On the extended 1-st Johnson homomorphism of the braid group

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Abstract. The braid group B_m of degree m is regarded as a mapping class group $M(D_m)$ of the *m*-puncterd disk D_m . There exists a natural surjective homomorphism from B_m to the symmetric group S_m of degree m, which is regarded as a homomorphism from $M(D_m)$ to the automorphism group of the 1-st homology group $H_1(D_m)$. By using an analogy of the Johnson's theory for mapping class groups of compact oriented surfaces, we construct a homomorphism from B_m to a group extension of S_m . We call it the extended 1-st Johnson homomorphism of B_m . We also study a way to caluculate the extended 1-st Johnson homomorphism by using braid diagrams. This is a joint work with Yusuke Kuno.