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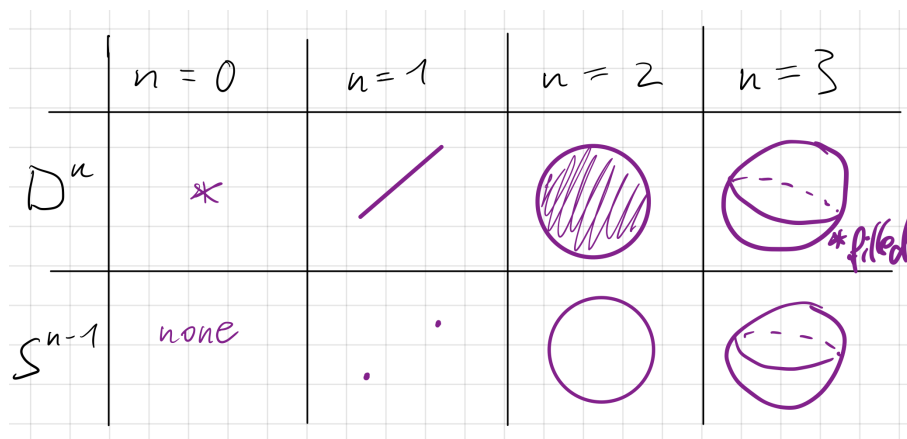
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Figure 1: D^n and S^{n-1} for small n

1 CW-Complexes

The name abbreviates compact-Closure-Weak-Topology. They are „nice“ classes of spaces for the purpose of homotopy theory/algebraic topology. They are built by successively attaching cells.

The n -cell is $D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 1\}$. It may also be called n -balls or n -discs. $S^{n-1} = \partial D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$ is the $n-1$ -Sphere. See figure ?? for examples.

1.1 Definition

Construction. Let $n \geq 0$, let $f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map, the *attaching map*. We form the quotient space

$$X \cup_{f, \partial D^n} D^n = X \cup_f D^n = X \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n := X \amalg D^n / \sim$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation on $X \amalg D^n$ generated by $\forall x \in S^{n-1} : f(x) \sim x$.

Terminology. We say: „ $X \cup_f D^n$ is obtained by attaching an n -cell to X along f “.

Example 1.1. • $X \cup_f D^0 = X \amalg D^0$

- $\{*\} \cup_{S^{-1}} D^1 = D^1 / \sim = D^1 / S^0 \cong S^1$

In this example \sim identifies all of S^{n-1} to a point, which then is homeomorphic to S^1 .

- Remark, that the attaching map matters greatly. See figure ??

$$S^{n-1} \cup_f D^n \cong D^n \quad \text{with } f = \text{Id}: S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$$

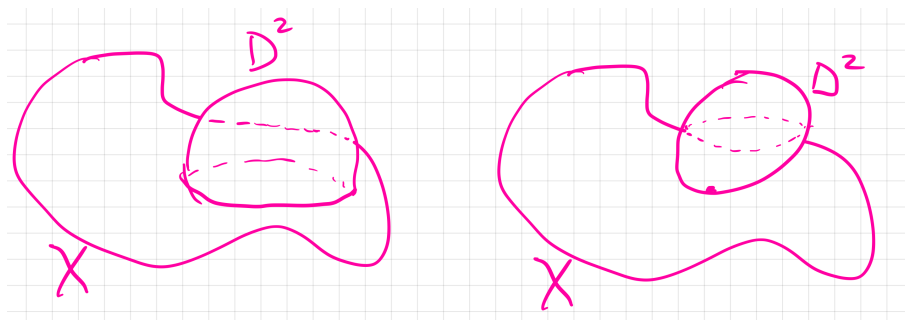
$$S^{n-1} \cup_f D^n \quad \text{with } f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1} \text{ constant}$$

Simultaneous attachment of several cells

Let J be an indexing² set, considered as a discrete space ($J = \emptyset$ is allowed).

¹supposed as known

²„indexing“ does not carry mathematical meaning

Figure 2: The attaching map influences how D^n is attached.

Give $J \times D^n$ the product topology, then

$$J \times D^n \cong \coprod_{j \in J} \{j\} \times D^n$$

as a topological space. The \coprod represents the disjoint union topology.

It follows, that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{\text{continuous maps } f: J \times D^n \rightarrow X\} & & f \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \\ \{J\text{-indexed families of continuous maps } \{f_j: D^n \rightarrow X\}_{j \in J}\} & & f_j = f(j, _) \end{array}$$

We will identify them from now on.

Definition 1.2

Let $f: J \times \partial D^n \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map, the *attaching map*.

$$X \cup_{f, J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n = X \cup_f J \times D^n = X \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n := X \amalg J \times D^n / \sim$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation generated by $f(x) \sim x$ for all $x \in J \times \partial D^n$.

Remark. Write

$$p: X \amalg J \times D^n \rightarrow X \cup_f J \times D^n$$

for the quotient map. From the universal property of the quotient map follows: Given maps $g: X \rightarrow Y$ and $\psi_j: D^n \rightarrow Y$ such that $g(f_j(x)) = \psi_j(x)$ for all $j \in J, x \in \partial D^n$ there is a unique map $\psi: X \cup_f J \times D^n \rightarrow Y$, such that

$$\psi \circ p = g + \coprod_{j \in J} \psi_j: X \amalg (J \times D^n) \rightarrow Y$$

and ψ is continuous iff g and all f_j are continuous.

Remember the quotient-topology: A subset O in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ is open iff $p^{-1}(O)$ is open in $X \amalg J \times D^n$. This is equivalent to $p^{-1}(O) \cap X$ is open in X and for all $j \in J$ $p^{-1}(O) \cap j \times D^n$ is open in D^n .

