

Let  $X$  be a regular scheme.

Let  $X^n$  be the  $n$ -simplex over  $X$ , that is

$$X^n = X \times_{\mathbf{Z}} \mathbf{Z}[t_0, \dots, t_n] / \left( \sum_{i=0}^n t_i - 1 \right)$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_i$  be the set of all strata of codimension  $i$  in  $X^n$ , where a “stratum” is an intersection of irreducible components. For  $S \in \mathcal{S}_i$ , let  $j : S \rightarrow X^n$  be the inclusion, and let  $\mathcal{K}_m(S)$  denote the sheaf of  $K_m$  groups on  $S$ . Then in the category of sheaves on  $X^n$  we have an obvious complex

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_m \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_0} j_* \mathcal{K}_m(S) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_1} j_* \mathcal{K}_m(S) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_n} j_* \mathcal{K}_m(S) \rightarrow 0$$

Call this complex  $\mathcal{K}_m$ . (The notation suppresses the dependence on  $n$ .)

Now let  $\mathcal{X}_n$  be the nerve of the covering of  $X^n$  by its strata. Let  $\Phi$  be any family of supports on  $X^n$ . Then there is a hypercohomology spectral sequence

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^{p+q}(\mathcal{X}^n, H_{\Phi}^q \mathcal{K}_m) \Rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\Phi}^p(X^n, \mathcal{K}_m) \quad (1)$$

Here  $H_{\Phi}^q \mathcal{K}_m$  means the system of coefficients  $S \mapsto H_{\Phi}^q(S, \mathcal{K}_m(S))$ . The notation  $H_{\Phi}^*(Y, -)$  will always mean cohomology with supports in  $\Phi \cap Y$ .

Now let  $S$  be a stratum of  $X^n$  and let  $S(p)$  be the set of points in  $S$  of codimension  $p$ . We have the Gersten resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_m(S) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in S_0} \mathcal{K}_m k(y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in S_1} \mathcal{K}_m k(y) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \bigoplus_{y \in S_m} \mathcal{K}_m k(y)$$

From this resolution, we see that if  $\Phi$  is any family of supports with pure codimension  $m$ , then  $H_{\Phi}^m(S, \mathcal{K}_m)$  is just the free abelian group  $G(\Phi, S)$  on the components of  $S \cap \Phi$ . It is also immediate that  $H_{\Phi}^*(S, \mathcal{K}_m) = 0$  for  $* \neq m$ .

Now specialize to the case where  $\Phi$  consists of all closed irreducible sets of codimension  $m$  in  $X^n$ . It follows from the computations in the preceding paragraph that the only non-zero  $E_2$  terms in the spectral sequence (1) occur on the row  $q = m$ , and in particular we have

$$\mathbf{H}_{\Phi}^m(\mathcal{X}^n, \mathcal{K}_m) = H^0(\mathcal{X}^n, H_{\Phi}^m \mathcal{K}_m) = \tilde{Z}^m(X, n) \quad (2)$$

where  $\tilde{Z}^m(X, n)$  is the kernel in the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{Z}^m(X, n) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_0} Z^m(S) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{S \in \mathcal{S}_1} Z^m(S)$$

and  $Z^m(S)$  is the group of codimension  $m$  cycles on  $S$ .

Next we use the spectral sequence (1) without supports to compute  $\mathbf{H}^m(X, \mathcal{K}_m)$ . A theorem of Clay Sherman says that

$$H^q(S, \mathcal{K}_m) = H^q(X, \mathcal{K}_m)$$

for all  $q$  and  $m$  (here we are using the fact that  $X$  is regular and  $S$  is isomorphic to  $X$  crossed with affine space), so that the system of coefficients is constant on the nerve  $\mathcal{X}^n$ . It follows from this and the fact that the geometric realization of  $\mathcal{X}^n$  is a sphere that the  $E_2$  terms are non-zero only for  $p = 0, n$  and we have

$$E_2^{0,q} = E_2^{n,q} = H^q(X, \mathcal{K}_m)$$

Thus the spectral sequence gives

$$0 \rightarrow H^{m-1}(X, \mathcal{K}_m) \rightarrow H^{m-n}(X, \mathcal{K}_m) \rightarrow \mathbf{H}^m(X, \mathcal{K}_m) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{K}_m) \quad (3)$$

Note that the rightmost term in the above exact sequence is known (“Bloch’s Formula”) to be  $Ch^m(X)$ .

Finally, consider the map from cohomology with supports to cohomology without supports:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & & \tilde{Z}^m(X, n) & & \\
& & & & \parallel & & \\
& & & & \mathbf{H}_{\Phi}^m(X^n, m) & & \\
& & & & \downarrow & & \\
0 & \rightarrow & H^{m-1}(X, \mathcal{K}_m) & \xrightarrow{d} & H^{m-n}(X, \mathcal{K}_m) & \rightarrow & \mathbf{H}^m(X^n, \mathcal{K}_m) \rightarrow H^m(X, \mathcal{K}_m) \rightarrow 0 \\
& & & & & & \parallel \\
& & & & & & Ch^m(X)
\end{array}$$

The kernel of the vertical map is an image of  $\mathbf{H}^{m-1}(X^n - \bigcup \Phi, \mathcal{K}_m)$ , which can be identified with the image of  $Z^{m+1}(X \times \mathbf{A}^{n+1})$  in  $\tilde{Z}^m(X, n)$ . The quotient of  $\tilde{Z}^m(X, n)$  by this image is by definition the higher Chow group  $Ch^m(X, n)$ .

The map from the higher Chow group  $Ch^m(X, n)$  to the lower Chow group  $Ch^m(X)$  is clearly zero.

Therefore we get a map

$$Ch^m(X, n) \rightarrow H^{m-n}(X, \mathcal{K}_m)/\text{image}(d)$$

I assume there is some obvious way to lift this map to  $H^{m-n}(X, \mathcal{K}_m)$  but I don’t quite see it right now. I also assume this is the same map I construct in my paper on Relative Chow Groups, but I don’t remember whether I ever fully checked that.