Abstract: In this paper, we will define the derived 2-functor by projective resolution of any symmetric 2-group, and give some related properties of the derived 2-functor.

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1 Introduction

In recent years, higher dimensional category theory has been largely developed from a series of analogies with the potential applications. For instance, in the representation theory, the representation spaces not only to be vector spaces, but also to be categories (or even higher categories)([30]), such as the representation of categorical group, algebraic group([5, 30]), using category representations to describe the topological quantum field theory([19]) and so on. In algebraic geometry, J. Lurie gives a very tractable model of (∞, 1)-categories ([17, 18, 19]), and also A. Joyal’s important work [20] showing that one can do category theory in quasi-categories is an essential precursor to Luries work and is unquestionably

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one of the most important recent developments in higher category theory. Lie 2-algebra gives a solution of the Zamolodchikov tetrahedron equation \cite{7} and Lie 2-group admits self-dual solutions in five-dimensional space time in higher Yang-Mills theory and 2-form electromagnetism\cite{8}. L.Breen’s paper\cite{4} gives an idea of how naturally 2-categorical algebra arises in the study of algebraic geometry and differential geometry, such as Lie algebroids\cite{28}, integration of Lie 2-algebra\cite{27}, which are interesting researching subjects. Higher dimensional category theory also has been applied in algebraic topology theory\cite{18}, computer science, logic etc..

In \cite{1}, A.del Río, J. Martínez-Moreno and E. M. Vitale gave the definition of cohomology categorical groups for any complex in the 2-category \((2\text{-SGp})\) (which is an abelian 2-category \cite{9}) of symmetric categorical groups (we call them symmetric 2-groups) after discussing the relative kernel and relative cokernel, and constructed a long 2-exact sequence from an extension of complexes in \((2\text{-SGp})\). These drive us to write a series of papers to develop a homological algebra for 2-categories \((2\text{-SGp})\) and \((\mathcal{R}\text{-2-Mod})\)\cite{12}.

This is the third paper of the series. In our first paper\cite{12} of this series, we gave the definition of \(\mathcal{R}\text{-2-module}\). In the second paper\cite{13}, we proved that the 2-categories \((2\text{-SGp})\) and \((\mathcal{R}\text{-2-Mod})\) are projective enough. In this paper, we shall give the definition of left derived 2-functor for the 2-category \((2\text{-SGp})\) and give a fundamental property of derived 2-functor. When we finished this paper, we found Prof. T.Pirashvili also discussed some problems about higher homological theory\cite{25, 26}.

For a symmetric 2-group, we construct a projective resolution in the 2-category \((2\text{-SGp})\) and prove that it is unique up to 2-chain homotopy (Proposition 2 and Theorem 1). These results are the main stones of this paper and make it possible to define left derived 2-functor in \((2\text{-SGp})\).

In 1-dimensional case, derived functor has many applications in many fields of mathematics, such as ring theory, algebraic topology, representation theory, algebraic geometry etc.\cite{23, 29, 21, 14, 15, 22}. We believe that derived 2-functor should have many applications in higher dimensional category theory.

The present paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we recall some definitions in \((2\text{-SGp})\) such as the relative (co)kernel, relative 2-exact which are appeared
in [9] [1] [24]. By the similar method in [1], we give the definitions of homology symmetric 2-groups for a complex of symmetric 2-groups and describe them explicitly, show the induced morphisms of homology symmetric 2-groups more clearly. We also give the definition of 2-chain homotopy of two morphisms of complexes in (2-SGp) like chain homotopy in 1-dimensional case, and prove that it induces an equivalent morphisms between homology symmetric 2-groups. In section 3, we mainly give the definition of projective resolution of a symmetric 2-group and its construction(Proposition 2). In the last section, we define the left derived 2-functor and obtain our main result Theorem 2.

2 Preliminary

In this section, we review the constructions of the relative (co)kernel and the definition of relative 2-exactness of a sequence [9] [1], and then give the homology symmetric 2-groups of a complex of symmetric 2-groups similar to the cohomology 2-group given in [1].

The relative kernel [1] \((Ker(F, \varphi), e_{(F, \varphi)}, \varepsilon_{(F, \varphi)})\) of a sequence \((F, \varphi, G) : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C\) in (2-SGp) is a symmetric 2-group consisting of:

- An object is a pair \((A \in obj(A), a : F(A) \rightarrow 0)\) such that the following diagram commutes

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G(F(A)) & \xrightarrow{G(a)} & G(0) \\
\downarrow{\varphi_a} & & \downarrow{=} \\
0 & \xleftarrow{=} & 0
\end{array}
\]

- A morphism \(f : (A, a) \rightarrow (A', a')\) is a morphism \(f : A \rightarrow A'\) in \(A\) such that the following diagram commutes

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
F(A) & \xrightarrow{f(A)} & F(A') \\
\downarrow{a} & & \downarrow{a'} \\
0 & \xleftarrow{=} & 0
\end{array}
\]

- The faithful functor \(e_{(F, \varphi)} : Ker(F, \varphi) \rightarrow A\) is defined by \(e_{(F, \varphi)}(A, a) = A\), and the natural transformation \(\varepsilon_{(F, \varphi)} : F \circ e_{(F, \varphi)} \Rightarrow 0\) by \((\varepsilon_{(F, \varphi)})(A, a) = a\).
The relative cokernel \([Coker(\varphi, G), \pi_{(\varphi, G)}]\) of a sequence \((F, \varphi, G) : A \to B \to C\) in \((2\text{-SGp})\) is a symmetric 2-group consisting of:

- Objects are those of \(C\).

- A morphism from \(X\) to \(Y\) is an equivalent class of pair \((B, f) : X \to Y\) with \(B \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{B})\) and \(f : X \to G(B) + Y\). Two morphisms \((B, f), (B', f') : X \to Y\) are equivalent if there is \(A \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{A})\) and \(a : B \to F(A) + B'\) such that the following diagram commutes

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{f} & G(B) + Y \\
\downarrow{f} & & \downarrow{G(\alpha) + 1} \\
G(B) + Y & = & G(F(A) + B') + Y \\
0 + G(B) + Y & \xleftarrow{\phi + 1 + 1} & GF(A) + G(B') + Y
\end{array}
\]

- The essentially surjective functor \(p_{(\varphi, G)} : C \to Coker(\varphi, G)\) is defined by \(p_{(\varphi, G)}(X) = X\), and the natural transformation \(\pi_{(\varphi, G)} : p_{(\varphi, G)} \circ G \Rightarrow 0\) by \((\pi_{(\varphi, G)})_B = 1_{G(B)}\).

The universal properties of relative kernel and cokernel just like the usual ones, more details see \([1]\).

