

**Problem 1.** Verify explicitly that  $\partial^2 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $[v_1, \dots, v_n]$ . Then

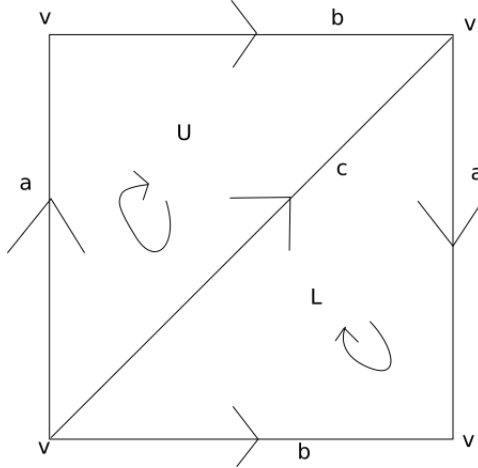
$$\partial^2([v_1, \dots, v_n]) = \sum_{j < i} (-1)^{i+j} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n] + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j-1} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n]$$

Then if we swap  $i, j$  for the first sum and pull out a negative we get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^2([v_1, \dots, v_n]) &= \sum_{j < i} (-1)^{i+j} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n] + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j-1} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n] \\ &= - \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{j+i-1} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n] + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i+j-1} [v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\partial^2 = 0$ . □

**Problem 2.** Compute the simplicial homology of the Klein bottle using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure, with two simplices of dimension 2.



*Proof. A:*

First we'll list the images of all the various simplices.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial U &= a + b - c \\ \partial L &= a - b + c \\ \partial a &= v - v &= 0 \\ \partial b &= v - v &= 0 \\ \partial c &= v - v &= 0 \\ \partial v &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For  $H_2(K) = \frac{\ker \partial}{\text{Im } \partial}$  the image is trivial as there are no 3 simplices and the kernel is when  $\partial(pU + qL) = (p+q)a + (p-q)b + (q-p)c$  is zero which only occurs if  $p = q = 0$ . Therefore  $H_2(K) = 0$ .

For  $H_1(K)$  the kernel is the free abelian group on  $a, b, c$  and the image is generated by  $(a+b-c)$  and  $a-b+c$ . So our group is the abelian group generated by  $\langle a, b, c | a+b=c, a+c=b \rangle$ . We can simplify to remove  $c$  and get  $\langle a, b | 2a \rangle$ . Therefore  $H_1(K) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

For  $H_0(K)$  the image is trivial and the kernel is the whole space. Thus  $H_0(K) = \mathbb{Z}$ . □

**Problem 3.** Show that if  $G$  is a finitely generated free abelian group and  $H \subset G$  is a subgroup, then there is a basis  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  for  $G$  and integers  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  with  $k \leq n$  such that each  $p_i$  divides  $p_{i+1}$ , and such that  $p_1 g_1, \dots, p_k g_k$  is a basis for  $H$ . We say that these bases for  $G$  and  $H$  are stacked. Conclude that

$$G/H \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_k} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{n-k}$$

In particular, every finitely generated abelian group is a direct sub of cyclic groups. (Hint: You may find it helpful to use the fact that subgroups of free abelian groups are themselves free abelian.)

*Proof.* By the structure theorem for finitely generated modules over a PID and the fact that abelian groups are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules there exists a basis of  $G = \langle g_1, \dots, g_n \rangle$  such that  $H = \langle p_1 g_1, \dots, p_k g_k \rangle$  where  $p_i | p_{i+1}$ . If we then look at the quotient  $G/H$  we get

$$G/H \cong \langle g_1, \dots, g_n | p_i g_i = 0 : 1 \leq i \leq k \rangle$$

However this implies that the subgroup generated by  $g_i$  will be  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_i}$  for  $i \leq k$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  otherwise. Since the group is abelian we can then conclude that

$$G/H \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_k} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^{n-k}$$

□

**Problem 4.** If  $i : A \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion of a retract of  $X$ , show that  $i_* : H_k(A) \rightarrow H_k(X)$  is a monomorphism onto a direct summand of  $H_k(X)$ . If  $A$  is deformation retract of  $X$ , show that  $i_*$  is an isomorphism.

*Proof.* Let  $i : A \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion and  $r : X \rightarrow A$  the retract of  $X$  onto  $A$ . By definition  $r \circ i = id_A$  which implies that the map induced on the homology  $r_* \circ i_* = id_*$ . Since  $i_*$  has a left inverse it must be injective. Therefore the map induced by the inclusion of a retract is injective.

Now suppose that  $A$  is a deformation retract of  $X$ . Then  $r$  is homotopic to  $id_X$ . Then we have that  $i \circ r$  is homotopic to  $id_X$  which means that  $i$  is a homotopy equivalence and as such induces an isomorphism on the homology (Hatcher 2.11) of  $A$  and  $X$ . □

**Problem 5.** Show that it is impossible to retract the  $n$ -ball  $B^n$  onto its  $n - 1$ -sphere boundary  $\partial B^n = S^{n-1}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $B^n$  is contractible  $H_k(B^n) = 0$  for all  $k$ . If there existed a retract of  $B^n$  onto  $S^1$  this would imply that there exists an injective function from  $H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) = \mathbb{Z}$  to the trivial group which is a contradiction.

Therefore there is no deformation retract from  $B^n$  to  $S^{n-1}$ . □

**Problem 6.** Compute the simplicial homology of the Klein bottle using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure, with two simplices of dimension 2, discussed in class.

*Proof.* goto A; □