

## PRODUCTS IN SHEAF-COHOMOLOGY

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**Introduction.** The natural setting for a theory of sheaves is a *site*, i. e. a category  $\mathcal{C}$  topologized in the sense of Grothendieck (cf. VERDIER [1963]). We shall consider a sheaf  $A$  of rings on a site  $\mathcal{C}$  and the category  $\mathcal{A}$  of sheaves of  $A$ -modules. When we speak of sheaf-cohomology, we shall mean the right-derived functor of  $\Gamma = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, -)$ , that is:  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, -)$ .

In  $\mathcal{A}$  one has a tensor-product and a local Hom (denoted:  $\mathcal{H}om$ ) with the familiar exactness properties and the usual adjointness. Our problem is to associate to a pairing

$$(1) \quad F \otimes F' \rightarrow G$$

or, equivalently, to a morphism

$$(2) \quad F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F', G)$$

of objects of  $\mathcal{A}$  a canonical cohomology product

$$(3) \quad H^p(F) \otimes H^q(F') \rightarrow H^{p+q}(G)$$

which respects coboundary operators in the usual way. Universality of the cohomology functor does not help, since  $H^p(F \otimes -)$  does not, in general, yield a connected sequence of functors on any useful subcategory of short exact sequences. We shall exhibit two constructions for a product (3) which arise in different natural habitats but coincide in the context described above.

An obvious thing to try is the conversion of the first factor  $H^p(F)$  into  $\text{Ext}^p(F', G)$  via (2) followed by the application of the ever-available Yoneda-product

$$\text{Ext}^p(F', G) \times H^q(F') \rightarrow H^{p+q}(G).$$

More precisely, the transition from  $H^p(F)$  to  $\text{Ext}^p(F', G)$  is accomplished by applying  $H^p$  to (2) and then using the edge-morphism

$$H^p(\mathcal{H}om(F', G)) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^p(F', G)$$

whose existence is due to the fact that  $\text{Hom} = \Gamma \circ \mathcal{H}om$  and that  $\mathcal{H}om(F', I)$  is acyclic for  $\Gamma$  if  $I$  is injective. This construction, which hinges on certain properties of  $\mathcal{H}om$ , is discussed in §3.

In the absence of a tensor-product, the construction just described is hopelessly asymmetric. In §2, we provide another one, based on properties of  $\otimes$ , by showing the existence of an external product for  $\text{Ext}$  with flat first variable. Since  $\mathcal{A}$  does not, in general, have enough projectives (though it does have enough flats), we cannot work with projective resolutions and therefore find it convenient to interpret elements of  $\text{Ext}$ -groups as morphisms in the derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$  and to define their products as tensor-products of these morphisms. The required facts about derived categories are recalled in §1. Finally, in §4, we show that in the presence of both  $\mathcal{H}om$  and  $\otimes$ , the two products are the same.

Care has been taken not to engage the reader in speculations about sheaves: these were mentioned only as motivation and area of application; all the rest of this paper is strictly categorical. A possible way of reading it is to keep in mind the category  $\mathcal{A}$  of modules over a group  $G$  with  $\Gamma = \text{Hom}_G(\mathbb{Z}, -)$  and  $\mathcal{H}om = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , but to remember that the game is to be played without using projectives as such.

**1. Review of derived categories.** We recall the relevant properties of derived categories referring to Hartshorne [1966] for details and indication of proofs.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category. We denote by  $C(\mathcal{A})$  the category of all complexes over  $\mathcal{A}$  (with differentials augmenting degrees) and by  $K(\mathcal{A})$  the homotopy category thereof. Furthermore, there are various full subcategories of  $C(\mathcal{A})$  whose respective objects are the complexes which are bounded below, bounded above, bounded in both directions. These will be denoted by  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $C^b(\mathcal{A})$ , respectively, and similarly for the corresponding homotopy categories.

For brevity, we call a morphism in one of these categories a *quiso*, if it induces isomorphisms on cohomology. Quisos will be denoted by double arrows  $\rightrightarrows$ . The derived category  $D(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then, is constructed from  $K(\mathcal{A})$  by formally inverting all quisos. We call a morphism in  $D(\mathcal{A})$  a *quasi-morphism* of  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , and denote quasi-morphisms by broken arrows  $\dashrightarrow$ . Since the set of all quisos in  $K(\mathcal{A})$  admits both a calculus of left and of right fractions, a quasi-morphism  $X^* \dashrightarrow Y^*$  can be given either by a diagram

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X^* & & Y^* \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & Z^* & \end{array}$$

in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\sigma$  is a quiso, or by a diagram

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X^* & & Y^* \\ & \swarrow \tau & \nearrow \\ & Z^* & \end{array}$$

in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $\tau$  is a quiso.

In the same way, one gets categories  $D^+(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $D^-(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $D^b(\mathcal{A})$  from the corresponding homotopy categories. These are full subcategories of  $D(\mathcal{A})$ ; moreover, the inclusion of  $D^+(\mathcal{A})$  in  $D(\mathcal{A})$  is compatible with the calculus of left fractions, i. e. a morphism in  $D^+(\mathcal{A})$  can be given by a diagram (1) in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ . Dually, a morphism in  $D^-(\mathcal{A})$  can be given by a diagram (2) in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ . Finally, we note that  $\mathcal{A}$  may be considered as a full subcategory of each of the categories introduced so far.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, there is a canonical equivalence of categories :

$$(3) \quad K^+(\mathcal{G}) \simeq D^+(\mathcal{A}),$$

where  $K^+(\mathcal{G})$  denotes the full subcategory of  $K^+(\mathcal{A})$  whose objects are the injective complexes (i. e. all of whose components are injective). More precisely, for each  $Y^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$  there exists an injective resolution, i. e. a mono  $Y^* \rightarrow J^*$  with  $J^*$  injective, which is a quiso, and any injective resolution  $Y^* \rightarrow J^*$  induces a bijection

$$(4) \quad \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, Y^*) \simeq \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, J^*)$$

for arbitrary  $X^*$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ .

The familiar construction of a mapping cylinder can be used to pass from short exact sequences of complexes to quasi-morphisms. To explain this we recall that, for a morphism  $f: X^* \rightarrow Y^*$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , the mapping cylinder  $C_f^*$  of  $f$  gives a short exact sequence

$$(5) \quad 0 \rightarrow Y^* \xrightarrow{f} C_f^* \xrightarrow{g} X^*[1] \rightarrow 0$$

in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , where  $X^*[1]$  denotes the complex  $X^*$  shifted one place to the left:  $(X^*[1])^n = X^{n+1}$ ,  $\partial_{X^*[1]} = -\partial_{X^*}$ . Given a short exact sequence

$$(6) \quad 0 \rightarrow X_1^* \xrightarrow{i} X_2^* \xrightarrow{p} X_3^* \rightarrow 0$$

in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , one has an obvious morphism  $\sigma: C_{-i}^* \rightarrow X_3^*$  such that the diagram

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} X_1^* & \xrightarrow{i} & X_2^* & \xrightarrow{p} & X_3^* \\ -1 \uparrow & & 1 \uparrow & & \uparrow \sigma \\ X_1^* & \xrightarrow{-i} & X_2^* & \rightarrow & C_{-i}^* \end{array}$$

is commutative. Since the coboundary operator of the exact sequence of the form (5) belonging to  $-i$  is the map induced by  $-i$  on cohomology,  $\sigma$  is a quiso by the 5-Lemma. Hence the diagram

$$(8) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X_3^* & & X_1^*[1] \\ \swarrow \sigma & & \nearrow q \\ & C_{-i}^* & \end{array}$$

defines a quasi-morphism  $X_3^* \dashrightarrow X_1^*[1]$ , which is said to correspond to (6). It is clear that the passage from (6) to (8) is functorial.

In case  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, there is, for short exact sequences in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , a second method of constructing the corresponding quasi-morphism: one takes an injective resolution

$$(9) \quad 0 \rightarrow J_1^* \rightarrow J_2^* \rightarrow J_3^* \rightarrow 0$$

of a short exact sequence (6) in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , and one notes that  $J_2^*$  is, in fact, the mapping cylinder of a  $\varphi: J_3^*[-1] \rightarrow J_1^*$ , which is determined by the differential of  $J_2^*$ . Hence (9) gives a quasi-morphism  $X_3^* \dashrightarrow X_1^*[1]$  by the diagram

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} J_3^* & \longrightarrow & J_1^*[1] \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X_3^* & & X_1^*[1] \end{array}$$

which can be verified to be the same as the one obtained by the previous construction.

In terms of derived categories, the right-derived functor of an additive functor  $T: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  between abelian categories is a functor  $\mathcal{R}T: D^+(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D^+(\mathcal{B})$ , together with a canonical morphism  $\xi: T \rightarrow \mathcal{R}T|_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

To construct  $\mathcal{R}T$ , one has to assume the existence of enough  $T$ -acyclic objects, that is, of a class  $I_T$  of objects in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that:

- (I)  $I_T$  is closed both under the formation of direct summands and of cokernels of monos.

- (II)  $T$  takes short exact sequences of objects of  $I_T$  to short exact sequences.
- (III) For each object in  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a mono into an object of  $I_T$ .

Such a class contains the injectives of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and in case  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives  $I_T$  may be taken to be the class of all injectives of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

(I) and (II) imply that  $T$  takes short exact sequences of  $I_T$ -complexes in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$  (i. e. of complexes all of whose components are in  $I_T$ ) into exact sequences. This is equivalent to saying that  $T$  preserves quisos between  $I_T$ -complexes; hence  $T$  induces a functor  $T' : D^+(I_T) \rightarrow D^+(\mathcal{B})$ , where  $D^+(I_T)$  is the category constructed from the full subcategory of  $K^+(\mathcal{A})$  whose objects are the  $I_T$ -complexes by formally inverting all quisos.

It follows from (III) that, for each complex in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , there exists an  $I_T$ -acyclic resolution, i. e. a mono into an  $I_T$ -complex of  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , which is a quiso. Hence the obvious functor  $D^+(I_T) \rightarrow D^+(\mathcal{A})$  is an equivalence of categories, so that  $\mathcal{A}T$  and  $\xi$  can be constructed by applying  $T$  to  $T$ -acyclic resolutions.

Passage to cohomology yields functors  $R^pT : D^+(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ . By means of the quasi-morphisms corresponding to short exact sequences in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , one also gets the usual long exact sequences. Obviously, one recovers the old definition of right-derived functors in case  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives. Finally, we note that if the right-derived functor of  $T$  can be constructed, each class of  $T$ -acyclic objects is contained in the class of all  $T$ -acyclic objects, i. e. the class of all  $X$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $R^pT(X) = 0$  for  $p > 0$ .

