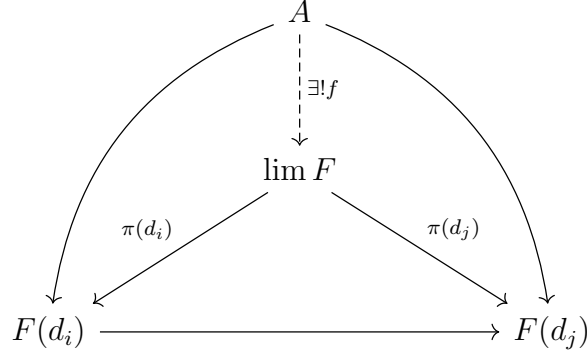


1 Category Theory

1.1 Limits and Colimits

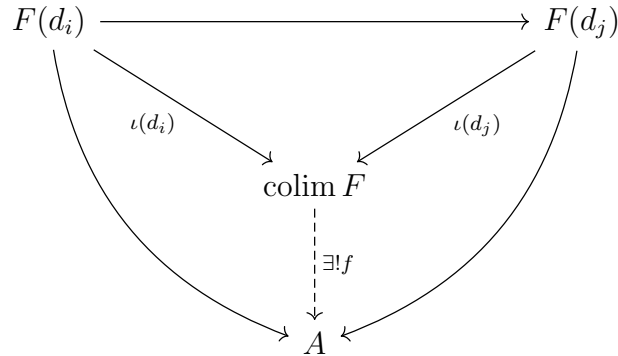
Definition 1.1.1. A diagram \mathcal{D} is a small category i.e. one such that $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ is a set.

Definition 1.1.2. Given a diagram \mathcal{D} , a category \mathcal{C} and a functor $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ the limit is $\lim F \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ with maps $\forall d \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D}) : \exists \pi(d) : \lim F \rightarrow F(d)$ such that,



for any $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ such that this diagram commutes, there exists a unique commuting map $f : A \rightarrow \lim F$.

Definition 1.1.3. Given a diagram \mathcal{D} , a category \mathcal{C} and a functor $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ the colimit, $\text{colim } F \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ with maps $\forall d \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D}) : \exists \iota(d) : F(d) \rightarrow \text{colim } F$ such that,

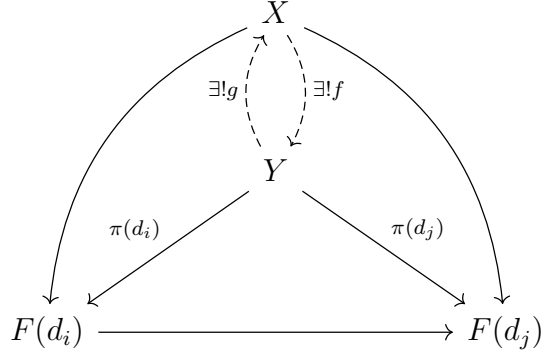


for any $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ such that this diagram commutes, there exists a unique commuting map $f : \text{colim } F \rightarrow A$.

Definition 1.1.4. A category \mathcal{C} is complete if the limit of any diagram exists and cocomplete if the colimit of any diagram exists.

Theorem 1.1.5. Limits and colimits are unique up to unique isomorphism.

Proof. Let \mathcal{D} be a diagram and $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ a functor. Suppose that X and Y are both limits of F . Then, there exist commuting maps from X and from Y to $F(d_i)$. Therefore, there exist unique maps $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow X$ such that the diagram commutes,



Thus, $f \circ g : Y \rightarrow Y$ commutes with the diagram but because Y is a limit there is a unique map $Y \rightarrow Y$ which commutes with the diagram and id_Y satisfies this property. Thus, $f \circ g = \text{id}_Y$. Likewise, $g \circ f : X \rightarrow X$ commutes with the diagram but X is a limit of the diagram so there is a unique map $X \rightarrow X$ which commutes with the diagram, namely id_X . Thus, $g \circ f = \text{id}_X$. Therefore, f and g are unique isomorphisms. The case for colimits is identical. \square

Definition 1.1.6. A functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ preserves limits of type \mathcal{D} if whenever $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a functor from a diagram then $\lim(F \circ G) = F(\lim G)$. The functor F is continuous if it preserves limits of all type. Similarly, F is cocontinuous if it preserves colimits i.e. $\text{colim}(F \circ G) = F(\text{colim } G)$.

2 Homotopy Theory

2.1 CW Complexes

Definition 2.1.1. $D^n = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid |\mathbf{x}| \leq 1\}$ and $S^n = \partial D^{n+1}$.

