

Cosimplicial cohomology and two term extensions of coalgebras

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Introduction

In this paper we interpret the second cosimplicial cohomology group of a coassociative coalgebra A with coefficients in a two sided A -comodule M . In § 1, we refer to some wellknown facts. We shall use the notation

$$A \xrightarrow{(f^0, \dots, f^n)} B \text{ instead of } A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f^0} \\ \xrightarrow{f^1} \\ \vdots \\ \xrightarrow{f^n} \end{array} B.$$

A cosimplicial object A_* in a category \mathcal{A} is a diagram

$$A_0 \rightrightarrows A_1 \rightrightarrows A_2 \rightrightarrows \dots \rightrightarrows A_{n-1} \rightrightarrows A_n \rightrightarrows \dots$$

which satisfies certain commutation rules. If A_* is a cosimplicial module, then the A_n has the following representation, $A_n = \tilde{A}_n \oplus \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_r \geq 1} \epsilon^{i_1} \epsilon^{i_2} \dots \epsilon^{i_r} \tilde{A}_{n-r}$ (direct sum). Furthermore, there exists a cofree functor F from the category \mathcal{M} of modules to the category \mathcal{C} of coalgebras, which is the right adjoint functor of the underlying object functor $U: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ (see Lee [5]). The standard cosimplicial resolution of a coalgebra A is an augmented cosimplicial coalgebra

$$G_0 A \rightrightarrows G_1 A \rightrightarrows \dots \rightrightarrows G_n A \rightrightarrows \dots$$

where $G_n = (FU)^{n+1} A$. Using this complex and a functor $\text{Coder}(M, -)$, the n -th cohomology $H^n(M, A)$ is defined. In § 2, we discuss some properties of the cosimplicial cokernels. The cosimplicial cokernel of $A \rightrightarrows B$ is written by $\text{Cosimp coker}(A \rightrightarrows B)$. A cosimplicial object A_* in \mathcal{A} is called acyclic if the canonical morphism $\text{Cosimp coker}(A_{n-2} \rightrightarrows A_{n-1}) \rightarrow A_n$ is an monomorphism for every $n \geq 2$, and the acyclicity of an augmented cosimplicial object A_* over $A_{-1} = A$ is similarly defined. The main theorem is given in § 3. An augmented cosimplicial coalgebra

$$A \longrightarrow E_0 \rightrightarrows E_1 \rightrightarrows E_2 \dots$$

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over A is called a two term extension of A by M , if it satisfies certain conditions (see § 3). For a given normal coderivation n -cocycle, the standard n -term extension is described in Proposition 14. With certain additional propositions, we get the main result, that the second cosimplicial cohomology $H^2(M, A)$ is in 1-1 correspondence with the set $Ex^2(M, A)$ of all equivalence classes of two term extensions.

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§ 1. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper K is a fixed field. We understand by a module a K -module, and by a tensor product \otimes the one over K . A coalgebra A is a module with a coassociative comultiplication $\Delta_A: A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ and a counit $\varepsilon_A: A \rightarrow K$. A comodule M over a coalgebra A is a two sided A -comodule, i.e. a module with linear maps $\Delta_M^l: M \rightarrow A \otimes M$ and $\Delta_M^r: M \rightarrow M \otimes A$ which satisfy relations $(1 \otimes \Delta_M^l)\Delta_M^l = (\Delta_A \otimes 1)\Delta_M^l$, $(\Delta_M^r \otimes 1)\Delta_M^r = (1 \otimes \Delta_A)\Delta_M^r$, $(\Delta_M^l \otimes 1)\Delta_M^r = (1 \otimes \Delta_M^r)\Delta_M^l$ and $(\varepsilon_A \otimes 1)\Delta_M^l = (1 \otimes \varepsilon_A)\Delta_M^r = 1$. A coideal is a two sided coideal.

Let M be a two sided A -comodule. We define

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{A \oplus M}: A \oplus M &\rightarrow (A \oplus M) \otimes (A \oplus M) && \text{by} \\ \Delta_{A \oplus M} &= \Delta_A \text{ on } A \text{ and } \Delta_{A \oplus M} = \Delta_M^l + \Delta_M^r \text{ on } M, \end{aligned}$$

and $\varepsilon_{A \oplus M}$ by the composition $A \oplus M \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_A} K$. Then $A \oplus M$ is a coalgebra. It is called the coidealization of M , and we shall denote this by A^*M .

$$\text{We denote by } A \xrightarrow{(f^0, \dots, f^n)} B \text{ a diagram } A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f^0} \\ \xrightarrow{f^1} \\ \dots \\ \xrightarrow{f^n} \end{array} B.$$

A cosimplicial object A_* in a category \mathcal{A} is a diagram

$$A^0 \xrightleftharpoons[(\delta^0)]^{(\varepsilon^0, \varepsilon^1)} A_1 \xrightleftharpoons[(\delta^0, \delta^1)]^{(\varepsilon^0, \varepsilon^1, \varepsilon^2)} A_2 \rightleftarrows \dots \rightleftarrows A_{n-1} \xrightleftharpoons[(\delta^0, \dots, \delta^{n-1})]^{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n)} A_n \rightleftarrows \dots$$

which satisfies the commutation rules (the cosimplicial relations)

- (i) $\varepsilon^j \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i \varepsilon^{j-1}$ if $i < j$,
- (ii) $\delta^j \delta^i = \delta^i \delta^{j+1}$ if $i \leq j$,
- (iii) $\delta^j \varepsilon^i = \begin{cases} \varepsilon^i \delta^{j-1} & \text{if } i < j, \\ \text{identity} & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } i = j+1, \\ \varepsilon^{i-1} \delta^j & \text{if } i > j+1. \end{cases}$

Moreover, if a morphism $\varepsilon: A \rightarrow A_0$ satisfies the relation $\varepsilon^0 \varepsilon = \varepsilon^1 \varepsilon$, (A_*, ε) is said to be an augmented cosimplicial object over A .

