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We show that if h is a nice (e.g. representable) homology functor and G is an Abelian group, then there is a cohomology functor k(X;G) which is a "quasi-functor" of G and a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}(h(\Sigma X), G) \longrightarrow k(X; G) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(h(X), G) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is natural in X, "strongly quasi-natural" in G, and split if two additional conditions are satisfied.

If, for example,  $h(X) = H_n(X)$ , then  $k(X; G) = H^n(X; G)$ , and we obtain a proof of the ordinary Universal Coefficient Theorem which does not descend to the chain level but which does make heavy use of Brown's Representability Theorem [2]. After setting up the machinery and proving some technical results in § 1, we derive in § 2 quasinaturality and, with suitable restrictions, splitting of the sequence.

The construction of k(X; G) involves an injective resolution of G. We show (2.8) that k(X; G) is independent (up to *non*-canonical isomorphism) of the resolution chosen and we remark (in 2.12) that there is a particular injective resolution  $\Gamma(G)$  which is even functorial.

In § 3 we prove a corresponding Universal Coefficient Theorem for stable cohomotopy. We construct (3.8) the following short exact sequence for finitely generated G and finite dimensional X

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}_{Z}(G, \pi_{S}^{n-1}X) \longrightarrow \{X, L(G, n)\} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{Z}(G, \pi_{S}^{n}X) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is natural in X, strongly quasi-natural in G, and split if  $\{X, L(G, n)\}$  is a functor of G. L(G, n) denotes the co-Moore space of type (G, n),  $\{X, Y\}$  = stable homotopy classes of maps, and  $\pi_S^q(X) = \{X, S^q\}$ . In § 4 we present some examples and a conjecture.

Let us recall from [5] the definition of a quasi-functor. Suppose  $\mathscr A$  and  $\mathscr B$  are categories and  $S: |\mathscr B| \to |\mathscr A|$  is a function from the objects of  $\mathscr B$  to the objects of  $\mathscr A$ . We call S a quasi-functor if given any morphism  $\beta: B \to B'$  in  $\mathscr B$  there is a nonempty set  $S(\beta)$  of morphisms in  $\mathscr A$  satisfying

- (a)  $S(\beta) \subset \mathcal{M}(SB, SB');$
- (b)  $\beta: B \to B'$  and  $\beta': B' \to B''$  imply

$$S(\beta'\beta) \supset \{\alpha'\alpha \mid \alpha' \in S(\beta'), \alpha \in S(\beta)\}$$
;

(c)  $1_{SB} \in S(1_B)$ .

Now if S,  $U: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{A}$  are quasi-functors, we say that  $\nu$  is a strong quasi-natural transformation from S to U provided that  $\nu$  associates to each  $B \in |\mathscr{B}|$  a morphism  $\nu_B: S(B) \to U(B)$  and if  $\beta: B \to B'$  then the following diagram is commutative for all  $s \in S(\beta)$  and all  $u \in U(\beta)$ 

$$S(B) \xrightarrow{\nu_B} U(B)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$S(B') \xrightarrow{\nu_{B'}} U(B') .$$

We call  $\nu$  quasi-natural if for every  $s \in S(\beta)$  there exists  $u \in U(\beta)$  such that the above diagram commutes, and symmetrically, if for every u there exists s making the diagram commute. Note that if S is a quasi-functor which is not a functor and if  $\nu: S \to S$  is the identity, then  $\nu$  is quasi-natural but not strongly quasi-natural.

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One may view this paper as an alternative to Adams' approach (see [1]).

- 1. The machinery. Let us recall that a homology functor on the category  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$  of based connected CW complexes is a covariant functor  $h\colon \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega} \to Ab$ , the category of abelian groups, satisfying the following two conditions:
  - (i) if  $A \xrightarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{g} C$  is a cofiber sequence, then

$$h(A) \xrightarrow{h(f)} h(X) \xrightarrow{h(g)} h(C)$$

is exact;

(ii) the natural map

$$\coprod_{\alpha \in \Gamma} h(X_{\alpha}) \longrightarrow h(\bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_{\alpha})$$

is an isomorphism for any index set  $\Gamma$ , where  $\coprod$  and  $\bigvee$  denote coproducts in Ab and  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$ , respectively.