X is a closed subspace of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. $J \times \mathring{D}^n$ is an open subset of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ is as a set (not as a space) the disjoint union of X and $J \times \mathring{D}^n$. We elaborate

Proposition 1.3. 1. The composition

$$X \longrightarrow X \amalg (J \times D^n) \xrightarrow{p} X \cup_f J \times D^n$$

is a closed embedding (i.e. a closed injective map).

2. The composition

$$J \times \mathring{D}^n \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} J \times D^n \longrightarrow X \amalg J \times D^n \xrightarrow{p} X \cup_f J \times D^n$$

is an open embedding (i.e. injective and open)

3. The underlying set of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ is the disjoint union of the image of X and $J \times \mathring{D}^n$.

Proof. Suppose $M \subseteq X \amalg J \times D^n$ is saturated, i.e. $M = p^{-1}(p(M))$. If M is saturated and open, then $p(M)$ is open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.

1. $n = 0$ $X \cup J \times D^0 = X \amalg J \times D^0$ is obvious.

$n \geq 1$ let $r: D^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ be a map, such that $r(x) = x$ for all $x \in S^{n-1}$. This cannot be done continuously. Define $X \amalg J \times D^n \rightarrow X$ by $x \mapsto x, (j, y) \mapsto r(y)$. This is compatible with the equivalence relation, so it descends to a (noncontinuous) map $X \cup_f J \times D^n \rightarrow X$. This proves injectivity. To show this is a closed map, we consider a closed subset $A \subseteq X$. Then $p^{-1}(p(A)) = A \amalg f^{-1}(A) \subseteq X \amalg J \times D^n \subset J \times \partial D^n \subset J \times D^n$ is closed in $X \amalg J \times D^n$. So $p(A)$ is closed in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.

2. All points in $J \times \mathring{D}^n$ are their own equivalence classes, so the map is injective. To show that the map of 2. is open, we let B be an open subset of $J \times \mathring{D}^n$. This is then also open in $J \times D^n$. $p^{-1}(p(B)) = \emptyset \amalg B \subset X \amalg J \times D^n$ open, so $p(B)$ is open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.

3. I think this was proven with a picture I didn't draw.

□

Exercise. Let V_j be an open subset of D^n for every $j \in J$, such that $V_j \supset \partial D^n$. Show, that the set $V = X \cup \bigcup_{j \in J} V_j$ is open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.

From now on we often identify X with its image in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ and $J \times \mathring{D}^n$ with its image in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$

Definition 1.4: Compactness

A space X is *compact*, if it is Hausdorff (any two points can be separated by two disjoint open sets) and *quasicompact* (any open cover has a finite subcover).

Remark. Some literature defines compactness equivalent to quasicompactness. This lecture uses the definition that was given.

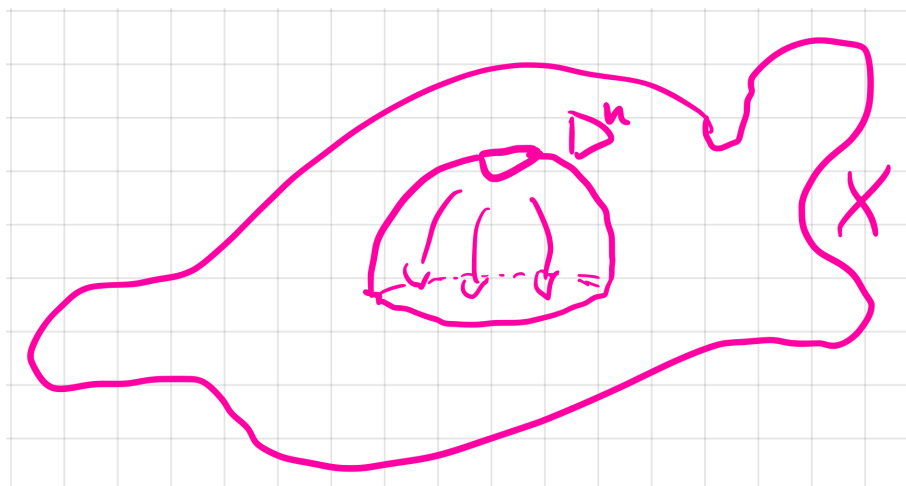


Figure 3: If a point in D^n is missing, it can be continuously retracted.

Theorem 1.5

Let $f: J \times \partial D^n \rightarrow X$ be a continuous attaching map.

- If X is Hausdorff, then so is $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.
- If X is compact and J is finite, then $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ is compact.
- Let K be a quasicompact subset of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. Then $K \cap (\{j\} \times \mathring{D}^n) = \emptyset$ for almost all^a $j \in J$.

^amathematical term for all but finitely many.

Lemma 1.6

There exists an open neighborhood V of X in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ and a continuous map $r: V \rightarrow X$ that is the identity on X . (X is a neighborhood retract inside $X \cup_f J \times D^n$).

Proof. See figure ???. We take $V = X \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times (D^n \setminus 0)$. This is open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. We define $r: V \rightarrow X$ by $x \mapsto x, (j, z) \mapsto f(j, z/|z|)$. \square

Proof of theorem ???.

1. **Case 1** $x, y \in J \times \mathring{D}^n$. Since \mathring{D}^n is Hausdorff, so is $J \times \mathring{D}^n$, so we can separate x and y by open disjoint subsets in $J \times \mathring{D}^n$. Since $J \times \mathring{D}^n$ is open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$, these subsets are also open in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$.
- Case 2** $x \in X, y \in \{j\} \times \mathring{D}^n$. We choose an $y \in O_y \subset j \times D^n$ open $j \times \partial D^n \subseteq V_j \subseteq j \times D^n$ s.t. $O_j \cap V_j = \emptyset$. Then $V := X \cup V_j \cup \bigcup_{k \in J \setminus \{j\}} D^n$ is open⁴ in $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. $V \cap O_j = \emptyset, x \in V, y \in O_j$.
- Case 3** $x, y \in X$. Since X is Hausdorff, there are open subsets O_x, O_y of X with $x \in O_x, y \in O_y, O_x \cap O_y = \emptyset$. We let V be an open subset of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ with a continuous retraction $r: V \rightarrow X, r|_X = \text{Id}_X$. Then $x \in r^{-1}(O_x), y \in r^{-1}(O_y), r^{-1}(O_x), r^{-1}(O_y)$ are open, and disjoint.

