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Chapter 1

Resolutions of the ground ring

`ResolutionAbelianGroup(L,n)` `ResolutionAbelianGroup(G,n)` Inputs a list $L := [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_d]$ of nonnegative integers and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the abelian group $\mathbb{Z}^d / \langle L \rangle$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionAlmostCrystalGroup(G,n)` Inputs a positive integer n and an almost crystallographic pcg group G . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionAlmostCrystalQuotient(G,n,c)` `ResolutionAlmostCrystalQuotient(G,n,c,false)` An almost crystallographic pcg group G and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionArtinGroup(D,n)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and an integer $n > 1$. It returns n terms of a free $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionAsphericalPresentation(F,R,n)` Inputs a free group F , a set R of words in F which constitute an aspherical presentation of a group G , and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionBieberbachGroup(G)` `ResolutionBieberbachGroup(G,v)` Inputs a Bieberbach group G (represented using `AffineCrystGroupOnRight`) and a positive integer v . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionDirectProduct(R,S)` `ResolutionDirectProduct(R,S,"internal")` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R and a $\mathbb{Z}H$ -resolution S . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}(G \times H)$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionExtension(g,R,S)` `ResolutionExtension(g,R,S,"TestFiniteness")` `ResolutionExtension(g,R,S,true)` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R , a $\mathbb{Z}H$ -resolution S , and a group G . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionFiniteDirectProduct(R,S)` `ResolutionFiniteDirectProduct(R,S,"internal")` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R and a $\mathbb{Z}H$ -resolution S . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}(G \times H)$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionFiniteExtension(gensE,gensG,R,n)` `ResolutionFiniteExtension(gensE,gensG,R,n,true)` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R , a list $gensE$ of generators of a group E , a list $gensG$ of generators of a group G , and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionFiniteGroup(gens,n)` `ResolutionFiniteGroup(gens,n,true)` `ResolutionFiniteGroup(gens,n,false)` Inputs a list $gens$ of generators of a group G and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionFiniteSubgroup(R,K)` `ResolutionFiniteSubgroup(R,gensG,gensK)` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R for a group G and a list $gensK$ of generators of a subgroup K of G . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}K$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionGraphOfGroups(D,n)` `ResolutionGraphOfGroups(D,n,L)` Inputs a graph of groups D and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionNilpotentGroup(G,n)` `ResolutionNilpotentGroup(G,n,"TestFiniteness")` Inputs a nilpotent group G and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionNormalSeries(L,n)` `ResolutionNormalSeries(L,n,true)` `ResolutionNormalSeries(L,n,false)` Inputs a list L of subgroups of a group G and a positive integer n . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionPrimePowerGroup(P,n)` `ResolutionPrimePowerGroup(G,n,p)` Inputs a p -group P and integer $n > 0$. It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}P$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionSmallFpGroup(G,n)` `ResolutionSmallFpGroup(G,n,p)` Inputs a small finitely presented group G and integer $n > 0$. It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionSubgroup(R,K)` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution for an (infinite) group G and a subgroup K of finite index $|G : K|$. It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}K$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`ResolutionSubnormalSeries(L,n)` Inputs a positive integer n and a list $L = [L_1, \dots, L_k]$ of subgroups L_i of a finite group G . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

`TwistedTensorProduct(R,S,EhomG,GmapE,NhomE,NEhomN,EltSE,Mult,InvE)` Inputs a $\mathbb{Z}G$ -resolution R , a $\mathbb{Z}H$ -resolution S , and a group G . It returns a resolution of the group algebra $\mathbb{Z}G$ over \mathbb{Z} .

Chapter 2

Resolutions of modules

| `ResolutionFpGModule(M, n)` Inputs an FpG -module M and a positive integer n . It returns n terms of a minimal free F

Chapter 3

Induced equivariant chain maps

| `EquivariantChainMap(R, S, f)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R , a ZG' -resolution S , and a group homomorphism $f : G \longrightarrow G'$

Chapter 4

Functors

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`HomToIntegers(X)` Inputs either a ZG -resolution $X = R$, or an equivariant chain map $X = (F : R \longrightarrow S)$. It returns the

`HomToIntegersModP(R)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R and returns the cochain complex obtained by applying $Hom_{ZG}(Z/p, R)$.

