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Nov 6 : Introduction to Homology.

$\pi_1(X)$, though a beautiful tool, is not all powerful. For example, we showed

$$\pi_1(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=1 \\ 0 & n=2,3,4,\dots \end{cases}$$

However, S^n is not homotopically equiv to S^m for any $m \neq n$. We can distinguish them by considering higher homotopy groups:

$$\pi_n(X) = \{ \gamma: I^n \rightarrow X \mid \gamma(\partial I^n) = x_0 \} / \sim$$

This, like π_1 , depends only on the $n+1$ cell structure for CW complexes. Also

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_n(S^m) &= 0 \quad \text{for } n < m, \\ \pi_m(S^m) &= \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

So it does distinguish spheres. However, the groups are notoriously difficult to compute:

$$\pi_3(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Open Question: Compute $\pi_n(S^m) \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\pi_n(S^m)$$

$n \backslash m$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	\mathbb{Z}	0	0	0
3	0	\mathbb{Z}	\mathbb{Z}	0	0
4	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	\mathbb{Z}	0
5	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	\mathbb{Z}
6	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$
7	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$
8	0	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2)^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/24$

Some nice (hard)

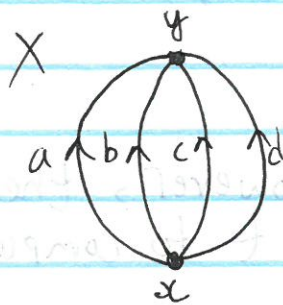
results show some patterns:

$$\pi_i(S^2) = \pi_i(S^3) \quad i \geq 3$$

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Thus Homology was introduced:

- $H_n(X)$ no basepoint, is Abelian!
- $H_n(X^{n+1}) = H_n(X)$ for CW complexes
- $H_i(X^n) = 0 \quad \forall i > n$
- H_i are easier to compute usually.



With fundamental groups, this is

$$\pi_1(X) = \mathbb{Z}^{*3} \quad (\text{exam})$$

If we abelianize, $\pi_1(X)^{ab} = \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 3}$

$$(ab^{-1})(cd^{-1}) = a - b + c - d$$

$$= (ad^{-1}) \cdot (c \cdot b^{-1})$$

1-Chains

Cycles: $C_1 = \{ \text{Free abelian Group gen by Edges } \}$
 $= a\mathbb{Z} \oplus b\mathbb{Z} \oplus c\mathbb{Z} \oplus d\mathbb{Z}$

"Counts # times traveled on each edge"

$C_0 = \{ \text{---|---|--- vertices} \}$

0-Chains $= x\mathbb{Z} \oplus y\mathbb{Z}$

Boundary $\partial: (a, b, c, d) \mapsto y - x$

extend by linearity:

$$ka + lb + mc + nd \mapsto (k+l+m+n)(y-x)$$

$$Z_1(X) =$$

$$1\text{-cycles: } \ker(\partial) = \{ \alpha \in C_1 : \partial \alpha = 0 \}$$

$$(k+l+m+n) = 0 \text{ or } k = -(l+m+n)$$

$$\mapsto (ka - kd) + (lb - ld) + (mc - md)$$

$$\mapsto Z_1(X) = (a-d)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (b-d)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (c-d)\mathbb{Z} = H_1(X)$$



Attach 2-cells A, B along $a-b$

$$C_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

$$C_2 = A\mathbb{Z} \oplus B\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\partial_2: A, B \mapsto a-b$$

$$\ker(\partial_2) = (A-B)\mathbb{Z} = H_2(X)$$

$$\text{Im}(\partial_2) = (a-b)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\ker(\partial_1) = (a-b)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (a-c)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (a-d)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Im}(\partial_1) = (y-x)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\ker(\partial_0) = x\mathbb{Z} \oplus y\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\hookrightarrow H_2(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(X) = \ker(\partial_1) / \text{Im}(\partial_2) \cong (a-c)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (a-d)\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

