

# Homological Perturbation Theorem and Eilenberg-Zilber vector field

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$R =$  Unitary ring

$\varepsilon, \varphi, \psi, \beta \in R$  with  $\varepsilon$  invertible.

Gauss discussion of (1) + (2):

$$(1) \quad \varepsilon x + \varphi y = a$$

$$(2) \quad \psi x + \beta y = b$$

$$(2) - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}(1) \Rightarrow$$

$$(2') \quad (\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi)y = (b - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}a)$$

$\Rightarrow$  (1) + (2) has a solution  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$(\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi) \mid (b - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}a) \Rightarrow y = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \varepsilon^{-1}a - \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi y$$

Matrix translation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \end{pmatrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} x + \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi y \\ y \end{pmatrix}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ -\psi\varepsilon^{-1}a + b \end{pmatrix}}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(x + \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi y) &= a \\ (\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi)y &= (b - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}a) \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$(\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi) \mid (b - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}a) \Rightarrow \dots$$

Diagram translation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \\
 & \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} & \\
 R^2 & & R^2 \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \\
 \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix} \downarrow & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \end{pmatrix} \\
 R^2 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0 \\ \psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & R^2 \\
 & \begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} & \\
 & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -0 \\ -\psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & 
 \end{array}$$

Combined with an obvious reduction:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 R^2 & \xleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & R^2 & \xleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & R \\
 & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix} & & h = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \end{pmatrix} & & (\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi) \\
 & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 R^2 & \xleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & R^2 & \xleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & R \\
 & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

⇒

$\Rightarrow$  Canonical **reduction** induced by  $\varepsilon$  invertible

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & g = \begin{pmatrix} -\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 R^2 & & R \\
 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 & & f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & (\beta - \psi\varepsilon^{-1}\varphi) \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & R \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & R \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 R^2 & & R \\
 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 & & f = \begin{pmatrix} -\psi\varepsilon^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$h = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
 $\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix}$

The same is valid with

$$R^2 = R \oplus R \text{ replaced by } A_n \oplus B_n = C_n$$

$$\text{or by } A_{n-1} \oplus B_{n-1} = C_{n-1}$$

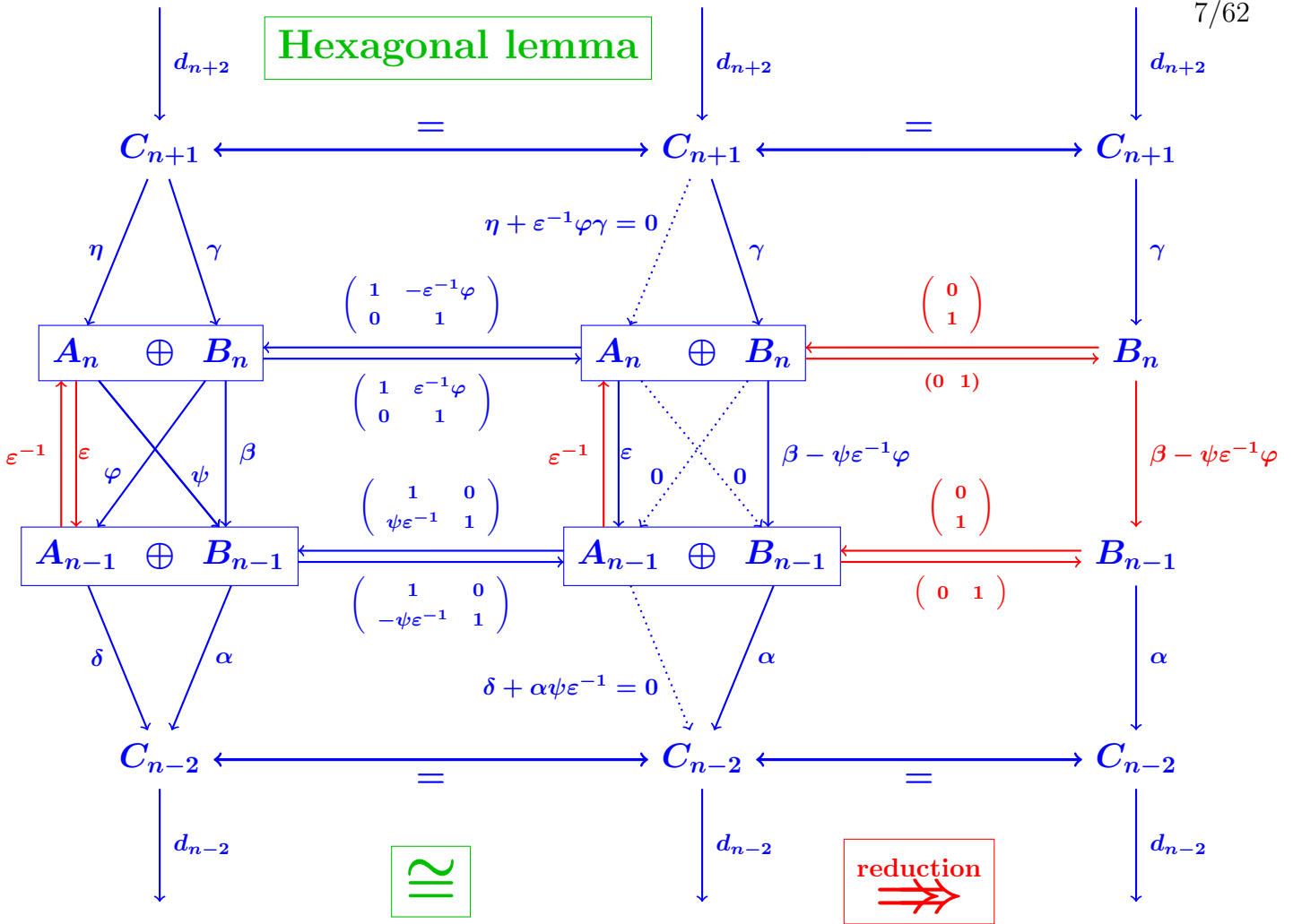
and:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & \varphi \\ \psi & \beta \end{pmatrix} : A_n \oplus B_n \rightarrow A_{n-1} \oplus B_{n-1}$$

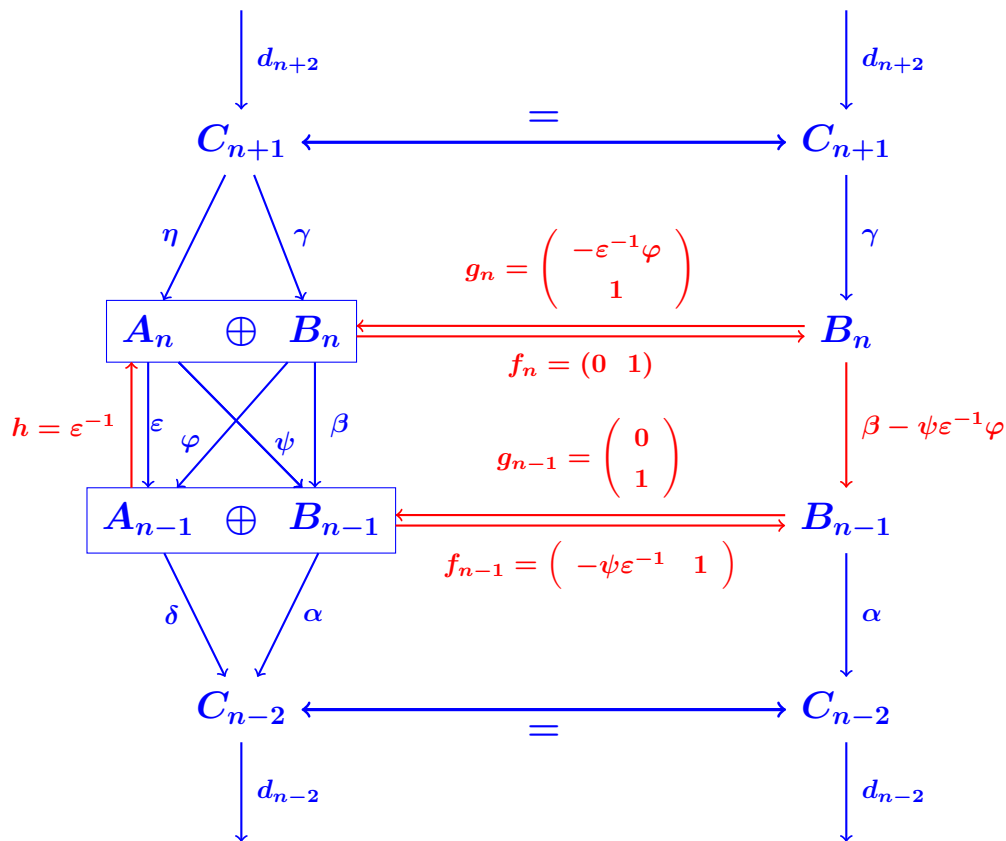
with  $\varepsilon : A_n \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  isomorphism.

$\Rightarrow$  Hexagonal lemma.

