

A DUAL HOMOLOGICAL INVARIANT AND SOME PROPERTIES

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Abstract: Based on the cohomology theory of groups, Andrade and Fanti defined in [1] an algebraic invariant, denoted by $E(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$, where G is a group, \mathcal{S} is a family of subgroups of G with infinite index and M is a \mathbb{Z}_2G -module. In this work, by using the homology theory of groups instead of cohomology theory, we define an invariant “dual” to $E(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$, which we denote by $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$. The purpose of this paper is, through the invariant $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$, to obtain some results and applications in the theory of duality groups and group pairs, similar to those shown in Andrade and Fanti [2], and thus, providing an alternative way to get applications and properties of this theory.

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1. Introduction

Let G be a group and consider the homology and cohomology groups of G with coefficients in a \mathbb{Z}_2G -module M , denoted respectively by $H_*(G; M)$ and $H^*(G; M)$ (see Brown [7]).

Based on the cohomology theory of groups, Andrade and Fanti defined in

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[1], a cohomological invariant denoted by $E(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$, where $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I\}$ is a family of subgroups of G with $[G : S_i] = \infty$, $\forall i \in I$. Namely,

$$E(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = 1 + \dim \text{Ker } \text{res}_{\mathcal{S}}^G,$$

where $\text{res}_{\mathcal{S}}^G : H^1(G; M) \longrightarrow \prod_{i \in I} H^1(S_i; M)$ is the map induced by the inclusions $S_i \hookrightarrow G$, $i \in I$.

By means of this invariant results in duality theory and splitting of groups were proved in Andrade and Fanti in [1], [2] and Andrade et al. in [3], [4].

In this work, we define a “dual” invariant $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$, by using the theory of homology of groups, and we establish some results, similar to those stated in Andrade and Fanti [2], in the theory of duality groups.

2. Definition of the Invariant $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$ and Some Properties

Let G be a group, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I\}$ a family of subgroups of G and M a \mathbb{Z}_2G -module. Denote $\bigoplus_{i \in I} H_*(S_i; M)$ by $H_*(\mathcal{S}; M)$. From Bieri and Eckmann [6], Prop. 1.1, we have the long exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H_1(\mathcal{S}; M) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G} H_1(G; M) \xrightarrow{J} H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M) \xrightarrow{\delta} \\ \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_{0, \mathcal{S}}^G} H_0(G; M) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Definition 1. Let (G, \mathcal{S}) be a group pair, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I\}$ a family of subgroups of G with $[G : S_i] = \infty$, $\forall i \in I$, and M a \mathbb{Z}_2G -module. We define:

$$E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = 1 + \dim \text{coker } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G,$$

where $\text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G : \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_1(S_i; M) \longrightarrow H_1(G; M)$ is the homomorphism that appears in the long exact sequence (2.1), which is induced in homology by the inclusions $S_i \xrightarrow{i} G$.

Remark 1. Observe that, by the long exact sequence (2.1), we have:

$$\text{coker } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G = \frac{H_1(G; M)}{\text{Im } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G} = \frac{H_1(G; M)}{\text{ker } J} \simeq \text{Im } J.$$

Then, we can define the invariant E_* by:

$$E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = 1 + \dim \operatorname{Im} J.$$

Let \mathcal{C} the category whose objects are pairs $((G, \mathcal{S}); M)$ where G is a group, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I\}$ is a family of subgroups of G and M is a $\mathbb{Z}_2 G$ -module, and whose morphisms are maps:

$$\psi : ((G, \mathcal{S}); M) \longrightarrow ((L, \mathcal{R} = \{R_j, j \in J\}); N)$$

consisting of:

- (a) a homomorphism of groups $\alpha : G \longrightarrow L$;
- (b) a map $\pi : I \longrightarrow J$ such that $\alpha(S_i) \subset R_{\pi(i)}$;
- (c) a map $\phi : M \longrightarrow N$ such that $\phi(g.m) = \alpha(g).\phi(m)$, i.e., ϕ is a $\mathbb{Z}_2 G$ -homomorphism via $\alpha : G \longrightarrow L$.