If A^* is a cosimplicial module, we define

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}_0 &= A_0 \\ \tilde{A}_n &= \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \text{Ker } \delta^i, \quad (n > 0).\end{aligned}$$

The Moore complex of A_* is a cochain complex

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{A}_0 \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_0} \tilde{A}_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_n} \tilde{A}_n \rightarrow \dots$$

where \tilde{d}_n are induced by $d_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \varepsilon^i : A_{n-1} \rightarrow A_n$.

The module \tilde{A}_n is a direct summand of A_n , and its projection is given by

$$t_n = (1 - \varepsilon^n \delta^{n-1}) \dots (1 - \varepsilon^1 \delta^0), \quad (n \geq 1).$$

It satisfies the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned}t_n \varepsilon^0 &= d_n t_{n-1}, \quad (n \geq 1), \\ t_n \varepsilon^i &= 0, \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \\ \delta^i t_n &= 0, \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1).\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1. *If A_* is a cosimplicial module, then A_n has the following representation:*

$$A_n = \tilde{A}_n \oplus \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_r \geq 1} \varepsilon^{i_1} \varepsilon^{i_2} \dots \varepsilon^{i_r} \tilde{A}_{n-r}, \quad (\text{direct sum}).$$

Proof. Since $1 - t_n$ is written in the form $\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon^i \delta^{i-1} s_i$, we have

$$A_n = t_n A_n + (1 - t_n) A_n = \tilde{A}_n + \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon^i A_{n-1}$$

Using an induction argument on n , we can easily get

$$A_n = \tilde{A}_n + \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_r \geq 1} \varepsilon^{i_1} \varepsilon^{i_2} \dots \varepsilon^{i_r} \tilde{A}_{n-r}.$$

To prove the right hand side of this equation to be a direct sum, it suffices to show that if

$$\begin{aligned}(1.1) \quad & \tilde{x} + \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{n \geq i_1 > \dots > i_r \geq n-m+1} \varepsilon^{i_1} \dots \varepsilon^{i_r} x_{i_1 \dots i_r} = 0, \\ & \tilde{x} \in A_n, \quad x_{i_1 \dots i_r} \in \tilde{A}_{n-r}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n,\end{aligned}$$

then $x_{i_1 \dots i_r} = 0$ for $i_r = n - m + 1$.

Operating δ^{n-m} on (1.1), we get

$$\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{i_r = n-m+1} \varepsilon^{i_1-1} \varepsilon^{i_2-1} \dots \varepsilon^{i_{r-1}-1} x_{i_1 \dots i_r} = 0$$

Hence we can reduce to the case $n-1$.

Q.E.D.

The cofree coalgebra associated with a given module V is a coalgebra FV with a linear map $\eta_V : FV \rightarrow V$ which satisfies the following universal property: For every coalgebra A and every linear map $\alpha : A \rightarrow V$, there exists one and only one morphism of coalgebras $\beta : A \rightarrow FV$ such that $\eta_V \beta = \alpha$. More precisely F is a right adjoint functor of the forgetful functor U from the category \mathcal{C} of K -coalgebras to the category \mathcal{M} of K -modules. For every coalgebra A there exists one and only one morphism $\varepsilon_A : A \rightarrow GA = FUA$ of coalgebras such that $\eta_{UA} \cdot U\varepsilon_A = 1_{UA}$. η and ε are natural transformations. Denote by G_n the com-

posite functor G^{n+1} . Put $\varepsilon^i = G^i \varepsilon G^{n-i} : G_{n-1} A \rightarrow G_n A$ and $\delta^i = G^i F \eta U G^{n-i} : G_{n+1} A \rightarrow G_n A$, ($0 \leq i \leq n$). Then we get a (functorial) augmented cosimplicial coalgebra over A

$$G^* A : G_0 A \rightrightarrows G_1 A \rightleftarrows G_2 A \rightleftarrows \cdots,$$

which is called the standard cosimplicial resolution of A .

A coderivation from an A -comodule M to a coalgebra A is a linear map $f : M \rightarrow A$ such that $\Delta_A f = (1 \otimes f) \Delta_M + (f \otimes 1) \Delta_M$. Denote by $\text{Der}_K(M, A)$ the module of all coderivations from M to A . If A_* is an augmented coalgebra over A , then for each $n \geq 0$ all the compositions $\varepsilon^{i_{n-1}} \cdots \varepsilon^{i_1} \varepsilon : A \rightarrow A_n$ are the same and independent of the choice of (i_{n-1}, \dots, i_1) . Therefore A -comodule M can be understood as an A_n -comodule. We get a cochain complex

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Der}_K(M, A_*) : 0 \rightarrow \text{Der}(M, A_0) \xrightarrow{\delta_0} \text{Der}(M, A_1) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{Der}(M, A_n) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} \cdots \\ \delta_n(f) = d_{n+1} f = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \varepsilon^i f. \end{aligned}$$

Denote by $H^n(M, A_*)$ the n -th cohomology of this complex. Put

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\text{Der}}_K(M, A_n) &= \{f \in \text{Der}(M, A_n) \mid \text{Im } f \subset \tilde{A}_n\} \\ &= \{f \in \text{Der}(M, A_n) \mid t_n f = f\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have a cochain subcomplex $\widetilde{\text{Der}}_K(M, A_*)$ of $\text{Der}_K(M, A_*)$, and they are cochain homotopic (see Lee [5]). If $f \in \widetilde{\text{Der}}_K(M, A_n)$ is a cocycle then it is called to be a normal coderivation n -cocycle. The n -th cohomology $H^n(M, A)$ of a coalgebra A with a coefficient comodule M is defined to be $H^n(M, G_* A)$.

