomorphisms reducing to the identity, is a principal homogenous space over

$$\varprojlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(1)} \text{Der}$$

Proof. Consider the complex $D^\bullet = D^\bullet(\text{Der})$ of abelian groups defined by

$$D^0(\text{Der}) = \prod_{c \in \text{ob } \underline{c}} \text{Der}(1_c)$$

$$D^n(\text{Der}) = \prod_{c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} c_n} \text{Der}(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \circ \dots \circ \psi_n) \quad n \geq 1$$

where the indices are chains of morphisms in \underline{c} , and where

$$d^n: D^n \rightarrow D^{n+1}$$

is defined by:

$$(d^0 \xi)(\psi_1) = \psi_1 \xi_{c_1} - \xi_{c_0} \psi_1$$

$$(d^n \xi)(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{n+1}) = \psi_1 \xi(\psi_2, \dots, \psi_{n+1}) +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \xi(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_i \circ \psi_{i+1}, \dots, \psi_{n+1}) + (-1)^{n+1} \xi(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n) \psi_{n+1}$$

for $n \geq 1$.

One easily verifies that $d^n \circ d^{n+1} = 0$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Lemma (1.2.2) $H^n(D^\bullet) \simeq \varprojlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(n)} \text{Der}$

The proof will be given in (1.3).

Now consider the quasisection σ' and define the element $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma')$ of D^2 by:

$$\mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2) .$$

By assumption $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) \in \text{Der}(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2)$.

In fact $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma') \in \ker d^2$ since

$$\begin{aligned} (d^2 \mathcal{Q}(\sigma'))(\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3) &= \psi_1 \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_2, \psi_3) - \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2, \psi_3) \\ &+ \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) \psi_3 \\ &= \psi_1 (\sigma'(\psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3)) - (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3)) \\ &+ (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2 \circ \psi_3)) - (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2)) \psi_3 \\ &= (\sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3)) \\ &- (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3)) \\ &+ (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2 \circ \psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2 \circ \psi_3)) \\ &- (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2) \circ \sigma'(\psi_3)) \\ &= 0 . \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma')$ defines an element $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma') \in H^2(D^*)$.

Suppose $\mathcal{Q}(\sigma') = 0$, then there is a $\xi \in D^1$ such that $d\xi = \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')$.

Now put

$$\sigma(\varphi) = \sigma'(\varphi) + \xi(\varphi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sigma(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma(\psi_1) \circ \sigma(\psi_2) &= (\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) + \xi(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2)) - (\sigma'(\psi_1) + \xi(\psi_1)) \circ (\sigma'(\psi_2) + \xi(\psi_2)) \\ &= \sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2) - (\sigma'(\psi_1) \xi(\psi_2) - \xi(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) \\ &+ \xi(\psi_1) \sigma'(\psi_2)) = \mathcal{Q}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) - (d\xi)(\psi_1, \psi_2) = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

i.e. σ is a functor, (we easily find that $\sigma(1_c) = 1_{\sigma_0(c)}$).

Obviously the stem of σ is equal to the stem of σ' (i.e. $= \sigma_0$).

Now let σ_1 and σ_2 be two sections of π with the same stem σ_0 . Then $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$ defines an element in D^1 , by:

$$(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\psi) = \sigma_1(\psi) - \sigma_2(\psi) .$$

Since σ_1 and σ_2 both are sections $(d_1(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2))(\psi_1, \psi_2)$
 $= \psi_1(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\psi_2) - (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)(\psi_1) \psi_2 = 0$, and
 therefore $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$ defines an element in $H^1(D^*)$.

Suppose this element is zero, then there exists an element $\zeta \in D^0$ such that

$$\sigma_1(\psi) - \sigma_2(\psi) = \psi \zeta - \zeta \psi$$

i.e.

$$\sigma_1(\psi) \circ (1_{\sigma_0(c_1)} - \zeta c_1) = (1_{\sigma_0(c_0)} - \zeta c_0) \circ \sigma_2(\psi)$$

for all

$$\psi: c_0 \rightarrow c_1 .$$

Conversely, suppose $s \in H^1(D^*)$ is represented by $\xi \in D^1$ then given any section σ of π , $\xi + \sigma$ is another section with the same stem as σ .

QED.

(1.3.) Proof of lemma 1.2.2. In this section we shall prove lemma (1.2.2) by proving a more general theorem.

Theorem (1.3.1) The functor

$D^*: \underline{\text{Ab}} \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}^0 \rightarrow \underline{\text{Complexes}}$ is a resolving functor for $\varinjlim \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}^0$.

Proof. Let L be the constant functor on $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}$ with $L(\varphi) = \mathbb{Z}$

for all φ .

We shall construct a projective resolution of L in $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}^0}$.

Let $\varphi: x \rightarrow y$ be any object of $\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}$ and consider the sets

$$\Delta^0(\varphi) = \{x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} y \mid \epsilon \circ \rho = \varphi\}.$$

$$\Delta^n(\varphi) = \{x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y \mid \epsilon \circ \psi_1 \circ \dots \circ \psi_n \circ \rho = \varphi\}$$

There exist maps:

$$\eta_i^n : \Delta^n(\varphi) \rightarrow \Delta^{n+1}(\varphi)$$

$$\delta_i^n : \Delta^n(\varphi) \rightarrow \Delta^{n-1}(\varphi)$$

defined by:

$$\eta_i^n(x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y) = (x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_i \xrightarrow{\text{id}} c_i \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y)$$

$$\delta_i^n(x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y) = \begin{cases} (x \xrightarrow{\epsilon \circ \psi_1} c_1 \xrightarrow{\psi_2} c_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y) & i=0. \\ (x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{i-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_i \circ \psi_{i+1}} c_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_n \xrightarrow{\rho} y) & \text{for } 0 < i < n \\ (x \xrightarrow{\epsilon} c_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n \circ \rho} y) & i=n \end{cases}$$

giving $\Delta^n(\varphi)$, $n \geq 0$ the structure of a simplicial set.

Moreover for each $n \geq 0$, $\Delta^n(\varphi)$ is functorial in φ defining a functor

$$\Delta: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Simplicial sets}}$$

Composing Δ with the functor $C.(-, \mathbb{Z})$ we have constructed a complex of functors

$$C.: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$$

Now, by a standard argument we construct a contracting homotopy for $C.$ thereby proving

$$H_i(C.) = \begin{cases} L & \text{for } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Moreover

$$C_n(\varphi) = \coprod_{\substack{(\epsilon, \rho): \varphi' \rightarrow \varphi \\ \text{in } \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}^0}} \{ \coprod_{\psi_1 \circ \dots \circ \psi_n = \varphi'} \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Using ([La], Prop. 1.1.a) it follows that each C_n is projective as object of $\underline{\text{Ab}} \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}^0$

Therefore $C.$ is a projective resolution of L in $\underline{\text{Ab}} \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}^0$.
Since

$$\underline{\text{Mor}}_{\underline{\text{Ab}} \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}^0}(C_n, F) = \coprod_{\substack{c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow c_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\psi_n} c_n}} F(\psi_1 \circ \dots \circ \psi_n)$$

we find by a dull computation that

$$D^*(F) \simeq \underline{\text{Mor}}_{\underline{\text{Ab}} \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{C}}(C., F)$$

thereby proving the theorem.

QED.

Chapter 2. Lifting of algebras.

(2.1) Leray spectral sequence for \varprojlim .

Let \underline{c} be any small category and let c be an object of \underline{c} . Consider the contravariant functor $C(\mathbb{Z}, c)$ defined by:

$$C(\mathbb{Z}, c)(c') = \coprod_{\substack{c' \xrightarrow{\varphi} c}} \mathbb{Z}$$

We know (see [La]) that these functors are projective objects in $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{c}^0}$.

Suppose \underline{M} is a full subcategory of \underline{c} and consider the restriction of $C(\mathbb{Z}, c)$ to \underline{M} . Let F be any contravariant functor on \underline{M} with values in $\underline{\text{Ab}}$, then we find,

$$\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}(C(\mathbb{Z}, c), F) \simeq \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^0} F.$$

Now, suppose $c_0 \xrightarrow{\varphi} c$ in \underline{c} is an \underline{M} epimorphism, i.e. $c_0 \in \text{ob } \underline{M}$ and the map

$$\text{Mor}(c', c_0) \rightarrow \text{Mor}(c', c)$$

is surjective for every $c' \in \text{ob } \underline{M}$.

Suppose further that \underline{c} has fibered products and consider the system of morphisms

$$c \xrightarrow{\varphi} c_0 \rightrightarrows c_0 \times_c c_0 \rightrightarrows \cdots \rightrightarrows \underbrace{c_0 \times_c \cdots \times_c c_0}_p \rightrightarrows c$$

Put $c_p = \underbrace{c_0 \times_c \cdots \times_c c_0}_{p+1}$ and denote by

$$d_p^i : c_p \rightarrow c_{p-1} \quad i = 0, \dots, p$$

the $p+1$ projection morphisms.