⁴by an exercise.

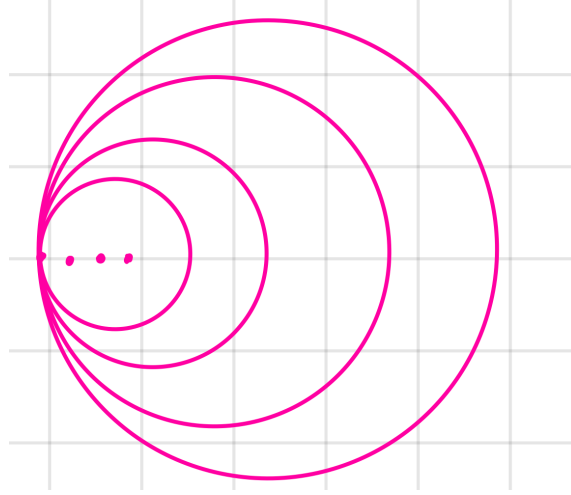


Figure 4: Hawaiian earrings

2. If X is compact and J is finite, then $X \amalg J \times D^n = X \amalg \coprod_{j \in J} \{j\} \times D^n$ is compact hence also the quotient space $X \cup_f J \times D^n$ is quasi-compact. Hausdorff is inherited by 1..
3. Let K be a quasicompact subset of $X \cup_{J \times \mathring{D}^n} J \times D^n$. We define subsets V_j of D^n for all $j \in J$ as follows: If $K \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) = \emptyset$, we set $V_j = D^n$. If $K \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) \neq \emptyset$, we choose a V_j , that doesn't contain at least one point of K , is open, and contains ∂D^n . Now

$$(X \bigcup_{j \in J} V_j) \cup \bigcup_{j \in J} \{j\} \times \mathring{D}^n$$

is an open cover of $X \cup_f J \times D^n$. Since K is quasicompact, there is a finite subset L of J such that

$$K \subset (X \cup_{j \in J} V_j) \cup \bigcup_{j \in L} \{j\} \times \mathring{D}^n.$$

□

Example 1.7 (Hawaiian Earrings). The set

$$H = H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3 \cup \dots = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} H_i$$

wherein H_i is the circle in \mathbb{R}^2 with radius $1/i$ and center $(1/i, 0)$, equipped with the subspace topology of \mathbb{R}^2 is called the Hawaiin earrings (see figure ??).

Is H obtained from $\{(0, 0)\}$ by attaching countably many 1-cells? It is not.

Consider a continuous map $\psi_j: D^1 = [-1, 1]$ such that it is a surjective, and $[-1, 1]/-1 \sim 1$ onto $H_j \subset H$ is a homeomorphism.

$$\{(0, 0)\} \amalg \mathbb{N} \times D^1 \rightarrow H, \quad (j, x) \mapsto \psi_j(x)$$

is a continuous surjection. Then

$$\{(0, 0)\} \cup_{\mathbb{N} \times \partial D^1} \mathbb{N} \times D^1 \rightarrow H$$

is a continuous bijection. However, it is not a homeomorphism.

Consider $V = \{(0, 0)\} \cup_{\mathbb{N} \times \partial D^1} \mathbb{N} \times ([-1, 0) \cup (0, 1])$. This is open in $\{(0, 0)\} \cup_{\mathbb{N} \times \partial D^1} \mathbb{N} \times D^1$. Its complement is closed, but the image of that complement, $(1/n, 0)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not closed in H .

Definition 1.8: CW-Complex

A relative *CW-complex* is a space X equipped with a sequence of closed subspaces

$$A = X_{-1} \subseteq X_0 \subseteq X_1 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq X_n \subseteq \cdots$$

such that

1. For every $n \geq 0$ X_n can be obtained from X_{n-1} by attaching n -cells.
2. $X = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} X_n$ and X has the weak topology with respect to the sequences.

precisely:

1. There exists an index set J , a continuous map $f: J \times \partial D^n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$ and a homeomorphism $\psi: X_{n-1} \cup_f J \times D^n \rightarrow X_n$ that is the identity on X_{n-1} .
2. A subset O of X is open in X iff $O \cap X_n$ is open in X_n for all $n \geq 0$.

Remark. 2. is equivalent to: A subset C of X is closed in X iff $C \cap X_n$ is closed in X_n for all $n \geq 0$.

2. implies, that a map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is already continuous if $f|_{X_n}: X_n \rightarrow Y$ is continuous for all $n \geq 0$.

Notation. We usually say (X, A) is a relative *CW-complex* and leave the X_n implicit. For $A = \emptyset$ X is called a absolute CW-complex, or just a CW-complex.

The subspace X_n in a CW-complex is the n -skeleton.

A relative CW-complex (X, A) is finite-dimensional if $X_n = X$ for some $n \geq 0$.

A relative CW-complex (X, A) is finite, if there are only finitely many cells altogether.

Once chosen a homeomorphism ψ as above, then the characteristic map of the j -th n -cell is the composite

$$D^n \xrightarrow{(j, -)} X_{n-1} \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n \xrightarrow[\cong]{\psi} X_n \hookrightarrow X$$

$X_j|_{\mathring{D}^n} \mapsto X_j(\mathring{D}^n)$ is a homeomorphism ... , which is one path component of $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$. The restriction $f_j: X_j|_{\partial D^n} \rightarrow X_{n-1}$ is called the attaching map as before.