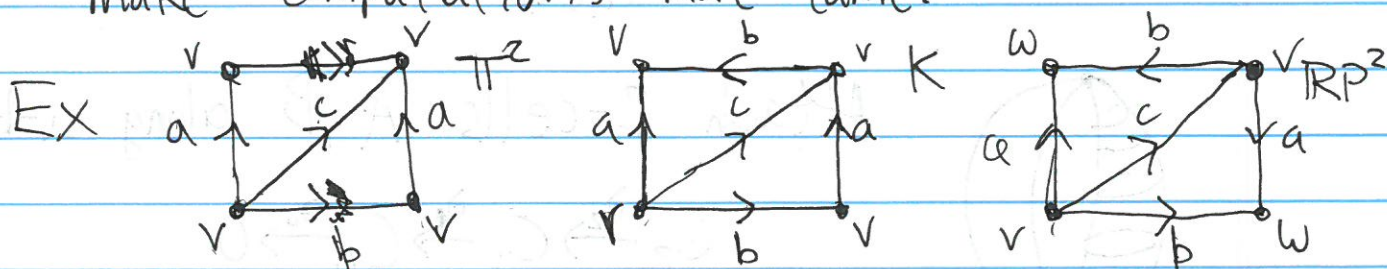
$$H_0(X) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$Z_n(X) = \ker(d_n), \quad B_n(X) = \text{Im}(d_{n+1})$$

$$H_n(X) = Z_n(X) / B_n(X)$$

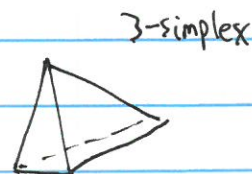
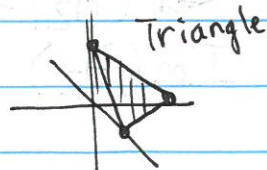
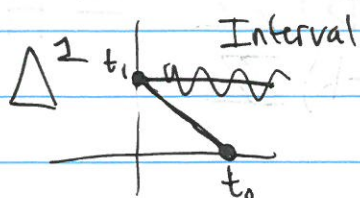
Oct 8: Simplices / Δ -Complexes

The idea here is to "triangulate" spaces to make computations more tame.



We generalize this to a notion of a simplex:

$$\Delta^n = \{ (t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : \sum t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0 \forall i \}$$

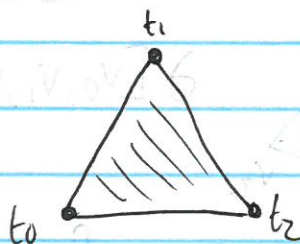


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Order matters: $t_0 \rightarrow t_1$ vs $t_1 \leftarrow t_0$

Boundary map: If Δ^n is an n -simplex, (t_0, \dots, t_n) , setting $t_i = 0$ for some i yields $(t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}, 0, t_{i+1}, \dots, t_n)$ which reps an $n-1$ simplex by "forgetting zero", F_i . This is a face of Δ^n .

$\partial \Delta^n = \bigcup_{i=0}^n F_i$ is called its boundary.



$$\partial \Delta^2 = [t_0, t_1] \cup [t_0, t_2] \cup [t_1, t_2]$$

$$\Delta = \Delta / \partial \Delta$$

Defn: A Δ -complex structure on a space X is a collection of maps $\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma_\alpha} X$ s.t. $n = n(\alpha)$

- 1) $\sigma_\alpha|_{\Delta^n}$ is injective, and each $x \in X$ is in exactly one.
- 2) $\sigma_\alpha|_{F_i^\alpha} = \sigma_\beta: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow X$ for some $\beta = \beta(\alpha, i)$
- 3) $A \subseteq X$ is open $\Leftrightarrow \sigma_\alpha^{-1}(A)$ is open

(3) Rules out goofy things like $\sigma_x: e^0 \rightarrow X$. Moreover $\{p, \beta\} \mapsto X$

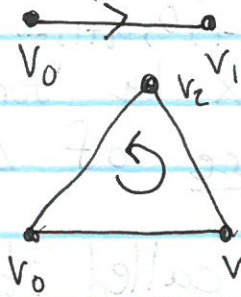
$$X = \coprod_{\alpha} \Delta^n / \sim$$

$$x \sim y \iff \sigma_\alpha(x) = \sigma_\beta(y)$$

Oct 10: Simplicial Homology.

