

# Math 151a: Differential & Algebraic Topology

## Lecture 1:

Topology  $\rightarrow$  algebra

Top Invariants:

- fundamental group (fund gp) & higher homology (htpy) gps
- Homology (hly) and Cohomology (cohly)

Relationships:  $\pi_1 \rightarrow H_1$ , abelianization

Coing of  $H^n = (H_n)^\vee$ .

Then (Poincaré Duality)  $M = M^d$ , a closed, oriented  $d$ -manifold (mfd)

$$H^i(M) \cong H_{d-i}(M)$$

Homology:  $H_n: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Ab} \quad \forall n \geq 0$

Three constructions:

$\Delta$ -complexes  $\rightsquigarrow$  simplicial hly simplest, combinatorial

CW-complexes  $\rightsquigarrow$  cellular hly most efficient

top spaces  $\rightsquigarrow$  singular hly most general, fully functorial  
 (any cts function  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  gives  $H_n(X) \xrightarrow{H_n f} H_n(Y)$ )

Aside: Hly is characterized by Eilenberg Steenrod axioms (Sec 2.3). Relax "dimension axiom": get extraordinary hly thus (e.g.  $K$ -theory, cobordism)

### Topological Applications:

(1) Borsuk-Ulam thm:  $\forall$  cts  $f: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\exists x \in S^n$  s.t.  $f(x) = f(-x)$

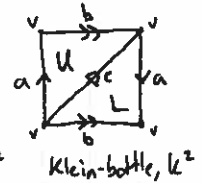
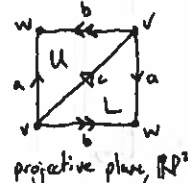
(2) Lefschetz fixed point theorem:  $X \in \text{Top}^{\text{fin}}$  (sufficiently finite), any  $X \xrightarrow{f} X$ , its Lefschetz number is:  $\tau(f) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{tr}(H_n(f))$   
 ( $\in \mathbb{Z}$ )  $H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$

Thm: If  $\tau(f) \neq 0$ , then  $f$  has a fixed point.

(3) Hairy ball theorem:  $S^n$  admits a nonvanishing (continuous) vector field iff  $n$  is odd.

## Simplicial Homology

Ex of  $\Delta$ -complexes:



\* Each simplex has a total ordering of its vertices. ( $n$ -dimensional triangle) and those of faces  $V$  of a simplex are inherited

Orientation of a simplex

Disallowed:



(Topological  $n$ -simplex)  $\Delta_{\text{top}}^n := \{t = (t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t_i \geq 0, \sum t_i = 1\}$

Def: A chain complex (of ab. groups) is a sequence of abelian groups & hom's:

$$C_0 = (\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} C_{n-2} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-2}} \dots)$$

such that " $\partial^2 = 0$ " i.e.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$

Equivalently,  $\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subseteq \text{ker}(\partial_n) \subseteq C_n$ . Say  $C_0$  is exact in dim  $n$  if  $\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}) = \text{ker}(\partial_n)$

So,  $n^{\text{th}}$  homology measures failure of exactness:

$$H_n(C_0) = \frac{\text{ker}(\partial_n)}{\text{im}(\partial_{n+1})} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_n(C_0) \text{ } n\text{-cycles} \\ B_n(C_0) \text{ } n\text{-boundaries} \end{array} \right.$$

$Ch = Ch_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , abelian chain complexes

$$\dots C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \dots$$

$$f_n \downarrow G \downarrow f_{n-1}$$

Sequence commutes:

$$\dots D_n \rightarrow D_{n-1} \dots \quad f_{n+1} \circ \partial_n^C = \partial_n^D \circ f_n^C$$

Def: For a  $\Delta$ -cx  $X$ , its chain complex of simplicial chains

$$C_\bullet^\Delta(X) := (C_n := \bigoplus \mathbb{Z}, C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1})$$

$$\boxed{n \geq 0} \\ C_{\leq 0}^\Delta(X) = 0$$

on generators:  $\sigma \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \delta_i(\sigma)$   
 $\sigma$  obtained by removing  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex.

$$\dots \rightarrow C_1^\Delta(X) \rightarrow C_0^\Delta(X) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots$$

Lemma:  $\partial^2 = 0$ .

Def: Simplicial homology is  $H_n^\Delta(X) := H_n(C_\bullet^\Delta(X))$ .

Ex:  $C_0(T^2) = (C_2(T^2) \rightarrow C_1(T^2) \rightarrow C_0(T^2))$

all other terms zero.

$= (\mathbb{Z}\{U, L\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{v\})$   
 $U \mapsto S_0(u) - S_1(u) + S_2(u) = b - c + a$   
 $L \mapsto a - c + b$   
 $a \mapsto S_0^1(a) - S_1^1(u) = \text{target of } a - \text{source of } a = v - v = 0$

$H_2(T^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_2)}{\text{im}(\partial_2)} = \ker(\partial_2) = \mathbb{Z}\{U-L\} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  ①  
 $b \mapsto v - v = 0$   
 $c \mapsto v - v = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a, b, c \in \ker(\partial_1)$

$H_1(T^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_1)}{\text{im}(\partial_1)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\}}{\mathbb{Z}\{b-c+a\}} \cong \mathbb{Z}\{a, b\} \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  ②  
 $=: \mathbb{Z}_2(C^1(X))$   
 2-cycles

$H_0(T^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_0)}{\text{im}(\partial_0)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{v\}}{0} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  ①

⊕: Dimension  $\rightarrow$  Reflection of Poincaré Duality.

Lecture 2:

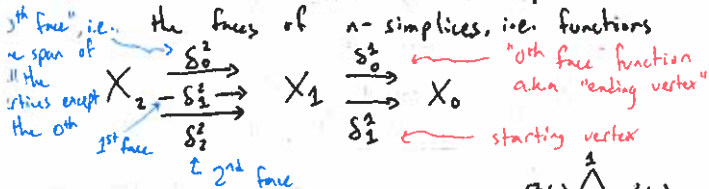
Idea: A  $\Delta$  complex is:

$\rightarrow$  (abstract) A recipe for building a topological space out of simplices ( $\Delta^n =: \Delta_{\text{top}}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \dots$ )

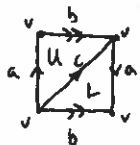
$\rightarrow$  A top space equipped with a decomposition into simplices glued with standard maps b/w them.

Ex: A 2-diml (abstract)  $\Delta$ -cx  $X_0$  is:

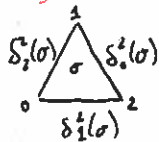
$\hookrightarrow$  sets  $X_0, X_1, X_2$  of vertices, edges, faces.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  identification of the  $(n-1)$  simplices that are



Ex: Klein bottle



$X_2 = \{U, L\}$   
 $X_1 = \{a, b, c\}$   
 $X_0 = \{v\}$



such that:  $\begin{cases} \delta_0^1 \delta_0^2 = \delta_0^1 \delta_1^2 \\ \delta_1^1 \delta_0^2 = \delta_0^1 \delta_2^2 \\ \delta_1^1 \delta_1^2 = \delta_1^1 \delta_2^2 \end{cases}$

Chain Complex:

$C_0(K^2) = (\mathbb{Z}\{U, L\} \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\} \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \mathbb{Z}\{v\})$

$\partial_n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \delta_i^n$

For  $C_0 = (\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \dots) \in \text{Ch}$  by definition

$\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subseteq \ker(\partial_n)$   
 $B_n(C) \subseteq Z_n(C)$

$H_n(C) = \frac{Z_n(C)}{B_n(C)} = \frac{\ker(\partial_n)}{\text{im}(\partial_{n+1})}$

$C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0$

Homology groups for  $K^2$ :

$U \mapsto b - c + a$   
 $L \mapsto a - b + c$   
 $a \mapsto 0$   
 $b \mapsto 0$   
 $c \mapsto 0$

$H_0(K^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_0)}{\text{im}(\partial_0)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{v\}}{0} \cong \mathbb{Z}$   $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$H_2(K^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_2)}{\text{im}(\partial_2)} = \ker(\partial_2) = \{x \cdot U + y \cdot L : \partial_2(x \cdot U + y \cdot L) = 0\}$   
 $\text{hom} \Rightarrow x \cdot \partial_2(U) + y \cdot \partial_2(L) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x+y)a + (x-y)b + (-x+y)c = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x = y = 0$   
 $= 0$

$H_1(K^2) = \frac{\ker(\partial_1)}{\text{im}(\partial_1)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\}}{\mathbb{Z}\{b-c+a, a-b+c\}}$   
 $= \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\}}{\mathbb{Z}\{2a, 2b\}} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}\{a, c\}}{\mathbb{Z}\{2a\}} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

Even over  $\mathbb{Z}$   
 $x=0 \Leftrightarrow x=0$   
 $y=0 \Leftrightarrow x+y=0$

Visualization  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{a}$  Can move freely in  $c$ ,  $2a$  in a direction, hence  $\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\Delta :=$  the category  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ob} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n] \} = \{0 < 1 < \dots < n\} \\ \text{mor} = \text{order-preserving functions.} \end{array} \right.$

the subcategory (same objects & morphisms)  
 $\Delta_{\leq 2} : \begin{array}{ccc} [2] & \xrightarrow{\delta_2^1} & [1] \\ \delta_2^0 \downarrow & & \delta_1^0 \downarrow \\ [0, 1, 2] & \xrightarrow{\delta_1^1} & [0, 1] \\ \delta_1^0 \downarrow & & \delta_0^0 \downarrow \\ [0] & & [0] \end{array}$   $1 \leftarrow 0$   
 $= \delta_1^1 \delta_0^1 = \delta_0^1 \delta_1^1$

$\Delta_{\text{inj}} C \Delta$ : same objects, but only injective order preserving fns.

A 2-dimensional  $\Delta$ -complex is a functor  $(\Delta_{\text{inj}, \leq 2})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

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$\Delta C_X = \text{Fun}((\Delta_{\text{inj}})^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$

Set  $[n] \mapsto \emptyset$   
 $\forall n \geq 3$

L3:

Recall:  $\Delta_{inj} := \begin{cases} \text{obj: } [0] = \{0\}, [1] = \{0, 1\}, \dots \\ \text{mor: order preserving functions } (inj) \end{cases}$

A  $\Delta$ -complex is a functor  $\Delta_{inj}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $(X_n := \text{the set of } n\text{-simplices of } X_0)$

$\Delta Cx := \text{Fun}(\Delta_{inj}^{op}, \text{Set})$

$\Delta_{inj} = \left( [0] \xrightarrow{\delta_1^1} [1] \xrightarrow{\delta_2^1} [2] \xrightarrow{\delta_3^1} \dots \right)$   *$\delta_i^j = \text{unique injective fn that misses } i \in [n]$*

$\Delta_{inj}^{op} = \left( [0]^0 \xleftarrow{\delta_1^0} [1]^0 \xleftarrow{\delta_2^0} [2]^0 \xleftarrow{\delta_3^0} \dots \right)$

generators: obj's  $[n]^0$ , mor's  $\delta_i^n$   
 Relations:  $\delta_j^n \delta_i^{n+1} = \delta_i^n \delta_j^{n+1}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$

Given a  $\Delta$ -complex  $X_0$ , its ch cx of simpl chains (w/ coeffs in  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

$C_\bullet^\Delta(X) := \left( \dots \rightarrow C_n^\Delta(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}^\Delta(X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_0^\Delta(X) \rightarrow 0 \right)$   
 $\mathbb{Z}\langle X_n \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle X_{n-1} \rangle$   
 $\partial_n := \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \delta_i^n$

Claim:  $\partial^2 = 0$  (i.e.  $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$ )

Proof: Suffices to check on a generator, i.e.  $\sigma \in X_{n+1}$  considered in  $C_{n+1}^\Delta(X_0) := \mathbb{Z}\langle X_{n+1} \rangle$

$\partial_n(\partial_{n+1}(\sigma)) := \partial_n \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \delta_i^{n+1}(\sigma) \right) := \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \partial_n(\delta_i^{n+1}(\sigma))$   
 $= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \left( \sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \delta_j^n \delta_i^{n+1}(\sigma) \right) = \begin{cases} i \leq j \rightarrow \text{apply relation} \\ i > j \rightarrow \text{don't} \end{cases}$   
 $= 0$  *(n-1) simplices in  $X_i$ , the various boundaries of  $\sigma$  → these each show up twice with opposite signs*

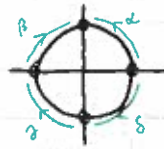
Idea: A  $\Delta$ -cx is a recipe for building a topological space

Def: The geometric realization of  $X_0 \in \Delta Cx$  is

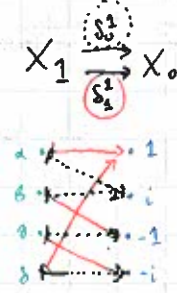
$|X_0| := \left( \coprod_{n \geq 0} \Delta^n \times X_n \right) / \sim$   *$\Delta^n = \{t \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \sum t_i = 1\}$*   
 $\Delta^n \times \{\delta_i^{n+1}(\sigma)\} \sim \Delta^{n+1} \times \{\sigma\}$   
 $\Delta^n \times X_n \sim \Delta^{n+1} \times X_{n+1}$   
 $= X_0 \otimes_{\Delta_{inj}} \Delta^\bullet$

A  $\Delta$ -cx structure on a top spc.  $T$  is a  $\Delta$ -cx  $X_0 \in \Delta Cx$  and a homeo  $|X_0| \cong T$

Ex: Problem 3, dim 1:



$S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$   
 quotient by  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  action  $p \mapsto -p$   
 $\mathbb{R}P^1$



Simplicial homology: "easy" to compute

↳ Q: Given two  $\Delta$ -cx structures on a top space, do the  $H_n^\Delta$ 's agree?

↳ Q: Given a cts fn  $X \rightarrow Y$ , how do we get a hom  $H_n^\Delta(X) \rightarrow H_n^\Delta(Y)$  if it doesn't respect  $\Delta$ -cx structures?

Construction: Given a top space  $X$ , its singular complex is the  $\Delta$ -cx

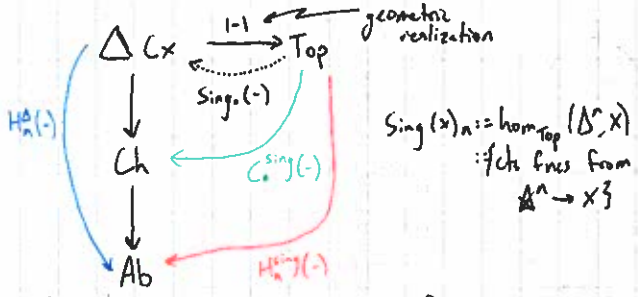
$\text{Sing}_n(X) := \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X) := \{\Delta^n \rightarrow X \text{ cts}\}$

Structure maps come from:

$\Delta_{inj} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Top} \rightsquigarrow \text{Sing}(X)_\bullet : \Delta_{inj}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Top}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $[n] \mapsto \Delta^n$

"the convex hull of pts in  $[n]$ "  
 Concretely,  $\delta_i^n((\Delta^n \subseteq X)) = (\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\delta_i^n} \Delta^n \subseteq X)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\text{Sing}(X)_n$

L4: Singular Homology



$Sing(x)_n := \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X)$   
 if chs fncs from  $\Delta^n \rightarrow X$

Def: For  $X \in \text{Top}$ , its ch ex of singular chains is:

$$C_n^{\text{sing}}(X) := \left( \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}\{\text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X)\}}_{\substack{\text{Set of cts fncs} \\ \text{(singular n-simps in } X^n)}} \right) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \left( \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}\{\text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^{n-1}, X)\}}_{\substack{\text{Set of cts fncs} \\ \text{(singular (n-1)-simps in } X^{n-1})}} \right)$$

Free ab grp on  $\uparrow$

generator  $(\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X) \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma^i(\sigma)$

The hom-set in the category Top

Claim: the sequence  $C_1(x) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(x) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z}$  is exact at  $C_0(x)$ , i.e.  $\text{im}(\partial_1) = \ker(\epsilon)$ . (b/c  $X$  is nonempty)

Then, observe  $\epsilon$  is surjective, so  $H_0(x) := \frac{\ker(\partial_0)}{\text{im}(\partial_0)} = \frac{C_0(x)}{\text{im}(\partial_0)} = \frac{C_0(x)}{\ker(\epsilon)} \cong \mathbb{Z}$

proving claim:

$\subseteq$ : For any generator (cts fncs  $\Delta^1 \xrightarrow{\gamma} X$ )  $\gamma \in C_1(x)$ ,  $\epsilon(\partial_1(\gamma)) := \epsilon(\gamma(1) - \gamma(0)) := 1 - 1 = 0 \checkmark$

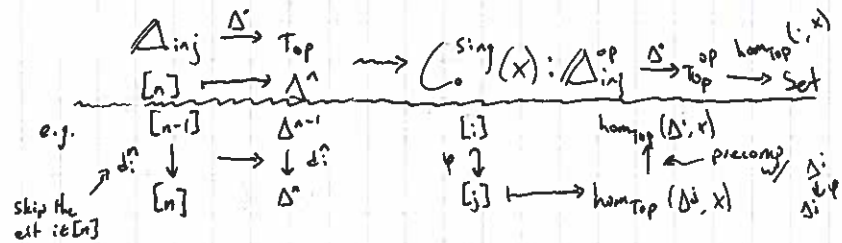
$\supseteq$ : If  $\sum_i n_i \sigma_i \in C_0(x)$  has  $\epsilon(\sum_i n_i \sigma_i) = 0$ , then we can decompose it as a sum of terms of the form  $(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)$

b/c  $X$  is path connected,  $\exists$  path  $\gamma$  from  $\sigma_i$  to  $\sigma_j$ , and so  $\partial_1(\gamma) = \sigma_i - \sigma_j$ . So  $(\sigma_i - \sigma_j) \in \text{im}(\partial_1)$ , so  $\sum_i n_i \sigma_i \in \text{im}(\partial_1)$

Cor: (2.6 + 2.7):  $\forall X \in \text{Top}$   
 $H_0(x) \cong \bigoplus_{\text{path comp. of } X} \mathbb{Z}$

Q: Why is this a chain cx, and why do cts fncs go to chain maps?