Consider for each d_p^i the corresponding morphism
 $\partial_p^i: C(\mathbb{Z}, c_p) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{Z}, c_{p-1})$ and let $\partial_p = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \partial_p^i$. Then
 $\partial_p \partial_{p-1} = 0$ for all $p \geq 1$.

Lemma (2.1.1) The complex $C. = \{C(\mathbb{Z}, c_p), \partial_p\}_{p \geq 0}$ is a resolution of $C(\mathbb{Z}, c)$ in $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}$.

Proof. See M. Artin [1] p. 18.

Let F^* be an injective resolution of F in $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}$ and consider the double complex

$$\text{Mor}(C., F^*)$$

We shall compute the two associated spectral sequences. But first we have to establish the following lemma.

Lemma (2.1.2) Let $f: \underline{M}/c \rightarrow \underline{M}$ be the canonical forgetful functor and let F be injective in $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}$, then the composed functor $f \circ F: (\underline{M}/c)^0 \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$ is injective as an object of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{(\underline{M}/c)^0}$.

Proof. The functor f induces a functor

$$f_*: \underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}^{(\underline{M}/c)^0}$$

We want to prove that f_* takes injectives into injectives.

To prove this we construct a left adjoint

$$\rho: \underline{\text{Ab}}^{(\underline{M}/c)^0} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}$$

Let G be an object of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{(\underline{M}/c)^0}$ and put

$$\rho(G)(m) = \coprod_{\varphi \in \text{Mor}(m, c)} G(m \xrightarrow{\varphi} c)$$

so that $\rho(G)$ is an object of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{M}^0}$.

One easily checks that there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\text{Mor}(\rho(G), F) \simeq \text{Mor}(G, f_*(F))$$

proving that ρ is left adjoint to f_* . Since ρ is exact we know that f_* takes injectives into injectives.

QED.

Going back to the double complex $\text{Mor}(C., F^*)$ we find the E_2 terms of the two associated spectral sequences:

$$'E_2^{p,q} = H^p(\overrightarrow{H^q}(\text{Mor}(C., F^*)))$$

$$''E_2^{p,q} = H^p(\text{Mor}(H_q(C.), F^*))$$

We know already that

$$''E_2^{p,q} = 0 \quad \text{for } q \neq 0$$

$$''E_2^{n,0} = H^n(\varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^0} (F^*))$$

and by Lemma (2.1.2) we deduce that

$$''E_2^{n,0} = \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^0} (n)_F.$$

Since

$$\text{Mor}(C_p, F^*) = \varprojlim_{\underline{M}/c_p} F^*,$$

we find, using Lemma (2.1.1) once more that

$$'E_2^{p,q} = H^p(\varprojlim_{\underline{M}/c} (q)_F).$$

We have proved the following theorem.

Theorem (2.1.3) Let $\underline{M} \subseteq \underline{C}$ and $\varphi: c_0 \rightarrow c$ be given as above. Then there exists a Leray spectral sequence given by:

$$E_2^{p,q} = E_2^{p,q}(\underline{M}) = H^p(\varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (q)_F)$$

converging to

$$\varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (\cdot)_F .$$

Remark 1. The spectral sequence above is nothing but the Leray spectral sequence associated to the "covering" $\varphi: c_0 \rightarrow c$ in an appropriate Grothendieck topology.

2. Since $c_0 \in \text{ob } \underline{M}$ the category \underline{M}/c_0 has a final object. Therefore $E_2^{0,q} = 0$ for all $q \geq 1$.

We deduce from this the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} F &\simeq E_2^{0,0} \\ \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (1)_F &\simeq E_2^{1,0} , \end{aligned}$$

and the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E_2^{2,0} \rightarrow \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (2)_F \rightarrow E_2^{1,1} \rightarrow E_2^{3,0} \rightarrow \varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (3)_F .$$

Corollary (2.1.4) Suppose that $\varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c_j)^\circ} (i)_F = 0$ for $i \geq 1$, $i+j = p$ and for $i+j = p-1$. Then

$$\varprojlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^\circ} (p)_F \simeq E_2^{p,0} .$$

Assume for a moment that there exists a functor $i: \underline{c} \rightarrow \underline{Ab}$ commuting with fibered products.

Corollary (2.1.5) Put $g = f \circ i$ and suppose

$$\varinjlim_{\underline{M}/\underline{c}_p} g = i(c_p) \quad \text{for all } p \geq 0.$$

Then

$$\varinjlim_{\underline{M}/\underline{c}}^{(1)} g = 0.$$

Proof. Let E be an injective abelian group and consider the functor

$$F(-) = \underline{Ab}(g(-), E).$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Ab}(\varinjlim_{\underline{M}/\underline{c}}^{(1)} g, E) &\simeq \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/\underline{c})^\circ}^{(1)} F \\ &= \ker\{ \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/\underline{c}_1)^\circ} F \rightarrow \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/\underline{c}_2)^\circ} F \} / \text{im}\{ \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/\underline{c}_0)^\circ} F \rightarrow \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/\underline{c}_1)^\circ} F \} \\ &= \underline{Ab}(\ker\{i(c_1) \rightarrow i(c_0)\} / \text{im}\{i(c_2) \rightarrow i(c_1)\}, E) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But since } i(c_p) = \underbrace{i(c_0) \times \dots \times i(c_0)}_{p+1} \text{ over } i(c)$$

this last group is zero.

Since this holds for all injective abelian groups E we have proved that $\varinjlim_{\underline{M}/\underline{c}}^{(1)} g = 0$.

QED.

Remark The last corollary and the next one are important in our development of the lifting theory for algebras.

Corollary (2.1.6) Let $\underline{M}_0 \subseteq \underline{M}$ be two full subcategories of \underline{c} . Suppose \underline{c} has fibered products and let $c \in \text{ob } \underline{c}$.

Assume that \underline{c} satisfies the following conditions:

(c₁) There exists an object c_0 of \underline{M}_0 and an \underline{M} -epimorphism $\varphi: c_0 \rightarrow c$.

(c₂) For any \underline{M} -epimorphism $\psi: d_0 \rightarrow d$ in \underline{c} with $d_0 \in \underline{M}_0$ there exist objects $e_p \in \underline{M}_0$ and \underline{M} -epimorphisms

$$\psi_p: e_p \rightarrow \underbrace{d_0 \times \dots \times d_0}_{p+1} \quad p \geq 2.$$

Then we may conclude

$$\varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^0} (\cdot) \simeq \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}_0/c)^0} (\cdot)$$

Proof. We first observe that (c₁) and (c₂) together with (2.1.1) imply that there are canonical isomorphisms

$$(1) \quad \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/c_p)^0} \simeq \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}_0/c_p)^0}$$

$$\text{where } c_p = \underbrace{c_0 \times \dots \times c_0}_{p+1}.$$

Now the canonical morphism

$$t^n: \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}/c)^0}^{(n)} \rightarrow \varinjlim_{(\underline{M}_0/c)^0}^{(n)}$$

induces morphisms of spectral sequences

$$t_2^{p,q}: E_2^{p,q}(\underline{M}) \rightarrow E_2^{p,q}(\underline{M}_0)$$

Using (1) we find isomorphisms

$$t_2^{p,0}: E_2^{p,0}(\underline{M}) \cong E_2^{p,0}(\underline{M}_0) \quad p \geq 0 .$$

Thereby proving that t_2^1 is an isomorphism. By an easy induction argument we may assume that $t_2^{p,q}$ are isomorphisms for all p,q with $p+q \leq n$ or $q < n$. This implies that

$$t_\infty^{p,q}: E_\infty^{p,q}(\underline{M}) \rightarrow E_\infty^{p,q}(\underline{M}_0)$$

are isomorphisms for all p,q with $p+q = n$, thereby proving that t^n is an isomorphism.

QED.

(2.2.) Lifting of algebras

Let S be any commutative ring with unit. Let S-alg denote the category of S -algebras and let S-free denote the category of free S -algebras (i.e. the category of polynomial algebras, in any set of variables, over S).

Let A be any object of S-alg and consider the subcategories \underline{M}_0 and \underline{M} of S-alg/A given by: $\underline{M} = \underline{S-free}/_A$ and \underline{M}_0 is the full subcategory of \underline{M} defined by the epimorphisms $F \rightarrow A$.

Thus we have $\underline{M}_0 \subseteq \underline{M} \subseteq \underline{S-alg}/_A$.

We observe that we have isomorphisms of categories:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{M}_0 &\cong \underline{M}_0 / (A \xrightarrow{1_A} A) \\ \underline{M} &\cong \underline{M} / (A \xrightarrow{1_A} A) \\ \underline{S-alg}/_A &\cong (\underline{S-alg}/_A) / (A \xrightarrow{1_A} A) . \end{aligned}$$

By a straight forward verification we find that $\underline{M}_0 \subseteq \underline{M} \subseteq S\text{-alg}/A$ and the object $(A \xrightarrow{1_A} A)$ satisfy the conditions of Corollary (2.1.6).