Definition 2.1.2. A CW complex is a topological space $X = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$ with X^n such that,

- (a) X^0 is a discrete set
- (b) For each $n > 0$, X^n is formed by taking a collection D_α^n of n -cells and attaching maps $\varphi_\alpha : \partial D_\alpha^n \rightarrow X^{n-1}$ and letting,

$$X^n = \left(X^{n-1} \coprod_{\alpha} D_\alpha^n \right) / (x_\alpha \sim \varphi_\alpha(x_\alpha))$$

- (c) $X = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} X^n$ with X^n is given the weak topology, $A \subset X$ is open if and only if $A \cap X^n$ is open in X^n for every n .
- (d) If $X = X^n$ and $X \neq X^{n-1}$ then X has dimension n . Otherwise, X has infinite dimension.

Definition 2.1.3. Let X be a CW-complex then (X, A) is a CW-pair if A is a sub-complex equipped with an inclusion map $\iota : X \rightarrow A$ where a subcomplex is a subspace which is a cell-complex built from a subset of the cells of X .

2.2 Product-Hom Adjunction

Definition 2.2.1. Let X and Y be topological spaces then $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$ is a topological space with the compact-open topology such that if $K \subset X$ is compact and $U \subset Y$ is open then the sets $V(K, U) = \{f : X \rightarrow Y \mid f(K) \subset U\}$ form an open subbase for the topology on $\text{Hom}(X, Y)$. We denote this internal hom by Y^X .

Lemma 2.2.2. Let Y be locally compact Hausdorff (LCH). There is a natural isomorphism,

$$\text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}(X, Z^Y)$$

Proof. Define the map $\varphi_{X,Y,Z} : \text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X, Z^Y)$ via $\hat{f} = \varphi(f)$ defined by $x \mapsto (y \mapsto f(x, y))$ with inverse $\varphi^{-1}(\hat{f}) : (x, y) \mapsto \hat{f}(x)(y) = f(x, y)$. We need to show that f is continuous iff \hat{f} is continuous.

Suppose that f is continuous. We need only check that the preimage of the subbase sets $V(K, U) \subset Z^Y$ are open. We have,

$$\hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U)) = \{x \in X \mid \forall y \in K : (x, y) \in f^{-1}(U)\}$$

Take $x \in \hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U))$ then for each $y \in K$ we know that $(x, y) \in f^{-1}(U)$ which is open so there exist open sets $U_y \subset X$ and $V_y \subset Y$ such that $(x, y) \in U_y \times V_y \subset f^{-1}(U)$. Thus, $\{V_y \mid y \in K\}$ is an open cover of K which is compact and thus has an open subcover $S \subset K$. Now define the neighborhood of x ,

$$U_x = \bigcap_{y \in S} U_y$$

which is open because S is open. Thus, $U_x \times V_y \subset f^{-1}(U)$ for each y and thus $U_x \times K \subset f^{-1}(U)$ so $x \in U_x \subset \hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U))$. Therefore, $\hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U))$ is open.

Suppose that \hat{f} is continuous. Take open $U \subset Z$ and a point $(x, y) \in f^{-1}(U)$. Since Y is LCH, we can find $x \in V \subset K$ where V is open and K is compact. Then consider,

$$(x, y) \in \hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U)) \times V = \{x \in X \mid \forall y \in K : f(x, y) \in U\} \times V \subset f^{-1}(U)$$

However, by continuity, $\hat{f}^{-1}(V(K, U))$ is open and thus $f^{-1}(U)$ is open.

Finally we need to check naturality. Let X, X', Y, Y', Z, Z' all be LCH with maps $a : X' \rightarrow X$ and $b : Y' \rightarrow Y$ and $c : Z \rightarrow Z'$. The functor $\text{Hom}((-) \times (-), -)$ takes these maps to

$$m : \text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X \times Y, Z)$$

via $m(f) = c \circ f \circ (a \times b)$. Likewise, the functor $\text{Hom}(-, (-)^{(-)})$ takes these maps to

$$m' : \text{Hom}(X, Z^Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X', Z'^{Y'})$$

via $m'(f) = (b, c)_* \circ f \circ a$ where $(b, c)_*(g) = c \circ g \circ b$. Consider,

$$m' \circ \varphi_{X,Y,Z}(f) = m'(\hat{f}) = (b, c)_* \circ \hat{f} \circ a$$

which takes x' to $c \circ (\hat{f}(a(x')))) \circ b$ which takes y' to $c(f(a(x'), b(y')))$. Furthermore, $\varphi_{X',Y',Z'} \circ m(f)$ is the map taking x' to the map taking y' to $m(f)(x, y) = c(f(a(x'), b(y')))$. Therefore,

$$m' \circ \varphi_{X,Y,Z} = \varphi_{X',Y',Z'} \circ m$$

so φ is a natural isomorphism. □

Proposition 2.2.3. Let Y be LCH then Z^Y is an exponential object in **Top**.