A contravariant functor  $k: \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega} \to Ab$  is a cohomology functor provided that it satisfies the duals of (i) and (ii).

DEFINITION 1.1. We say that a homology functor is *special* provided that for every pair (X, A) of spaces in  $|\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}|$ 

$$\zeta : \lim_{\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{n}} h(X^n \cup A) \longrightarrow h(X)$$

is a monomorphism, where  $X^n$  is the n-skeleton of X and  $\zeta$  is induced by the inclusions  $\mathcal{L}_n\colon X^n\cup A\to X$ . For example, h is special if it is representable in the sense of Whitehead [7]. We call a cohomology functor  $k\colon \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}\to Ab$  special if it satisfies the dual condition-that is, the natural map

$$\rho \colon k(X) \longrightarrow \lim_{\stackrel{\leftarrow}{n}} k(X^n \cup A)$$

is epic.

For the remainder of this section, let h be a fixed but arbitrary special homology functor on  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$ .

Lemma 1.2. Let I be an injective Abelian group. Then there is a based CW complex  $\hat{B}(I)$  and a natural equivalence

(1.3) 
$$\hat{\eta}_I: [-, \hat{B}(I)] \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(h(-), I)$$

of cohomology functors on  $\mathcal{W}_*^{\circ\circ}$ , where [-,-] denotes homotopy classes of maps.

*Proof.* Since Hom(-, I) is an exact functor, Hom(h(-), I) is a special cohomology functor on  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$ . Hence, by the Representability Theorem of E. H. Brown [2], the conclusion follows.

LEMMA 1.4.  $\hat{B}$  is a functor on injective Abelian groups.

*Proof.* Let I and J be injective and let  $\psi \colon I \to J$ . Let  $\hat{B}(\psi) \colon \hat{B}(I) \to \hat{B}(J)$  be the unique (up to homotopy) map which makes the diagram below commutative.

(1.5) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -, \hat{B}(I) \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\hat{\gamma}_I} \operatorname{Hom}(h(-), I) \\ \downarrow \hat{B}(\psi)_{\sharp} & \downarrow \psi_{\sharp} \\ [-, \hat{B}(J)] \xrightarrow{\hat{\gamma}_J} \operatorname{Hom}(h(-), J)$$

where the vertical arrows are induced by  $\hat{B}(\psi)$  and  $\psi$ , respectively. (The existence and uniqueness of a  $map \ \hat{B}(\psi)$  inducing the natural transformation  $\hat{\eta}_{J}^{-1}\psi_{z}\hat{\eta}_{I}$  follows from the Yoneda Lemma of category theory.)

For brevity, we shall write  $\hat{\psi}$  instead of  $\hat{B}(\psi)$ . Let  $\Gamma\colon 0\longrightarrow G\xrightarrow{\varphi} I\xrightarrow{\psi} J\longrightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence in which I and J are injective.

DEFINITION 1.6. We define  $B(\Gamma)$  to be the mapping kernel of  $\hat{\psi}$ , so  $B(\Gamma)$  fits into the following pull-back square

(1.7) 
$$B(\Gamma) \longrightarrow E\hat{B}(J)$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow p$$

$$\hat{B}(I) \stackrel{\hat{\psi}}{\longrightarrow} \hat{B}(J)$$

where  $E\hat{B}(J)$  is the (contractible) space of paths in  $\hat{B}(J)$  starting at the base point,  $p(\omega) = \omega(1)$ , and the fibre of the fibration p is  $\Omega \hat{B}(J)$ . Note that  $\hat{B}(I)$  and  $\hat{B}(J)$  are homotopy associative and homotopy commutative H-spaces, and  $\hat{\psi}$  is an H-map, so that  $B(\Gamma)$  is also a homotopy associative and commutative H-space.

By Eckmann-Hilton duality, the map  $\hat{\psi}$  fits into a co-Puppe sequence  $P(\Gamma)$ :

(1.8) 
$$\cdots \longrightarrow \Omega B(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\Omega j} \Omega \hat{B}(I) \xrightarrow{\Omega \hat{\psi}} \Omega \hat{B}(J)$$

$$\longrightarrow B(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{j} \hat{B}(I) \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi}} \hat{B}(J) .$$

Lemma 1.9. B and P are quasi-functors on injective resolutions  $\Gamma$  and morphisms of short exact sequences.