A: Really, it's a composite functor



L5: Singular Homology cont'd:

Prop 2.8:  $H_n(\text{pt}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & n=0 \\ 0, & n>0 \end{cases}$

Pf:  $\text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, \text{pt}) = \{\text{const}\}$ , i.e.  $\text{sing}(\text{pt})$  has exactly one  $n$ -simplex  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

$H_n^{\Delta}(\text{pt})$   $\Delta$ -cx:  $X_0 \cong X_1 \cong X_2$   
 $\text{pt}$   $\emptyset$   $\emptyset$

$$C_n^{\Delta}(\text{pt}) = (\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{x_2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{x_1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{x_0\} \rightarrow 0)$$

i.e.  $C_n^{\Delta}(\text{pt}) = (\mathbb{Z})$   
 so  $H_n^{\Delta}(\text{pt}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & n=0 \\ 0, & n>0 \end{cases}$

call it  $\sigma_n: \Delta^n \rightarrow \text{pt}$

$$C_n^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) := (\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle C_2^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle C_1^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle C_0^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) \rangle)$$

$$= (\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle \sigma_2 \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle \sigma_1 \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle \sigma_0 \rangle)$$

differentials for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$\partial_n(\sigma_n) := \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_i(\sigma_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_{n-1} = \begin{cases} 1 \cdot \sigma_{n-1}, & n \text{ even} \\ 0, & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$= (\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z})$$

So,  $H_0^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) := \frac{\ker(\partial_0)}{\text{im}(\partial_0)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{0} = \mathbb{Z}$

$H_1^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) := \frac{\ker(\partial_1)}{\text{im}(\partial_1)} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}} = 0$

$H_2^{\text{sing}}(\text{pt}) := \frac{\ker(\partial_2)}{\text{im}(\partial_2)} = \frac{0}{0} = 0$

$\vdots$   
 $H_{\text{odd}} \cong 0$   
 $H_{\text{even}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Prop (2.6): If  $X \cong \coprod_{\alpha \in A} X_{\alpha}$ , then  $H_n^{\text{sing}}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} H_n^{\text{sing}}(X_{\alpha})$

Proof: In fact,  $C_n^{\text{sing}}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} C_n^{\text{sing}}(X_{\alpha})$ .

i.e.  $C_n^{\text{sing}}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} C_n^{\text{sing}}(X_{\alpha})$   
 $\downarrow \partial_n$   
 $C_{n-1}^{\text{sing}}(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} C_{n-1}^{\text{sing}}(X_{\alpha})$

diagonal matrix (no cross terms)

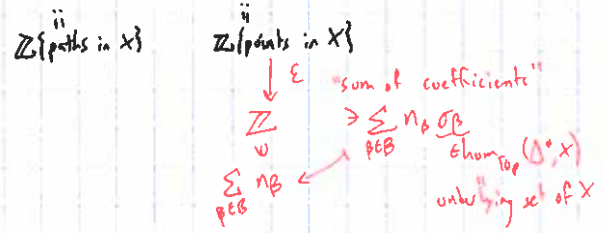
$\sum_{\beta \in B} n_{\beta} \sigma_{\beta} \mapsto (\sum_{\beta \in B} n_{\beta} \cdot \sigma_{\beta})_{\alpha \in A}$   
 For each  $\alpha \in A$ , write  $B_{\alpha} \subseteq B$  for the indexing set / subset  $\{\beta \in B \mid \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma_{\beta}} X \text{ factors through } X_{\alpha}\}$   
 Note:  $B = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in A} B_{\alpha}$  (because  $\Delta^n \in \text{Top}$  is connected).

b/c if  $\sigma \in C_n^{\text{sing}}(X)$  lands in  $X_{\alpha}$ , then so do all  $\sigma_i \in C_{n-1}^{\text{sing}}(X)$

Lemma: Ch  $\xrightarrow{H_n} \text{Ab}$  preserves direct sums.

Prop (2.7): For  $X \in \text{Top}$  nonempty and path-connected,  $H_0(x) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Pf:  $C_1(x) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(x) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z}$





LS cont'd) Prop:  $H_n^{sing}(\emptyset) = 0 \forall n$

Prop: If  $f_0$  and  $g_0$  are chain-homotopic, then  $H_n(f_0) = H_n(g_0) \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$  as hom's  $H_n(C_0) \rightarrow H_n(D_0)$

Def: Recall: For any  $X \in \text{Top}$ , we have an augmented ch-cx

$\tilde{C}_n^{sing}(X) := (\dots \rightarrow C_2^{sing}(X) \rightarrow C_1^{sing}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0^{sing}(X) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z})$  Pt:  $H_n(C_0) := \frac{Z_n(C_0)}{B_n(C_0)} \leftarrow Z_n(C_0) \ni X$

Reduced homology is  $\tilde{H}_n^{sing}(X) := H_n(\tilde{C}_n^{sing}(X))$ .  
So,  $H_n \cong \tilde{H}_n$  for  $n \geq 1$   $H_0 \cong \tilde{H}_0 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$   
(A different "normalization" of homology:  
 $H_n(\emptyset) = 0$  whereas  $\tilde{H}_n(\text{pt}) = 0$ )

$$\begin{matrix} X_0 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall x \text{ w/s} \\ H_n(f_0)([x]) = H_n(g_0)([x]) \end{array} \right. \\ \downarrow [x] & \left[ f_0(x) \right] & \left[ g_0(x) \right] \end{matrix}$$

Note:  $Z_n(C_0) \hookrightarrow C_n$   
 $\vdots$   
 $Z_n(D_0) \hookrightarrow D_n$

Equivalently, w/s  $[g_0(x)] - [f_0(x)] = 0$

$[g_0(x) - f_0(x)]$

True iff  $g_0(x) - f_0(x) \in B_n(D_0) := \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D)$ . And indeed,  
 $g_n(x) - f_n(x) = (g_n - f_n)(x) = (\partial_{n+1}^D \circ P_n + P_{n-1} \circ \partial_n^D)(x)$   
 $= \partial_{n+1}^D(P_n(x)) + P_{n-1}(\partial_n^D(x))$   
 $= 0$  since  $x \in Z_n(C_0)$

$= \partial_{n+1}^D(P_n(x)) \in D_{n+1}$

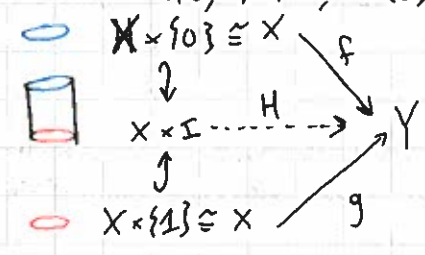
Homotopy Invariance:

Observe the functoriality:  $\text{Top} \xrightarrow{H_n^{sing}} \text{Ab}$  in particular  $\forall X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $\text{Top}$ , we get  $H_n^{sing}(X) \xrightarrow{H_n^{sing}(f)} H_n^{sing}(Y)$  in  $\text{Ab}$ .

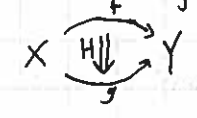
Thm: If  $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic, then  $H_n(f) = H_n(g)$

as hom's  $H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$

Def: homotopy:  $\exists H: I \times X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $H(0, -) = f, H(1, -) = g$



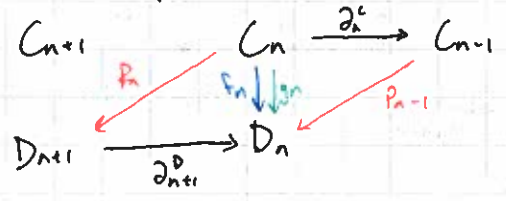
(idea: a cts family of cts functs  $X \rightarrow Y$  starting at  $f$  & ending at  $g$ )



Def:

Given  $f_0, g_0: C_0 \rightarrow D_0$  in Ch, a (chain) homotopy b/w them is:

$P_0 := \{ (C_n \xrightarrow{P_n} D_{n+1}) : \partial_{n+1}^D \circ P_n + P_{n-1} \circ \partial_n^C = g_n - f_n \}$



Pt of Thm: Given htpy  $f \Rightarrow g$ , by Prop, it suffices to define a chain homotopy  $C_*(f) \Rightarrow C_*(g)$ . Roughly, to each

$(\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X) \in C_n(X) := \mathbb{Z} \{ \text{hom}_{\text{top}}(\Delta^n, X) \}$  (generator)

we want to set

$P_n(\sigma) := (\Delta^n \times I \xrightarrow{\sigma \times \text{id}} X \times I \xrightarrow{H} Y) \in C_{n+1}(Y)$

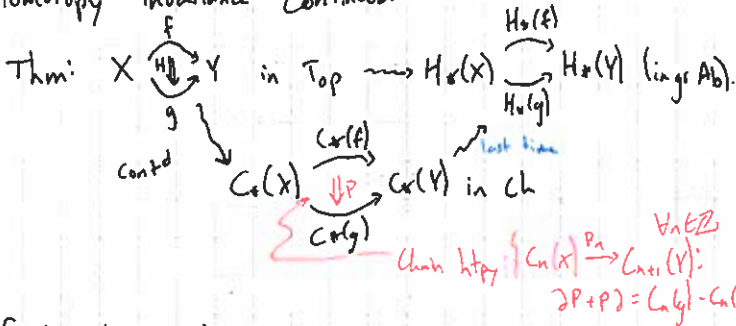
But  $\Delta^n \times I$  isn't an  $(n+1)$ -simplex!

Rather, it is a union of many  $(n+2)$ -simplices

We'll set  $P_n(\sigma) := \{ \text{signed sum of the } (n+1)\text{-simplices} \}$

$\in C_{n+1}(Y) := \mathbb{Z} \{ \text{hom}_{\text{top}}(\Delta^{n+1}, Y) \}$

L6: Homotopy Invariance Continued:



Pf idea: Want to assign

$$C_n(X) \ni (\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X) \mapsto p_n(\sigma) \in C_{n+1}(Y)$$

not an (n+1) simplex

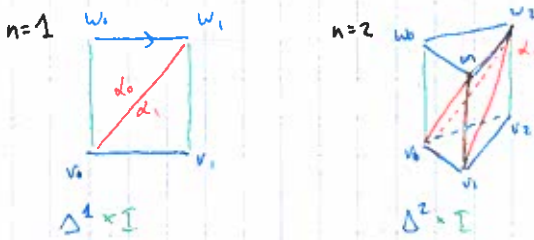
Rather: Subdivide  $\Delta^n \times I$  into (n+1) simplices, then take the signed sum of these

Write  $v_i := (i^{\text{th}} \text{ vertex}, 0) \in \Delta^n \times I$

$w_i := (i^{\text{th}} \text{ vertex}, 1) \in \Delta^n \times I$

$\rightsquigarrow \forall 0 \leq i \leq n$ , get an (n+1)-simplex on the span

$\alpha_i := [v_0, \dots, v_i, w_i, \dots, w_n]$



Set  $P_n(\sigma) := \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \cdot (\Delta^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} \Delta^n \times I \xrightarrow{\sigma \circ \text{id}} X \times I \xrightarrow{H} Y) \in C_{n+1}(Y)$

[Check: This is indeed a chain htpy, equivalently

$\partial P = C_n(g) - C_n(f) - P$

Full body of prism  $\partial(\Delta^n \times I)$   $\Delta^n \times \{1\}$   $\Delta^n \times \{0\}$   $\partial \Delta^n \times I$

Long exact sequences & excision:

Q: how does homology interact with quotient of topological spaces?

Thm: If  $A \xrightarrow{j} X$  is a good subspace inclusion, then  $\exists$  a long exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(A) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_n(j)} \tilde{H}_n(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_n(q)} \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \rightarrow \dots \\ \dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_{n-1}(j)} \tilde{H}_{n-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_{n-1}(q)} \tilde{H}_{n-1}(X/A) \rightarrow \dots \\ \dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_0(A) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_0(j)} \tilde{H}_0(X) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_0(q)} \tilde{H}_0(X/A) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Cor:  $\forall n \geq 0, \tilde{H}_i(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=n \\ 0 & i \neq n \end{cases}$

(proved in L7)



Pf: Previously proved for  $n=0$ .

$C_0(S^0) = C_0(\{pt\}) \oplus C_0(\{pt\})$ , so

$\tilde{C}_0(S^0) = (\dots \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z})$  (sum of coeff's = 1)

$\rightsquigarrow \tilde{H}_0(S^0) = \mathbb{Z} \{ (1, -1) \}$

For  $n > 0, S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n$  is a good subspace incl<sup>n</sup>.

Also,  $D^n$  is contractible, so  $\tilde{H}_0(D^n) \cong \tilde{H}_0(\{pt\}) = 0$

i.e.  $D^n \rightarrow pt$  is a htpy equiv

So by LES, we get ES's  $D^n/S^{n-1} \cong S^n$

$0 = \tilde{H}_i(D^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_i(S^n) \xrightarrow{\partial_i} \tilde{H}_{i-1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{i-1}(D^n) = 0$

i.e.  $\partial_i$  is an iso.

i.e.  $\tilde{H}_i(S^n) \cong \tilde{H}_{i-1}(S^{n-1}) \forall i$ .

So, claim follows by induction.

More generally, suspension iso:

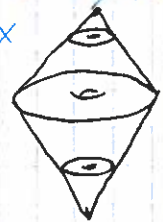
$X \xrightarrow{j} CX := X \times I / X \times \{0\}$

contractible

$\Sigma X := CX / X = (X \times I / X \times \{0\}) / X \times \{1\}$

the suspension of X

$\tilde{H}_i(\Sigma X) \cong \tilde{H}_{i-1}(X)$



Cor: (Brouwer's fixed pt thm):  $\nexists$  a retraction of  $S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n$ . Hence, every cts. fcn  $D^n \rightarrow D^n$  has a fixed point.

Pf: A retraction would be a cts fcn  $D^n \xrightarrow{r} S^{n-1}$  s.t.

$r \circ j = \text{id}_{S^{n-1}}$

equivalently:

$S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow D^n$   $\xrightarrow{r} S^{n-1}$

$\text{id}_{S^{n-1}} \searrow \quad \downarrow r$

On  $\tilde{H}_{n-1}$ , this would give

$\mathbb{Z} \cong \tilde{H}_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}_{n-1}(j)} \tilde{H}_{n-1}(D^n) = 0$

$\tilde{H}_{n-1}(\text{id}_{S^{n-1}}) \searrow \quad \downarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(r)$

$\mathbb{Z} \cong \tilde{H}_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{\mathbb{Z}}} \mathbb{Z}$

a contradiction!

Then, if a cts fcn  $D^n \rightarrow D^n$  had no fixed pts, we could define a retraction onto  $S^{n-1} = \partial D^n$  by:

Def: A homotopy equivalence is  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  s.t.  
 $\exists X \xrightarrow{g} Y$  and homotopies  $id_X \sim gf$  and  
 $id_Y \sim fg$ .

(An iso in any category is  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  s.t.  
 $\exists X \xrightarrow{g} Y$  s.t.  $id_X = gf$  and  $id_Y = fg$ )

Obs: If  $Top \xrightarrow{F} C$  is homotopy invariant  
 (i.e.  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in  $Top \rightsquigarrow F(X) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Y)$  in  $C$ )

Then  $F$  carries homotopy equiv<sup>-</sup> to isos.

Def: For  $A \hookrightarrow X$  a subspace, a retraction  
 is  $A \leftarrow X$  s.t.  $r \circ j = id_A$ ; it's a  
deformation retraction if it's moreover a  
 homotopy equivalence relative to  $A$  i.e.  
 nonzero  $j \circ r \sim id_X$  rel  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, 0) &= x \\ H(x, 1) &= jr \\ H(a, t) &= a \end{aligned}$$

$\forall t \in I \forall a \in A \subset X$

Def: A pair is  $A \subseteq X \in Top$ . It's a good pair  
 if  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $\exists$  open  $U \supseteq A$  s.t.  $A \subset U$   
 admits a deformation retraction.