Hexagonal lemma

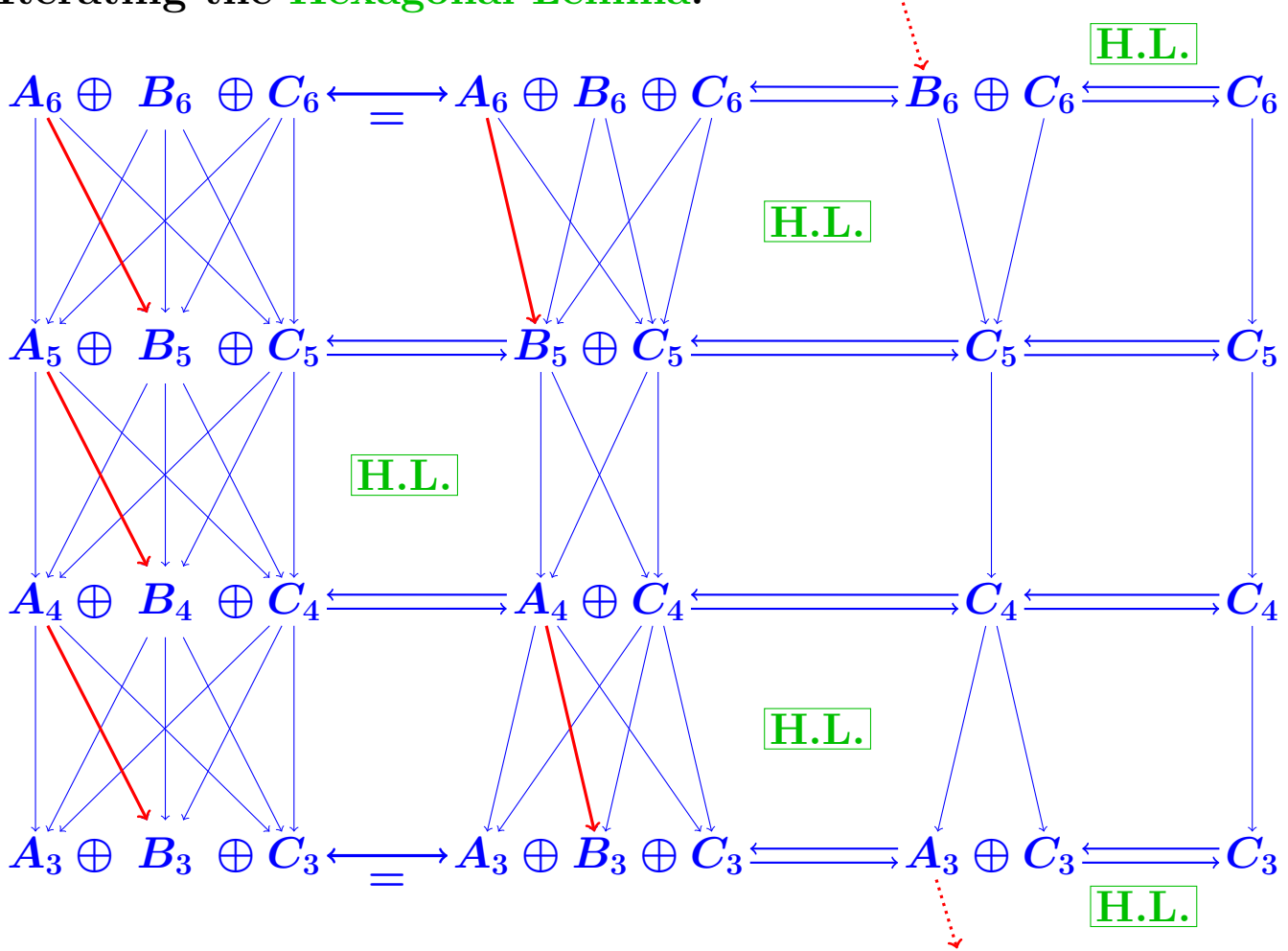






Hexagonal lemma

# Iterating the Hexagonal Lemma:

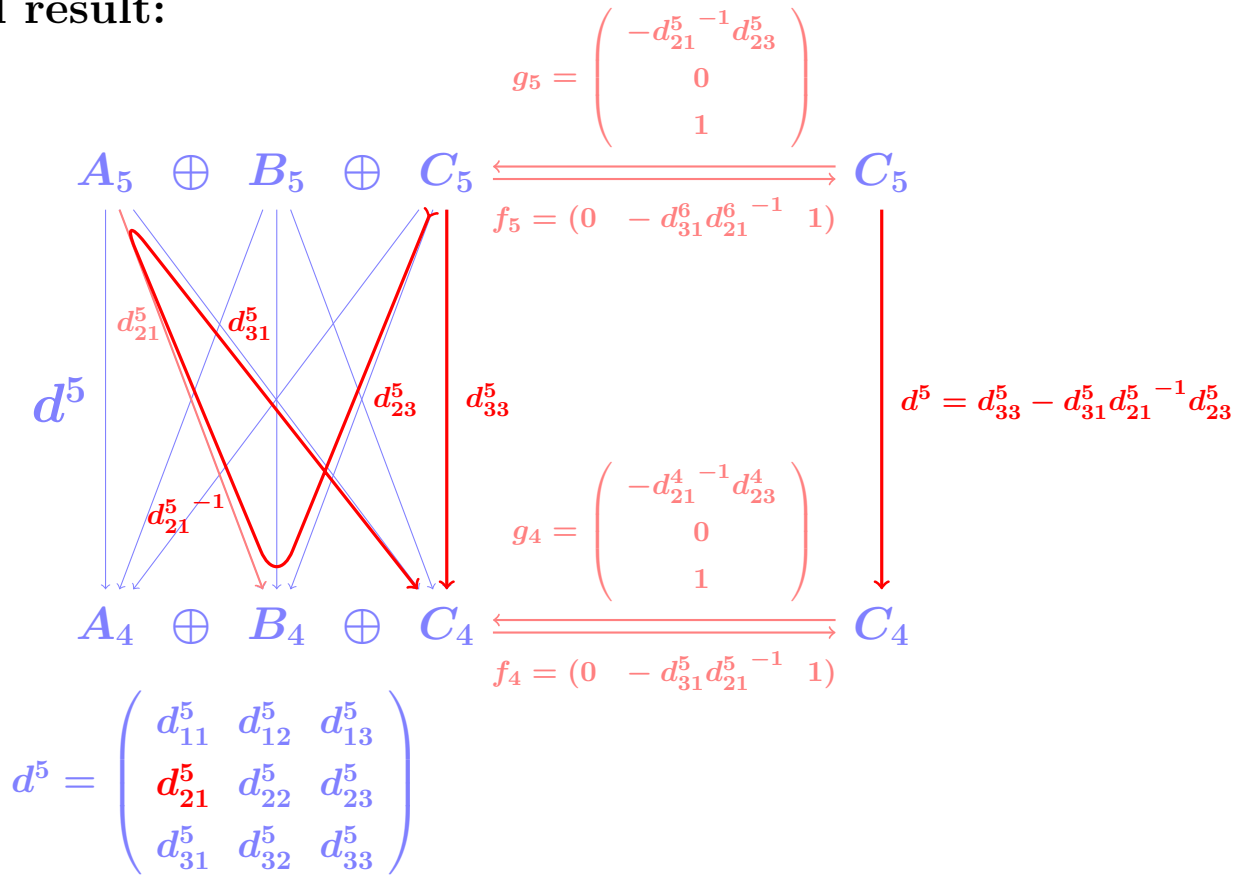


Final result:

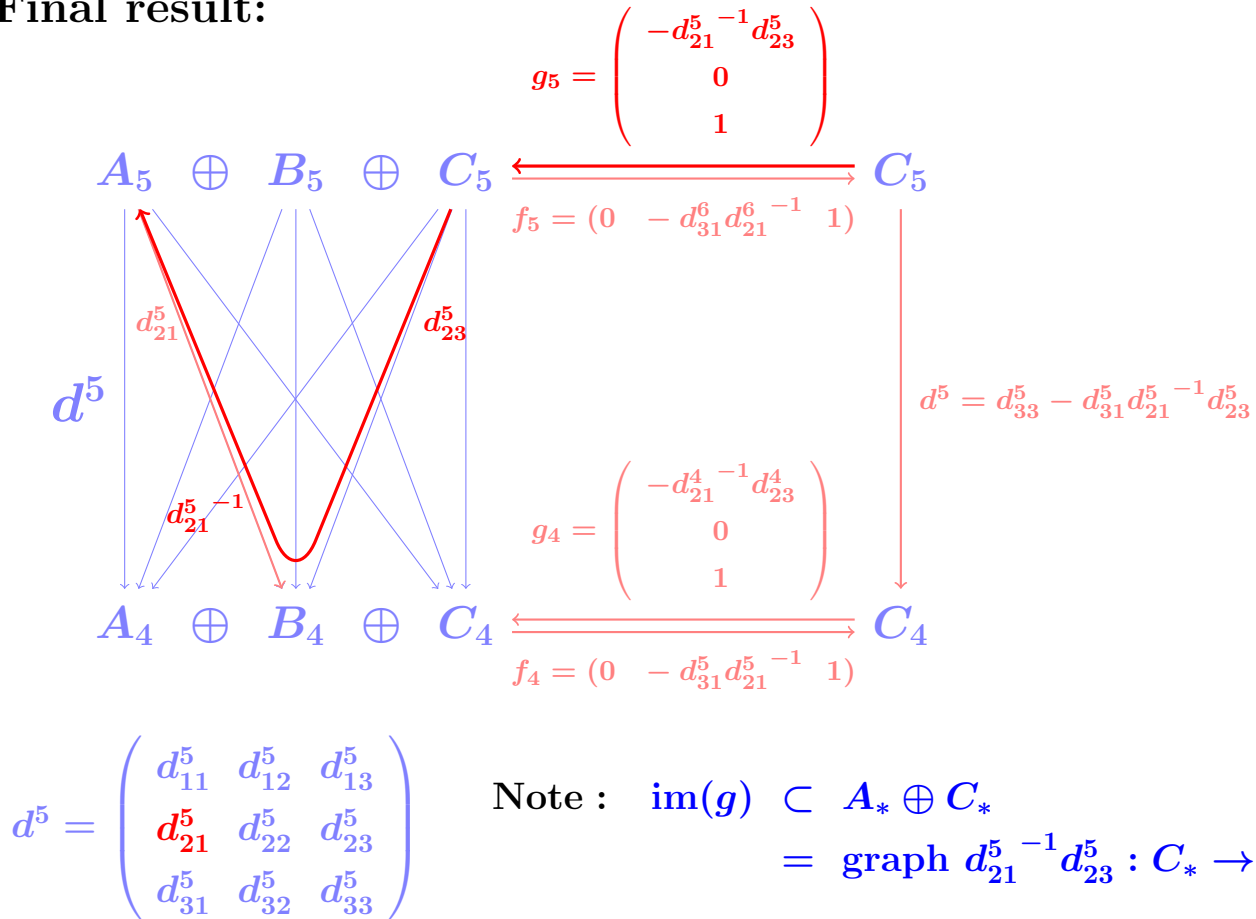
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A_5 & \oplus & B_5 & \oplus & C_5 \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 A_4 & \oplus & B_4 & \oplus & C_4
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \xleftarrow{g_5} C_5 \\
 f_5 = (0 \quad -d_{31}^6 d_{21}^{6-1} \quad 1) \\
 \xrightarrow{g_4} C_4 \\
 f_4 = (0 \quad -d_{31}^5 d_{21}^{5-1} \quad 1)
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \downarrow d^5 = d_{33}^5 - d_{31}^5 d_{21}^{5-1} d_{23}^5
 \end{array}$$

$$d^5 = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11}^5 & d_{12}^5 & d_{13}^5 \\ d_{21}^5 & d_{22}^5 & d_{23}^5 \\ d_{31}^5 & d_{32}^5 & d_{33}^5 \end{pmatrix}$$