To conclude this review we indicate how the Ext-functors work out in the language of derived categories. First, we observe that the Hom-functor of  $\mathcal{A}$  can be extended to a functor

$$(11) \quad \text{Hom}^* : C(\mathcal{A})^0 \times C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C(\mathcal{A}b)$$

in such a way that one has natural isomorphisms

$$(12a) \quad Z^p(\text{Hom}^*(X^*, Y^*)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, Y^*[p])$$

$$(12b) \quad H^p(\text{Hom}^*(X^*, Y^*)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, Y^*[p])$$

for  $p$ -cocycles and  $p$ -cohomology, respectively. By (12b), for each injective  $J^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ , the functor  $X^* \mapsto \text{Hom}^*(X^*, J^*)$  preserves quisos in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ . Therefore, assuming that  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, one defines the Ext-groups by

$$(13) \quad \text{Ext}^p(X^*, Y^*) = H^p(\text{Hom}^*(X^*, J^*))$$

for  $X^*$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  and an injective resolution  $Y^* \rightarrow J^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ . Using (12b) again one gets important natural isomorphisms :

$$(14) \quad \text{Ext}^p(X^*, Y^*) \simeq \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, Y^*[p])$$

for  $X^*$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $Y^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ .

**2. External and internal products for Ext.** By means of a tensor product in an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$ , we can define a product for suitable pairs of quasi-morphisms, which will yield an external product

$$\text{Ext}^p(A, F) \times \text{Ext}^q(A', F') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{p+q}(A \otimes A', F \otimes F')$$

under certain circumstances.

We assume, then, that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a "tensor-product", which for the moment, shall mean any bi-additive bifunctor  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  which is right-exact in both variables and symmetric and associative up to natural isomorphisms. It will be denoted by the usual  $\otimes$ .

An object  $P$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called *flat*, if the functor  $F \mapsto F \otimes P$  is exact; a complex is called flat if all its constituents are.  $\mathcal{A}$  will always be assumed to have enough flats, i. e. an epimorphism  $P \rightarrow X$  with flat source for every  $X$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . This implies that for every complex  $X^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  there is a flat  $P^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  and an epimorphism  $P^* \rightarrow X^*$  which is a quiso. Hence every quasi-morphism  $X^* \dashrightarrow Y^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  can be given by a diagram

$$(1) \quad X^* \longleftarrow P^* \longrightarrow Y^*$$

with flat  $P^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ .

Under these assumptions we could proceed to construct the left-derived functor of our tensor product. However, we need only the first stage of this construction, namely a bi-additive bifunctor

$$(2) \quad C^-(\mathcal{A}) \times P^-(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D^-(\mathcal{A})$$

where  $P^-(\mathcal{A})$  denotes the full subcategory of flat complexes in  $D^-(\mathcal{A})$ . For this we take the usual extension of  $\otimes$  to a bifunctor on  $K^-(\mathcal{A})$ , which will extend further to the categories indicated in (2) iff the following two conditions hold:

- (i) Tensoring with  $P^* \in P^-(\mathcal{A})$  preserves quisos in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ .
- (ii) Tensoring with  $X^* \in C^-(\mathcal{A})$  preserves quisos between flat complexes in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ .

Using mapping-cylinders one reduces the proof of both conditions to

- (iii) For  $X^*, P^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  and  $P^*$  flat, the complex  $X^* \otimes P^*$  is exact if either  $X^*$  or  $P^*$  is.

Now (iii) follows from the simple fact that a bicomplex which lives in the third quadrant and has either exact rows or exact columns has an exact total complex.

We can now define the product of quasi-morphisms  $f: P^* \dashrightarrow X^*$  and  $g: Q^* \dashrightarrow Y^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  with flat sources  $P^*$  and  $Q^*$  via the commutative diagram

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & X^* \otimes Q^* & \\ f \otimes 1 \nearrow & & \searrow 1 \otimes g \\ P^* \otimes Q^* & & X^* \otimes Y^* \\ 1 \otimes g \searrow & & \nearrow f \otimes 1 \\ & P^* \otimes Y^* & \end{array}$$

whose arrows result from the bifunctor (2). Under our assumptions, it is obviously natural, bi-additive, associative, and symmetric up to the usual signs.

In terms of the representations (1):

$P^* \xleftarrow{\sigma} Z^* \longrightarrow X^*$  and  $Q^* \xleftarrow{\tau} Z'^* \longrightarrow Y^*$  for  $f$  and  $g$ , the product  $f \otimes g$  is given by

$$P^* \otimes Q^* \xleftarrow[\sigma \otimes 1]{} Z^* \otimes Q^* \longrightarrow X^* \otimes Q^* \xleftarrow[1 \otimes \tau]{} X^* \otimes Z'^* \longrightarrow X^* \otimes Y^*,$$

where  $\sigma \otimes 1$  and  $1 \otimes \tau$  are quisos by (iii).

In order to make this into a product for Ext, we assume furthermore, that  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives. Then it is known that

$$(4) \quad \text{Ext}^p(X^*, Y^*) = \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, Y^*[p])$$

for  $X^*$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  and  $Y^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ . Thus by (3) we obtain a product for Ext if the first variable is restricted to flat complexes in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ , the second to arbitrary complexes in  $C^b(\mathcal{A})$ . To sum, up, we have

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with tensor product. If  $\mathcal{A}$  has both enough flats and enough injectives, this tensor product induces a product*

$$(5) \quad \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F^*) \times \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F'^*) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{p+q}(P^* \otimes P'^*, F^* \otimes F'^*)$$

for flat complexes  $P^*, P'^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  and arbitrary  $F^*, F'^*$  in  $C^b(\mathcal{A})$ . This product is bilinear, natural, associative, and symmetric (up to the usual signs).