`HomToIntegralModule(R, f)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R and a group homomorphism $f : G \longrightarrow GL_n(Z)$ to the group of

`LowerCentralSeriesLieAlgebra(G)` `LowerCentralSeriesLieAlgebra(f)` Inputs a pcg group G . If each quotient G_i/G_{i+1} is

`TensorWithIntegers(X)` Inputs either a ZG -resolution $X = R$, or an equivariant chain map $X = (F : R \longrightarrow S)$. It returns

`TensorWithIntegersModP(X, p)` Inputs either a ZG -resolution $X = R$, or an equivariant chain map $X = (F : R \longrightarrow S)$. It returns

`TensorWithRationals(R)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R and returns the chain complex obtained by tensoring with the trivial

Chapter 5

Chain complexes

`ChevalleyEilenbergComplex(X, n)` Inputs either a Lie algebra $X = A$ (over the ring of integers Z or over a field K) or

`LeibnizComplex(X, n)` Inputs either a Lie or Leibniz algebra $X = A$ (over the ring of integers Z or over a field K) or

Chapter 6

Homology and cohomology groups

`Cohomology(X)` Inputs either a cochain complex $X = C$ or a cochain map $X = (C \longrightarrow D)$ over the integers Z . If $X = C$ then the torsion coefficients are computed.
`CohomologyPrimePart(C, n, p)` Inputs a cochain complex C in characteristic 0, a positive integer n , and a prime p . It returns the p -part of the n th cohomology group.
`GroupCohomology(X, n)` `GroupCohomology(X, n, p)` Inputs a positive integer n and either a finite group $X = G$ or a Coxeter diagram $X = D$ representing a finite group.
`GroupHomology(X, n)`
`GroupHomology(X, n, p)` Inputs a positive integer n and either a finite group $X = G$ or a Coxeter diagram $X = D$ representing a finite group.
`Homology(X, n)` Inputs either a chain complex $X = C$ or a chain map $X = (C \longrightarrow D)$. If $X = C$ then the torsion coefficients are computed.
`HomologyPb(C, n)` This is a back-up function which might work in some instances where `Homology(C, n)` fails. It is more computationally intensive.
`HomologyPrimePart(C, n, p)` Inputs a chain complex C in characteristic 0, a positive integer n , and a prime p . It returns the p -part of the n th homology group.
`LeibnizAlgebraHomology(A, n)` Inputs a Lie or Leibniz algebra $X = A$ (over the ring of integers Z or over a field K), and a positive integer n . It returns the n th homology group.
`LieAlgebraHomology(A, n)` Inputs a Lie algebra A (over the integers or a field) and a positive integer n . It returns the n th homology group.
`PrimePartDerivedFunctor(G, R, F, n)` Inputs a finite group G , a positive integer n , at least $n + 1$ terms of a ZP -resolution of G over a ring R , and a field F . It returns the n th derived functor of the prime part of the homology.
`RankHomologyPGroup(G, n)` `RankHomologyPGroup(R, n)` `RankHomologyPGroup(G, n, "empirical")` Inputs a (smallish) finite group G , a positive integer n , a ring R , or the string "empirical". It returns the rank of the n th homology group.
`RankPrimeHomology(G, n)` Inputs a (smallish) p -group G together with a positive integer n . It returns a function $dim(k)$ of the prime p .

Chapter 7

Poincare series

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`EfficientNormalSubgroups (G)`

`EfficientNormalSubgroups (G, k)` Inputs a prime-power group G and, optionally, a positive integer k . The default is $k = 1$.

`ExpansionOfRationalFunction (f, n)` Inputs a positive integer n and a rational function $f(x) = p(x)/q(x)$ where the denominator $q(x)$ is not zero.

`PoincareSeries (G, n)` `PoincareSeries (R, n)`

`PoincareSeries (L, n)`

`PoincareSeries (G)` Inputs a finite p -group G and a positive integer n . It returns a quotient of polynomials $f(x) = P_n(x)/Q_n(x)$.

`PoincareSeriesPrimePart (G, p, n)` Inputs a finite group G , a prime p , and a positive integer n . It returns a quotient of polynomials.

`Prank (G)` Inputs a p -group G and returns the rank of the largest elementary abelian subgroup.

