

## DERIVED CUP PRODUCT AND (STRICTLY) DERIVED GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this paper is to construct a ring with unity under the derived cup product on the cochain groups of the inverse system and an isomorphism which is useful as the computation of a derived group by deleting the suitable terms in the directed set  $D$ . Moreover we apply these results to the  $K$ -theory.

### 1. Introduction

Növeling [11] introduced the  $n$ -th derived functor  $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(-)$ ,  $m \geq 0$  on the category of inverse systems and morphisms of systems. Mathematicians have studied the properties of this functor and found the desirable exact sequences with respect to several functors ([4], [5]). Araki and Yoshimura [1] showed that if  $H$  is an additive (reduced) cohomology theory on arbitrary  $CW$ -complexes, then  $E_2^{m,n} = \lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(H^n(X_\alpha))$ . Huber and Meier [4] proved that  $\ker(\theta : H^n(X) \rightarrow \lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(0)}(H^n(X_\alpha)))$  is isomorphic to the group  $\text{Pext}(F_{n-1}(X), A)$ , where  $F_*$  is a homology theory of finite type and  $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(H^n(X_\alpha)) = 0$  for all  $m \geq 2$ . In 1993 Mdzinarishvili and Spanier [10] established the long exact sequence for the derived functor  $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(-)$ ,  $m \geq 0$  with respect to a cohomology

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module  $\bar{H}^*(X; A)$ . The author [7] also found the 4-term exact sequence using the derived functor, stable homotopy group  $\{X_\alpha, M^c(A, n)\}$  from the pointed 0-connected CW-space  $X_\alpha$  to the co-Moore space  $M^c(A, n)$  of type  $(A, n)$  and stable cohomotopy group  $\pi_s^n(X_\alpha)$ .

The main goal of this paper is to construct a ring  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  with unity  $e_{\mathcal{H}}$  under the derived cup product  $\cup_d$  and a ring homomorphism between them. And we also construct an isomorphism between derived group  $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(\mathcal{H}; A)$  and strictly derived group  $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  which is useful as the computation of a derived group by deleting the suitable terms in the directed set  $D$ .

## 2. The construction of a ring $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$

Let  $\mathcal{X} = (X_\alpha, q_{\alpha\alpha'}, D)$  be a direct system of topological spaces  $X_\alpha$  and continuous maps  $q_{\alpha\alpha'} : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha'}$ ,  $\alpha \leq \alpha'$ , over a directed set  $D$ . Let  $D^m, m \geq 0$ , be the set of all increasing  $m$ -sequences  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ ,  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_m, \alpha_i \in D$  and  $A$  be an abelian group. If  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m$ , let  $d(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)^j$  be an element of  $D^{m-1}, m \geq 1$ , obtained from  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$  by deleting the  $j$ -th term  $\alpha_j, 0 \leq j \leq m$ . We are easily able to obtain an inverse system  $\mathcal{H} = (Hom(C_k(X_\alpha), A), \tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha'}, D)$ , via chain maps  $q_{\alpha\alpha'}^\# : C_\#(X_\alpha) \rightarrow C_\#(X_{\alpha'}), \alpha \leq \alpha'$ , of abelian groups and group homomorphisms  $\tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha'} : Hom(C_k(X_{\alpha'}), A) \rightarrow Hom(C_k(X_\alpha), A), \alpha \leq \alpha'$  over the directed set  $D$ , where  $k$  is fixed in the set of all non-negative integers.

For each  $m$ -sequence  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m$ , we associate a topological space  $X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}$  by the topological space  $X_{\alpha_0}$  of the first index  $\alpha_0$ , i.e.,  $X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} = X_{\alpha_0}$ .