This product will be called the *external product* for Ext. Given a pairing  $F^* \otimes F'^* \rightarrow G^*$ , it is clear that a corresponding *internal product* will arise. We shall show that the latter is compatible with coboundary maps.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be as in (2.1). If*

$$0 \rightarrow F_1^* \rightarrow F_2^* \rightarrow F_3^* \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow G_1^* \rightarrow G_2^* \rightarrow G_3^* \rightarrow 0$$

are exact sequences in  $C^b(\mathcal{A})$  and if

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} F_1^* \otimes F'^* & \longrightarrow & F_2^* \otimes F'^* & \longrightarrow & F_3^* \otimes F'^* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G_1^* & \longrightarrow & G_2^* & \longrightarrow & G_3^* \end{array}$$

is a commutative diagram of pairings, the coboundary operators of the two sequences are compatible with the internal products in the sense that the diagram

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F_3^*) \times \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F'^*) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^{p+q}(P^* \otimes P'^*, G_3^*) \\ \downarrow \delta_P \times 1 & & \downarrow \delta_G \\ \text{Ext}^{p+1}(P^*, F_1^*) \times \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F'^*) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^{p+q+1}(P^* \otimes P'^*, G_1^*) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

PROOF. We consider elements  $\alpha \in \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F_3^*)$  and  $\beta \in \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F'^*)$  as quasi-morphisms, and fix a representation

$$(8) \quad P'^* \xleftarrow{\sigma} Z'^* \xrightarrow{f} F'^*[q]$$

of  $\beta$  with a flat  $Z'^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ . What we must show is the commutativity of the diagram

$$(9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} P^* \otimes P'^* & \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes \sigma} F_3^*[p] \otimes Z'^* & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f} F_3^*[p] \otimes F'^*[q] \rightarrow G_3^*[p+q] \\ \downarrow \varphi \otimes 1 & & \downarrow \gamma \\ F_1^*[p+1] \otimes Z'^* & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes f} F_1^*[p+1] \otimes F'^*[q] \rightarrow G_1^*[p+q+1], \end{array}$$



where  $\varphi: F_3^* \dashrightarrow F_1^*[1]$  and  $\gamma: G_3^* \dashrightarrow G_1^*[1]$  are the quasi-morphisms arising from the given exact sequences. We are using the fact that coboundary operators for any right-derived functor are induced by these.

Using  $f$  to lift our pairings from  $F'^*[q]$  to  $Z^*$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow & F_1^*[\rho] \otimes Z^* & \rightarrow & F_2^*[\rho] \otimes Z^* & \rightarrow & F_3^*[\rho] \otimes Z^* & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 \rightarrow & G_1^*[\rho+q] & \rightarrow & G_2^*[\rho+q] & \rightarrow & G_3^*[\rho+q] & \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

in which *both* rows are exact. Hence by the naturality of the passage from short exact sequences to quasi-morphisms, we have the commutative square

$$(11) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F_3^*[\rho] \otimes Z^* & \longrightarrow & G_3^*[\rho+q] \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \gamma \\ (F_3^*[\rho] \otimes Z^*)[1] & \longrightarrow & G_1^*[\rho+q+1], \end{array}$$

where  $\psi$  belongs to the top row of (10).

Hence it remains to show that  $\psi = \varphi \otimes 1$ , which is an immediate consequence of the following observation: if  $C^*$  is the mapping cylinder of a morphism  $i: X_1^* \rightarrow X_2^*$  in  $C^b(\mathcal{A})$ , and if  $Z^*$  is any complex in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$ , the mapping cylinder of  $i \otimes 1_{Z^*}$  is canonically isomorphic to  $C^* \otimes Z^*$ .

By symmetry, i. e. the commutativity of

$$(12) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F'^*) \times \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F^*) & \searrow & \\ \downarrow & & \text{Ext}^{p+q}(P^* \otimes P'^*, G^*) \\ \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F'^*) \times \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F^*) & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

up to the sign  $(-1)^{pq}$ , we get the

COROLLARY 2.3. *With notation and conditions as above, given two exact sequences*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow F_1^* &\rightarrow F_2^* \rightarrow F_3^* \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 \rightarrow G_1^* &\rightarrow G_2^* \rightarrow G_3^* \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and a pairing with  $F^*$  of the first of these into the second, the diagram

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F^*) \times \text{Ext}^q(P'^*, F_3'^*) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}^{p+q}(P^* \otimes P'^*, G_3^*) \\ \downarrow 1 \times \delta_{F'} & & \downarrow \delta_G \\ \text{Ext}^p(P^*, F^*) \times \text{Ext}^{q+1}(P'^*, F_1'^*) & \rightarrow & \text{Ext}^{p+q+1}(P^* \otimes P'^*, G_1^*) \end{array}$$

is commutative up to the sign  $(-1)^p$ .