Chapter 8

Cohomology ring structure

`IntegralCupProduct (R, u, v, p, q)`

`IntegralCupProduct (R, u, v, p, q, P, Q, N)` (Various functions used to construct the cup product are also *CRfunctions*)

`IntegralRingGenerators (R, n)` Inputs at least $n + 1$ terms of a ZG -resolution and integer $n > 0$. It returns a minimal

`ModPCohomologyRing (G, n)`

`ModPCohomologyRing (R)` Inputs either a p -group G and positive integer n , or else n terms of a minimal $Z_p G$ -resolution

`ModP RingGenerators (A)` Inputs a mod p cohomology ring A (created using the preceding function). It returns a gen

Chapter 9

Commutator and nonabelian tensor computations

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BaerInvariant(G, c) Inputs a nilpotent group G and integer $c > 0$. It returns the Baer invariant $M^{(c)}(G)$ defined as follows.
Coclass(G) Inputs a group G of prime-power order p^n and nilpotency class c say. It returns the integer $r = n - c$.
EpiCentre(G, N)
EpiCentre(G) Inputs a finite group G and normal subgroup N and returns a subgroup $Z^*(G, N)$ of the centre of N . The
NonabelianExteriorProduct(G, N) Inputs a finite group G and normal subgroup N . It returns a record E with the following
NonabelianTensorProduct(G, N) Inputs a finite group G and normal subgroup N . It returns a record E with the following
NonabelianTensorSquare(G)
NonabelianTensorSquare(G, m) Inputs a finite or nilpotent infinite group G and returns a record T with the following
RelativeSchurMultiplier(G, N) Inputs a finite group G and normal subgroup N . It returns the homology group $H_2(N, Z)$.
TensorCentre(G) Inputs a group G and returns the largest central subgroup N such that the induced homomorphism
ThirdHomotopyGroupOfSuspensionB(G)
ThirdHomotopyGroupOfSuspensionB(G, m) Inputs a finite or nilpotent infinite group G and returns the abelian invariant
UpperEpicentralSeries(G, c) Inputs a nilpotent group G and an integer c . It returns the c -th term of the upper epicentral series.

Chapter 10

Generators and relators of groups

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`CayleyGraphDisplay(G,X)`

`CayleyGraphDisplay(G,X,"mozilla")` Inputs a finite group G together with a subset X of G . It displays the corresponding Cayley graph.

`IsAspherical(F,R)` Inputs a free group F and a set R of words in F . It performs a test on the 2-dimensional CW-space with presentation $\langle F, R \rangle$.

`PresentationOfResolution(R)` Inputs at least two terms of a reduced ZG -resolution R and returns a record P with the presentation of the group G .

`TorsionGeneratorsAbelianGroup(G)` Inputs an abelian group G and returns a generating set $[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ where no proper subset of $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ generates G .

Chapter 11

Orbit polytopes and fundamental domains

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`FundamentalDomainAffineCrystGroupOnRight(v, G)` Inputs a crystallographic group G (represented using `AffineC`)
`OrbitPolytope(G, v, L)` Inputs a permutation group or matrix group G of degree n and a rational vector v of length n .
The function uses Polymake software.

`PolytopalComplex(G, v)`
`PolytopalComplex(G, v, n)`

Inputs a permutation group or matrix group G of degree n and a rational vector v of length n . In both cases there is a natural action of G on v . Let $P(G, v)$ be the convex polytope arising as the convex hull of the Euclidean points in the orbit of v under the action of G . The cellular chain complex $C_* = C_*(P(G, v))$ is an exact sequence of (not necessarily free) ZG -modules. The function returns a component object R with components:

- $R!.dimension(k)$ is a function which returns the number of G -orbits of the k -dimensional faces in $P(G, v)$. If each k -face has trivial stabilizer subgroup in G then C_k is a free ZG -module of rank $R!.dimension(k)$.
- $R!.stabilizer(k, n)$ is a function which returns the stabilizer subgroup for a face in the n -th orbit of k -faces.
- If all faces of dimension $< k + 1$ have trivial stabilizer group then the first k terms of C_* constitute part of a free ZG -resolution. The boundary map is described by the function $boundary(k, n)$. (If some faces have non-trivial stabilizer group then C_* is not free and no attempt is made to determine signs for the boundary map.)
- $R!.elements$, $R!.group$, $R!.properties$ are as in a ZG -resolution.

If an optional third input variable n is used, then only the first n terms of the resolution C_* will be computed.

The function uses Polymake software.

`PolytopalGenerators(G, v)`

Inputs a permutation group or matrix group G of degree n and a rational vector v of length n . In both cases there is a natural action of G on v , and the vector v must be chosen so that it has trivial stabilizer subgroup in G . Let $P(G, v)$ be the convex polytope arising as the convex hull of the Euclidean points in the orbit of v under the action of G . The function returns a record P with components:

- *P.generators* is a list of all those elements g in G such that $g \cdot v$ has an edge in common with v . The list is a generating set for G .
- *P.vector* is the vector v .
- *P.hasseDiagram* is the Hasse diagram of the cone at v .