**Definition 1.** ([1]) Consider the following diagram in \((2\text{-SGp})\)

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{L} & A \\
\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow{F} \\
B & \xrightarrow{G} & C \\
\phi \downarrow & & \downarrow{M} \\
Ker(G, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{e(F, \varphi)} & C
\end{array}
\]

with \(\alpha\) compatible with \(\varphi\) and \(\varphi\) compatible with \(\gamma\). By the universal property of the relative kernel \(\text{Ker}(G, \gamma)\), we get a factorization \((F', \varphi')\) of \((F, \varphi)\) through \((e(F, \varphi), e(F, \varphi))\). By the cancellation property of \(e(F, \varphi)\), we have a 2-morphism \(\Xi\) as in the following diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{L} & A & \xrightarrow{F} & B & \xrightarrow{G} & C & \xrightarrow{M} & C' \\
\downarrow{\bar{\varphi}} & & \downarrow{\bar{\varphi}} & & \downarrow{\phi} & & \downarrow{\phi} & & \downarrow{\phi} \\
\downarrow{\varphi} & & \downarrow{\phi} & & \downarrow{\phi} & & \downarrow{\phi} & & \downarrow{\phi} \\
Ker(G, \gamma) & \xrightarrow{e(F, \varphi)} & C & \xrightarrow{M} & C'
\end{array}
\]
We say that the sequence \((L, \alpha, F, \varphi, G, \gamma, M)\) is relative 2-exact in \(\mathcal{B}\) if the functor \(F'\) is essentially surjective and \(\pi\)-full.

**Remark 1.** The equivalent definition of relative 2-exact is also given in [1].

In the following, we will omit the composition symbol \(\circ\) in our diagrams.

From [10, ?], a complex of symmetric 2-groups is a diagram in \((2\text{-SGp})\) of the form
\[
\mathcal{A} = \cdots \xrightarrow{L_{n+1}} \mathcal{A}_n \xrightarrow{L_n} \mathcal{A}_{n-1} \xrightarrow{L_{n-1}} \cdots \xrightarrow{L_2} \mathcal{A}_1 \xrightarrow{L_1} \mathcal{A}_0
\]
together with a family of 2-morphisms \(\{\alpha_n : L_{n-1} \circ L_n \Rightarrow 0\}_{n \geq 2}\) such that, for all \(n\), the following diagram commutes
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
L_{n+1}L_nL_{n+1} & \Rightarrow & 0L_{n+1} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
L_{n-1}0 & \Rightarrow & 0
\end{array}
\]

We call it 2-chain complex in our papers.

Consider part of the complex
\[
\begin{array}{cc}
\mathcal{A}_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{L_{n+2}} \mathcal{A}_{n+1} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \\
\mathcal{A}_n & \xrightarrow{L_n} \mathcal{A}_{n-1}
\end{array}
\]

Based on the properties of relative kernel \(\text{Ker}(L_n, \alpha_n)\), we have the following diagram
\[
\begin{array}{cc}
\mathcal{A}_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{L_{n+2}} \mathcal{A}_{n+1} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \\
\mathcal{A}_n & \xrightarrow{L_n} \mathcal{A}_{n-1}
\end{array}
\]

\(\text{Ker}(L_n, \alpha_n)\)
Similar to the definition of cohomology 2-group in [1], the \(n\)th homology symmetric 2-group \(H_n(A)\) of the complex \(A\) is defined as the relative cokernel \(\text{Coker}(\alpha_n^2, L_{n+1}')\).

Note that, to get \(H_0(A)\) and \(H_1(A)\), we have to complete the complex \(A\) on the right with the two zero-morphisms and two canonical 2-morphisms
\[
\cdots \xrightarrow{L_2} A_1 \xrightarrow{L_1} A_0 \xrightarrow{0} 0 \xrightarrow{0} 0, \text{ can} : 0 \circ L_1 \Rightarrow 0, \text{ can} : 0 \circ 0 \Rightarrow 0.
\]

We give an explicit description of \(H_n(A)\) following from the cohomology symmetric 2-group given in [1].

- an object of \(H_n(A)\) is an object of the relative kernel \(\text{Ker}(L_n, \alpha_n)\), that is a pair
  \[(A_n \in \text{obj}(A_n), a_n : L_n(A_n) \rightarrow 0)\]
such that \(L_{n-1}(a_n) = (\alpha_n)_{A_n}';\)

- a morphism \((A_n, a_n) \rightarrow (A'_n, a'_n)\) is an equivalent pair
  \[(X_{n+1} \in \text{obj}(A_{n+1}), x_{n+1} : A_n \rightarrow L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A'_n)\]
such that the following diagram commutes

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
L_n(A_n) & \xrightarrow{L_n(x_{n+1})} & L_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A'_n) \\
\downarrow a_n & & \downarrow \\
0 & \xrightarrow{0} & L_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + L_n(A'_n)) \\
\uparrow a_n' & & \uparrow a_n' \circ x_{n+1} + 1 \\
L_n(A'_n) & \xleftarrow{-} & 0 + L_n(A'_n)
\end{array}
\]

Two morphisms \((X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}), (X'_{n+1}, x'_{n+1}) : (A_n, a_n) \rightarrow (A'_n, a'_n)\) are equivalent if there is a pair
\[(X_{n+2} \in \text{obj}(A_{n+2}), x_{n+2} : X_{n+1} \rightarrow L_{n+2}(X_{n+2}) + X'_{n+1})\]
such that the following diagram commutes
Such a morphism induces, for each $2$-morphism in $(2\text{-SGp})$, for each $n$-group and cokernel. It can be described explicitly.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
A_n \xrightarrow{\delta_{A_n}} L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A_n \\
\downarrow L_{n+1}(X_{n+2}) + X_{n+1} \\
L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A_n \\
\end{array}
\]

Similar to $\Pi$, a morphism $(F, \lambda) : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ of complexes in $(2\text{-SGp})$ is a picture in the following diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\cdots & \xrightarrow{L_n} & \mathcal{A}_n \\
& \uparrow \alpha_n & \downarrow \lambda_n \\
& \xrightarrow{F_n} & \mathcal{B}_n \\
\end{array}
\]

where $F_n : \mathcal{A}_n \to \mathcal{B}_n$ is $1$-morphism in $(2\text{-SGp})$, $\lambda_n : F_{n-1} \circ L_n \Rightarrow M_n \circ F_n$ is $2$-morphism in $(2\text{-SGp})$, for each $n$, making the following diagram commutative

\[
\begin{array}{c}
F_{n+1}L_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\lambda_{n+1}} M_nF_{n+1} \xrightarrow{M_{n+1}\lambda_{n+1}} M_nM_{n+1}F_{n+1} \\
\downarrow F_{n+1} \circ \beta_{n+1} & \downarrow \beta_{n+1} & \downarrow \beta_{n+1} \\
F_{n+1}0 \xrightarrow{\text{con}} 0 & \xleftarrow{\text{con}} & 0F_{n+1} \\
\end{array}
\]

Such a morphism induces, for each $n$, a morphism of homology symmetric $2$-groups $\mathcal{H}_n(F) : \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A}) \to \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B})$ from the universal properties of relative kernel and cokernel. It can be described explicitly.