The thm holds even for  $A = \emptyset$  if we set  $X/\emptyset = X$ .

L7: Proof outline (of good subspace inclusion, LES...):

1) Define relative homology by  $C_n(X, A) := \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$   
 $\rightsquigarrow H_n(X, A) := H_n(C_n(X, A))$ .

So by def<sup>n</sup>, we have a (short) exact sequence in ch:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & C_n(A) & \longrightarrow & C_n(X) & \longrightarrow & C_n(X, A) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow C \cdot i & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & C_n(A/A) & \longrightarrow & C_n(X/A) & \longrightarrow & C_n(X/A, A/A) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

1) Prove that  $\rightarrow$  is a quasi-isomorphism (iso on  
 $H_n \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

2) Prove that  $\forall Y \in Top$  (e.g.  $X/A, A/A$ ),  
 $\tilde{H}_n(Y) \cong H_n(Y, \{y\})$

3) Prove  $\forall$  SES  $0 \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow 0$  of  
 ch complexes, get LES in  $H_n$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \dots \longrightarrow H_n(A_n) \longrightarrow H_n(B_n) \longrightarrow H_n(C_n) \longrightarrow \dots \\ \uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ \dots \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(A_n) \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Order of operations: 0, 3, 2, 1:

1) Whereas  $H_n(X) := \frac{Z_n(C_n(X))}{B_n(C_n(X))}$   
 = {boundaryless (singular) n-chains}  
 {"trivial" ones}  
 = "n-dimensional holes in X"

$$H_n(X, A) := \frac{Z_n(C_n(X, A))}{B_n(C_n(X, A))} = \frac{Z_n(C_n(X)/C_n(A))}{B_n(C_n(X)/C_n(A))}$$

= {equivalence classes of n-chains in X whose  
 boundary lies in A}  
 {"trivial" ones}  
 (carefully add elements of  $C_n(A) \subseteq C_n(X)$ )



$\rightsquigarrow$  {boundaryless n-chains in  $X/A$ }  
 {"trivial" ones}

3) For SES in ch  $0 \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow 0$   
 Claim: get LES in hlgly (chain on lower left)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & B_{n+1} & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A_n & \longrightarrow & B_n & \longrightarrow & C_n \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & B_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1} \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

exactness @  $H_n(B_n)$  i.e.  $im(H_n(f)) = ker(H_n(g))$

$\Leftarrow$ : For  $[a] \in H_n(A_n)$  represented by  
 $a \in Z_n(A_n) \subseteq A_n$

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(g) \circ H_n(f) ([a]) &= H_n(g) ([f_n(a)]) \\ &= [g_n(f_n(a))] = [0] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$ : Say  $[b] \in H_n(B_n)$  is represented by  
 $b \in Z_n(B_n) \subseteq B_n$ . Suppose  $0 = H_n(g) ([b]) = [g_n(b)]$

Then,  $\exists c \in C_{n+1}$  s.t.  $g_n(b) = \partial c$   
 Since  $g_{n+1}$  is surj.,  $\exists \tilde{b} \in B_{n+1}$  s.t.  
 $g_{n+1}(\tilde{b}) = c$ . Then,  $(b - \partial \tilde{b}) \in Z_n(B_n)$  with  
 $[b] = [b - \partial \tilde{b}]$  (same hlgly class)

On the other hand,  $g(\partial \tilde{b}) = \partial g \tilde{b} = \partial c = g b$ ,  
 so  $g(b - \partial \tilde{b}) = g(b) - g(\partial \tilde{b}) = g(b) - g(b) = 0$   
 So  $\exists a \in A_n$  s.t.  $f_n(a) = b - \partial \tilde{b}$ .  
 Moreover  $\partial a = 0$  (i.e.  $a \in Z_n(A_n) \subseteq A_n$ ) because  
 $f_{n-1}(\partial a) = \partial f_n a = \partial(b - \partial \tilde{b}) = \partial b - \partial \partial \tilde{b} = 0$   
 $\because \partial \tilde{b} \in Z_{n-1}(B_{n-1}) \implies \partial \partial \tilde{b} = 0$

and  $f_{n-1}$  is injective.  
 So,  $[b] = [b - \partial \tilde{b}] = [f_n(a)] = H_n(f) ([a])$



Def of  $\partial_n: H_n(C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A)$ .

(Exercise: check well defined and exactness  $\partial H_n(C)$  and  $H_n(A)$ )

Given  $[c] \in H_n(C)$ , choose  $c \in Z_n(C) \subseteq C_n$   
 Choose  $b \in B_n$  s.t.  $\partial_n(b) = c$ , Consider  $\partial b \in B_{n-1}$ . This has  $\partial_{n-1}(\partial b) = \partial^2 c = 0$ .

So  $\exists a \in A_{n-1}$  s.t.  $\partial_{n-1}(a) = \partial b$

\* We set  $\partial_n([c]) := [a] \in H_{n-1}(A)$ .

For  $H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(A)$ , this takes an  $n$ -chain in  $X$   $\setminus$  boundary in  $A$  to its boundary! (recognizing as lying in  $A \subseteq X$ ).

LB:  $H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(A)$

an  $n$ -cycle in  $X$   $\setminus$  boundary in  $A$   $\rightarrow$  its boundary

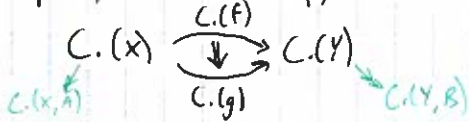


Remarks on rel hlg:

Clearly, a map of pairs  $(X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  induces homomorphisms  $H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$ .

Proposition: If  $f, g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  are homotopic through maps of pairs, then  $H_n(f) = H_n(g): H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$ .

Pf: By assumption, the chain homotopy descends to the quotient

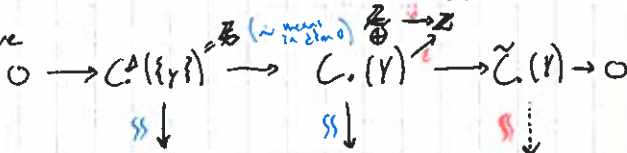


For later: A triple is  $B \subseteq A \subseteq X$ .

Prop: LES  $\dots \rightarrow H_n(A, B) \rightarrow H_n(X, B) \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \rightarrow \dots$

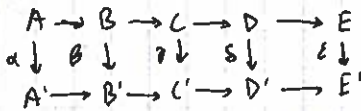
Pf: SES  $0 \rightarrow C_n(A, B) \rightarrow C_n(X, B) \rightarrow C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $C_n(A)/C_n(B) \rightarrow C_n(X)/C_n(B) \rightarrow C_n(X)/C_n(A) \rightarrow 0$

2) Observe



$0 \rightarrow C_n(\{y, y\}) \rightarrow C_n(Y) \rightarrow C_n(Y) \rightarrow C_n(Y, \{y, y\}) \rightarrow 0$

Proof: The five lemma: Given



with both rows exact, if  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are isos, then so is  $\epsilon$ .

Use that SES on ch axes gives LES on hlg, plus  $\rightarrow$

Better: ①  $\beta, \delta$  surj &  $\epsilon$  inj  $\Rightarrow \gamma$  surj.

②  $\beta, \delta$  inj &  $\alpha$  surj  $\Rightarrow \gamma$  inj. Pf: Diagram chase!

1) Use another key property of homology called excision

Thm (excision, v1): Given  $Z \subseteq A \subseteq X$  s.t.  $\bar{Z} \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}$ ,  $H_n(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$  induces an iso on rel hlg.

Thm (excision, v2): Given  $A, B \subseteq X$  s.t.  $\overset{\circ}{A} \cup B = X$ ,  $H_n(B, A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$  induces an iso on rel hlg.

Pf. modulo lemma:

Write  $C_n(A+B) := C_n(A) + C_n(B) \subseteq C_n(X)$



$\rightarrow$  subsp gen<sup>d</sup> by  $C_n(A)$  &  $C_n(B)$   
 Then, get

$$C_n(B, A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{C_n(B)}{C_n(A \cap B)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{C_n(A+B)}{C_n(A)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)} =: C_n(X, A)$$

In dim  $n$ , these are both  $Z / \text{hom}_{\text{top}}(\Delta^n, S) \setminus \text{hom}_{\text{top}}(\Delta^n, A)$

L9: Claim 1: For  $A \hookrightarrow X$  (for pf of LES), a good subspace inclusion,  $H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X/A, A/A)$ . *closed & open, A closed in X, nbhd s.t. A is a def rel of U*

Main input:

Excision: v1:  $Z \subseteq A \subseteq X$  s.t.  $\bar{Z} \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}$ ,  $H_n(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$

v2:  $A, B \subseteq X$  s.t.  $\overset{\circ}{A} \cup B = X$ ,  $H_n(B, B \cap A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$

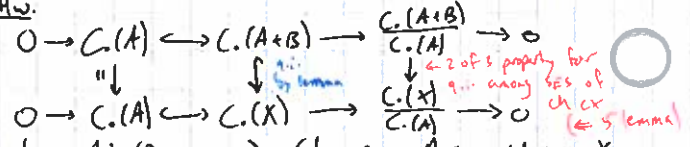
Pf of v2:  $C_n(A+B) = C_n(A) + C_n(B) \subseteq C_n(X)$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{C_n(B)}{C_n(B \cap A)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{C_n(A+B)}{C_n(A)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$$

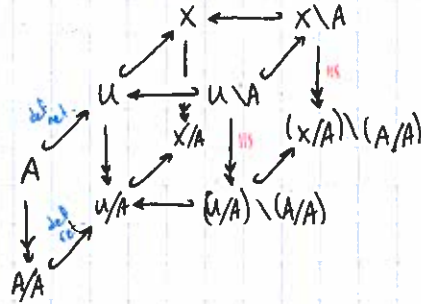
Lemma: Say  $Z = \{U_\alpha \subseteq X\}_{\alpha \in A}$  s.t.  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_\alpha = X$   
 Write  $C_n^U(X) := \langle \sum_{\alpha \in A} C_n(U_\alpha) \rangle \subseteq C_n(X)$

Then,  $C_n^U(X) \hookrightarrow C_n(X)$  is a quasi iso.

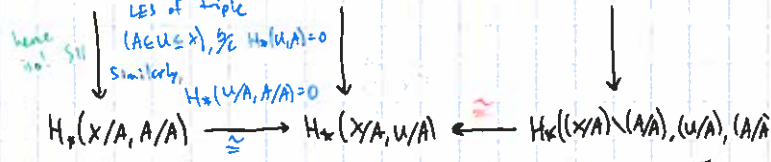
Pf: Hw.



Pf of claim 1: (Prop 2.22) Choose  $A \hookrightarrow U \hookrightarrow X$  as guaranteed by "good".



$$H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, U) \xleftarrow{\cong} H_n(X/A, U/A)$$

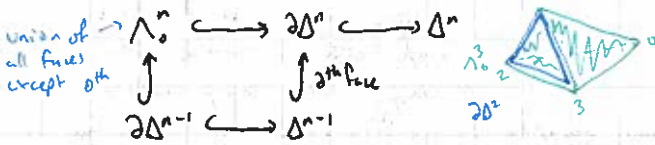




Corr (Ex 2.23):

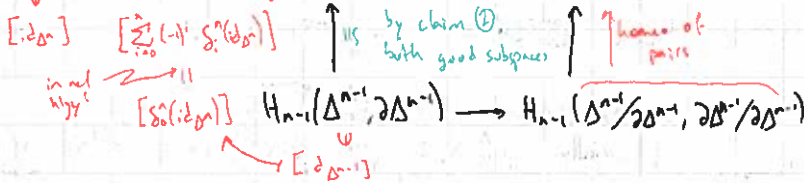
- ①  $H_n(D^n, \partial D^n)$  is generated by  $\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\text{new face}} D^n$
- ②  $\tilde{H}_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $S^n = \Delta^n \amalg_{\partial \Delta^n} \Delta^n$

PF: ① Induction,  $n=0$  trivial



LES of triple  $H_2(D^2, \Lambda_0^2) = 0$

$$H_n(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n) \cong H_{n-1}(\partial \Delta^n, \Lambda_0^n) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial \Delta^n / \Lambda_0^n, \Lambda_0^n / \Lambda_0^n)$$



Cor 2.25: For good basepoints  $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ ,

$$\bigoplus_\alpha \tilde{H}_n(X_\alpha) \cong \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha)$$

PF:  $H_n(\bigcup_\alpha X_\alpha, \bigcup_\alpha \{x_\alpha\}) \cong H_n(\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha, *) \cong \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha)$

$$\bigoplus_\alpha H_n(X_\alpha, \{x_\alpha\}) = \bigoplus_\alpha \tilde{H}_n(X_\alpha)$$

Cor: (invariance of dim): For nonempty open  $U \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\exists$  homeo  $U \cong V$  then  $m=n$ .

Def: Then the local homology of  $X \ni x$  is  $H_n(X, X \setminus \{x\})$ . An observation is that if  $x$  is closed, then  $\forall x \in U \subseteq X$ ,

$$H_n(X, X \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_n(U, U \setminus \{x\})$$

(by excising  $X \setminus U$ )

PF: Pick  $x \in U$ , open ball nbd  $x \in D \subset U$ .

$$H_n^{loc}(U, x) \cong H_n^{loc}(D, x) \cong H_n^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^m, 0) = H_n(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\})$$

$$\cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=m \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} = H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \cong H_{n-1}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$$

And homeo  $U \cong V$  gives  $H_n^{loc}(U, x) \cong H_n^{loc}(V, f(x))$

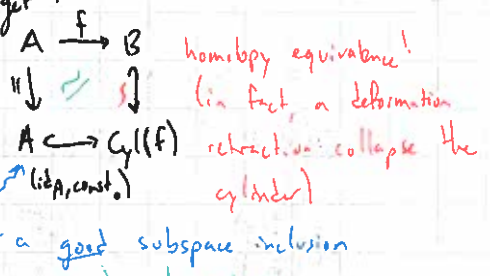
L10: A little philosophy...

Observation: For any map  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$ , we can form the mapping cylinder:

$$Cyl(f) := (A \times I) \amalg B = \text{colim} \left( \begin{array}{c} A \xrightarrow{f} B \\ \downarrow \text{inclusion} \\ A \end{array} \right)$$



And we get:



Commutates up to homotopy.

So in homology we get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(A) & \xrightarrow{H_n(f)} & H_n(B) \\ \parallel & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \cong \\ H_n(A) & \longrightarrow & H_n(Cyl(f)) \\ & & \uparrow H_n(\text{incl, const}) \end{array}$$

hence, this fits into a LES for homology with the mapping cone of  $f$ :

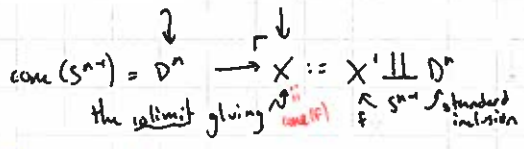
$$\text{cone}(f) = Cyl(f)/A \cong B/A \text{ when } f \text{ is a good subspace inclusion.}$$

\* In Ch, we also have a notion of cyl, cone, and homotopy quotients. For an inclusion of ch cres,

$$\text{Top} \xrightarrow{Cyl} \text{Ch} \text{ preserves homotopy quotients.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C_*(A) & \rightarrow & C_*(B) & \rightarrow & C_*(B)/C_*(A) \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ 0 \rightarrow C_*(A) & \hookrightarrow & C_*(Cyl(f)) & \rightarrow & C_*(Cyl(f))/C_*(A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \cong \\ & & & & C_*(Cyl(f)/A) =: C_*(\text{cone}(f)) \end{array}$$

Def: An  $n$ -cell attachment to a space  $X'$  is



get LES in  $H_n$  for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S^{n-1} & \hookrightarrow & Cyl(f) \rightarrow \text{cone}(f) = X \end{array}$$

This suggests that  $H_n$  is completely determined by  $H_n(\text{pt})$  + LES  $\rightarrow H_n(S^m) \dots$  for all cell complexes. (§2.3 Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms for  $H_n$ )

L11:  $H_n^{\Delta} \cong H_n^{sing}$

Thm:  $X$  a  $\Delta$ -cx,  $A \subseteq X$  a sub  $\Delta$ -cx, then

$$H_n^{\Delta}(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n^{sing}(X, A)$$

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$$H_n^{\Delta}\left(\frac{C_n^{\Delta}(X)}{C_n^{\Delta}(A)}\right) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n^{sing}\left(\frac{C_n^{sing}(X)}{C_n^{sing}(A)}\right)$$

$$\underbrace{C_n^{\Delta}(X)}_{\cong \mathbb{Z}\{X_n\}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{C_n^{sing}(X)}_{\cong \mathbb{Z}\{\text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X)\}}$$

The set of  $n$ -simplices of the  $\Delta$ -cx structure

its "characteristic function"  $\Delta^n \hookrightarrow X$

Pf: First  $A = \emptyset$  and  $X$  is finite dimensional. Write  $X^k \subseteq X$  for the  $k$ -skeleton.

$$0 \rightarrow C^{\Delta}(X^{k-1}) \hookrightarrow C^{\Delta}(X^k) \rightarrow C^{\Delta}(X^k, X^{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow C^{sing}(X^{k-1}) \hookrightarrow C^{sing}(X^k) \rightarrow C^{sing}(X^k, X^{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$$

$k=0$ :

$$C_0^{\Delta}(X^0) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_0^{sing}(X^0)$$

$$H_i = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}\{X^0\}, & i=0 \\ 0, & i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H_i^{sing}(X^0) \cong \bigoplus_{\text{pt} \in X^0} H_i^{sing}(\text{pt})$$

$$= \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & i=0 \\ 0, & i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

So, by induction, ① is a quasi-iso.

