

II Homology Theory

There are many types of (ordinary) homology theories

singular, simplicial, cubical, cellular, ...

these all give the same results on CW-complexes

we will discuss the "most general" one singular homology
and then derive an easily computable one cellular homology

There are also generalized homologies, like bordism theory, K-theory ...

these are different from ordinary homology

we might discuss them briefly

Underlying these theories is homological algebra which is a purely algebraic theory of "chain complexes"

such objects show up in many contexts and give even more "homology theories", like Floer-homology

such theories are not really about algebraic topology

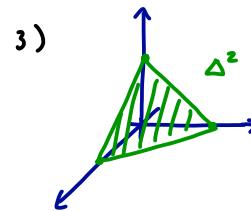
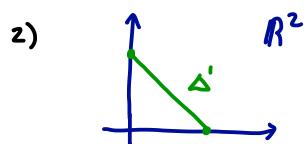
A Singular Homology

the standard p -simplex is

$$\Delta^p = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^p t_i e_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1} : \sum_{i=0}^p t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

where $e_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, e_p = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are the standard basis vectors for \mathbb{R}^{p+1}

examples:



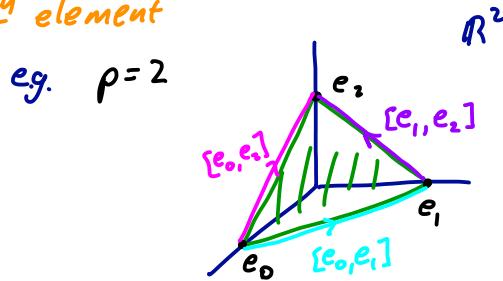
given $v_0, \dots, v_p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denote by $[v_0, \dots, v_p]$ the map

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^p &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ (t_0, \dots, t_p) &\longmapsto \sum t_i v_i\end{aligned}$$

example:

1) $[e_0, \dots, e_p]: \Delta^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$ parameterizes a copy of Δ^p

2) $[e_0, \dots, \hat{e}_i, \dots, e_p]: \Delta^{p-1} \rightarrow \Delta^p$ parameterizes i^{th} face of Δ^p
 means leave out i.e. $(t_0, \dots, t_{p-1}) \in \Delta^{p-1} \mapsto \sum_{j \leq i} t_j e_j + \sum_{j > i} t_j e_{j+1}$
 i^{th} element

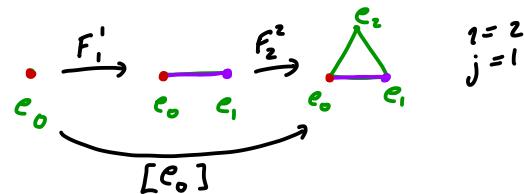


indicates dim. of simplex

we call this the i^{th} face map and also denote it $F_i^p = [e_0, \dots, \hat{e}_i, \dots, e_p]$

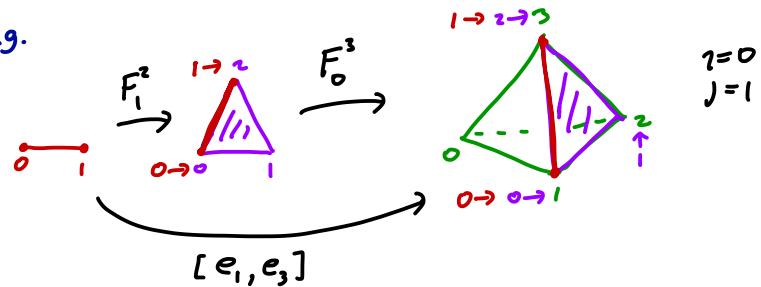
note: $i > j$ then $F_i^p \circ F_j^{p-1} = [e_0, \dots, \hat{e}_j, \dots, \hat{e}_i, \dots, e_p]$

e.g.



$i \leq j$ then $F_i^p \circ F_j^{p-1} = [e_0, \dots, \hat{e}_i, \dots, \hat{e}_{j+1}, \dots, e_p]$

e.g.



a singular p -simplex in a space X is a continuous map

$$\sigma: \Delta^p \longrightarrow X$$

the singular group of p -chains in X is

$$C_p(X) = \text{free abelian group generated by singular } p\text{-simplices}$$

that is an element of $C_p(X)$ is a finite formal sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \sigma_i \text{ where } n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \sigma_i : \Delta^p \rightarrow X \quad \forall i$$

Exercise: There is an obvious way to add two elements
Show this makes $C_p(X)$ an abelian group.

we call elements of $C_p(X)$ (singular) p -chains

given a singular p -simplex σ we say the i^{th} face of σ is

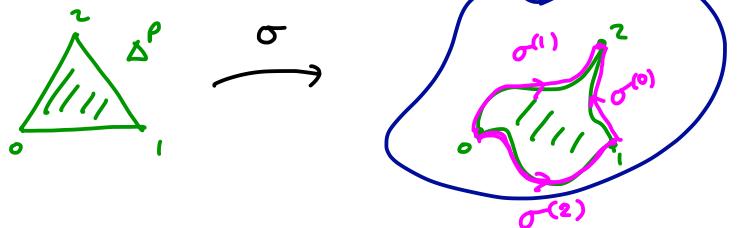
$$\sigma^{(i)} = \sigma \circ F_i^p$$

and the boundary of σ is

$$\partial\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma^{(i)}$$

Note: $\partial\sigma$ is a $(p-1)$ -chain!

example:



$$\partial\sigma = \sigma^{(0)} - \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}$$

now define the boundary map

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_p : C_p(X) &\rightarrow C_{p-1}(X) \\ \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \sigma_i &\mapsto \sum_{i=1}^k n_i (\partial\sigma_i) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1:

With notation as above

$$\partial_{p-1} \circ \partial_p = 0$$

subscript p is usually omitted so
lemma then stated $\partial^2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \partial_{p-1} \circ \partial_p \sigma &= \partial_{p-1} \left(\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma \circ F_i^p \right) = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (-1)^j \sigma \circ F_i^p \circ F_j^{p-1} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq j < i \leq p} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ F_i^p \circ F_j^{p-1} + \sum_{0 \leq i \leq j \leq p-1} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ F_i^p \circ F_j^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{0 \leq j < i \leq p} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_j \dots \hat{e}_i \dots e_p] + \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq p-1} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_i \dots \hat{e}_{j+1} \dots e_n] \\
&\quad \downarrow k=j+1 \\
&= \sum_{0 \leq j < i \leq p} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_j \dots \hat{e}_i \dots e_p] + \sum_{0 \leq i < k \leq p} (-1)^{i+k-1} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_i \dots \hat{e}_k \dots e_n] \\
&\quad \text{note relable back to } j \\
&= \sum_{j < i} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_j \dots \hat{e}_i \dots e_p] - \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ [e_0 \dots \hat{e}_i \dots \hat{e}_j \dots e_n] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

note: lemma \Rightarrow image $\partial_p \subset \text{kernel } \partial_{p-1}$

we define the p^{th} homology group of X to be

$$H_p(X) = \frac{\ker \partial_p}{\text{im } \partial_{p+1}}$$

an element of $\ker \partial_p$ is called a (singular) p -cycle

an element of $\text{im } \partial_{p+1}$ is called a (singular) p -boundary

we say two chains $c_1, c_2 \in C_p(X)$ are homologous if \exists some $d \in C_{p+1}(X)$ s.t. $c_1 - c_2 = \partial d$, we write $c_1 \sim c_2$

this is an equivalence relation if c is a p -cycle

let $[c]$ be its equivalence class

$$H_p(X) = \{[c] \mid c \text{ a } p\text{-cycle}\}$$

Remark: There are no singular p -simplices for $p < 0$ so $C_p(X) = \{0\}$

$$\therefore H_p(X) = 0 \quad \forall p < 0$$

Lemma 2:

let $X = \text{one point space}$
 then $H_p(X) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & p=0 \\ 0 & p \neq 0 \end{cases}$

Proof: for each $p \geq 0 \exists!$ map $\sigma_p: \Delta^p \rightarrow X$

$$\therefore C_p(X) = \mathbb{Z} \text{ generated by } \sigma_p$$

now $\partial_p \sigma_p = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma_p^{(i)} = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma_{p-1}^{(i)}$

$$\text{so } \partial_p \sigma_p = \begin{cases} \sigma_{p-1} & p \text{ even} \\ 0 & p \text{ odd or } p=0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore p \text{ odd}$

$$H_p(X) = \frac{\ker \partial_p}{\text{im } \partial_{p+1}} = \frac{C_p(X)}{C_p(X)} = \{0\}$$

$p \text{ even, } p > 0$

$$H_p(X) = \frac{\ker \partial_p}{\text{im } \partial_{p+1}} = \frac{\{0\}}{\{0\}} = \{0\}$$

$p=0$

$$H_0(X) = \frac{\ker \partial_0}{\text{im } \partial_1} = \frac{C_0(X)}{\{0\}} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\{0\}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$



Thm 3:

$H_0(X) = \text{free abelian group generated by path components of } X$
 $\cong \bigoplus_n \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{where } X \text{ has } n \text{ path components}$

Proof: an element $c \in C_0(X)$ is $c = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i x_i$ for points $x_i \in X, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

define $\varepsilon: C_0(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

$$\sum n_i x_i \mapsto \sum n_i$$

It is easy to check ε is a homomorphism (do it!)