We therefore conclude:

Lemma (2.2.1) $\varinjlim_{\underline{M}} (\cdot) \simeq \varinjlim_{\underline{M}_0} (\cdot)$

Now recall that given any A -module M the cohomology $H^*(S, A; M)$ is defined by

$$H^n(S, A; M) = \varinjlim_{\underline{M}^0}^{(n)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

(see André [A]).

Using (2.2.1) we find

$$H^n(S, A; M) = \varinjlim_{\underline{M}_0^0}^{(n)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

(i.e. we may compute the cohomology of A using only surjective homomorphisms of free S -algebras onto A).

Recall also (see [La]) the standard resolving complex C^* for \varinjlim (called Π^* in [La]), for which

$$\varinjlim_{\underline{C}^0}^{(n)} \simeq H^n(C^*) .$$

C^* is defined by

$$C^p(F) = \prod_{c_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} c_1 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\psi_p} c_p} F(c_0)$$

with $d^p: C^p(F) \rightarrow C^{p+1}(F)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} d^p(\xi)(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{p+1}) &= F(\psi_1)(\xi(\psi_2, \dots, \psi_{p+1})) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \xi(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_i \circ \psi_{i+1}, \dots, \psi_{p+1}) + (-1)^{n+1} \xi(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_p) . \end{aligned}$$

Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be a surjective homomorphism of commutative rings and let $I = \ker \pi$. Assume that $I^2 = 0$.

Consider the functor

$$\pi': R\text{-}\underline{\text{alg}} \rightarrow S\text{-}\underline{\text{alg}}$$

defined by tensorization with S over R .

Definition (2.2.2) An R -algebra A' is called a lifting of the S -algebra A to R if $\pi'(A') \simeq A$ and $\text{Tor}_1^R(A', S) = 0$.

Let π be the restriction of π' to $R\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}$,

$$\pi: R\text{-}\underline{\text{free}} \rightarrow S\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}$$

We have observed already in (1.1) that

$$\text{Der}(\varphi) = \text{Der}_S(F_1, F_2 \otimes_S I)$$

where $\varphi: F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ is a homomorphism of free S -algebras is a derivation functor for π .

There are lots of quasisections of π , and we pick one quasisection σ' . Note that all stems are equal.

Suppose now that there exists a section σ for π . Given any S -algebra A , a good candidate for a lifting of A to R would be the R -algebra

$$A' = \varinjlim_{S\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}/A} (f \circ \sigma) .$$

In fact we shall see later that A' is a lifting of A .

Since there are, in general, S -algebras that cannot be lifted to R we deduce that such a σ cannot always exist.

To settle the case of a single S -algebra we must therefore be a little more subtle.

Consider the restriction g_0 of $g: \underline{M} \rightarrow S\text{-free}$ to \underline{M}_0 and look at the complexes

$$\begin{aligned} D^\bullet &= D^\bullet(g_0 \circ \text{Der}) \\ C^\bullet &= C^\bullet(g_0 \circ \text{Der}(-, A \otimes I)) \end{aligned}$$

defined above (with $\underline{c} = \underline{M}_0$), see (1.2).

Let us first show that there exists a surjective morphism

$$j: D^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet.$$

In fact we have that

$$\begin{array}{c} D^n = \begin{array}{c} \Pi \quad \text{Der}_S(F_0, F_n \otimes I) \\ \begin{array}{c} F_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} F_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_n \\ \varphi_0 \searrow \quad \downarrow \varphi_1 \quad \swarrow \varphi_n \\ \quad \quad \quad A \end{array} \end{array} \\ \\ C^n = \begin{array}{c} \Pi \quad \text{Der}_S(F_0, A \otimes I) \\ \begin{array}{c} F_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} F_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F_n \\ \varphi_0 \searrow \quad \downarrow \varphi_1 \quad \swarrow \varphi_n \\ \quad \quad \quad A \end{array} \end{array} \end{array}$$

where the indices run over all sequences of morphisms $\varphi_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \varphi_1 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\psi_n} \varphi_n$ in \underline{M}_0 .

Now for each such index, φ_n defines a homomorphism

$$\varphi_{n*}: \text{Der}_S(F_0, F_n \otimes I) \rightarrow \text{Der}_S(F_0, A \otimes I).$$

Since F_0 is free and φ_n is surjective we conclude that φ_{n*} is surjective. (This is in fact the only reason why we have to consider \underline{M}_0 instead of \underline{M} .)

But these φ_{n*} induce a surjective morphism

$$j_n: D^n \rightarrow C^n$$

and a trivial verification shows that these j_n 's commute with the differentials in D^\bullet and C^\bullet . Put $K^\bullet = \ker j$, then the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K^\bullet \rightarrow D^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

Corresponding to the quasisection σ' we have the 2-cocycle $\mathcal{O}(\sigma') \in D^2$ given by

$$\mathcal{O}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2) \in \text{Der}_S(F_0, F_2 \otimes I)$$

where ψ_1 and ψ_2 are morphisms in \underline{M}_0 such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \psi_1 & & \psi_2 & \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ F_0 & & F_1 & & F_2 \\ \varphi_0 \searrow & & \downarrow \varphi_1 & & \swarrow \varphi_2 \\ & & A & & \end{array}$$

Let $\mathcal{O}(A, \sigma') = j(\mathcal{O}(\sigma'))$ and consider the corresponding element

$$\sigma(A, \sigma') \in H^2(C^\bullet) = H^2(S, A; A \otimes I)$$

Theorem (2.2.3) (i) The cohomology class $\mathcal{O}(A, \pi) = \mathcal{O}(A, \sigma')$ is independent of the choice of quasisection σ' .

(ii) There exists a lifting A' of A to R if and only if $\mathcal{O}(A, \pi) = 0$.

(iii) If $\mathcal{O}(A, \pi) = 0$ then the set:

$$F_A(R) = \{A' \in \text{ob } R\text{-}\underline{\text{alg}} \mid A' \text{ lifting of } A\} / \begin{array}{l} \text{\{isomorphisms} \\ A' \simeq A'' \end{array}$$

is a principal homogenous

reducing to the identity on A

space over $H^1(S, A; A \otimes I)$.

Proof. Suppose σ' and σ'' are two quasisections. Let ζ be the 1-cochain of D^* given by

$$\zeta(\psi_1) = \sigma'(\psi_1) - \sigma''(\psi_1).$$

Then one verifies that

$$\mathcal{O}(\sigma'') - \mathcal{O}(\sigma') = d\zeta.$$

Thus $\mathcal{O}(\sigma'') = \mathcal{O}(\sigma')$, and a fortiori

$$\mathcal{O}(A, \sigma'') = \mathcal{O}(A, \sigma')$$

proving (i).

Suppose there exists a lifting A' of A to R and consider the obvious functor

$$\pi_2: \underline{M}_0(A') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(A),$$

where $\underline{M}_0(A')$ is the full subcategory of $R\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}/A$, defined by the surjective homomorphisms.

There are lots of quasisections of π_2 , and we pick one quasisection σ'' . If

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \psi_1 & \\ F_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F_1 \\ \varphi_0 \searrow & & \swarrow \varphi_1 \\ & A & \end{array}$$

is a morphism ψ_1 in $S\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}/A$, let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \sigma''(\psi_1) & \\ F'_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F'_1 \\ \sigma''(\varphi_0) \searrow & & \swarrow \sigma''(\varphi_1) \\ & A' & \end{array}$$

be the morphism $\sigma''(\psi_1)$ of $R\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}/A$.

Computing $\mathcal{O}(\sigma'')$ we find $j\mathcal{O}(\sigma'') = 0$ since, on one hand, all triangles with A' as vertex in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F_0' & \xrightarrow{\sigma''(\psi_1)} & F_1' & \xrightarrow{\sigma''(\psi_2)} & F_2' \\ & \searrow \sigma''(\varphi_0) & \downarrow \sigma''(\varphi_1) & \swarrow \sigma''(\varphi_2) & \\ & & A' & & \end{array}$$

commute; and, on the other hand, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_i' \otimes_R I \simeq F_i \otimes_S I & \xrightarrow{\varphi_i \otimes 1_I} & A' \otimes_R I \simeq A \otimes_S I \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F_i' & \xrightarrow{\sigma''(\varphi_i)} & A' \end{array}$$

commute as a result of $\text{Tor}_1^R(A', S) = 0$.

Therefore $\mathcal{O}(A, \pi) = 0$, proving the "only if" part of (ii).

Suppose $\mathcal{O}(A, \pi) = 0$. Then $j\mathcal{O}(\sigma') = d\xi$ where ξ is a 1-cochain of C^* . Since j is surjective there exists a 1-cochain ξ of D^* such that $j(\xi) = \xi$. Let σ'' be the map

$$\text{Mor } \underline{M}_0 \rightarrow \text{Mor } R\text{-}\underline{\text{free}}$$

given by:

$$\sigma''(\psi) = \sigma'(g_0(\psi)) + \xi(\psi).$$

Let $\varphi_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \varphi_1 \xrightarrow{\psi_2} \varphi_2$ be two morphisms in \underline{M}_0 , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma''(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma''(\psi_1) \circ \sigma''(\psi_2) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\sigma')(\psi_1, \psi_2) - d\xi(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \omega(\psi_1, \psi_2) \end{aligned}$$

Since $j\mathcal{O}(\sigma') = j(d\xi)$ we may assume $\omega \in K^2$.