② is a quasi-iso, because...

$$C^{\Delta}(X^{k-1}) = (\mathbb{Z}\{X_{k-1}\} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{X_1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{X_0\})$$

$$C^{\Delta}(X^k) = (\mathbb{Z}\{X_k\} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{X_1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{X_0\})$$

$$C_i^{\Delta}(X^k, X^{k-1}) \cong (\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{X_k\} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots)$$

$$H_i^{\Delta}(X^k, X^{k-1}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}\{X_k\}, & i=k \\ 0, & i \neq k \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \coprod_{x_k} \partial \Delta^k & \rightarrow & X^{k-1} \\ \downarrow \text{good} & & \downarrow \text{good} \\ \coprod_{x_k} \Delta^k & \rightarrow & X^k \end{array}$$

pushout i.e.  $X^k = X^{k-1} \amalg_{\coprod \partial \Delta^k} (\coprod \Delta^k)$

So,  $H_i^{sing}(X^k, X^{k-1})$

is excision  $H_i^{sing}\left(\coprod_{x_k} \Delta^k, \coprod_{x_k} \partial \Delta^k\right)$

is  $\bigoplus_{x_k} H_i^{sing}(\Delta^k, \partial \Delta^k) \stackrel{\text{previously}}{=} \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq k \\ \mathbb{Z}\{[\partial \Delta^k]\}, & i=k \end{cases}$

③ Hence, also a quasi-iso by 2 out of 3 for SES of ch cxes ( $\Leftarrow$  5 lemma for ab grp)

For  $X$  possibly infinite dimensional:

key facts: ① Image of compact space under a continuous function is compact (And  $\Delta^n$  is compact)

② A compact subspace of the  $\Delta$ -cx  $X$  has nonempty intersections with the interiors of only finitely many simplices.

So, every generator of  $C_n^{sing}(X^k)$  lies in the image of  $C_n^{sing}(X^k)$  for some  $k$ .

In other words,  $C_n^{sing}(X) \cong \text{colim}(C_n^{sing}(X^0) \rightarrow C_n^{sing}(X^1) \rightarrow \dots)$

Hence,  $H_n^{sing}(X) \cong \text{colim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} (H_n^{sing}(X^k))$

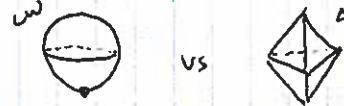
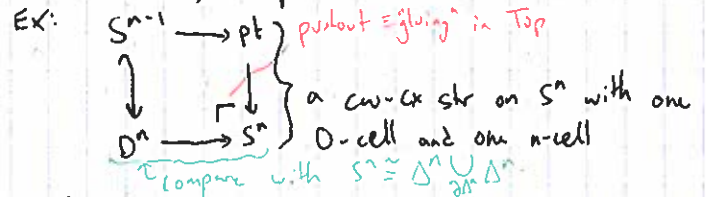
So by previous case,  $H_n^{\Delta}(X) \cong H_n^{sing}(X)$ . (Trivially,  $C_n^{\Delta}(X) \cong \text{colim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} C_n^{\Delta}(X^k)$  and  $H_n^{\Delta}(X) \cong \text{colim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\Delta}(X^k)$ .)

For  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $0 \rightarrow C^{\Delta}(A) \hookrightarrow C^{\Delta}(X) \rightarrow C^{\Delta}(X, A) \rightarrow 0$   
by absolute case  $\downarrow \cong \downarrow \cong \downarrow$  (hence, by 2 of 3)  
 $0 \rightarrow C^{sing}(A) \hookrightarrow C^{sing}(X) \rightarrow C^{sing}(X, A) \rightarrow 0$

L12: Cellular Homology

$\Delta$ -cxes: Inductively gluing  $\Delta^n$ 's on along simplicial maps from  $\partial \Delta^n$

CW-cxes: Inductively gluing  $D^n$ 's on along arbitrary maps from  $\partial D^n \cong S^{n-1}$



Def: A  $0$ -dim CW cx is a set with discrete topology  
Def: Given a space  $X'$ , an  $n$ -dimensional cell attachment to  $X'$  is specified by a map  $\partial D^n = S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} X'$ , and the result is

$$X := X' \cup_{\alpha} D^n = (X' \sqcup D^n) / \sim \text{ where } \alpha(p) \sim \text{id}(p)$$

with the quotient topology.

More generally, we can attach many cells at once:

given  $\{S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_B} X'\}_{B \in \mathcal{B}}$  indexing set,  $n_B \in \mathbb{N}$

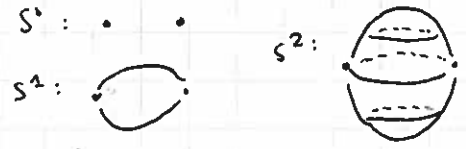
we get  $X := X' \cup \left( \coprod_{B \in \mathcal{B}} D^{n_B} \right)$

Def: An  $n$ -dimensional CW-cx is a space obtained by attaching  $n$ -cells to an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional CW-cx. (All attaching maps land in the  $(n-1)$  skeleton) the  $(n-1)$  skeleton of the CW-cx

CW-complexes are much more general and efficient than  $\Delta$ -cxes (but  $H_n^{cell}$  slightly less algorithmic than  $H_n^\Delta$ : requires the notion of the degree of a map  $S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ ).

Ex:  $S_N^{n-1} \sqcup S_S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{(id, id)} S^{n-1}$   
 $\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$   
 $D_N^n \sqcup D_S^n \xrightarrow{\quad} S^n$

Inductively, a CW-str on  $S^n$  with two  $i$ -cells  $\forall 0 \leq i \leq n$

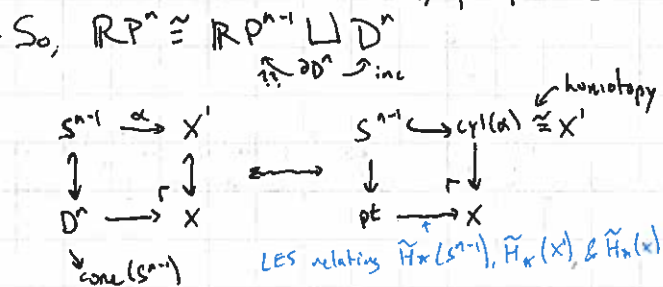


$S^{\infty}$ : a CW-cx with two  $n$ -cells  $\forall n \geq 0$

A CW-cx is an increasing union of  $n$ -dim CW-cxes, i.e.  $X = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} X^{(n)}$  and  $X^{(n-1)}$  is the  $(n-1)$ -skeleton of  $X^{(n)}$ .

This has the advantage that the  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  action by antipodes is via cellular maps.

Ex:  $\mathbb{R}P^n := \{ \text{lines through } \vec{0} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \} \cong S^n / p \sim -p \forall p \in S^n$   
 Deequatorial  $S^{n-1}$ , and  $S^n / p \sim -p \cong \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$   
 Complement is  $(S^n \setminus S^{n-1}) / p \sim -p = (D_N^n \cup D_S^n) / p \sim -p \cong D^n$



By induction, this gives a CW-str on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  with one  $i$ -cell  $\forall i \leq n$  (likewise for  $n = \infty$ )  
 $(\mathbb{R}P^\infty = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{R}P^n)$

L13:

"Parameterization/Atlas"-type definition:  
 Given  $X \in \text{Top}$ , a CW-structure is: a set of characteristic maps  $\{ D_\beta^{n_\beta} \xrightarrow{\Phi_\beta} X \}_{\beta \in B}$   
 s.t.  $\forall$  each composite  $D_\beta^{n_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} D_\alpha^{n_\alpha} \xrightarrow{\Phi_\alpha} X$  is a homeo onto its image, denoted  $e_\beta^{n_\beta} \subseteq X$   
 $\forall$  as a set,  $X = \bigsqcup_{\beta \in B} e_\beta^{n_\beta}$

$\forall$  for every  $\beta \in B$ , the composite  $\partial D_\beta^{n_\beta} \hookrightarrow D_\beta^{n_\beta} \xrightarrow{\Phi_\beta} X$  lies in the union of cells of dimension  $< n_\beta$ .

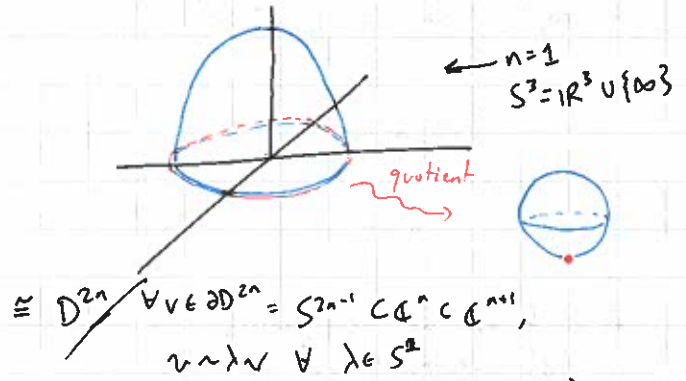
$\forall$  subsets  $Z \subseteq X$  is closed iff  $Z \cap e_\beta^{n_\beta} \subseteq e_\beta^{n_\beta}$  is closed  $\forall \beta$ .  
 Ex:  $\mathbb{C}P^n := \{ \mathbb{C}\text{-lines through } \vec{0} \text{ in } \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \}$   
 $= (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \sim \forall \lambda \neq 0 \forall v \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$

Acik:  $(\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}) / \mathbb{C}^*$  quotient by a group action if  $G \curvearrowright X \in \text{Set}$ ,  $X/G := X / \sim_{x \sim y \iff \exists g \in G, y = gx}$

$\cong S^{2n+1} / \sim \forall v \in S^{2n+1} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \forall \lambda \in S^1 := U(1) \subset \mathbb{C}$

Observation: We can always rescale by  $\lambda \in S^1$  so that the last coordinate of  $v \in S^{2n+1} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , and this is unique so long as that coordinate is nonzero.

$\cong \{ v \in S^{2n+1} : v_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \} / \sim \forall v = (v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}, 0), v \sim \lambda v \forall \lambda \in S^1$



$\forall S_0, \mathbb{C}P^n \cong \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \cup_{S^{n-1}} D^{2n}$ . (And  $\mathbb{C}P^0 = \text{pt.}$ )  
 i.e.  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  has one  $2k$ -cell  $\forall 0 \leq k \leq n$

Degree: Fix some dimension  $n > 0$ . The degree of a map  $S^n \xrightarrow{f} S^n$  is  $\text{deg}(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $H_n(S^n) \xrightarrow{H_n(f)} H_n(S^n)$  is equal to mult. by  $\text{deg}(f)$  free rank 1 abelian group

(There's a canonical iso  $\text{deg}(f) \xleftrightarrow{\quad} H_n(f)$   
 $\mathbb{Z} \cong \text{hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_n(S^n), H_n(S^n))$   
 $\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$   
 $1 \xleftrightarrow{\quad} \text{id}_{H_n(S^n)}$ )



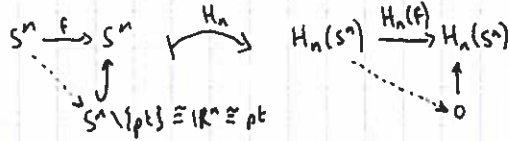
L14: Degree (for cellular homology)

Basic properties:

a)  $\deg(\text{id}_{S^n}) = 1$

b) If  $f \sim g$ , then  $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$

b) If  $f$  is not surjective, then it is nullhomotopic and so  $\deg(f) = 0$  equivalently,



d) For  $S^n \xrightarrow{f} S^n \xrightarrow{g} S^n$ ,  $\deg(g \circ f) = \deg(g) \cdot \deg(f)$

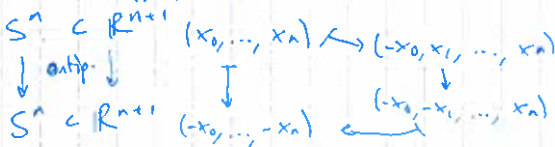
In particular, (c + d)  $\Rightarrow \deg(\text{homotopy equivalent}) = \pm 1$

e)  $\deg(\text{reflection}) = -1$

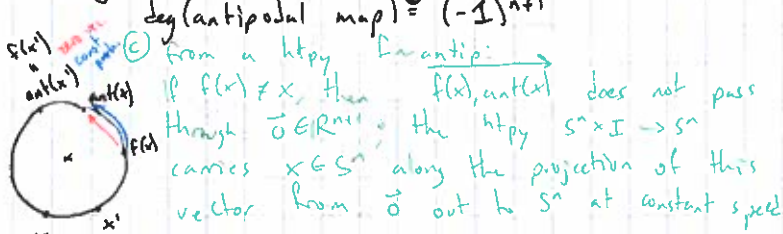
explicit generator:  $\Delta \hat{v} - \Delta \hat{s} \mapsto \Delta \hat{s} - \Delta \hat{v}$  (reflection)

f)  $\deg(\text{antipodal map}) = (-1)^{n+1}$

composition of the net reflections through coordinate hyperplanes



g) If  $f$  has no fixed points, then  $\deg(f) = \deg(\text{antipodal map}) = (-1)^{n+1}$



Thm 2.28:  $\exists$  nonvanishing (continuous) vector field on  $S^n$  iff  $n$  is odd.

$S^n = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : |\vec{x}| = 1\} \leftarrow TS^n = \{(\vec{x}, \vec{v}) \in S^n \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = 0\}$

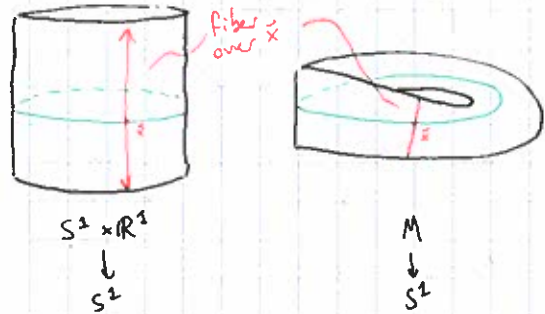
A fiber over  $x \in S^n$  is  $TS^n_x = \{\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \vec{v} \perp \vec{x}\}$



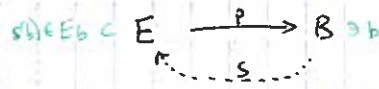
Q: Is  $TS^n$  a trivial vector bundle?

$TS^n \xrightarrow{\cong} S^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  ?

Two vector bundles over  $S^1$ :



A section is a continuous function  $s$  such that  $ps = \text{id}_B$

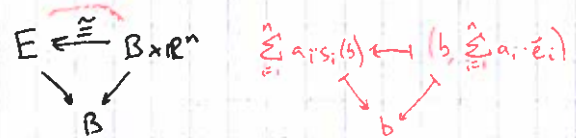


must be unique in the graph (no bubble loops in  $m$ )

Fact: The trivial bundle  $B \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow B$  always has a nonvanishing section,  $s(b) = (b, \vec{e}_1)$ .

In fact, it has fiberwise linearly independent sections,  $\{(b, \vec{e}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ .

Conversely, given a rank- $n$  bdl  $E \rightarrow B$ , a set  $\{s_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $n$  fiberwise L.I. sections is a trivialization



$[TS^n \downarrow S^n \text{ is trivial}] \Leftrightarrow [\exists n \text{ fiberwise LI sections of } TS^n] \Rightarrow [\exists \text{ nonvanishing section of } TS^n]$

Thm (15.1)  $n = 2^k - 1$

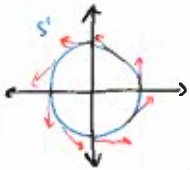
$n$  is odd

$n = 1, 3, 7$   
 $\uparrow \downarrow \downarrow$   
 $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}$

L15: Thm:  $\exists$  a nonvanishing vector field (i.e. a nonvanishing section of  $TS^n \rightarrow S^n$ ) on  $S^n$  iff  $n$  is odd.

Pf: For  $n=2k-1$  odd, define

$$v(x_1, \dots, x_{2k}) := (-x_2, x_1, \dots, -x_{2k}, x_{2k-1})$$



Conversely, suppose  $\exists$  a nonvanishing section  $v$  of  $TS^n$ . Then  $\frac{v}{|v|}$  is also a nonvanishing section of  $TS^n$ , i.e. WLOG, we can assume  $|v|=1$ .