If σ is a singular 1-simplex then

$$\longrightarrow \xrightarrow{\sigma}$$

$$\partial \sigma = x_1 - x_2 \quad (\text{end points of } \sigma)$$



$$\text{so } \varepsilon(\partial \sigma) = 0$$

if $d \in C_1(X)$ then $d = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \sigma_i$ so $\varepsilon(\partial d) = 0$

i.e. $\text{im } \partial_1 \subset \ker \varepsilon$

so ε induces a homomorphism

$$\varepsilon_*: H_0(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{called an \underline{augmentation} (so is } \varepsilon)$$

$$[c] \mapsto \varepsilon(c)$$

Claim: if X is path connected then ε_* is an isomorphism

Pf: clearly ε_* is surjective ($\varepsilon_*([x]) = 1$)

fix $x_0 \in X$, then for any $x \in X$ we can take $\lambda_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\lambda_x(0) = x_0$
 $\lambda_x(1) = x$

$$\text{so } \partial \lambda_x = x - x_0$$

now given any $c = \sum n_i x_i$ such that $\epsilon(c) = 0$

let λ_{x_i} be path for x_i

$$\text{note } c - \partial \sum n_i \lambda_{x_i} = \sum n_i x_i - \sum n_i (x_i - x_0) = \sum n_i x_0 = (\sum n_i) x_0 = 0$$

$$\text{so } c = \partial \sum n_i \lambda_{x_i} \text{ and } [c] = 0 \text{ in } H_0(X)$$

Exercise: If the path components of X are $X_\alpha, \alpha \in A$

$$\text{then } C_p(X) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} C_p(X_\alpha)$$

$$\text{and } H_p(X) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} H_p(X_\alpha)$$

Note lemma now follows 

Remark: if we set $\tilde{\partial}_0 = \epsilon$ and $\tilde{\partial}_i = \partial_i$ for $i \geq 1$ then the proof

$$\text{shows } \tilde{\partial}_i \circ \tilde{\partial}_{i+1} = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 0$$

$$\text{so we can define } \tilde{H}_p(X) = \frac{\ker \tilde{\partial}_p}{\text{im } \tilde{\partial}_{p+1}}$$

$$\text{Clearly } H_p(X) = \tilde{H}_p(X) \text{ if } p \geq 1 \text{ and}$$

$$H_0(X) = \tilde{H}_0(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$\tilde{H}_p(X)$ is called the reduced homology of X .

notice that if $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ is a loop based at x_0

then γ is also a singular 1-simplex and

$$\partial \gamma = 0 \text{ so } [\gamma] \in H_1(X)$$

this gives a map

$$\phi : \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_1(X) \text{ called the } \underline{\text{Hurewitz map}}$$

(we check it's well-defined below)

Theorem:

If X path connected, then the Hurewitz map induces an isomorphism

$$\phi_* : (\pi_1(X, x_0))^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow H_1(X)$$

where $(\pi_1(X, x_0))^{\text{ab}}$ is the abelianization of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$

The abelianization G^{ab} of a group G is the largest abelian

quotient of G .

that is if A is any abelian group and $f: G \rightarrow A$ a homomorphism, then $\exists \tilde{f}: G^{ab} \rightarrow A$ st.

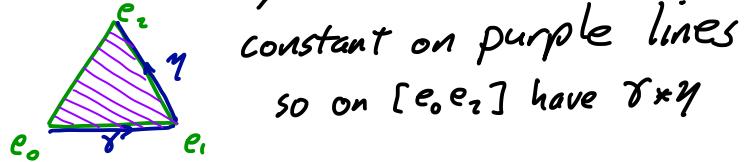
$$G \xrightarrow{\circ} \begin{matrix} f \\ \downarrow \\ G^{ab} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} A$$

exercise: $G^{ab} = \frac{G}{[G, G]}$ where $[G, G]$ is the smallest normal subgroup of G containing $\{[g, h] : g, h \in G\}$

Proof: we will denote equiv. classes in $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ by $[\gamma]$ and equiv. classes in $H_1(X)$ by $[[\gamma]]$

note: 1) If γ, η paths in X with $\gamma(1) = \eta(0)$, then $\gamma * \eta - \gamma - \eta$ is a boundary

indeed, define $\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ by



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so on $[e_0, e_2]$ have $\gamma * \eta$

$$\text{now } \partial \sigma = \gamma - \gamma * \eta + \eta$$

2) If γ a path in X , then $\gamma + \bar{\gamma}$ is a boundary (and constant path a boundary)

indeed, if $\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ a constant map,

$$\text{then } \partial \sigma = \underbrace{\sigma^{(0)} - \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}}_{\text{each a constant path } c} = c$$

now given γ let $\sigma': \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ be



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$$\text{so } \sigma' \text{ on } [e_1, e_2] \text{ is } \bar{\gamma}$$

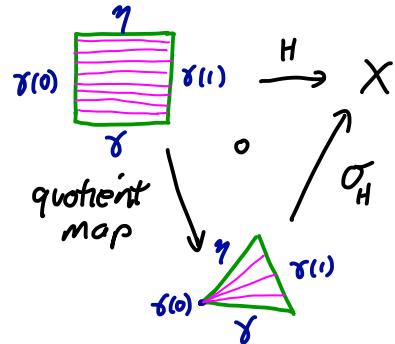
on $[e_0, e_2]$ is some constant path c

let σ be singular 2-simplex with $\partial \sigma = c$

$$\text{so } \partial(\sigma' - \sigma) = \gamma + \bar{\gamma}$$

3) if γ and η are homotopic rel end points then $\gamma - \eta$ is a boundary

Indeed, let $H: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow X$ be the homotopy
then H induces a singular 2-simplex σ_H



$$\text{now } \partial\sigma = \gamma - \eta + \text{constant path}$$

since a constant path is a boundary so is $\underline{\gamma - \eta}$

now: 3) $\Rightarrow \phi$ is well defined

1) $\Rightarrow \phi$ a homomorphism:

$$\phi([\gamma] \cdot [\eta]) = \phi([\gamma * \eta]) = [[\gamma * \eta]]^{(1)} = [[\gamma]] + [[\eta]] = \phi([\gamma]) + \phi([\eta])$$

since $H_1(X)$ abelian we get

$$\phi_x: (\pi_1(X, x_0))^{\text{ab}} \rightarrow H_1(X)$$

we construct an inverse for ϕ_x

for each point $x \in X$ let γ_x be a path x_0 to x

given a singular 1-simplex σ let

$$\hat{\sigma} = \gamma_{\sigma(0)} * \sigma * \bar{\gamma}_{\sigma(1)} \quad (\text{choose } \gamma_{x_0} \text{ just to be constant path } e_{x_0})$$

this is a loop in X based at x_0

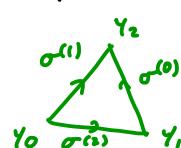
now define $\psi(\sigma) = [\hat{\sigma}]$ since $(\pi_1(X, x_0))^{\text{ab}}$ is abelian and

$C_1(X)$ a free abelian group this defines

$$\psi: C_1(X) \rightarrow (\pi_1(X, x_0))^{\text{ab}}$$

note $\psi \circ \phi_x([\gamma]) = [e_{x_0} * \gamma * \bar{e}_{x_0}] = [\gamma]$

if σ is a 2-simplex then let y_0, y_1, y_2 be vertices



$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(\partial_2 \sigma) &= \psi(\sigma^{(0)} - \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}) = \psi(\sigma^{(2)}) \psi(\sigma^{(0)}) \psi(\sigma^{(1)})^{-1} \\
 &= [\gamma_{Y_0} * \sigma^{(2)} * \bar{\gamma}_{Y_1} * \gamma_{Y_1} * \sigma^{(0)} * \bar{\gamma}_{Y_2} * \gamma_{Y_2} * \bar{\sigma}^{(1)} * \bar{\gamma}_{Y_0}] \\
 &= [\gamma_{Y_0} * \sigma^{(2)} * \sigma^{(0)} * \bar{\sigma}^{(1)} * \bar{\gamma}_{Y_0}] = [e_{x_0}] \quad \text{↑ since loop bounds disk } \sigma!
 \end{aligned}$$