Comment: The space $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$ is a disjoint union of open cells \mathring{D}^n . So the indexing set could be taken as $\pi_0(X_n \setminus X_{n-1})$.

For every path-component of $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$ there exists a homeomorphism $f: \mathring{D}^n \rightarrow \text{pathcomponent}$, that extends to a continuous map $\bar{f}: D^n \rightarrow X_n$.

example. Any discrete space is an absolute 0-dimensional CW-complex.

Let $z \in S^n$ be any point. Then the minimal CW-structure on S^n is $X_{-1} = \emptyset, X_0 = \{z\} = X_1 = \cdots = X_{n-1}, X_n = X_{n+1} = \cdots = S^n$. It consists of 1 0-cell and 1 n -cell.

$$S^n \cong D^n / \partial D^{n-1} \quad z \leftarrow \partial D^{n-1}$$

Example $X = S^n$ $n \geq 2$ Another CW-structure:

picture

$$X_{-1} = \emptyset, X_0 = X_1 = \cdots = X_{n-2} = \{(1, 0, \dots, 0)\} \quad X_{n-1} = \text{equator} = \{(x, 0) : x \in S^{n-1}\} \\ X_n = X_{n+1} = \cdots = S^n \quad 1 \text{ 0-cell } 1 \text{ } n-1\text{-cell } 2 \text{ } n\text{-cells } S^n \cong D^n \cup_{S^{n-1}} D^n$$

Example: S^2 2 1-cell 2 2-cell 2 0-cell picture

Analog for S^n is a CW-complex with 2 i -cells for $i = 0, \dots, n$.

On S^1 pick any finite subset $A \subseteq S^1$. Then S^1 has a CW-structure with $X_{-1} = \emptyset, X_1 = A, X_2 = S^1$. n 0-cells n 1-cells.

Any non-discrete space, that admits an absolute CW-structure admits uncountably many different CW-structures.

Preview: The Euler characteristic of a finite absolute CW-complex is $\chi(X) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \#n\text{-cells}$ does not depend on the CW-structure. We will eventually show this using singular homology.

Then: Let (X, A) be a relative CW-complex.

1. If A is Hausdorff, then so is X .
2. If A is compact and (X, A) is finite, then X is also compact.

Proof. Because $X_{-1} = A$ is Hausdorff and X_n can be obtained from X_{n-1} , by attaching cells, inductively X_n is Hausdorff for all $n \geq 0$. Claim: Let O_n, P_n be open disjoint subsets of X_n . Then there exist disjoint open subsets O_{n+1}, P_{n+1} of X_{n+1} , such that $O_n = O_{n+1} \cap X_n, P_n = P_{n+1} \cap X_n$.

Proof. Since X_{n+1} can be obtained from X_n by attaching $(n+1)$ -cells X_n is a neighborhood retract in X_{n+1} , i.e. there are open neighborhood V of X_n in X_{n+1} and a continuous retraction $r: V \rightarrow X_n$ with $r|_{X_n} = \text{Id}$. We set $O_{n+1} = r^{-1}(O_n), P_{n+1} = r^{-1}(P_n)$.

Proof of the Hausdorff property: Let $x, y \in X$ be disjoint points. Since $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$, then for some $n \geq 0, x, y \in X_n$. Since X_n is Hausdorff, there are open, disjoint subsets O_n, P_n of X_n with $x \in O_n, y \in P_n$. Inductively use the claim to find open disjoint subsets O_m, P_m of X_m for all $m \geq n$, such that $O_{m+1} \cap X_m = O_m, P_{m+1} \cap X_m = P_m$ for all $m \geq n$. Then set $O = \bigcup_{m \geq n} O_m, P = \bigcup_{m \geq n} P_m$ disjoint subsets of X and open in X by the weak topology, as $O \cap X_m = O_m$ open in X_m . \square

Induction of n such that X_n is compact because X_n is obtained from X_{n-1} by attaching finitely many cells. Also $X = X_n$ for sufficiently large n . So X is compact. \square

Note: Suppose that X admits a CW-structure. Then the following are equivalent: X admits a finite CW-structure $\Leftrightarrow X$ is compact.

From now on standing assumption: the base A in a relative CW-complex X, A is Hausdorff. Then X is also Hausdorff.

Thus: Let X, A be a relative CW-complex.

1. The closure of every open n -cell ($=$ path component of $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$) is compact.
2. Let $\chi: D^n \rightarrow X$ be a characteristic map for some n -cell, then the image $\chi(D^n)$ is the closure of the open cell $\chi(\overset{\circ}{D}^n)$
3. Let U be a subset of X s.t. $A \subseteq U$. Suppose that the intersection of U with the closure of every cell is closed. Then U is closed in X .

Warning: the closure of a cell is not necessary a closed cell:

minimal CW-structure on S^2 open 2-cell $S^2 \setminus \{z\}$ closure $= S^2 \neq D^2$.

Proof. 1. By definition every open n -cells admits a characteristic map $\chi: D^n \rightarrow X_n$ continuous s.t. $\chi|_{\mathring{D}^n}$ is a homeomorphism onto the open cells. Then $\chi(D^n) \subseteq \text{closure of } \text{open cell } \chi(\mathring{D}^n)$ so they are the same.

2. Let $U \subseteq X$ be as in 2. It suffices to show that $U \cap X_n$ is closed in X_n for all $n \geq 0$ (weak topology). We argue by induction on n . $n = -1$ $U \cap X_{-1} = U \cap A = A$ closed in $A = X_{-1}$. $n \geq 0$ We choose a homeomorphism $\psi: X_n \cong X_{n-1} \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n$ that is the inclusion on X_{n-1} . We let $p: X_{n-1} \amalg J \times D^n \rightarrow X_{n-1} \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n \xrightarrow{\psi} X_n$ be the quotient map.