For  $0 \leq i \leq s$ , we define continuous maps  $F_i^s, B_i^s : \Delta^i \rightarrow \Delta^s$  by

$$F_i^s(t_0, \dots, t_i) = (t_0, \dots, t_i, 0, \dots, 0)$$

and

$$B_i^s(t_0, \dots, t_i) = (0, \dots, 0, t_0, \dots, t_i).$$

We call  $F_i^s$  a *front face* and  $B_i^s$  a *back face* ([3], [12], [13]) and easily check the following;

- (1)  $B_{l+m}^{l+m+n} \circ B_l^{l+m} = B_l^{l+m+n}$
- (2)  $F_{l+m}^{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m} = F_l^{l+m+n}$
- (3)  $B_{l+m}^{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m} = F_{l+n}^{l+m+n} \circ B_l^{l+n}$ .

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity 1 and let

$$\mathcal{H}_m = (Hom(C_m(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), R), \tilde{q}_{\alpha\alpha'}, D^m)$$

be an inverse system which is different from the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}$  in that the dimension  $m$  of the chain group  $C_m(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)})$  depends only on  $m$ -sequences  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m, m \geq 0$ , whereas the dimension  $k(\geq 0)$  of the chain group  $C_k(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)})$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is fixed.

Define a group  $C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  of the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}_m$  with coefficients in  $R$  by

$$C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R) = \prod_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m} Hom(C_m(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), R), m \geq 0.$$

Let  $p_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}$  be the projection of  $C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  onto the group  $Hom(C_m(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), R)$  for each  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m$ . If  $c$  is an element of  $C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$ , then we denote the element  $(c)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}$  of  $Hom(C_m(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), R)$  by

$$(c)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} = p_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}(c).$$

DEFINITION 2.1. Define a map

$$\cup_d : C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R) \times C^n(\mathcal{H}_n; R) \rightarrow C^{m+n}(\mathcal{H}_{m+n}; R)$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (c^m \cup_d c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \rangle \\ &= \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\ & \quad \cdot \langle (c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n}) \in D^{m+n}$ , and  $m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , where  $T_{m+n} : \Delta^{m+n} \rightarrow X_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})} = X_{\gamma_0}$  is a singular  $(m+n)$ -simplex in  $X_{\gamma_0}$  and

$\langle , \rangle$  denotes the evaluation map. The element  $c^m \cup_d c^n$  of  $C^{m+n}(\mathcal{H}_{m+n}; R)$  is called the *derived cup product* of  $c^m \in C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  and  $c^n \in C^n(\mathcal{H}_n; R)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *The map  $\cup_d$  is bilinear.*

*Proof.* Let  $c^m \in C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  and  $c_1^n, c_2^n \in C^n(\mathcal{H}_n; R)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle (c^m \cup_d (c_1^n + c_2^n))(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n}), T_{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c_1^n + c_2^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot [\langle (c_1^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \quad + \langle (c_2^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle] \\
 &= [\langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c_1^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle] \\
 &\quad + [\langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \quad \cdot \langle (c_2^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle] \\
 &= \langle (c^m \cup_d c_1^n)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle (c^m \cup_d c_2^n)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle ((c^m \cup_d c_1^n) + (c^m \cup_d c_2^n))_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n})}, T_{m+n} \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{m+n}) \in D^{m+n}$ . The right distributive law is obtained by the similar calculation.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.3.  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  is a ring with unity  $e_{\mathcal{H}}$  under the derived cup product.

*Proof.* If  $c^l \in C^l(\mathcal{H}_l; R)$ ,  $c^m \in C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  and  $c^n \in C^n(\mathcal{H}_n; R)$ ,

then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle (c^l \cup_d (c^m \cup_d c^n))_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^l)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_l)}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^m \cup_d c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^l)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_l)}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^l)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_l)}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^l)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_l)}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_l^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_{l+m}^{l+m+n} \circ B_m^{l+m} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_{m+n}^{l+m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle (c^l \cup_d c^m)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{l+m})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ F_{l+m}^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &\quad \cdot \langle (c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_{l+m+1}, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \circ B_n^{l+m+n} \rangle \\
 &= \langle ((c^l \cup_d c^m) \cup_d c^n)_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n})}, T_{l+m+n} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

for each  $(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{l+m+n}) \in D^{l+m+n}$  and  $l, m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Define  $e_{\mathcal{H}} \in C^0(\mathcal{H}_0; R)$  by

$$\langle (e_{\mathcal{H}})_{(\gamma_0)}, T_0 \rangle = 1$$

for all singular 0-simplex  $T_0 : \Delta^0 \rightarrow X_{\gamma_0}$  for each  $\gamma_0 \in D^0$ . Then we check that  $e_{\mathcal{H}}$  is a unity on  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$ . It follows from the derived

cup product and Lemma 2.2 that  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  is a ring with unity