Given an object $(A_n \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{A}_n), a_n : L_n(A_n) \to 0)$ of $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A})$ with $L_{n-1}(a_n) = (\alpha_n)_{A_n}$, we have $\mathcal{H}_n(F)(A_n, a_n) = (F_n(A_n) \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{B}_n), b_n : M_n(F_n(A_n)) \to 0)$, where $b_n$ is the composition $M_n(F_n(A_n)) \xrightarrow{(\lambda_n)_{A_n}^{-1}} F_{n-1}L_n(A_n)$ $\xrightarrow{F_{n-1}(a_n)} F_{n-1}(0) \cong 0$, together with $M_{n-1}(b_n) = (\beta_n)_{F_n(A_n)}$. In fact, from the commutative diagram of $\lambda_n$, we have the following commutative diagram

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Moreover, consider 2-morphism \( \lambda_{n-1} : F_{n-2} \circ L_{n-1} \Rightarrow M_{n-1} \circ F_{n-1} \) and a morphism \( a_n : L_n(A_n) \rightarrow 0 \) in \( A_{n-1} \), we have the following commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{c}
F_{n-2}L_{n-1}(A_n) \xrightarrow{\lambda_{n-1}} M_{n-1}F_{n-1}(A_n) \\
\downarrow F_{n-2}\alpha_{n-1} \\
F_{n-2}(0) \rightarrow 0 \xleftarrow{=}
\end{array}
\]

Then, by the above two diagrams, we have \( M_{n-1}(b_n) = (\beta_n)F_n(A_n) \), i.e. \( (F_n(A_n), b_n) \) is an object of \( \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B}). \)

Given a morphism \([X_{n+1} \in \text{obj}(A_{n+1}), x_{n+1} : A_n \rightarrow L_{n-1}(X_{n+1}) + A'_n] : (A_n, a_n) \rightarrow (A'_n, a'_n) \) in \( \mathcal{H}_n(A) \), satisfying the condition as in the above definition. We have \( \mathcal{H}_n(F)[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] = [F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{B}_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}} : F_n(A_n) \rightarrow M_{n+1}(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + F_n(A'_n)] : (F_n(A_n, b_n) \rightarrow (F_n(A'_n, b'_n), \) where \( \overline{x_{n+1}} \) is the composition \( F_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{F_n(x_{n+1})} F_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1} + A'_n)) \xrightarrow{\cong} F_nL_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + F_n(A'_n) \) \( \xrightarrow{(\lambda_{n+1})X_{n+1}+1} M_{n+1}(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + F_n(A'_n) \) and such that the following diagram commutes

\[
\begin{array}{c}
M_nF_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{M_n(\overline{x_{n+1}})} M_n(M_{n+1}(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + F_n(A'_n)) \\
\downarrow \beta_n \\
0 \xrightarrow{=} M_nM_{n+1}(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + M_nF_n(A'_n) \\
\uparrow \beta'_n \\
M_nF_n(A'_n) \xleftarrow{=}
\end{array}
\]

In fact, we have the following commutative diagrams
The commutativity of I follows from $\lambda_n$ is a natural transformation. The commutativity of II follows from $\lambda_n$ is a 2-morphism. The commutativity of III follows from the commutativity of $\lambda_n$ in definition. The commutativity of IV is obvious. The commutativity of V follows from the operation of $F_{n-1}$ on the commutative diagram of $[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}]$.

$\mathcal{H}_n(F)$ is a morphism in $(2\text{-})\text{SGp}$ follows from the properties of $F_n$.

**Remark 2.** 1. For a complex of symmetric 2-groups which is relative 2-exact in each point, the (co)homology symmetric 2-groups are always zero symmetric 2-group (only one object and one morphism) ([1]).

2. For morphisms $A \xrightarrow{(F, \lambda)} B \xrightarrow{(G, \mu)} C$ of complexes of symmetric 2-groups, their composite is given by $(G_n \circ F_n, (\mu_n \circ F_{n+1}) \ast (G_n \circ \lambda_n))$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $\ast$ is the vertical composition of 2-morphisms in 2-category ([3]). Moreover, $\mathcal{H}_n(G \circ F) \simeq \mathcal{H}_n(G) \circ \mathcal{H}_n(F)$ of homology symmetric 2-groups.

**Definition 2.** Let $(F, \lambda), (G, \mu) : (A_{\cdot}, L_{\cdot}, \alpha_{\cdot}) \to (B_{\cdot}, M_{\cdot}, \beta_{\cdot})$ be two morphisms of 2-chain complexes of symmetric 2-groups. If there is a family of 1-morphisms $\{H_n : A_n \to B_{n+1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and a family of 2-morphisms $\{\tau_n : F_n \Rightarrow M_{n+1} \circ H_n + H_{n-1} \circ L_n + G_n : A_n \to B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ satisfying the obvious compatible conditions, i.e. the following diagram commutes
For any object \((A, \lambda)\), \((G, \mu)\) are 2-chain homotopy.

**Proposition 1.** Let \((F, \lambda), (G, \mu) : (\mathcal{A}, L, \alpha) \to (\mathcal{B}, M, \beta)\) be two morphisms of 2-chain complexes of symmetric 2-groups. If they are 2-chain homotopy, there is an equivalence \(\mathcal{H}_n(F) \simeq \mathcal{H}_n(G)\) between induced morphisms.

**Proof.** In order to prove the equivalence between two morphisms, it will suffice to construct a 2-morphism \(\varphi_n : \mathcal{H}_n(F) \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n(G)\), for each \(n\).

There are induced morphisms

\[
\mathcal{H}_n(F) : \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A}) \to \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B})
\]

\[
(A_n, a_n) \mapsto (F_n(A_n), b_n),
\]

\[
[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] \mapsto [F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}]
\]

and

\[
\mathcal{H}_n(G) : \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A}) \to \mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B})
\]

\[
(A_n, a_n) \mapsto (G_n(A_n), \overline{b}_n),
\]

\[
[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] \mapsto [G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}]
\]

For any object \((A_n, a_n)\) of \(\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A})\), let \(Y_{n+1} = H_n(A_n)\). Consider the following composition morphism \(F_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{(r_n)_A} (M_{n+1} \circ H_n + H_{n-1} \circ L_n + G_n)(A_n) \xrightarrow{1+H_{n-1}(a_n)+1} M_{n+1}(H_n(A_n)) + H_{n-1}(0) + G_n(A_n) \subseteq M_{n+1}(Y_{n+1}) + 0 + G_n(A_n) \subseteq M_{n+1}(Y_{n+1}) + G_n(A_n)\) of \(\mathcal{B}_n\). We get a morphism \([Y_{n+1} \in \text{obj} (\mathcal{B}_{n+1}), y_{n+1} : F_n(A_n) \to M_{n+1}(Y_{n+1}) + G_n(A_n)] : (F_n(A_n), b_n) \to (G_n(A_n), \overline{b}_n)\) of \(\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B})\) such that the following diagram commutes.
From the compatible condition of $(\tau_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$, we have the following commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
M_n(F_n(A_n)) & \xrightarrow{M_n(F_n(A_n))} & M_n(M_n(H_n(A_n)) + G_n(A_n)) \\
\downarrow_{\beta_n} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & = & 0 & + M_n(G_n(A_n)) \\
\end{array}
\]