The function uses Polymake software. The function is joint work with Seamus Kelly.

`VectorStabilizer(G, v)`

Inputs a permutation group or matrix group G of degree n and a rational vector of degree n . In both cases there is a natural action of G on v and the function returns the group of elements in G that fix v .

Chapter 12

Cocycles

`CocycleCondition(R, n)` Inputs a resolution R and an integer $n > 0$. It returns an integer matrix M with the following
`StandardCocycle(R, f, n)`
`StandardCocycle(R, f, n, q)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R (with contracting homotopy), a positive integer n and an integer q .
`Syzygy(R, g)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R (with contracting homotopy) and a list $g = [g[1], \dots, g[n]]$ of elements in G . It returns

Chapter 13

Words in free ZG -modules

`AddFreeWords(v, w)` Inputs two words v, w in a free ZG -module and returns their sum $v + w$. If the characteristic of Z is p , it returns the sum modulo p .

`AddFreeWordsModP(v, w, p)` Inputs two words v, w in a free ZG -module and the characteristic p of Z . It returns the sum modulo p .

`AlgebraicReduction(w)` Inputs a word w in a free ZG -module and returns a reduced version of the word in which no subword is a relator.

`AlgebraicReduction(w, p)` Inputs a word w in a free ZG -module and returns a reduced version of the word in which no subword is a relator modulo p .

`Multiply Word(n, w)` Inputs a word w and integer n . It returns the scalar multiple $n \cdot w$.

`Negate([i, j])` Inputs a pair $[i, j]$ of integers and returns $[-i, j]$.

`NegateWord(w)` Inputs a word w in a free ZG -module and returns the negated word $-w$.

`PrintZGword(w, elts)` Inputs a word w in a free ZG -module and a (possibly partial but sufficient) listing `elts` of the elements of G . It prints the word w in terms of the elements of G .

`TietzeReduction(S, w)` Inputs a set S of words in a free ZG -module, and a word w in the module. The function returns a reduced version of w modulo S .

Chapter 14

FpG -modules

`DirectSumOfFpGModules (M, N)`
`DirectSumOfFpGModules ([M[1], M[2], ..., M[k]])` Inputs two FpG -modules M and N with common group G . It returns the direct sum of M and N .
`FpGModule (A, P)` Inputs a p -group P and a matrix A whose rows have length a multiple of the order of G . It returns the FpG -module defined by A and P .
`FpGModuleDualBasis (M)` Inputs an FpG -module M . It returns a record R with two components: $R.freeModule$ is the free module on which M is a submodule, and $R.dualBasis$ is a dual basis for M .
`FpGModuleHomomorphism (M, N, A)` Inputs FpG -modules M and N over a common p -group G . Also inputs a list A of matrices. It returns a homomorphism from M to N .
`DesuspensionFpGModule (M, n)` Inputs a positive integer n and an FpG -module M . It returns an FpG -module $D^n M$.
`RadicalOfFpGModule (M)` Inputs an FpG -module M with G a p -group, and returns the Radical of M as an FpG -module.
`GeneratorsOfFpGModule (M)` Inputs an FpG -module M and returns a matrix whose rows correspond to a minimal generating set for M .
`ImageOfFpGModuleHomomorphism (f)` Inputs an FpG -module homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ and returns its image $f(M)$.
`IntersectionOfFpGModules (M, N)` Inputs two FpG -modules M, N arising as submodules in a common free module. It returns their intersection as an FpG -module.
`IsFpGModuleHomomorphismData (M, N, A)` Inputs FpG -modules M and N over a common p -group G . Also inputs a list A of matrices. It returns a record with two components: $isHomomorphism$ is a boolean, and $data$ is a list of matrices.
`MultipleOfFpGModule (w, M)` Inputs an FpG -module M and a list $w := [g_1, \dots, g_t]$ of elements in the group $G = M!.g$. It returns the multiple of M by w .
`ProjectedFpGModule (M, k)` Inputs an FpG -module M of ambient dimension $n|G|$, and an integer k between 1 and n . It returns the projection of M onto a subspace of dimension $k|G|$.
`RandomHomomorphismOfFpGModules (M, N)` Inputs two FpG -modules M and N over a common group G . It returns a random homomorphism from M to N .
`Rank (f)` Inputs an FpG -module homomorphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ and returns the dimension of the image of f as a vector space over \mathbb{F}_p .
`SumOfFpGModules (M, N)` Inputs two FpG -modules M, N arising as submodules in a common free module $(FG)^n$ where n is the ambient dimension. It returns their sum as an FpG -module.
`SumOp (f, g)` Inputs two FpG -module homomorphisms $f, g : M \rightarrow N$ with common source and common target. It returns their sum as an FpG -module homomorphism.
`VectorsToFpGModuleWords (M, L)` Inputs an FpG -module M and a list $L = [v_1, \dots, v_k]$ of vectors in M . It returns a list of words representing the vectors in L .