Now

$$A' = \varinjlim_{\underline{M}_0} \sigma''$$

exists as an R -module,

$$\lim_{\vec{M}_0} \sigma'' = \text{coker} \left(\begin{array}{c} \coprod \sigma''(\varphi_0) \\ \downarrow \psi_1 \\ \varphi_0 \rightarrow \varphi_1 \end{array} \rightrightarrows \coprod \sigma''(\varphi) \right).$$

Consider the resolving complex $C.$ (the dual of C^*) of $\lim_{\vec{M}_0}$. Recall that:

$$C_p(F) = \coprod_{c_0 \psi_1 c_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \psi_p c_p} F(c_p)$$

Since σ'' is not a functor $C.(\sigma'')$ will not necessarily be a complex, but nevertheless we may consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & A \otimes I \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow S \\ C_2(\sigma'') \otimes_R I & \dashrightarrow & C_1(\sigma'') \otimes_R I & \longrightarrow & C_0(\sigma'') \otimes_R I & \xrightarrow{\beta} & A' \otimes_R I & \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ C_2(\sigma'') & \xrightarrow{\delta} & C_1(\sigma'') & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & C_0(\sigma'') & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_2(\sigma'') \otimes_R S & \longrightarrow & C_1(\sigma'') \otimes_R S & \longrightarrow & C_0(\sigma'') \otimes_R S & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

In which we know that all sequences of maps marked with solid arrows are exact. The vertical sequences are exact since all $C_p(\sigma'')$ are R -flat, the lower horizontal sequences is exact since

$$C_p(\sigma'') \otimes_R S \simeq C_p(g_0)$$

and because of Corollary (2.1.5).

The solid part of the upper horizontal sequence is exact since

$$C.(\sigma'') \otimes_R I \simeq C.(g_0) \otimes_S I,$$

and finally, part of the middle horizontal sequence is exact by the definition of A' .

Remember that we do not know that $\delta \circ \gamma = 0$. In fact it may well be that $\delta \circ \gamma \neq 0$. However $\text{im}(\delta \circ \gamma) \subseteq C_0(\sigma'') \otimes_R I$ and fortunately we have arranged the situation such that

$$\beta(\text{im}(\delta \circ \gamma)) = 0.$$

This follows by observing that the image of $\delta \circ \gamma$ consists of sums of elements of the form

$$(\sigma''(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma''(\psi_1) \circ \sigma''(\psi_2))(\xi) = \omega(\psi_1, \psi_2)(\xi)$$

for

$$\varphi_0 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \varphi_2 \xrightarrow{\psi_2} \varphi_2$$

in \underline{M}_0 , and by recalling that $\omega \in K^2$, such that

$$\beta(\omega(\psi_1, \psi_2)(\xi)) = 0.$$

Using this we may easily see that α is injective.

But α is injective if and only if

$$\text{Tor}^R(A', S) = 0.$$

We have to show that A' is an R -algebra. Consider a system of homomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} F_1 & \xrightarrow{d} & F_0 \times_A F_0 & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p'_1} \\ \xrightarrow{p'_2} \end{array} & F_0 & \xrightarrow{\rho} & A \\ & & & \searrow \Delta' & & & \end{array}$$

in which ρ and d are surjective, p'_1 and p'_2 are the projections and Δ' is the diagonal. Let $\Delta: F_0 \rightarrow F_1$ be a homomorphism such that $\Delta \circ d = \Delta'$, and put $p_i = d \circ p'_i$.

Then A is the inductive limit of the system

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & p_1 & \\
 F_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F_0 \\
 & p_2 & \\
 \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright \\
 & \Delta &
 \end{array}$$

Now use the quasisection σ''' on these morphisms, and get a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \sigma'''(p_1) & \\
 F'_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F'_0 \\
 & \sigma'''(p_2) & \\
 \curvearrowleft & & \curvearrowright \\
 & \sigma'''(\Delta) &
 \end{array}
 \quad \rho' \rightarrow A' .$$

Since we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & & 0 & & & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 F_1 \otimes I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & F_0 \otimes I & \xrightarrow{\rho \otimes 1} & A \otimes I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow \alpha & \\
 F'_1 & \xrightarrow{\sigma''(p_1)} & F'_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{coker}(\sigma''(p_1), \sigma''(p_2)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 F_1 & \xrightarrow[p_2]{p_1} & F_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & & 0 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

in which α is injective and all sequences are exact we deduce that

$$A' \simeq \text{coker}(\sigma''(p_1), \sigma''(p_2)) = F'_0 / \text{im}(\sigma''(p_1) - \sigma''(p_2)) .$$

If we can show that $\text{im}(\sigma''(p_1) - \sigma''(p_2))$ is an ideal of F'_0 we are through.

Suppose $\sigma''(1_{F_0}) = 1_{F'_0} + \xi_{F_0}$, then since

$$\sigma''(1_{F_0}) \circ \sigma''(1_{F_0}) = \sigma''(1_{F_0}) - \omega(1_{F_0}, 1_{F_0})$$

we find that $\xi_{F_0} = -\omega(1_{F_0}, 1_{F_0})$

and that

$$\rho'(\xi_{F_0}(x)) = 0$$

for all $x \in F'_0$, so that we have

$$\xi_{F'_0}(x) \in \text{im} (\sigma''(p_1) - \sigma''(p_2)) .$$

Obviously $\sigma''(1_{F'_0})$ is an automorphism, such that given any $x \in F'_0$ we may find a $y \in F'_0$ such that

$$x = \sigma''(1_{F'_0})(y) .$$

Let $z = (\sigma''(p_1) - \sigma''(p_2))(u)$ and look at

$$x \cdot z = \sigma''(1_{F'_0})(y) \cdot (\sigma''(p_1)(u) - \sigma''(p_2)(u)) .$$

We recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma''(1_{F'_0})(y) &= \sigma''(p_1)(\sigma''(\Delta)(y)) + \omega(\Delta, p_1)(y) \\ &= \sigma''(p_2)(\sigma''(\Delta)(y)) + \omega(\Delta, p_2)(y) . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot z &= \sigma''(p_1)(u \cdot \sigma''(\Delta)(y)) - \sigma''(p_2)(u \cdot \sigma''(\Delta)(y)) \\ &\quad + \omega(\Delta, p_1)(y) \cdot \sigma''(p_1)(u) \\ &\quad - \omega(\Delta, p_2)(y) \cdot \sigma''(p_2)(u) . \end{aligned}$$

Now for $i = 1, 2$, the element

$$\omega(\Delta, p_i)(y) \cdot \sigma''(p_i)(u) \in F'_0 \otimes_S I \simeq F'_0 \otimes_R I$$

is equal to

$$\omega(\Delta, p_i)(y) \cdot p_i(\bar{u})$$

where \bar{u} is the image of u in F_1 .

Since $\rho \otimes 1_I$ is a homomorphism of F'_0 -modules we find:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\rho \otimes 1_I)(\omega(\Delta, p_i)(y) \cdot p_i(\bar{u})) \\ &= \rho(p_i(\bar{u})) \cdot (\rho \otimes 1_I)(\omega(\Delta, p_i)(y)) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad i = 1, 2$$

In particular we have proved

$$x \cdot z \in \ker \rho' ,$$

thus $\ker \rho'$ is an ideal of F'_0 and therefore A' is an algebra, which proves (ii).

Suppose now that $\mathcal{O}(A) = 0$ and consider the quasisection σ'' defined in the beginning of the proof (p. 24).

Let c be any element of $H^1(S, A; A \otimes_S I)$ and let $\xi \in C^1$ represent c .

Then $\sigma'' + \xi$ is another quasisection with the property that

$$\mathcal{O}(\sigma'' + \xi) = \mathcal{O}(\sigma'') .$$

Therefore

$$\varinjlim_{\underline{M}_0} (\sigma'' + \xi) = A''$$

is a lifting of A .

Suppose on the other hand that we have two liftings A', A'' .

We may, as we claimed above, construct quasisections σ', σ'' of

$$\pi_{A'}: \underline{M}_0(A') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0$$

and

$$\pi_{A''}: \underline{M}_0(A'') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0 , \quad \text{respectively.}$$

Let

$$\xi(\psi) = \sigma'(\psi) - \sigma''(\psi) .$$

Then $\xi \in D^1$ and we know that $j(d\xi) = 0$. Therefore $j(\xi)$ defines an element

$$\lambda(A', A'') \in H^1(S, A; A \otimes_S I) .$$

If there exists an isomorphism

$$\mu: A' \rightarrow A''$$

reducing to the identity on A , one checks that $j(\xi)$ is a cocycle such that $\lambda(A', A'') = 0$.