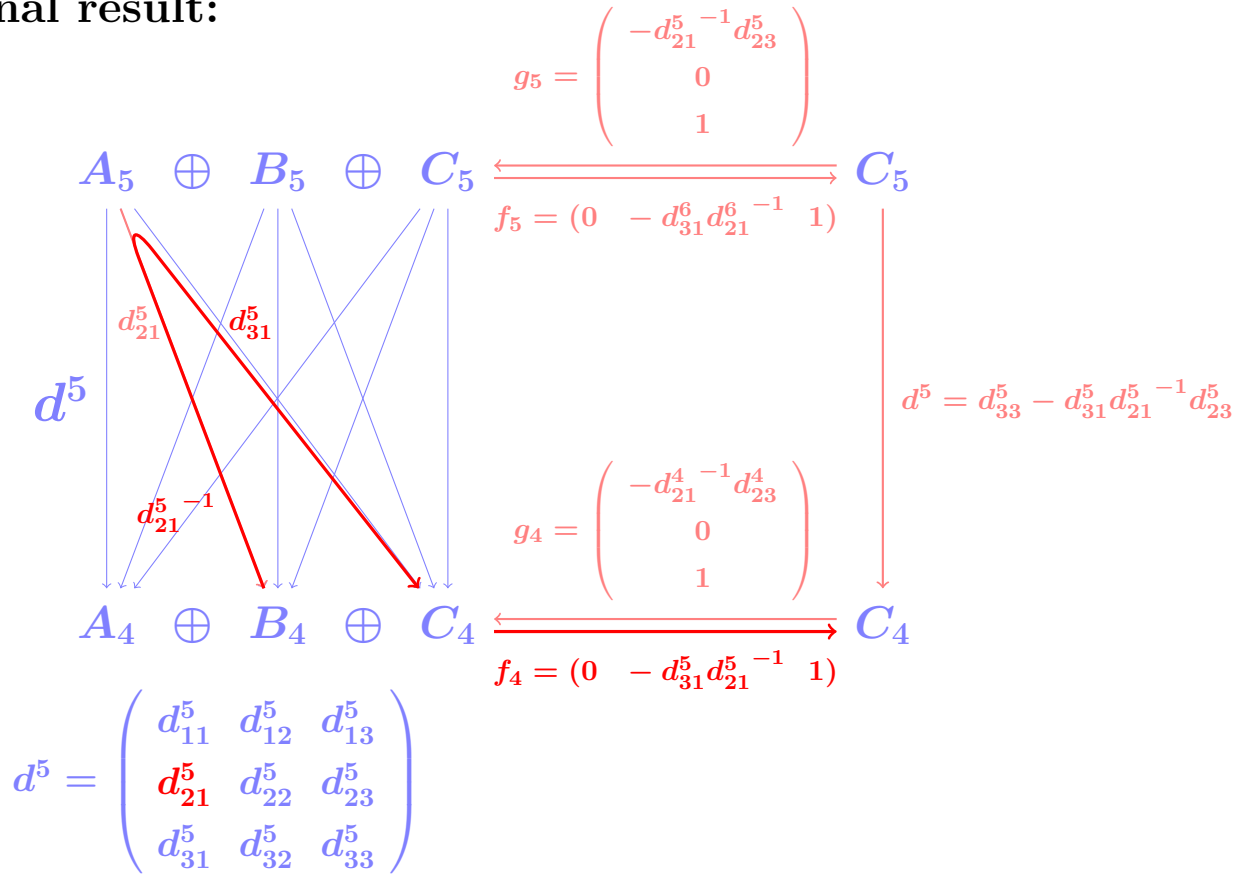
Final result:



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## Global Hexagonal Theorem:

Input: A chain complex  $(C_*, d_*)$

with for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  a decomposition:

$$C_n = C_n^1 \oplus C_n^2 \oplus C_n^3 \quad d_n = \begin{pmatrix} d_{n,11} & d_{n,12} & d_{n,13} \\ \mathbf{d}_{n,21} & d_{n,22} & d_{n,23} \\ d_{n,31} & d_{n,32} & d_{n,33} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\mathbf{d}_{n,21} : C_n^1 \rightarrow C_{n-1}^2$  isomorphism  $\forall n$ .

Output: A canonical reduction:

$$(C_*, d_*) = (C_*^1 \oplus C_*^2 \oplus C_*^3, d_*) \Rightarrow (C_*^3, d'_*)$$

Application: **Basic Perturbation Lemma (BPL)**

Definition:  $(C_*, d) =$  given chain complex.

A **perturbation**  $\delta : C_* \rightarrow C_{*-1}$  is an operator of degree -1

satisfying  $(d + \delta)^2 = 0$  ( $\Leftrightarrow (d\delta + \delta d + \delta^2) = 0$ ):

$$(C_*, d) + (\delta) \mapsto (C_*, d + \delta).$$

Let  $\rho : h \hookrightarrow (\widehat{C}_*, \widehat{d}_*) \xrightleftharpoons[f]{g} (C_*, d_*)$  be a given reduction

and  $\widehat{\delta}$  a **perturbation** of  $\widehat{d}$

satisfying  $h\widehat{\delta}$  **pointwise nilpotent**.

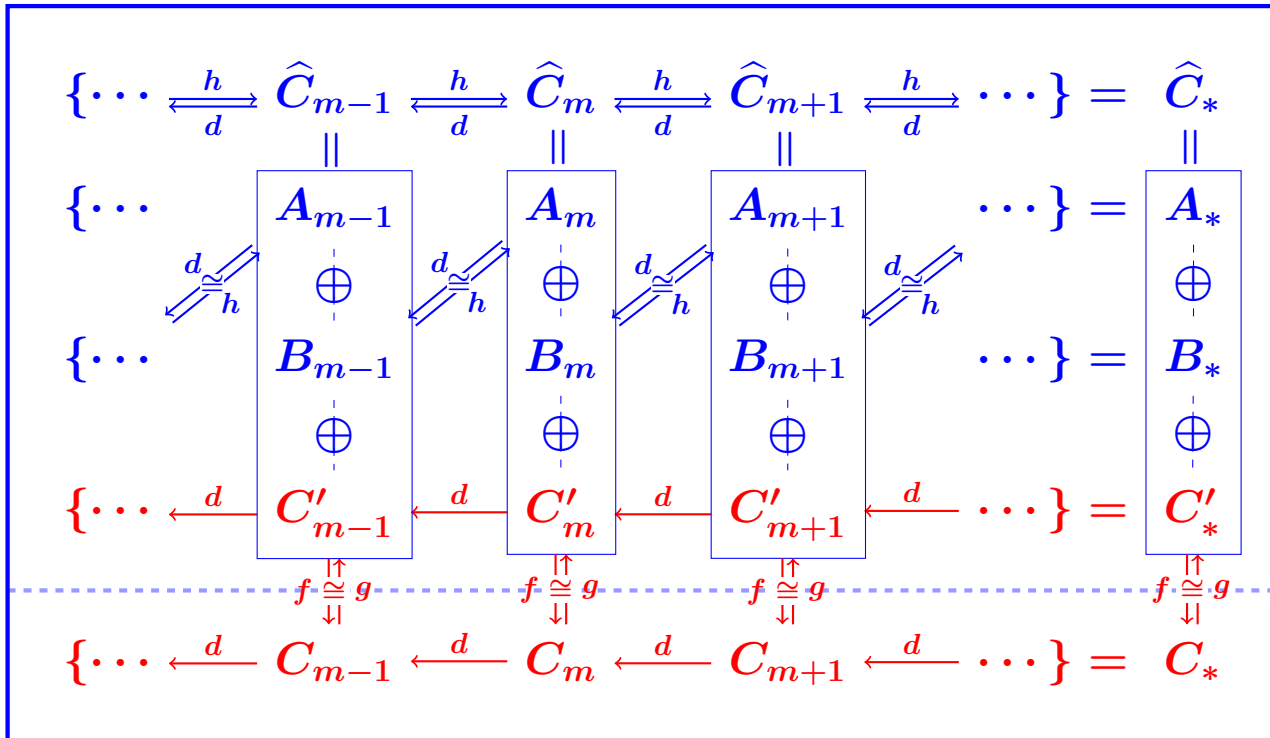
Theorem: The **BPL** determines a **new reduction**:

$$\rho' : h + \delta_h \hookrightarrow (\widehat{C}_*, \widehat{d}_* + \widehat{\delta}_*) \xrightleftharpoons[f + \delta_f]{g + \delta_g} (C_*, d_* + \delta_{d_*})$$

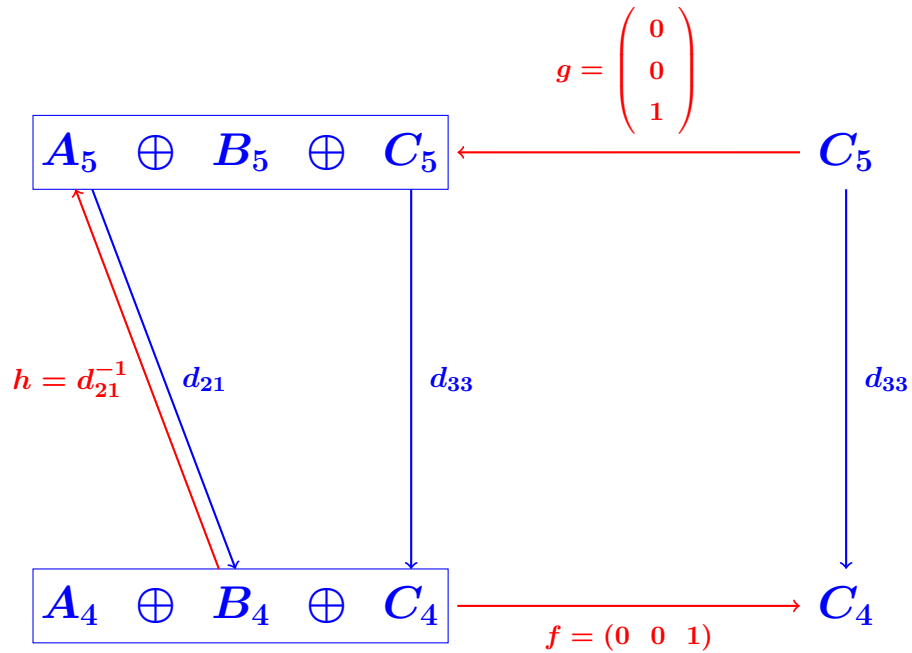


Proof:

Reduction Diagram:

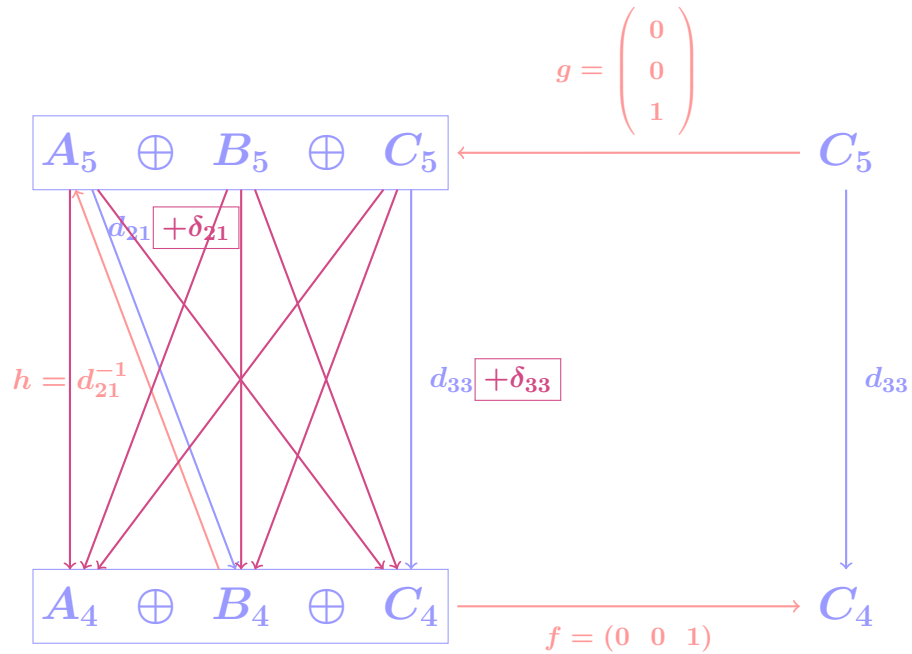


Main part:



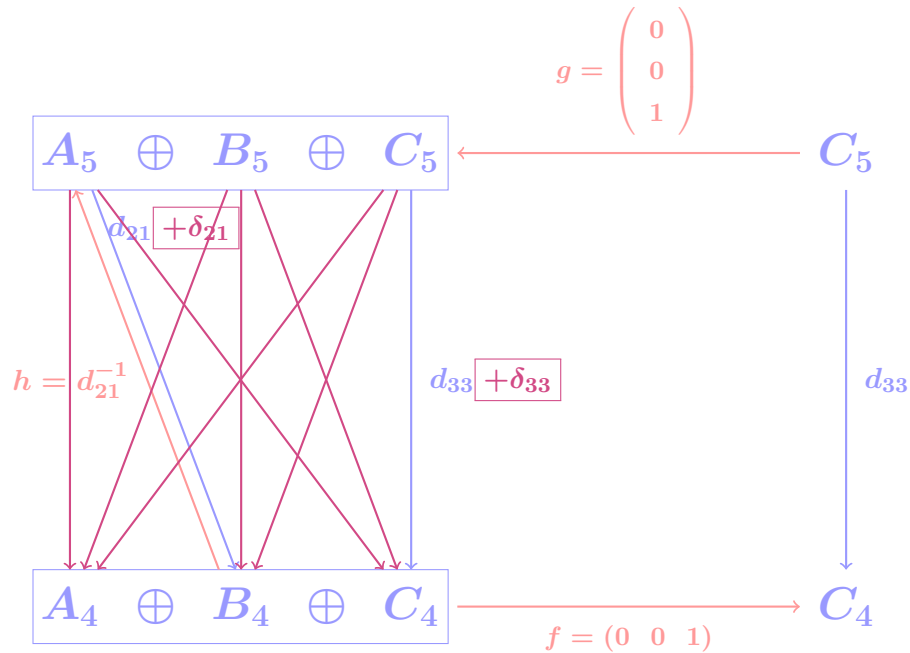
with  $d_{21} = \text{isomorphism}$ .

$$\text{Perturbation} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{11} & \delta_{12} & \delta_{13} \\ \delta_{21} & \delta_{22} & \delta_{23} \\ \delta_{31} & \delta_{32} & \delta_{33} \end{pmatrix} :$$



Question:  $(d_{21} + \delta_{21})$  again isomorphism?

(applying the **Global Hexagonal Theorem** possible ?)



But  $d_{21}$  invertible with  $d_{21}h = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$d_{21} + \delta_{21} = d_{21} + d_{21}h\delta_{21} = d_{21}(1 + h\delta_{21})$$

$\Rightarrow d_{21} + \delta_{21}$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow (1 + h\delta_{21})$  invertible.

A sufficient condition is  $h\delta_{21}$  nilpotent, in which case:

$$(1 + h\delta_{21})^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (h\delta_{21})^i$$

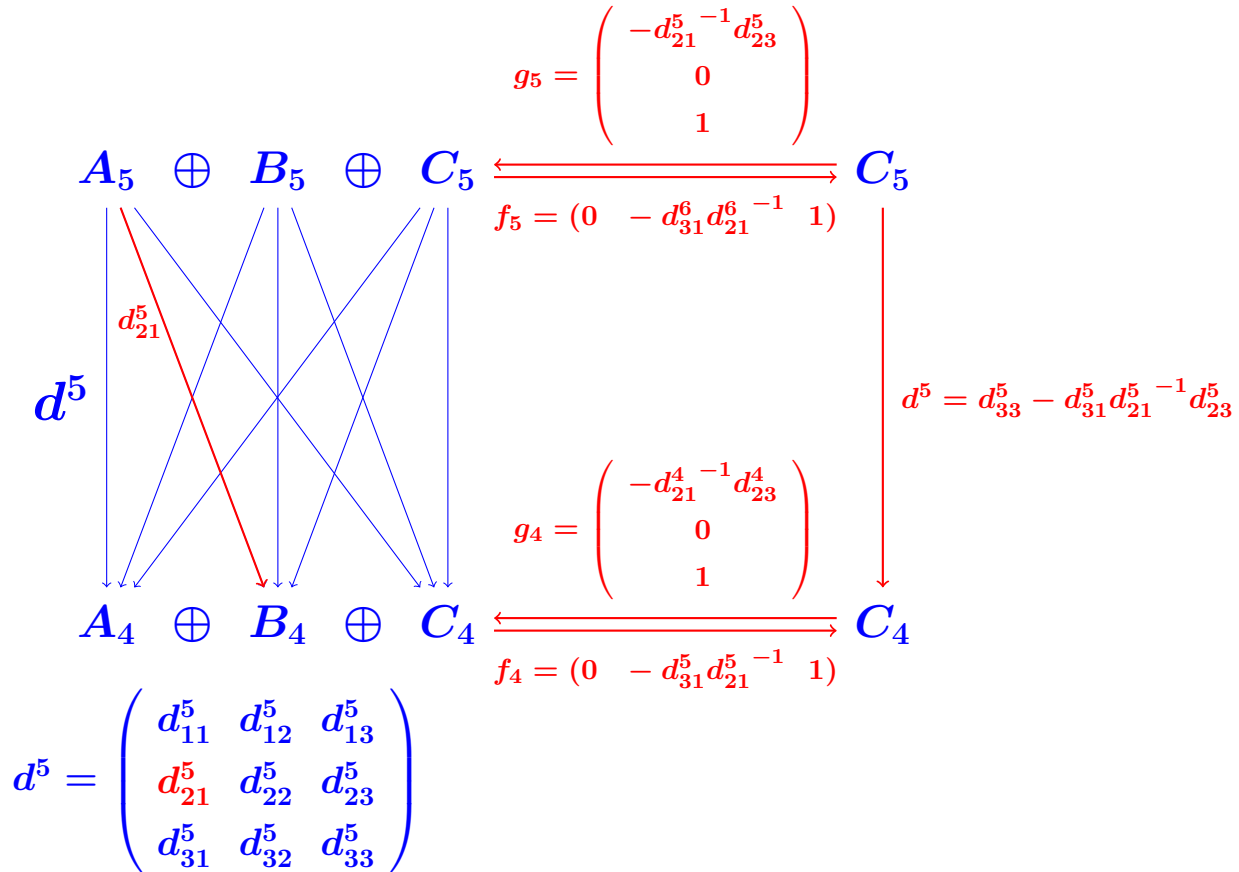
Then:

$$(d_{21} + \delta_{21})^{-1} =: h' := \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (h\delta_{21})^i \right) h$$

Remark:

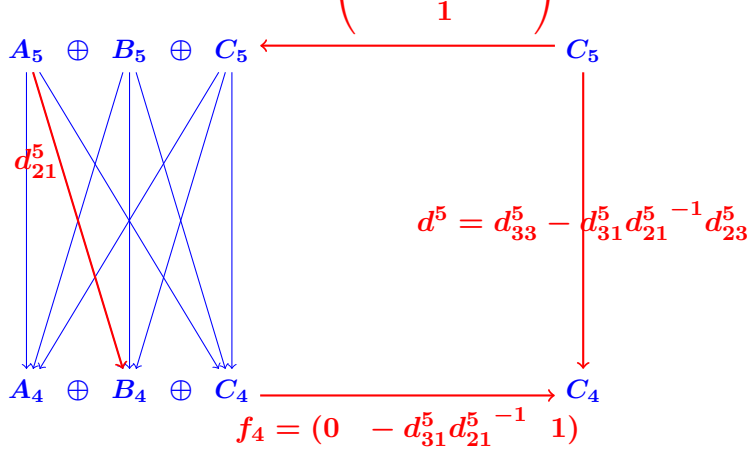
$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (h\delta_{21})^i \right) h = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (h\delta)^i \right) h$$

# Global Hexagonal Theorem:

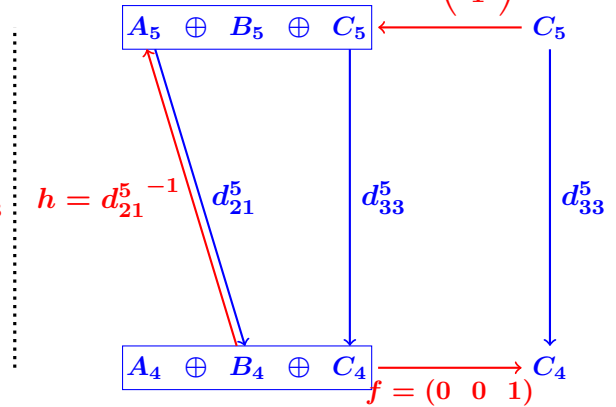


Applying to our situation:

**G.H.L.**  $g_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{21}^{5-1} d_{23}^5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



Before perturbation:  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



$$d_{21}^5 \mapsto d_{21}^5 + \delta_{21}^5$$

$$d_{21}^{5-1} \mapsto h' = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (h\delta)^i \right) h$$

$$g_5 \mapsto (1 - h'\delta)g$$

$$f_4 \mapsto f(1 - \delta h')$$

$$\begin{aligned} d^5 &\mapsto (d_{33}^5 + \delta_{33}^5) - f\delta h'\delta g \\ &= d_{33}^5 + f\delta g - f\delta h'\delta g \end{aligned}$$

= **Basic Perturbation Lemma**

**QED**

## Application to Vector Fields.

$(C_*, d_*, \beta_*) =$  Cellular chain complex.

