

9. Completions

9.1 Inverse Limits

Def: A **directed set** is a nonempty partially ordered set (I, \leq) s.t. $\forall i, j \in I: \exists k \in I: i \leq k \text{ and } j \leq k$

Exm: (\mathbb{N}_0, \leq) , more generally, any totally ordered set $(\mathbb{N}, |)$

Def: I directed set. An **inverse system** over I is a family of ob. groups (modules, rings) $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ together with, for every pair $j \leq i$ on I , a hom. $f_{ij}: A_i \rightarrow A_j$ s.t.
 $\forall i: f_{ii} = \text{id}_{A_i}$ and the hom's are compatible, i.e.,
 $\forall i, j, k: j \leq i, k \leq j \Rightarrow f_{ik} = f_{jk} \circ f_{ij}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ik}} & A_k \\ & \searrow f_{ij} & \nearrow f_{jk} \\ & A_j & \end{array}$$

Exm: 1) For $I = (\mathbb{N}_0, \leq)$:

- i) K field, $A_i := K[x]/(x^i)$, $A_j \rightarrow A_i$ for $j > i$ canonical epi
 ii) $\mathbb{Z}/p^j\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^i\mathbb{Z}$ for $j > i$, ($A_i = \mathbb{Z}/p^i\mathbb{Z}$)

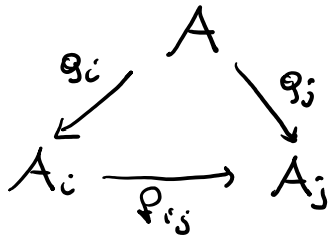
2) $I = (\mathbb{N}, |)$: $A_i := \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$, if $i | j$, there is a canonical epi $\mathbb{Z}/j\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/i\mathbb{Z}$

Def: Let $(A_i)_{i \in I}, (f_{ij})_{j \leq i}$ be an inverse system.

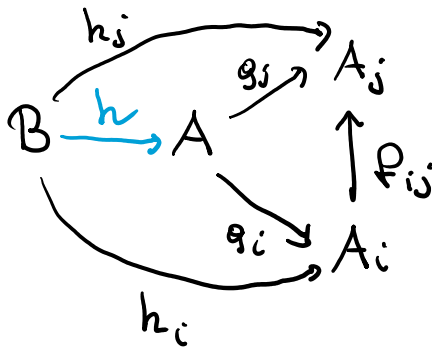
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An ob. group (module, ring) A together with hom. $g_i: A \rightarrow A_i$ is the **inverse limit** of the system if

1) The system $(g_i)_{i \in I}$ is compatible, i.e., $f_{ij} \circ g_i = g_j \quad \forall j \leq i$



2) If B is another ob. group (module, ring) w. a compatible system of hom's $h_i: B \rightarrow A_i$ (as in (1)), there exists a unique hom $h: B \rightarrow A$ s.t. $h_i = g_i \circ h \quad \forall i \in I$



Notation: $A = \varprojlim A_i$

Remark: Inverse limits are unique up to unique isomorphism by the UP.

Exm $\varprojlim K[x]_{(x^i)} = K[[x]]$

Prop 9.1 If $(A_i)_{i \in I}$, $(f_{ij})_{j \leq i}$ is an inverse system of abelian groups $\varprojlim A_i$ exists. If the A_i are rings or modules over a fixed ring R , $\varprojlim A_i$ is a ring or R -module.

Proof Sketch: $\varprojlim A_i := \left\{ (a_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i : \forall j \leq i: f_{ij}(a_i) = a_j \right\}$

with componentwise operation.

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• $f_{ij} \circ g_i = g_j$ by definition if $j \leq i$

• If B is a group w. compatible system $h_i: B \rightarrow A_i$, then $h: B \rightarrow \varprojlim A_i, b \mapsto (h_i(b))_{i \in I}$ is a well-defined hom, unique with $g_i \circ h = h_i$.