Conversely if $\lambda(A', A'') = 0$ one easily shows that the 0-cochain $\zeta \in D^0$ for which

$$j(\xi - d\zeta) = 0$$

defines an isomorphism

$$\mu: A' \rightarrow A''$$

reducing to the identity on A .

From this we deduce (iii), thereby proving the theorem.

Example 2.2.4. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}/(p^2)[X]/(X^2 - p)$, $S = \mathbb{Z}/(p)[X]/(X^2 - p)$ and let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be the obvious homomorphism. Let $A = \mathbb{Z}/(p)$ and consider A as an S -algebra by the homomorphism $S \rightarrow A$ mapping X to 0. Suppose there exists a lifting A' of A to R , and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 I & & R \otimes_V I & & A' \otimes_R (R \otimes_V I) \simeq A' \otimes_V I \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 V = \mathbb{Z}/(p^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/(p^2)[X]/(X^2 - p) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & A' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/(p) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/(p)[X]/(X^2) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/(p) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Since $A' \otimes_V \mathbb{F}_p \simeq A' \otimes_R (R \otimes_V \mathbb{F}_p) \simeq A' \otimes_R S \simeq A$

we find by inspecting the diagram that A' is a lifting of the \mathbb{F}_p -algebra A to V . But then $A' \simeq V$ and this is impossible since p is not a square in V .

This example shows that $o_{\pi}(A)$ is nonzero in

$$H^2(S, A; A)$$

We shall end this section by proving a result which will be used in section (3.2).

Theorem (2.2.5) Let $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of S -algebras, then

$$\psi_*(o(A, \pi)) = \psi^*(o(B, \pi))$$

Proof. Let σ' be a quasisection of $\pi: \underline{R}\text{-free} \rightarrow \underline{S}\text{-free}$.

Let $\psi_1: \varphi_0 \rightarrow \varphi_1$, $\psi_2: \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ be two morphisms of $\underline{Mo}(A)$, then $\psi_*(o(A, \pi))$ is represented by the 2-cocycle O_1 given by:

$$O_1(\psi_1, \psi_2) = ([\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2)]\varphi_2)\psi$$

and $\psi^*(o(B, \pi))$ is represented by the 2-cocycle O_2

$$O_2(\psi_1, \psi_2) = [\sigma'(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) - \sigma'(\psi_1) \circ \sigma'(\psi_2)](\varphi_2 \circ \psi)$$

Obviously $O_1 = O_2$ which proves the theorem.

QED.

Chapter 3. Lifting morphisms.

(3.1) Obstructions for lifting morphisms of algebras

Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be a surjective homomorphism of rings with $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$. Let $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of S -algebras, and suppose that A and B can be lifted to R . If A' is a lifting of A to R , and B' is a lifting of B to R and $\psi': A' \rightarrow B'$ is a morphism of R -algebras, then we shall call ψ' a lifting of ψ to R with respect to A', B' , provided $\psi' \otimes_R 1_S \simeq \psi$.

Theorem (3.1.1) Given liftings A' and B' of A and B respectively there exists an obstruction

$$o(\psi) = o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') \in H^1(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi)$$

such that $o(\psi) = 0$ if and only if there exists a lifting ψ' of ψ to R with respect to A', B' . The set of such liftings is a principal homogenous space over $\text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes \ker \pi)$.

Proof. Let σ be a quasisection of

$$\pi_{A, A'}: \underline{M}_0(A') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(A)$$

(see p. 24). Since $B' \rightarrow B$ is surjective there exists for any $\varphi \in \text{ob } \underline{M}_0(A)$ with $\sigma(\varphi): F' \rightarrow A'$ a morphism of R -algebras

$$\nu(\varphi): F' \rightarrow B'$$

such that

$$\nu(\varphi) \otimes_R 1_S = \varphi \circ \psi.$$

Let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_1 & \xrightarrow{\rho} & F_2 \\ \varphi_1 \searrow & & \swarrow \varphi_2 \\ & A & \end{array}$$

be a morphism $\rho: \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ of $\underline{M}_0(A)$ and consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F'_1 & \xrightarrow{\sigma(\rho)} & F'_2 & \xrightarrow{\nu(\varphi_1)} & B' \\ \sigma(\varphi_1) \downarrow & & \swarrow \sigma(\varphi_2) & \xrightarrow{\nu(\varphi_2)} & \downarrow \\ A' & & & & B \\ \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\psi} & & & \\ A & & & & \end{array}$$

Since $\varphi_1 \circ \psi = \sigma \circ \varphi_2 \circ \psi$ we know that

$$C(\rho) = \sigma(\rho) \circ \nu(\varphi_2) - \nu(\varphi_1) \in \text{Der}_S(F_1, B \otimes \ker \pi) .$$

When σ and ν have been fixed, this formula defines an element

$$C \in C^1(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi) .$$

Moreover C is a 1-cocycle as for any pair of morphisms

$\rho_1: \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2, \rho_2: \varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_3$ in $\underline{M}_0(A)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} dC(\rho_1, \rho_2) &= \rho_1 \circ C(\rho_2) - C(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2) + C(\rho_1) \\ &= \rho_1 [\sigma(\rho_2) \circ \nu(\varphi_3) - \nu(\varphi_2)] - [\sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2) \circ \nu(\varphi_3) - \nu(\varphi_1)] \\ &\quad + [\sigma(\rho_1) \circ \nu(\varphi_2) - \nu(\varphi_1)] \\ &= \sigma(\rho_1) \circ \sigma(\rho_2) \circ \nu(\varphi_3) - \sigma(\rho_1) \circ \nu(\varphi_2) - \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2) \circ \nu(\varphi_3) \\ &\quad + \nu(\varphi_1) + \sigma(\rho_1) \circ \nu(\varphi_2) - \nu(\varphi_1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

knowing, as we do, that

$$\begin{aligned} [\sigma(\rho_1) \circ \sigma(\rho_2) - \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2)] \nu(\varphi_3) &= [\sigma(\rho_1) \circ \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2) - \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2)] (\varphi_3 \circ \psi) \\ &= ([\sigma(\rho_1) \circ \sigma(\rho_2) - \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2)] \circ \sigma(\varphi_3)) \psi = [\sigma(\rho_1) \circ \sigma(\rho_2) \circ \sigma(\varphi_3) - \\ &\quad \sigma(\rho_1 \circ \rho_2) \circ \sigma(\varphi_3)] \psi = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Let $o(\psi) = o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B')$ be the corresponding cohomology class, then an easy check shows that $o(\psi)$ is independent of the choice of the quasisection σ and of the choice of the map v .

Suppose $o(\psi) = 0$, then there exists a $\xi \in C^0(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi)$ such that $C = d\xi$. Put

$$v_1(\varphi) = v(\varphi) - \xi(\varphi)$$

then for any morphism $\rho: \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ in $\underline{M}_0(A)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\rho) \circ v_1(\varphi_2) - v_1(\varphi_1) &= \sigma(\rho)v(\varphi_2) - \sigma(\rho)\xi(\varphi_2) \\ &- v(\varphi_1) + \xi(\varphi_1) = C(\rho) - (\rho\xi(\varphi_2) - \xi(\varphi_1)) = (C - d\xi)(\rho) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that for any morphism $\rho: \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ in $\underline{M}_0(A)$ the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F'_1 & & & & \\ \sigma(\varphi_1) \downarrow & \nearrow \sigma(\rho) & & \nearrow v_1(\varphi_1) & \\ & F'_2 & \xrightarrow{v_1(\varphi_2)} & B' & \\ & \nwarrow \sigma(\varphi_2) & & & \\ A' & & & & \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Consequently v_1 defines an R -algebra morphism

$$\psi': A' = \varinjlim_{\underline{M}_0(A)} \sigma \rightarrow B'.$$

Clearly ψ' is a lifting of ψ to R with respect to A' and B' . The rest of the conclusion of the theorem is obvious.

QED.

Let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$, $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ be as above, and put $I = \ker \pi$.

Remark (3.1.2) If $S[X] \xrightarrow{j} A$ is a surjective homomorphism of S -algebras then we know that

$$H^1(S, A; B \otimes I) \simeq \text{Hom}_{S[X]}(\ker j, B \otimes I) / \text{Derivations}$$

Let $R[X] \xrightarrow{j'} A'$ be a lifting of j to R and observe that

$$\ker j' \otimes_R S \simeq \ker j$$

since $\text{Tor}_1^R(A', S) = 0$

Let $v': R[X] \rightarrow B'$ be a lifting of $j \circ \psi$, then v' defines an $R[X]$ -module homomorphism

$$\ker j' \rightarrow B' \otimes_R I$$

vanishing on $\ker j' \otimes_R I$.

Therefore v' induces a homomorphism

$$v: \ker j \rightarrow B' \otimes_R I \simeq B \otimes_S I.$$

One may check that v represents the class

$$o_\pi(\psi; A', B').$$

Let A' and B' be liftings of A and B respectively and consider the map

$$\psi_*: H^1(S, A; A \otimes I) \rightarrow H^1(S, A; A \otimes I)$$

defined by

$$\psi_*(\lambda) = o_\pi(\psi; A', B') - o_\pi(\psi; A'', B')$$

where λ corresponds to the difference $A' - A''$.