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma: 0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\varphi} I \xrightarrow{\psi} J \longrightarrow 0$  and  $\Gamma': 0 \longrightarrow G' \xrightarrow{\varphi'} I' \xrightarrow{\psi'} J' \longrightarrow 0$  be injective resolutions, and let  $\mu$  be a morphism from  $\Gamma$  to  $\Gamma'$ 

$$\mu = (e, f, g): egin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow G & \stackrel{arphi}{\longrightarrow} I & \stackrel{\psi}{\longrightarrow} J & \longrightarrow 0 \ e & & f & g & \ 0 & \longrightarrow G' & \stackrel{arphi'}{\longrightarrow} I' & \stackrel{\psi'}{\longrightarrow} J' & \longrightarrow 0 \ \end{array}$$

Now we may choose a map  $m: B(\Gamma) \to B(\Gamma')$  so that the diagram of homotopy classes of maps

$$(1.10) \qquad \cdots \longrightarrow \Omega \hat{B}(I) \longrightarrow \Omega \hat{B}(J) \longrightarrow B(\Gamma) \longrightarrow \hat{B}(I) \longrightarrow \hat{B}(J)$$

$$\downarrow \Omega \hat{f} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \Omega \hat{g} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \hat{f} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \hat{g}$$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \Omega \hat{B}(I') \longrightarrow \Omega \hat{B}(J') \longrightarrow B(\Gamma') \longrightarrow \hat{B}(I') \longrightarrow \hat{B}(J')$$

is commutative. Thus, m induces a morphism  $\overline{m}$  from  $P(\Gamma)$  to  $P(\Gamma')$ . However, the homotopy class of m is not uniquely determined. We now define  $B(\mu)$  to be the set of all such homotopy classes m and  $P(\mu)$  to be the set of all corresponding morphisms  $\overline{m}$  from  $P(\Gamma)$  to  $P(\Gamma')$ . B and P are quasi-functors because the composite of commutative diagrams is a commutative diagram.

DEFINITION 1.11. We define for any injective resolution  $\Gamma$  the

cohomology functor  $k(-; \Gamma) = [-, B(\Gamma)]$ . By the preceding lemma,  $k(-; \Gamma)$  is a quasi-functor of  $\Gamma$ .

2. The sequence. Now we are ready to state and prove our main result.

THEOREM 2.1. Let h be any special homology functor, let  $X \in |\mathscr{W}^{\omega}_{*}|$ , and let  $\Gamma: 0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\varphi} I \xrightarrow{\psi} J \longrightarrow 0$  be an injective resolution. Then there is a short exact sequence

$$\sigma(X;\,\varGamma)\colon 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}\,(h(\varSigma X)G) \longrightarrow k(X;\,\varGamma) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}\,(h(X),\,G) \longrightarrow 0$$

in which the arrows are natural in X and strongly quasi-natural in  $\Gamma$ .

REMARK 2.2. A word is necessary here to describe the second and fourth terms of  $\sigma(X; \Gamma)$  as functors of  $\Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma$  is an injective resolution of G,  $\Gamma'$  is an injective resolution of G', and  $\mu = (e, f, g)$ :  $\Gamma \to \Gamma'$ , then the corresponding morphisms from  $\operatorname{Ext}(h(\Sigma X), G)$  to  $\operatorname{Ext}(h(\Sigma X), G')$  and from  $\operatorname{Hom}(h(X), G)$  to  $\operatorname{Hom}(h(X), G')$  are, respectively,  $\operatorname{Ext}(1, e)$  and  $\operatorname{Hom}(1, e)$ .

*Proof of* 2.1. Applying the functor [X, -] to 1.8 and using the adjointness of  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$ , we obtain the exact sequence

$$(2.3) \qquad [\Sigma X, \, \hat{B}(I)] \xrightarrow{\hat{\varphi}_{\sharp}(\Sigma X)} [\Sigma X, \, \hat{B}(J)] \longrightarrow [X, \, B(\Gamma)] \\ \longrightarrow [X, \, \hat{B}(I)] \xrightarrow{\hat{\varphi}_{\sharp}(X)} [X, \, \hat{B}(J)]$$

and so, by homological algebra, a short exact sequence

$$(2.4) 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{cok}(\hat{\psi}_{\sharp}(\Sigma X)) \longrightarrow k(X; \Gamma) \longrightarrow \ker(\hat{\psi}_{\sharp}(X)) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is natural in X and strongly quasi-natural in  $\varGamma$ .