$p^{-1}(U \cap X_n) = (U \cap X_{n-1}) \amalg \coprod_{j \in J} p^{-1}(U \cap \text{closure of } j\text{-th } n\text{-cell})$ closed by hypothesis $\subseteq X_{n-1} \amalg J \times D^n \implies U \cap X_n$ is closed in X_n

□

Prop. Let A be a Hausdorff-space, $X = A \cup_f J \times D^n$ obtained from A by attaching n -cells. Let $Y \subseteq X$ be a subspace, such that. $Y \cap A$ is closed in A Y can be obtained from $A \cap Y$ by attaching n -cells. $Y \cap (J \times \mathring{D}^n)$ is a union of path components of $J \times \mathring{D}^n$. Then Y is closed in X .

Proof. Claim: If $Y \cap \{j\} \times \mathring{D}^n \neq \emptyset$ ($\Leftrightarrow j \times D^n \text{ inner} \subseteq Y$). Then Y contains the closure of $j \times \mathring{D}^n$ in X . (= the closure of this cell).

Proof. Y can be obtained from $Y \cap A$ by attaching n -cells and $Y \setminus (Y \cap A)$ is a union of some of the open cells of $X \setminus A = J \times \mathring{D}^n$. Let $\chi: D^n \rightarrow Y$ be a characteristic map for the attaching of the j -th n -cell to Y . $\chi(\mathring{D}^n) = j \times \mathring{D}^n$. Since D^n is compact, $\chi(D^n)$ is quasicompact, and hence closed since X is Hausdorff. So $j \times \mathring{D}^n = \chi(D^n \text{ inner}) \subseteq \chi(D^n) \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ closed so the closure of $\chi(\mathring{D}^n) = j \times \mathring{D}^n$ is in $\chi(D^n)$ is closed in Y .

We let $p: A \amalg J \times D^n \rightarrow A \cup_f J \times D^n = X$ be the quotient map. Then $p^{-1}(Y) = (Y \cap A) \amalg \coprod_{j \in J \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) \neq \emptyset} j \times D^n \amalg \coprod_{j \in J \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) = \emptyset} p^{-1}(Y \cap A) \cap (j \times D^n)$ closed in $J \times D^n$.

□

Let X, A be a relative CW-complex and Y a closed subspace of X with $A \subseteq Y$. Suppose that for all $n \geq 0$, $Y \cap X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$ is a disjoint union of path components of $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$. Then Y, A is a relative CW-complex with respect to the induced filtration. i.e. $A = Y_{-1} \subseteq Y_0 = (X_0 \cap A) \subset \text{eq } Y_1 = X_1 \cap Y \dots$

Proof. 1. Y_n can be obtained from Y_{n-1} by attaching n -cells. let $I = \{j \in J: Y \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) \neq \emptyset\} = \{j \in J: j \times \mathring{D}^n \subseteq Y\}$ let $\chi_j: D^n \rightarrow X_n \subset \text{eq } X$ be a characteristic map for the j -th n -cell of X . If $j \in I$, the $\chi(D^n) = \text{closure of } \chi(\mathring{D}^n) \text{ in } X$, hence closed in Y (Y closed). So we can, and will, consider χ as a map with target $Y \cap X_n = Y_n$. We get a continuous map $\psi: Y_{n-1} \cup_{I \times \partial D^n} I \times D^n \rightarrow Y_n$ (induced by $\bigcup_{j \in I} \chi_j$), which is bijective because source and target are - as sets - both the disjoint union of Y_{n-1} and $I \times \mathring{D}^n$. We argue, that ψ is a closed map and hence a homeomorphism.

$Y_{n-1} \amalg I \times D^n \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} X_{n-1} \amalg J \times D^n \xrightarrow{p} X_n$ quotient map p quotient map.
 $Y_{n-1} \cup_{I \times \partial D^n} I \times D^n \xrightarrow{\psi} Y_n \subseteq X_n$ closed

Let $B \subseteq Y_{n-1} \cup_{I \times \partial D^n} I \times D^n$ be a closed subset, where $f_j: \partial D^n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$ is the attaching map for the j -th n -cell i.e. $f_j = \chi_j|_{\partial D^n}$. Then $p^{-1}(\psi(B)) = q^{-1}(B)$ closed in $Y \amalg I \times D^n$, hence also in $X_{n-1} \amalg J \times D^n$.
 $\amalg_{j \in J \setminus I} j \times f_j^{-1}(B \cap X_{n-1}) \subset J \setminus I \times D^n$ closed in $J \setminus I \times D^n$.

2. Y has the weak topology with respect $Y = Y \cap X = Y \cap (\bigcup_{n \geq 0} X_n) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} (Y \cap X_n) = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} Y_n$. let $B \subseteq Y$ be a subset such that for all $n \geq 0$, $B \cap Y_n$ is closed in Y_n . Since Y is closed in X , Y_n is closed in X_n , so $B \cap Y_n$ is closed in X_n . Since X has the weak topology, B is closed in X , hence also in Y .

□

Definition 1.9

A CW-subcomplex of a relative CW-complex (X, A) is a closed subspace Y of X , such that $A \subseteq Y$ and for all $n \geq 0$ $Y \cap (X_n \setminus X_{n-1})$ is a union of path components of $X_n \setminus X_{n-1}$.

Then (Y, A) is a relative CW-complex with respect to the induced filtration.

Theorem 1.10

Let (X, A) be a relative CW-complex.

1. The closure of every cell is contained in a finite subcomplex.
2. Every compact subset of X is contained in a finite subcomplex of X .