So $\text{im } \partial_2 \subset \ker \psi \therefore \psi$ induces a map

$$\psi_* : H_1(X) \rightarrow (\pi_1(X, x_0))^{ab}$$

from above we clearly have $\psi_* \circ \phi_* = \text{id}$

now if $[c] \in H_1(X)$ with $c = \sum_i n_i \sigma_i$ concatenate n_i copies

$$\phi_* \circ \psi_*([c]) = \phi_* \left(\left[\sum_i n_i (\gamma_{\sigma_i(0)} * \sigma_i * \bar{\gamma}_{\sigma_i(1)}) \right] \right)$$

concatenate

$$= \sum_i n_i [\gamma_{\sigma_i(0)} * \sigma_i * \bar{\gamma}_{\sigma_i(1)}]$$

$$= \sum_i n_i ([\gamma_{\sigma_i(0)}] + [\sigma_i] - [\gamma_{\sigma_i(1)}])$$

$$= \sum_i n_i [\sigma_i] = [\sum_i n_i \sigma_i] = [c]$$

↑ since $\partial c = 0$ for each $\sigma_i(0), \exists a j$ st. $\sigma_j(1) = \sigma_i(0)$

$$\text{so } \phi_* \circ \psi_* = \text{id} \quad \#$$

Remark: For any n can similarly define a map

$$\phi_n : \pi_n(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_n(X)$$

and can show for the first k for which $H_k(X) \neq 0$

ϕ_k is an isomorphism if $k > 1$

B Intro to homological algebra and maps on homology

a sequence of abelian groups C_* and maps

$$\partial_n : C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1} \quad \text{↑ denotes general index}$$

is called a chain complex if $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$ for all n

the homology of the complex is

$$H_n(C_*, \partial) = \ker \partial_n / \text{im } \partial_{n+1}$$

Homological algebra is the study of general chain complexes when a definition or theorem is purely about homological algebra I'll denote it by (HA) such results are true for any chain complex

In particular, they will apply to the singular chain groups.

defⁿ(HA): given two chain complexes (C_*, ∂) and (C'_*, ∂') a chain map is a sequence of homomorphisms $f_n : C_n \rightarrow C'_n$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \partial'_n \circ f_n & = & f_{n-1} \circ \partial_n & & \dots & \rightarrow & C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & & & & \downarrow f_n & \circ & \downarrow f_{n-1} \\ & & & & \partial'_n & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & C'_n & \xrightarrow{\partial'_n} & C'_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

lemma 5 (HA):

A chain map $\{f_n\} : (C_*, \partial) \rightarrow (C'_*, \partial')$ induces homomorphisms $(f_n)_* : H_n(C_*, \partial) \rightarrow H_n(C'_*, \partial')$

Proof: note if $[h] \in H_n(C_*, \partial)$, then $\partial_n h = 0$

$$\text{so } \partial'_n(f_n(h)) = f_{n-1}(\partial_n h) = f_{n-1}(0) = 0$$

so $f_n(h)$ gives a class in $H_n(C'_*, \partial')$

define $(h_n)_* : H_n(C_*, \partial) \rightarrow H_n(C'_*, \partial')$

$$[h] \mapsto [f_n(h)]$$

note, $(h_n)_*$ is well-defined since if $[h] = [h']$ then $\exists k$ s.t.

$$h - h' = \partial_{n+1} k$$

so we have

$$f_n(h) = f_n(h' + \partial_{n+1} k) = f_n(h') + \partial'_{n+1}(f_{n+1} k)$$

$$\text{so } [f_n(h)] = [f_n(h')]$$

$(f_n)_*$ is a homeomorphism since f_n is (exercise) ~~continuous~~

Now for singular homology

if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map, then define

$$f_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(Y) : \sum m_i \sigma_i \mapsto \sum m_i (f \circ \sigma_i)$$

this is clearly a homomorphism and

$$\begin{aligned} f_{n-1}(\partial_n \sigma) &= f_{n-1}\left(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma^{(i)}\right) = \sum (-1)^i (f \circ \sigma^{(i)}) \\ &= \sum (-1)^i (f \circ \sigma)^{(i)} \\ &= \partial_n(f_n(\sigma)) \end{aligned}$$

$$so \quad f_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = \partial_n \circ f_n$$

\therefore by lemma we get

$$(f_n)_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$$

exercise: 1) $(f_n \circ g_n)_* = (f_n)_* \circ (g_n)_*$

2) $(id_X)_n = id_{H_n(X)}$

defⁿ (HA):

given chain complexes (C_*, ∂) and (C'_*, ∂')

and chain maps $\{f_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$ from (C_*, ∂) to (C'_*, ∂')

a chain homotopy between $\{f_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$ is a sequence of homeomorphisms

$$P_n: C_n \rightarrow C'_{n+1}$$

such that

$$\partial'_{n+1} \circ P_n + P_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = f_n - g_n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & C'_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & C'_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & & f_{n+1} \left(\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} g_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow{P_n} & f_n \left(\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} g_n \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-1} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow{P_{n-1}} & \left(\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} g_n \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-1} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) \\ \dots & \rightarrow & C'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial'_{n+1}} & C'_n & \xrightarrow{\partial'_n} & C'_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

lemma 6 (HA):

If there is a chain homotopy between $\{f_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$

then $(f_n)_* = (g_n)_*: H_n(C_*, \partial) \rightarrow H_n(C'_*, \partial')$

Proof:

$$\text{If } h \in C_n \text{ and } \partial_n h = 0, \text{ then } f_n(h) - g_n(h) = \partial_{n+1}' \circ P_n(h) + P_{n-1}(\partial_n h) \\ = \partial_{n+1}'(P_n(h))$$

$$\text{so } [f_n(h)] = [g_n(h)] \quad \blacksquare$$

Thm 7:

let $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ be homotopic maps

Then $\{f_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$ are chain homotopic maps $(C_*(X), \partial)$ to $(C_*(Y), \partial)$
and thus $(f_n)_* = (g_n)_* : H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$

Proof: let $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ be the homotopy

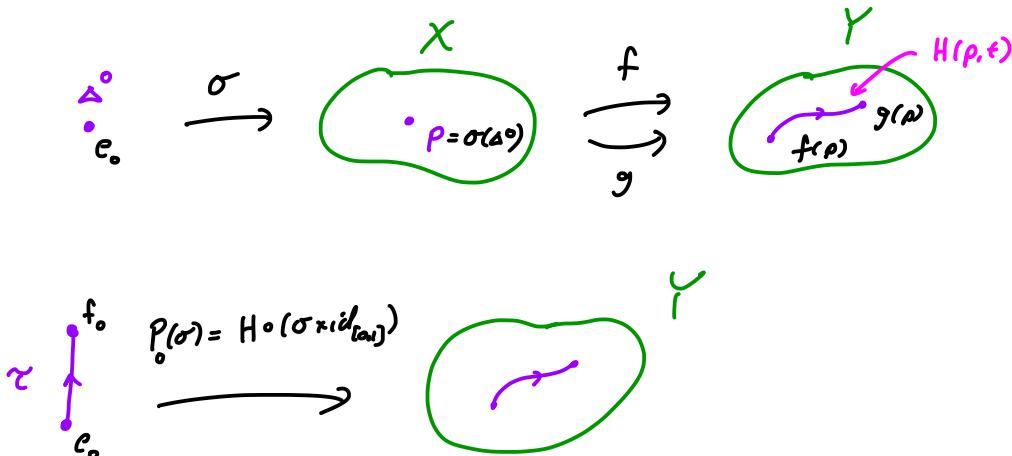
$$\text{so } H(x, 0) = f(x) \text{ and } H(x, 1) = g(x)$$

given a simplex $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$

$$\text{we define } P(\sigma) \text{ by } H \circ (\sigma \times \text{id}_{[0,1]} : \Delta^n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y)$$

to make sense of this we need to see $\Delta^n \times [0, 1]$
as a union on $(n+1)$ -simplices