But by 1.5 there are isomorphisms

(2.5) 
$$s: \operatorname{cok}(\hat{\psi}_{\sharp}(\Sigma X)) \cong \operatorname{cok}(\psi_{\sharp}(h(\Sigma X))),$$
$$t: \ker(\hat{\psi}_{\sharp}(X)) \cong \ker(\psi_{\sharp}(h(X)));$$

and these isomorphisms are natural in X and  $\Gamma$ . (Note that the above groups are *functor* of  $\Gamma$ .) Moreover, there are also isomorphisms, well-known from homological algebra,

(2.6) 
$$u: \operatorname{cok} (\psi_{\sharp}(h(\Sigma X))) \cong \operatorname{Ext} (h(\Sigma X), G) ,$$
$$v: \ker (\psi_{\sharp}(h(X))) \cong \operatorname{Hom} (h(X), G) ,$$

which are natural in X and  $\Gamma$ . There isomorphisms simply express the independence of Hom and Ext of the resolution of G. Now the

composite isomorphisms us and vt transform 2.4 into  $\sigma(X; G)$  and preserve naturality in X and strong quasi-naturality in  $\Gamma$ .

The following lemma is well-known.

LEMMA 2.7. Let  $e: G \to G'$  be any homomorphism and let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be injective resolutions of G and G', respectively. Then e extends (non-uniquely) to a morphism  $(e, f, g): \Gamma \to \Gamma'$  of resolutions.

Now we can state a corollary to Theorem 2.1.

COROLLARY 2.8. Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  be two injective resolutions of the same group G, let h be a special homology theory, and let  $X \in |\mathscr{W}^{\omega}_*|$ . Then there is a (non-unique) isomorphism  $\sigma(X; \Gamma) \cong \sigma(X; \Gamma')$ .

*Proof.* By 2.7, 1:  $G \to G$  extends to (1, f, g):  $\Gamma \to \Gamma'$  which yields a morphism  $M: \sigma(X; \Gamma) \to \sigma(X; \Gamma')$ . Neither process is unique. But M induces the identity on the second and fourth terms, and therefore M must be an isomorphism by the 5-lemma.

Select for every Abelian group G an injective resolution  $\Gamma(G)$  and define  $\sigma(X;G)=\sigma(X;\Gamma(G))$ . By 2.7,  $\Gamma(G)$  is a quasi-functor of G and so  $\sigma(X;G)$  is strongly quasi-natural in G. By 2.8,  $\sigma(X;G)$  is independent, up to noncanonical isomorphism, of the resolution chosen. We shall fix, for definiteness, a particular  $\Gamma(G)$  in 2.12.

Now we need a lemma.

LEMMA 2.9. Let  $G = G_1 \bigoplus G_2$  and let  $\angle_j : G_j \longrightarrow G$  denote the canonical injection (j = 1, 2). Let  $X \in |\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}|$  be fixed but arbitrary. Choose  $m_j \in k(X; \angle_j)$  so that by strong quasi-naturality we have the commutative diagram

Then

$$m_1 \bigoplus m_2$$
:  $k(X; G_1) \bigoplus k(X; G_2) \longrightarrow k(X; G)$ 

is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* Ext and Hom are additive and, therefore, by the 5-lemma,  $m_1 \oplus m_2$  is an isomorphism.

This lemma permits us to apply an elegant theorem of Hilton [3] to the sequence  $\sigma(X; G)$ .

THEOREM 2.11. (Universal Coefficient Theorem). Let h be any special homology theory, let  $X \in |\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}|$ , and let G be an Abelian group.

(a) Then there is a representable cohomology functor k(X; G) which is a quasi-functor of G and a short exact sequence

$$\sigma(X; G): 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}(h(\Sigma X), G) \xrightarrow{\tau_{XG}} k(X; G) \xrightarrow{\eta_{XG}} \operatorname{Hom}(h(X), G) \longrightarrow 0$$

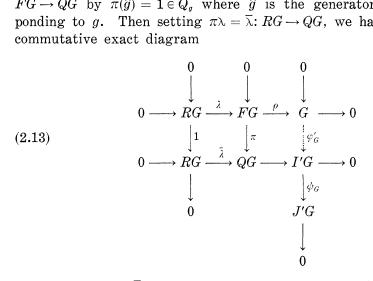
in which  $\tau_{XG}$  and  $\eta_{XG}$  are natural in X and strongly quasi-natural in G.