Chapter 15

Meataxe modules

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DesuspensionMtxModule(M) Inputs a meataxe module M over the field of p elements and returns an FpG-module DM .
FpG_to_MtxModule(M) Inputs an FpG-module M and returns an isomorphic meataxe module.
GeneratorsOfMtxModule(M) Inputs a meataxe module M acting on, say, the vector space V . The function returns a m

Chapter 16

Coxeter diagrams and graphs of groups

`CoxeterDiagramComponents(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns a list $[D_1, \dots, D_d]$ of the maximal connected components of D .

`CoxeterDiagramDegree(D, v)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and vertex v . It returns the degree of v (i.e. the number of edges incident to v).

`CoxeterDiagramDisplay(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and displays it as a .gif file. It uses the `GraphOfGroupsDisplay` function.

`CoxeterDiagramDisplay(D, "web browser")` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and displays it as a .gif file. It uses the `GraphOfGroupsDisplay` function.

`CoxeterDiagramFpArtinGroup(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns the corresponding finitely presented Artin group.

`CoxeterDiagramFpCoxeterGroup(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns the corresponding finitely presented Coxeter group.

`CoxeterDiagramIsSpherical(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns "true" if the associated Coxeter groups is spherical.

`CoxeterDiagramMatrix(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns a matrix representation of it. The matrix is given by (m_{ij}) where m_{ij} is the order of $s_i s_j$.

`CoxeterSubDiagram(D, V)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and a subset V of its vertices. It returns the full sub-diagram of D with vertices V .

`CoxeterDiagramVertices(D)` Inputs a Coxeter diagram D and returns its set of vertices.

`EvenSubgroup(G)` Inputs a group G and returns a subgroup G^+ . The subgroup is that generated by all products xy where x, y are elements of G .

`GraphOfGroupsDisplay(D)` Inputs a graph of groups D and displays it as a .gif file. It uses the `GraphOfGroupsDisplay` function.

`GraphOfGroupsDisplay(D, "web browser")` Inputs a graph of groups D and displays it as a .gif file. It uses the `GraphOfGroupsDisplay` function.

`GraphOfGroupsTest(D)` Inputs an object D and tries to test whether it is a Graph of Groups. However, it DOES NOT work.

Chapter 17

Some functions for accessing basic data

`BoundaryMap(C)` Inputs a resolution, chain complex or cochain complex C and returns the function $C!.boundary$.

`BoundaryMatrix(C,n)` Inputs a chain or cochain complex C and integer $n>0$. It returns the n -th boundary map of C .

`Dimension(C)`

`Dimension(M)` Inputs a resolution, chain complex or cochain complex C and returns the function $C!.dimension$. Alternatively, `Dimension(M)` returns the dimension of the resolution M .

`EvaluateProperty(X,"name")` Inputs a component object X (such as a ZG -resolution or chain map) and a string "name". It returns the value of the property "name" of X .

`GroupOfResolution(R)` Inputs a ZG -resolution R and returns the group G .

`Length(R)` Inputs a resolution R and returns its length (i.e. the number of terms of R that HAP has computed).

`Map(f)` Inputs a chain map, or cochain map or equivariant chain map f and returns the mapping function (as opposed to the mapping object).

`Source(f)` Inputs a chain map, or cochain map, or equivariant chain map, or FpG -module homomorphism f and returns the source object.

`Target(f)` Inputs a chain map, or cochain map, or equivariant chain map, or FpG -module homomorphism f and returns the target object.

Chapter 18

Parallel Computation - Core Functions

`ChildProcess()`

`ChildProcess("computer.ac.wales")` This starts a GAP session as a child process and returns a stream to the child process.