§ 2. Cosimplicial Cokernels

Definition 2. Let

$$A \xRightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} B \xRightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n)} C,$$

($n \geq 1$) be a diagram in a category \mathcal{A} . We assume the following conditions:

- (i) $\varepsilon^j \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i \varepsilon^{j-1}$ ($0 \leq i < j \leq n$),
- (ii) for every object X and morphism $(f^0, \dots, f^n) : B \Rightarrow X$ with $f^j \varepsilon^i = f^i \varepsilon^{j-1}$, ($0 \leq i < j \leq n$), there exists one and only one morphism $f : C \rightarrow X$ with $f^i = f \varepsilon^i$, ($0 \leq i \leq n$).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \rightrightarrows & B & \rightrightarrows & C \\ & & & \searrow & \downarrow f \\ & & & & X \end{array}$$

Then we say that $(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n) : B \Rightarrow C$ (or roughly speaking C itself) is the cosimplicial cokernel of $(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1}) : A \Rightarrow B$, which is written by $\text{Cosimp coker}(A \Rightarrow B)$.

If \mathcal{A} has a finite colimit, then any diagram $(f^0, \dots, f^{n-1}) : A \Rightarrow B$ in \mathcal{A} has a cosimplicial cokernel (Tierney-Vogel [7]). In the category of modules, the cosimplicial cokernel is represented as follows:

$$(2.1) \quad \text{Cosimp coker } ((f^0, \dots, f^{n-1}): A \Rightarrow B) \\ = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n B / \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} \text{Im}(k^j f^i - k^i f^{j-1}),$$

where $k^i: B \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=0}^n B$ is the canonical inclusion

Proposition 3. *Let $n \geq 2$. Suppose that a diagram*

$$D \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-2})} \\ \xrightarrow{(\delta^0, \dots, \delta^{n-3})} \end{array} A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} \\ \xrightarrow{(\delta^0, \dots, \delta^{n-2})} \end{array} B$$

in a category \mathcal{A} satisfies the cosimplicial relations and $C = \text{Cosimp coker } (A \Rightarrow B)$. Then there exist unique morphism $(\delta^0, \dots, \delta^{n-1}): C \Rightarrow B$ satisfying cosimplicial relations.

Proof. Put $X = B$ and $(f^0, \dots, f^n) = (\varepsilon^0 \delta^{j-1}, \dots, \varepsilon^{j-1} \delta^{j-1}, 1, 1, \varepsilon^{j+1} \delta^j, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1} \delta^j)$, $(0 \leq j \leq n-1)$. By Definition 2, we get the desired morphism δ^j . Q.E.D.

Proposition 4. *Let $(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1}): A \Rightarrow B$ be coalgebra maps. If $(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n): B \Rightarrow C$ is the cosimplicial cokernel of $(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1}): A \Rightarrow B$ in the category \mathcal{M} of modules, then C has a uniquely determined coalgebra structure such that $\varepsilon^i: B \rightarrow C$ are coalgebra maps.*

Proof. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} & B & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n)} & C \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & & \downarrow \Delta_B & & \downarrow \Delta_C \\ A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0 \otimes \varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1} \otimes \varepsilon^{n-1})} & B \otimes B & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0 \otimes \varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^n \otimes \varepsilon^n)} & C \otimes C \end{array}$$

Since $\varepsilon^j \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i \varepsilon^{j-1}$, $(0 \leq i < j \leq n)$, $\Delta_B \varepsilon^i = (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_A$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\varepsilon^j \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_B \varepsilon^i &= (\varepsilon^j \otimes \varepsilon^i) (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_A \\ &= (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) (\varepsilon^{j-1} \otimes \varepsilon^{j-1}) \Delta_A \\ &= (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_B \varepsilon^{j-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $X = C \otimes C$ and $f^i = (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_B$ satisfy the condition of Definition 2 and hence there exists a K -linear map Δ_C such that $\Delta_C \varepsilon^i = (\varepsilon^i \otimes \varepsilon^i) \Delta_B$, $(0 \leq i \leq n)$. Using these relations and $(\Delta_B \otimes 1) \Delta_B = (1 \otimes \Delta_B) \Delta_B$, we can easily check $(\Delta_C \otimes 1) \Delta_C \varepsilon^i = (1 \otimes \Delta_C) \Delta_C \varepsilon^i$, $(0 \leq i \leq n)$. Hence $(\Delta_C \otimes 1) \Delta_C = (1 \otimes \Delta_C) \Delta_C$, i.e. Δ_C is coassociative. Similarly we can verify the existence of a counit $\varepsilon_C: C \rightarrow K$ with $(\varepsilon_C \otimes 1) \Delta_C = (1 \otimes \varepsilon_C) \Delta_C = 1$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C \\ \varepsilon_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon_B & & \downarrow \varepsilon_C \\ K & \xrightarrow{(1, \dots, 1)} & K & \xrightarrow{(1, \dots, 1)} & K \end{array}$$

Q.E.D.

Definition 5. Let \mathcal{A} be a category with finite colimits. A cosimplicial object A_* in \mathcal{A} is said to be acyclic, if the canonical morphism

$$(2.2) \quad \text{Cosimp coker } (A_{n-2} \Rightarrow A_{n-1}) \rightarrow A_n$$

is a monomorphism for every $n \geq 2$. An augmented cosimplicial object A_* over $A_{-1} = A$ is said to be acyclic if the morphism (2.2) is a monomorphism for every $n \geq 1$ and $A \rightarrow A_0$ is a monomorphism.