Theorem (3.1.3) ψ_* is induced by $\psi \otimes 1_I: A \otimes I \rightarrow B \otimes I$.

Proof. Let $\lambda \psi$ be a 1-cocycle representing λ and consider a quasisection σ' of

$$\pi': \underline{M}_0(A') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(A)$$

then

$$\sigma''(\rho) = \sigma'(\rho) - \Lambda(\rho)$$

is a quasisection of

$$\pi: \underline{M}_0(A'') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(A)$$

It follows that

$$C(\sigma') - C(\sigma'') = \Lambda \circ \psi .$$

(see proof of (3.1.1))

QED.

Corollary (3.1.4) Suppose A and B can be lifted to R and suppose $o_{\pi}(\psi: A', B') \in \text{im } \psi_*$ for some A' and B' lifting A and B respectively. Then there exists an A'' lifting A and a $\psi'': A'' \rightarrow B'$ lifting ψ .

Corollary (3.1.5) Let $\zeta: A \rightarrow B$ be an isomorphism and suppose A and B can be lifted to R . Then there exists for every lifting B' of B a unique lifting A' of A and a morphism

$$\zeta': A' \rightarrow B'$$

lifting ζ .

Consider the map

$$\psi^*: H^1(S, B; B \otimes I) \rightarrow H^1(S, A; B \otimes I)$$

defined by

$$\psi^*(\mu) = o_{\pi}(\psi: A', B') - o_{\pi}(\psi; A', B'')$$

where μ corresponds to the difference $B'' - B'$.

Theorem (3.1.6) ψ^* is induced by $\psi: A \rightarrow B$.

Proof. We know that $\lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \underline{M}(A)^{\circ}}}(i) \simeq \lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \underline{M}_O(A)^{\circ}}}(i)$. Let E_A^{\bullet} be the resolving complex for $\lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \underline{M}(A)^{\circ}}}$ and C_A^{\bullet} the resolving complex for $\lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \underline{M}_O(A)^{\circ}}}$ (see p. 20).

The canonical homomorphism

$$E_A^{\bullet}(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I)) \rightarrow C_A^{\bullet}(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$$

therefore induces isomorphisms in cohomology.

Let σ be a quasisection of $\pi: R\text{-free} \rightarrow S\text{-free}$, let v_1 be a section of the map $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(A') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(A)$ and let v_2 be a section of the map $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(B') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(B)$. Let $\rho: \varphi_0 \rightarrow \varphi_1$ be a morphism of $\underline{M}(A)$ and put

$$E(\rho) = (\sigma(\rho)v_2(\varphi_1\psi) - v_2(\varphi_0\psi)) - (\sigma(\rho)v_1(\varphi_1) - v_1(\varphi_0))\psi$$

Then $E \in E_A^1(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$ and one checks that E is a cocycle in E_A^{\bullet} . Moreover it is easily seen that the corresponding cohomology class is independent of the choice of σ , v_1 and v_2 .

Let C be the image of E in $C_A^1(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$, and let σ' be a quasisection of $\pi: \underline{M}_O(A') \rightarrow \underline{M}_O(A)$. Since the cohomology class c of C is independent of the choice of σ and v_1 we find that c is represented by the 1-cocycle C' defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} C'(\rho) &= (\sigma'(\rho)v_2(\varphi_1\psi) - v_2(\varphi_0\psi)) - (\sigma'(\rho)\sigma'(\varphi_1) - \sigma'(\varphi_0))\psi \\ &= \sigma'(\rho)v_2(\varphi_1\psi) - v_2(\varphi_0\psi) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $c = o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B')$. Thus E represents

$$o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') \in \lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \underline{M}(A)^{\circ}}}^{(1)} \text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I) = H^1(S, A; B \otimes I).$$

Let v_3 be a section of $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(B'') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(B)$, and let for any morphism $\rho: \varphi_0 \rightarrow \varphi_1$ of $\underline{M}(A)$

$$F(\rho) = (\sigma(\rho)\nu_3(\varphi_1\psi) - \nu_3(\varphi_0\psi)) - (\sigma(\rho)\nu_1(\varphi_1) - \nu_1(\varphi_0))\psi$$

then F is a 1-cocycle of $E_A^*(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$ and we know that F represents $o_\pi(\psi, A', B'') \in H^1(S, A; B \otimes I)$.

Let $\alpha: \tau_0 \rightarrow \tau_1$ be a morphism of $\underline{M}(B)$ and put

$$G(\alpha) = (\sigma(\alpha)\nu_2(\tau_1) - \nu_2(\tau_0)) - (\sigma(\alpha)\nu_3(\tau_1) - \nu_3(\tau_0)),$$

then $G \in E_B^1(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$ is a cocycle and a moments reflexion will convince the reader that G represents the cohomology class μ corresponding to the difference $B'' - B$ (i.e. $\lambda(B'', B')$ see p. 30). In fact, consider the image H of G in $C_B^1(\text{Der}_S(-, B \otimes I))$, let σ be a quasisection of $\pi: \underline{M}_0(B') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(B)$ and let σ'' be a quasisection of $\pi: \underline{M}_0(B'') \rightarrow \underline{M}_0(B)$. Then H represents the same cohomology class as H' defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} H'(\alpha) &= (\sigma''(\alpha)\sigma'(\tau_1) - \sigma'(\tau_0)) - (\sigma''(\alpha)\sigma''(\tau_1) - \sigma''(\tau_0)) \\ &= \sigma''(\alpha)\sigma'(\tau_1) - \sigma'(\tau_0) \\ &= (\sigma''(\alpha) - \sigma'(\alpha))\sigma'(\tau_1) = (\sigma''(\alpha) - \sigma'(\alpha))\tau_1 \end{aligned}$$

By definition the cohomology class of H' is $\lambda(B'', B')$ (see p.30). Now let ψ also denote the functor

$$\underline{M}(A) \rightarrow \underline{M}(B)$$

defined by $\psi(\varphi) = \varphi \circ \psi$. Then

$$E - F = \psi G$$

which implies

$$o_\pi(\psi, A', B') - o_\pi(\psi, A', B'') = \psi^*(B'' - B')$$

QED.

Corollary (3.1.7) A and B can be lifted to R and suppose $o_{\pi}(\psi; A', B') \in \text{im } \psi^*$ for some A', B' lifting A and B respectively. Then there exists an B'' lifting B and a $\psi'': A' \rightarrow B''$ lifting ψ .

Corollary (3.1.8) Let $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ be an isomorphism and suppose A and B can be lifted to R. Then there exists for every lifting A' of A a unique lifting B' of B and a morphism $\psi': A' \rightarrow B'$ lifting ψ .

Corollary (3.1.9) Let $\mu \in H'(S, A; A \otimes I)$ correspond to $A' - A''$ where A' and A'' are two liftings of A to R. Then $\mu = o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A'')$.

Proof. By (3.1.6) $o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A') - o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A'') = -1_{A*}(\mu) = -\mu$. Since $o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A') = 0$ the Corollary follows immediately.

QED.

Theorem (3.1.10) Let $\psi_1: A \rightarrow B$ and $\psi_2: B \rightarrow C$ be two S-algebra homomorphisms and let A', B' and C' be liftings of A, B and C respectively, then

$$o_{\pi}(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2, A', C') = \psi_1 o_{\pi}(\psi_2, B', C') + o_{\pi}(\psi_1, A', B') \psi_2$$

Proof. Let σ be a quasisection of $\pi: R\text{-free} \rightarrow S\text{-free}$. Let v_1 be a section of $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(A') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(A)$, v_2 a section of $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(B') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(B)$ and v_3 a section of $\pi: \text{ob } \underline{M}(C') \rightarrow \text{ob } \underline{M}(C)$. Let $\rho: \varphi_0 \rightarrow \varphi_1$ be a morphism of $\underline{M}(A)$ then the 1-cocycle C_1 given by

$$C_1(\rho) = (\sigma(\rho)v_2(\varphi_1\psi_1) - v_2(\varphi_0\psi_1)) - (\sigma(\rho)v_1(\varphi_1) - v_1(\varphi_0))\psi_1$$

represents $o_\pi(\psi_1, A', B')$, and the 1-cocycle C_3 given by:

$$C_3(\rho) = (\sigma(\rho)v_3(\varphi_1\psi_1\psi_2) - v_3(\varphi_0\psi_1\psi_2)) - (\sigma(\rho)v_1(\varphi_1) - v_1(\varphi_0))\psi_1\psi_2$$

represents $o_\pi(\psi_1\psi_2, A', C')$.

Let $\alpha: \tau_0 \rightarrow \tau_1$ be a morphism of $\underline{M}(B)$, then the 1-cocycle C_2 given by

$$C_2(\alpha) = (\sigma(\alpha)v_3(\tau_1\psi_2) - v_3(\tau_0\psi_2)) - (\sigma(\alpha)v_2(\tau_1) - v_2(\tau_0))\psi_2$$

represents $o_\pi(\psi_2, B', C')$.