- open a shell on thishost
- `cd .ssh`
- `ls`
- *if id_{dsa}, id_{rsa} exist, skip the next two steps!*
- `ssh-keygen -t rsa`
- `ssh-keygen -t dsa`
- `scp *.pub user@remotehost: /`
- `ssh remotehost -l user`
- `cat idrsa.pub >> .ssh/authorizedkeys`
- `cat iddsa.pub >> .ssh/authorizedkeys`
- `rm idrsa.pub iddsa.pub`
- `exit`

You should now be able to connect from "thishost" to "remotehost" without a password prompt.)

`ChildClose(s)` This closes the stream `s` to a child GAP process.

`ChildCommand("cmd", s)` This runs a GAP command "cmd;" on the child process accessed by the stream `s`. Here "cmd;" is a GAP command.

`NextAvailableChild(L)` Inputs a list `L` of child processes and returns a child in `L` which is ready for computation (as soon as possible).

`IsAvailableChild(s)` Inputs a child process `s` and returns true if `s` is currently available for computations, and false otherwise.

`ChildPut(A, "B", s)` This copies a GAP object `A` on the parent process to an object `B` on the child process `s`. (The copy is made immediately.)

`ChildGet("A", s)` This function copies a GAP object `A` on the child process `s` and returns it on the parent process. (The copy is made immediately.)

Chapter 19

Parallel Computation - Extra Functions

`ChildFunction("function(arg);", s)` This runs the GAP function "function(arg);" on a child process accessed by the string `s`.

`ChildRead(s)` This returns, as a string, the output of the last application of `ChildFunction("function(arg);", s)`.

`ChildReadEval(s)` This returns, as an evaluated string, the output of the last application of `ChildFunction("function(arg);", s)`.

`ParallelList(I, fn, L)` Inputs a list I , a function fn such that $fn(x)$ is defined for all x in I , and a list of children L . It returns a list of the same length as I , where the i -th element is the result of applying fn to the i -th element of I , using the child process $L[i]$.

Chapter 20

Topological Data Analysis

`ReadImageFile("file.png", n)` Inputs an image file ("file.png", "file.eps", "file.bmp" etc) and an integer n between 0 and 255. It returns a 1/0 integer matrix A representing a black/white version of an image.

`BettiNumbersOfMatrix(A)` Inputs a 1/0 integer matrix A representing a black/white version of an image. It returns a list of Betti numbers.

`MatrixToChainComplex(A)` Inputs a 1/0 integer matrix A representing a black/white version of an image and returns a chain complex.

`ContractMatrix(A)` Inputs a 1/0 integer matrix A representing a black/white version of an image and modifies A so that it is a chain complex.

`ThickenedMatrix(A)` `ThickenedMatrix(A, n)` Inputs a 1/0 integer matrix A and returns a 1/0 matrix B . If an entry a_{ij} in A is 1, then $b_{ij} = 1$ and $b_{i+1, j} = 1$ for $i < n$. Otherwise $b_{ij} = 0$.

Chapter 21

Pseudo lists

`Add(L, x)` Let L be a pseudo list of length n , and x an object compatible with the entries in L . If x is not in L then this operation adds x to the end of L .

`Append(L, K)` Let L be a pseudo list and K a list whose objects are compatible with those in L . This operation appends the elements of K to the end of L .

`ListToPseudoList(L)` Inputs a list L and returns the pseudo list representation of L .

Chapter 22

Miscellaneous

`BigStepLCS(G, n)` Inputs a group G and a positive integer n . It returns a subseries $G = L_1 > L_2 > \dots L_k = 1$ of the lower central series of G .

`Compose(f, g)` Inputs two FpG -module homomorphisms $f : M \longrightarrow N$ and $g : L \longrightarrow M$ with $Source(f) = Target(g)$.

`HAPcopyright()` This function provides details of HAP'S GNU public copyright licence.

`IsLieAlgebraHomomorphism(f)` Inputs an object f and returns true if f is a homomorphism $f : A \longrightarrow B$ of Lie algebras.

`IsSuperperfect(G)` Inputs a group G and returns "true" if both the first and second integral homology of G is trivial.

`MakeHAPManual()` This function creates the manual for HAP from an XML file.

`PermToMatrixGroup(G, n)` Inputs a permutation group G and its degree n . Returns a bijective homomorphism $f : G \longrightarrow GL(n, F)$.

`SolutionsMatDestructive(M, B)` Inputs an $m \times n$ matrix M and a $k \times n$ matrix B over a field. It returns a $k \times m$ matrix C such that $CM = B$.

`TestHap()` This runs a representative sample of HAP functions and checks to see that they produce the correct output.

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