Proof. Take $ev : Z^Y \times Y \rightarrow Z$ via $(g, y) \mapsto g(y)$. Suppose we have a continuous map $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$. By the product-hom adjunction, we get a continuous map $\hat{f} : X \rightarrow Z^Y$ such that diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & & \\ \downarrow \hat{f} \times \text{id}_Y & \searrow f & \\ Z^Y \times Y & \xrightarrow{ev} & Z \end{array}$$

since $ev \circ (\hat{f} \times \text{id}_Y)(x, y) = \hat{f}(x)(y) = f(x, y)$. Furthermore, if the above diagram commutes for a map $g \times \text{id}_Y : X \times Y \rightarrow Z^Y \times Y$ then $g(x)(y) = f(x, y)$ so $g = \hat{f}$ meaning \hat{f} is unique. \square

2.3 Homotopy

Definition 2.3.1. A homotopy between $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map $H : I \times X \rightarrow Y$ such that $H(0, x) = f(x)$ and $H(1, y) = g(y)$.

Proposition 2.3.2. Let X be LCH. Then a homotopy between f and g is naturally equivalent to a path $\gamma : I \rightarrow Y^X$ between f and g .

Proof. A homotopy $H : I \times X \rightarrow Y$ between f and g is naturally equivalent to a continuous path $\hat{H} : I \rightarrow Y^X$ by product-hom adjunction such that $\hat{H}(0) = f$ and $\hat{H}(1) = g$ since $\hat{H}(0)(x) = H(0, x) = f(x)$ and $\hat{H}(1)(x) = H(1, x) = g(x)$. \square

Proposition 2.3.3. Path-connection and thus homotopy equivalence are equivalence relations.

Proof. For $x \in X$ the map $\gamma_x : I \rightarrow X$ given by $\gamma(t) = x$ is a path from x to x . If $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$ is a path from x to y then $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \gamma(1 - t)$ is a path from y to x . Finally, if $\gamma, \delta : I \rightarrow X$ are paths from x to y and y to z then

$$\delta * \gamma(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma(t) & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \delta(2t - 1) & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

is a path from x to z since $\gamma(1) = \delta(1) = y$ so $\delta * \gamma$ is continuous by the gluing lemma. \square

Definition 2.3.4. Define $\pi_0(X)$ to be the set of path-components of X . If X is based at x_0 then $\pi_0(X)$ is a based set based at the path-component of x_0 .

Proposition 2.3.5. Let X be LCH. The set of homotopy classes of maps $X \rightarrow Y$ is $\pi_0(\text{Hom}(X, Y)) = \pi_0(Y^X)$.

2.4 Based Homotopy

Definition 2.4.1. If (X, x_0) and (Y, y_0) are pointed topological spaces then a homotopy of based maps $f, g : (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ is a based map $H : I \times X \rightarrow Y$ such that $H(0, x) = f(x)$ and $H(1, x) = g(x)$ and $H(t, x_0) = y_0$.

Definition 2.4.2. Let X and Y be pointed topological spaces. Then $X \wedge Y = X \times Y / X \vee Y$ defines the smash product.

Definition 2.4.3. Let (X, x_0) and (Y, y_0) be pointed topological spaces then $(\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y), f_0)$ is a pointed topological space where $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y)$ is the subspace of continuous maps $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x_0) = y_0$ and $f_0(x) = y_0$ given the compact-open topology. We may denote this internal hom by,

$$Y^X = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y)$$

Theorem 2.4.4. If Y be LCH then there is a natural isomorphism,

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X \wedge Y, Z) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Z^Y)$$

Proof. This is a restriction of the usual product-hom adjunction because a based map continuous map in $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X \wedge Y, Z)$ is equivalent to a map $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}}(X \times Y, Z)$ such that $f(x_0 \times y) = z_0$ and $f(x, y_0) = z_0$. This condition is equivalent to \hat{f} being a based map which sends x to a based map $\hat{f}(x)$. \square

Definition 2.4.5. $\langle X, Y \rangle = \pi_0(\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y))$.

Proposition 2.4.6. Let X be LCH. Then $\langle X, Y \rangle$ is the pointed set of based homotopy classes of based maps $X \rightarrow Y$.