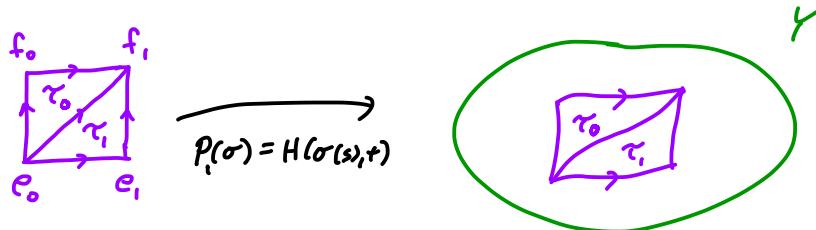
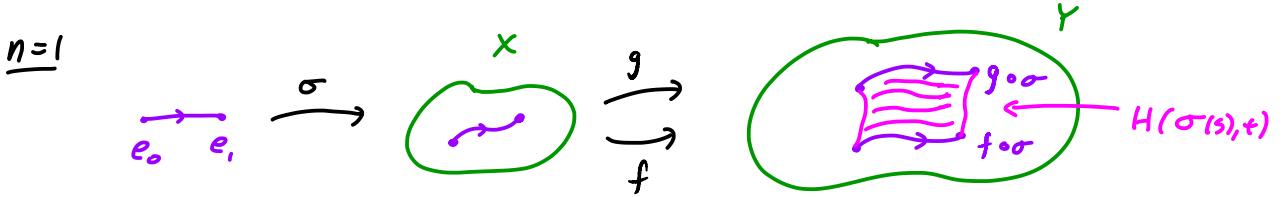
e.g. $n=0$



$$P_0(\sigma) = H \circ (\sigma \times \text{id}_{[0,1]}) = H(\sigma(e_0), t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial P_0(\sigma) &= \partial(H(\sigma(e_0), t)) = H(\sigma(e_0), 1) - H(\sigma(e_0), 0) \\ &= g \circ \sigma - f \circ \sigma \end{aligned}$$

(let $P_{-1} = 0$)



$$\tau_i = [e_0, e_1, f_i]$$

$$\tau_0 = [e_0, f_0, f_1]$$

define $P_i(\sigma) = \overbrace{H \circ (\sigma \times id_{[e_0, f_i]})}^H|_{\tau_i} - H \circ (\sigma \times id)|_{\tau_i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial(P_i(\sigma)) &= H_\sigma|_{[f_0, f_i]} - \cancel{H_\sigma|_{[e_0, f_i]}} + H_\sigma|_{[e_0, f_0]} - \cancel{H_\sigma|_{[e_i, f_i]}} + \cancel{H_\sigma|_{[e_0, f_i]}} - \cancel{H_\sigma|_{[e_0, e_i]}} \\ &\downarrow \\ &= \cancel{g \circ \sigma} + \underbrace{H_\sigma|_{[e_0, f_0]}}_{\cancel{H_\sigma|_{[f_0, f_i]}}} - \cancel{H_\sigma|_{[f_0, f_i]}} - \cancel{f \circ \sigma} \\ &= g \circ \sigma - f \circ \sigma - P_i(\partial \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

In general let $e_0 \dots e_n$ be the vertices of Δ^n in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

think of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+2}$ as $x_{n+2} = 0$

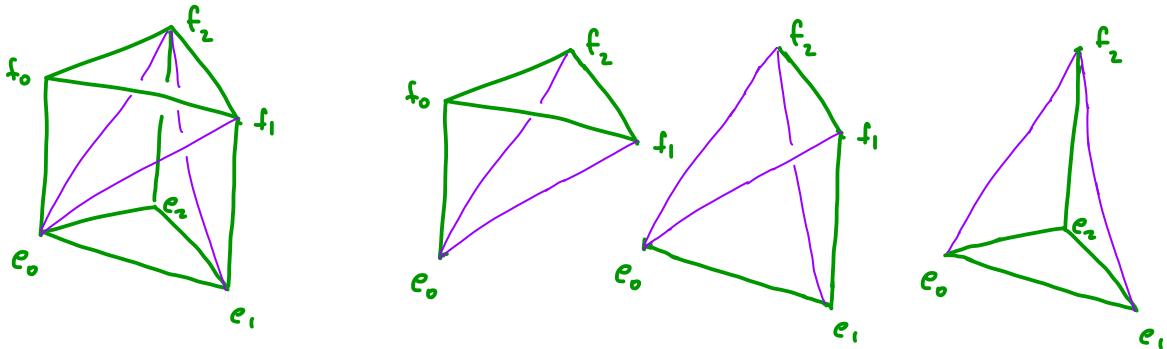
let f_i be the points in \mathbb{R}^{n+2} above e_i with x_{n+2} coord = 1

so $[e_0 \dots e_n]$ describes $\Delta^n \times \{0\}$ and

$[f_0 \dots f_n]$ " " $\Delta^n \times \{1\}$

and $\Delta^n \times \{0, 1\}$ is the union of the $(n+1)$ -simplices

$$[e_0, \dots, e_i, f_i, \dots, f_n]$$



now define

$$P_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(Y) \text{ by}$$

$$P_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i H \circ (\sigma \times id_{[e_0, e_i]}) \Big|_{[e_0, e_1, f_1, \dots, f_n]}$$

$$\partial P_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i \leq j} (-1)^i (-1)^j H \circ (\sigma \times id_{[e_0, e_j]}) \Big|_{[e_0, \dots, \hat{e}_j, \dots, e_n, f_1, \dots, f_n]}$$

$$+ \sum_{i \leq j} (-1)^i (-1)^{j+1} H \circ (\sigma \times id_{[e_0, e_j]}) \Big|_{[e_0, \dots, e_n, f_1, \dots, \hat{f}_j, \dots, f_n]}$$

the $i=j$ terms cancel except for

$$[\hat{e}_0, f_0, \dots, f_n] = [f_0, \dots, f_n] \text{ term which is } g \circ \sigma$$

and

$$[e_0, \dots, e_n, \hat{f}_n] = [e_0, \dots, e_n] \text{ term which is } -f \circ \sigma$$

Exercise: the $i \neq j$ terms give $-P_{n-1}(\partial\sigma)$



Cor 8:

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence then $f_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism for all n .

Remark: If X is a contractible space, then

$$H_n(X) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

C. Relative Homology and Excision

let A be a subspace of X

$$\text{so } C_n(A) \subset C_n(X)$$

note $C_n(A)$ is in the kernel of

$$C_n(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} C_{n-1}(X)/C_{n-1}(A)$$

so ∂_n induces a map

$$\partial_n: C_n(X)/C_n(A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)/C_{n-1}(A)$$

define $C_n(X, A) = \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$ and

$\partial_n : C_n(X, A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X, A)$ as above

clearly $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$

the relative (singular) homology of (X, A) is

$$H_n(X, A) = \frac{\ker \partial_n}{\text{im } \partial_{n+1}}$$

note: 1) an element in $H_n(X, A)$ is represented by a relative cycle

i.e. $\alpha \in C_n(X)$ s.t. $\partial_n \alpha \in C_{n-1}(A)$

2) a relative cycle α is trivial in $H_n(X, A)$ if it is a relative boundary

i.e. $\exists \beta \in C_{n+1}(X)$ and $\gamma \in C_n(A)$ s.t.

$$\alpha = \partial \beta + \gamma$$

Recall a sequence of homomorphisms

$$A \xrightarrow{\phi} B \xrightarrow{\psi} C$$

is called exact at B if $\text{im } \phi = \ker \psi$

a longer sequence is exact if it is exact at every group

lemma 9 (HA):

If (A_*, ∂_A) , (B_*, ∂_B) , and (C_*, ∂_C) are 3 chain complexes and $\{\phi_n\}: (A_*, \partial_A) \rightarrow (B_*, \partial_B)$ and $\{\psi_n\}: (B_*, \partial_B) \rightarrow (C_*, \partial_C)$ are chain maps such that

$$0 \rightarrow A_n \xrightarrow{\phi_n} B_n \xrightarrow{\psi_n} C_n \rightarrow 0$$

is exact

then there is a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A_*, \partial_A) \xrightarrow{(\phi_n)_*} H_n(B_*, \partial_B) \xrightarrow{(\psi_n)_*} H_n(C_*, \partial_C) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} H_{n-1}(A_*, \partial_A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Some times this is written
as an exact triangle

$$H_*(A, \partial_A) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} H_*(B, \partial_B) \xrightarrow{\psi_*} H_*(C, \partial_C) \xrightarrow{\partial_{*-1}} H_*(A, \partial_A)$$

ϕ_* , ψ_* preserve degree
 ∂_* reduces degree by 1

before proving this we note an important consequence

Th^m 10:

let A be a subspace of X

1) let $i: A \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion map and
 $q_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(X, A)$ the quotient map