Proposition 6. *If A_* is a cosimplicial module over A , then*

$$(2.3) \quad \text{Cosimp coker } (A_{n-2} \Rightarrow A_{n-1}) = (\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon^i A_{n-1}) \oplus \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}, \quad (n \geq 2).$$

Proof. Let $\underline{A}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon^i A_{n-1}$ and $C_n = \underline{A}_n \oplus \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}$. Since $1 - t_n : A_n \rightarrow \underline{A}_n$ is a projection, we can define $\underline{\varepsilon}^i : A_{n-1} \rightarrow C_n$ by

$$\underline{\varepsilon}^i x = \begin{cases} (\varepsilon^i x, 0), & \text{for } i > 0, \\ ((1 - t_n)\varepsilon^0 x, p t_{n-1} x), & \text{for } i = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $p : \tilde{A}_{n-1} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}$ is the canonical projection. For $y \in \tilde{A}_{n-2}$, we have $\underline{\varepsilon}^0 \varepsilon^0 y = ((1 - t^n)\varepsilon^0 y, p t_{n-1} \varepsilon^0 y) = ((1 - t_n)\varepsilon^1 \varepsilon^0 y, p d_{n-1} t_{n-2} y) = (\varepsilon^1 \varepsilon^0 y, 0) = \underline{\varepsilon}^1 \varepsilon^0 y$. Hence $\underline{\varepsilon}^0 \varepsilon^0 y = \underline{\varepsilon}^1 \varepsilon^0$. The other relations $\underline{\varepsilon}^j \varepsilon^i = \underline{\varepsilon}^i \varepsilon^{j-1}$, ($i < j$) are easily verified. Thus

$$A_{n-2} \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} A_{n-1} \xrightarrow{(\underline{\varepsilon}^0, \dots, \underline{\varepsilon}^n)} C_n$$

satisfies the cosimplicial relation. Suppose that

$$A_{n-2} \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} A_{n-1} \xrightarrow{(f^0, \dots, f^n)} X$$

satisfies the cosimplicial relations. Using the unique representation

$$y = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_r \geq 1} \varepsilon^{i_1} \varepsilon^{i_2} \dots \varepsilon^{i_r} y_{i_1 \dots i_r}$$

of an element of \underline{A}_n , we put

$$f(y) = \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{n \geq i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_r \geq 1} f^{i_1 \varepsilon^{i_2} \dots \varepsilon^{i_r}} y_{i_1 \dots i_r}.$$

Since $(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f^i) d_{n-1} = 0$, we can define $f(\tilde{x}_0) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f^i(x_0)$ where \tilde{x}_0 is the canonical image of $x_0 \in \tilde{A}_{n-1}$. Hence we have a linear map $f : C_n \rightarrow X$, which satisfies $f^i = f \underline{\varepsilon}^i$ ($0 \leq i \leq n$). The uniqueness of f is easily verified. Therefore $C_n = \text{Cosimp coker}(A_{n-2} \Rightarrow A_{n-1})$. Q.E.D.

Corollary 7. *If $C_n = \text{Cosimp coker}(A_{n-2} \Rightarrow A_{n-1})$, then*

$$\tilde{C}_n = \text{Coker}(\tilde{d}_{n-1} : \tilde{A}_{n-2} \rightarrow \tilde{A}_{n-1}).$$

Proof. If we put

$$\tilde{\delta}^i(x, y) = \delta^i x \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in \underline{A}_n \oplus \text{Coker } d_{n-1} = C_n$$

then

$$A_{n-2} \xrightleftharpoons{(\varepsilon^0, \dots, \varepsilon^{n-1})} A_{n-1} \xrightleftharpoons{(\underline{\varepsilon}^0, \dots, \underline{\varepsilon}^n)} C_n$$

$$\xrightleftharpoons{(\tilde{\delta}^0, \dots, \tilde{\delta}^{n-2})} \xrightleftharpoons{(\tilde{\delta}^0, \dots, \tilde{\delta}^{n-1})}$$

satisfy the cosimplicial relation (cf. Proposition 3). Put $\underline{t}_n = (1 - \varepsilon^n \tilde{\delta}^{n-1}) \dots (1 - \varepsilon^1 \tilde{\delta}^0)$, ($n \geq 1$), then $\underline{t}_n = 0$ on \underline{A}_n and $\underline{t}_n = 1$ on $\text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}$, hence $\tilde{C}_n = \underline{t}_n(\underline{A}_n \oplus \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}) = \text{Coker } \tilde{d}_{n-1}$. Q.E.D.

Note that the similar results also hold for augmented cosimplicial coalgebras.

Corollary 8. *If E_* is an acyclic augmented cosimplicial module, and*

$$C_n = \text{Cosimp coker}(E_{n-2} \rightrightarrows E_{n-1}), \quad (n \geq 1),$$

$$\alpha: C_n \rightarrow E_n \text{ the canonical map,}$$

then there exists a K -linear map $\beta: E_n \rightarrow C_n$ such that $\bar{\partial}^i \beta = \delta^i$, $(0 \leq i < n)$, and $\beta \alpha = 1$.

Proposition 9. *A cosimplicial module A_* is acyclic if and only if the associated cochain complex $\tilde{A}_0 \rightarrow \tilde{A}_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{A}_n \rightarrow \dots$ is acyclic. An augmented cosimplicial module A_* over A is acyclic if and only if the associated cochain complex $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A_0 \rightarrow \tilde{A}_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tilde{A}_n \rightarrow \dots$ is acyclic.*

Proof. By Proposition 6 and its Corollary, $C_n = \underline{A}_n \oplus \tilde{C}_n$.

The canonical map $f_n: C_n \rightarrow A_n$ is of the form

$$1 \oplus \tilde{f}_n: \underline{A}_n \oplus \tilde{C}_n \rightarrow \underline{A}_n \oplus \tilde{A}_n.$$

Hence f_n is a monomorphism if and only if so is \tilde{f}_n .

Q.E.D.