So $[y_{n+1}, y_{n+1}]$ is a morphism in $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{B})$, then we can define a 2-morphism $\varphi_n$. For any morphism $[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] : (A_n, a_n) \rightarrow (A'_n, a'_n)$ in $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A})$, where $X_{n+1} \in \text{obj}(A_{n+1})$, $x_{n+1} : A_n \rightarrow L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A'_n$ satisfying the following commutative diagram
\[
L_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{L_n(e_{n+1})} L_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A_n)
\]

We then have the following commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H_n(F)[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] = [F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}], & H_n(G)[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}] = [G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}],
\end{array}
\]

where \(\overline{x_{n+1}}\) and \(\overline{x_{n+1}}\) are the following composition morphisms \(F_{n+1}(x_{n+1})\) : \(F_n(A_n)\) \(\overline{x_{n+1}}\)

\[
F_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A'_n) \cong (F_n \circ L_{n+1})(X_{n+1}) + F_n(A'_n) \xrightarrow{(\lambda_{n+1})_{x_{n+1}+1}} M_{n+1}(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + F_n(A'_n), \overline{x_{n+1}} : G_n(A_n) \xrightarrow{G_n(x_{n+1})} G_n(L_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + A_n) \cong (G_n \circ L_{n+1})(X_{n+1}) + G_n(A'_n) \xrightarrow{(\mu_{n+1})_{x_{n+1}+1}} M_{n+1}(G_{n+1}(X_{n+1})) + G_n(A'_n).
\]

Then we have the following diagram:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H_n(F)(A_n, a_n) & \xrightarrow{[H_n(A_n), \overline{x_{n+1}}]} & H_n(G)(A_n, a_n)
\end{array}
\]

There exist \([Y_{n+2} \triangleq H_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), y_{n+2}] : ([H_n(A'_n), y_{n+1}] \circ [F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}]) \to [G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}] \circ [H_n(A_n), y_{n+1}]\) induced by \(\tau\). In fact, \([[H_n(A'_n), y_{n+1}] \circ F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}]] = [F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A'_n), (1 + y'_{n+1}) \circ \overline{x_{n+1}'}], [G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), \overline{x_{n+1}}] \circ [H_n(A_n), y_{n+1}] = [H_n(A_n) + G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}), (1 + \overline{x_{n+1}'}) \circ y_{n+1}]\) from the composition of morphisms in relative cokernel, so \(y_{n+2}\) is the composition morphism \(F_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A'_n) \xrightarrow{(\tau_{n+1})_{x_{n+1}+1}} (M_{n+2}H_{n+1} + H_nL_{n+1} + G_{n+1})(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A'_n) \cong M_{n+2}H_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_nL_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A'_n) \cong M_{n+2}H_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_nL_{n+1}(X_{n+1} + A'_n) \xrightarrow{1+H_n(x_{n+1}')} M_{n+2}H_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + G_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A_n) \cong M_{n+2}H_{n+1}(X_{n+1}) + H_n(A_n) + G_{n+1}(X_{n+1})\). Moreover the morphism \([Y_{n+2}, y_{n+2}]\) makes the following diagram commute.
for the following several commutative diagrams

\[
\begin{align*}
F_\xi(A_\eta) &\xrightarrow{(1 + \eta_{\xi_\eta})} M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(F_\xi(X_\eta_{\xi_\eta}) + H_n(A_\eta)) + G_n(A_\eta) \\
&\xrightarrow{1_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} + \eta_{\xi_\eta}} M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_\xi(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}) + H_n(A_\eta)) + G_n(A_\eta) \\
&= M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_\xi(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}) + H_n(A_\eta)) + G_n(A_\eta) \\
0 + M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(H_n(A_\eta) + G_n(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}})) + G_n(A_\eta) &\xrightarrow{M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_\xi(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}) + M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_n(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}})) + G_n(A_\eta) \\
&= M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_\xi(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}) + H_n(A_\eta)) + G_n(A_\eta) \\
&\xrightarrow{\eta_{\xi_\eta}(L_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} + L_\xi) + 1 + 1} M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}(M_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}} H_\xi(X_{\eta_{\xi_\eta}}) + H_n(A_\eta)) + G_n(A_\eta)
\end{align*}
\]
where $I$ is commutative because $\tau_n$ is a natural transformation. II, III follow from the properties of symmetric monoidal functors. IV follows from operation of $H_{n-1}$ on the commutative diagram of $[X_{n+1}, x_{n+1}]$. V and VI follow from the properties of symmetric 2-groups. VII follows from the commutative diagram of $\tau_{n+1}$.

Moreover, for any two objects $(A_n, a_n), (A'_n, a'_n)$ of $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathcal{A}), (A_n, a_n)+(A'_n, a'_n) = (A_n+A'_n, a_n+a'_n)$ with $L_{n-1}(a_n+a'_n) = (\alpha_n)_{A_n+A'_n}$, we have the following commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{H}_n(F)((A_n, a_n)+(A'_n, a'_n)) \\
\downarrow \mu_{(A_n,a_n)+(A'_n,a'_n),a_n,a'_n} \\
\mathcal{H}_n(A_n, a_n)+(A'_n, a'_n)
\end{array}
\]

where $\mu_{n+1}, y_{n+1}, y'_{n+1}$ are induced by $\tau_n$ as above. In fact, $[H_n(A_n), y_{n+1}] + [H_n(A'_n), y'_{n+1}] = [H_n(A_n)+H_n(A'_n), y_{n+1}+y'_{n+1}]$, so $(\varphi_n)_{(A_n, a_n)+(A'_n, a'_n)} = (\varphi_n)(A_n, a_n)+(\varphi_n)(A'_n, a'_n)$, then the above diagram commutes.

Then from above, we proved $\varphi_n$ is a 2-morphism in $(2\text{-SGp})$, for each $n$. \qed

From the definition of 2-functors, we have the following Lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Let $T : (2\text{-SGp}) \to (2\text{-SGp})$ be a 2-functor, $(F, \lambda), (G, \mu) : (\mathcal{A}, L, \alpha) \to (\mathcal{B}, M, \beta)$ be two 2-chain homotopy morphisms of complexes in $(2\text{-SGp})$. Then $T(F, \lambda)$ is 2-chain homotopic to $T(G, \mu)$ in $(2\text{-SGp})$. 