Considering the canonical functors

$$\underline{M}(A) \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \underline{M}(B) \xrightarrow{\psi_2} \underline{M}(C)$$

defined by the morphisms ψ_1 and ψ_2 we find

$$C_3 = \psi_1 C_2 + C_1 \psi_2$$

proving the theorem.

QED.

Remark (3.1.11) Consider the morphisms

$$T \xrightarrow{\rho} R \xrightarrow{\pi} S .$$

Assume ρ and π both surjective and put

$$I_0 = \ker(\rho \circ \pi) , \quad I_1 = \ker \pi , \quad I_2 = \ker \rho .$$

Suppose $I_0^2 = 0$ then $I_1^2 = I_2^2 = 0$, and we have an exact sequence of S -modules

$$1) \quad 0 \rightarrow I_2 \xrightarrow{i} I_0 \xrightarrow{j} I_1 \rightarrow 0 .$$

Let A' be an R -algebra lifting the S -algebra A , and consider the exact sequence

$$2) \quad \rightarrow H^1(R, A'; A' \otimes I_1) \xrightarrow{\delta^1} H^2(R, A'; A' \otimes I_2) \xrightarrow{i_*} H^2(R, A'; A' \otimes I_0) \rightarrow$$

induced by 1).

We know (see [A]) that there are canonical isomorphisms

$$H^i(R, A'; A' \otimes_R I_k) \simeq H^i(S, A; A \otimes_S I_k) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \quad i \geq 0$$

and we may verify that by these isomorphisms

$$(i) \quad \delta^1(\lambda) = o_\rho(A') - o_\rho(A'')$$

if $\lambda \in H^1(S, A; A \otimes_S I_1)$ corresponds to the difference between two liftings A' and A'' of A to R .

$$(ii) \quad i_*(o_\rho(A')) = o_{\rho \circ \pi}(A) .$$

Suppose given a lifting $\psi': A' \rightarrow B'$ of the morphism of S -algebras

$\psi: A \rightarrow B$ to R with respect to the liftings A' and B' of A respectively B .

Consider the exact sequence

$$\rightarrow \text{Der}_R(A', B' \otimes_R I_1) \xrightarrow{\delta^0} H^1(R, A'; B' \otimes_R I_2) \xrightarrow{i^*} H^1(R, A'; B' \otimes I_0) \rightarrow$$

induced by 1).

As above we have canonical isomorphisms

$$H^i(R, A'; B' \otimes_R I_k) \simeq H^i(S, A; B \otimes_S I_k) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \quad i \geq 0$$

and we may verify that by these isomorphisms

$$(iii) \quad \delta^0(\xi) = o_\rho(\psi'; A'', B'') - o_\rho(\psi''; A'', B'')$$

if $\xi \in \text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes_S I_1)$ corresponds to the difference between two liftings ψ' and ψ'' of ψ to R with respect to A' , B' , and if A'' , B'' are liftings of A' , B' respectively, to T .

$$(iv) \quad i_*(o_\rho(\psi'; A'', B'')) = o_{\rho \circ \pi}(\psi; A'', B'') .$$

(3.2) Lifting diagrams of morphisms of algebras

Let \underline{c} be a small subcategory of S-alg, and let $\pi: R \rightarrow S$ be as before.

Let $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of \underline{c} , consider B as an A module and put

$$H^i(\psi) = H^i(S, A; B \otimes_S \ker \pi) \quad i \geq 0 .$$

Let $(\lambda, \mu): \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ be a morphism of Mor \underline{c} so that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_1 & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & A_2 \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ B_1 & \xleftarrow{\mu} & B_2 \end{array}$$

commutes, and define the homomorphism

$$H^i(\lambda, \mu): H^i(\psi) \rightarrow H^i(\varphi)$$

by

$$H^i(\lambda, \mu)(\alpha) = \mu_*^1 \lambda^*(\alpha) = \lambda_1^* \mu_*(\alpha)$$

where

$$\lambda^*: H^i(\psi) \rightarrow H^i(\lambda \circ \psi) , \quad \lambda_1^*: H^i(\psi \circ \mu) \rightarrow H^i(\varphi)$$

$$\mu_*^1: H^i(\lambda \circ \psi) \rightarrow H^i(\varphi) , \quad \mu_*: H^i(\psi) \rightarrow H^i(\psi \circ \mu)$$

are induced by λ , λ , μ and μ respectively.

Then $\psi \mapsto H^i(\psi)$ and $(\lambda, \mu) \mapsto H^i(\lambda, \mu)$ define a functor

$$H^i: \underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}} .$$

As in (1.1) we shall use the notations

$$\lambda \alpha = H^i(\lambda, 1)(\alpha) , \quad \alpha \mu = H^i(1, \mu)(\alpha) .$$

Now, consider the complex $D^\bullet(H^i)$ as defined in the proof of (1.2.1). Recall that D^\bullet looks like

$$\begin{aligned} D^0(H^i) &= \prod_{A \in \text{ob } \underline{\mathcal{C}}} H^i(1_A) = \prod_{A \in \text{ob } \underline{\mathcal{C}}} H^i(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi) \\ d^0 \downarrow \\ D^1(H^i) &= \prod_{\psi \in \text{Mor } \underline{\mathcal{C}}} H^i(\psi) \\ d^1 \downarrow \\ D^2(H^i) &= \prod_{\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \text{Mor } \underline{\mathcal{C}}} H^i(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) \end{aligned}$$

with $d^0(\xi)(\psi) = \psi \xi_B - \xi_A \psi$ for $\psi: A \rightarrow B$,

$$d^1(C)(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \psi_1 C(\psi_2) - C(\psi_1 \circ \psi_2) + C(\psi_1) \psi_2$$

Consider the 0-cochain o_0 of $D^\bullet(H^2)$ defined by:

$$o_0(A) = o(A, \pi) \in H^2(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi)$$

By (2.2.5) o_0 is a 0-cocycle. Let \underline{o}_0 be the corresponding

cohomology class, then we have proved,

Theorem (3.2.1) There exists an obstruction

$$\underline{o}_0 \in \varprojlim_{\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}} H^2$$

such that $\underline{o}_0 = 0$ if and only if every object of \underline{c} can be lifted to R .

Consider the 1-cochain o_1 of $D^*(H^1)$ defined by

$$o_1(\psi) = o_\pi(\psi, A'.B') \in H^1(\psi)$$

supposing of course that $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ and that A and B admit liftings A', B' respectively.

By (3.1.10) o_1 is a 1-cocycle. Let \underline{o}_1 be the corresponding cohomology class.

Let \underline{C} be the subcategory of R- alg defined by:

$$\text{ob } \underline{C} = \{A' \in \text{ob } \underline{\text{R- alg }} \mid \pi(A') \in \text{ob } \underline{c}, \text{Tor}_1^R(A'.S) = 0\}$$

$$\text{mor } \underline{C} = \{\psi' \in \text{mor } \underline{\text{R- alg }} \mid \pi(\psi') \in \text{mor } \underline{c}\}$$

and let

$$\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$$

denote the functor tensorization with S over R .

Then we have,

Theorem (3.2.2) Suppose $\underline{o}_0 = 0$, then there exists an obstruction

$$\underline{o}_1 \in \varprojlim_{\underline{\text{Mor}} \underline{c}}^{(1)} H^1$$

such that $\underline{o}_1 = 0$ if and only if there exists a quasisection of $\pi: \underline{C} \rightarrow \underline{c}$.

The set of stems of such quasisections is a principal homogenous space over $\varinjlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(o)} H^1$.

Proof. An easy check shows that \underline{o}_1 is independent of the choice of liftings A', B' used to define \underline{o}_1 .

Suppose $\underline{o}_1 = 0$, then there exists a 0-cochain $\xi \in D^0(H^1)$ such that for $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ in $\text{mor } \underline{c}$

$$o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') = d\xi(\psi) = \psi \xi_B - \xi_A \psi$$

By (3.1.9) $\xi_A = -o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A'')$ for some lifting A'' of A and $\xi_B = -o_{\pi}(1_B, B', B'')$ for some lifting B'' of B .

Apply (3.1.10) to the compositions $1_A \circ \psi = \psi \circ 1_B$ and the liftings A', A'', B'' and A', B', B'' respectively, then we find

$$\begin{aligned} o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B'') &= 1_A \circ_{\pi}(\psi, A'', B'') + o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A'')\psi \\ &= \psi \circ_{\pi}(1_B, B', B'') + o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B')1_B \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} o_{\pi}(\psi, A'', B'') &= o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') + \psi \circ_{\pi}(1_B, B', B'') \\ - o_{\pi}(1_A, A', A'')\psi &= o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') - \psi \xi_B + \xi_A \psi = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The rest will be left to the reader as an exercise.

QED.

Combining (1.2.1), (3.2.1) and (3.2.2) we have proved.