More precisely, if ψ is an isomorphism in \mathcal{C} , α is an isomorphism of groups, π is a bijection and ϕ is a $\mathbb{Z}_2 G$ -isomorphism.

We will prove now that $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$ is an invariant in the category \mathcal{C} .

Theorem 1. *If $((G, \mathcal{S}); M)$ and $((L, \mathcal{R}); N)$ are isomorphic in the category \mathcal{C} , then*

$$E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = E_*(L, \mathcal{R}, N).$$

Proof: Consider the isomorphism $\rho : \mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R})$ defined on the generators by $\rho(xS_i) = \alpha(x)R_{\pi(i)}$, whose inverse $\beta : \mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S})$ is given by $\beta(lR_j) = \alpha^{-1}(l)S_{\pi^{-1}(j)}$. As $\rho(\Delta) = \Delta'$, it follows that the restriction map $\bar{\rho} : \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta'$ is an isomorphism and we obtain the commutative diagram with exact lines:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta & \xrightarrow{i_G} & \mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S}) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_G} & \mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \bar{\rho} & & \downarrow \rho & & \downarrow id \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta' & \xrightarrow{i_L} & \mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R}) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_L} & \mathbb{Z}_2 \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Since \mathbb{Z}_2 is a \mathbb{Z}_2 -projective module, the maps ε_G and ε_L have right inverse. By Hu [8], (I.5.10), i_G e i_L have left inverse. Therefore, the above diagram induces the following commutative diagram with exact lines:

$$0 \longrightarrow \Delta \otimes M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S}) \otimes M \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \otimes M \longrightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \downarrow \bar{\rho} \otimes \phi & & \downarrow \rho \otimes \phi & & \downarrow id \otimes \phi \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \Delta' \otimes N & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R}) \otimes N & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2 \otimes N \longrightarrow 0 \end{array} \quad (2)$$

Denote $\mathcal{M} = \Delta \otimes M$, $\mathcal{N} = \Delta' \otimes N$, $\bar{\rho} \otimes \phi$ by $\bar{\phi}$ and remember that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \otimes M \simeq M$. We have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S}) \otimes M & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 & (1) \\ & & \downarrow \bar{\rho} & & \downarrow \rho \otimes \phi & & \downarrow \phi & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{N} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R}) \otimes N & \longrightarrow & N \longrightarrow 0 & (2) \end{array}$$

The horizontal maps of the sequence (1) are \mathbb{Z}_2G -homomorphisms and the maps of the sequence (2) are \mathbb{Z}_2L -homomorphisms. The vertical maps are \mathbb{Z}_2G -isomorphisms, considering the \mathbb{Z}_2L -modules as \mathbb{Z}_2G -modules via α . Let $P \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ be a projective resolution of \mathbb{Z}_2 on \mathbb{Z}_2L . Then, $P \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ is also a projective resolution of \mathbb{Z}_2 on \mathbb{Z}_2G . In fact, $\alpha : G \rightarrow L$ induces the following action of G on $P_i : g * x = \alpha(g).x$, $\forall g \in G$ and $x \in P_i$. Thus, each P_i is a \mathbb{Z}_2G -module. Since α is an isomorphism, each P_i is \mathbb{Z}_2G -projective. Let $\tau : P \rightarrow P$ be the identity map. We have that τ is compatible with α , i.e., $\tau(g * x) = \alpha(g)\tau(x)$. Applying $P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2G} -$ on the sequence (1) and $P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2L} -$ on the sequence (2), we have the following chain complex commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2G} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2G} (\mathbb{Z}_2(G/\mathcal{S}) \otimes M) \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2G} M \rightarrow 0 & (1') \\ \downarrow \tau \otimes \bar{\phi} & & \downarrow \tau \otimes (\rho \otimes \phi) & & \downarrow \tau \otimes \phi & & \\ 0 \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2L} \mathcal{N} \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2L} (\mathbb{Z}_2(L/\mathcal{R}) \otimes N) \rightarrow P \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2L} N \rightarrow 0 & (2') \end{array}$$