Now, we use  $v$  to get a htpy id $S^n \Rightarrow$  antipodal map.  $H: S^n \times I \rightarrow S^n$  given by

$$H(x, t) := \cos(\pi t) \cdot x + \sin(\pi t) \cdot v(x)$$

So,  $\deg(\text{ant}) = \deg(\text{id}_{S^n}) = 1$

But,  $\deg(\text{ant}) = (-1)^{n+1}$  from before. So,  $n$  must be odd. ■

Proposition 2.29: If a group  $G$  acts freely on  $S^{2n}$  (i.e. any non-identity element has no fixed pts), then  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$ , or  $G = \{e\}$ .

Pf: Recall property  $g$  of degree: if  $S^k \xrightarrow{g} S^k$  has no fixed points, then  $\deg(g) = \deg(\text{antip}) = (-1)^{k+1}$ .

Action gives hom.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Homeo}(S^n) \xrightarrow{\deg} \{ \pm 1 \} \\ & & \parallel \\ & & \text{aut}_{\text{top}}(S^n) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & \text{emb}_{\text{top}}(S^n) \xrightarrow{\deg} \mathbb{Z} \text{ (mono \& hom)} \end{array}$$

By  $g$ ,  $\forall g \neq e \in G$ ,  $\deg(\alpha(g)) = -1$ . So,  $\ker(\deg \circ \alpha) = \{e\}$ . So  $\deg \circ \alpha$  is inj. ■

Local degree: For computing  $\deg(S^n \xrightarrow{f} S^n)$ , suppose  $\exists y \in S^n$  s.t.  $f^{-1}(y)$  is finite, say  $f^{-1}(y) = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ . We define the

local degree of  $f$  at  $x_i$ , and prove that  $\deg(f) = \sum_{i=1}^m \deg(f|_{x_i})$ .

Recall:  $H_k^{\text{loc}}(z \in \mathbb{Z}) := H_k(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{z\})$

Want to define  $\deg(f|x_i)$  to be  $H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i; \epsilon S^n) \rightarrow H_n^{\text{loc}}(y \in S^n) \dots$

but there's no such map of pairs!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^n & \xrightarrow{f} & S^n \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ S^n \setminus \{x\} & \xrightarrow{f} & S^n \setminus \{y\} \end{array}$$

(if you remove  $y$ , you must remove all the preimages!)

Rather, choose  $U_i \subseteq S^n$  open s.t.  $x_i \in U_i$ , and  $x_j \notin U_i \forall j \neq i$ . Then,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i \in S^n) & & H_n^{\text{loc}}(y \in S^n) \\ \uparrow \text{inclusion} & & \uparrow \text{inclusion} \\ H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i \in U_i) & & H_n^{\text{loc}}(y \in U_i) \end{array}$$

Other ingredient: use that  $\forall z \in S^n$ ,

$(S^n, \emptyset) \rightarrow (S^n, S^n \setminus \{z\})$  is an iso on  $H_n$  by LES.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{\cong} & C_0(\emptyset) & \rightarrow & C_0(S^n) & \rightarrow & C_0(S^n, \emptyset) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{is iso on } H_n \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_0(S^n \setminus \{z\}) & \rightarrow & C_0(S^n) & \rightarrow & C_0(S^n, S^n \setminus \{z\}) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$H_n$  only in dim 0

So, finally we get

$$H_n(S^n) \xrightarrow{\deg(f|x_i) \in \mathbb{Z}} H_n(S^n)$$

$$H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i \in S^n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i \in U_i) \rightarrow H_n^{\text{loc}}(y \in S^n)$$

Prop:  $\deg(f) = \sum_{i=1}^m \deg(f|x_i)$ .

Pf:  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (S^n, \emptyset) & \xrightarrow{f} & (S^n, \emptyset) \\ \downarrow \text{H}_n\text{-iso} & & \downarrow \text{H}_n\text{-iso} \\ (S^n, S^n \setminus \{x_i\}) & \xrightarrow{f} & (S^n, S^n \setminus \{y\}) \\ \uparrow \text{H}_n\text{-iso} & & \uparrow \text{H}_n\text{-iso} \\ (U_i, U_i \setminus \{x_i\}) & & (U_i, U_i \setminus \{y\}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(S^n, S^n \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}) & \xrightarrow{\text{excision}} & H_n(\coprod U_i, \coprod U_i \setminus \{x_i\}) \\ & \cong & \oplus H_n(U_i, U_i \setminus \{x_i\}) \\ & \cong & \oplus H_n^{\text{loc}}(x_i \in U_i) \cong \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

Observe: For  $j \neq i$ ,  $H_n(p_j) \cdot H_n(k_i) = 0$  i.e. on  $H_n$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\deg(f)} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \uparrow \text{incl}_j & & \downarrow \text{incl}_i \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\text{incl}_j} & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\sum \deg(f|x_i)} \mathbb{Z} \\ \uparrow \text{incl}_i & & \uparrow \text{incl}_j \end{array}$$

L17: Lemma (for cellular homology):  $X$  a CW cx:

$$\textcircled{a} H_k(X^n, X^{n-1}) = \begin{cases} 0, & k \neq n \\ \mathbb{Z}\{\text{of } X^n \text{ cells}\}, & k = n \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{b} H_k(X^n) = 0 \text{ for } k > n$$

$$\textcircled{c} H_k(X^n) \rightarrow H_k(X) \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{iso}, & k < n \\ \text{surj}, & k = n \end{cases}$$

For  $X$  &  $Y$  CW cxes,  $\exists$  CW str. on  $X \times Y$  where

$$k\text{-skeleton is } (X \times Y)^k = \bigcup_{i+j=k} X^i \times Y^j$$

Cells of  $X \times Y$  are products of a cell of  $X$  and a cell of  $Y$ .

Ex: Recall  $S^n = e^0 \cup e^n$ .

We get a CW str on product:

$$S^n \times S^n = e^0 \cup e^n \cup e^n \cup e^{2n}$$

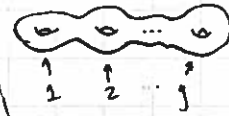
$$\text{For } n > 1, \text{ corollary } \Rightarrow H_k(S^n \times S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, 2n \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Prop. } C_n^{\text{cell}}(X) \xrightarrow{d_n^{\text{cell}}} C_{n-1}^{\text{cell}}(X)$$

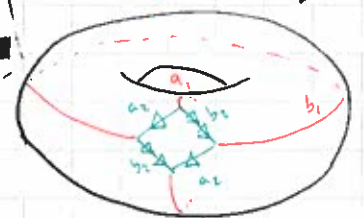
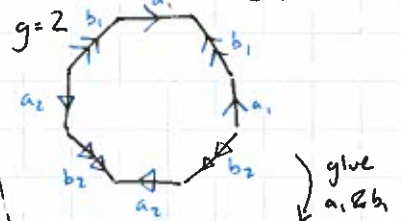
$$\mathbb{Z}\{\text{n-cells of } X\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\{\text{n-1 cells of } X\}$$

$(\alpha, \beta)$  matrix coefficients is the degree of  $S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha \text{ attaching map}} X^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{quotient by complement of } \beta \text{th cell}} S^{n-1}$

Ex:  $M = M_g$  the genus- $g$  surface:



CW structure from  $4g$ -gon:



1 0-cell } only possible attaching maps  
 2g 1-cells }  
 1 2-cell } attaching map:  $S^1 \rightarrow M^2$   
 $[a, b] \circ \dots \circ [a_g, b_g]$   
 $[a, b] = a \circ b \circ a^{-1} \circ b^{-1}$

$$M^2 = \bigvee_{2g} S^1 = \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^g S_{a_i}^1 \right) \vee \left( \bigvee_{j=1}^g S_{b_j}^1 \right)$$

$$C_{\bullet}^{\text{cell}}(X) := (\dots \rightarrow C_n^{\text{cell}}(X) \xrightarrow{d_n^{\text{cell}}} C_{n-1}^{\text{cell}}(X) \rightarrow \dots)$$

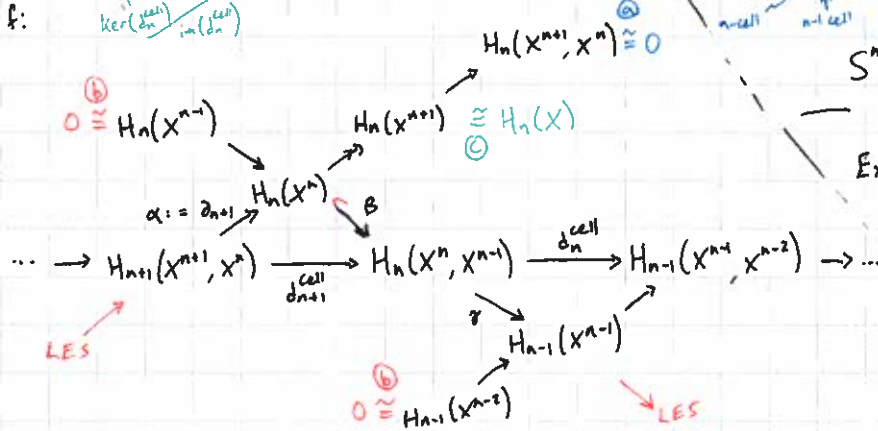
$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{Z}\{\text{n cells of } X\} & \xrightarrow{d_n} & \mathbb{Z}\{\text{n-1 cells of } X\} \\ \cong H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) \\ & \text{Canon.} & \end{matrix}$$

$$H_n^{\text{cell}}(X) := H_n(C_{\bullet}^{\text{cell}}(X))$$

Thm:

$$\partial^2 = 0 \text{ \& } H_n^{\text{cell}}(X) \cong H_n^{\text{sing}}(X)$$

Pf:  $\ker(d_n^{\text{cell}}) = \text{im}(d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}})$



$$\text{First, } d_n^{\text{cell}} \circ d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}} = (\delta \circ \partial) \circ (\beta \circ \alpha) = \delta \circ (\gamma \circ \beta) \circ \alpha = 0.$$

$$\text{Then, } H_n(X) \cong H_n(X^{n+1}) \cong H_n(X^n) \xrightarrow{\text{exact}} \frac{\text{im}(\beta)}{\text{im}(\beta \alpha)} = \frac{\text{im}(\beta)}{\text{im}(d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}})}$$

$$\cong \frac{\ker(\partial)}{\text{im}(d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}})} \cong \frac{\ker(\beta \gamma)}{\text{im}(d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}})} = \frac{\ker(d_n^{\text{cell}})}{\text{im}(d_{n+1}^{\text{cell}})} =: H_n^{\text{cell}}(X)$$

Remark: This is a very special case of a spectral sequence.

Namely, a spectral seq. for a filtration  $F^n C_{\bullet}(X) := C_{\bullet}(X^n)$

Corollary:  $H_n^{\text{sing}}(X)$  is generated by at most  $\# \binom{n \text{ cells}}{\text{of } X}$  elements for any CW structure on  $X$ .

(e.g.  $H_n = 0$  if  $\not\exists$   $n$ -cells)

Corollary: If  $X$  has no  $(n+1)$ -cells or  $(n-1)$ -cells, then

$$H_n(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}\{\text{n-cells of } X\}$$

Ex:  $\mathbb{C}P^n = e^0 \cup e^2 \cup e^4 \cup \dots \cup e^{2n}$ , so  $H_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq k \leq 2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

$$\text{So, } H_k(M_g) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, 2 \\ \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2g} & k=1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$S^2 \xrightarrow{[a,b] \circ \dots \circ [a_g, b_g]} M^2 \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} S^2$   
 $a_j \circ a_j^{-1}$  has degree 0  
 all edges have both endpoints attached to the unique vertex



CF: Hatcher: 3d examples

$$T^3 = (S^1)^{\times 3} \text{ and } K^2 \times S^1,$$

lens spaces  $S^{2n-1}/(\mathbb{Z}/m)$

inside  $U(1) = S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}^x$ , the  
 $m^{\text{th}}$  roots of  $x$ .

Ex:  $\forall G \in \text{Ab}, n \geq 1$ , Moore space  $M(G, n): \tilde{H}_k = \begin{cases} G & k=n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

# Mayer Vietoris LES

$$A, B \subseteq X, \dot{A} \cup \dot{B} = X, C.(A+B) \subseteq C.(X)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{SES } 0 \rightarrow C.(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\Psi} C.(A) \oplus C.(B) \xrightarrow{Y} C.(A+B) \rightarrow 0$$

$(j_A, j_B)$  incls  $\Downarrow$  refinement lemma

$\rightarrow$  LES in Homology

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A+B) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(A+B) \rightarrow \dots$$

Variants:  $X$  a CW-complex,  $A, B$  sub-CW-complexes, and  $A \cup B = X$  (i.e. no need to pass to interiors).

$\partial_n$ : Geometric interpretation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(X) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H_n(A+B) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & H_{n-1}(A+B) \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & Z_n(A+B) & & \\ & & \downarrow \Psi & & \\ & & Z = x+y & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \partial x \in Z_{n-1}(A+B) \end{array}$$

Note:  $0 = \partial z = \partial(x+y)$ , so  $\partial x = -\partial y$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi(\partial x) = (\partial x, -\partial x) = (\partial x, \partial y)$$

Ex. of MV:  $S^n = D^n \cup D^n$

$$\text{SES: } 0 \rightarrow \tilde{C}_.(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \underbrace{\tilde{C}_.(D^n) \oplus \tilde{C}_.(D^n)}_{=0} \rightarrow \tilde{C}_.(D^n + D^n) \rightarrow 0$$

an alternating terms

$0^{\wedge} \text{ incls}$  as iso on the LES in homology

$$\text{So by induction } \tilde{H}_k(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

conv:  $\chi(X)$  where  $X$  has finite rank  $H_k$ ,

$$\chi(X) = \chi(A) + \chi(B) - \chi(A \cap B)$$

E.g.  $S^1$   $\chi(S^0) = 2$   
 $\chi(S^1) = \chi(D^1) + \chi(D^1) - \chi(S^0) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \chi(S^n) = \chi(D^n) + \chi(D^n) - \chi(S^{n-1})$

Ex:  $K^2 = M \cup_{S^1} M$   
 Klein bottle



$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S^1 \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \text{degree 2} & \\ \partial M \cong S^1 & & \end{array}$$

$$0 = \tilde{H}_2(M) \oplus \tilde{H}_2(M) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_2(K) \xrightarrow{\partial} \tilde{H}_1(M \cup M) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1(M) \oplus \tilde{H}_1(M) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1(K) + \tilde{H}_0(M \cup M) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \\ 1 & \longmapsto & (2, -2) \end{array} \quad \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / (2, -2)$$

2if change basis to  $\{(1,0), (1,-1)\}$ .

# Homology with coefficients

$G$  an ab. gp.

$$\text{Ch } \xrightarrow{(\cdot) \otimes \mathbb{Z} G} \text{Ch} \quad \leftarrow \text{levelwise}$$

$$C.(X; G) := C.(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G$$

In dimension  $n$ ,

$$C_n(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G = \mathbb{Z} \{ \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X) \} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G \cong G^{\oplus \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X)}$$

i.e. a  $\text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^n, X)$ -indexed direct sum of copies of  $G$

All formulas and theorems go through without much change, but computations do change.

Notably:  $H_k(\text{pt}; G) \cong \begin{cases} G & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$   $\tilde{H}_k(S^n; G) \cong \begin{cases} G & k=n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

$$H_k(S^0; G) \cong \begin{cases} G \oplus G & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Lemma: If  $S^k \xrightarrow{f} S^k$  has degree  $d$ , then

$$G \cong H_k(S^k; G) \rightarrow H_k(S^k; G) \cong G \text{ is multiplication by } d$$

Computing  $H_k(K)$  with coefficients in  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2$  yields:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{H}_1(M \cup M) & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_1(M) \oplus \tilde{H}_1(M) \rightarrow \\ \cong & & \cong \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & \xrightarrow{\text{zero}} & \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \\ 1 & \longmapsto & (2, -2) = (0, 0) \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \tilde{H}_k(K; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \tilde{H}_k(T^2; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & k=2 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 & k=1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Ex:  $C.^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) = (\mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \xrightarrow{\text{multiply by 2}} \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2)$   
 $C.^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{R}P^n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2 = (\mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2)$

$$\Rightarrow H_k(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & 0 \leq k \leq n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Recall  $H_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq k \leq 2n, k \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

$$C_n^{\text{cell}}(X) := H_n^{\text{Sing}}(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\{\text{n-cells of } X\}}$$

$d_n^{\text{cell}}$  = matrix of degrees of attaching maps

$$C_{n-1}^{\text{cell}}(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha, \beta \text{ entry} = \deg} S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha^{\text{attaching map}}} X^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$$

Thm:  $H_*^{\text{cell}}(X) \cong H_*^{\text{Sing}}(X)$ .