$V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I} =$  Admissible discrete vector field.

$\Rightarrow$  Canonical reduction:

$$(C_*, d_*, \beta_*) \Rightarrow (C_*^c, d_*^c, \beta_*^c)$$

on the critical chain complex  $C_*^c$ :

$$\rho : \boxed{h \hookrightarrow (C_*, d_*) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{g} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} (C_*^c, d_*^c)}$$

Forman's Morse subcomplex  $= g(C_*^c) \subset C_*$



Definition: **Incidence number**  $\varepsilon(\sigma, \tau) :=$  coefficient of  $\sigma$  in  $d\tau$ .

Remark:  $V$  vector field  $\Rightarrow \varepsilon(\sigma, \tau)$  invertible if  $(\sigma, \tau) \in V$ .

Definition: The **gradient**  $v$

associated to the vector field  $V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I}$

is the **codifferential**  $v_* : C_* \rightarrow C_{*+1}$  defined by:

$$v(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon(\sigma, \tau)^{-1} \tau & \text{if } (\sigma, \tau) \in V, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition: The **cogradient**  $v^{-1}$

associated to the vector field  $V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I}$

is the **differential**  $v_*^{-1} : C_* \rightarrow C_{*-1}$  defined by:

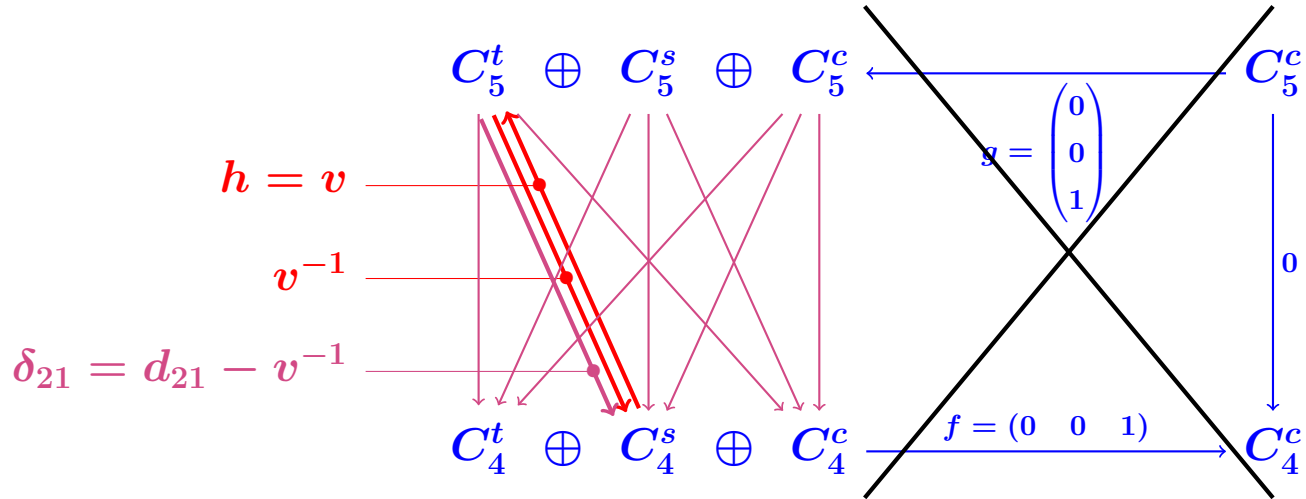
$$v^{-1}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon(\sigma, \tau) \sigma & \text{if } (\sigma, \tau) \in V, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Applying the BPL.

Initial situation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_5^t \oplus C_5^s \oplus C_5^c & \xleftarrow{g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} & C_5^c \\
 \begin{array}{c} \swarrow v^{-1} \\ \cong \\ \searrow v = h \end{array} & & \downarrow 0 \\
 C_4^t \oplus C_4^s \oplus C_4^c & \xrightarrow{f = (0 \quad 0 \quad 1)} & C_4^c
 \end{array}$$

Restoring the differential  $d$  of  $C_*$ :



$$d_{21} = v^{-1} + (d_{21} - v^{-1}) = v^{-1} + \delta_{21}$$

But  $h \delta_{21} = v(d_{21} - v^{-1})$  nilpotent ???

Examining:  $\xrightarrow{v} \xrightarrow{d_{21}-v^{-1}} \xrightarrow{v} \xrightarrow{d_{21}-v^{-1}} \xrightarrow{v} \xrightarrow{d_{21}-v^{-1}} \xrightarrow{v} \dots$

1. Starting cell =  $\sigma \in C_4^s$ .
2.  $v(\sigma) = \varepsilon(\sigma, \tau)^{-1}\tau \sim$  target cell associated by  $v$ .
3.  $v^{-1}(\varepsilon(\sigma, \tau)^{-1}\tau) = \sigma$   
 $\Rightarrow (d_{21} - v^{-1})(\tau) = \text{Comb. of \{sources faces of } \tau \neq \sigma \}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  beginning all the  $V$ -paths starting from  $\sigma$ .
4.  $v \Rightarrow$  trying to extend  $V$ -paths.
5.  $(d_{21} - v^{-1})(\tau) \Rightarrow$  trying to extend  $V$ -paths.
6. ....

$\Rightarrow \delta_{21}h$  nilpotent  $\Leftrightarrow V$  admissible.

Remember :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A_5 & \oplus & B_5 & \oplus & C_5 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A_4 & \oplus & B_4 & \oplus & C_4
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \xleftrightarrow{g_5} C_5 \\
 \xleftrightarrow{f_5} C_5 \\
 \downarrow d^5 = d_{33}^5 - d_{31}^5 d_{21}^{5-1} d_{23}^5 \\
 \xleftrightarrow{g_4} C_4 \\
 \xleftrightarrow{f_4} C_4
 \end{array}$$

$d^5 = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11}^5 & d_{12}^5 & d_{13}^5 \\ d_{21}^5 & d_{22}^5 & d_{23}^5 \\ d_{31}^5 & d_{32}^5 & d_{33}^5 \end{pmatrix}$

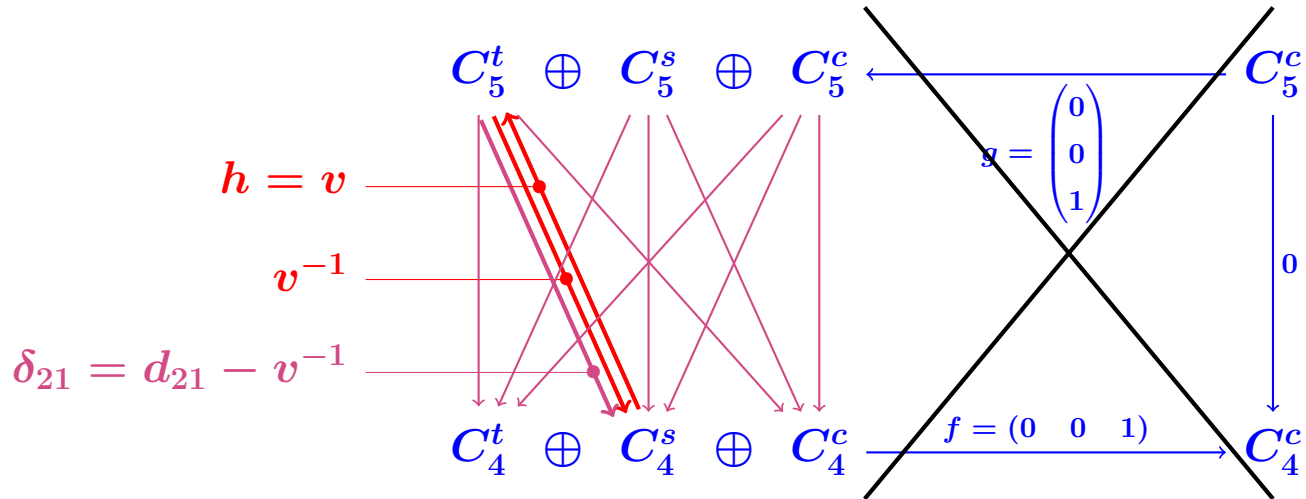
$g_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{21}^{5-1} d_{23}^5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$f_5 = (0 \quad -d_{31}^6 d_{21}^{6-1} \quad 1)$

$g_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{21}^{4-1} d_{23}^4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$f_4 = (0 \quad -d_{31}^5 d_{21}^{5-1} \quad 1)$

Applying in our situation  $\Rightarrow$

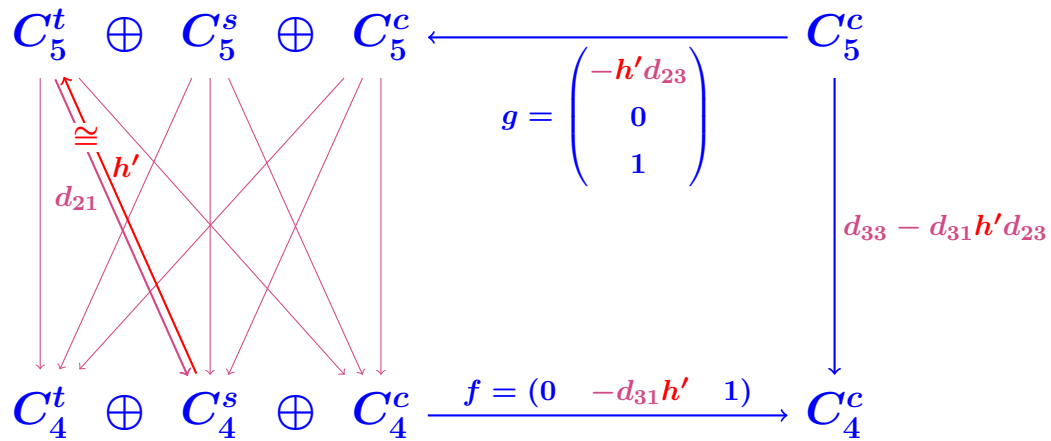


$$h \mapsto h' = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i (v\delta_{21})^i \right) v \quad \text{and}$$

Initial situation:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C_5^t \oplus C_5^s \oplus C_5^c & \xleftarrow{g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}} & C_5^c & & \\
 \swarrow v^{-1} \cong v = h & & \downarrow 0 & & \\
 C_4^t \oplus C_4^s \oplus C_4^c & \xrightarrow{f = (0 \ 0 \ 1)} & C_4^c & & 
 \end{array}$$

Final situation:





## Forman's Morse Subcomplex.

Theorem:  $(C_*, d, \beta_*) = \text{cellular complex.}$

$$V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in I} =$$

admissible discrete vector field on  $C_*$ .