Lemma 10. (Cosimplicial Five Lemma)

Given an integer $n \geq 2$ and a morphism $\theta_: E_* \rightarrow B_*$ of cosimplicial modules. Suppose that the sequence $B_{n-2} \rightrightarrows B_{n-1} \rightrightarrows B_n$ is acyclic, $E_n = \text{Cosimp coker}(E_{n-2} \rightrightarrows E_{n-1})$, θ_{n-2} is an epimorphism and θ_{n-1} is a monomorphism, then θ_n is a monomorphism.*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E_{n-2} & \rightrightarrows & E_{n-1} & \rightrightarrows & E_n \\ \downarrow \theta_{n-2} & & \downarrow \theta_{n-1} & & \downarrow \theta_n \\ B_{n-2} & \rightrightarrows & B_{n-1} & \rightrightarrows & B_n \end{array}$$

Proof. If $x \in \text{Ker } \theta_n$, then $\theta_{n-1}(\delta^i x) = \delta^i \theta_n(x) = 0$ $(0 \leq i < n)$. Since θ_{n-1} is a monomorphism, $\delta^i x = 0$ therefore $x \in \tilde{E}_n$. It suffices to show that $\text{Ker } \tilde{\theta}_n = (\text{Ker } \theta_n) \cap \tilde{E}_n = 0$. Since

$$\tilde{B}_{n-2} = t_{n-2} B_{n-2} = t_{n-2} \theta_{n-2}(E_{n-2}) = \theta_{n-2} t_{n-2}(E_{n-2}) = \theta_{n-2}(\tilde{E}_{n-2}),$$

we get a commutative diagram with exact rows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \tilde{E}_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_{n-1}} & \tilde{E}_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_n} & \tilde{E}_n & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \tilde{\theta}_{n-2} & & \downarrow \tilde{\theta}_{n-1} & & \downarrow \tilde{\theta}_n & & \\ \tilde{B}_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_{n-1}} & \tilde{B}_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{d}_n} & \tilde{B}_n & & \end{array}$$

By the usual Five Lemma, $\tilde{\theta}_n$ is a monomorphism.

Q.E.D.

Given a module M and a positive integer n , we define a cosimplicial module M_* as follows.

$$M_k = 0, \quad (0 \leq k < n-1),$$

$$M_{n-1} = M,$$

$$M_k = \text{Cosimp coker}(M_{k-2} \rightrightarrows M_{k-1}), \quad (k \geq n).$$

Especially, $M_n, \tilde{M}_n, \varepsilon^i: M_{n-1} \rightrightarrows M_n$ and $\delta^i: M_n \rightrightarrows M_{n-1}$ are represented as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= M \oplus M \oplus \cdots \oplus M, \quad (n+1 \text{ times}), \\ \varepsilon^i &\text{ is the } i\text{-th injection, } (0 \leq i \leq n), \\ \delta^i(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n) &= m_i + m_{i+1}, \quad (0 \leq i \leq n-1), \\ M_n &= \{(m, -m, m, \dots, (-1)^n m) \mid m \in M\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have the following diagram of isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M & \\ \cong \swarrow & & \searrow \tau' \\ M_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d_n} & M_n \end{array}$$

Moreover, assume that A_* is an augmented coalgebra over a coalgebra A and M is a two sided A -comodule. Then M_k is a two-sided A_k -comodule *via* the morphism $(\varepsilon^1)^* \varepsilon: A \rightarrow A_k$. Hence the direct sum $B_* = A_* \oplus M_*$ is an augmented coalgebra over A such that $B_k = A_k * M_k$ for each k . We denote $B_* = A_* * M_*$. Since the inclusion $M = M_{n-1} \rightarrow A_{n-1} * M_{n-1} = B_{n-1}$ is a coderivation, the composite map $M \xrightarrow{\tau'} M_n \rightarrow B_n$ is also a coderivation. $\tau': M \rightarrow B_n$ is called the canonical coderivation. If A_* is acyclic then B_* is also acyclic.

Proposition 11. *If E_* is an acyclic augmented cosimplicial coalgebra over a coalgebra A , then there exists a cosimplicial coalgebra map $\theta_*: E_* \rightarrow G_* A$ over the identity of A .*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & E_0 & \rightrightarrows & E_1 & \rightrightarrows & E_2 \rightrightarrows \cdots \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \theta_0 & & \downarrow \theta_1 & & \downarrow \theta_2 \\ A & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & G_0 A & \rightrightarrows & G_1 A & \rightrightarrows & G_2 A \rightrightarrows \cdots \end{array}$$

Proof. We shall construct θ_n by induction on n . If $n=0$, then the assertion is obvious.

Let $C_n, \underline{\varepsilon}^i, \delta^i, \alpha$, and β be the same as in Corollary 8 and let $\underline{\theta}_n: C_n \rightarrow G_n A$ be the map with $\underline{\theta}_n \underline{\varepsilon}^i = \varepsilon^i \theta_{n-1}$, $(0 \leq i \leq n)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E_{n-2} & \rightrightarrows & E_{n-1} & \rightrightarrows & E_n \\ \downarrow \theta_{n-2} & & \downarrow \theta_{n-1} & \searrow \beta & \downarrow \theta_n \\ & & & C_n & \\ & & & \swarrow \alpha & \\ G_{n-2} A & \rightrightarrows & G_{n-1} A & \rightrightarrows & G_n A \end{array}$$

By the cofreeness of $G_n A$, there exists a unique coalgebra map $\theta_n: E_n \rightarrow G_n A$ such that $\eta_{n-1} \theta_n = \eta_{n-1} \underline{\theta}_n \beta$, where $\eta_{n-1} = \eta_{G_{n-1} A}$ (see p. 57). Using relations $\eta_{n-1} \varepsilon^0 = 1$, $\eta_{n-1} \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^{i-1} \eta_{n-2}$, $(0 < i \leq n)$, $\delta^{i-1} \eta_{n-1} = \eta_{n-2} \delta^i$ $(0 < i \leq n-1)$, we can check

$\eta_{n-1}\theta_n\varepsilon^i = \eta_{n-1}\varepsilon^i\theta_{n-1}$, ($0 \leq i \leq n$). We get $\theta_n\varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i\theta_{n-1}$, since the both side are coalgebra maps. Similarly, we have $\eta_{n-2}\delta^i\theta_n = \eta_{n-2}\theta_{n-1}\delta^i$ and hence $\delta^i\theta_n = \theta_{n-1}\delta^i$, ($0 \leq i \leq n-1$). Q.E.D.