Remark Historically first definition of CW-complex (J.H.C. Whitehead): A CW-complex is a space X equipped with a decomposition $X = \bigcup_{n \geq 0, i \in J_n} e_i^n$, such that

1. e_i^n is homeomorphic to \mathring{D}^n .
2. The closure of e_i^n is contained in the union of finitely many e_j^m -s („closure finite“).
3. a subset Y of X is closed iff $Y \cap \overline{e_i^n}$ is closed for all e_i^n . then called weak topology.

Proving equivalence will be a task on an exercise sheet.

Proof. Since the closure of every cell is compact, 1 is a special case of 2.

Let K be a compact subset of X . Claim 1: There is an $n \geq 0$, such that $K \subseteq X_n$.

Proof by contradiction. If $K \not\subseteq X_n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Then we can choose points in K $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots \in K$, such that $x_i \in X_{n_i} \setminus X_{n_i-1}$ for some $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$. Set $D := \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$

subclaim: every subset of D is closed in X . Let $S \subseteq D$ be any subset. Thus for all $n \geq 0$ $S \cap X_n$ is finite, hence closed in X (Hausdorff). In particular, D is

$$\text{Closed in } X, \text{ content in } K \Rightarrow \text{Discompact}$$

but D has discrete topology and D is infinite. contradiction.

Now we assume that the compact subset K is contained in X_n . We argue by induction over n .

$n = -1$ If K is contained in A , then A, A is a finite CW complex.

$n \geq 0$ We choose a representative in $X_n \cong X_{n-1} \cup_{J \times \partial D^n} J \times D^n$. We showed earlier, that K only meets finitely many of the n -cells in the interior. Set $I = \{j \in J : K \cap (j \times \mathring{D}^n) \neq \emptyset\}$ a finite subset of J . Set $L := K \cup \bigcup_{j \in I} (\text{closure of } j\text{-th } n\text{-cell})_{\text{compact}}$ is compact.

Since X_{n-1} is closed in X , $L \cap X_{n-1}$ is closed in X_{n-1} , and hence compact. So by induction, $L \cap X_{n-1}$ is contained in some finite CW-subcomplex of X_{n-1} , A . Then K is contained in $Y \cup_{I \times \partial D^n} I \times D^n$, another finite subcomplex of X , A .

□

1.2 Cellular approximation theorem

We will formulate the cellular approximation theorem and spend some time to prove it.

Definition 1.11

Let (X, A) and (Y, B) be relative CW-complexes. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map, such that $f(A) \subseteq B$. The map f is *cellular* if $f(X_n) \subseteq Y_n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Theorem 1.12: Cellular approximation

Let (X, A) , (Y, B) be relative CW-complexes, and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous with $f(A) \subseteq B$. Then f is homotopic, relative A , to a cellular map.

Reminder: „relatively homotopic“ means, there is a homotopy $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$, such that $f = H(_, 0): X \rightarrow Y$, $H(_, 1): X \rightarrow Y$ is cellular, $H(a, t) = f(a)$ for all $a \in A, t \in [0, 1]$.

example. Consider a minimal CW-structure on S^n , i.e. one 0-cell and one n -cell. $A = X_{-1} = \{z\} = X_0 = \dots = X_{n-1} \subseteq X_n = S^n$. Suppose that $m < n$, give S^m a minimal CW-structure. Let $f: S^m \rightarrow S^n$ be continuous. Take $z := f(x)$

CAT gives f is homotopic to a constant map!

We can say $\pi_m(S^n, z) = \{0\}$ for $m \leq n$

Proof. We start by proving a special case:

Theorem 1.13

Let $Y = B \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n$. Then for all $m < n$, every continuous map $f: D^m \rightarrow Y$ with $f(\partial D^m) \subseteq B$, then f is homotopic relative ∂D^m to a map with image in B .

Proof. By induction on n .

$n = 1$ $m = 0$, $D^0 = \{x\}$, $\partial D^0 = \emptyset$.

$$f: \{x\} \rightarrow B \cup_{\partial D^1} D^1$$

is homotopic to a map with image in B because D^1 is path connected. Now let $n \geq 2$ and assume the special case for all smaller values of n .

Fact 1 For all $p < n - 1$, every continuous map $S^p \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ is homotopic to a constant map.

Proof. By the inductive hypothesis, the composite

$$D^p \rightarrow D^p / S^{p-1} \cong S^p \xrightarrow{f} S^{n-1} \cong \{z\} \cup_{\partial D^{n-1}} D^{n-1}$$

with $z := f(\partial D^p)$ is homotopic, relative ∂D^p , to a constant map with value $\{z\}$. (quotient map). So the ??? to a homotopy for f to a continuous map. □

fact 2 For $p < n - 1$, every continuous map $h = (h_1, h_2): S^p \rightarrow S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$ $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ is homotopic to a constant map.

Proof. Let $H_1: S^p \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ be a homotopy of h_1 to a constant map (Fact 1). Let $H_2: S^p \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (a, b)$ be a linear homotopy from h_2 to some constant map. Then $H = (H_1, H_2): S^p \times [0, 1] \rightarrow S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$ is the desired homotopy. \square

Fact 3 For $q < n$, every continuous map $h: \partial D^q \rightarrow S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$ admits a continuous extension to D^q .