Proof. A homotopy H between $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ is naturally equivalent to a path

$$\gamma_H : I \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}}(X, Y)$$

from f to g . Furthermore, the based condition $H(t, x_0) = y_0$ implies that $\gamma_H = \hat{H} : X \rightarrow Y$ is a based map. Thus, γ_H restricts to a path $\gamma_H : I \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y)$ if and only if H is a based homotopy. \square

Remark. We may generalize a based homotopy to fix an entire subset $A \subset X$ under a given inclusion $A \hookrightarrow Y$. Such based homotopy classes correspond to π_0 of the subspaces of maps $f : X \rightarrow Y$ fixing A properly. For example, a path-homotopy is a based homotopy fixing the two end points.

2.5 Higher Homotopy Groups

Definition 2.5.1. The reduced suspension of X is the space $\Sigma X = X \wedge S^1$.

Proposition 2.5.2. $\Sigma S^n \cong S^{n+1}$

Definition 2.5.3. The loop space of X is the space $\Omega X = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(S^1, X)$.

Corollary 2.5.4.

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(\Sigma X, Y) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, \Omega Y)$$

naturally.

Corollary 2.5.5. $\langle \Sigma X, Y \rangle = \langle X, \Omega Y \rangle$

Proposition 2.5.6. $\pi_1(X) = \pi_0(\Omega X) = \langle S^1, X \rangle = \langle \Sigma S^0, X \rangle = \langle S^0, \Omega X \rangle$

Definition 2.5.7. Let X be a pointed topological space then $\pi_n(X) = \langle S^n, X \rangle$

Proposition 2.5.8. $\pi_{n+1}(X) = \pi_n(\Omega X)$ and thus $\pi_n(X) = \pi_0(\Omega^n X)$

Proof. $\pi_{n+1}(X) = \langle S^{n+1}, X \rangle = \langle \Sigma S^n, X \rangle = \langle S^n, \Omega X \rangle = \pi_n(\Omega X)$ \square

Proposition 2.5.9. $\pi_n : \mathbf{Top}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}_\bullet$ is a homotopy invariant functor i.e. there exists a functor $\pi'_n : \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}_\bullet$ such that the diagram of functors commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Top}_\bullet & \xrightarrow{\pi_n} & \mathbf{Set}_\bullet \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \pi'_n \\ & \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet & \end{array}$$

Proof. If $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic $f \simeq g$ then for any $\gamma : S^n \rightarrow X$ consider its class $[\gamma] \in \pi_n(X)$ and the pushforward $f_*[\gamma] = [f \circ \gamma]$. However, $f \circ \gamma \simeq g \circ \gamma$ so

$$f_*[\gamma] = [f \circ \gamma] = [g \circ \gamma] = g_*[\gamma]$$

Thus $f_* = g_*$ so π_n descends to the homotopy category. \square

Proposition 2.5.10.

$$\pi_n \left(\prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \right) \cong \prod_{\alpha} \pi_n(X_{\alpha})$$

Proof. This follows from the fact that $\text{Hom}(X, -)$ is continuous (preserves limits). Therefore,

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet} \left(S^n, \prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \right) \cong \prod_{\alpha} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet} (S^n, X_{\alpha})$$

Furthermore, $\pi_0 : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ preserves products. \square

Proposition 2.5.11. The images of π_1 are groups and, for $n \geq 2$, the images of π_n are abelian groups.

Proof. Because $\pi_n : \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}_\bullet$ preserves products it takes group objects to group objects. Furthermore, for $n \geq 1$ we have $\pi_n(X) = \pi_{n-1}(\Omega X)$. However, ΩX is a group object in the homotopy category so $\pi_n(X)$ is a group object in \mathbf{Set}_\bullet and thus a group. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is any morphism in the homotopy category then $\Omega f : \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y$ is a morphism of group objects. Thus, because π_{n-1} preserves products $f_* : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y)$ which is $\pi_{n-1}(\Omega f) : \pi_{n-1}(\Omega X) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(\Omega Y)$ is a morphism of group objects. Thus π_n is a functor, $\pi_n : \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$

Furthermore, for $n \geq 2$ we have $\pi_n(X) = \pi_{n-1}(\Omega X)$ with $\pi_{n-1} : \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$ and ΩX a group object in \mathbf{hTop}_\bullet . Thus $\pi_n(X)$ is a group object in the category of groups and thus an abelian group. \square

Remark. We can construct this group operation explicitly.

Proposition 2.5.12. $\langle \Sigma X, Y \rangle$ has a natural group structure and $\langle \Sigma^2 X, Y \rangle$ is abelian.

Proof. For $f, g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Top}_\bullet}(X, Y)$ define,

$$f \cdot g(x \wedge t) = \begin{cases} g(x \wedge 2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ f(x \wedge (2t - 1)) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

\square

Corollary 2.5.13. For $n \geq 1$, $\pi_n(X)$ is a group. For $n \geq 2$, the group $\pi_n(X)$ is abelian.