**3. The Yoneda-edge-product.** To recall the definition of the edge morphism, let  $S: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ ,  $T: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be additive functors between abelian categories, where  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  have enough injectives, and  $S$  takes injectives into  $T$ -acyclic objects. In this situation the canonical map  $\gamma: \mathcal{R}(T \circ S) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}T \circ \mathcal{R}S$  is an isomorphism, and one gets the edge morphism  $e: \mathcal{R}T \circ S \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)|_{\mathcal{A}}$  by means of the canonical map  $\xi: S \rightarrow \mathcal{R}S|_{\mathcal{A}}$  via the commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{R}T \circ S & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}T * \xi} & \mathcal{R}T \circ \mathcal{R}S|_{\mathcal{A}} \\ & \searrow e & \uparrow \gamma \\ & & \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)|_{\mathcal{A}} \end{array}$$

We use  $e$  to pass from morphisms of the form

$$(1) \quad \pi: F \rightarrow S(G),$$

where  $F, G$  are objects of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  respectively to morphisms of the form

$$(2) \quad d(\pi): \mathcal{R}T(F) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)(G)$$

by putting

$$d(\pi) = e \circ \mathcal{R}(T)(\pi).$$

In other words,  $d$  is a functor between comma-categories,

$$(3) \quad d: (1_{\mathcal{B}}, S) \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}T, \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)),$$

whose objects are morphisms of the types (1) and (2) respectively and whose morphisms are the usual commutative squares. We observe that  $d$  is natural with respect to  $S$  in the following sense: a morphism  $S_2 \rightarrow S_1$  will induce

functors on the corresponding comma-categories which commute with  $d$ , thus:

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (1_{\mathcal{B}}, S_2) & \xrightarrow{d} & (\mathcal{R}T, \mathcal{R}(T \circ S_2)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (1_{\mathcal{B}}, S_1) & \xrightarrow{d} & (\mathcal{R}T, \mathcal{R}(T \circ S_1)) \end{array}$$

To have a more explicit description of  $d$ , we note that  $d(\pi)$  is obtained from injective resolutions  $F \Rightarrow J^*$ ,  $G \Rightarrow I^*$  by application of  $T$  to the quasi-morphism  $\lambda$  in the diagram below:

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\pi} & S(G) \\ \Downarrow & & \downarrow \\ J^* & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & S(I^*) \end{array}$$

In particular, if we start from a *short exact sequence* in  $(1_{\mathcal{B}}, S)$ , i. e., a diagram

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} F_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & F_2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & F_3 \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \pi_2 \downarrow & & \pi_3 \downarrow \\ S(G_1) & \xrightarrow{S(\beta)} & S(G_2) & \xrightarrow{S(\psi)} & S(G_3) \end{array}$$

in which  $(\alpha, \varphi)$  and  $(\beta, \psi)$  form short exact sequences in  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  respectively, we can work with exact sequences of resolutions to obtain a corresponding diagram of quasi-morphisms

$$(7) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} J_1^* & \longrightarrow & J_2^* & \longrightarrow & J_3^* \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S(I_1^*) & \longrightarrow & S(I_2^*) & \longrightarrow & S(I_3^*) \end{array}$$

Applying  $T$  to (7) and passing to cohomology, we obtain a morphism of the cohomology sequences. To summarize, we state:

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Given two additive functors*

$$S: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \text{ and } T: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

*between abelian categories, suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  have enough injectives*

and  $S$  leaves these  $T$ -acyclic. Then the edge-morphism

$$e: \mathcal{R}T \circ S \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)|_{\mathcal{A}}$$

induces a functor

$$d: (1_{\mathcal{A}}, S) \rightarrow (\mathcal{R}T, \mathcal{R}(T \circ S)).$$

For every short exact sequence in  $(1_{\mathcal{A}}, S)$ ,  $d$  induces a morphism of cohomology sequences.

Using this construction, we shall define a product on the cohomology of certain derived functors. We consider an abelian category  $\mathcal{A}$  with enough injectives and assume the existence of a bi-additive functor  $\mathcal{H}om: \mathcal{A}^0 \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}} = T \circ \mathcal{H}om$ . We assume furthermore that  $\mathcal{H}om$  and  $T$  are left exact and that  $\mathcal{H}om(F', G)$  is  $T$ -acyclic whenever  $G$  is injective. Such a functor  $\mathcal{H}om$  will be called an *internal Hom-functor*.

If we had the existence of a tensor-product  $\otimes$  left adjoint to  $\mathcal{H}om$  a pairing  $F \otimes F' \rightarrow G$  would correspond to a morphism

$$(8) \quad F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F', G).$$

Accordingly, we call a morphism of the form (8) a *pre-pairing of  $F$  with  $F'$  into  $G$* . A *morphism of pre-pairings*, then, is given by a triple  $(f, f', g)$ ,  $f: F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ ,  $f': F'_1 \rightarrow F'_2$ ,  $g: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ , such that the diagram

$$(9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F'_1, G_1) & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \nearrow \\ F_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F'_2, G_2) & & \mathcal{H}om(F'_1, G_2) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Fixing  $F'$  and setting  $S_{F'} = \mathcal{H}om(F', -)$ , we can apply our functor  $d$  to transform any pre-pairing  $F \rightarrow S_{F'}(G)$  into a sequence of morphisms

$$(10) \quad R^p T(F) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^p(F', G).$$

Thence, using the well-known operation of  $\text{Ext}$  on  $R^*T$  via bi-additive maps

$$(11) \quad \text{Ext}^p(F', G) \times R^q T(F') \rightarrow R^{p+q} T(G),$$

we obtain the *Yoneda-edge-product*, a family of bi-additive maps

$$(12) \quad R^p T(F) \times R^q T(F') \rightarrow R^{p+q} T(G).$$

By proposition 3.1, we immediately have

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with enough injectives and an internal Hom-functor. Then*

a) *the Yoneda-edge-product is natural with respect to morphisms of pre-pairings of the form  $(f, 1, g)$ ;*

b) if  $0 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \rightarrow F_3 \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow G_3 \rightarrow 0$

are exact, and if we have a pre-pairing with  $F'$  of the first of these sequences into the second, each of the diagrams

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R^p T(F_3) \times R^q T(F') & \rightarrow & R^{p+q} T(G_3) \\ \downarrow \delta_F \times 1 & & \downarrow \delta_G \\ R^{p+1} T(F_1) \times R^q T(F') & \rightarrow & R^{p+q+1} T(G_1) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

We have used, of course, that the corresponding statements are known for the usual Yoneda-product (11).