The sequences (1') e (2') are exact because $P \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ is a \mathbb{Z}_2G -projective resolution and also a \mathbb{Z}_2L -projective resolution. Furthermore, the vertical maps are isomorphisms. Applying the functor $H_*(-)$, the Shapiro Lemma and the definition of relative homology, we have the following commutative diagram with exact lines (Brown [7], I.0.4)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \cdots \rightarrow & H_1(\mathcal{S}; M) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_S^G} & H_1(G; M) & \xrightarrow{J_G} & H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M) & \xrightarrow{\delta_G} & H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_0^G} & H_0(G; M) & \rightarrow 0 \\ & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \psi \simeq & & \downarrow \gamma \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \simeq & \\ \cdots \rightarrow & H_1(\mathcal{R}; N) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_R^L} & H_1(L; N) & \xrightarrow{J_L} & H_1(L, \mathcal{R}; N) & \xrightarrow{\delta_L} & H_0(\mathcal{R}; N) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_0^L} & H_0(L; N) & \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

The vertical maps are isomorphisms because are induced by isomorphisms. Furthermore, as $\ker J_G \xrightarrow{\psi} \ker J_L$, it follows that the induced map

$$\bar{\psi} : \frac{H_1(G; M)}{\ker J_G} \longrightarrow \frac{H_1(L; N)}{\ker J_L}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{is an isomorphism. Then, } E_*(G, \mathcal{S}; M) = 1 + \dim(\text{coker } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G) = \\
& 1 + \dim \frac{H_1(G; M)}{\text{Im } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{S}}^G} = 1 + \dim \frac{H_1(G; M)}{\ker J_G} = 1 + \dim \frac{H_1(L; N)}{\ker J_L} = \\
& 1 + \dim \frac{H_1(L; N)}{\text{Im } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{R}}^L} = 1 + \dim(\text{coker } \text{cor}_{\mathcal{R}}^L) = E_*(L, \mathcal{R}; N). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

We present below a characterization of the invariant $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$ when the involved spaces have finite dimension.

Proposition 1. *Let (G, \mathcal{S}) be a group pair where $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i \in I\}$ with $[G : S_i] = \infty$, $\forall i \in I$, and M is a $\mathbb{Z}_2 G$ -module. If the vectorial spaces $H_0(G; M)$, $H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) := \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_0(S_i; M)$ and $H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M)$ have finite dimension, then:*

$$E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = 1 + \dim H_0(G; M) - \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) + \dim H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M).$$

Proof: The long exact sequence (2.1) provides the following short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Im } J \xrightarrow{\chi} H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_{0, \mathcal{S}}^G} H_0(G; M) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where χ denotes the inclusion map. Since the vectorial spaces have finite dimension, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim H_0(G; M) &= \dim \frac{H_0(\mathcal{S}; M)}{\ker \text{cor}_{0, \mathcal{S}}^G} \\
&= \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) - \dim \ker \text{cor}_{0, \mathcal{S}}^G \\
&= \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) - \dim \text{Im } \delta \\
&= \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) - \dim \frac{H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M)}{\ker \delta} \\
&= \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) - [\dim H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M) - \dim \ker \delta] \\
&= \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) - \dim H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M) + \dim \text{Im } J.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M) = \dim \text{Im } J = \dim H_0(G; M) - \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; M) + \dim H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; M)$. \square

3. The Invariant $E'_*(G, \mathcal{S})$ and Duality

In this section we study the dual invariant $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, M)$ when the $\mathbb{Z}_2 G$ -module M is the trivial module \mathbb{Z}_2 . We will denote $E_*(G, \mathcal{S}, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ by

$E'_*(G, S)$.