Theorem (3.2.3) Suppose $\underline{o}_0 = 0$, $\underline{o}_1 = 0$ then there exists a set of obstructions

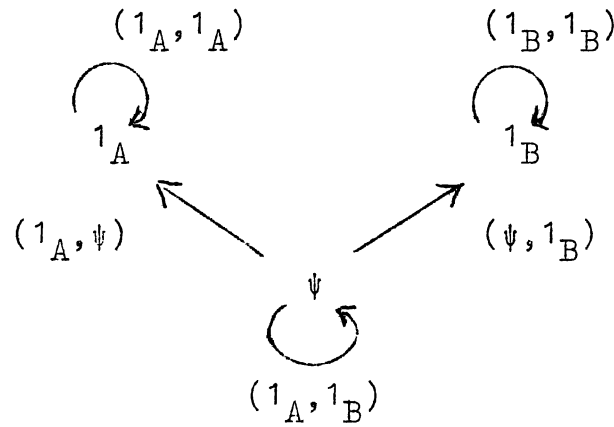
$$O(\pi) \subseteq \varinjlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}} H^0$$

such that π has a section if and only if

$$o \in O(\pi)$$

The set of sections with a fixed stem is a principal homogenous space over $\varprojlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(1)} H^0$.

Let \underline{c} consist of the two objects A and B and the three morphisms 1_A , $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ and 1_B . Then $\text{Mor } \underline{c}$ consists of 3 objects and 5 morphisms illustrated in the following diagram



Then (see [L]) we have:

$$\varprojlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(o)} H^1 = H^1(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi) \times H^1(S, B; B \otimes \ker \pi) / H^1(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi)$$

where the fibered product is taken with respect to the homomorphisms ψ_* and ψ^* respectively, and

$$\varprojlim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(1)} H^1 = H^1(S, A; B \otimes \ker \pi) / \text{im } \psi_* + \text{im } \psi^*$$

This proves the following result,

Corollary (3.2.4) Given a morphism $\psi: A \rightarrow B$ of S -algebras.

Suppose A and B can be lifted to R , then ψ admits a lifting if and only if

$$o_{\pi}(\psi, A', B') \in \text{im } \psi^* + \text{im } \psi_*$$

for some liftings A', B' of A and B respectively.

((3.2.4) is, of course, a trivial consequence of (3.1.9) and (3.1.10).)

Lemma (3.2.5) Let \underline{c} be any small category and assume that every morphism of \underline{c} is an isomorphism. Then there is a full equivalence of categories

$$\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{c}} \simeq \underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}}$$

inducing an isomorphism of functors

$$\lim_{\underline{c}} (i) \simeq \lim_{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}} (i)$$

Proof. If $\psi: c \rightarrow d$ is a morphism of \underline{c} , put $S(\psi) = c$, $B(\psi) = d$.

Let F be an object of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{c}}$ and define the object $v(F)$ of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}}$ by

$$v(F)(\psi) = F(S_{\psi})$$

$$v(F)(\lambda, \mu) = F(\lambda)$$

for $(\lambda, \mu): \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ in $\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}$.

Let G be an object of $\underline{\text{Ab}}^{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}}$ and define the object $\kappa(G)$ by

$$\kappa(G)(c) = G(1_c)$$

$$\kappa(G)(\psi) = G(\psi, \psi^{-1})$$

Obviously $v \circ \kappa = 1$ and if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & c_2 \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ d_1 & \xleftarrow{\mu} & d_2 \end{array}$$

is a morphism in Mor c we find that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (\kappa \circ \nu)(G)(\varphi) & = & \nu(\kappa(G))(\varphi) & = & G(1_{c_1})^{G(1, \varphi)} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & G(\varphi) \\
 (\kappa \circ \nu)(G)(\lambda, \mu) & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow G(\lambda, \lambda^{-1}) & & \downarrow G(\lambda, \mu) \\
 (\kappa \circ \nu)(G)(\psi) & = & \nu(\kappa(G))(\psi) & = & G(1_{c_2})^{G(1, \psi)} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & G(\psi)
 \end{array}$$

commutes since

$$(1, \varphi) \circ (\lambda, \lambda^{-1}) \circ (1, \psi^{-1}) = (\lambda, \psi^{-1} \circ \lambda^{-1} \circ \varphi) = (\lambda, \mu) .$$

But this proves that there exists an isomorphism of functors

$$\kappa \circ \nu \simeq 1 .$$

The rest is clear.

QED.

Corollary (3.2.6) Let G be a group acting on the S -algebra A . Then there exists an obstruction

$$\underline{o}_0 \in H^0(G, H^2(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi))$$

such that $\underline{o}_0 = 0$ if and only if A can be lifted.

If $\underline{o}_0 = 0$ there exists an obstruction

$$\underline{o}_1 \in H^1(G, H^1(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi))$$

such that $\underline{o}_1 = 0$ if and only if for every $g \in G$ the action g can be lifted to a common lifting A' of A .

If $\underline{o}_0 = 0$, $\underline{o}_1 = 0$ there exists a set of obstructions

$$O(\pi) \subseteq H^2(G, H^0(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi))$$

such that $0 \in O(\pi)$ if and only if the action of G can be lifted to a lifting A' of A .

Proof. This follows from (3.2.1), (3.2.2), (3.2.3) and (3.2.5). In fact, by (3.2.5), if \underline{c} is the category consisting of one object A and the morphisms corresponding to the elements in G , then

$$\lim_{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}^{(i)} \simeq \lim_{\underline{c}}^{(i)} \simeq H^1(G, -)$$

(see [La]).

QED.

Example (3.2.7) If one wants to lift affine group-schemes, or equivalently, bialgebras, the main problem is the following: Let A be an S -bialgebra with coalgebra structure defined by

$$m: A \rightarrow A \otimes_S A.$$

Find a lifting A' of the S -algebra A to R , and a lifting m' of m with

$$m': A' \rightarrow A' \otimes_R A' !$$

I claim that this can be done if and only if we can lift the diagram \underline{c} ;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow[\underset{m}{\parallel}]{1 \otimes \epsilon} & A \otimes_S A \\ & \xrightarrow[\epsilon \otimes 1]{} & \end{array}$$

where $\epsilon: S \rightarrow A$ is the structure morphism.

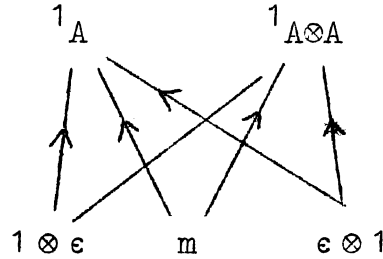
In fact, suppose we can lift this diagram to the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A' & \xrightarrow[\underset{m''}{\parallel}]{(1 \otimes \epsilon)'} & B' \\ & \xrightarrow[(\epsilon \otimes 1)']{} & \end{array}$$

Then the morphism of R -algebras $\alpha: A' \otimes_R A' \rightarrow B'$ defined by $(1 \otimes \epsilon)'$ and $(\epsilon \otimes 1)'$ is a lifting of $1_{A \otimes_S A}$. In particular α

is an isomorphism. Put $m' = m'' \circ \alpha^{-1}$, then $m': A' \rightarrow A' \otimes_R A'$ is a lifting of m .

Next we notice that $\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}$ is the ordered set with 5 objects and 6 non-trivial relations illustrated by the diagram



An easy calculation (see [L]) then shows that

$$\varprojlim_{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}} H^1 = \ker \psi$$

$$\varprojlim_{\underline{\text{Mor } \underline{c}}}^{(i)} H^1 = \text{coker } \psi$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \psi: H^1(S, A; A \otimes \ker \pi) \times H^1(S, A \otimes A; A \otimes A \otimes \ker \pi) \\ \rightarrow H^1(1 \otimes \epsilon) \times H^1(m) \times H^1(\epsilon \otimes 1) \end{aligned}$$

is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\alpha, \beta) = ((1 \otimes \epsilon)_*(\alpha) - (1 \otimes \epsilon)^*(\beta), m_*(\alpha) - m^*(\beta), \\ (\epsilon \otimes 1)_*(\alpha) - (\epsilon \otimes 1)^*(\beta)) . \end{aligned}$$

Having this, we obtain the following result,

Corollary (3.2.8) In the situation above m can be lifted to an $m': A' \rightarrow A' \otimes_R A'$ if and only if $(o_\pi(1 \otimes \epsilon, A'', A'' \otimes_R A''), o_\pi(m, A'', A'' \otimes_R A''), o_\pi(\epsilon \otimes 1, A'', A'' \otimes_R A'')) \in \text{im } \psi$ for some lifting A'' of A .

We shall, hopefully, return to this problem in a later paper.

THE READER SHOULD ALSO CONSULT

Luc. Illusie: Complexe Cotangent et Déformations I.
Lecture Notes in Mathematics, Vol. 239.
Springer-Verlag 1971.

Among other things Illusie's paper, which appeared while this paper was in print, contains some of the material covered in this report. Exactly how much I do not know yet.

Anyway, our methods seem to be quite different.

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