§ 3. Interpretation of $H^2(M, A)$

In this section, A is a coalgebra and M is a two sided A -comodule.

Definition 12. An augmented cosimplicial coalgebra E_* over A with a K -isomorphism $\tau: M \rightarrow \tilde{E}_2$ is called a two term extension of A by M , if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) E_* is acyclic,
- (2) E_r is the cosimplicial cokernel of $E_{r-2} \Rightarrow E_{r-1}$, for $r \geq 2$,
- (3) τ makes the following diagram commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\Delta_M^l + \Delta_M^r} & (A \otimes M) \oplus (M \otimes A) \\ \tau \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{cano.} \\ E_2 & \xrightarrow{((\varepsilon^1)^2 A_0 \otimes E_2) \oplus (E_2 \otimes (\varepsilon^1)^2 A_0)} & \\ \cap & & \cap \\ E_2 & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{E_2}} & E_2 \otimes E_2 \end{array}$$

Definition 13. Let (E_*, τ) and (E_*', τ') be two term extensions of A by M . A morphism $\phi_*: E_* \rightarrow E_*'$ is defined to be a morphism of augmented cosimplicial coalgebras such that $\tilde{\phi}_2 \tau = \tau'$.

If there exists a sequence of morphisms of extensions

$$(3.1) \quad E_*^0 \leftarrow E_*^1 \rightarrow E_*^2 \leftarrow E_*^3 \rightarrow \dots \leftarrow E_*^{2r-1} \rightarrow E_*^{2r}$$

then E_*^0 and E_*^{2r} are called to be equivalent, denoted by $E_*^0 \sim E_*^{2r}$.

Let A_* be an augmented cosimplicial coalgebra over A and $f: M \rightarrow A_n$ a normal coderivation n -cocycle. Denote by $B_* = A_* * M_*$ the coidealization.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Put } E_{n-1} &= \text{Ker}(t_n \varepsilon^0 p - f q) \\ &= \{a + m \mid a \in A_{n-1}, m \in M_{n-1}, t_n \varepsilon^0(a) = f(m)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $p: B_{n-1} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$, $q: B_{n-1} \rightarrow M_{n-1} = M$ are the canonical projections. Since $\varepsilon^i A_{n-2} \subset E_{n-1}$, ($0 \leq i \leq n-1$), we can define

$$E_n = \text{Cosimp coker}(A_{n-2} \Rightarrow E_{n-1}).$$

We shall show E_{n-1} is a subcoalgebra of B_{n-1} . If $a \in A_{n-1}$, $m \in M_{n-1}$ and $t_n \varepsilon^0(a) = f(m)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{A_n} t_n \varepsilon^0(a) &= \Delta_{A_n} f(m), \\ \Delta_{A_n} t_n \varepsilon^0(a) &= ((\varepsilon^1)^n \varepsilon \otimes f) \Delta_{M_{n-1}}^l(m) + (f \otimes (\varepsilon^1)^n \varepsilon) \Delta_{M_{n-1}}^r(m). \end{aligned}$$

Operating $t_n \otimes \delta^0$ on the both side of the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (t_n \varepsilon^0 \otimes 1) \Delta_{A_{n-1}}(a) &= (f \otimes (\varepsilon^1)^{n-1} \varepsilon) \Delta_{M_{n-1}}^r(m), \\ ((t_n \varepsilon^0 p - f q) \otimes 1) \Delta_{B_{n-1}}(a + m) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\Delta_{B_{n-1}}(a+m) \in E_{n-1} \otimes B_{n-1}$.

Symmetrically we get $\Delta_{B_{n-1}}(a+m) \in B_{n-1} \otimes E_{n-1}$, and hence

$$\Delta_{B_{n-1}}(a+m) \in (E_{n-1} \otimes B_{n-1}) \cap (B_{n-1} \otimes E_{n-1}) = E_{n-1} \otimes E_{n-1}.$$

By Proposition 4, E_n has the canonical (and unique) structure of a coalgebra. By Lemma 10, E_n is a submodule of B_n , therefore E_n is a subcoalgebra of B_n .

Define a map $\tau: M \rightarrow B_n = A_n \oplus M_n$ by

$$\tau(m) = f(m) + \tau'(m)$$

where $\tau': M \rightarrow B_n$ is the canonical coderivation. Since $d_{n+1}f(m) = 0$, $f(m) = d_n(a)$ for some $a \in A_{n-1}$, and therefore $\tau(m) = d_n(a+m)$. Hence $\tau(M) = \text{Im } \tilde{d}_n = \tilde{E}_n$.