$e_{\mathcal{H}}$ . □

Let  $\mathcal{Y} = (Y_{\beta}, r_{\beta\beta'}, E)$  be a direct system of topological spaces  $Y_{\beta}$  and continuous maps  $r_{\beta\beta'} : Y_{\beta} \rightarrow Y_{\beta'}$ ,  $\beta \leq \beta'$  in another directed set  $E$ . We

also have the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}_{Y_m} = (Hom(C_m(Y_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}), A), \tilde{r}_{\beta\beta'}, E^m)$  of abelian groups and dual homomorphisms  $\tilde{r}_{\beta\beta'}$  over the directed set  $E$ .

DEFINITION 2.4. (Compare [9]) A map of direct systems  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  consists of an increasing function  $\varphi : E \rightarrow D$  and of continuous maps  $h_\beta : X_{\varphi(\beta)} \rightarrow Y_\beta$  such that

$$r_{\beta\beta'} \circ h_\beta = h_{\beta'} \circ q_{\varphi(\beta)\varphi(\beta')}$$

for  $\beta \leq \beta'$  in  $E$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. For each  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \in E^m$ , we define the map  $h^* : \sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_{Y_m}; R) \rightarrow \sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  by

$$\langle (h^*y)_{(\varphi(\beta_0), \dots, \varphi(\beta_m))}, \sigma \rangle = \langle y_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}, h_{\beta_0\sharp}(\sigma) \rangle,$$

where  $\sigma$  is an  $m$ -chain of  $X_{\varphi(\beta_0)}$  and  $h_{\beta_0\sharp} : C_\sharp(X_{\varphi(\beta_0)}) \rightarrow C_\sharp(Y_{\beta_0})$  is a chain map induced by  $h_{\beta_0} : X_{\varphi(\beta_0)} \rightarrow Y_{\beta_0}$ .

In particular, if  $\sigma$  is an  $m$ -simplex  $T_m$  of  $X_{\varphi(\beta_0)}$ , then

$$\langle (h^*y)_{(\varphi(\beta_0), \dots, \varphi(\beta_m))}, T_m \rangle = \langle y_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}, h_{\beta_0} \circ T_m \rangle.$$

THEOREM 2.6. The map of direct systems  $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  induces a ring homomorphism  $h^* : \sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_{Y_m}; R) \rightarrow \sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$ .

Proof. Let  $y^m \in C^m(\mathcal{H}_{Y_m}; R)$  and  $y^n \in C^n(\mathcal{H}_{Y_n}; R)$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle (h^*(y^m \cup_d y^n))_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_{m+n}))}, T_{m+n} \rangle \\ &= \langle (y^m \cup_d y^n)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{m+n})}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_{m+n} \rangle \\ &= \langle (y^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\ & \quad \cdot \langle (y^n)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_{m+1}, \dots, \alpha_{m+n})}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\ &= \langle (h^*y^m)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_m))}, T_{m+n} \circ F_m^{m+n} \rangle \\ & \quad \cdot \langle (h^*y^n)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \varphi(\alpha_{m+1}), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_{m+n}))}, T_{m+n} \circ B_n^{m+n} \rangle \\ &= \langle (h^*y^m \cup_d h^*y^n)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_{m+n}))}, T_{m+n} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle (h^*(y_1^m + y_2^m))_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_m))}, T_m \rangle \\
 &= \langle (y_1^m + y_2^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_m \rangle \\
 &= \langle (y_1^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_m \rangle + \langle (y_2^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_m \rangle \\
 &= \langle (h^*y_1^m)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_m))}, T_m \rangle + \langle (h^*y_2^m)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_m))}, T_m \rangle \\
 &= \langle (h^*y_1^m + h^*y_2^m)_{(\varphi(\alpha_0), \dots, \varphi(\alpha_m))}, T_m \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $e_{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $e_{\mathcal{H}_Y}$  are unities of  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_m; R)$  and  $\sum_{m \geq 0} C^m(\mathcal{H}_{Y_m}; R)$  respectively, then we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle (h^*(e_{\mathcal{H}_Y}))_{\varphi(\alpha_0)}, T_0 \rangle &= \langle (e_{\mathcal{H}_Y})_{(\alpha_0)}, h_{\alpha_0} \circ T_0 \rangle \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