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3 Projective resolution of symmetric 2-groups

In this section we will give the construction of projective resolution of any symmetric 2-group.

**Definition 3.** Let \( M \) be a symmetric 2-group. A projective resolution of \( M \) in (2-SGp) is a 2-chain complex of symmetric 2-groups which is relative 2-exact in each point as in the following diagram

\[
\cdots \xrightarrow{F_2} P_2 \xrightarrow{F_1} P_1 \xrightarrow{F_0} P_0 \xrightarrow{F_{-1}} M \xrightarrow{0} 0
\]

with \( P_n(n \geq 0) \) projective objects in (2-SGp). i.e. the above complex is relative 2-exact in each \( P_i \) and \( M \).

**Proposition 2.** Every symmetric 2-group \( M \) has a projective resolution in (2-SGp).

**Proof.** We will construct the projective resolution of \( M \) using the relative kernel.

For \( M \), there is an essentially surjective morphism \( F_0 : P_0 \to M \), with \( P_0 \) projective object in (2-SGp)([13, 25]). Then we get a sequence as follows

\[
P_0 \xrightarrow{F_0} M \xrightarrow{0} 0 \text{ S.1.}
\]

where \( 0 : M \to 0 \) is the zero morphism[9, 24] in (2-SGp), \( 0 \) is the symmetric 2-group with only one object and one morphism., \( \text{can} \) is the canonical 2-morphism in (2-SGp), which is given by the identity morphism of only one object of 0.

From the existence of the relative kernel in (2-SGp), we have the relative kernel \((\text{Ker}(F_0, \text{can}), e_{(F_0, \text{can})}, \varepsilon_{(F_0, \text{can})})\) of the sequence S.1, which is in fact the general kernel \((\text{Ker}F_0, e_{F_0}, \varepsilon_{F_0})\) [1]. For the symmetric 2-group \( \text{Ker}F_0 \), there exists an essentially surjective morphism \( G_1 : P_1 \to \text{Ker}F_0 \), with \( P_1 \) projective object in
Let $F_1 = e_{F_0} \circ G_1 : \mathcal{P}_1 \to \mathcal{P}_0$. Then we get the following sequence

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{P} \\
\uparrow F_1 \\
\mathcal{P}_0 \\
\downarrow F_0 \\
\mathcal{M} \\
\downarrow 0 \\
KerF_0 \\
\end{array} \]

where $\alpha_1$ is the composition $F_0 \circ F_1 = F_0 \circ e_{F_0} \circ G_1 \Rightarrow 0 \circ G_1 \Rightarrow 0$ and compatible with $can$.

Consider the above sequence, there exists the relative kernel $(Ker(F_1, \alpha_1), e(F_1, \alpha_1), \varepsilon(F_1, \alpha_1))$ in (2-SGp). For the symmetric 2-group $Ker(F_1, \alpha_1)$, there is an essentially surjective morphism $G_2 : \mathcal{P}_2 \to Ker(F_1, \alpha_1)$, with $\mathcal{P}_2$ projective object in (2-SGp) ([13, 25]). Let $F_2 = e(F_1, \alpha_1) \circ G_2 : \mathcal{P}_2 \to \mathcal{P}_1$. Then we get a sequence

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{P}_2 \\
\uparrow F_2 \\
\mathcal{P}_1 \\
\downarrow a \\
\mathcal{P}_0 \\
\downarrow F_0 \\
\mathcal{M} \\
\downarrow 0 \\
\end{array} \]

where $\alpha_2$ is the composition $F_1 \circ F_2 = F_1 \circ e(F_1, \alpha_1) \circ G_2 \Rightarrow 0 \circ G_2 \Rightarrow 0$ and compatible with $\alpha_1$.

Using the same method, we get a 2-chian complex of symmetric 2-groups

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\cdots \\
\uparrow a \\
\mathcal{P}_2 \\
\downarrow F_2 \\
\mathcal{P}_1 \\
\downarrow a \\
\mathcal{P}_0 \\
\downarrow F_0 \\
\mathcal{M} \\
\downarrow 0 \\
\end{array} \]

Next, we will check that the complex Fig.2 is relative 2-exact in each point.

Firstly, the complex Fig.2 is relative 2-exact in $\mathcal{M}$. In fact, $F_0$ is essentially surjective([11]).
Secondly, the complex Fig. 2 is relative 2-exact in $\mathcal{P}_0$. From the cancellation property of $e_F$, there exists $\overrightarrow{\alpha_2}: G_1 \circ F_2 \Rightarrow 0$ defined by $\overrightarrow{(\alpha_2)}_y : G_1 F_2(y) \to 0$, $\forall y \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{P}_2)$. And $G_1 : \mathcal{P}_1 \to \text{Ker}F_0$ is in fact $G_1(x) = (F_1(x), (\alpha_1)x)$. For any $x_1, x_2 \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{P}_1)$ and the morphism $g : G_1(x_1) \to G_1(x_2)$ of $\text{Ker}F_0$. Under the morphism $e_{F_0}: \text{Ker}F_0 \to \mathcal{P}_0$, we have a morphism $e_{F_0}(g) : e_{F_0} G_1(x_1) = F_1(x_1) \to e_{F_0} G_1(x_2) = F_1(x_2)$ of $\mathcal{P}_0$, then we get a composition morphism $e_{F_0}(g) + 1 : F_1(x_1 + x_2^*) \simeq F_1(x_1) + F_1(x_2)^* \to F_1(x_2) + F_1(x_2)^* \simeq 0$ and a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
F_0 F_1(x_1 + x_2^*) & \xrightarrow{e_{F_0}(g) + 1} & F_0(0) \\
\downarrow \alpha_{F_0} & & \downarrow \alpha_{F_0} \\
0 & & 0
\end{array}
\]

by the compatibility of $\varepsilon_{F_0}$ and $\alpha_1$.

We get an object $(x_1 + x_2^*, e_{F_0}(g) + 1)$ in $\text{Ker}(F_1, \alpha_1)$, and from the essentially surjective morphism $G_2 : \mathcal{P}_2 \to \text{Ker}(F_1, \alpha_1)$, there exist an object $y$ in $\mathcal{P}_2$ and the isomorphism $h : (x_1 + x_2^*, e_{F_0}(g) + 1)) \to G_2(y)$ in $\text{Ker}(F_1, \alpha_1)$. Using the morphism $e_{(F_1, \alpha_1)} : \text{Ker}(F_1, \alpha_1) \to \mathcal{P}_1$, we have a morphism $e_{(F_1, \alpha_1)}(h) : x_1 + x_2^* \to e_{(F_1, \alpha_1)} G_2(y) = F_2(y)$. So we have a morphism

$$f : x_1 \to x + 0 \to x_1 + (x_2^* + x_2) \to (x_1 + x_2^*) + x_2 \to F_2(y) + x_2,$$

such that

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G_1(x_1) & \xrightarrow{G_1(f)} & G_1(F_2(y) + x_2) \\
\downarrow g & & \downarrow \pi_{2^* + 1} \\
G_1(x_2) & & G_1(x_2)
\end{array}
\]

So we proved that the essentially surjective morphism $G_1$ is $\overrightarrow{\alpha_2}$-full, the complex Fig. 2 is relative 2-exact in $\mathcal{P}_0$.