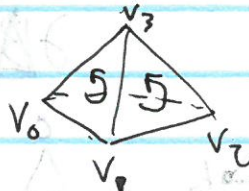
$$\text{Let } \Delta_n(X) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot \{e_\alpha^n\} = \bigoplus_\alpha e_\alpha^n \cdot \mathbb{Z}$$

Boundary :



$$\text{Boundary: } v_1 - v_0 = \partial[v_0, v_1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial[v_0, v_1, v_2] &= [v_1, v_0] + [v_1, v_2] + [v_2, v_0] \\ &= [v_0, v_1] + [v_1, v_2] - [v_0, v_2] \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \partial[v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3] &= [v_1, v_2, v_3] - [v_0, v_2, v_3] + [v_0, v_1, v_3] - [v_0, v_1, v_2] \end{aligned}$$

extend by linearity

$$\partial: \Delta_n(X) \rightarrow \Delta_{n-1}(X) : \sigma_\alpha \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_\alpha|_{\hat{v}_i} [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]$$

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removed

Lemma: $\partial_{n-1} \partial_n = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PF: } \partial_{n-1} \partial_n(\sigma_n) &= \partial_{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_\alpha|_{\hat{v}_i} [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n] \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j \neq i} (-1)^i (-1)^j \sigma_\alpha|_{\hat{v}_j} [\dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j < i} (-1)^i (-1)^{j-1} \sigma_\alpha|_{\hat{v}_i} [\dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_n] \end{aligned}$$

Comparing $i < j$ with $j < i \Rightarrow 0$.

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Looking Closer:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \Delta_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \Delta_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \Delta_{n-2} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Delta_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0 &\iff \text{Ker}(\partial_{n-1}) \supseteq \text{Im}(\partial_n) \\ &\iff (*) \text{ is a "Chain Complex"} \end{aligned}$$

So we can consider their difference:

$$H_n^\Delta(X) = \text{Ker}(\partial_{n-1}) / \text{Im}(\partial_n)$$

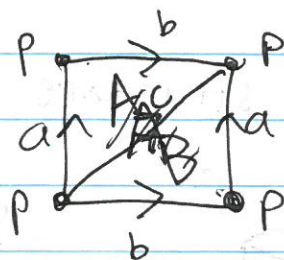
Ex/ $X = S^1$



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\xrightarrow{\partial_2} \Delta_1(S^1) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \Delta_0(S^1) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0 \\ &\quad \parallel \quad \quad \parallel \\ &\quad a\mathbb{Z} \quad \quad p\mathbb{Z} \\ &\quad a \mapsto p - p = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_1^\Delta(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_0^\Delta(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Ex/ $X = \mathbb{T}^2$



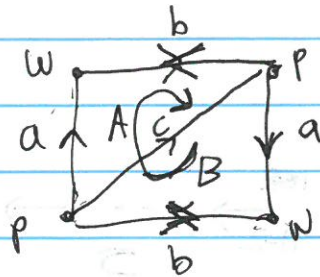
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow \Delta_2 \rightarrow \Delta_1 \rightarrow \Delta_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ &\quad A\mathbb{Z} \oplus B\mathbb{Z} \quad a\mathbb{Z} \oplus b\mathbb{Z} \oplus c\mathbb{Z} \quad p\mathbb{Z} \\ &\quad A \mapsto a+b-c \\ &\quad B \mapsto c-a-b \quad a \mapsto p-p=0 \\ &\quad \quad \quad b \mapsto p-p=0 \\ &\quad \quad \quad c \mapsto p-p=0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$H_1^\Delta(\mathbb{T}^2) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_0^\Delta(\mathbb{T}^2) = \mathbb{Z}$$

Ex / \mathbb{RP}^2



$$(A, B) \mapsto (a+b+c, a+b+c)$$

$$(a, b, c) \mapsto (w-p, p-w, p-p)$$

$$\ker(\partial_2) = \langle A-B \rangle \cong 0$$

$$\text{Im}(\partial_2) = (a+b+c)\mathbb{Z} \oplus (a+b+c)\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\ker(\partial_1) = \langle a-b, c \rangle$$

$$\text{Im}(\partial_1) = \langle w-p \rangle \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_i^\Delta(\mathbb{RP}^2) = \begin{cases} 0 & i=2 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & i=1 \\ \mathbb{Z}^2/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z} & i=0 \end{cases}$$

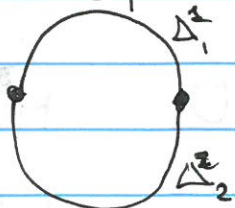
$$\langle a+b, c \rangle \Rightarrow \langle 2a+c, c \rangle = \langle 2a, c \rangle$$

$$\langle a-b, c \rangle / \langle a-b, c^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

S^n has n -simplex structure of two Δ_1^n, Δ_2^n

w/ $e_1^n = e_2^n$:

S^1



S^2



So

$$H_n^\Delta(S^n) = (\Delta_1^n - \Delta_2^n)\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$