for all singular 0-simplex  $T_0$ . Thus  $h^*(e_{\mathcal{H}_Y}) = e_{\mathcal{H}}$ . □

### 3. The strictly derived group $\lim_{\leftarrow \alpha}^{\hat{}}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$

Following Araki, Yoshimura [1] and Nöbeling [11], we define an  $m$ -cochain group  $C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$  of the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}$  with coefficients in  $A$  by

$$C^m(\mathcal{H}; A) = \prod_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m} \text{Hom}(C_k(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), A), \quad m \geq 0,$$

where  $k$  is fixed in the set of all non-negative integers. The coboundary operator  $\delta^m : C^{m-1}(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ , which is slightly different from the previous papers, is defined by

$$(\delta^m c)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} = (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1}(c) d_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}^0 + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (c) d_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}],$$

where  $c$  is an element of  $C^{m-1}(\mathcal{H}; A)$ . For  $m = 0$ , we put  $\delta^0 = 0 : 0 \rightarrow C^0(\mathcal{H}; A)$ .

Then we have a cochain complex  $(C^*(\mathcal{H}; A), \delta)$

$$0 \xrightarrow{\delta^0} C^0(\mathcal{H}; A) \xrightarrow{\delta^1} C^1(\mathcal{H}; A) \xrightarrow{\delta^2} C^2(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C^{m-1}(\mathcal{H}; A) \xrightarrow{\delta^m} C^m(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \dots$$

The  $m$ -th derived group  $\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(\mathcal{H}; A)$  of the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}$  with coefficients in  $A$  is defined by the cohomology group of this cochain complex  $(C^*(\mathcal{H}; A), \delta)$ .

Let  $\hat{D}^m, m \geq 0$  denote the set of all strictly increasing  $m$ -sequences  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m), \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_m$  in  $D$  and let

$$s\mathcal{H} = (Hom(C_k(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), A), \bar{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1}, D), (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^m$$

be a subinverse system of  $\mathcal{H}$ . We now construct a new  $m$ -cochain group  $\hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  which is a subgroup of  $C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$  of the inverse system  $s\mathcal{H}$ , i.e.,

$$\hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A) = \prod_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^m} Hom(C_k(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), A), m \geq 0,$$

and the coboundary operator  $\hat{\delta}^m : \hat{C}^{m-1}(s\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  is given by the restriction map  $\hat{\delta}^m = \delta^m|_{\hat{C}^{m-1}(s\mathcal{H}; A)}$  for  $m \geq 1$  and  $\hat{\delta}^0 = 0$ .

DEFINITION 3.1. The  $m$ -th strictly derived group  $\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  of the inverse system  $s\mathcal{H}$  with coefficients in  $A$  is defined by

$$\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{H}; A) = \ker \hat{\delta}^{m+1} / \text{im} \hat{\delta}^m, m \geq 0.$$

If we define two maps  $f^m : C^m(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  and  $g^m : \hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$  by

$$(f^m d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} = (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \text{ for } (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^m$$

and

$$(g^m e^m)_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)} = \begin{cases} (e^m)_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)} & \text{for } (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \in \hat{D}^m \\ 0 & \text{for } (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \in (\hat{D}^m)^c \end{cases}$$

for all  $d^m \in C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$  and  $e^m \in \hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A)$ , then we have the following Lemma;