Using the same method, we can prove the complex Fig. 2 is relative 2-exact in each point.

**Theorem 1.** Let $(F : \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{M}, \alpha_1)$ be a projective resolution of symmetric 2-group $\mathcal{M}$, and $H : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{N}$ a morphism in (2-SGp). Then for any projective resolution
There is a morphism $H : P \rightarrow Q$ of complexes in $(2\text{-SGp})$ together with the family of 2-morphisms $\{\epsilon_n : G_n \circ H_n \Rightarrow H_{n-1} \circ F_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ (where $H_{-1} = H$) as in the following diagram.

If there is another morphism between projective resolutions, they are 2-chain homotopy.

Proof. The existence of $H_0 : P_0 \rightarrow Q_0$: Since $G_0$ is essentially surjective and $P_0$ is a projective object in $(2\text{-SGp})$, there exist 1-morphism $H_0 : P_0 \rightarrow Q_0$ and 2-morphism $\epsilon_0 : G_0 \circ H_0 \Rightarrow H_0 \circ F_0$ as follows.

Consider the morphism $H_0 : P_0 \rightarrow Q_0$, we have a morphism

$\overline{H_0} : KerF_0 \rightarrow KerG_0$

$(x_0, a_0) \mapsto (H_0(x_0), \tilde{a}_0)$,

$(x_0, a_0) \mapsto (H_0(x_0), \tilde{a}_0) \xrightarrow{H_0(F_0)} (H_0(x_0), \tilde{a}_0')$

where $\tilde{a}_0$ is the composition $(G_0 \circ H_0)(x_0) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_0} (H \circ F_0)(x_0) \xrightarrow{H(a_0)} H(0) \cong 0$. Moreover, there is a commutative diagram.

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From the relative 2-exactness of projective resolution of symmetric 2-group, there exist essentially surjective morphisms $\overline{F}_1 : P_1 \to ker F_0$, $\overline{G}_1 : Q_1 \to ker G_0$ and 2-morphisms $\varphi_1 : e_{F_0} \circ \overline{F}_1 \Rightarrow F_1$, $\psi_1 : e_{G_0} \circ \overline{G}_1 \Rightarrow G_1$, respectively. Then there exist 1-morphism $H_1 : P_1 \to Q_1$ and 2-morphism $\varepsilon_1 : \overline{G}_1 \circ H_1 \Rightarrow \overline{H}_0 \circ \overline{F}_1$. From $\varepsilon_1$ and $e_{G_0} \circ \overline{H}_0 = H_0 \circ e_{F_0}$, we can define a 2-morphism $\varepsilon_1 : G_1 \circ H_1 \Rightarrow H_0 \circ F_1$ by

\[
(\varepsilon_1)(x_1) : (G_1 \circ H_1)(x_1) \xrightarrow{(\psi_1)(H_1(x_1))} e_{G_0} \circ \overline{G}_1 \circ H_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{e_{G_0}(\varepsilon_1)(x_1)} e_{G_0} \circ \overline{H}_0 \circ \overline{F}_1(x_1) = H_0 \circ e_{F_0} \circ \overline{F}_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{H_0(\varepsilon_1)(x_1)} H_0 \circ F_1(x_1),
\]

which is compatible with $\varepsilon_0$.

Next we will construct $H_n$ and $\varepsilon_n : G_n \circ H_n \Rightarrow H_{n-1} \circ F_n$ by induction on $n$. Inductively, suppose $H_i$ and $\varepsilon_i$ have been constructed for $i \leq n$ satisfying the compatible conditions. Consider the morphism $H_{n-1} : P_{n-1} \to Q_{n-1}$, there is an induced morphism

\[
\overline{H}_{n-1} : Ker(F_{n-1}, \alpha_{n-1}) \to Ker(G_{n-1}, \beta_{n-1})
\]

\[
(x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}) \mapsto (H_{n-1}(x_{n-1}), \overline{a}_{n-1}),
\]

\[
f_{n-1} \mapsto H_{n-1}(f_{n-1})
\]

where $\overline{a}_{n-1}$ is the composition $G_{n-1} \circ H_{n-1}(x_{n-1}) \to H_{n-2} \circ F_{n-1}(x_{n-1}) \to H_{n-1}(0) \simeq 0$. Moreover, there is the following commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
Ker(F_{n-1}, \alpha_{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{(\alpha_{n-1})}} & P_{n-1} \\
\overline{H}_{n-1} \downarrow & & \Downarrow \overline{H}_{n-1} \\
Ker(G_{n-1}, \beta_{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{(\beta_{n-1})}} & Q_{n-1}
\end{array}
\]

Using the relative 2-exactness of projective resolutions of $\mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{N}$, we have the following diagram
The existence of $H_n$ and $\varepsilon_n$ come from the projectivity of $\mathcal{P}_n$. Similar to the appearing of $\varepsilon_1$, there is a 2-morphism $\varepsilon_n$ given by $\varepsilon_n$, compatible with $\varepsilon_{n-1}$.

Next, we show the uniqueness of $(H_n, \varepsilon_n)$ up to 2-chain homotopy. Suppose $(K_n, \zeta_n)$ is another morphism of projective resolutions. We will construct the 1-morphism $T_n : \mathcal{P}_n \to Q_{n+1}$, and 2-morphism $\tau_n : H_n \Rightarrow G_{n+1} \circ T_n + T_{n-1} \circ F_n + K_n$ by induction on $n$. If $n < 0$, $\mathcal{P}_n = 0$, so we get $T_n = 0$. If $n = 0$, there is a 1-morphism $H_0 - K_0 : \mathcal{P}_0 \to Ker G_0$, together with essentially surjective morphism $G_1 : Q_1 \to Ker G_0$, there exist a morphism $T_0 : \mathcal{P}_0 \to Q_1$ and 2-morphism $\tau'_0 : G_1 \circ T_0 \Rightarrow H_0 - K_0$. Then we get a 2-morphism $\tau_0 : H_0 \Rightarrow G_1 \circ T_0 + K_0$.

Inductively, we suppose given family of morphisms $(H_i, \tau_i)_{i \leq n}$ so that $H_i : \mathcal{P}_i \to Q_{i+1}, \tau_i : H_i \Rightarrow G_{i+1} \circ T_i + T_{i-1} \circ F_i + K_i$. Consider the 1-morphism $H_n - K_n - T_{n-1} \circ F_n : \mathcal{P}_n \to Ker(G_n, \beta_n)$ and essentially surjective morphism $\overline{G_n} : Q_{n+1} \to Ker(G_n, \beta_n)$, there exist a 1-morphism $T_n : \mathcal{P}_n \to Q_{n+1}$ and a 2-morphism $\tau'_n : \overline{G_n} \circ T_n \Rightarrow H_n - K_n - T_{n-1} \circ F_n$. Then we get a 2-morphism $\tau_n : H_n \Rightarrow G_{n+1} \circ T_n + T_{n-1} \circ F_n + K_n$.