Proposition 2.5.14. If $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a covering map then $p_* : \pi_n(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow \pi_n(X)$ is an isomorphism when $n \geq 2$.

Proof. This map is injective by homotopy lifting. However, since S^n is simply connected, any map $S^n \rightarrow X$ can be lifted to \tilde{X} . Thus, p_* is also surjective. \square

Corollary 2.5.15. If X has a contractible universal cover then $\pi_n(X) = 0$ for $n \geq 2$.

Remark. There are no examples of finite simply-connected non-contractible CW complexes, all of whose π_n groups are known.

2.6 Fibrations and Cofibrations

Definition 2.6.1. A map $\iota : A \rightarrow X$ is a cofibration if for every homotopy $h : A \times I \rightarrow Y$ and a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $h(-, 0) = f \circ \iota$, there exists a homotopy $\tilde{h} : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ extending both maps.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\iota_0} & A \times I \\
 \downarrow \iota & \nearrow h & \downarrow \iota \times \text{id}_I \\
 & Y & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\iota_0} & X \times I \\
 & \nwarrow \exists \tilde{h} &
 \end{array}$$

Lemma 2.6.2. Let $\iota : A \rightarrow X$ be an inclusion map, then ι is a cofibration iff there exists a retract $r : X \times I \rightarrow X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I$.

Proof. Suppose that ι is a cofibration, the let $f = \text{id} : X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I \rightarrow X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I$ then there exists a homotopy $r : X \times I \rightarrow X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I$ which satisfies $r(x, 0) = \iota(x)$ but on A this is an inclusion so r is a retract.

Conversely, suppose we have such a retract r and $g : X \times \{0\} \cup A \times I \rightarrow Y$ then take $g \circ r$ which satisfies the extension property. \square

Corollary 2.6.3. Let (X, A) be a CW-pair then the inclusion map $\iota : X \rightarrow A$ is a cofibration.

Definition 2.6.4. Given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ then the mapping cylinder of f is,

$$M_f = \left(X \times I \amalg Y / (x, 1) \sim f(x) \right)$$

Equivalently, the mapping cylinder M_f is the pushout, i.e. colimit of the diagram,

$$Y \xleftarrow{f} X \xrightarrow{\iota_0} X \times I$$

Lemma 2.6.5. Let M_f be the mapping cylinder of $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and,

$$X \xrightarrow{j} M_f \xrightarrow{r} Y$$

be the natural maps, then j is a cofibration and r is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof. Define the maps $j : x \mapsto (x, 0)$ and $r : (x, t) \mapsto f(x)$ and $r : y \mapsto y$. Take $\iota : Y \mapsto M_f$ be given by $\iota : y \mapsto y$. Thus, $r \circ \iota = \text{id}_Y$ and define $h : M_f \times I \rightarrow M_f$ such that $h(y, s) = y$ and $h((x, t), s) = (x, (1 - s)t)$. Then, h is a homotopy between id_{M_f} and $\iota \circ r$ since $h(y, 1) = y$ and $h((x, t), 1) = (x, 0)$. \square

Definition 2.6.6. The map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a fibration if whenever the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow \iota_0 & \nearrow \exists g & \downarrow f \\ Z \times I & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

there exists a (not necessarily unique) map $g : Z \times I \rightarrow X$.

Remark. The name cofibration is justified because of the following rephrasing the cofibration universal property as dual to the fibration homotopy lifting property.

Lemma 2.6.7. $\iota : X \rightarrow Y$ is a cofibration if and only if for every space Z , map $f : Y \rightarrow Z$, and homotopy $h : X \times I \rightarrow Z$ such that the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z^I & \xleftarrow{\hat{h}} & X \\ \downarrow \text{ev}_0 & \nwarrow & \downarrow \iota \\ Z & \xleftarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

there exists a map completing the commutative diagram.

Definition 2.6.8. A fiber bundle is a map $p : X \rightarrow Y$ such that there exists a space F such that $\forall y \in Y$ there exists an open set U with $y \in U \subset Y$ and $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times F$ by a map e such that the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{e} & U \times F \\ \downarrow p & \nearrow \pi_1 & \\ U & & \end{array}$$

Theorem 2.6.9. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a fiber bundle and Y is paracompact then f is a fibration.

Definition 2.6.10. For a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the mapping cocylinder is the space,

$$E_f = \{(x, \gamma) \mid \gamma(0) = f(x)\} \subset X \times \text{Hom}(I, Y)$$

which is the pullback (limit) of the diagram,

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xleftarrow{\text{ev}_0} Y^I$$

Lemma 2.6.11. Any map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ factors into maps $\nu : X \rightarrow E_f$ and $\rho : E_f \rightarrow Y$ where ν is a homotopy equivalence and ρ is a fibration.