LEMMA 3.2. *The maps  $f = \{f^m\} : C^*(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  and  $g = \{g^m\} : \hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow C^*(\mathcal{H}; A)$  are cochain maps.*

*Proof.* For any element  $d^{m-1}$  of  $C^{m-1}(\mathcal{H}; A)$  and  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^m$ , we obtain that  $d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq m$ , is an element of  $\hat{D}^{m-1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{\delta} f d^{m-1})_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (f d^{m-1})_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^0} + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (f d^{m-1})_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (d^{m-1})_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^0} + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (d^{m-1})_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}] \\ &= (\delta d^{m-1})_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\ &= (f \delta d^{m-1})_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}. \end{aligned}$$

To show that  $g$  is a cochain map, we have to show

$$(\delta g e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)} = (g \hat{\delta} e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}$$

for any element  $e^{m-1}$  of  $\hat{C}^{m-1}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  and for each  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \in D^m$ .

(CASE 1) Let  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)$  be an element of  $\hat{D}^m$ . Then we compute

$$\begin{aligned} & (\delta g e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)} \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\beta_0 \beta_1} (g e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^0} + \sum_{j=1}^n (g e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\beta_0 \beta_1} (e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^0} + \sum_{j=1}^n (e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [(-1)^m (\delta e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}] \\ &= (\hat{\delta} e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)} \quad (\hat{\delta} = \delta|_{\hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{H}; A)}) \\ &= (g \hat{\delta} e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)}. \end{aligned}$$

(CASE 2) Let  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)$  be an element of  $(\hat{D}^m)^c$ . Since the  $m$ -sequence  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)$  is in  $(\hat{D}^m)^c$ , there exists an index  $i, 0 \leq i \leq m-1$  such that  $\beta_i = \beta_{i+1}$ , i.e.,  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i = \beta_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_m) \in (\hat{D}^m)^c$ .

(a) If  $\beta_0 = \beta_1$  and  $\beta_1 < \beta_2 < \dots < \beta_m$ , then the  $(m-1)$ -sequence  $d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^s = (\beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)$ , for  $s = 0, 1$  is an element of  $\hat{D}^{m-1}$  and  $d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m)^j, 2 \leq j \leq m$ , is an element of  $(\hat{D}^{m-1})^c$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} & (\delta ge^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\beta_0 \beta_0} (ge^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)^0} \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (ge^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [id(ge^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} - (ge^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j (ge^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [(e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} - (e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} + 0] \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $id$  is the identity on  $C^*(\mathcal{H}; A)$ . Since  $(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)$  is the element of  $(\hat{D}^m)^c$ , we have  $(g\hat{d}e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)} = 0$  which is equal to  $(\delta ge^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_0, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m)}$ .

(b) If  $\beta_i = \beta_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq m-1$ , i.e.,  $\beta_0 < \beta_1 < \dots < \beta_i = \beta_{i+1} < \beta_{i+2} < \dots < \beta_m$ , then  $d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)^j \in (\hat{D}^{m-1})^c$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq i-1, i+2 \leq j \leq m$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & (\delta ge^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)} \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\beta_0 \beta_1} (ge^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)^0} \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (ge^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)^j}] \\ &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\beta_0 \beta_1} (0) + 0 + (-1)^i (e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)^i} \\ & \quad + (-1)^{i+1} (e^{m-1})_{d(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)^{i+1}} + 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-1)^m [0 + (-1)^i (e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)} \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{i+1} (e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)}] \\
 &= 0 \\
 &= (g\hat{\delta}e^{m-1})_{(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_i, \beta_{i+2}, \dots, \beta_m)} \text{ ( by the definition of } g \text{)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(CASE 3) If the number of equal terms of the  $m$ -sequence  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_m) \in (\hat{D}^m)^c$  is greater than 2, then we have the result from the definition of the map  $g$ .  $\square$