4 Derived 2-Functor

In this section, we will give the left derived 2-functor in the abelian 2-category $(2-S\mathbb{G}p)$, which has enough projective objects [13, 25].

**Definition 4.** An additive 2-functor([13]) $T : (2-S\mathbb{G}p) \to (2-S\mathbb{G}p)$ is called right relative 2-exact if the relative 2-exactness of
in \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \) and \( \mathcal{C} \) implies relative 2-exactness of

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{T(F)} & T(B) & \xrightarrow{T(G)} & T(C) & \xrightarrow{\text{can}} & 0 \\
0 & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & 0 & \xrightarrow{0} & 0
\end{array}
\]

in \( T(\mathcal{B}) \) and \( T(\mathcal{C}) \).

The left relative 2-exact 2-functor can be defined dually.

By Remark 2 and Proposition 1, Theorem 1, there is

**Corollary 1.** Let \( T: (2\text{-SGp}) \to (2\text{-SGp}) \) be an additive 2-functor, and \( \mathcal{A} \) be any object of \( (2\text{-SGp}) \). For two projective resolutions \( \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} \) of \( \mathcal{A} \), there is an equivalence between homology symmetric 2-groups \( \mathcal{H}(T(\mathcal{P})) \) and \( \mathcal{H}(T(\mathcal{Q})) \).

Let \( T: (2\text{-SGp}) \to (2\text{-SGp}) \) be an additive 2-functor. There is a 2-functor

\[
\mathcal{L}_i T : (2\text{-SGp}) \to (2\text{-SGp})
\]

\[
\mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{L}_i T(\mathcal{A}),
\]

\[
\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{B} \mapsto \mathcal{L}_i T(\mathcal{A}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_i T(F)} \mathcal{L}_i T(\mathcal{B}),
\]

where \( \mathcal{L}_i T(\mathcal{A}) \) is defined by \( \mathcal{H}_i(T(\mathcal{P})) \), and \( \mathcal{P} \) is the projective resolution of \( \mathcal{A} \). \( \mathcal{L}_i T \) is a well-defined 2-functor from the properties of additive 2-functor and Corollary 1.

**Corollary 2.** Let \( T: (2\text{-SGp}) \to (2\text{-SGp}) \) be a right relative 2-exact 2-functor, and \( \mathcal{A} \) be a projective object in \( (2\text{-SGp}) \). Then \( \mathcal{L}_i T(\mathcal{A}) = 0 \) for \( i \neq 0 \).

The following is a basic property of derived functors.
Theorem 2. The left derived 2-functor $\mathcal{L}_\ast T$ takes the sequence of symmetric 2-groups

![Diagram](image)

which is relative 2-exact in $\mathcal{A}$, $\mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{C}$ to a long sequence 2-exact([23, 24]) in each point

![Diagram](image)

In order to prove this theorem, we need the following Lemmas.

Lemma 2. Let $\mathcal{P}$ and $\mathcal{Q}$ be projective objects in $(2\text{-}SGp)$. Then the product category $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q}$ is a projective object in $(2\text{-}SGp)$.

Proof. First we know that $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q}$ is a symmetric 2-group([9, 12]). So we need to prove the projectivity of it. There are canonical morphisms

$$\mathcal{P} \xleftarrow{p_1} \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{p_2} \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{P} \xrightarrow{i_1} \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{i_2} \mathcal{Q}.$$

For any morphism $G : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{B}$, there are composition morphisms $G_1 : \mathcal{P} \xrightarrow{i_1} \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{B}$, $G_2 : \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{i_2} \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{B}$. Then for an essentially surjective functor $F : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$, there exist 1-morphisms $G'_1 : \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{A}$, $G'_2 : \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{A}$ and 2-morphisms $h_1 : F \circ G'_1 \Rightarrow G_1$, $h_2 : F \circ G'_2 \Rightarrow G_2$ since $\mathcal{P}$ and $\mathcal{Q}$ are projective objects in $(2\text{-}SGp)$.

So there are 1-morphism $G' : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{A}$ given by $G' \triangleq G'_1 \circ p_1 + G'_2 \circ p_2$ and 2-morphism $h : F \circ G' \Rightarrow G : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{B}$ given by the composition $h(x,y) : (F \circ G')(x,y) = F(G'_1(x) + G'_2(y)) \cong F(G'_1(x)) + F(G'_2(y)) \xrightarrow{(h_1)_x + (h_2)_y} G_1(x) + G_2(y) = G(x,0) + G(0,y) \cong G((x,0) + (0,y)) = G(x,y)$, for any $(x,y) \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q})$.

Then $\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{Q}$ is a projective object in $(2\text{-}SGp)$.  \qed
Lemma 3. Let \((F, \varphi, G) : A \to B \to C\) be an extension of symmetric 2-groups in \((2\text{-SGp})[\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B}]\), \((P, L, \alpha) (Q, N, \beta)\) be projective resolutions of \(A\) and \(C\), respectively. Then there is a projective resolution \((K, M, \varphi)\) of \(B\), such that \(P \to K \to Q\) forms an extension of complexes in \((2\text{-SGp})\).

Proof. We give the construction of projective resolution \((K, M, \varphi)\) of \(B\) in the following steps.

Step 1. Since \(Q_0\) is a projective object, together with essentially surjective \(G : B \to C\) and 1-morphism \(N_0 : Q_0 \to C\), there exist 1-morphism \(N_0 : Q_0 \to B\) and 2-morphism \(h_0 : G \circ N_0 \Rightarrow N_0\). Then we can define a 1-morphism

\[
M_0 : P_0 \times Q_0 \to B
\]

\[\begin{align*}
(x_0, y_0) & \mapsto M_0(x_0, y_0) \triangleq F(L_0(x_0)) + \overline{N_0}(y_0), \\
(f_0, y_0) & \mapsto F L_0(f_0) + \overline{N_0}(y_0).
\end{align*}\]