Proof. Take the maps $\nu : X \rightarrow E_f$ given by $\nu(x) = (x, e_{f(x)})$ and $\rho : E_f \rightarrow Y$ given by $\rho(x, \gamma) = \gamma(1)$. I claim that ν is a homotopy equivalence, ρ is a fibration and $f = \rho \circ \nu$. \square

Remark. For a map of pointed spaces $f : X \rightarrow Y$ the above construction goes through to give the “mapping cocone” or “homotopy fiber”,

$$N_f = \{(x, \gamma) \mid \gamma(0) = f(x) \text{ and } \gamma(1) = y_0\}$$

Often the notation F_f is used to suggest that this is the “fiber up to homotopy.” Warner sometimes uses the notation N_f for both the pointed and unpointed (what I am calling the mapping cocylinder E_f) versions. Although confusing, this notational overloading does make some sense because,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_f & \longrightarrow & Y^I \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_0 \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

is a pullback diagram in **Top**_• where here Y^I is the pointed path space of paths γ such that $\gamma(1) = y_0$ in this case. (Look at [Pointed Spaces](#) for a discussion of limits in **Top**_•.) Sometimes this is written as PY called the “path space” and its pullback over $* \rightarrow Y$ is ΩY meaning $F_{*\rightarrow Y} = N_{*\rightarrow Y} = \Omega Y$. For a more extensive discussion, see [Fiber Sequences](#) and [Cofiber Sequences](#) in [Homotopy Theory 2013](#). In **Top** we have two ways to compute N_f via double pullback depending on which of $* \rightarrow Y \leftarrow X$ we apply fibrant replacement to. These two methods fit together into the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & N_f & \longrightarrow & * \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \\ N_f & \xrightarrow{\cong} & N_f & \longrightarrow & PY \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_0 \\ X & \xrightarrow{\cong} & E_f & \longrightarrow & Y \\ & \searrow f & & & \end{array}$$

where each square and thus rectangle is a strict pullback diagram. Therefore, N_f is the pullback of $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \leftarrow PY$ and also the pullback of $* \rightarrow Y \leftarrow E_f$ i.e. the (strict) fiber of the fibration $E_f \rightarrow Y$.

2.7 Fiber and Cofiber Sequences

Definition 2.7.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a pointed map then the mapping cone $C_f = M_f/X$ where we have quotiented by X under the natural inclusion into M_f .

Definition 2.7.2. The functor $-\Sigma : \mathbf{Top}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}_\bullet$ is given by $-\Sigma(X) = \Sigma X$ and given $f : X \rightarrow Y$ then $-\Sigma(f) = g : \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y$ is given by $h(t \wedge x) = (1 - t) \wedge f(x)$.

Definition 2.7.3. Given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, the cofiber sequence is,

$$X \rightarrow Y \hookrightarrow C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X \rightarrow \Sigma Y \rightarrow \Sigma C_f \rightarrow \Sigma^2 X \rightarrow \Sigma^2 Y \rightarrow \Sigma^2 C_f \rightarrow \Sigma^3 X \rightarrow \dots$$

where $C_f \rightarrow \Sigma X$ is given by the projection map.

Definition 2.7.4. An exact sequence of pointed sets,

$$(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, y_0) \xrightarrow{g} (Z, z_0)$$

where $\ker g = \text{Im}(f)$ where $\ker g = \{y \in Y \mid g(y) = z_0\}$.

Theorem 2.7.5. For any $Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{Top}_\bullet)$ the following sequence is exact,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \langle \Sigma Y, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma X, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle C_f, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle Y, Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle X, Z \rangle$$

Definition 2.7.6. The functor $-\Omega : \mathbf{Top}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathbf{Top}_\bullet$ is given by $-\Omega(X) = \Omega X$ and given $f : X \rightarrow Y$ then $-\Omega(f) = g : \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y$ is given by $h(\gamma)(t) = f \circ \gamma(1-t)$.