Let  $f^* : \varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  be a homomorphism induced by the cochain map  $f = \{f^m\} : C^*(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  and let  $a(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j$  be an element of  $D^{m+1}$  obtained from  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m$  by adding the  $j$ -th term  $\alpha_j, 0 \leq j \leq m$ , i.e.,  $a(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_j, \alpha_j, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^{m+1}$ . Define a map  $u : (\hat{D}^m)^c \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  by

$$u(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i = \alpha_{i+1}, \alpha_{i+2}, \dots, \alpha_m) = u(i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq m-1,$$

where  $u(i)$  is the unique index  $i$  such that  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_i = \alpha_{i+1}$ . Then we have the following Theorem;

**THEOREM 3.3.** *The map  $f^* : \varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow \varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{H}; A)$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Define a map  $H : C^{m+1}(\mathcal{H}; A) \rightarrow C^m(\mathcal{H}; A)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(Hd^{m+1})_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^m \\ (-1)^{m+u(i)}(d^{m+1})_{a(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^i} & \text{for } (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in (\hat{D}^m)^c, \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $d^{m+1} \in C^{m+1}(\mathcal{H}; A)$ . We now show that  $H$  is a cochain homotopy between  $g \circ f$  and identity  $id_{C^*(\mathcal{H}; A)}$ .

(CASE 1) Let  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)$  be an element of  $\hat{D}^m$ . We compute  $(H\delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} + (\delta H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0 + (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (H d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^0} + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (H d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}] \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g f d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (i d d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} &= (f d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

(CASE 2) Let  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)$  be an element of  $(\hat{D}^m)^c$ .

(a) If  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1, \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_m$ , then we have

- (1)  $u(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) = u(0) = 0$
- (2)  $d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^s = (\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m) \in \hat{D}^{m-1}$ , for  $s = 0, 1$
- (3)  $d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)^j \in (\hat{D}^{m-1})^c$ , for  $2 \leq j \leq m$ .

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\delta H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_0} (H d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)^0} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (H d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}] \\
 &= (-1)^m [i d(0) - (H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j (H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}] \\
 &= (-1)^m [0 - 0 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^j (-1)^{m-1} (d^m)_{a(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)^0}] \\
 &= \sum_{j=2}^m (-1)^{2m+j-1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (H\delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^m (\delta d^m)_{a(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)}^0 \\
 &= (-1)^m (\delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^m (-1)^{m+1} [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_0} (d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)}^0 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (-1)^j (d^m)_{d(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)^j}] \\
 &= (-1)^{2m+1} [(d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=3}^{m+1} (-1)^j (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}] \\
 &= (-1)^{2m+1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=3}^{m+1} (-1)^{2m+j+1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\delta H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} + (H \delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^{2m+1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (g f d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (id d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)}
 \end{aligned}$$

so that  $H$  is a cochain homotopy between  $g \circ f$  and identity map  $id_{C^*(\mathcal{H}; A)}$ .

(b) If  $\alpha_i = \alpha_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_i = \alpha_{i+1} < \alpha_{i+2} < \dots < \alpha_m$ , then we can compute the following;

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\delta H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (H d^m) d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)^0 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j (H d^m) d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)^j] \\
 &= (-1)^m [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (-1)^{m+i-2} (d^m)_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^j (-1)^{m+i-2} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=i+2}^m (-1)^j (-1)^{m+i-1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (H \delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^{m+i} (\delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (-1)^{m+i} (-1)^{m+1} [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (d^m) d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)^0 \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (-1)^j (d^m) d(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)^j] \\
 &= (-1)^{2m+i+1} [\tilde{q}_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (d^m)_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (-1)^j (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{i+2} (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i+2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=i+3}^{m+1} (-1)^j (d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_m)}].
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\delta H d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} + (H \delta d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= -(d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \alpha_i+2, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\
 &= (g f d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)} - (i d^m)_{(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_m)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(CASE 3) Let the number of equal terms of the  $m$ -sequence  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in (\hat{d}^m)^c$  be greater than 2. Since the computation of  $\delta Hd^m + H\delta d^m$  depends only on the first two equal terms  $\alpha_i = \alpha_{i+1}, 0 \leq i \leq m - 1$ , we obtain the same result so that  $H$  is a cochain homotopy between  $g \circ f$  and identity map  $id_{C^*(\mathcal{H}; A)}$ .