An additional ring/module structure carries over. \square

Exm: 1) $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p := \varprojlim_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \mathbb{Z}/p^i \mathbb{Z}$ is the (ring) of p -adic integers

2) If $I = (\mathbb{N}, 1)$

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Exc: $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$. (using CRT: $\mathbb{Z}/n \mathbb{Z} \cong \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \mathbb{Z}/p^{v_p(n)} \mathbb{Z}$)

Let $(A_i)_{i \in I}, (B_i)_{i \in I}$ be inverse systems, and $\varphi_i: A_i \rightarrow B_i$ hom's compatible w. the system maps: if $j \leq i$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_i & \xrightarrow{f_{ij}} & A_j \\ \varphi_i \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_j \\ B_i & \xrightarrow{g_{ij}} & B_j \end{array} \text{ commutes.}$$

Then we get a hom $\varphi: \varprojlim A_i \rightarrow \varprojlim B_i$, st.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varprojlim A_i & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \varprojlim B_i \\ \downarrow g_i & & \downarrow h_i \\ A_i & \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} & B_i \end{array} \text{ commutes (use UP)}$$

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Thm 9.2: Let $(A_i)_{i \in I}$, $(B_i)_{i \in I}$, $(C_i)_{i \in I}$ be inverse systems of abelian groups. ^{*} Suppose there are exact sequences $0 \rightarrow A_i \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} B_i \xrightarrow{\psi_i} C_i$ compatible with the system maps (i.e., a left exact sequence of inverse systems).

(1) This induces an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \varprojlim A_i \xrightarrow{\varphi} \varprojlim B_i \xrightarrow{\psi} \varprojlim C_i$

(2) If $I = (\mathbb{N}_0, \leq)$, each φ_i is surjective, and the maps f_{ij} for $(A_i)_{i \in I}$ are surjective, then ψ is surjective.

^{*} Or more generally, R -modules over some ring R .

Proof: (1) $(a_i)_{i \in I} \mapsto (\varphi_i(a_i))_{i \in I}$ Since each φ_i is injective, so is φ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \prod_{i \in I} A_i & \longrightarrow & \prod_{i \in I} B_i \\ \cup & & \cup \\ \varprojlim A_i & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \varprojlim B_i \end{array}$$

Similarly $\psi \circ \varphi = 0$, since $\psi_i \circ \varphi_i = 0 \ \forall i \in I$.

$\ker(\psi) \subseteq \text{im}(\varphi)$: Let f_{ij}, g_{ij} denote the system maps of $(A_i)_{i \in I}$, $(B_i)_{i \in I}$, $(C_i)_{i \in I}$.

Let $(b_i)_{i \in I} \in \varprojlim B_i$, i.e., $g_{ij}(b_i) = b_j \ \forall j < i$.

Suppose $\psi((b_i)_{i \in I}) = 0 \Rightarrow \psi_i(b_i) = 0 \ \forall i$

$\Rightarrow b_i = \varphi_i(a_i)$ with $a_i \in A_i$ [the a_i 's are unique by injectivity of φ_i]

Show: $f_{ij}(a_i) = a_j \ \forall j < i$, then $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \varprojlim A_i$

$$f_{ij}(a_i) = a_j \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\varphi_j(f_{ij}(a_i))}_{g_{ij}(\varphi_i(a_i))} = \underbrace{\varphi_j(a_j)}_{= b_j}$$

$$g_{ij}(\varphi_i(a_i)) = g_{ij}(b_i)$$

and so $(a_i)_{i \in I} \in \varprojlim A_i$ hence $(b_i)_{i \in I} \in \text{im}(\varphi)$ as a compatible system

$$g_{ij}(b_i)$$

and $g_{ij}(b_i) = b_j$ because $(b_i)_{i \in I}$ is a compatible system.

(2) Let $(c_i)_{i \in I} \in \varprojlim C_i$, i.e., $h_{ij}(c_i) = c_j$ if $j < i$.

Goal: Construct $(b_i)_{i \in I}$ s.t. $\psi_i(b_i) = c_i$ and $g_{ij}(b_i) = b_j$ if $j < i$

Since $I = \mathbb{N}_0$, only need $\psi_i(b_i) = c_i$ and $g_{ij}(b_i) = b_j$ if $i > j$

Recursive construction $i=0$: ψ_0 surj., so let $b_0 \in B_0$ s.t. $\psi_0(b_0) = c_0$

$i \geq 1, i-1 \rightarrow i$: let $\tilde{b}_i \in B_i$ s.t. $\psi_i(\tilde{b}_i) = c_i$.

