

# Homological Perturbation Lemma

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## Homological perturbation lemma

Let  $(X, d), (Y, d)$  be chain complexes over a ring  $R$  and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y, \nabla: Y \rightarrow X$  be chain maps, and  $\Phi: X \rightarrow X$  a chain homotopy such that

$$f\nabla = 1, \quad \nabla f = 1 + d\Phi + \phi d,$$

$$f\Phi = 0, \Phi\nabla = 0, \Phi^2 = 0, \Phi d\Phi = -\Phi.$$

→ what Crainic calls "special deformation retract".

Let  $X, Y$  have filtrations  $F^*$  bounded below by 0 and preserved by  $\nabla, f, \Phi$  and the differentials on  $X, Y$ . Suppose  $X$  has another differential  $d^r$  with the property that

$$(d^r - d)F^p X \subseteq F^{p-1} X$$

for all  $p \geq 0$ . The **Homological Perturbation Lemma** states that  $Y$  can be given a new differential  $d^r$  such that there is a chain equivalence  $(Y, d^r) \rightarrow (X, d^r)$ .