Definition 2.7.7. Given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$, let $\varpi : \Omega Y \rightarrow N_f$ be the projection given by $\pi(\gamma) = (x_0, \gamma)$. Applying the functor $-\Omega$, we obtain the fiber sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \Omega^3 X \rightarrow \Omega^2 N_f \rightarrow \Omega^2 X \rightarrow \Omega^2 Y \rightarrow \Omega N_f \rightarrow \Omega X \rightarrow \Omega Y \rightarrow N_f \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y$$

Definition 2.7.8. Let $p : (E, e) \rightarrow (B, b)$ be a fibration of based spaces. Then the fiber of p is the subspace $F = p^{-1}(b)$. To denote this situation, write,

$$F \xhookrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{p} B$$

Lemma 2.7.9. Let

$$F \xhookrightarrow{\iota} E \xrightarrow{p} B$$

be a based fibration then inclusion $\phi : F \rightarrow N_p$ via $x \mapsto (x, e_{b_0})$ is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof. The map $\phi : F \rightarrow N_p$ is well defined because $e_{b_0}(0) = b_0 = p(x)$ and $e_{b_0}(1) = b_0$. Define a homotopy $g : N_p \times I \rightarrow B$ sending $(x, \gamma, t) \mapsto \gamma(t)$. Then $g_0(x, \gamma) = \gamma(0) = p(x)$ so setting $\tilde{g}_0(x, \gamma) = x$ we can apply the homotopy lifting property to the fibration $p : E \rightarrow B$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_p \times \{0\} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}_0} & E \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{g} & \downarrow p \\ N_p \times I & \xrightarrow{g} & B \end{array}$$

gives a homotopy $\tilde{g} : N_p \times I \rightarrow E$ satisfying $p \circ \tilde{g}(x, \gamma, t) = g(x, \gamma, t) = \gamma(t)$. Thus we may define,

$$h : N_p \times I \rightarrow N_p \quad \text{via} \quad h(x, \gamma, t) = (\tilde{g}(x, \gamma, t), \gamma|_{[t,1]})$$

This is well-defined because $p \circ \tilde{g}(x, \gamma, t) = \gamma(t) = \gamma|_{[t,1]}(0)$ so $h(x, \gamma, t) \in N_p$. Furthermore,

$$h_0(x, \gamma) = (\tilde{g}_0(x, \gamma), \gamma) = (x, \gamma) \implies h_0 = \text{id}_{N_p}$$

Notice that $p \circ \tilde{g}_1 = g_1$ sends $(x, \gamma) \mapsto \gamma(1) = b_0$ giving a map $\tilde{g}_1 : N_p \rightarrow F$ Furthermore, $h_1(x, \gamma) = (\tilde{g}_1(x, \gamma), e_{b_0}) = \phi \circ \tilde{g}_1(x, \gamma)$. So we see that h gives a homotopy between id_{N_p} and $\phi \circ \tilde{g}_1$. Finally, $\tilde{g}_1 \circ \phi(x) = \tilde{g}_1(x, e_{b_0})$ so consider $\tilde{g}(x, e_{b_0}, t)$ which satisfies $p \circ \tilde{g}(x, e_{b_0}, t) = g(x, e_{b_0}, t) = b_0$ so $\tilde{g}(x, e_{b_0}, t) \in F$. Therefore $\tilde{g}(-, e_{b_0}, -)$ is a homotopy $F \times I \rightarrow F$ from $\tilde{g}_0(-, e_{b_0}) = \text{id}_F$ to $\tilde{g}_1(-, e_{b_0}) = \tilde{g}_1 \circ \phi$. Therefore, $\phi : F \rightarrow N_p$ is a homotopy equivalence. \square

Lemma 2.7.10. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of pointed spaces and let $\pi_1 : N_f \rightarrow X$ be the projection. Then π_1 is a fibration and the inclusion $\phi : \Omega Y \rightarrow N_{\pi_1}$ given by $\phi(\gamma) = (x_0, \gamma, e_{x_0})$ is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of pointed spaces. Consider the projection $\pi_1 : N_f \rightarrow X$ given by $\pi_1(x, \gamma) = x$. Take any space Z and maps $g : Z \rightarrow N_f$ and $h : Z \times I \rightarrow X$ such that the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}_0} & N_f & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & PY \\ \downarrow \iota & \nearrow \tilde{g} & \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \text{ev}_0 \\ Z \times I & \xrightarrow{g} & X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

The outside rectangle is a lifting diagram for $\text{ev}_0 : PY \rightarrow Y$. I claim that ev_0 is a fibration. It is the fibrant replacement of $* \rightarrow Y$ i.e. $PY = E_{* \rightarrow Y}$. Consider a diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\tilde{h}_0} & PY \\ \downarrow \iota & \nearrow \tilde{h} & \downarrow \text{ev}_0 \\ Z \times I & \xrightarrow{h} & Y \end{array}$$

Let $\gamma_x = \tilde{h}_0(x)$ and note that $\gamma_x(1) = y_0$ and $\gamma_x(0) = \text{ev}_0 \circ \tilde{h}(x) = h(x, 0)$. Then $h(x, -)$ is a path starting at $\gamma_x(0)$. Thus we can define $\tilde{h} : Z \times I \rightarrow PY$ via,

$$\tilde{h}(x, t) = \gamma_x * (-h(x, -)|_{[0, t]})$$

Notice that $\tilde{h}(x, t)(1) = \gamma_x(1) = y_0$ so this is a well-defined function $\tilde{h} : Z \times I \rightarrow PY$. Finally, $\text{ev}_0 \circ \tilde{h}(x, t) = h(x, t)$ so $\text{ev}_0 \circ \tilde{h} = h$ so this is a lift proving that ev_0 is a fibration. See Hatcher 4.64 for more details.