Proposition 2. *Let G be a group and $S = \{S\}$ a family with only one subgroup of G and $[G : S] = \infty$. Then:*

$$E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

Proof: Consider the exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \longrightarrow H_1(S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_S^G} H_1(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{J} H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\delta} \\ \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_{0,S}^G} H_0(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $H_0(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)_G \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$, $H_0(S; \mathbb{Z}_2) = (\mathbb{Z}_2)_S \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $\text{cor}_{0,S}^G$ is surjective, it follows that $\text{cor}_{0,S}^G$ is isomorphism, and so, the long exact sequence above becomes

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H_1(S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_S^G} H_1(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) \xrightarrow{J} H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Furthermore, $\text{Im } J = H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2)$. Then, by Remark 1, we have

$$E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

□

Example 1. Let $G = \langle a \rangle \oplus \langle b \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ and $S = \{S\}$, $S = \langle a \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}$, where $a = [\alpha]$ and $b = [\beta]$. Consider X the torus T^2 and Y the loop α . We have that (X, Y) is an Eilenberg-MacLane pair realizing (G, S) . By Bieri and Eckmann [6], Theorem 1.3, $H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2) = H_1(T^2, S^1; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$. Then: $E'_*(G, S) = 2$.

When (G, S) is a Poincaré duality pair with $[G : S] = \infty$ we have the following results:

Proposition 3. *If (G, S) is a PD^n -pair with $[G : S] = \infty$, then*

$$E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

Proof: Since (G, S) is a PD^n -pair, we have:

$$H_1(G, S; \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq H_1(G; \mathbb{Z}_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_2} \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2).$$

By Proposition 2, we have $E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

□

Corollary 1. *If (G, S) is a PD^n -pair with $[G : S] = \infty$, then*

$$E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim \Delta_G,$$

where $\varepsilon : \mathbb{Z}_2(G/S) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ is the augmentation map and $\Delta = \text{Ker}(\varepsilon)$.

Proof: We have that G is a duality group with dualizing module Δ . Then,

$$H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq H_0(G; \Delta) = \Delta_G.$$

Therefore, $E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim \Delta_G$. □

Example 2. Consider $G = \langle a \rangle * \langle b \rangle$ and $\mathcal{S} = \{S\}$, $S = \langle bab^{-1}a^{-1} \rangle$ and let X be a torus from which an open disk has been removed and $Y = \partial X \simeq S^1$. Hence, X is homotopy equivalent to the figure eight. Thus $G \simeq \pi_1(X) = \langle a \rangle * \langle b \rangle = \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$, $S \simeq \pi_1(Y) = \langle bab^{-1}a^{-1} \rangle$ and (X, Y) is an Eilenberg-MacLane pair realizing (G, S) . It follows that (G, S) is a PD^2 -pair and $H^1(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) = H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$. Then,

$$E'_*(G, S) = 1 + \dim H^1(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 1 + \dim H^1(X; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 3.$$

Theorem 2. *Let (G, S) be a PD^n -pair, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i = 1, \dots, r\}$, with $[G : S_i] = \infty$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, r$ and G finitely presented. Then*

$$E'_*(G, \mathcal{S}) = 2 - r + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty.$$

Proof: If (G, \mathcal{S}) is a PD^n -pair, $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i = 1, \dots, r\}$, we have that G is a D^{n-1} -group and consequently, by Bieri [5], Theorem 9.2, G is of type FP . Since G is finitely presented there is a finitely dominated $K(G, 1)$ -complex (Brown [7],

VIII.7.1). Thus, we have that: $H_0(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$, $H_0(\mathcal{S}; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \prod_{i=1}^r H_0(S_i; \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq$

$\prod_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; \mathbb{Z}_2) \simeq H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2)$. Since $\dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty$, we have, by Proposition 1,

$$E'_*(G, \mathcal{S}) = 1 + \dim H_0(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) - \dim H_0(\mathcal{S}; \mathbb{Z}_2) + \dim H_1(G, \mathcal{S}; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 1 + 1 - r + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 2 - r + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty. \quad \square$$

Corollary 2. *If (G, \mathcal{S}) , $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i, i = 1, \dots, r\}$, is a PD^n -pair, with G finitely presented and $[G : S_i] = \infty$, $\forall i = 1, \dots, r$, then*

$$r \leq 1 + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty.$$

Proof: $E'_*(G, \mathcal{S}) \geq 1 \implies 1 \leq 2 - r + \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty \implies r \leq 1 - \dim H^{n-1}(G; \mathbb{Z}_2) < \infty.$ \square

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