Clearly, if  $e^n \in \hat{C}^m(s\mathcal{H}; A)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (fge^n)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} &= (ge^n)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\ &= (e^n)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)} \\ &= (ide^n)_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we complete the proof. □

(APPLICATION TO THE  $K$ -THEORY) Let  $s\alpha\alpha' : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha'}, \alpha \leq \alpha'$  be a continuous map. Then the map  $Vect_F(s_{\alpha\alpha'}) : Vect_F(X_{\alpha'}) \rightarrow Vect_F(X_\alpha)$  between the set of all isomorphism classes of vector bundles on  $X_{\alpha'}$  and  $X_\alpha$  respectively is defined by  $Vect_F(s_{\alpha\alpha'})([\xi]) = [s_{\alpha\alpha'}^\#(\xi)]$ , where  $[\xi]$  means the isomorphism class of  $\xi$  over  $X_{\alpha'}$  and  $F$  is a field over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $s_{\alpha\alpha'}^\#(\xi)$  is the induced bundle of  $\xi$  under  $s_{\alpha\alpha'}$ . Moreover we obtain the group homomorphism  $s_{\alpha\alpha'}^* : K(X_{\alpha'}) \rightarrow K(X_\alpha)$  of  $K$ -groups ([2],[6],[8]) and take the  $m$ -cochain group  $C^m(\mathcal{K})$  of the inverse system  $\mathcal{K} = (K(X_\alpha), s_{\alpha\alpha'}^*, D)$ , instead of the inverse system  $\mathcal{H}$ , of  $K$ -groups  $K(X_\alpha)$  and group homomorphisms  $s_{\alpha\alpha'}^*$ , over the directed set  $D$  by

$$C^m(\mathcal{K}) = \prod_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m) \in D^m} K(X_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m)}), \quad m \geq 0.$$

Let  $\tilde{D}^m, m \geq 0$  be the set of all strictly increasing non-negative integral  $m$ -sequence  $(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m)$  and let  $s\tilde{\mathcal{K}} = (K(X_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m)}), s_{\gamma_0\gamma_1}^*, D)$ ,  $(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m) \in \tilde{D}^m$  be a subinverse system of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Now we also construct a cochain group  $\tilde{C}^m(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}})$  by

$$\tilde{C}^m(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}}) = \prod_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m) \in \tilde{D}^m} K(X_{(\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_m)}), \quad m \geq 0.$$

The coboundary operator  $\tilde{\delta}^m : \tilde{C}^{m-1}(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}}) \rightarrow \tilde{C}^m(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}})$  is given by the corresponding  $\delta^m$  in section 2.

DEFINITION 3.4. The  $m$ -th strictly integral derived group  $\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}})$  of the inverse system  $s\tilde{\mathcal{K}} = (K(X_{(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m)}), s_{\gamma_0 \gamma_1}^*, D), (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m) \in \tilde{D}^m$  is given by

$$\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}}) = \ker \tilde{\delta}^{m+1} / \text{im} \tilde{\delta}^m, \quad m \geq 0.$$

COROLLARY 3.5.  $\varprojlim_{\alpha}^{(m)}(\mathcal{K}) \cong \hat{\varprojlim}_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\mathcal{K}) \cong \tilde{\varprojlim}_{\alpha}^{(m)}(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}})$ , where  $s\mathcal{K}$  is an inverse system indexed by  $\hat{D}^m$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.3, we can also construct two cochain maps  $f_1 : \hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{K}) \rightarrow \tilde{C}^*(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}})$  and  $g_1 : \tilde{C}^*(s\tilde{\mathcal{K}}) \rightarrow \hat{C}^*(s\mathcal{K})$  defined by the same method of  $f$  and  $g$ . Therefore we have the proof.  $\square$

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