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Proof of lemma:

Let D^\bullet be a perfect complex of R -modules.

Up to quasi-isomorphism, we write D^\bullet as a bounded complex of finite projective, thus free, modules. Suppose we know

$$\dim_K H^i(D^\bullet \otimes_R K) \text{ and}$$

$$\dim_k H^i(D^\bullet \otimes_R k) \text{ for all } i.$$

We want to understand the torsion in the integral cohomology $H^i(D^\bullet)$. Note that

$$H^i(D^\bullet \otimes_R k) \cong (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes_R k) \oplus \text{Tor}_1^R(H^{i+1}(D^\bullet), k)$$

non-canonically by the Universal Coefficient Theorem.

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We can check that each $H^i(D^\bullet)$ is a finitely presented module, so we have an isom.

$$H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \cong R^{\oplus a} \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^b (R/\alpha_j),$$

for some $0 \neq \alpha_j \in \mathfrak{m}$.

Using the resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^b R \xrightarrow{\alpha_j} \begin{matrix} R^{\oplus a} \\ \oplus \\ \bigoplus_{j=1}^b R \end{matrix} \rightarrow H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \rightarrow 0,$$

we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_1^R(H^{i+1}(D^\bullet), k) &= \ker(k^{\oplus b} \xrightarrow{\alpha_j \in 0} k^{\oplus a + b}) \\ &= k^{\oplus b}. \end{aligned}$$

This dimension b can be rewritten as:

$$b = \dim_k (H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \otimes_R k) = \alpha + b$$

$$- \dim_k (H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \otimes_R K) = \alpha$$

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So putting everything together, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes k) &= \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes k) \\ &\quad + \dim_k (\text{Tor}_1^R(H^{i+1}(D^\bullet), k)) \\ &= \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes k) \\ &\quad + \dim_k (H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \otimes k) \\ &\quad - \dim_k (H^{i+1}(D^\bullet) \otimes K). \end{aligned}$$

Since D^\bullet is bounded, this determines

$\dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes k)$ for all i , and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{also } \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet)_{\text{tors}} \otimes k) &= \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes k) \\ &\quad - \dim_k (H^i(D^\bullet) \otimes K). \end{aligned}$$