- (b) Moreover, if for some fixed  $X \in |\mathcal{W}_*^{\omega}|$  we have
- (i) k(X; G) is a functor of G and
- (ii) Hom (h(X, G) is a direct sum of cyclic groups, then  $\sigma(X; G)$  splits for that X and every G.

*Proof.* Part (a) is simply 2.1 with  $\Gamma = \Gamma(G)$ . Part (b) follows from [3] since Hom is a left-exact functor and, by (i) and 2.9, k(X; G) is an additive functor of G so that  $\sigma(X; G)$  is pure. Condition (ii) yields splitting.

### 2.12 Construction of $\Gamma(G)$

The following construction of  $\Gamma(G)$  was related to me by Peter Hilton. Let G be any Abelian group. Then G has a canonical free resolution  $0 \longrightarrow RG \xrightarrow{\lambda} FG \xrightarrow{\rho} G \longrightarrow 0$ , where FG = free Abelian group on underlying set of G and RG = kernel  $(FG \to G)$ . Let  $QG = \coprod_{g \in G} Q_g$  where  $Q_g = Q$ , the rationals, for every  $g \in G$ , and define  $\pi$ :  $FG \to QG$  by  $\pi(\hat{g}) = 1 \in Q_g$  where  $\hat{g}$  is the generator of FG corresponding to g. Then setting  $\pi\lambda = \overline{\lambda}$ :  $RG \to QG$ , we have the following commutative exact diagram



where  $I'G = \operatorname{cok}(\overline{\lambda})$ ,  $\varphi'_G$  is induced by  $(1, \pi)$ , and  $J'G = \operatorname{cok}(\varphi'_G)$  with  $\psi'_G \colon I'G \to J'G$  the canonical map. Put  $\Gamma(G) = \operatorname{right-hand}$  column in

2.13. Then  $\Gamma(G)$  is an injective resolution of G since injective Abelian groups are closed under coproducts and quotients. Moreover,  $\Gamma(G)$  is even functorial in G.

REMARK 2.14. The epimorphism  $\eta_{XG}$  of 2.11(a) can be interpreted as providing a weak adjunction from h to B(-), where B(G) is the space which represents k(-;G). Thus,  $B(-):Ab \to \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$  is a weak right adjoint (in the sense of [5]) to  $h: \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega} \to Ab$ , just as  $K(-,n):Ab \to \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$ , which associates to a group G the Eilenberg-MacLane space K(G,n), is a weak right adjoint to  $H_n: \mathscr{W}_*^{\omega} \to Ab$ , the ordinary homology functor.

REMARK 2.15. The results of this section hold for theories as well as functors. Moreover, they can also be modified to hold for other categories than  $\mathscr{W}_*$ . Finally, there is nothing special about using Ab as a target; we could just as well do everything for R-module-valued homology and cohomology functors where R is a (commutative) ring of cohomological dimension 1.

3. The universal coefficient theorem for stable cohomotopy. Let G be a finitely generated Abelian group. Then there is a standard projective resolution  $\rho(G)$  of G

$$(3.1) 0 \longrightarrow RG \xrightarrow{\sigma_G} FG \xrightarrow{\tau_G} G \longrightarrow 0$$

where FG is the free Abelian group on a set SG of generators of G,  $\tau_{\scriptscriptstyle G}$  is the canonical projection, RG is the kernel of  $\tau_{\scriptscriptstyle G}$ , and  $\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle G}$  is the canonical injection of RG into FG. As in Lemma 2.7  $\rho(G)$  is a quasi-functor of G. Define

(3.2) 
$$\widetilde{F}_nG = \bigvee_{t \in SG} S^n_{(t)}, S^n_{(t)} = S^n, t \in SG, n \geq 0,$$

and, similarly, define

$$(3.3)\quad \widetilde{R}_nG=\bigvee_{q\in \varGamma}S^n_{(q)},\,S^n_{(q)}=S^n,\,n\geqq 0,\,q\in\varGamma=\text{set of generators of }RG\text{ .}$$

LEMMA 3.4. Let  $n \ge 1$ . Then there exists a map  $\tilde{\sigma}_G^* : \tilde{F}_n G \to \tilde{R}_n G$  (unique up to homotopy) which induces  $\sigma_G$  upon applying  $H^n(-; Z)$ .