Then

$$0 \rightarrow C_n(A) \xrightarrow{i_n} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{q_n} C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact

2) So \exists a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A) \xrightarrow{\iota_n} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{q_n} H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

called long exact sequence of a pair

Proof: 2) follows from 1) and lemma 9

1) clearly $i_n: C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(X)$ is injective
and $q_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(X, A)$ is surjective
and $\ker q_n = \text{im } i_n$ 

exercise: verify that ∂_n in the exact sequence is the map

$h \in H_n(X, A)$, choose $\alpha \in C_n(X)$ s.t. $\partial_n \alpha \in C_{n-1}(A)$
and $\alpha \in h$

then $\partial_n h = [\partial_n \alpha] \in H_{n-1}(A)$

Proof of lemma 9: consider

given $c \in C_n$ with $\partial_c c = 0$

$\exists b \in B_n$ s.t. $\psi_n(b) = c$

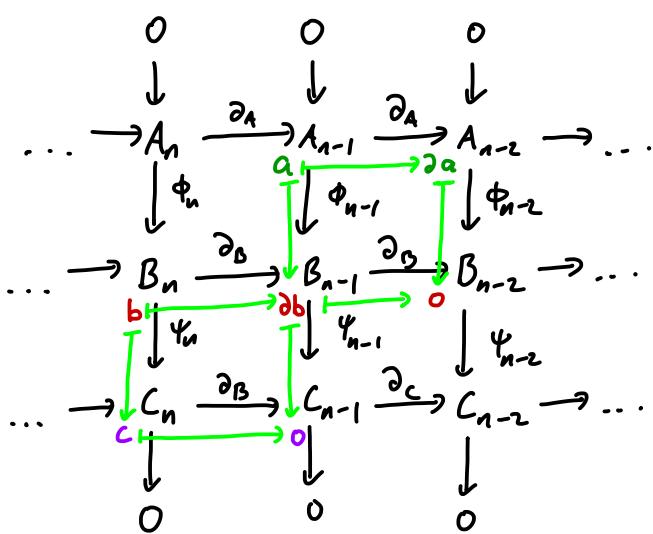
note: $\psi_{n-1}(\partial_B b) = \partial_c(\psi_n(b))$
 $= \partial_c(c) = 0$

so $\partial_B b \in \ker \psi_{n-1} = \text{im } \phi_{n-1}$

and $\exists a \in A_{n-1}$ s.t. $\phi_{n-1}(a) = \partial_B b$

note: $\phi_{n-2}(\partial_A a) = \partial_B(\phi_{n-1}(a)) = \partial_B^2 b = 0$

since ϕ_{n-2} injective $\partial_A a = 0$



define: $\partial: H_n(C_*, \partial) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A_*, \partial_A)$

$[c] \longmapsto [a]$ where a is constructed above

Claim: $\partial[c]$ is well-defined

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & & & \\
 A_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_A} & A_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_A} & A_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots & \\
 \downarrow \Phi_{n+1} & & \downarrow \Phi_n & & \downarrow \Phi_{n-1} & & \\
 B_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_B} & B_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_B} & B_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots & \\
 \downarrow \Psi_{n+1} & & \downarrow \Psi_n & & \downarrow \Psi_{n-1} & & \\
 C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_C} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_C} & C_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots & \\
 \downarrow \bar{c} & & \downarrow c' & & \downarrow 0 & & \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Diagram illustrating the long exact sequence of homology groups. The columns represent the objects A_n, B_n, C_n and the rows represent the homology groups $H_n(C_*, \partial)$. The boundary maps $\partial_A, \partial_B, \partial_C$ are shown between the columns. The connecting homomorphisms $\Phi_n: A_n \rightarrow B_n$ and $\Psi_n: B_n \rightarrow C_n$ are shown between the rows. The diagram shows various paths from elements in one column to elements in another, such as $\bar{a} \rightarrow a \rightarrow a' \rightarrow b \rightarrow b' \rightarrow \bar{b}$ and $\bar{b} \rightarrow b \rightarrow b' \rightarrow c \rightarrow c' \rightarrow \bar{c}$.

Note: only 2 choices: ① $c \in [c]$ and
② b s.t. $\Psi_n(b) = c$

now given $c, c' \in [c]$

$\exists \bar{c} \in C_{n+1}$ s.t. $\partial_C \bar{c} = c - c'$

choose any $b, b' \in B_n$ and $\bar{b} \in B_{n+1}$ s.t.

$\Psi_n(b) = c$, $\Psi_n(b') = c'$, and $\Psi_{n+1}(\bar{b}) = \bar{c}$

so $\Psi_n(\partial_B \bar{b} - b + b') = \partial_C \Psi_{n+1}(\bar{b}) - c + c' = 0$

and hence $\exists \bar{a} \in A_n$ s.t. $\Phi_n(\bar{a}) = \partial_B \bar{b} - b + b'$

as above $\exists! a, a' \in A_{n-1}$ s.t. $\Phi_{n-1}(a) = \partial_B b$ and $\Phi_{n-1}(a') = \partial_B b'$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{now } \Phi_{n-1}(\partial_A \bar{a} + a - a') &= \partial_B \Phi_n(\bar{a}) + \partial_B b - \partial_B b' \\
 &= \partial_B (\partial_B \bar{b} - b + b') + \partial_B b - \partial_B b' = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Φ_{n-1} injective $\Rightarrow a' = a + \partial_A \bar{a}$

and hence $[a] = [a']$ so $\partial[c]$ well-defined

exercise: 1) Show ∂ a homomorphism

$$2) \text{im } (\Phi_n)_* = \ker (\Psi_n)_*$$

$$3) \text{im } (\Psi_n)_* = \ker \partial_n$$

$$4) \text{im } \partial_n = \ker (\Phi_{n-1})_*$$



example: $H_n(X, x_0) = \tilde{H}_n(X)$

↑
reduced homology

indeed

$$H_n(x_0) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(x_0)$$

for $n \geq 2$

$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

so is injective and surjective

$$\therefore H_n(X) = H_n(X, x_0)$$

and $H_i(x_0) \rightarrow H_i(X) \rightarrow H_i(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_0(x_0) \rightarrow H_0(X) \rightarrow H_0(X, x_0) \rightarrow 0$

$$0 \rightarrow H_i(X) \rightarrow H_i(X, x_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow H_0(X, x_0) \rightarrow 0$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 isomorphism onto \mathbb{Z} given by path component
 of X containing x_0
 $\therefore 0$ map

$$\text{so } H_i(X, x_0) = H_i(X) \text{ and}$$

$$H_0(X, x_0) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^n \mathbb{Z}$$

exercises:

1) If $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is continuous then

$$f_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$$

2) if $f, g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ are homotopic through maps taking A to B

$$\text{then } f_* = g_*$$

3) $A \subset B \subset X$ then you get a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(B, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, B) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(B, A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Theorem II (Excision):

let $Z \subset A$ be subspaces of X

assume $\overline{Z} \subset \text{int } A$

Then the inclusion map

$$i: (X - Z, A - Z) \rightarrow (X, A)$$

induces an isomorphism on homology

$$i_*: H_n(X - Z, A - Z) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$$

We give the proof later

a pair $A \subset X$ is called good if A is non-empty, closed, and has a neighborhood U in X s.t. A is a deformation retract of U
 (i.e. $\exists H: U \times [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ s.t. $H(x, 0) = x$, $H(x, 1) \in A \quad \forall x \in U$, and
 $H(x, t) = x \quad \forall x \in A$)

examples: if A is a submanifold of a manifold X , then (X, A) a good pair
 if X is built from A by attaching cells, then (X, A) is a good pair

Th 12:

If (X, A) is a good pair, then the quotient map

$$q: (X, A) \rightarrow (X/A, A/A)$$

induces an isomorphism

$$q_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X/A, A/A) \cong H_n(X/A, \rho^*) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$$

Proof: let U be a neighborhood of A that def retracts to A

we have

$$H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, U) \xleftarrow{\cong \text{ by excision (Th 11)}} H_n(X-A, U-A)$$

$$\downarrow q_* \quad \circ \quad \downarrow q_* \quad \circ \quad \downarrow q_*$$

$$H_n(X/A, A/A) \rightarrow H_n(X/A, U/A) \xleftarrow{\cong} H_n(X_A - A/A, U_A - A/A)$$