$\rho = (f, g, h) : C_* \Rightarrow C_*^c$  the induced reduction.

Then  $\ker(dh + hd) = \ker(dv + vd) = \text{im}(g)$

is Forman's Morse subcomplex  $C_*^{\text{inv}}$ .

Forman's definition:  $C_*^{\text{inv}} := \{\sigma \text{ st } (1 - dv - vd)(\sigma) = \sigma\}.$

Proposition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(\sigma) &= v(\sigma) - h\delta_{21}v(\sigma) \\
 &= v(\sigma) - h(d_{21} - v^{-1})v(\sigma) \\
 &= v(\sigma) - h(d - v^{-1})v(\sigma) \\
 hdv(\sigma) &= v(\sigma)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: For a source cell  $\sigma$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(\sigma) &= v(\sigma) - v\delta_{21}v(\sigma) + v\delta_{21}v\delta_{21}v(\sigma) - \dots \\
 &= v(\sigma) - (v - v\delta_{21}v + \dots)\delta_{21}v(\sigma) \\
 &= v(\sigma) - h\delta_{21}v(\sigma)
 \end{aligned}$$

+ Everything null for  $\sigma$  target or critical cell  $\Rightarrow$

**QED**

Proof of Theorem:

$$\sigma \in \ker(dv + vd)$$

$$\Rightarrow dv\sigma + vd\sigma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow hdv\sigma + hvd\sigma = 0$$

$$hv = 0 \Rightarrow hdv\sigma = 0$$

$$hdv = v \Rightarrow v\sigma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow vd\sigma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow dh\sigma + hd\sigma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \in \ker(dh + hd)$$

$$= \text{im}(g)$$

Conversely:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma \in \ker(dh + hd) \\ \Rightarrow & \sigma = g(\chi) \\ \Rightarrow & \sigma \text{ made of target and critical cells} \\ dg = gd^c \Rightarrow & d\sigma = g(\chi) \\ \Rightarrow & d\sigma \text{ made of target and critical cells} \\ \Rightarrow & dv\sigma + vd\sigma = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \sigma \in \ker(dv + vd) \end{aligned}$$

Finally:

$$\ker(dv + vd) = \ker(dh + hd)$$

**QED**

## Vector Fields and Morphisms

Problem: Let  $C_*$  and  $C'_*$  be two cellular chain complexes respectively provided with vector fields  $V$  and  $V'$ .

Question: Right notion

of morphism  $\varphi : (C_*, V) \rightarrow (C'_*, V')$  ???

1. Not trivial.
2. Essential to master the Eilenberg-Zilber vector fields.
3. Quite amazing !!

Definition: A **cellular** morphism:

$$\varphi : (C_*, d_*, \beta_*) \rightarrow (C'_*, d'_*, \beta'_*)$$

is a chain complex morphism  $\varphi : (C_*, d_*) \rightarrow (C'_*, d'_*)$

satisfying the **extra condition:**

For every  $p$ -cell  $\sigma \in \beta_p$ ,

$\varphi(\sigma)$  is **null** or  $\in \beta'_p$ .

$(C_*, d, \beta, V)$  and  $(C'_*, d', \beta', V')$   
 = cellular chain complexes

with respective admissible discrete vector fields  $V$  and  $V'$ .

Definition: A **vectorious morphism**:

$$\varphi : (C_*, d, \beta, V) \rightarrow (C'_*, d', \beta', V')$$

is a cellular morphism  $\varphi := (C_*, d, \beta) \rightarrow (C'_*, d', \beta')$

satisfying the **extra conditions**:

1. For every **critical** cell  $\chi \in \beta_p^c$ ,  $\varphi(\chi)$  is **null** or  $\in \beta_p'^c$ .
2. For every **target** cell  $\tau \in \beta_p^t$ ,  $\varphi(\tau)$  is **null** or  $\in \beta_p'^t$ .
3. **No condition at all for the source cells !!**

Theorem:  $\varphi : (C_*, d, \beta, V) \rightarrow (C'_*, d', \beta', V')$

= **vectorious** morphism.

Then  $\varphi$  defines a morphism  $(\varphi, \varphi^c)$

between the corresponding **reductions:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h \circlearrowleft & C_* & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & C'_* & \circlearrowright h' & \text{with:} \\
 \uparrow f & & & & & d'^c \varphi^c = \varphi^c d^c \\
 & & & & & f' \varphi = \varphi^c f \\
 \downarrow g & & & & & g' \varphi^c = \varphi g \\
 & & & & & h' \varphi = \varphi h \\
 & C_*^c & \xrightarrow{\varphi^c} & C'^c_* & & 
 \end{array}$$



Proof:

Definition:

$$\lambda_\sigma = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for target and critical cells,} \\ \text{maximal length of a } V\text{-path} \\ & \text{starting from the source cell } \sigma. \end{cases}$$

Remember: Recursive formula:

$$h(\sigma) = v(\sigma) - h(d - v^{-1})v(\sigma)$$

$$\Rightarrow hdv(\sigma) = v(\sigma)$$

$$\Rightarrow hd\tau = \tau \text{ for every target cell } \tau$$

1.  $h'\varphi\sigma = \varphi h\sigma$  ??

Obvious for  $\sigma$  target or critical cell.

Assumed known for  $\lambda_\sigma < k$ .

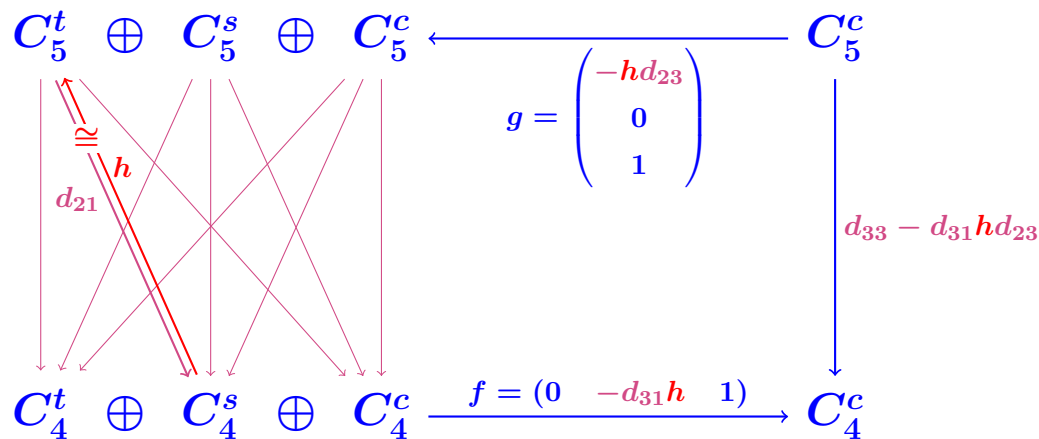
Let  $\sigma$  be a source cell with  $\lambda_\sigma = k$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & \varphi h\sigma & = \varphi v\sigma - \varphi h(d - v^{-1})v\sigma \\
 \text{OK for } (d - v^{-1})v\sigma & \Rightarrow & = \varphi v\sigma - h'\varphi(d - v^{-1})v\sigma \\
 \varphi d = d'\varphi & \Rightarrow & = \varphi v\sigma - h'd'\varphi v\sigma + h'\varphi\sigma \\
 \varphi v\sigma = \text{target cell} & \Rightarrow & = h'\varphi\sigma
 \end{array}$$

QED

2.  $g'\varphi^c = \varphi g$  ??

Remember:



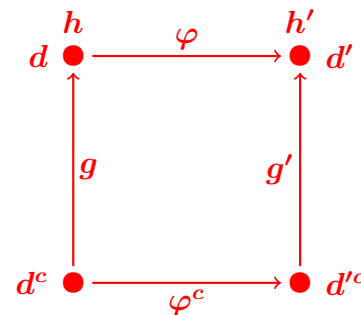
For a critical cell  $\chi$ :  $g\chi = \chi - hd\chi = (1 - hd)\chi \quad \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Rightarrow \varphi g \chi = \varphi(1 - hd)\chi \\
 \varphi hd = h'd'\varphi & \Rightarrow = (1 - h'd')\varphi\chi \\
 \varphi\chi = \varphi^c\chi & \Rightarrow = g'\varphi^c\chi
 \end{aligned}$$

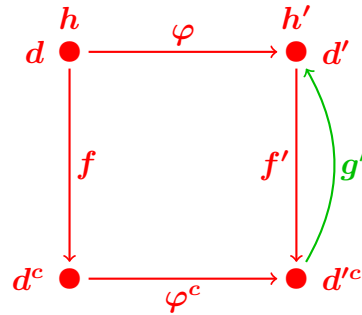
QED

$$\varphi^c d^c = d'^c \varphi^c ??$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g'\varphi^c = \varphi g & \Rightarrow g'\varphi^c d^c = \varphi g d^c \\
 g d^c = d g & \Rightarrow = \varphi d g \\
 \varphi d = d'\varphi & \Rightarrow = d'\varphi g \\
 \varphi g = g'\varphi^c & \Rightarrow = d'g'\varphi^c \\
 d'g' = g'd'^c & \Rightarrow = g'd'^c \varphi^c \\
 g' \text{ injective} & \Rightarrow \varphi^c d^c = d'^c \varphi^c
 \end{aligned}$$