*Proof.* If  $\varphi: Z \to Z$ , then  $\varphi$  is just multiplication by some integer m (m=0 is not excluded), and we write  $\varphi=m$ . Then any map f of degree m from  $S^n$  to  $S^n$  induces  $\varphi$  in nth cohomology, and we can write  $\widetilde{\varphi}^n=m$ .

Thus, by stable additivity,  $[\tilde{F}_n G, \tilde{R}_n G]$  is in one-to-one correspond-

ence with integer matrices  $(m_{tq})$ , and the set Hom (RG, FG) of homomorphisms is in one-to-one correspondence with integer matrices  $(m_{qt})$ . Moreover,  $(m_{qt})$  is induced by its transpose  $(m_{tq})$  so we let

$$\widetilde{\sigma}_G^n = (m_{tq}) ,$$

where  $(m_{qt})$  is the matrix corresponding to  $\sigma_{G}$ .

Since  $\sum \widetilde{F}_n G = \widetilde{F}_{n+1} G$ ,  $\sum \widetilde{R}_n G = \widetilde{R}_{n+1} G$ , and  $\sum \widetilde{\sigma}_G^n = \widetilde{\sigma}_G^{n+1}$ , we have the following Puppe sequence  $\widetilde{\rho}_G^n$  for  $\widetilde{\sigma}_G^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ 

$$(3.6) \qquad \widetilde{F}_n G \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\sigma}_G^n} \widetilde{R}_n G \longrightarrow L(G, n+1) \longrightarrow \widetilde{F}_{n+1} G \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\sigma}_G^{n+1}} \widetilde{R}_{n+1} G$$

where L(G, n+1) = (reduced) mapping cone of  $\tilde{\sigma}_G^n$ . Thus, L(G, n+1) is just the co-Moore space of type (G, n+1); i.e.  $H^q(L(G, n+1); Z) = 0$   $q \neq n+1$ ,  $H^{n+1}(L(G, n+1); Z) = G$ , and  $\pi_1(L(G, n+1)) = 0$  by Van Kampen when  $n \geq 2$ . Since  $\rho(G)$  is a quasi-functor of G, so is  $\tilde{\rho}^n(G)$  and, hence, L(G, n+1).

Let  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\infty}$  denote the category of based connected finite-dimensional CW complexes. If  $X \in |\mathscr{W}_*^{\infty}|$  and  $Y \in |\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}|$ , then we define

$$\{X, Y\} = \lim_{\stackrel{\rightarrow}{k}} \left[ \Sigma^k X, \Sigma^k Y \right],$$

and we recal! that  $\{X, -\}$  is a special homology functor on  $\mathscr{W}_*^{\omega}$ . Therefore, applying  $\{X, -\}$  to 3.6, we obtain an exact sequence

$$(3.7) \{X, \, \widetilde{F}_n G\} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\sigma}_{G\sharp}^n} \{X, \, \widetilde{R}_n G\} \longrightarrow \{X, \, L(G, \, n \, + \, 1)\} \\ \longrightarrow \{X, \, \widetilde{F}_{n+1} G\} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\sigma}_{G\sharp}^{n+1}} \{X, \, \widetilde{R}_{n+1} G\} .$$

But clearly  $\{X, \widetilde{F}_nG\} \cong \operatorname{Hom}(FG, \pi_S^n(X))$  by an isomorphism which is natural in X and also natural in  $G(\pi_S^n(X) = \{X, S^n\})$ . Therefore, as in § 2 we obtain the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.8. Let G be a finitely generated Abelian group. Let  $n \geq 2$  and let  $X \in |\mathscr{W}_*^{\infty}|$ . Then there is a short exact sequence

$$(3.9) \qquad 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext} (G, \, \pi_{S}^{n-1}(X)) \longrightarrow \{X, \, L(G, \, n)\} \\ \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom} (G, \, \pi_{S}^{n}(X)) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is natural in X and strongly quasi-natural in G. The sequence splits if, for some fixed X,  $\{X, L(G, n)\}$  is a functor of G.