Note: $q: (X-A, U-A) \rightarrow (X_A - A/A, U_A - A/A)$ a homeomorphism! (the "identity map")

so right most q_* an isomorphism

so middle q_* an isomorphism by excision

now we have $(A, A) \xrightarrow{i} (U, A) \xrightarrow{h_i} (A, A)$ where $h_i(x) = H(x, i)$ and

$$\text{and } h_i \circ i = id_{(A, A)}$$

H is def. retraction U to A

$$i \circ h_i \simeq id_{(U, A)} \text{ by } h_i$$

so $i_*: H_n(A, A) \rightarrow H_n(U, A)$ an isomorphism

thus the long exact sequence of $A \subset U \subset X$ gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
H_n(U, A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, U) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(U, A) \\
\text{SII} & & & & \text{SII} & & \\
H_n(A, A) & & \text{SII} & & H_{n-1}(A, A) & & \\
\parallel & & & & \parallel & & \\
0 & & & & 0 & &
\end{array}$$

and $H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, U)$ an isomorphism.

we also know U/A deformation retracts to A/A (H induces def retract)
so the same argument shows

$H_n(X_A, A/A) \rightarrow H_n(X_A, U/A)$ is an isomorphism

\therefore left most q_* above is an isomorphism as claimed $\#\#$

Prop 13:

$$H_k(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, n \\ 0 & k \neq 0, n \end{cases}$$

and

$$H_k(D^n, \partial D^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$$

Proof: note

$$H_k(S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$H_k(D^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

n=1 case: Long exact sequence of (D', S^0) (note $D'/S^0 \cong S'$)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_k(S^0) & \rightarrow & H_k(D') & \rightarrow & H_k(D', S^0) & \rightarrow & H_{k-1}(S^0) \\ \text{k=2} & \text{''} & 0 & \text{''} & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } H_k(S') \cong H_k(D'/S^0) \cong H_k(D', S^0) = 0 \text{ for } k \geq 2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_1(S^0) & \rightarrow & H_1(D') & \rightarrow & H_1(D', S^0) & \rightarrow & H_0(S^0) & \rightarrow & H_0(D') & \rightarrow & H_0(D', S^0) \\ \text{''} & & \text{''} \\ 0 & & 0 & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\text{f}_0(S')} & \mathbb{Z} & & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1(S') \cong H_1(D', S^0) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Induction: assume Prop is true for S^{n-1} ($n \geq 1$)

Consider (D^n, S^{n-1}) :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_n(D^n) & \rightarrow & H_n(D^n, S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(D^n) \\ \text{''} & & 0 & & \text{''} & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } H_n(S^n) \cong H_n(D^n, S^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

for $k \neq n, 0, 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_k(D^n) & \rightarrow & H_k(D^n, S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{k-1}(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{k-1}(D^n) \\ \text{''} & & 0 & & \text{''} & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } H_k(S^n) \cong H_k(D^n, S^{n-1}) = 0 \quad k \neq n, 1.$$

now

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_1(D^n) & \rightarrow & H_1(D^n, S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_0(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_0(D^n) & \rightarrow & H_0(D^n, S^{n-1}) \\ \text{''} & & 0 & & \text{''} & & \text{''} & & \text{''} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } H_1(S^n) = H_1(D^n, S^{n-1}) = 0$$



Cor 14:

∂D^n is not a retract of D^n and

any map $f: D^n \rightarrow \partial D^n$ has a fixed point.

Proof:

If $r: D^n \rightarrow \partial D^n$ is a retraction then $r \circ i = id_{\partial D^n}$ where $i: \partial D^n \rightarrow D^n$ is inclusion
thus $r_* \circ i_*: H_{n-1}(\partial D^n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{n-1}(D^n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{n-1}(D^n)$ is an isomorphism

but $r_*: H_{n-1}(D^n) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial D^n)$ the trivial map! since $H_{n-1}(D^n) = 0$ \square
 $\therefore r$ does not exist!

the second statement follows from the first as in proof of Cor I.14 \square

Cor 15:

If $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ are open sets that are homeomorphic
then $n=m$

Remark: this is called "invariance of domain" and implies that any n manifold is not homeomorphic to an m manifold for $n \neq m$

Proof: for any $x \in U$, we have $\mathbb{R}^n - U \subset \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, so excision says

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong H_k(\mathbb{R}^n - (\mathbb{R}^n - U), (\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) - (\mathbb{R}^n - U)) = H_k(U, U - \{x\})$$

the exact sequence for $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\})$ says

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ \downarrow 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow 0$$

$$\text{so } H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong H_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong H_{k-1}(S^{n-1})$$

$$\text{and } H_k(U, U - \{x\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases} \quad \text{with } \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\} \cong S^{n-1}$$

$$\text{similarly } H_k(V, V - \{y\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=m \\ 0 & k \neq m \end{cases} \quad \text{if } y \in V$$

if $h: U \rightarrow V$ a homeomorphism then $H_k(U, U - \{x\}) \cong H_k(V, V - \{h(x)\}) \quad \forall k$

$$\therefore m=n \quad \square$$

later it will be useful to know the generators of $H_n(S^n)$ and $H_n(D^n, \partial D^n)$

Prop 16:

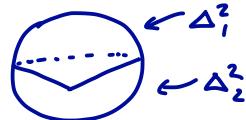
- 1) We can identify $(D^n, \partial D^n)$ with $(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n)$
under this identification

$$H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

is generated by the identity map $\Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$

- 2) We can identify S^n with $\Delta_1^n \cup \Delta_2^n$ with $\partial \Delta_1^n$ glued to $\partial \Delta_2^n$
by a homeomorphism that preserves
the order of the vertices and is
the identity on faces

e.g.



if $f_1: \Delta_1^n \rightarrow S^n$ is the inclusion map

then $f_1 - f_2$ is the generator of $H^n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Proof: 1) we induct on n

$$\underline{n=0}: H_0(D^0, \partial D^0) = H_0(D^0, \emptyset) = \mathbb{Z}$$

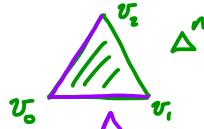
↑ pt

$H_0(D^0)$ is the free abelian group gen. by path components (by Th 3)
so generator is $D^0 = \Delta^0$

induction: assume we know $H_{n-1}(D^{n-1}, \partial D^{n-1})$ generated by the inclusion
 $f: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^{n-1} \cong D^{n-1}$

clearly the inclusion $g: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n$ is a relative cycle ($\partial_n g \in C_{n-1}(\partial \Delta^n)$)
so $\partial g = 0$ in $C_{n-1}(D^n, \partial D^n)$

let Λ be the union of all but one of the $(n-1)$ -dim'l faces of Δ^n



consider the long exact sequence for $(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n, \Lambda)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_n(\Delta^n, \Lambda) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n(\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_{n-1}(\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n) \\
 \text{||} & & & & \text{|| same} & & \\
 \tilde{H}_n(\Delta^n/\Lambda) & & & & & & \\
 \text{||} & & \text{~} \cong \Delta^n \cong pt & & & & \\
 0 & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

so ∂ is an isomorphism

note $\partial\Delta^n = \Lambda \cup \Delta^{n-1}$,

$(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda)$ a good pair, and

$$\partial\Delta^n/\Lambda \stackrel{\Psi}{\cong} \Delta^{n-1}/\partial\Delta^{n-1} \quad \text{induced by inclusion } i: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \partial\Delta^n$$

$$\text{so } H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\Psi} H_{n-1}\left(\Delta^{n-1}/\partial\Delta^{n-1}\right) \cong H_{n-1}(\Delta^{n-1}, \partial\Delta^{n-1})$$

by induction the inclusion of Δ^{n-1} into Δ^{n-1}
generates $H_{n-1}(\Delta^{n-1}, \partial\Delta^{n-1})$

\therefore inclusion Δ^{n-1} into $\partial\Delta^n$ generates $H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda)$

now $\partial[g] = [\partial g] = [\partial\Delta^n]$ in $H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda)$

but $[\partial\Delta^n] = [\Delta^{n-1}]$ in $H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda)$

$\therefore \partial[g]$ is a generator of $H_{n-1}(\partial\Delta^n, \Lambda)$

and $[g]$ a generator of $H_n(\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n)$ since ∂ an isomorphism,

now for S^n : note $S^n/\Delta_2^n \cong \Delta_1^n/\partial\Delta_1^n$

this homeomorphism comes from

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Delta_1^n & \xrightarrow{\text{inc.}} & S^n \xrightarrow{\text{quot.}} S^n/\Delta_2^n \\
 & \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{f} &
 \end{array}$$

this descends to $h: \Delta_1^n/\partial\Delta_1^n \rightarrow S^n/\Delta_2^n$ a homeomorphism

\therefore we get an isomorphism $h_*: H_n(\Delta_1^n, \partial\Delta_1^n) \rightarrow H_n(S^n, \Delta_2^n)$

so Δ_1^n maps to a generator $[\Delta_1^n]$ of $H_n(S^n, \Delta_2^n)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{note: } H_n(\Delta_1^n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n(S^n) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n(S^n, \Delta_2^n) \xrightarrow{\quad} H_{n-1}(\Delta_2^n) \\
 \text{||} & & \cong & & \text{||} \\
 0 & & \text{induced by inclusion} & & 0
 \end{array}$$

$$i: (S^n, \emptyset) \rightarrow (S^n, \Delta_2^n)$$

so $H_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ and it is generated by a cycle in $C_n(S^n)$ that
maps by i to Δ_1^n

now $\sigma = \Delta_1^n - \Delta_2^n$ is a cycle (exercise if not obvious)

and $\sigma = \Delta_1^n$ in $C_n(S^n)/C_n(\Delta_2^n)$

$$\therefore i_*([\sigma]) = [\Delta_1^n] \in H_n(S^n; \Delta_2^n)$$

and hence $[\sigma]$ generates $H_n(S^n)$ 

When making computations it is useful to know the long exact sequences "respect" maps between spaces. This is called naturality.