To examine the behaviour of our product with respect to changes in the second variable, we consider an arrow  $f' : F'_1 \rightarrow F'_2$ , and the induced morphism  $S_2 = \mathcal{H}om(F'_2, -) \rightarrow S_1 = \mathcal{H}om(F'_1, -)$ . Using (4) we conclude that a commutative triangle like

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{H}om(F'_1, G) \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & & \mathcal{H}om(F'_2, G) \end{array}$$

is transformed by  $d$  into a collection of commutative triangles

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} RT^p(F) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Ext}^p(F'_1, G) \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & & \text{Ext}^p(F'_2, G) \end{array}$$

Since every morphism  $(f, f', g)$  of pre-pairings can obviously be factored into  $(f, 1, g)$  and  $(1, f', 1)$ , we deduce that the diagram (9) goes over into

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R^p T(F_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^p(F'_1, G_1) \\ \downarrow & & \searrow \\ R^p T(F_2) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^p(F'_2, G_2) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \nearrow \end{array} \quad \text{Ext}^p(F_1, G_2)$$

PROPOSITION 3.3. *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with enough injectives and an internal Hom-functor. Then*

(a) *the Yoneda-edge-product is natural with respect to all morphisms of pre-pairings:*

$$(b) \text{ if } 0 \rightarrow F'_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha'} F'_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi'} F'_3 \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } 0 \rightarrow G_1 \xrightarrow{\beta} G_2 \xrightarrow{\psi} G_3 \rightarrow 0$$

*are exact and if we have a pre-pairing of  $F$  with the first of these sequences into the second (i. e.:  $(1, \alpha', \beta)$  and  $(1, \varphi', \psi)$  are morphisms of pre-pairings), each of the diagrams*

$$(16) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R^p T(F) \times R^q T(F_3) & \longrightarrow & R^{p+q} T(G_3) \\ \downarrow 1 \times \delta_F & & \downarrow \delta_G \\ R^p T(F) \times R^{p+1} T(F'_1) & \longrightarrow & R^{p+q+1} T(G_1) \end{array}$$

*commutes up to the sign  $(-1)^p$ .*

PROOF. a) In view of Proposition 3.2(a), it suffices to look at pre-pairings of type  $(1, f', 1)$ . For these our statement follows from (14) and naturality of the usual Yoneda-product.

b) By (15), our pre-pairing of sequences gives commutative diagrams

$$(17) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{Ext}^p(F'_1, G_1) & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ R^p T(F) & & & & \text{Ext}^p(F_1, G_2) \\ & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^p(F'_2, G_2) & \longrightarrow & \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & \text{Ext}^p(F'_3, G_3) & & \text{Ext}^p(F_2, G_3) \end{array}$$

Consider the first of these squares and look at the images of a fixed  $x \in R^p T(F)$  in the three Ext-groups involved, regarding them as exact sequences of  $p$  terms each. They are connected as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_1 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_1 \\
 \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 G_2 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_1 \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \alpha' \\
 G_2 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_2
 \end{array}$$

with the middle sequence produced from the other two by  $\beta$  and  $\alpha'$  respectively. Applying this also to the second square of (17) and putting the two together yields a diagram

(18)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_1 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 G_2 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_2 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 G_3 & \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow & F'_3
 \end{array}$$

whose rows are the images of  $x$  and whose outer columns are the given exact sequences. Taking a  $y \in R^q T(F_3)$  with  $x$  clockwise through (16) means feeding  $y$  through the bottom sequence of (18) and then through the first column. Traveling counter-clockwise in (16) corresponds to going through the last column of (18) and then through the top row. It is well-known (MacLane [1963], VIII. 3) that the two processes differ by the sign  $(-1)^p$ .

REMARK. We have defined a product with the usual properties of a cup-product. However, we did not succeed in showing its uniqueness, not even its symmetry. It is of interest to note, that our product is unique (up to isomorphism) for all pre-pairings

$$F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F', G)$$

into objects  $G$  which are acyclic for  $\mathcal{H}om$ . For these,  $e$  yields an isomorphism

$$RT^p(\mathcal{H}om(F', G)) \simeq \text{Ext}^p(F', G)$$

and the uniqueness of our construction follows from that of the Yoneda product.