Proof. The map $\partial D^q \times [0, 1] \rightarrow D^q$, $(x, t) \mapsto x \cdot t$ is a quotient map. Let $p = q - 1$. $\partial D^q = S^p$, we let $H: \partial D^q \rightarrow S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$ be a homotopy from a constant map as in Fact 2.

$$\partial D^q \times [0, 1] \xrightarrow{H} S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$$

$$\text{down}(x, t) \rightarrow x \cdot t, \text{rightup} \overline{H}$$

$$D^q$$

so there is a continuous map $\overline{H}: D^q \rightarrow S^{n-1} \times (a, b)$ with the desired property \square

Inductive Step: $m < n$, $f: D^m \rightarrow Y = B \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n$. such that $f(\partial D^m) \subseteq B$. We define two open subsets of Y . $U = \{x \in D^n : |x| < 2/3\}$, $V = B \cup_{\partial D^n} \{x \in D^n : |x| > 1/3\}$. Note that $U \cap V \cong \partial D^n \times (1/3, 2/3)$. Fact 3: Every continuous map $\partial D^q \rightarrow U \cap V$ admits a continuous extension to D^q for $q < n$.

We replace the pair $(D^m, \partial D^m)$ by the homeomorphic pair $[0, 1]^m, \partial([0, 1]^m)$.

$$g: [0, 1]^m \rightarrow B \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n = U \cup V, g(\partial([0, 1]^m)) \subseteq B$$

Then $g^{-1}(U), g^{-1}(V)$ is an open cover of the compact metric space $[0, 1]^m$, so by Lebesgue's Lemma there is an $\varepsilon > 0$, such that every ε -ball in $[0, 1]^m$ is contained in $g^{-1}(U)$ or in $g^{-1}(V)$. So we can subdivide $[0, 1]^m$ into sufficiently small equally sized and equally spaced subcubes, such that each subcube maps by g to U or to V .

picture

We need to consider all vertices, edges, squares, \dots , $(m-1)$ -cubes, m -cubes. Let W be any such p -cube. W is Good if $g(W) \subseteq V$, W is bad if $g(W) \not\subseteq V$. Note, if W is bad, then $g(W) \subseteq U$. Note, every face of a good cube is good. Note, Every cube contained in $\partial([0, 1]^m)$ is good. Γ is the union of all good cubes of all dimension. $\Gamma \subseteq [0, 1]^m$. $K^{-1} = \Gamma =$ all good cubes $K^0 = K^{-1} \cup$ bad 0-cubes $K^1 = K^0 \cup$ bad 1-cubes $\dots K^m = [0, 1]^m$. By induction on p we will define continuous maps $g_p: K^p \rightarrow Y = B \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n = U \cup V$. Starts with $g_{-1} = g|_{\Gamma}: \Gamma \rightarrow Y$, such that:

- $g_p|_{K^{p-1}} = g_{p-1}$
- if W is a bad cube, then $g_p(W) \subseteq U \cap V$.

Start: $g_{-1} = g|_{\Gamma}: \Gamma = K^{-1} \rightarrow Y$. Suppose, that $g_{-1}, g_0, \dots, g_{p-1}$ have already been constructed. Claim: If W is a bad p -cube, then $g_{p-1} \subseteq U \cap V$.

Proof. Let W' be a q -cube in ∂W , so $q < p$. If W' is good, then $g_{p-1}|_{W'} = g_{-1}|_{W'} = g|_{W'} \subseteq V$. But also $g_{p-1}(W') = g(W') \subseteq g(W) \subseteq U$. If W' is bad, then $g_{p-1}(W') \subseteq U \cap W$ by induction hypothesis. \square

Fact 3 implies, that $g_{p-1}|_{\partial W}: \partial W \rightarrow U \cap V \cong \partial D^n \times (1/3, 2/3)$ admits a continuous extension to W . We choose such a continuous extension for every bad p -cube and then define $g_p: K^p = K^{p-1} \cup$ bad p -cubes $\rightarrow Y$ as $g_{p-1} \cup$ chosen extensions. This completes

the inductive construction of the maps $g_p: K^p \rightarrow Y$. Claim: g_m and g are homotopic relative $\partial[0, 1]^m$.

Proof. We show that g and g_m are even homotopic relative to $\Gamma = K^{-1} \supset \partial([0, 1]^m)$.

We write C for the union of all bad cubes. Then $[0, 1]^m = B \cup \Gamma$. Then $g(C) \subseteq U$ and $g_m(C) \subseteq U \cap V \subseteq U$. So we can consider the restrictions of both g and g_m to C as continuous maps

$$g_m|_C, g|_C: C \rightarrow U \cong \mathbb{R}^n$$

We can use the linear homotopy between g_m and g . This linear homotopy has the additional property, that it is constant on all points, where g and g_m agree. In particular, the homotopy is constant on $C \cap \Gamma$. So the linear homotopy on C and the constant homotopy on Γ , patch together to a homotopy between g_m and g , that is moreover constant on Γ , hence also constant on $\partial([0, 1]^m)$. \square

End of the inductive step: We have constructed a homotopy relative to $\partial([0, 1]^m)$ from g to g_m , which has image in V . V deformation retracts onto B . (picture). Following g_m with such a deformation retraction, is a relative homotopy from g_m to a map with image in B . \square

Theorem 1.14

Let Y, B be a relative CW-complex, and let $f: D^m \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map, such that $f(\partial D^m) \subseteq B$. Then f is homotopic, relative ∂D^m to a map with image in Y_m .

Proof. Special case: (Y, Y_m) is a finite relative CW-complex. We argue by induction on the number of relative cells of (Y, Y_m) . Start: $Y = Y_m$ check. Otherwise, choose a cell of Y of top dimension n . Then $m < n$. We choose $Y' = B \cup$ all cells of Y except for the chosen n -cell. Then Y', B is a relative CW-complex. Hence (Y', Y_m) is a relatively finite CW-complex with one cell less than (Y, Y_m) . $Y = Y' \cup_{\partial D^n} D^n$. By the previous theorem applied to (Y, Y') , the map f is homotopic relative ∂D^m to a map $g': D^m \rightarrow Y$ with image in Y' . By induction g' is homotopic relative ∂D^m to a map $g'': D^m \rightarrow Y'$ with image in Y_m . g'' is the desired map.