Th^m17:

If $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is a map of pairs, then the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow \dots \\ & & \downarrow f_* & \circ & \downarrow f_* & \circ & \downarrow f_* & \circ & \downarrow f_* & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(B) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, B) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(B) & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

similarly for the long exact sequence of a triple.

Proof: note $0 \rightarrow C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow f_* \\ 0 \rightarrow C_n(B) \rightarrow C_n(Y) \rightarrow C_n(Y, B) \rightarrow 0 & & & & & & \end{array}$$

is clearly commutative so result follows from homological algebra lemma below 

Lemma 18 (HA):

If we have chain complexes and chain maps s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A_x & \xrightarrow{i} & B_x & \xrightarrow{j} & C_x \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \gamma \\ 0 & \rightarrow & A'_x & \xrightarrow{i'} & B'_x & \xrightarrow{j'} & C'_x \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

is commutative and rows are exact

then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A_x) & \xrightarrow{\iota_*} & H_n(B_x) & \xrightarrow{\jmath_*} & H_n(C_x) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A_x) \rightarrow \dots \\ & & \downarrow \alpha_* & & \downarrow \beta_* & & \downarrow \gamma_* \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A'_x) & \xrightarrow{\iota'_*} & H_n(B'_x) & \xrightarrow{\jmath'_*} & H_n(C'_x) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A'_x) \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

is commutative

Proof: since $\beta \circ i = 1' \circ \alpha \Rightarrow \beta_x \circ \gamma_x = \gamma'_x \circ \alpha_x$

similarly for $\gamma_x \circ j_x = j'_x \circ \beta_x$

now recall $\partial[c] = [a]$ where $a \in A_{n-1}$ s.t.

$$\gamma(a) = \partial b \text{ for some } b \in B_n \text{ s.t. } j(b) = c$$

$$\text{so } \partial[\partial(c)] = [\alpha(a)] \text{ since } \gamma(c) = \gamma(j(b)) = j'(\beta(b))$$

$$\text{and } j'(\alpha(a)) = \beta(\gamma(a)) = \beta(\partial b) = \partial\beta(b)$$

$$\therefore \partial \circ \gamma_x[c] = \alpha_x \circ \partial[c] \quad \forall [c]$$



Here is a long exact sequence that generalizes Van Kampen to homology theory

Theorem 19 (Mayer-Vietoris):

let $A, B \subset X$ be subspaces s.t. $X = (\text{int } A) \cup (\text{int } B)$

let

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & i_A & & \\ & A \cap B & \xrightarrow{i_A} & A & \xrightarrow{j_A} \\ & & \searrow & & \\ & & i_B & \xrightarrow{j_B} & B \end{array} \quad \text{be inclusion maps}$$

$$\text{then } \dots \rightarrow H_n(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\phi} H_n(A) \oplus H_n(B) \xrightarrow{\psi} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A \cap B) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\text{is exact where } \phi = (i_A)_* \oplus (i_B)_*$$

$$\psi([a], [b]) = (j_A)_*([a]) - (j_B)_*([b]) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\partial[z] = [\partial z] \quad \text{where } z = a + b \text{ for } a \in C_*(A) \text{ and } b \in C_*(B)$$

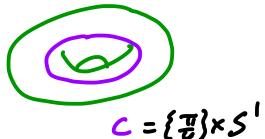
example: $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$



$$A = \text{ (green circle)} = (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \times S^1 \simeq S^1$$

$$H_n(A) = H_n(B) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0,1 \\ 0 & n \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$$

$$B = T^2 - C \quad \text{where} \quad \text{ (green circle)} \simeq S^1 \times S^1$$



$$H_n(A \cap B) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & n=0,1 \\ 0 & n \neq 0,1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 H_2(A) \oplus H_2(B) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_2(T^2) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_1(A \cap B) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_1(T^2) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_0(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\quad} H_0(A) \oplus H_0(B) \xrightarrow{\quad} H_0(T^2) \xrightarrow{\quad} 0 \\
 \text{II} & \longrightarrow & \text{II} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{II} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{II} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{II} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & H_1(T^2) \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\phi_0} & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\psi_0} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\quad} 0
 \end{array}$$

since path connected

note $\phi_0(1,0) = (1,1)$

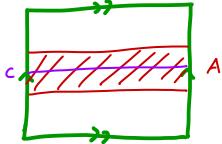
each path component of $A \cap B$

$\phi_0(0,1) = (1,1)$

maps into a path component of A by γ_A and B by γ_B

$\phi_1(1,0) = (1,1)$

$\phi_1(0,1) = (1,1)$



$\Delta_1' - \Delta_2'$ generates one factor of $H_1(A \cap B)$

similarly for other component of $A \cap B$

so $\ker \phi_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ generated by $(1,-1)$

$$\therefore H_2(T^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$\ker \psi_1 = \text{im } \phi_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ generated by $(1,1)$

$$\therefore \text{im } \psi_1 = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / \ker \psi_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$\text{im } \partial \cong \ker \phi_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$ generated by $(1,-1)$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Z} \cong \text{im } \partial \cong H_1(T^2) / \ker \partial \cong H_1(T^2) / \text{im } \psi_1 \cong H_1(T^2) / \mathbb{Z}$$

Claim: $H_1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

let $a+K$ generate $\mathbb{Z} \cong H_1(T^2) / K$ where $K \cong \mathbb{Z}$

if $e \in H_1(T^2)$ then $e+K = na+K$ some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

now $e-na \in K$ so if b generates K , then

$e-na = mb$ some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

so each $e \in H_1(T^2)$ is $na+mb$

you can easily argue that $na+mb = n'a+m'b \Leftrightarrow n=n', m=m'$

exercise: $H_n(T^2) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 3$

$$\text{so } H_n(T^2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0, 2 \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & n=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

to establish Mayer-Vietoris we need

lemma 20(HA):

given two long exact sequences and maps between them as below
so that the diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f_n} & A_n & \xrightarrow{g_n} & B_n & \xrightarrow{h_n} & C_n & \xrightarrow{h_{n-1}} & A_{n-1} & \rightarrow & B_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \\ & & \downarrow \gamma_{n+1} & & \downarrow \alpha_n & & \downarrow \beta_n & & \downarrow \gamma_n & & \downarrow \alpha_{n-1} & & \downarrow \beta_{n-1} & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & C'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{f'_n} & A'_n & \xrightarrow{g'_n} & B'_n & \xrightarrow{h'_n} & C'_n & \xrightarrow{h'_{n-1}} & A'_{n-1} & \rightarrow & B'_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

If the γ_n are isomorphisms, then

$$\dots \rightarrow A_n \xrightarrow{\Phi_n} A'_n \oplus B_n \xrightarrow{\Psi_n} B'_n \xrightarrow{\Gamma_n} A_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact where $\Phi_n(a) = (\alpha_n(a), f_n(a))$,

$$\Psi_n(a'; b) = \beta_n(b) - f'_n(a'), \text{ and}$$

$$\Gamma_n(b') = h_n \circ \gamma_n^{-1} \circ g'_n(b')$$

Proof: easy diagram chase

for example lets check exactness at B'_n

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_n \circ \Psi_n(a'; b) &= h_n \circ \gamma_n^{-1} \circ g'_n(\beta_n(b) - f'_n(a')) \quad \text{○ since } g'_n \circ f'_n = 0 \\ &= h_n \circ \gamma_n^{-1}(\gamma_n \circ g_n(b)) = h_n \circ g_n(b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so $\text{im } \Psi_n \subset \ker \Gamma_n$

now if $b' \in \ker \Gamma_n$ then $\gamma_n^{-1} \circ g'_n(b') \in \ker h_n$

so $\exists b \in B_n$ s.t. $g_n(b) = \gamma_n^{-1} \circ g'_n(b')$

$$\text{i.e. } g'_n(b') = \gamma_n \circ g_n(b) = g'_n \circ \beta_n(b)$$

$$\text{thus } g'_n(\beta_n(b) - b') = 0$$

and so $\exists a' \in A'_n$ s.t. $f'_n(a') = \beta_n(b) - b'$

$$\therefore b' = -f'_n(a') + \beta_n(b) = \Psi_n(a'; b)$$

thus $\text{im } \Psi_n = \ker \Gamma_n$

exercise: check other cases

Proof of Th^m 19 (Mayer - Vietoris).