For $x \in \ker(\psi_i)$, $\psi_i(\tilde{b}_i + x) = c_i$ and

$$g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i + x) = g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i) + \underbrace{g_{i,i-1}(x)}_{(= b_{i-1})}$$

$$\psi_{i-1}(g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i) - b_{i-1}) = h_{i,i-1}(\underbrace{\psi_i(\tilde{b}_i)}_{= c_i}) - \underbrace{\psi_{i-1}(b_{i-1})}_{= c_{i-1}} = 0,$$

so $g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i) - b_{i-1} \in \ker(\psi_{i-1}) = \text{im}(\varphi_{i-1})$.

$$\Rightarrow g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i) - b_{i-1} = \varphi_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) \text{ with } a_{i-1} \in A_{i-1}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{proj surj}} a_{i-1} = \text{proj}_{i-1}(a_i) \text{ with } a_i \in A_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) = \varphi_{i-1}(\text{proj}_{i-1}(a_i)) = g_{i,i-1}(\varphi_i(a_i)).$$

$$\Rightarrow b_{i-1} = g_{i,i-1}(\tilde{b}_i - \varphi_i(a_i)), \text{ so } x := -\varphi_i(a_i), \text{ i.e. } b_i = \tilde{b}_i - \varphi_i(a_i)$$

works. □

9.2 Topological Groups

Def: An **abelian topological group** is an abelian group G , s.t. G is also a top. space and $G \times G \rightarrow G, (a,b) \mapsto a+b$ and $G \rightarrow G, a \mapsto -a$ are continuous.
↑ product topology

Exm: • $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ w. Euclidean topology

• $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z|=1\}$ as multiplicative group $(\cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$

• Any abelian group w. discrete topology

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Remark: $\forall a \in G: G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto a+x$ is a homeomorphism, so carries nbhds of 0 bijectively onto nbhds of a . The topology is determined by nbhds of 0.

Lemma 9.3 G ab. top. group, $H := \bigcap \{U : U \text{ nbhd of } 0\}$

(1) $H \leq G$

(2) $H = \overline{\{0\}}$

(3) G Hausdorff $\Leftrightarrow \{0\}$ closed.

(4) G/H is Hausdorff.

Proof: (1) $0 \in H \checkmark$ let $a, b \in H$. let U be an open nbhd of 0, $\alpha: G \times G \rightarrow G, (x, y) \mapsto x-y \xrightarrow{\alpha \text{ cont.}} \alpha^{-1}(U)$ is open and $(0, 0) \in \alpha^{-1}(U)$.
 $\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1}(U)$ contains a set of the form $V_1 \times V_2 \ni (0, 0), V_i$ open.
 $a, b \in V_i \Rightarrow a-b = \alpha(a, b) \in U$, so: $H-H \subseteq H$.

(2) V is a nbhd of $x \Leftrightarrow V = x+U, U$ nbhd of 0

So: $x \in H \Leftrightarrow x \in U = 0+U \quad \forall \text{ nbhds } U \text{ of } 0$

$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in x-U \quad \forall \text{ nbhds } U \text{ of } 0$

$\Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{\{0\}}$

(3) " \Rightarrow " In Hausdorff spaces points are closed, Explicitly:

If $x \neq 0$, there exists an open nbhd U_x of x s.t. $0 \notin U_x$

$\Rightarrow \{0\} = \bigcap_{x \in G \setminus \{0\}} G \setminus U_x$

" \Leftarrow " A top. space X is Hausdorff $\Leftrightarrow \Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \subseteq X \times X$ is closed.

1.1 $\Delta = \{(a, a) : a \in G\} \subseteq G \times G \rightarrow G \text{ (cont.)}$

is closed.

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \{ (g, g) : g \in G \}, \quad \alpha: G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (x, y) \mapsto x - y$$
$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \alpha^{-1}(\{0\}) \xrightarrow[\{0\} \text{ closed}]{\alpha \text{ cont.}} \Delta \text{ closed.}$$

(4) G/H is a top. group wr.t. quotient topology. The points are cosets $a+H$ and hence closed by (2).

$\stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow} G/H$ Hausdorff

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