As a corollary of this theorem, we have the following result of Hilton-Olum-see [4].

COROLLARY 3.10. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be finitely generated Abelian

groups and  $n \ge 4$ . Then there is a short exact sequence

$$(3.11) 0 \longrightarrow T(G_1)^* \otimes G_2 \otimes Z_2 \longrightarrow [L(G_2, n), L(G_1, n)] \\ \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom} (G_1, G_2) \longrightarrow 0$$

which is strongly quasi-natural in  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , where T(G) = torsion subgroup of G and  $G^* = \text{Hom } (G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) (\cong G \text{ if } G \text{ is finite}).$ 

*Proof.* Applying 3.9 to  $G = G_1$  and  $X = L(G_2, n)$ , we get

$$(3.12) 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext} (G_1, \pi_S^{n-1}(L(G_2, n)) \longrightarrow \{L(G_2, n), L(G_1, n)\} \\ \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}(G_1, \pi_S^n(L(G_2, n)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

But for  $n \ge 4$ 

$$\pi_S^{n-1}(L(G_2, n)) \cong G_2 \otimes Z_2$$
 $\{L(G_2, n), L(G_1, n)\} \cong [L(G_2, n), L(G_1, n)],$ 

and

$$\pi^n_S(L(G_2,\,n))\cong G_2$$
 , so we have for  $n\geq 4$   $0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext}(G_1,\,G_2 \otimes Z_2) \longrightarrow [L(G_2,\,n),\,L(G_1,\,n)]$ 

$$(3.13) \qquad 0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Ext} (G_1, G_2 \otimes Z_2) \longrightarrow [L(G_2, n), L(G_1, n)] \\ \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom} (G_1, G_2) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now we are done since  $\operatorname{Ext}(G_1, -) \cong T(G_1)^* \otimes -$  as functors on the category of finitely generated Abelian groups.

4. Some examples and a conjecture. The general problem of computing  $k^*(X; G)$ , for a given homology theory  $h_*$  and group G, is very difficult, even when the group is injective. For example, if  $h_q = \pi_q^s = \{S^q, -\}$  and G = Q, then

$$(4.1) k^q(X; Q) \cong H^q(X; Q)$$

by an easy argument based on Serre's result [6] that  $\pi_q^S(S^r)$  is finite for  $r \neq q$ . With  $h_*$  as above and G = Q/Z it is easy to establish

$$(4.2) \hspace{1cm} k^q(S^r;\,Q/Z)\cong egin{cases} \pi_q^{\scriptscriptstyle S}(S^r),\,r
eq q \ Q/Z,\quad r=q \ . \end{cases}$$

Thus computing  $k^*(X; Q/Z)$  in this case amounts to knowing the stable homotopy groups of spheres!

If the homology theory  $h_*$  is represented by a spectrum B, then the spectrum B(G) which represents  $k^*(-;G)$  can be thought of as obtained from B by introducing G coefficients. The spectrum B also represents a cohomology theory, and we have the following

Conjecture 4.3. If  $\pi_*B$  is a ring of cohomological dimension 1,

then there is a homotopy equivalence of spectra  $B \simeq B(Z)$ .

This conjecture simply says that our method and Adams' [1] coincide over rings of cohomological dimension 1-where his spectral sequence collapses to a Universal Coefficient Sequence.

REMARK 4.4. It is *not* true in general that  $k^*(-; Z)$  is the cohomology theory associated to the spectrum B which represents  $h_*$ . For example, if, as above, B = sphere spectrum and  $h_* =$  stable homotopy is the homology theory represented by B, then

(4.5) 
$$k^n(S^q; Z) = 0$$
 for all  $q > n$ .

But the cohomology functor associated to the sphere spectrum is stable cohomotopy, and certainly

$$\pi_{\scriptscriptstyle S}^{\scriptscriptstyle n}(S^{\scriptscriptstyle q}) \neq 0 \qquad \qquad \text{for all } q > n \; .$$

In particular,  $k^n(S^{n+1};Z)=0\not\equiv Z_2=\pi^n_S(S^{n+1})$ .

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