General case: Since $f(D^m)$ is a compact subset of Y , and hence contained in some finite subcomplex (\bar{Y}, B) of (Y, B) . Apply the special case to f , considered as a map into Y . \square

Theorem 1.15

Let X be obtained from A by attaching (arbitrarily many) n -cells. Let (Y, B) be a relative CW-complex. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map with $f(A) \subseteq B$. Then f is homotopic, relative A to a map with image in Y_m .

Proof. We may assume $X = A \cup_{J \times \partial D^m} J \times D^m$ for some attaching map $J \times \partial D^m \rightarrow A$. For $j \in J$ we define $f_j: D^m \rightarrow Y$ as the composite

$$\begin{aligned} D^m &\rightarrow X = A \cup_{J \times \partial D^m} J \times D^m \xrightarrow{f} Y \\ x &\mapsto (j, x) \end{aligned}$$

This satisfies $f_j(\partial D^m) \subseteq f(A) \subseteq B$. The previous special case provides a homotopy $H_j: D^m \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ relative ∂D^m , from f_j to a map with image in Y_m . We „glue“ the

homotopies and the constant homotopy on A to a homotopy on X , i.e.

$$A \times [0, 1] \amalg J \times D^n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$$

arrow down $p \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \text{arrowrightup} \bar{H} X \times [0, 1] = (A \cup_{J \times D^n} J \times D^n) \times [0, 1]$ let $p: A \amalg J \times D^n \rightarrow X$ be the quotient map. \bar{H} is continuous by the quotient property of $p \times [0, 1]$. \bar{H} is the desired homotopy. $p \times [0, 1]$ is a quotient map, which will be shown later. \square

Definition 1.16: A

continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a *quotient map* if it is surjective and $U \subseteq Y$ is open if and only if $f^{-1}(U)$ is open

Equivalently: the induced map $X/\sim_f \xrightarrow{\cong} Y$ is a homeomorphism, where $x \sim_f x' \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(x')$.

In general, if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map, then $f \times Z: X \times Z \rightarrow Y \times Z$ is continuous and surjective, but not necessarily a quotient map!

Next steps: - If Z is locally compact, then $\times Z$ preserves quotient maps. - Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is cellular up to level $m-1$, i.e. $f(X_k) \subseteq Y_k$ for $k = -1, 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, then apply the previous special case to $f|_{X_m}: (X_m, X_{m-1}) \rightarrow (Y, Y_{m-1})$ makes $f|_{X_m}$ homotopic to a cellular map. *Homotopy Extension property* meaning a homotopy can be extended to a homotopy of f . - limit argument.

Definition 1.17

A space X is *locally compact*, if every neighborhood of any point of X contains a compact neighborhood of that point.

Lemma 1.18

Let X be a space, such that every point has a compact neighborhood. Then X is locally compact. In particular, compact spaces are locally compact.

example. \mathbb{R}^n is locally compact, but not compact.

Proof. Let U be a neighborhood of $x \in X$ in X . Then there is a open set U' of X with $x \in U' \subseteq U \subseteq X$. Let K be a compact neighborhood of x in X . Then $K \setminus U'$ and $\{x\}$ are disjoint closed subsets of the compact space K . Compact spaces are normal, so there are relatively open subsets W_1 and W_2 of K , such that $x \in W_1 \subseteq K$ and $K \setminus U' \subseteq W_2 \subseteq K$ and $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$. Then $K \setminus W_2$ is closed in K and hence compact. Since W_1 is a neighborhood of x in K and K is a neighborhood of $x \in X$, W_1 is a neighborhood of x in X . Hence $x \in W_1 \subseteq K \setminus W_2 \subseteq U \subseteq X$. \square

Lemma 1.19: Slice lemma

Let X and Y be spaces and K a compact subset of Y . Let $x \in X$ and let W be an open subset of $X \times Y$, such that $\{x\} \times K \subseteq W$. Then there is an open subset V of X , such that $x \in V$ and $V \times K \subseteq W$.

This was proven in GeoTopo.

Theorem 1.20

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a quotient map. Then for every locally compact space Z , the map $f \times Z: X \times Z \rightarrow Y \times Z$ is a quotient map.

Proof. $f \times Z$ is continuous and surjective. We must show: let $B \subseteq Y \times Z$ such that $f^{-1}(B)$ is open in $X \times Z$, then B is open in $Y \times Z$. We consider any point $(y, z) \in B$. We choose some $x \in X$, such that $f(x) = y$. Then $(x, z) \in f^{-1}(B)$. We define $A := \{\bar{z} \in Z : (y, \bar{z}) \in B\} = \{\bar{z} \in Z : (x, \bar{z}) \in f^{-1}(B)\}$ = preimage of B under the continuous map $Z \xrightarrow{(x, -)} X \times Z$. Hence A is open in Z . Since Z is locally compact, there is a compact neighborhood K of z inside A . $z \in K \subseteq A \subseteq Z$. In particular, $\{y\} \times K \subseteq B$. We define $U := \{\bar{y} \in Y : \{\bar{y}\} \times K \subseteq B\}$. Then $y \in U$. **Claim** U is open in Y . Since $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a quotient map, it suffices to show that $f^{-1}(U) = \{\bar{x} \in X : \{\bar{x}\} \times K \subseteq (f \times Z)^{-1}(B)\}$ is open in X .

Since $\bar{x} \in f^{-1}(U)$ there is an open subset V of \bar{x} in X with $V \times K \subseteq (f \times Z)^{-1}(U)$ (Slice Lemma!). Hence $\bar{x} \in V \subseteq f^{-1}(U)$ so $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X , hence U is open in Y .

Consider: Given $(y, z) \in B$ we found $(y, z) \in U \times K \subseteq B$ U open K neighborhood of Z . So B is indeed open. \square

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