**4. Comparison of the two products.** In this final paragraph we wish to show that the two products introduced above coincide under certain circumstances. Thus we consider a situation in which the constructions of both §2 and §3 can be performed.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with an internal Hom-functor  $\mathcal{H}om$  (cf. §3) having a left-adjoint tensor-product (cf. §2) denoted by  $\otimes$  or  $\mathcal{T}en$  depending on the particular formulas at hand. Thus,

$$(1) \quad \text{Hom}(X, \mathcal{H}om(Y, Z)) \simeq \text{Hom}(X \otimes Y, Z).$$

Moreover, we assume that the functor  $T: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  which turns  $\mathcal{H}om$  into  $\text{Hom}$  is representable; i. e. there is an object  $A$  such that

$$(2) \quad T = \text{Hom}(A, -).$$

By (1),  $\mathcal{T}en(A, -)$  is isomorphic to the identity. In particular,  $A$  is flat. It will be important that the formula

$$(3) \quad \text{Hom}(A, \mathcal{H}om(X, Y)) = \text{Hom}(X, Y)$$

is a special case of (1) via the natural identification of  $A \otimes X$  with  $X$ .

Finally, we suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough flats and injectives and that  $\mathcal{H}om(X, I)$  is  $T$ -acyclic whenever  $I$  is injective.

Since the main examples of such categories are categories of modules over ringed sites, we shall call a category  $\mathcal{A}$  with the properties listed above an *abelian quasi-topos*. The functor  $T$  will be referred to as the *section-functor*, the object  $A$  as the *structure-object* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

To compare our products, we shall first extend the adjointness (1) to the derived category of  $\mathcal{A}$  and then relate it to the edge-morphism used in §3.

Both  $\mathcal{H}om$  and  $\mathcal{T}en$  can be extended to functors

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{H}om^* : C^-(\mathcal{A})^0 \times C^+(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C^+(\mathcal{A})$$

$$\mathcal{T}en^* : C^-(\mathcal{A}) \times C^-(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow C^-(\mathcal{A})$$

with the usual sign conventions for differentials. (The indicated restrictions on the complexes are necessary, because we do not assume existence of infinite sums or products in  $\mathcal{A}$ ).

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian quasi-topos. The adjunction-isomorphisms (1) extend to natural isomorphisms*



$$(5) \quad \text{Hom}^*(X^*, \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*)) \simeq \text{Hom}^*(X^* \otimes Y^*, Z^*)$$

for  $X^*, Y^*$  in  $C^-(\mathcal{A})$  and  $Z^*$  in  $C^+(\mathcal{A})$ .

PROOF. The trick is to find the right sign-convention to obtain an isomorphism of complexes. Taking  $\varphi^p \in \text{Hom}^p(X^*, \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*))$ , i. e. a family  $\varphi_k^p: X^k \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om^{k+p}(Y^*, Z^*)$ , regarded as a family

$$\varphi_{k,l}^p: X^k \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(Y^l, Z^{l+k+p})$$

we define its image  $\psi_n^p: (X^* \otimes Y^*)^n \rightarrow Z^{n+p}$  to be composed of maps

$$\psi_{k,l}^p: X^k \otimes Y^l \rightarrow Z^{l+k+p},$$

which correspond by adjointness to  $(-1)^\varepsilon \varphi_{k,l}^p$ , where  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}(p+k)(p+k+1)$ .

Looking in (5) at 0-cocycles and 0-cohomology respectively, we get

COROLLARY 4.2.  $\mathcal{H}om^*$  and  $\mathcal{T}en^*$  are adjoint to each other in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  well as as in  $K(\mathcal{A})$  (both restricted as in (4)).

REMARK. The formula (5) shows up as (8.7) in Chapter VI of MacLane [1963], where it does not involve the sign  $(-1)^\varepsilon$ . The reason for its appearance here is that we follow a different sign-convention for the differentials of  $\text{Hom}^*$ : our differential  $\partial^p$  differs from that used by MacLane by the sign  $(-1)^{p+1}$ . This is necessary for obtaining formulas (12) of §1.

Now to the derived functors. From §2 we recall that  $X^* \otimes P^*$  is exact, whenever  $P^*$  is flat and one of  $X^*$  or  $P^*$  is exact. Thus we can define the total left-derived functor

$\mathcal{L} \mathcal{T}en^*: D^-(\mathcal{A}) \times D^-(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D^-(\mathcal{A})$  by putting  $\mathcal{L} \mathcal{T}en^*(X^*, Y^*) = X^* \otimes P^*$  where  $P^*$  is a flat resolution of  $Y^*$ . To do the analogous thing for  $\mathcal{H}om^*$ , we need the

LEMMA. For any injective  $I$  in an abelian quasi-topos  $\mathcal{A}$ , the functor  $\mathcal{H}om(-, I)$  is exact.

PROOF. Let  $Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2$  be a mono. For flat  $P$ ,  $\text{Hom}(P, \mathcal{H}om(Y_2, I)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, \mathcal{H}om(Y_1, I))$  is surjective by adjointness. Looking at an epi  $P \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(Y_1, I)$ , we see that  $\mathcal{H}om(Y_2, I) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(Y_1, I)$  is epic.

From this Lemma, we conclude that  $\mathcal{H}om^*(X^*, I^*)$  is exact whenever  $I^*$  is injective and  $X^*$  is exact. Hence we obtain the total right-derived functor

$$\mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^* : D^-(\mathcal{A})^0 \times D^+(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow D^+(\mathcal{A})$$

by putting  $\mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^*(X^*, Y^*) = \mathcal{H}om^*(X^*, I^*)$  for an injective resolution  $I^*$  of  $Y^*$ .

PROPOSITION 4.3. *The adjointness (1) extends to an adjointness*

$$(6) \quad \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(\mathcal{L} \mathcal{T}en(X^*, Y^*), Z^*)$$

for  $X^*, Y^*$  in  $D^-(\mathcal{A})$  and  $Z^*$  in  $D^+(\mathcal{A})$ .