Since $\tau': M \xrightarrow{\tau} B_n \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} M_n$ is a monomorphism, $\tau: M \rightarrow E_n$ is a monomorphism, and therefore $\tau: M \rightarrow E$ is an isomorphism. Denoting by $E(A_*, f)$ the cosimplicial coalgebra E_* defined as above and by $\theta_*: B_* \rightarrow A_*$ the canonical projection, we obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 14. *Let A_* be an acyclic augmented cosimplicial coalgebra over A , and $f: M \rightarrow A_n$ a normal coderivation n -cocycle. Then there exists an acyclic cosimplicial coalgebra $E(A_*, f)$ over A with a normal coderivation $\tau: M \rightarrow E(A_*, f)_n$ and a morphism $\sigma_*: E(A_*, f) \rightarrow A_*$ of cosimplicial coalgebra such that σ_k is an isomorphism for $k \leq n-2$, $f = \sigma_n \tau$ and $\tau: M \cong E(A_*, f)_n$.*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E(A_*, f)_0 & \Rightarrow & \cdots & \Rightarrow & E(A_*, f)_{n-2} & \Rightarrow & E(A_*, f)_{n-1} & \Rightarrow & E(A_*, f)_n \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \sigma_0 & & & & \sigma_{n-2} & & \sigma_{n-1} & & \sigma_n \\ A_0 & \Rightarrow & \cdots & \Rightarrow & A_{n-2} & \Rightarrow & A_{n-1} & \Rightarrow & A_n \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nwarrow \tau \\ \nearrow f \end{array} M$$

In particular, if $A_* = G_* A$ we write $E(A_*, f) = E(f)$, which we shall refer to as the standard n -term extension of A by M .

Proposition 15. *If two normal coderivation 2-cocycles f and f' are cohomologous, then $E(A_*, f) \sim E(A_*, f')$.*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & A_0 & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & E(A_*, f)_1 & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & E(A_*, f)_2 \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \downarrow \phi_1 & & \downarrow \phi_2 \\ A & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & A_0 & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & E(A_*, f')_1 & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad} & E(A_*, f')_2 \end{array}$$

Proof. If f and f' are cohomologous, there exists a normal coderivation $h: M \rightarrow A_1$ such that $f - f' = d_2 h$, and therefore $d_2 t_1(x - hm) = f(m) - d_2 h(m) = f'(m)$ for $(x, m) \in E(A_*, f)_1$. We can define a linear map $\phi_1: E(A_*, f)_1 \rightarrow E(A_*, f')_1$ by $\phi_1(x, m) = (x - hm, m)$. It is easy to see $\phi_1 \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i$, ($i=0, 1$) and $\delta^0 = \delta^0 \phi_1$. Next, we should prove that ϕ_1 is a coalgebra map. Let $p: A_1 * M \rightarrow A_1$, $q: A_1 * M \rightarrow M$ be projections, and let $i: A_1 \rightarrow A_1 * M$, $j: M \rightarrow A_1 * M$ be inclusions. Thus $\phi_1 = ip - ihq + iq$. Note that $\Delta_{A_1} h = (\varepsilon^1 \varepsilon \otimes h) \Delta_M^l + (h \otimes \varepsilon^1 \varepsilon) \Delta_M^r$,

$$\Delta_{E(A_*, -)_1} = \Delta_{A_1 * M} = (i \otimes i) \Delta_{A_1} p + (i \varepsilon^1 \varepsilon \otimes j) \Delta_M q + (j \otimes i \varepsilon^1 \varepsilon) \Delta_M r q.$$

By straightforward calculations, we obtain $(\phi_1 \otimes \phi_1) \Delta_{E(A_*, f)_1} = \Delta_{E(A_*, f')_1} \phi_1$.

The existence of a required morphism ϕ_2 follows from the universal property of cosimplicial cokernel (see proposition 4).

ϕ_1 is an isomorphism with the inverse $\phi_1^{-1}(x, m) = (x + hm, m)$ and hence ϕ_2 is also isomorphism. Especially ϕ_2 induces an isomorphism of $\widetilde{E}(A_*, f)_2$ and $\widetilde{E}(A_*, f')_2$. Q.E.D.

Proposition 16. *If E_* is a two term extension of A by M , then there exists a normal coderivation 2-cocycle $f: M \rightarrow G_2 A$ and a morphism of extension $\phi_*: E_* \rightarrow E(f)$.*

Proof. By Proposition 11 there is a morphism $\theta_*: E_* \rightarrow G_* A$ of augmented cosimplicial coalgebras. Using a normal coderivation 2-cocycle $\tau: M \rightarrow E_2$ in Definition 12 we put $f = \theta_2 \tau$, which is also a normal coderivation 2-cocycle. Let $\sigma = \tau^{-1} t_2 \varepsilon^0: E_1 \rightarrow M$, then $t_2 \varepsilon^0 \theta_1 = \theta_2 t_2 \varepsilon^0 = f \sigma$ and we get a linear map $\phi_1 = \theta_1 + \sigma: E_1 \rightarrow E(f)_1 \subset G_1 A * M$.

It follows from Definition 12 that $(1 \otimes t_2) \Delta_{E_2} \tau = (\varepsilon^0 \varepsilon \otimes \tau) \Delta_M^l$.

$$(\varepsilon^0 \otimes t_2 \varepsilon^0) \Delta_{E_1} = (1 \otimes t_2) \Delta_{E_2} t_2 \varepsilon^0 = (\varepsilon^0 \varepsilon \otimes \tau) \Delta_M^l \sigma.$$

Operating $\delta^0 \otimes \tau^{-1}$, we get $(1 \otimes \sigma) \Delta_{E_1} = (\varepsilon \otimes 1) \Delta_M^l \sigma$. Similarly we get $(\sigma \otimes 1) \Delta_{E_1} = (1 \otimes \varepsilon) \Delta_M^r \sigma$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi_1 \otimes \phi_1) \Delta_{E_1} &= (\theta_1 \otimes \theta_1 + \theta_1 \otimes \sigma + \sigma \otimes \theta_1 + \sigma \otimes \sigma) \Delta_{E_1} \\ &= \Delta_{G_1 A} \theta_1 + (\theta_1 \varepsilon \otimes 1) \Delta_M^l \sigma + (1 \otimes \theta_1 \varepsilon) \Delta_M^r \sigma \\ &= \Delta_{G_1 A * M} (\theta_1 + \sigma) \\ &= \Delta_{E(f)_1} \phi_1. \end{aligned}$$