Ex:  $\mathbb{R}P^n = e^0 \cup e^1 \cup \dots \cup e^n$

$C_*^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{R}P^n) = (\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$

For differentials, note that the attaching map for  $e^k$  is the double cover  $S^{k-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{R}P^{k-1} \xrightarrow{q} \mathbb{R}P^k / \mathbb{R}P^{k-2} \cong S^{k-1}$

The composite  $q\varphi$  gives a homeo separately from each of



$(S^{k-1} \setminus D_{\text{south}}^{k-1}) / \text{bdry}$  and  $(S^{k-1} \setminus D_{\text{north}}^{k-1}) / \text{bdry}$ ,

and these differ by precomposition by the antipodal map of  $S^{k-1}$ , which has degree  $(-1)^k$ . So, by the local degree formula (deg =  $\sum$  local degrees),

$$\deg(q\varphi) = \deg(\text{id}) + \deg(\text{antip}) = 1 + (-1)^k = \begin{cases} 2, & k \text{ even} \\ 0, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

i.e.  $C_*^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{R}P^n) = (\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$

So,  $H_k(\mathbb{R}P^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & k=0 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2, & k \text{ odd and } 0 < k < n \\ 0, & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

Euler characteristic:

For  $X$  a finite CW ex, its Euler characteristic is:

$$\chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n (\# \text{ of } n\text{-cells of } X)$$

E.g. for  $X$  a triangulated surface,

$$\chi(X) = \# \text{ vertices} - \# \text{ edges} + \# \text{ faces}$$

Thm:  $\chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(H_n(X))$

# of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}$  that show up in its primary decomposition.

i.e. it's a topological invariant! (independent of CW structure).

In fact, Thm  $\Rightarrow$  it's an invariant not just up to homeomorphism, but up to homotopy equivalence.

Prop: For any  $C_* \in \text{Ch}$  with all terms finitely generated and only finitely many nonzero terms,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(C_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(H_n(C_*)) = \chi(C_*)$$

PF: Note the SES's

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n(C_*) \hookrightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\text{image } d_n} B_{n-1}(C_*) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow B_n(C_*) \hookrightarrow Z_n(C_*) \rightarrow H_n(C_*) \rightarrow 0$$

Note:  $\text{rk}(C_n) = \text{rk}(Z_n) + \text{rk}(B_{n-1})$

$\text{rk}(Z_n) = \text{rk}(B_n) + \text{rk}(H_n)$

So,  $\text{rk}(C_n) = \text{rk}(H_n) + (\text{rk}(B_n) + \text{rk}(B_{n-1}))$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \text{rk}(C_n) &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n (\text{rk}(H_n) + (\text{rk}(B_n) + \text{rk}(B_{n-1}))) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \text{rk}(H_n) \end{aligned}$$

PF of Thm:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(X) &:= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n (\# \text{ n-cells in } X) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(C_n^{\text{cell}}(X)) \end{aligned}$$

Prop =  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(H_n^{\text{cell}}(X))$

$H_n^{\text{cell}} \cong H_n^{\text{Sing}}$  =  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^n \cdot \text{rk}(H_n(X))$

Aside: Not every pairs of triangulations share a common refinement.

Mayer-Vietans LES (inclusion/exclusion principle)

For  $A, B \in X$  s.t.  $X = \overset{\circ}{A} \cup \overset{\circ}{B}$ , set  $C_*(A+B) \subseteq C_*(X)$  as before. Recall refinement lemma:  $C_*(A+B) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_*(X)$  is a quasi-iso (i.e. iso on all  $H_n$ ). Note we have the SES

$$0 \rightarrow C_*(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{(j_A, -j_B)} C_*(A) \oplus C_*(B) \rightarrow C_*(A+B) \rightarrow 0$$

$(C_*(A \cap B \rightarrow A), -C_*(A \cap B \rightarrow B))$

$\leadsto$  LES in homology.



# Cohomology<sup>o</sup>

→ Bott-Tu

de Rham cohomology: (for smooth manifolds, using calculus)

Idea:  $H_{\text{singular}}^*$  is "calculus on arbitrary top spaces" ...  
with coefficients in any abelian group (not just  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) ~ b/c  $H_{\text{dR}}^* \cong H_{\text{sing}}^*$

e.g. for open  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$C_{\text{dR}}^0(U) = (\{f_{\text{xns}}\} \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} \{df's\} \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} \{df's\} \xrightarrow{\text{div}} \{f_{\text{xns}}\})$$

More generally,  $C^\infty(M; \mathbb{R})$

$$C_{\text{dR}}^*(M) = (\Omega^0(M) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^1(M) \xrightarrow{d} \dots)$$

← the dR cx of M

Recall homology:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{C(-)} & \text{Ch} \\ & \searrow H_n^{\text{sing}} & \downarrow H_n \\ & & \text{Ab} \end{array}$$

Modified by interpolating to get homology w/ coeff in  $G \in \text{Ab}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{C(-)} & \text{Ch} \xrightarrow{(-) \otimes G} & \text{Ch} \\ & \searrow H_n(-; G) & & \downarrow H_n \\ & & & \text{Ab} \end{array}$$

observe: Another operation on ch axes:

$$C \in \text{Ch} \rightsquigarrow \text{hom}(C, G)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ C_{n+1} \\ \downarrow d_{n+1} \\ C_n \\ \downarrow d_n \\ C_{n-1} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \delta \\ \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_{n+1}, G) \\ \uparrow \delta \\ \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_n, G) \\ \uparrow \delta \\ \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_{n-1}, G) \\ \uparrow \delta \end{array} \right)$$

precomposition!

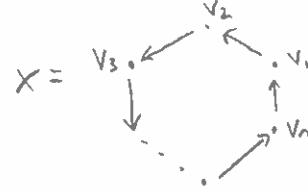
Notation:  $C_n^\vee := \text{hom}(C_n, \mathbb{Z})$   
□ □ □ US duality

Def:  $H^n(C; G) := H_{-n}(\text{hom}(C, G))$

$$H_{\text{dR}}^n(X; G) := H^n(C^*(X); G)$$

\* = {sing, cell, simp}

Ex: Simplicial Cohomology of X



$$C_\Delta^0(X) = (\mathbb{Z}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \xrightarrow{d_1} \mathbb{Z}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\})$$

$$C_\Delta^1(X) = (\text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(\mathbb{Z}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{S_0} \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(\mathbb{Z}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \mathbb{Z}))$$

$$e_i \mapsto \psi(d_1(e_i)) \leftarrow \psi$$

$$= \psi(v_{i+1} - v_i) = \psi(v_{i+1}) - \psi(v_i)$$

$$H_\Delta^0(X) = H_0(C_\Delta^0(X)) = \frac{\ker(S_0)}{\text{im}(S_1)} = \ker(S_0)$$

$$= \{ \psi : \mathbb{Z}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : S_0 \circ \psi = 0 \}$$

i.e.  $\forall i, S_0 \circ \psi(e_i) = 0$   
i.e.  $\forall i, \psi(v_{i+1}) - \psi(v_i) = 0$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}$  b/c  $\psi$  is constant

More generally,  $H^0(X; G) \cong \text{hom}_{\text{set}}(\{\text{set of path components}\}, G)$

$$H_\Delta^1(X) := H_{-1}(C_\Delta^1(X)) = \frac{\ker(S_{-1})}{\text{im}(S_0)} = \frac{C_\Delta^1(X)}{\text{im}(S_0)}$$

$$= \frac{\{f_{\text{xns}} \{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\}}{\{ \text{can freely modify by } \psi\text{-functions of the form } e_i \mapsto \psi(v_{i+1}) - \psi(v_i) \text{ for any } \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \}}$$

observe that we can change so that value at all  $e_i$  for  $i \neq 1$  is zero, then evaluate at  $e_1$

$$= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}/n} \psi(e_i) \leftarrow \psi \cdot \square \text{ contour integral}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}$$

i.e.  $H^1$  measures the failure of  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{Z}$  to be the "local difference in altitude" function of a function  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathbb{Z}$

More generally,  $H^1(\text{graph})$  measures its failure to be a tree ( $\Leftrightarrow \exists \leq 1$  non-redundant edge path between any pairs of vertices)

$\hookrightarrow$  equivalence class of paths up to homotopy rel end points.

For a differential 1-form  $w \in \Omega^1(S^1)$

(e.g.  $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $w = dt$ )

$\int_{S^1} w$  measures the impossibility of solving  $w = df$  for  $f \in \Omega^0(S^1) = C^\infty(S^1)$

Ex:  $X$  a 2d simplicial complex:

$$\underbrace{C_\Delta^0(X)}_{\cong} \xrightarrow{\delta_0} C_\Delta^1(X) \xrightarrow{\delta_1} C_\Delta^2(X)$$

$\forall \vec{v} \in \vec{V}$   
 $\text{S.t. } \text{curl}(\vec{v}) = 0$

$\delta\psi = 0$  iff  $\psi$  is "locally additive"

if so, get  $[\psi] \in H_\Delta^1(X)$ , and  $[\psi] = [0]$  iff

$\exists \varphi \in C_\Delta^0(X)$  s.t.  $\psi = \delta\varphi \iff \exists \text{ fun } f \text{ s.t. } \vec{V} = \text{grad}(f)$

" $\psi$  is locally additive for trivial reasons, namely it's globally additive"

$$\oint_{\gamma} \vec{v} \cdot \gamma'(t) dt = 0$$

$\forall$  closed loops  $\gamma$

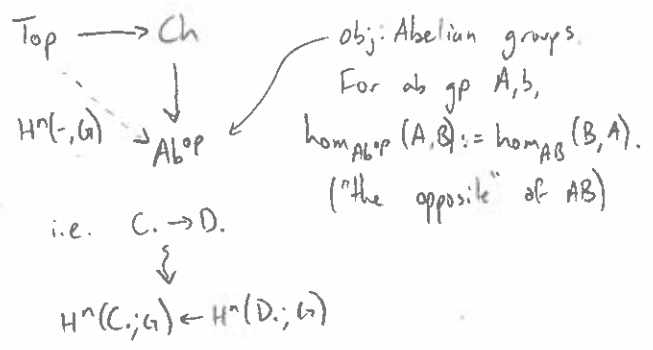
Cohomology continued:

Recall: for ch cx  $C_\bullet = (\dots \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots)$ ,  $G \in \text{Ab}$ , we get a ch cx

$$\dots \xleftarrow{\delta} \text{hom}(C_n, G) \xleftarrow{\delta} \text{hom}(C_{n-1}, G) \xleftarrow{\delta} \dots$$

and homology here  $\uparrow$  is  $=: H^n(C_\bullet, G)$  for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  cohomology group of  $C_\bullet$  w/ coefficients in  $G$ .

For a space  $X$ ,  $H^n(X; G) =: H^n(C_\bullet(X), G)$



Today: Study cohomology of ch cxes. (later cohomology of spaces)

Fact:  $\{H^n(C_\bullet, G)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are determined by  $\{H_n(C_\bullet)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  ("universal coefficients thm") ( $\mathbb{Z}$  is the universal coeffs)

but in a subtle way.

Ex:  $C_\bullet = (0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0)$

$H_n(C_\bullet) = 0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0 \quad \mathbb{Z}/n \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0$

$\text{hom}(C_\bullet, \mathbb{Z}) := C_\bullet^\vee := (0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow 0)$

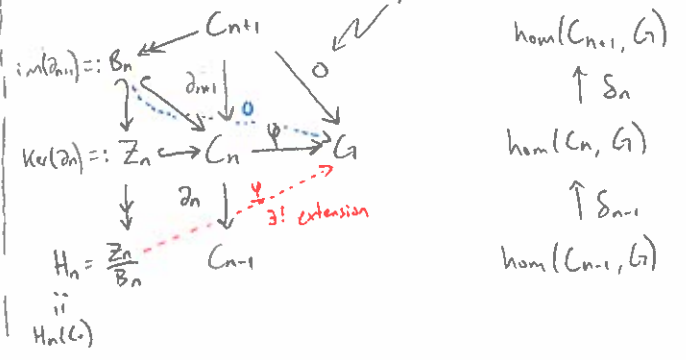
$H^n(C_\bullet, \mathbb{Z}) := H_n(C_\bullet^\vee) = 0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z}/n \quad 0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0$

So, it's not quite true that  $H^n(C_\bullet) \cong H_n(C_\bullet)^\vee$  as one might guess. However, there always exists a homomorphism

$$H^n(C_\bullet; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(H_n(C_\bullet), G)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $[\psi] \mapsto \varphi = h([\psi])$

b/c  $\varphi \in \ker(\partial_n) \subseteq \text{hom}(C_n, G)$



Claim: the homomorphism  $H^n(C, G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(H_n(C), G)$  is surjective.

Pf: Observe the SES

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n \hookrightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial} B_{n-1} \rightarrow 0$$

$\exists$  retraction  $\leftarrow$   $\exists$  section  $\rightarrow$

("there exists a splitting of the SES: an iso  $\simeq$  one of the form

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{(1,0)} A \oplus B \xrightarrow{(0,1)} B \rightarrow 0)$$

So, get retractions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_n \hookrightarrow Z_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \frac{Z_n}{B_n} =: H_n \xrightarrow{\alpha} G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \frac{C_n}{B_n} \end{array}$$

$\exists \tilde{\alpha}$  extending  $\alpha$

i.e.  $\ker(\partial_n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \frac{C_{n+1}}{B_{n+1}} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \frac{C_n}{B_n} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} B_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-1} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{C_n}{B_n} \rightarrow G \right\}$

This is surjective!

$$\frac{\ker(\partial_n)}{\text{im}(\partial_{n-1})} =: H^n(C, G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{hom}_{\text{Ab}}(H_n(C), G)$$

So  $h$  is surjective too.

Better, for a fixed retraction  $\frac{Z_n}{B_n} =: H_n$ , we get

$$H^n(C; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{hom}(H_n, G)$$

$\leftarrow [r \circ (-)] \leftarrow$  section, a hom.

object of interest ... described partly in terms of this.

Have a splittable SES

$$0 \rightarrow \ker(h) \hookrightarrow H^n(C, G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{hom}(H_n(C), G) \rightarrow 0$$

Q: What is this? (Towards fully understanding

$$H^n(C, G) \cong \ker(h) \oplus \text{hom}(H_n(C), G)$$

by splittable SES.

⊕ Aside: given SES  $0 \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  only get ES:

$$\text{hom}(X, G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(Y, G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(Z, G) \leftarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$   
lose surjectivity.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_n & \xrightarrow{\text{in}} & Z_n \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & G \end{array}$$

(precomp  $\simeq$  in)

Cohomology continued:

$$C \in \text{Ch}, G \in \text{Ab} \rightsquigarrow H^n(C; G) := H_n(\text{hom}(C, G))$$

and  $H^n(X; G) := H^n(C(X); G)$  (simp, sing, cell)

Towards Universal Coefficient Theorem:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Top} & \xrightarrow{C(-)} & \text{Ch} \xrightarrow{H^n(-; G)} \text{Ab}^{\text{op}} \\ & & \downarrow H_n(-) \\ & & \text{Ab} \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$  Only depends on homology with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coeffs!

observe the SES: (of Ch complexes)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_n = Z_n(C) \\ B_n = B_n(C) \\ H_n = H_n(C) \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z_{n+1} & \hookrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_n \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Z_n & \hookrightarrow & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \\ 0 & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(Z_{n+1}, G) & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(C_{n+1}, G) & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(B_n, G) \leftarrow 0 \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ 0 & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(Z_n, G) & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(C_n, G) & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(B_{n-1}, G) \leftarrow \dots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

$H_n(\text{this}) = H^n(C; G)$

differentials all zero so  $n^{\text{th}}$  homology =  $n^{\text{th}}$  group

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hx LES} & \leftarrow & \text{hom}(B_n, G) \leftarrow \dots \\ \text{hom}(Z_n, G) & \leftarrow & H^n(C; G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(B_{n-1}, G) \leftarrow \dots \end{array}$$

⊕ Aside: given SES  $0 \rightarrow X \hookrightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  only get ES:

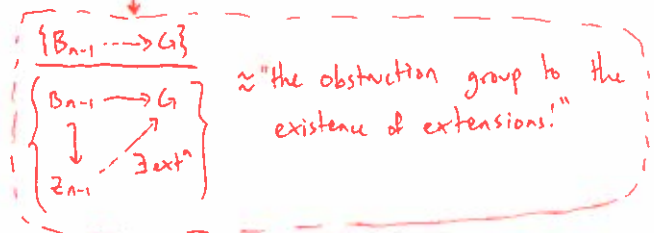
$$\text{hom}(X, G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(Y, G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(Z, G) \leftarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$   
lose surjectivity.

SES

$$0 \rightarrow \text{coker}(i_{n-1}^*) \hookrightarrow H^n(C; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{Ker}(i_n^*) \rightarrow 0$$

$$H_n(C; G) := \left\{ H_n := \frac{Z_n}{B_n} \rightarrow G \right\} \cong \left\{ \begin{matrix} B_n & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ i_n & & G \\ Z_n & \rightarrow & G \end{matrix} \right\} :=$$



observe the SES  $0 \rightarrow B_{n-1} \hookrightarrow Z_{n-1} \rightarrow H_{n-1}(C) \rightarrow 0$

Again, note only get ES:

$$\text{hom}(B_{n-1}, G) \xleftarrow{i_{n-1}^*} \text{hom}(Z_{n-1}, G) \hookrightarrow \text{hom}(H_{n-1}, G) \leftarrow 0$$

not generally surjective

Idea: Consider this SES as a quasi iso:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & B_{n-1} & \hookrightarrow & Z_{n-1} & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Both free Ab gps.