Consider the long exact sequences of pairs $(A, A \cap B)$ and (X, B)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H_n(A \cap B) & \xrightarrow{(i_A)_*} & H_n(A) & \xrightarrow{(k_A)_*} & H_n(X, A \cap B) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(A \cap B) \\ \downarrow (i_B)_* & & \downarrow (j_A)_* & & \downarrow I_* & & \downarrow \\ H_n(B) & \xrightarrow{(j_B)_*} & H_n(X) & \xrightarrow{(k_B)_*} & H_n(X, B) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(B) \end{array}$$

where i_A, k_A and I are obvious inclusions

note: $A/A \cap B \cong X/B$ (exercise prove this. almost obvious)

so if $(A, A \cap B)$ and (X, B) are good pairs then I_* is

an isomorphism since $H_n(A, A \cap B) \cong \tilde{H}_n(A/A \cap B)$

$$\downarrow I_* \circ \quad \downarrow \Phi_* \cong$$

$$H_n(X, B) \cong H_n(X/B)$$

If pairs not good still expect Φ is an isomorphism, and it is (see book, or try to prove after we prove excision)

the result now follows from lemma (check if not obvious) 

Finally back to proof of excision

Proof Th^m 11 (Excision):

recall the set up: let $Z \subset A$ be subspaces of X with $\bar{Z} \subset \text{int } A$
we need to show the inclusion map

$$i : (X - Z, A - Z) \rightarrow (X, A)$$

induces an isomorphism on homology

$$i_* : H_n(X - Z, A - Z) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$$

Main idea: for any n and any $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i \sigma_i \in C_n(X, A) = \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$

we can find $\beta \in C_{n+1}(X, A)$ such that

$$\alpha + \partial\beta = \sum_{i=1}^l m_i \tau_i$$

where $\text{im } \tau_i \subset X - Z$ or

$\text{im } \tau_i \subset A$ $\forall i$



we prove $\textcircled{*}$ later but see how it implies theorem.

take $[\alpha] \in H_n(X, A)$

$\textcircled{*} \Rightarrow \exists \alpha' \in [\alpha] \text{ s.t. } \alpha' = \sum_i m_i \gamma_i \text{ as in } \textcircled{*}$

let $\alpha'' = \sum_{\substack{i \text{ s.t.} \\ \text{im } \gamma_i \not\subseteq A}} m_i \gamma_i$

note: 1) $\alpha'' = \alpha'$ in $C_n(X)/C_n(A) = C_n(X, A)$

2) $\partial \alpha'' \in C_{n-1}(A)$ in fact in $C_{n-1}(A - Z)$

(since $-\partial \alpha'' = \partial(\underbrace{\alpha'}_{\in A} - \underbrace{\alpha''}_{\in A}) - \partial \alpha'$ so $\partial \alpha'' \subset A \cap (X - Z)$)

3) $\alpha'' \in C_n(X - Z)/C_n(A - Z)$

$\therefore \alpha''$ defines an element $[\alpha''] \in H_n(X - Z, A - Z)$

clearly $\tau_*([\alpha'']) = [\alpha''] = [\alpha'] = [\alpha]$

so τ_* is onto

now suppose $[\alpha] \in H_n(X - Z, A - Z)$ and $\tau_*([\alpha]) = 0$

so $\tau \circ \alpha = \alpha = \partial \beta$ some $\beta \in C_{n+1}(X, A)$

$\textcircled{*} \Rightarrow \exists \gamma \in C_{n+1}(X, A) \text{ s.t. } \beta + \partial \gamma = \sum m_i \gamma_i \text{ with } \gamma_i \text{ as in } \textcircled{*}$

clearly $\alpha = \partial(\beta + \partial \gamma)$

let $\beta' = \sum_{\substack{i \text{ s.t.} \\ \text{im } \gamma_i \not\subseteq A}} m_i \gamma_i$

note: 1) $\beta' \in C_n(X - Z)$ and

2) $\partial \beta' = \partial \beta$ - terms with image in $(A \cap X - Z) = A - Z$

so $\partial \beta' = \alpha$ in $C_n(X - Z)/C_n(A - Z)$

$\therefore [\alpha] = 0$ in $H_n(X - Z, A - Z)$

and τ_* injective ✓

now to prove $\textcircled{*}$:

need barycentric subdivision of a simplex

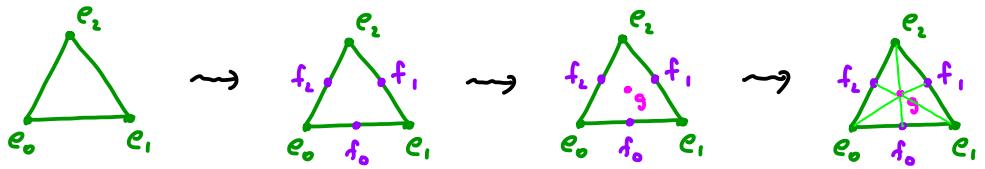
subdivision of 0-simplex: do nothing

" " 1-simplex: break simplex into 2 equal pieces



$$[e_0, e_1] = [e_0, f] \cup [f, e_1]$$

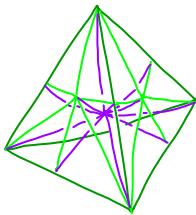
subdivision of 2-simplex: subdivides faces
add center point
add edges to all vertices



$$[e_0, e_1, e_2] = [g, e_0, f_0] \cup [g, f_0, e_1] \cup [g, e_1, f_1] \cup \dots$$

inductively subdivision of n -simplex: subdivides faces
add center point
add edges to all vertices
add all faces so you have broken Δ^n into a bunch of n -simplices

e.g.



exercise: Show "upto boundaries you can subdivide simplices"
that is, if $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ a singular n -simplex
and if $\Delta^n = \Delta_1^n \cup \dots \cup \Delta_k^n$ is its barycentric subdivision
then $\exists (n+1)$ -chain τ such that

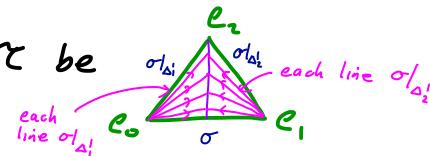
$$\sigma + \partial \tau = \sum_{i=1}^k \pm \sigma|_{\Delta_i^n}$$

determine sign

Hint: for $\Delta' = \overbrace{e_0 \dots e_n}$

$$\Delta' = \Delta'_1 \cup \Delta'_2 \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ \Delta'_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ \Delta'_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} f \\ | \\ e_0 \dots e_n \end{array}$$

let τ be



$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \partial\tau &= \tau|_{[e_0 e_1]} - \tau|_{[e_0 e_2]} + \tau|_{[e_1 e_2]} \\ &= \sigma - \sigma|_{\Delta'_1} + \sigma|_{\Delta'_2} \end{aligned}$$

note: as you repeatedly barycentrically subdivide a simplex
the size of the resulting simplices goes to zero.

now given a singular n -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$

note $\{\text{int } A, X - \bar{z}\}$ is an open cover for X

$\therefore \{\sigma^{-1}(\text{int } A), \sigma^{-1}(X - \bar{z})\}$ is an open cover of Δ^n

$\therefore \exists$ a Lebesgue number $\delta > 0$ for the cover s.t. any set of diameters $< \delta$ is mapped by σ to $\text{int } A$ or $X - \bar{z}$

barycentrically subdivide Δ^n till each simplex has diam $< \delta$

for exercise $\exists \tau \in C_n(X)$ s.t. $\sigma + \partial\tau = \sum \pm \sigma_i$ subsimplices

so we can replace σ with simplices satisfying \otimes

\therefore we can do this for any $\sum m_i \sigma_i \in C_n(X, A)$ 