PROOF. Taking a flat resolution  $P^*$  of  $Y^*$  and an injective one  $I^*$  of  $Z^*$ , we note that  $\mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*)$  is injective. Hence we are reduced to showing that

$$\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^*, \mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^* \otimes P^*, I^*)$$

is an isomorphism, which is guaranteed by Corollary 4.2.

REMARK. In particular, for  $X^* = A$  (remember that  $A \otimes Y \simeq Y$ ), (6) goes over into

$$(7) \quad \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(A, \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*)) \simeq \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(Y^*, Z^*).$$

Using the canonical map  $\mathcal{H}om^* \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^*$  (derived, say, from  $t : \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, I^*)$ ) we obtain maps

$$(8) \quad \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(A, \mathcal{H}om^*(Y^*, Z^*)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(Y^*, Z^*).$$

Applying this to objects  $Y, Z$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and remembering the interpretation of  $\text{Ext}$  in terms of  $\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}$ , we have

$$(9) \quad \text{Ext}^p(A, \mathcal{H}om(Y, Z)) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^p(Y, Z).$$

On the other hand, we have a similar map from the edge-morphism

$$e : \mathcal{R}T(\mathcal{H}om(-, -)) \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}om^*|_{\mathcal{A}} \text{ (cf. §3)}.$$

The main point of this paragraph is that these are the same.

PROPOSITION 4.4. *The map (9) obtained from adjointness in  $D(\mathcal{A})$  coincides with the analogous map derived from the edge-morphism  $e$ .*

PROOF. With notation as in the proof of (4.3) consider the following diagram

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}om(Y, Z)[p] & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & J^*[p] \\ t \downarrow & & \downarrow s \\ \mathcal{H}om^*(Y, I^*[p]) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*[p]), \end{array}$$

in which, for the moment, we ignore  $J^*$  and its arrows. The transition (9) is defined as follows:

A quasi-arrow  $\alpha: A \dashrightarrow \mathcal{H}om(Y, Z)[p]$  is transformed into  $\beta: A \dashrightarrow \mathcal{H}om^*(Y, I^*[p])$  via  $t$ . Since  $\tau$  is an injective resolution,  $\beta$  can be represented as  $\tau^{-1}b$  with  $b: A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*[p])$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . By adjointness  $b$  corresponds to some  $c: P^* \rightarrow I^*[p]$  which gives the desired quasi-arrow  $\gamma: Y \dashrightarrow I^*[p]$ .

To compare this process with the edge-morphism, we introduce the injective resolution  $J^*$  of  $\mathcal{H}om(Y, Z)$ . By injectivity of  $\mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*[p])$ , we get the right vertical arrow  $s$  making (10) commute up to homotopy. The morphism  $b$  found above could therefore have been defined by setting  $\alpha = \sigma^{-1}a$  with  $a: A \rightarrow J^*[p]$  and composing  $a$  with  $s$ .

The prescription for the edge-morphism, on the other hand, is to apply  $\text{Hom}(A, -)$  to  $s$  and watch what happens in cohomology. There we get

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{A})}(A, J^*[p]) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{A})}(A, \mathcal{H}om^*(P^*, I^*[p]))$$

with the right hand side to be identified with

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{A})}(P^*, I^*[p]).$$

This is exactly what was done above.

We are now ready to deal with the problem which motivated these excursions. Given a pairing

$$\pi: F \otimes F \rightarrow G$$

in  $\mathcal{A}$ , we have two ways of constructing products

$$(11) \quad \text{Ext}^p(A, F) \times \text{Ext}^q(A, F') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{p+q}(A, G),$$

one by the Ext-product of §2, the other via the pre-pairing

$$\pi' : F \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om(F', G)$$

adjoint to  $\pi$  by the Yoneda-edge-product of §3.

PROPOSITION 4.5. *Let  $\pi : F \otimes F' \rightarrow G$  be a pairing in an abelian quasi-topos with structure-object  $A$ . Then the internal product*

$$\text{Ext}^p(A, F) \times \text{Ext}^q(A, F') \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{p+q}(A, G)$$

*coincides with the Yoneda-edge-product*

$$RT^p(F) \times RT^q(F') \rightarrow RT^{p+q}(G).$$

PROOF. Let elements of  $\text{Ext}^p(A, F)$  and  $\text{Ext}^q(A, F')$  be given as quasi-arrows

$$\alpha : A \dashrightarrow F[p] \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha' : A \dashrightarrow F'[q].$$

Consider the commutative diagram

$$(12) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(F[p], \mathcal{H}om(F', G)[p]) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(F \otimes F'[p], G[p]) \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \alpha \otimes F' \\ \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(A, \mathcal{H}om(F', G)[p]) & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(F', G[p]) \\ & & \downarrow \alpha' \\ & & \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(A[-q], G[p]). \end{array}$$

Starting with  $\pi$  in the upper right corner, the internal product is described by the right column. The Yoneda-edge-product is obtained in three steps :

- (i) going over to  $\pi' = \xi^{-1}(\pi)$ ,
- (ii) composing  $\pi'$  with  $\alpha$  and applying the "edge"  $\eta$  (cf. 4.4)
- (iii) composing the result  $\bar{\alpha} \in \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{A})}(F', G[p])$  of (i) and (ii) with  $\alpha' : A[-q] \dashrightarrow F'$ .

By commutativity of (12) the two processes coincide.

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