→ This is a free resolution of  $H_{n-1}$   
 (In general, a free resolution is a gp from a complex of free ab gps.)

Def/Prop: For any  $A, G \in \text{Ab}$  and any free resolution  $F. \xrightarrow{\cong} A$ , the Ext(ension) groups, aka the right derived functors of hom, are

$$\text{Ext}_{\text{Ab}}^n(A, G) := R^n \text{hom}(A, G) := H_{-n}(\text{hom}(F_., G))$$

$(n \geq 0)$

i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & F_2 & \rightarrow & F_1 & \rightarrow & F_0 & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \dots & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & A & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Using  $\otimes$ , ES  $\dots \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$

→ ES  $\text{hom}(F_1, G) \xleftarrow{\delta^0} \text{hom}(F_0, G) \hookrightarrow \text{hom}(A, G) \leftarrow 0$

So  $\text{Ext}^0 := \text{Ker}(\delta^0) = \text{hom}(A, G)$

not (A/n)

Returning to our SES  $(*)$ , we now have a name for the Kernel: it's

$$\text{coker}(i_{n-1}^*) = H_n(\text{hom}(F_., G)) := \text{Ext}^1(H_{n-1}(C), G)$$

$(B_{n-1} \hookrightarrow Z_{n-1})$

In particular, by Prop. this only depends on  $H_{n-1}(C)$ .

i.e. we have (algebraic) universal coeff thm:

For  $C. \in \text{Ch}$  a ch of levelwise free ab gps, have a noncanonical split SES

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_{n-1}(C), G) \hookrightarrow H^n(C; G) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_n(C), G) \rightarrow 0$$

(We'll apply this to  $C^{\text{sing}}(X)$ ,  $C^0(X)$ , or  $C^{\text{all}}(X)$ , all of which are l.w.-free.)

Aside: Any ab gp has a two-term resolution:

$$0 \rightarrow F_1 \hookrightarrow F_0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

So by Prop:  $\text{Ext}^{\geq 2}(A, G) = 0 \forall A, G \in \text{Ab}!$

However, have the same notion for  $R$ -modules for any ring  $R$   $\text{Ext}_R^n$ , (i.e.  $\text{Ext}_R^n := \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^n$ ), and  $\text{Ext}_R^n$  may be nonzero for  $n \geq 2$ .

"The ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  has homological dimension 1"

If  $R = F$  is a field, then all  $F$ -modules are free, hence they are their own free resolution, and  $\text{Ext}_F^n = 0 \forall n \geq 1$

"A field  $F$  has homological dimension 0"

Prop:  $\text{Ext}(A \otimes A', G) \cong \text{Ext}(A, G) \otimes \text{Ext}(A', G)$

(Pf: for free resolutions  $F. \xrightarrow{\cong} A$  and  $F'. \xrightarrow{\cong} A'$ , get a free resolution

$$F. \otimes F'. \xrightarrow{\cong} A \otimes A'$$

hence  $\text{hom}(F. \otimes F', G) \cong \text{hom}(F., G) \otimes \text{hom}(F', G)$

then take  $H_{-1}$ .)



# Cohomology of Spaces

Defs:  $x \in \text{Top}$   $C_{\text{sing}}(x; G) = \underbrace{\text{hom}(C_{\text{sing}}(x), G)}_{\text{in deg } \leq 0}$

$H_{\text{sing}}^n(x; G) := H_n(C_{\text{sing}}(x; G))$

Similarly, for  $H_{\Delta}^n, H_{\text{cell}}^n$

Observe:  $C_{\Delta}^n(x) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_{\text{sing}}^n(x)$  and both are lw free.

So, by corr  $H_{\Delta}^n(x; G) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{sing}}^n(x; G)$

Less trivially, we also have

$H_{\text{cell}}^n(x; G) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{sing}}^n(x; G)$

ii  $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus (\text{n-cells of } x)}$

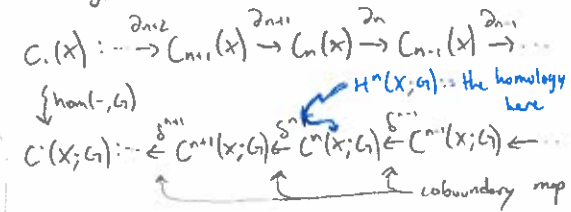
$H_n(\text{hom}(C_{\text{cell}}^n(x), G))$

$\text{hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus (\text{n-cells of } x)}, G) \cong \text{hom}_{\text{set}}(\{\text{n-cells of } x\}, G)$

$C_{\text{cell}}^{n+1}(x; G) \xleftarrow{\delta} C_{\text{cell}}^n(x; G)$

"transposed matrix of integers, but now acting on G"   
 degrees of attaching maps for (n+1) cells.

Terminology:



Cocycles:  $Z^n(x; G) := \text{Ker}(\delta^n) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} C_n(x) \\ \downarrow \delta^n \\ C_n(x) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(x) \end{matrix} \right\}$

$\cong \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{functions } \text{hom}(\Delta^n, X) \rightarrow G \text{ that} \\ \text{vanish on the boundaries of} \\ \text{singular } (n+1) \text{ simp's in } X \end{matrix} \right\}$

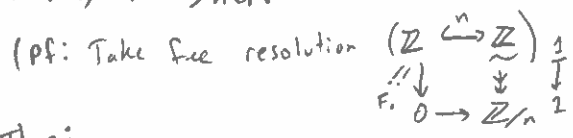
Coboundaries:

$B^n(x; G) := \text{im}(\delta^{n-1}) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} C_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow G \\ \downarrow \delta^{n-1} \\ C_{n-1}(x) \end{matrix} \right\}$

$\cong \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{functions } \text{hom}(\Delta^n, X) \rightarrow G \text{ that} \\ \text{are determined by their values} \\ \text{on boundaries.} \end{matrix} \right\}$

② If  $FAb$  is free then  $\text{Ext}(F, G) = \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}^1(F, G) = 0$   
 (Pf:  $F$  is a free resolution of itself)

③  $\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/n, G) = G/nG$



Then:

$\text{hom}(F_0, G) = (\text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \xleftarrow{n^*} \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G))$

$= (G \xleftarrow{n} G)$

$\text{ny} \xleftarrow{g}$

so  $\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/n, G) = H_1(\text{---}) = G/nG$

Corr: If  $A$  is finitely generated, then  $\text{Ext}(A, \mathbb{Z}) = \text{Tors}(A)$ , the torsion subgroup:

$\{a \in A : \exists n \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } n \cdot a = 0\}$

Corr:  $(G = \mathbb{Z})$ : For  $C_n$ , levelwise free, we have a noncanonically splittable SES:

$0 \rightarrow \text{Tors}(H_{n-1}(C_n)) \hookrightarrow H^n(C_n; G) \rightarrow \frac{H_n(C_n)}{\text{Tors}(H_n(C_n))} \rightarrow 0$

i.e.  $H^n(C_n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{Free}(H_n(C_n)) \oplus \text{Tors}(H_{n-1}(C_n))$    
  $\text{hom}(A, \mathbb{Z}) \cong A/\text{Tors}(A)$

Ex: Recall  $\mathbb{R}P^n = e^0 \vee e^1 \vee e^2 \dots \vee e^n$

$C_{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{R}P^n) = (\dots \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z})$

$H_i(\mathbb{R}P^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=0 \\ \mathbb{Z} & ; n \text{ if } n \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & 0 < i < n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$    
  $H^i(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & 0 \leq i \leq n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

because  $\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2) = 0$  and  $\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/2, \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2$

\* As a ring,  $H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) = (\mathbb{Z}/2)[x]/x^{n+1}$ ,  $\text{deg}(x) = 1$ .

Corr: If  $C_n \cong D_n$  a q.i. b/w levelwise free ch abes, then

$H^n(C_n; G) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^n(D_n; G) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall G \in Ab.$

(i.e.  $\text{hom}(C_n, G) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{hom}(D_n, G)$ ).

Note:  $C_{sing}, C_{cell}, C^A$  are levelwise free, so we can apply the (algebraic) universal constant thm:

$$0 \rightarrow Ext(H_{n-1}(X), G) \hookrightarrow H^n(X; G) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_n(X), G) \rightarrow 0$$

At  $n=0$ ,  $H_{-1}(X) = 0$ , so  $H^0(X; G) \cong \text{hom}(H_0(X), G) \cong \text{hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z} \otimes \{\text{pts}\}, G)$   
 $\text{Ker}(\delta^0) \cong \text{hom}_{\text{set}}(\{\text{path}_{\text{comp}}\}, G)$

At  $n=1$ ,  $H_{n-2}(X)$  is free, so  $H^1(X; G) \cong \text{hom}(H_1(X), G)$ .

Special case of  $G=F$  a field, the same considerations show:  $Ext_F^{>0} = 0$  (since all  $F$ -modules are free)

$$H^n(X; F) \cong \text{hom}_F(H_n(X; F), F) =: H_n(X; F)^\vee$$

$$H_n(X; F) = H_n(C_*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} F)$$

Consistency check: Computed  $H_i(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & 0 \leq i \leq n \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

Reduced Cohomology:

$$\tilde{C}^*(X; G) = \text{hom}(\tilde{C}_*(X), G) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$$

observe:  $\tilde{C}_*(X) \rightarrow C_*(X)$  dualize  $\tilde{C}^*(X, G) \leftarrow C^*(X, G)$

Clearly,  $\tilde{H}^n(X; G) \cong H^n(X; G)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Recall:  $\tilde{H}_0(X) \hookrightarrow H_0(X)$   
 $\{\sum_i n_i [p_i] : \sum n_i = 0\} \cong \mathbb{Z} \otimes \{\text{pts}\}$   
 Dually:  $\tilde{H}^0(X; G) \leftarrow H^0(X; G)$   
 $\text{Ker} = \{\text{constant fms } \{\text{path}_{\text{pts}}\} \rightarrow G\}$

Relative LES:

Have SES:  $0 \rightarrow C_n(A) \hookrightarrow C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$   
 True because these are free, and we include generators. A map of degree two for example does not admit a retraction  $\exists \subset n \rightarrow 1$ , what do the rest do? no free.

get SES:

$$0 \leftarrow C^n(A; G) \leftarrow C^n(X; G) \leftarrow C^n(X, A; G) \leftarrow 0$$

↑  
 surj (because of retraction above), i.e.  $C_n(A) \hookrightarrow C_n(X) \downarrow \subset \text{pre comp } G \subset \text{w/ } \tau$

so, SES:

$$0 \leftarrow C^n(A; G) \leftarrow C^n(X; G) \leftarrow C^n(X, A; G) \leftarrow 0$$

LES in hlyg:  $\dots \leftarrow H^{n+1}(X; G) \leftarrow H^{n+1}(X, A; G) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^n(A; G)$   
 $\cong H^{n+1}(X/A; G)$  for good pairs

In fact, this is closely related to  $H_{n+1}(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_n(A)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n(A; G) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{n+1}(X, A; G) \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ \text{hom}(H_n(A); G) & \xrightarrow{\partial^*} & \text{hom}(H_{n+1}(X, A); G) \end{array}$$

(i.e. precomp w/  $\partial$ )

Induced homs:

Given  $C \rightarrow D$  in Ch  
 (e.g.  $C_*(X) \xrightarrow{C(f)} C_*(Y)$  for  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  in Top)

get  $\text{hom}(C, G) \leftarrow \text{hom}(D, G)$   
 $\rightsquigarrow H^n(C; G) \leftarrow H^n(D; G)$

i.e. cohomology is a contravariant functor:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ch} & \xrightarrow{H^n(-; G)} & \text{Ab}^{\text{op}} \\ C(-) \uparrow & \nearrow & \\ \text{Top} & & H^n(-; G) \end{array}$$

$C \in \text{Ch} \rightsquigarrow H^n(C; G) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_n(C), G)$   
 a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ch}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{H^n(-; G)} & \text{Ab} \\ H_n(-) \downarrow & \Downarrow & \uparrow \text{hom}(-; G) \\ \text{Ab}^{\text{op}} & & \end{array}$$

Homotopy invariance:

Fact:  $\text{hom}(h_{\text{topy}}; G) = \text{ch } h_{\text{topy}}$ . So, ch-hoty maps induce the same map in coh of ch exes, hence homotopy maps b/w Top spaces induce the same map in Ch.

Excision: For  $Z \subset A \subset X$ ,  $\bar{Z} \subset \bar{A}$ ,

$$(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$$

induces iso's on relative homology, hence on coh w/ coeffs  $G$  (by UCT).

Mayer Vietoris:

$$A, B \subset X, A \cup B = X$$

Recall SES:

$$0 \rightarrow C(A \cap B) \hookrightarrow C(A) \oplus C(B) \xrightarrow{C(\cdot)} C(A \cup B) \rightarrow 0$$

All are fw-free, so get SES in ch on  $\text{hom}(-, G)$ , hence LES:

$$\hookrightarrow H^n(A \cap B; G) \leftarrow H^n(A; G) \oplus H^n(B; G) \leftarrow H^n(X; G)$$

§ 3.2 Cup Product:

Now, study cohomology with coeffs in a ring  $R$  (usually will be commutative, usually  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}, \dots$ )

Note all of

$$\text{hom}_{\mathbb{A}B}(C_k(X), R) := C^k(X; R) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^k(X; R) \hookrightarrow B^k(X; R)$$

takes place in  $R$ -modules.

$$\downarrow \\ H^k(X; R)$$

Def: Given  $\varphi \in C^k(X; R)$  and  $\psi \in C^l(X; R)$ , their cup product is  $\varphi \cup \psi \in C^{k+l}(X; R)$  is defined by:

$$(\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma) := \varphi(\sigma|_{\Delta^{10, \dots, k3}}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{\Delta^{(k+1, \dots, k+l)3}})$$

a generator of  $C_{k+l}(X) = \mathbb{Z}\langle \text{hom}_{\text{Top}}(\Delta^{k+l}, X) \rangle$

multiplication in  $R$

-emma:  $\delta(\varphi \cup \psi) = (\delta\varphi) \cup \psi + (-1)^k \cdot \varphi \cup \delta(\psi)$

graded Leibniz rule

Observations: Cup products are:

- Associative
- Multilinear, e.g.  $(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) \cup \psi = \varphi_1 \cup \psi + \varphi_2 \cup \psi$

Corr: If  $\varphi$  &  $\psi$  are cocycles, so is  $\varphi \cup \psi$

If moreover either  $\varphi$  or  $\psi$  is a coboundary, then so is  $\varphi \cup \psi$ .

So, we get

$$H^k(X; R) \otimes_R H^l(X; R) \rightarrow H^{k+l}(X; R)$$

for  $R$  commutative.

Altogether,

$$H^*(X; R) := \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} H^i(X; R)$$

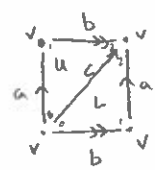
becomes a graded  $R$ -algebra.

Thm: (3.11) This is in fact graded-commutative:

$$x \cdot y = (-1)^{\deg(x) \cdot \deg(y)} y \cdot x$$

for pure-dimensional elements  $x$  &  $y$ .

