

K -theory and t -structures

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Computing K_0 and K_1 simultaneously

For the different K -theories, we are going to define a chain complex of non-abelian groups \mathcal{D}_* concentrated in dimensions $n = 0, 1$ whose homology is $H_n \mathcal{D}_* \cong K_n$.

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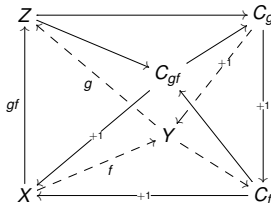
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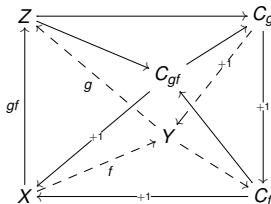


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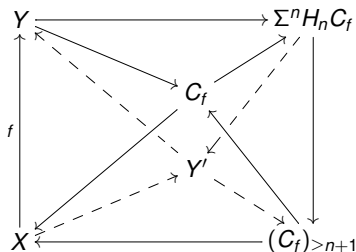
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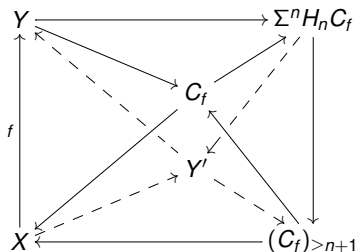
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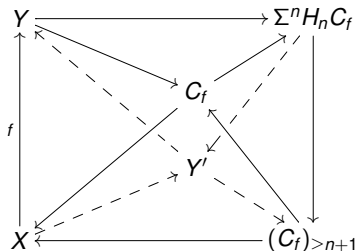
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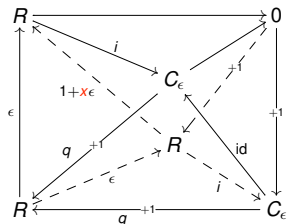
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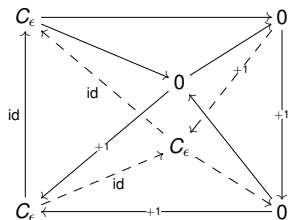
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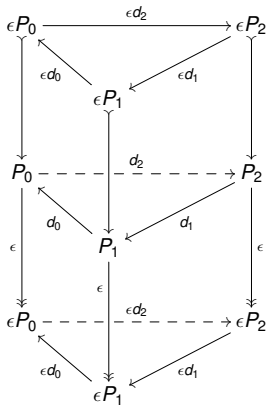
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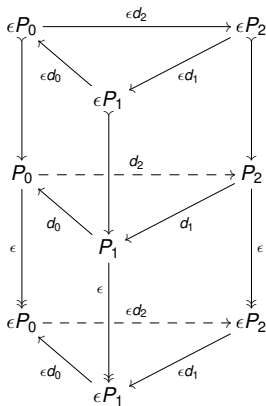
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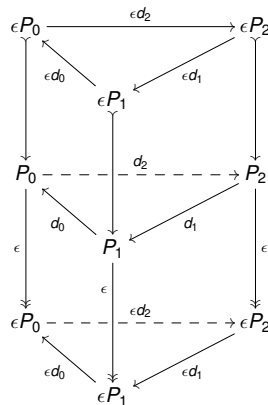
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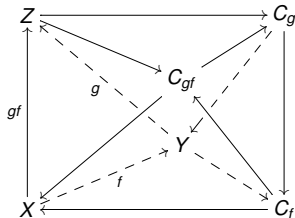
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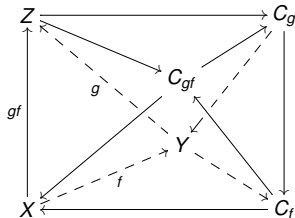
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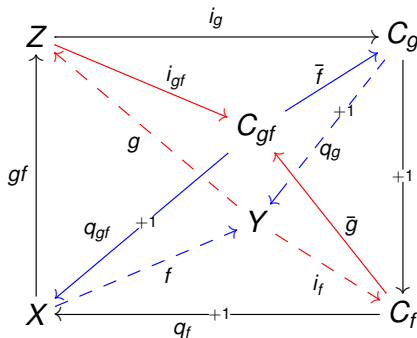
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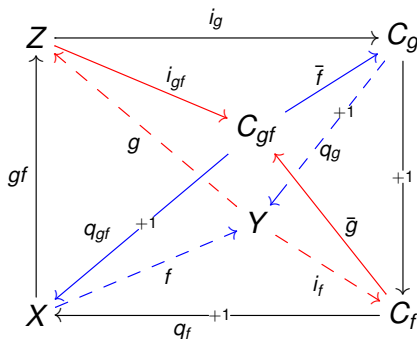
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