Namely ϕ_1 is a coalgebra map. Let $\phi_0 = \theta_0$, then it is easy to see $\phi_1 \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i \phi_0$ for $i=0, 1$ and $\delta^0 \phi_1 = \phi_0 \delta^0$. Therefore we obtain a coalgebra map ϕ_2 such that $\phi_2 \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon^i \phi_1$, $(0 \leq i \leq 2)$ and $\delta^i \phi_2 = \phi_1 \delta^i$, $(0 \leq i \leq 1)$. ϕ_2 induces an isomorphism of \widetilde{E}_2 onto $\widetilde{E}(f)_2$ by the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \sigma & & \\ & & \curvearrowright & & \\ & \tilde{E}_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \tilde{E}(f)_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{proj.}} M \\ & \downarrow \tilde{d}_2 & & \downarrow \tilde{d}_2 & \\ M & \xrightarrow[\tau]{\cong} E_2 & \xrightarrow{\phi_2} & E(f)_2 & \xrightarrow[\cong]{} M. \end{array}$$

Q.E.D.

Proposition 17. *If $\phi_*: E_* \rightarrow E(f)$ and $\phi'_*: E_* \rightarrow E(f')$ are morphisms from a two term extension of A by M to the standard two term extensions of A by M , then f and f' are cohomologous.*

Proof. By Proposition 16, we get the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
A & \longrightarrow & E_0 & \rightleftarrows & E_1 & \rightleftarrows & E_2 \\
\parallel & & \downarrow \phi_0 & & \downarrow \phi_1 & & \downarrow \phi_2 \\
A & \longrightarrow & G_0 A & \rightleftarrows & E(f)_1 & \rightleftarrows & E(f)_2 \\
\parallel & & \parallel & & \downarrow \sigma_1 & & \downarrow \sigma_2 \\
A & \longrightarrow & G_0 A & \rightleftarrows & G_1 A & \rightleftarrows & G_2 A \\
\parallel & & \parallel & & \uparrow \sigma'_1 & & \uparrow \sigma'_2 \\
A & \longrightarrow & G_0 A & \rightleftarrows & E(f')_1 & \rightleftarrows & E(f')_2 \\
\parallel & & \uparrow \phi_0 & & \uparrow \phi'_1 & & \uparrow \phi'_2 \\
A & \longrightarrow & E_0 & \rightleftarrows & E_1 & \rightleftarrows & E_2
\end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \tau \\ M \\ \nwarrow f \\ \nearrow f' \\ M \\ \nwarrow \tau \end{array}$

Put $\theta_i = \sigma_i \phi_i$ and $\theta'_i = \sigma'_i \phi'_i$, ($1 \leq i \leq 2$), since $E_2 = \text{Cosimp coker}(E_0 \Rightarrow E_1)$ and the morphisms

$$E_0 \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0, \varepsilon^1)} E_1 \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon^0 \theta_0 \delta^0, \theta'_1, \theta_1)} G_1 A$$

satisfies the cosimplicial relations, we have a coalgebra map $\omega: E_2 \rightarrow G_1 A$ such that $(\omega \varepsilon^0, \omega \varepsilon^1, \omega \varepsilon^2) = (\varepsilon^0 \theta_0 \delta^0, \theta'_1, \theta_1)$. Put $\gamma = t_1(\theta'_1 \delta^0 - \delta^0 \theta_2 - \omega + \delta^1 \theta_2)$, then $d_2 \gamma \varepsilon^i = t_2(\theta'_2 - \theta_2) \varepsilon^i$, ($0 \leq i \leq 2$), hence $d_2 \gamma = t_2(\theta'_2 - \theta_2)$ and $d_2 \gamma \tau = t_2 f' - t_2 f = f' - f$. Since γ is a linear combination of coalgebra maps and τ is a coderivation, so $h = \gamma \tau$ is a coderivation, and since $\delta^0 h = \delta^0 \gamma \tau = 0$, h is normal. Therefore we proved $f - f' = d_2 h$. Q.E.D.

Proposition 18. *If $E(f) \sim E(f')$, then f and f' are cohomologous.*

Proof. If $E(f) \sim E(f')$, there exists a sequence (3.1) of morphisms of extensions with $E_*^0 = E(f)$, $E_*^{2r} = E(f')$. By Proposition 16 there are normal coderivation 2-cocycles f_i and morphisms of extensions $E_*^{2i} \rightarrow E(f_i)$, ($1 \leq i \leq r$).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& E_*^1 & & \dots & & E_*^{2r-1} & \\
& \swarrow & \searrow & & \swarrow & \searrow & \\
E(f) & & E_*^2 & & E_*^{2r-2} & & E(f') \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
& & E(f_1) & & E(f_{r-1}) & &
\end{array}$$

Therefore f and f' are cohomologous by Proposition 17. Q.E.D.

Theorem. *Let $H^2(M, A)$ be the second cosimplicial cohomology of a coalgebra A with a coefficient comodule M and $Ex^2(M, A)$ the set of all equivalence classes of two term extensions of A by M . Then there is a bijection between $Ex^2(M, A)$ and $H^2(M, A)$.*

Proof. Let $[f]$ denote the cohomology class containing f , and $[E(f)]$ the equivalence class of $E(f)$. Then from Proposition 15 we can define a map

$$\Phi: [f] \mapsto [E(f)]: H^2(M, A) \rightarrow Ex^2(M, A).$$

By Proposition 16, we see that Φ is a surjection, and Φ is an injection by Pro-

position 18. Hence Φ is a bijection.

Q.E.D.

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