Ex:  $X = T^2 =$



$R = \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial u &= b - c + a \\ \partial L &= a - c + b \end{aligned} \quad \leadsto H_2 = \mathbb{Z}\langle [u - L] \rangle$$

$$H_1 = \mathbb{Z}\langle [a], [b] \rangle \ni [c] = [a] + [b]$$

UCT:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_1, \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^2 \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{hom}(H_2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

free  $\mathbb{Z}\langle [a], [b] \rangle$   
dual basis:  $[a] \rightarrow 1, [b] \rightarrow 0$   
 $[a] \rightarrow 0, [b] \rightarrow 1$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_1, \mathbb{Z}) \hookrightarrow H^2 \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{hom}(H_2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

\* Only possibly nontrivial cup product is  $H^1 \times H^1 \rightarrow H^2$

Must lift  $[a], [b] \in H^1$  to cocycles  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow H^1 = \mathbb{Z}^2 / 8\mathbb{Z}^2$   
1 cocycles:  $\{\varphi \in C^1 \text{ s.t. } \delta\varphi = 0\}$   
 $C^1 := \text{hom}_{\mathbb{A}B}(C_1, \mathbb{Z})$   
 $:= \{\varphi \in C^1 \text{ s.t. } \forall \sigma \in C_2, \varphi(\delta\sigma) := (\delta\varphi)(\sigma) = 0\}$   
 $:= \text{hom}_{\text{set}}(\langle [a], [b] \rangle, \mathbb{Z})$

Observe:  $[a] \in H^1$  is represented by  $X_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{Z}$

Need:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\stackrel{\alpha}{=} \alpha(\partial u) := \alpha(b - c + a) = 0 \cdot \alpha(c) + 1 & a \rightarrow 1 \\ 0 &\stackrel{\alpha}{=} \alpha(\partial L) := \alpha(a - c + b) = 1 - \alpha(c) + 0 & b \rightarrow 0 \\ & & c \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\beta$ ,  $a \rightarrow 0, b \rightarrow 1$

Note: this can be observed from  $[c] = [a] + [b]$

Now compute:

$$[\alpha] \cup [\alpha], [\alpha] \cup [\beta], [\beta] \cup [\alpha], [\beta] \cup [\beta] \in H^2 \cong \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}\langle U-L \rangle, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$([\alpha] \cup [\alpha])(U-L) := (\alpha \cup \alpha)(U-L)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \cup \alpha : U &\rightarrow \alpha(U_{\Delta^{101}}) \cdot \alpha(U_{\Delta^{111}}) = \alpha(a) \cdot \alpha(b) = 0 \\ L &\rightarrow \quad \quad \quad = \alpha(b) \cdot \alpha(a) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

By similar logic,  $\beta \cup \beta = 0$

$$\alpha \cup \beta : U \rightarrow \alpha(U_{\Delta^{101}}) \cdot \beta(U_{\Delta^{111}}) = \alpha(a) \cdot \beta(b) = 1$$

$$L \rightarrow \quad \quad \quad \alpha(b) \cdot \beta(a) = 0$$

$$\text{So } ([\alpha] \cup [\beta])(U-L) = (\alpha \cup \beta)(U-L) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

i.e.  $[\alpha] \cup [\beta] \in H^2 \cong \text{hom}(H_2, \mathbb{Z})$  is a generator!

$$\begin{aligned} \beta \cup \alpha : U &\rightarrow 0 \\ L &\rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

Check graded commutativity:

$$[\alpha] \cup [\beta] = (-1)^{1 \cdot 1} [\beta] \cup [\alpha] \text{ in } H^2 \cong \text{hom}(H_2, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\text{Altogether: } H^*(T^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] / \alpha^2 = \beta^2 = 0 =: \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}[\alpha, \beta] \text{ the exterior algebra.}$$

For gr-comm ring on  $\alpha, \beta$  in deg 1,  $\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta = -\beta \cdot \alpha$

Remark: In any gr-comm ring  $A$ ,  $a \in A$  has precisely one odd degree,  $a \cdot a = (-1)^{\deg(a) \cdot \deg(a)} a \cdot a = -a \cdot a \Leftrightarrow 2(a \cdot a) = 0$

(so  $a \cdot a = 0$  if  $2 \in A^\times$  or more generally if  $2 \curvearrowright A$  is injective).



# Poincaré Duality!

Def: An  $n$ -manifold is a topological space  $M$  that's Hausdorff and locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (w/ bly  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ).

Recall local homology at  $x \in M$ :

$$H_i(M|x) = H_i(M|x; \mathbb{Z}) := H_i(M, M \setminus \{x\}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_i(U, U \setminus \{x\}, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\xrightarrow{LES} \tilde{H}_{i-1}(U \setminus \{x\}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \tilde{H}_{i-1}(S^{n-1}; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=n \\ 0 & o.w \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$  ntry invariance       $\uparrow$  abstractly

i.e.  $H_n(M|x)$  is a free  $rk=1$  ab gp  
 obs. for a ball  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $H_i(\mathbb{R}^n|B) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=n \\ 0 & o.w \end{cases}$

Def: An orientation of  $M$  is an assignment

$$M \xrightarrow{\psi} H_n(M|x)$$

$\downarrow x$                        $\downarrow \mu_x$  a generator

That is "locally consistent," i.e.  $\forall \mathbb{R}^n \cong U \subseteq M$ ,  
 $\forall$  ball  $B \subseteq U \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\exists \mu \in H_n(U|B)$  s.t.  $\forall x \in B$

$$H_n(U|B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(U|x) \cong H_n(M|x)$$

$$\downarrow \mu \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \mu_x$$

$\rightarrow$  can be generalized to  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientation for  $\mathbb{R}$ -modules.

Construction:  $M_{\mathbb{R}} := \{ \text{pairs } (x \in M, \alpha_x \in H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R})) \}$   
 topologized so that  $\forall \mathbb{R}^n \cong U \subseteq M$ ,  $\forall B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
 $\forall \alpha_B \in H_n(U|B, \mathbb{R})$ , the subset  
 $\{ (x \in U, \text{image of } \alpha_B \in H_n(M|x, \mathbb{R})) \}$  is open.

observation:  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientations of  $M$  are equivalent to sections  $\rightarrow$  of  $M_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M$  that pick out a generator of  $H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R}) \in \text{Mod } \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\forall x \in M$ .

Ex:  $M_{\mathbb{R}} \supseteq M_0 := \{ (x, \alpha_x) : \alpha_x = 0 \}$   
 $\downarrow \swarrow \cong$  homeo.  
 $M$

More generally, for any  $r \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $M_{\mathbb{R}} \supseteq M_r := \{ (x \in M, \underbrace{(\text{generator of } H_n(M|x)) \otimes r}_{\in H_n(M|x) \otimes \mathbb{R} \cong H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R})}) \}$   
 canon

In fact,  $M_r = M_{-r}$  and moreover  
 $M_{\mathbb{R}} = \bigsqcup_{r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}} M_r$   
 just a set!

\* An  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientation, thought of as a section  $M \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{R}}$  must land in  $M_u \in M_{\mathbb{R}}$  for some  $u \in \mathbb{R}^{\times}$  (assuming  $M$  connected).

Ex:  $M = \mathbb{R}P^2$ , then

$$M_{\mathbb{Z}} = \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} M_n = \mathbb{R}P^2 \cup \bigsqcup_{n \geq 1} S^2$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{n=0}$        $\underbrace{\quad}_{n \geq 1}$  double cover  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2$

$$M_{\mathbb{Z}} = \mathbb{R}P^2 \cup \bigsqcup_{n \geq 1} S^2 \quad - n=1 \text{ copy} = \text{subset of } M_u \text{ for } u \in \mathbb{Z}^{\times} = \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$\downarrow \cong$   
 $\mathbb{R}P^2$

So,  $\nexists$  section of  $M_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow M$  that lands in generators in each fiber. i.e.  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  is not  $\mathbb{Z}$  orientable.

On the other hand

$$M_{\mathbb{Z}/2} = M_{[0]} \cup M_{[2]} \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 \cup \mathbb{R}P^2$$

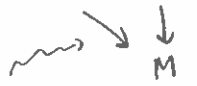
$\downarrow$   
 $\mathbb{R}P^2$

So  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  orientable.

More generally, orientable :=  $\mathbb{Z}$ -orientable  
 $\Rightarrow$   $\mathbb{R}$ -orientable  $\forall \mathbb{R}$ . (Given  $\mathbb{Z}$ -or $^n$   $\{ \mu_x \}_{x \in M}$  get  $\mathbb{R}$ -or $^n$   $\{ \mu_x \otimes 1 \}_{x \in M}$ .)

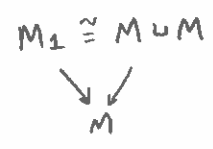
$\rightarrow$  All manifolds are  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  orientable.

In general,  $M_1 \subseteq M_2$



is called the orientation double cover of  $M$ .

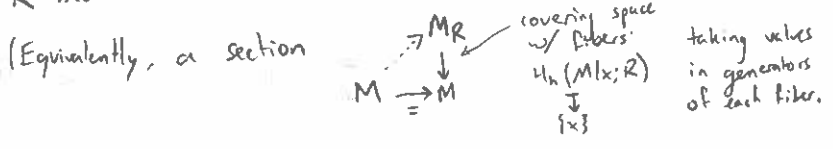
Two possibilities: ① it's a trivial double cover, i.e.



True iff  $M$  is orientable, in which case  $\exists 2$  orientations for  $M$  connected.

② It's a nontrivial cover  $\iff M$  is not  $\mathbb{Z}$  orientable.

For a topological manifold  $M = M^n$  and a ring  $R$ , an  $R$ -orientation of  $M$  is defined to be "a compatible system of generators of the free  $rk-1$   $R$ -modules  $H_n(M|x; R) \forall x \in M^n$ "



Note: Given  $R \rightarrow S$  a ring hom,  $R$ -or  $\rightsquigarrow$   $S$ -or

Thm: 3.26:  $M^n$  closed, connected. If  $M$  is  $R$ -orientable, then  $\forall x \in M$ ,

$$H_n(M; R) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(M|x; R)$$

$$H_n((M, \phi) \hookrightarrow (M, M \setminus \{x\}, R))$$

Def: An  $R$  fundamental class of  $M^n$  is  $\mu = [M] \in H_n(M; R)$

s.t.  $\mu \mapsto \mu_x \in H_n(M|x; R)$   
 $\uparrow$  pointwise  $R$ -or of  $M$  at  $x$ .

Ex: For  $M = S^n = \Delta_n^+ \sqcup_{\partial \Delta^n} \Delta_n^-$ ,  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , have fund class

$$[M] = [\Delta_n^+] - [\Delta_n^-]. \quad (\text{in } H_n^0(S^n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n^0(S^n))$$

Why?

$\hookrightarrow$  For  $x \in \Delta_n^+$  (or  $\Delta_n^-$ ),

$$H_n(S^n|x) \cong H_n(\Delta_n^+|x) \cong \dots \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\downarrow \psi$$

$$[M] \longrightarrow [\Delta_n^+]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  For  $x \in \partial \Delta^n \subset S^n$  (equator), we can rewrite  $[M] \in H_n(S^n)$  in such a way that  $x \in$  interior of one of the  $n$ -simpls.

More generally, for any  $M^n$  w/  $\Delta$ -cx str., for  $M$  orientable, every fundamental class is of the form  $[M] = \sum \epsilon_\alpha \cdot [\alpha^{n\text{-simp}}]$  with  $\epsilon_\alpha = \pm 1$ .

Similarly, for any (possibly non-orientable)  $M^n$  w/  $\Delta$ -cx str. the unique  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  fund. class is

$$[M] = \sum \alpha [\alpha^{n\text{-simp}}] \in H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$$

Def:  $X \in \text{Top}$ ,  $R$  a ring,  $k \geq l \geq 0$

the cap product is

$$C_k(X; R) \times C^l(X; R) \xrightarrow{\cap} C_{k-l}(X; R)$$

$$(\sigma, \varphi) \mapsto \sigma \cap \varphi := \varphi(\sigma|_{\Delta^{(k-l)}}) \cdot \sigma|_{\Delta^{(l, \dots, k)}}$$

elt of R      singular (k-l) simplex in X

Lemma: This is  $R$ -bilinear, and:

$$\partial(\sigma \cap \varphi) = (-1)^l \cdot (\partial\sigma \cap \varphi - \sigma \cap \partial\varphi)$$

Corr: Cap product descends to (co)homology.

$$\text{i.e. } H_k(X; R) \times H^l(X; R) \xrightarrow{\cap} H_{k-l}(X; R)$$

e.g. if  $[x] = [x'] \in H_k$ , say  $x - x' = \partial y$  for  $y \in C_{k+1}$ , then

$$([x] \cdot [x']) \cap [\varphi] := [(x - x') \cap \varphi]$$

$$= [\partial y \cap \varphi]$$

$$= [(-1)^l \cdot (\partial y \cap \varphi - \sigma \cap \partial \varphi)]$$

= 0!

$$= [\partial(y \cap \varphi)] = 0 \in H_{k-l}$$

Remark: This can be defined for simplicial (co)homology, and under  $H_i^{\Delta} \cong H_i^{\text{sing}}$  &  $H_i^{\Delta*} \cong H_i^{\text{sing}*}$ , cap products coincide.

**Thm (Poincaré Duality):**

$M^n$  is a closed (R-orientable) manifold with R-fundamental class  $[M]$ . Then,

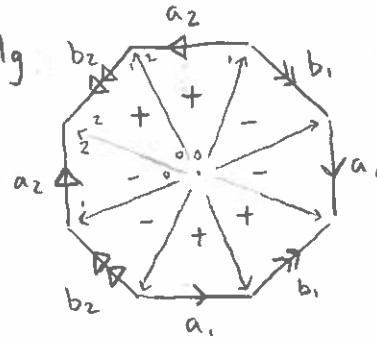
$$D := [M] \wedge (-) : H^i(M; R) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{n-i}(M; R).$$

Remark: Say R a field for simplicity. Then,

$$H_i(M; R)^{\vee} \cong_{\text{UCT}} H^i(M; R) \xrightarrow{\text{P.D.}} H_{n-i}(M; R)$$

In particular,  $\dim H_i = \dim H_{n-i}$ . This is of the flavor of the symmetry that exists in Pascal's triangle, i.e.  $\binom{n}{i} = \binom{n}{n-i}$ .

Ex:  $M = M_g$



(sign chosen so that touching edges cancel sign. initial choice of +/- arbitrary).

Fund class  $[M] = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \cdot [\alpha^{\text{th}} \text{ 2-simplex}]$

$$H_1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \{ [a_i], [b_i] \}$$

$$\text{UCT: } H^1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \{ [\alpha_i], [\beta_i] \}$$

↖ ↗  
dual generator

$\alpha_i =$  signed inter.

Summary:  $M^n$  a (topological) n-mfld. An R-orientation of M is a compatible system of R-module generators  $\{ \mu_x \in H_n(M|x; R) \}_{x \in M}$  ( $\mathbb{Z}$ -or<sup>n</sup> = or<sup>n</sup>; always  $\exists!$   $\mathbb{Z}/2$  or<sup>n</sup>).

Corr (3.37): For any odd dimensional manifold M,  $\chi(M) = 0$ .

Pf: Using  $R = \mathbb{Z}/2$  coefficients,  $\text{hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(H_i(M; \mathbb{Z}/2); \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong_{\text{UCT}} H^i(M; \mathbb{Z}/2) \xrightarrow{\text{P.D.}} H_{n-i}(M; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  so  $\dim(H_i) = \dim(H_{n-i})$ .

Hence  $\chi(M) = \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(H_i(M; \mathbb{Z}/2))$ .

Since n is odd, these canonical pairs cancel  $h_0 - h_1 + h_2 - h_3 = 0$ .

Corr (3.38): Special case:  $R = F$ , a field.  $M^n$  a closed R-orientable n-manifold.

Then  $\forall i$ ,

$$H^i(M; R) \times H^{n-i}(M; R) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^n(M; R) \xrightarrow{[M] \wedge (-)} R$$

↖ ↗  
 $(-)\cup(-)[M]$

is a perfect pairing.

i.e.  $V \times W \rightarrow F$   
s.t.  $V \rightarrow W^{\vee} := \text{hom}_F(W, F)$   
and  $W \rightarrow V^{\vee}$

are isos. Similarly, for  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ , but now  $\frac{H^i}{\text{torsion}}$ .

Main input (given PD):  $\Psi(\alpha \cap \psi) = (\Psi \cup \Psi)(\alpha)$ .

Ex: Recall  $H_i(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq i \leq 2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

By UCT,  $H^i(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq i \leq 2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

Q: What is the ring structure on  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n) := \bigoplus_{i=0}^{2n} H^i(\mathbb{C}P^n)$ ? (w/ cup product)

A:  $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] / (\alpha^{n+1})$  for  $\deg(\alpha) = 2$ .

Pf by induction + Cor 3.38. Clearly true

$$\text{for } n=0 \quad (\mathbb{C}P^0 = pt)$$

$$\& \text{ for } n=1 \quad (\mathbb{C}P^2 \cong S^2).$$

Have  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ , which gives us

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}) \longleftarrow H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n)$$

(a ring map because cup products are natural).

is a levelwise iso of graded abelian groups

for dimensions  $< 2n$ . So by induction, it

suffices to show that  $(\alpha \cup \alpha^{n-1}) \in H^{2n}(\mathbb{C}P^n)$

is a generator. By perfectness of the

pairing  $H^2 \times H^{2n-2} \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{2n}(\mathbb{C}P^n) \xrightarrow{(-) \cap [\mathbb{C}P^n]} \mathbb{Z}$

since  $\alpha \in H^2$  is a generator, there must

exist  $\beta \in H^{2n-2}$  s.t.  $(\alpha \cup \beta) \cap [\mathbb{C}P^n] = 1$ ,

i.e.  $\alpha \cup \beta$  is a generator. Now,

$\alpha^{n-1} \in H^{2n-2}(\mathbb{C}P^n)$  is a generator, so

$\exists! k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $k \cdot \alpha^{n-1} = \beta$ . So,

$\alpha \cup \beta = \alpha \cup (k \cdot \alpha^{n-1}) = k \cdot (\alpha \cup \alpha^{n-1})$ ; since  $\alpha \cup \beta \in H^{2n}$

is a generator, it must be that  $k = \pm 1$ . So,

$\alpha \cup \alpha^{n-1} \in H^{2n}$  is also a generator.  $\blacksquare$

Similarly,  $H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)[x]/x^{n+1}$

for  $dy(x) = 1$ .