Moreover, \(M_0\) is essentially surjective. In fact, for any \(B \in \text{obj}(B)\), we have \(G(B) \in \text{obj}(C)\). Since \(N_0 : Q_0 \to C\) is essentially surjective, there are \(y_0 \in \text{obj}(Q_0)\) and isomorphism \(N_0(y_0) \to G(B)\), together with 2-morphism \(h_0 : G \circ \overline{N_0} \Rightarrow N_0\). We get a composition isomorphism \(G(\overline{N_0}(y_0)) \xrightarrow{(h_0)_m} N_0(y_0) \to G(B)\). Moreover, we get an isomorphism \(c : G(B + \overline{N_0}(y_0)^*) \to 0\) in \(C\). Then we obtain an object \((B + \overline{N_0}(y_0)^*, c)\) of \(\text{Ker}G\). Since \((F, \varphi, G) : A \to B \to C\) is an extension, by the definition of extension, there is an equivalence \(F_0 : A \to \text{Ker}G\), which is essentially surjective, so there are \(A \in \text{obj}(A)\) and isomorphism \(F_0(A) \to (B + \overline{N_0}(y_0)^*, c)\). For \(A \in \text{obj}(A)\) and essentially surjective morphism \(L_0 : P_0 \to A\), there are \(x_0 \in \text{obj}(P_0)\) and isomorphism \(L_0(x_0) \to A\). Then we get a composition isomorphism

\[
F(L_0(x_0)) \to F(A) \to e_G(F_0(A)) \to e_G((B + \overline{N_0}(y_0)^*, c)) = B + \overline{N_0}(y_0)^*.
\]

There is an isomorphism

\[
F(L_0(x_0)) + \overline{N_0}(y_0) \to B.
\]

Then, for any \(B \in \text{obj}(B)\), there are \((x_0, y_0) \in \text{obj}(P_0 \times Q_0)\) and isomorphism \(M_0(x_0, y_0) = F(L_0(x_0)) + \overline{N_0}(y_0) \to B\).

Also,
is the morphism of extensions in (2-SGp), where $\lambda_0 : F \circ L_0 \Rightarrow M_0 \circ i_0$ is given by 

$$
(\lambda_0)_{x_0} : F(L_0(x_0)) \cong F(L_0(x_0)) + 0 \cong F(L_0(x_0)) + \overline{N_0}(0) = M_0(x_0, 0) = M_0(i_0(x_0)),
$$

for all $x_0 \in \text{obj}(P_0)$. $\mu_0 : G \circ M_0 \Rightarrow N_0 \circ p_0$ is given by 

$$
(\mu_0)_{(x_0,y_0)} : (G \circ M_0)(x_0, y_0) = G(FL_0(x_0) + \overline{N_0}(y_0)) \cong G(FL_0(x_0)) + G(\overline{N_0}(y_0)) \Rightarrow N_0(y_0).
$$

Step 2. From the definition of relative 2-exactness, there are essentially surjective 1-morphisms $L'_1 : P_1 \rightarrow \text{Ker}L_0$, $N'_1 : Q_1 \rightarrow \text{Ker}N_0$ as in the following diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
P_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & \text{Ker}L_0 \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \mu_0 & \downarrow \iota_0 \\
P_1 \times Q_1 & \xrightarrow{M'_1} & \text{Ker}M_0 \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \nu_0 & \downarrow \iota_0 \\
Q_1 & \xrightarrow{N'_1} & \text{Ker}N_0 \\
\end{array}
$$

where $M'_1 : P_1 \times Q_1 \rightarrow \text{Ker}M_0$ is given by $M'_1(x_1, y_1) \triangleq (i_0 \circ L'_1)(x_1) + \overline{N'_1}(y_1)$, for any $(x_1, y_1) \in \text{obj}(P_1 \times Q_1)$, which is essentially surjective from the proof of step 1.

Then we get a composition 1-morphism $M_1 = e_{M_0} \circ M'_1 : P_1 \times Q_1 \rightarrow P_0 \times Q_0$, and a composition 2-morphism $\varphi_1 : M_0 \circ M_1 \Rightarrow 0 \circ M'_1 \Rightarrow 0$, such that

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
P_0 & \xrightarrow{i_0} & P_0 \times Q_0 \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \mu_0 & \downarrow \iota_0 \\
P_1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & P_1 \times Q_1 \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \nu_0 & \downarrow \iota_0 \\
Q_0 & \xrightarrow{N'_1} & Q_0 \\
\end{array}
$$
is a morphism of extensions in (2-SGp), where $\lambda_1$ and $\mu_1$ are given in the natural way as in step 1.

Step 3. From the definition of relative 2-exactness, there are essentially surjective 1-morphisms $L'_2 : P_2 \to Ker(L_1, \alpha_1)$, $N'_2 : Q_2 \to Ker(N_1, \beta_1)$ as in the following diagram

where $M' : P_2 \times Q_2 \to Ker(M_1, \varphi_1)$ is given by $M'_{2}(x_2, y_2) \triangleq (i_1 \circ L'_2)(x_2) + \overline{N_2}(y_2)$, for any $(x_2, y_2) \in obj(P_2 \times Q_2)$, which is essentially surjective from the proof of step 1.

Then we get a composition 1-morphism $M_2 = e_{(M_1, \varphi_1)} \circ M'_2 : P_2 \times Q_2 \to P_1 \times Q_1$, and a composition 2-morphism $\varphi_2 : M_1 \circ M_2 \Rightarrow 0 \circ M'_2 \Rightarrow 0$, such that

is a morphism of extensions in (2-SGp), where $\lambda_2$ and $\mu_2$ are given in the natural way as in step 1.

Using the same method, we get a complex $(P \times Q, M, \varphi)$ of product symmetric 2-groups. Using the methods in Proposition 2, this complex is relative 2-exact in each point, and $(i, id, p.) : P_\cdot \to P_\cdot \times Q_\cdot \to Q_\cdot$ forms an extension of complexes in (2-SGp).

Set $K_n = P_n \times Q_n$, for $n \geq 0$, which are projective objects in (2-SGp) by Lemma 3. This finishes the proof.
By the universal property of (bi)product of symmetric 2-groups and the property of additive 2-functor (9). We get

Lemma 4. Let $T$ be an additive 2-functor in 2-category $(2\text{-SGp})$, and $A$, $B$ be objects in $(2\text{-SGp})$. Then there is an equivalence between $T(A \times B)$ and $T(A) \times T(B)$ in $(2\text{-SGp})$.

Proof of Theorem 2. For symmetric 2-groups $A$ and $C$, choose projective resolutions $P_\cdot \to A$ and $Q_\cdot \to C$. By Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, there is a projective resolution $P_\cdot \times Q_\cdot \to B$ fitting into an extension $P_\cdot \to P_\cdot \times Q_\cdot p_\cdot \to Q_\cdot$ of projective complexes in $(2\text{-SGp})(2)$. By Lemma 4, we obtain a complexes of extension

$$T(P_\cdot) \xrightarrow{T(i)} T(P_\cdot \times Q_\cdot) \xrightarrow{T(p)} T(Q_\cdot).$$

Similar as Theorem 4.2 in [1], the long sequence

\[
\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_n} L_nT(A) \xrightarrow{L_nT(p)} L_nT(B) \xrightarrow{L_nT(q)} L_nT(C) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} L_{n+1}T(A) \xrightarrow{L_{n+1}T(p)} L_{n+1}T(B) \xrightarrow{L_{n+1}T(q)} \cdots
\]

is 2-exact in each point.

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