QED



$$f'\varphi = \varphi^c f \quad ??$$

$$g' \text{ injective} \Rightarrow [(f'\varphi = \varphi^c f) \Leftrightarrow (g'f'\varphi = g'\varphi^c f)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d'\varphi = \varphi d) + (h'\varphi = \varphi h) &\Rightarrow & g'f'\varphi &= (1 - d'h' - h'd')\varphi \\
 && &= \varphi(1 - dh - hd) \\
 && &= \varphi g f \\
 && &= g'\varphi^c f
 \end{aligned}$$

QED

## Application:

Theorem: Given:  $\left| \begin{array}{l} \varphi : X \rightarrow X' \\ \varphi' : Y \rightarrow Y' \end{array} \right| = \text{simplicial morphisms.}$

Then:  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  induce a **morphism** between the **reductions** defined by the Eilenberg-Zilber vector fields:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h \circlearrowleft & C_*(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \varphi'} & C_*(X' \times Y') & \circlearrowright h' \\
 & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} f \\ g \end{array} & & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} f' \\ g' \end{array} & \\
 & C_*(X \times Y)^c & \xrightarrow{(\varphi \times \varphi')^c} & C_*(X' \times Y')^c &
 \end{array}$$

with:

$$d'(\varphi \times \varphi')^c = (\varphi \times \varphi')^c d$$

$$f'(\varphi \times \varphi')^c = (\varphi \times \varphi')^c f$$

$$g'(\varphi \times \varphi')^c = (\varphi \times \varphi')^c g$$

$$h'(\varphi \times \varphi')^c = (\varphi \times \varphi')^c h$$

## Important Note:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h \circlearrowleft & C_*(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \varphi'} & C_*(X' \times Y') & \circlearrowright h' \\
 & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} f \\ g \end{array} & & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} f' \\ g' \end{array} & \\
 & C_*(X \times Y)^c & \xrightarrow{(\varphi \times \varphi')^c} & C_*(X' \times Y')^c &
 \end{array}$$

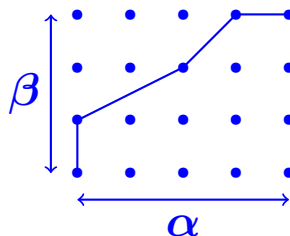
= same diagram as:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 RM \circlearrowleft & C_*(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \varphi'} & C_*(X' \times Y') & \circlearrowright RM' \\
 & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} AW \\ EML \end{array} & & \updownarrow \begin{array}{l} AW' \\ EML' \end{array} & \\
 & C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y) & \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes \varphi'} & C_*(X') \otimes C_*(Y') &
 \end{array}$$

But not yet known!

Proof:

Representation of a simplex of  $X \times Y$  via an s-path.



= subsimplex of  $\alpha \times \beta \subset (X \times Y)_7$

spanned by the vertices  $(0,0) - (0,1) - (2,2) - (3,3) - (4,3)$ .

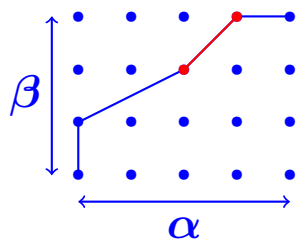
The game first event “diagonal ↗”

or “right-angle bend ↘”

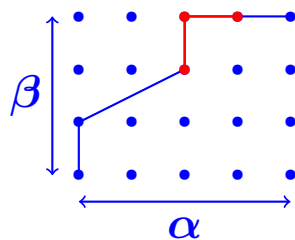
determines the nature source, target or critical.



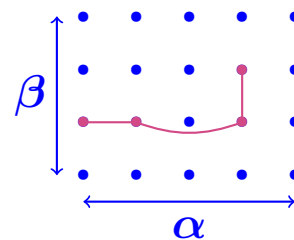
Examples:



source =  $\sigma$



target =  $\tau$



critical =  $\chi$

Here:

$$\partial_3(\tau) = \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow v(\sigma) = -\tau \quad (\text{gradient})$$

$$v^{-1}(\tau) = -\sigma \quad (\text{cogradient})$$

Two maps  $\left| \begin{array}{l} \varphi : X \rightarrow X' \\ \varphi' : Y \rightarrow Y' \end{array} \right| = \text{simplicial morphisms.}$

Claim:

$\tau$  target cell in  $X \times Y \Rightarrow$

$(\varphi \times \varphi')(\tau)$  target or degenerate cell in  $X' \times Y'$

$\chi$  critical cell in  $X \times Y \Rightarrow$

$(\varphi \times \varphi')(\chi)$  critical or degenerate cell in  $X' \times Y'$

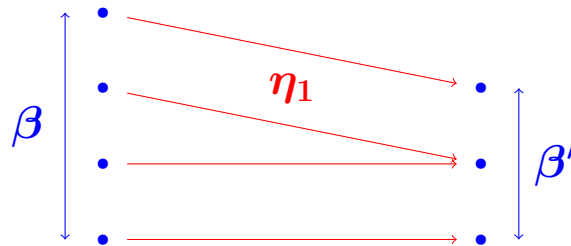
$$\alpha \in X^{ND} \Rightarrow \varphi(\alpha) = \eta\alpha'$$

for some multi-degeneracy  $\eta$  and some  $\alpha' \in X'^{ND}$ .

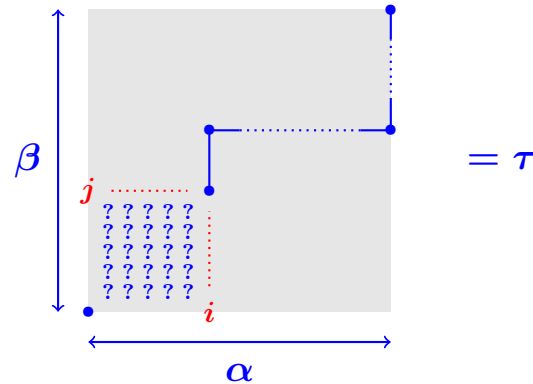
$$\beta \in Y^{ND} \Rightarrow \psi(\beta) = \theta\beta'$$

for some multi-degeneracy  $\theta$  and some  $\beta' \in Y'^{ND}$ .

Example:  $Y_3 \ni \beta \mapsto \theta\beta' = \eta_1\beta' \in Y'_3$ :



General **shape** of an Eilenberg-Zilber target cell:



$$(\varphi \times \psi)(\alpha \times \beta) = (\eta\alpha' \times \theta\beta')$$

If **no index** of  $\eta$  is  $\geq i$  and **no index** of  $\theta$  is  $\geq j$ ,

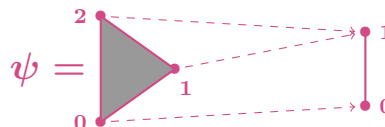
then  $(\varphi \times \psi)(\tau)$  has the **same shape** and therefore **is a target cell**.

Otherwise  $(\varphi \times \psi)(\tau)$  is **degenerate**.

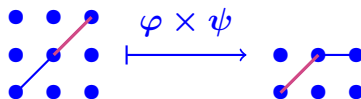
Same argument for **critical simplices**.  $\Rightarrow$  **QED**

Typical **accidents** with **source cells**.

$\alpha = \text{id} : \Delta^2 \rightarrow \Delta^2$  and  $\psi : \Delta^2 \rightarrow \Delta^1$  as below:



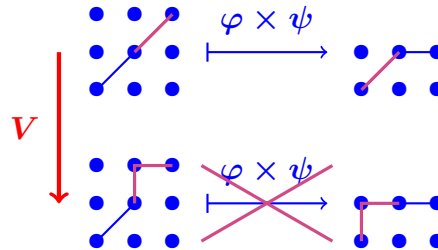
1)



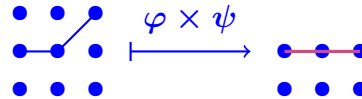
Then  $(\varphi \times \psi)(\text{source}) = \text{source}$

but for **reasons** which **do not match!**

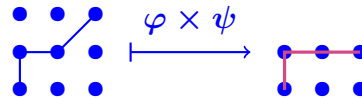
Compare **corresponding target cells**.



2) The **image** of a **source cell** can be a **critical cell**:



or target:



But we **don't care about source cells!**

## Eilenberg-Zilber formulas

Theorem: The Eilenberg-Zilber vector field  
previously described  
gives the standard Eilenberg-Zilber reduction.

Standard Eilenberg-Zilber reduction:

$$EZ : RM \hookrightarrow C_*(X \times Y) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{EML} \\ \xrightarrow{AW} \end{array} C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$$

$AW$  = Alexander-Whitney

$EML$  = Eilenberg-MacLane

$RM$  = Rubio-Morace

$$EZ = AW + EML + RM:$$

$$AW(x_p \times y_p) = \sum_{i=0}^p \partial_{p-i+1} \cdots \partial_p x_p \otimes \partial_0 \cdots \partial_{p-i-1} y_p$$

$$EML(x_p \otimes y_q) = \sum_{(\eta, \eta') \in \text{Sh}(p, q)} \varepsilon(\eta, \eta') (\eta' x_p \times \eta y_q)$$

$$RM(x_p \times y_p) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq p-1 \\ 0 \leq s \leq p-r-1 \\ (\eta, \eta') \in \text{Sh}(s+1, r)}} (-1)^{p-r-s} \varepsilon(\eta, \eta') \dots$$

$$\dots (\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta') \eta_{p-r-s-1} \partial_{p-r+1} \cdots \partial_p x_p \times \dots$$

$$\dots \uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta) \partial_{p-r-s} \cdots \partial_{p-r-1} y_p)$$



## Plan of proof:

- 1) Prove the **RM-formula for the homotopy**  
induced by the **Eilenberg-Zilber vector field**.
- 2) Use the diagram ( $h' = RM$ ,  $f = ?AW$ ,  $g = ?EML$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_5^t \oplus C_5^s \oplus C_5^c & \xleftarrow{\quad} & C_5^c \\
 \downarrow d_{21} \quad \downarrow h' & & \downarrow d_{33} - d_{31}h'd_{23} \\
 C_4^t \oplus C_4^s \oplus C_4^c & \xrightarrow{f = (0 \quad -d_{31}h' \quad 1)} & C_4^c
 \end{array}$$

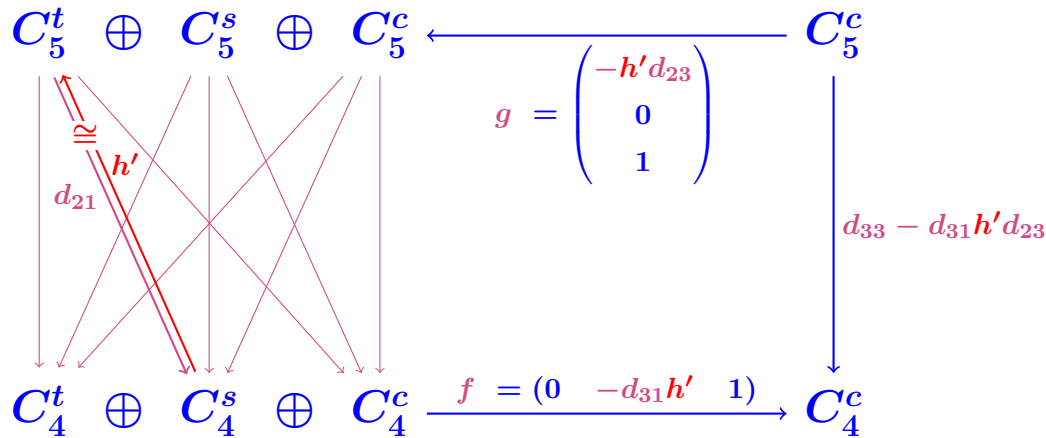
$g = \begin{pmatrix} -h'd_{23} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

which produces:  $h' \Rightarrow f$  and  $g$ .

Plan for the *RM*-formula:

- 1) True for **target** and **critical** simplices.
- 2) Use the **recursive formula**:

$$h'(\sigma) = v(\sigma) - h'\delta_{21}v(\sigma)$$



with  $\delta_{21} = d_{21} - v^{-1}$ .

Study of the generic term of the *RM*-formula:

$$(\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta')\eta_{p-r-s-1}\partial_{p-r+1}\cdots\partial_p x_p \times \dots \\ \dots \uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta)\partial_{p-r-s}\cdots\partial_{p-r-1}y_p)$$

$\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta')\eta_{p-r-s-1}$  and  $\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta)$  = known degeneracy part.

$\partial_{p-r+1}\cdots\partial_p x_p$  and  $\partial_{p-r-s}\cdots\partial_{p-r-1}y_p$  = problematic part.

$$(\eta, \eta') \in \text{Sh}(s+1, r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ind}_\eta \cup \text{Ind}_{\eta'} = \{0, \dots, r+s\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ind}_{\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta')\eta_{p-r-s-1}} \cup \text{Ind}_{\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta)} = \{p-r-s-1, \dots, p\}$$

Collision lemma:  $(\eta x, \eta' y) \in (X \times Y)_p$   
 +  $\text{Ind}_\eta \cup \text{Ind}_{\eta'} = \{k, \dots, p-1\}$   
 +  $\eta_i$  present in  $x$  or  $y$  with  $i \geq k$   
 $\Rightarrow (\eta x, \eta' y)$  **degenerate.**

Proof by examples:  $p = 10, k = 6, i = 6,$

$(\eta_9 \eta_7 x, \eta_8 \eta_6 y)$  **degenerate?**

$$\eta_6 \in x \Rightarrow (\eta_9 \eta_7 x, \eta_8 \eta_6 y) = (\eta_9 \eta_7 \eta_6 x', \eta_8 \eta_6 y) = \eta_6 (\eta_8 \eta_6 x', \eta_7 y)$$

$$\eta_6 \in y \Rightarrow (\eta_9 \eta_7 x, \eta_8 \eta_6 y) = (\eta_9 \eta_7 x, \eta_8 \eta_6 \eta_6 y') = \eta_7 (\eta_8 x, \eta_7 \eta_6 y')$$

Putting both components in **canonical form**

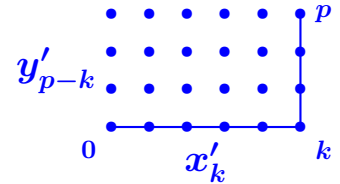
$\Rightarrow$  a **common factor.**

**QED**

Application:  $RM(x_p \times y_p) = 0$  if  $(x_p \times y_p) =$  critical cell.

Proof:  $(x_p, y_p) = (\eta_{p-1} \cdots \eta_k x'_k \times \eta_{k-1} \cdots \eta_0 y'_{p-k})$

1) Examine  $\underbrace{\partial_{p-r+1} \cdots \partial_p}_r \underbrace{\eta_{p-1} \cdots \eta_k}_{p-k} x'_k.$



$r < p - k \Rightarrow$  there remains  $\eta_{p-r-1} \cdots x'_k$

but  $\{p - r - 1 \geq p - r - s - 1 \Rightarrow \text{collision}\} \Rightarrow r \geq p - k.$

2) Examine  $\underbrace{\partial_{p-r-s} \cdots \partial_{p-r-1}}_s \underbrace{\eta_{k-1} \cdots \eta_0}_k y'_{p-k}$

$s < k \Rightarrow$  there remains  $\eta_{k-s-1} \cdots y'_{p-k}$

$\Rightarrow k - s - 1 < p - r - s - 1 \Rightarrow r < p - k.$

QED

Same sort of argument  $\Rightarrow$

$$RM(x_p \times y_p) = 0 \text{ for } (x_p \times y_p) = \text{target cell.}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x_p \times y_p) = RM(x_p \times y_p) = 0$$

for  $(x_p \times y_p) = \text{critical or target cells.}$

If  $(x_p \times y_p) = \text{source cell, } h(x_p \times y_p) \stackrel{???}{=} RM(x_p \times y_p).$

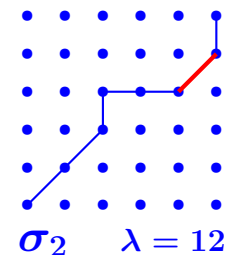
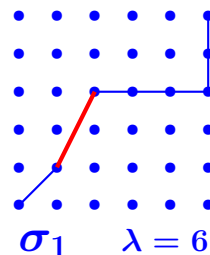
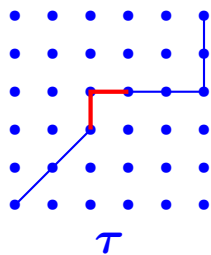
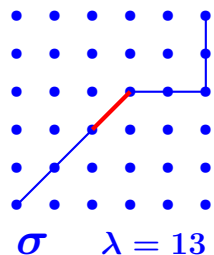
Remember:

$$\lambda_\sigma = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for target and critical cells,} \\ \text{maximal length of a } V\text{-path} \\ & \text{starting form the source cell } \sigma. \end{cases}$$

Remember: Recursive formula for source cells:

$$h(\sigma) = v(\sigma) - h(d_{21} - v^{-1})v(\sigma)$$

## Example:



$$v(\sigma) = -\tau$$

$$d_{21}(\tau) = -\sigma + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$$

$$v^{-1}(\tau) = -\sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad h(\sigma) = -\tau + h(\sigma_1) + h(\sigma_2)$$

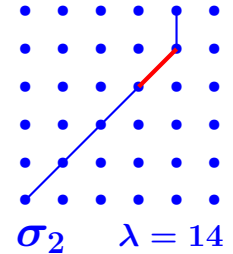
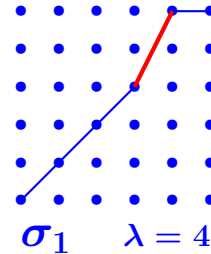
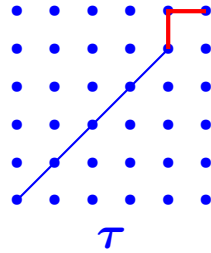
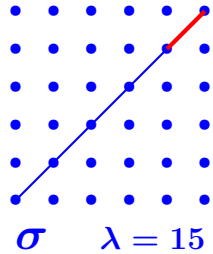
Then we prove the **summands** of  $RM(\sigma_1)$

are **exactly divided** into

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\tau \\ \text{the summands of } h(\sigma_1) \\ \text{the summands of } h(\sigma_2) \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Recursive proof

Easiest and last case:



$$x_p = y_p = \Delta^p$$

$$\sigma = (x_p \times y_p)$$

$$\tau = (\eta_{p-1}x_p \times \eta_p y_p)$$

$$\sigma_1 = (x_p \times \eta_{p-1} \partial_{p-1} y_p)$$

$$\sigma_2 = (\eta_{p-1} \partial_p x_p \times y_p)$$

We recursively assume

$$h(\sigma_1) = RM(\sigma_1) \text{ and } h(\sigma_2) = RM(\sigma_2)$$

Then we prove  $RM(\sigma) = \pm \tau \pm h(\sigma_1) \pm h(\sigma_2) =: h(\sigma)$  QED



***RM*-formula:**

**Indices =**

$$\{0 \leq r \leq p-1, 0 \leq s \leq p-r-1, (\eta|\eta') \in \text{Sh}(s+1, r)\}$$

**Generic term of the *RM*-formula:**

$$\begin{aligned} \pm(\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta')\eta_{p-r-s-1}\partial_{p-r+1}\cdots\partial_p x_p \times \cdots \\ \cdots \uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta)\partial_{p-r-s}\cdots\partial_{p-r-1}y_p) \end{aligned}$$

We must prove  $\mathbf{RM}(\sigma) = \pm\tau \pm \mathbf{RM}(\sigma_1) \pm \mathbf{RM}(\sigma_2)$

$$\sigma = (x_p \times y_p) \qquad \tau = (\eta_{p-1}x_p \times \eta_p y_p)$$

$$\sigma_1 = (x_p \times \eta_{p-1}\partial_{p-1}y_p) \qquad \sigma_2 = (\eta_{p-1}\partial_p x_p \times y_p)$$

Elementary applications of **Collision Lemma**  $\Rightarrow$

$$\tau = RM_{r=s=0}(\sigma)$$

$$RM(\sigma_1) = RM_{r=0,s>0}(\sigma)$$

$$RM(\sigma_2) = RM_{r>0}(\sigma)$$

$$RM = RM_{r=s=0} + RM_{r=0,s>0} + RM_{r>0}(\sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad QED$$

Analogous proof for the general case  $\Rightarrow$

OK for  $RM = h_{EZ\text{-vector-field}}$

$h_{EZ\text{-vector-field}} \Rightarrow f_{EZ\text{-vector-field}}$  and  $g_{EZ\text{-vector-field}}$

the **EZ-vector-field** defines the standard **EZ-reduction**.

QED

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