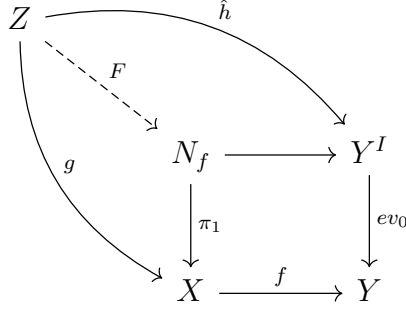
Now we prove that π_1 is a fibration by showing that the (strict) pullback of a fibration is a fibration. Indeed, returning to the original diagram, we get maps $\pi_2 \circ \tilde{g}_0 : Z \rightarrow PY$ and $f \circ g : Z \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that the outer rectangle commutes. By the homotopy lifting property of the fibration $\text{ev}_0 : PY \rightarrow Y$ there is a lift $\tilde{g}' : Z \times I \rightarrow PY$. However, by the universal property of the pullback we get a map $\tilde{g} : Z \times I \rightarrow N_f$ from the pair $g : Z \times I \rightarrow X$ and $\tilde{g}' : Z \times I \rightarrow PY$ making the square commute. Now $\pi_1 \circ \tilde{g} = g$ and I claim that $\tilde{g} \circ \iota = \tilde{g}_0$. Indeed, $\pi_1 \circ \tilde{g} \circ \iota = g \circ \iota = \pi_1 \circ \tilde{g}_0$ and $\pi_2 \circ \tilde{g} \circ \iota = \tilde{g}' \circ \iota = \pi_2 \circ \tilde{g}_0$ so by the universal property of the pullback $\tilde{g} \circ \iota = \tilde{g}_0$. Therefore we get a lift in the leftmost square proving that $\pi_1 : N_f \rightarrow X$ is a fibration.

Let $\pi = \pi_1 : N_f \rightarrow X$ be the fibration considered above and take, $\phi : F \rightarrow N_\pi$, the natural inclusion on the fiber $F = \pi^{-1}(x_0)$ which is given by $\phi(x_0, \gamma) = (x_0, \gamma, e_{x_0})$ for $(x_0, \gamma) \in \pi^{-1}(x_0)$. Since $(x_0, \gamma) \in N_f$ we have $\gamma(0) = f(x_0) = y_0$ and $\gamma(1) = y_0$. Therefore, γ is a loop so $F \cong \Omega Y$ via $(x_0, \gamma, e_{x_0}) \mapsto \gamma$. Thus, ϕ can be viewed as a map $\phi : \Omega Y \rightarrow N_\pi$. However, as proven in problem (2), $\phi : F \rightarrow N_\pi$ is a homotopy equivalence when π is a fibration. Therefore, $\phi : \Omega Y \rightarrow N_\pi$ is a homotopy equivalence. \square

Theorem 2.7.11. For any $Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathbf{Top}_\bullet)$ the following sequence is exact,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \langle Z, \Omega N_f \rangle \rightarrow \langle Z, \Omega X \rangle \rightarrow \langle Z, \Omega Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle Z, N_f \rangle \rightarrow \langle Z, X \rangle \rightarrow \langle Z, Y \rangle$$

Proof. First, check exactness at the last segment. Consider, the pushout diagram of $N_f = X \times_Y \text{Hom}(I, Y)$,



If $g : Z \rightarrow X$ is in the kernel of f then there exists a homotopy, $h : Z \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that $h(z, 1) = y_0$ and $h(z, 0) = f \circ g(z)$. Therefore, by the adjunction relation, there exist maps g and \hat{h} making the square commute. Therefore, there exists a unique map $F : Z \rightarrow N_f$ making the diagram commute. In particular, $\pi_1 \circ F = g$ so g is in the image of π_1 .

Conversely, if $g \in \text{Im}(\pi_1)$ then there exists a map $F : Z \rightarrow N_f$ such that $\pi_1 \circ F = g$. Take $\hat{h} = \pi_2 \circ F$ then $ev_0 \circ \hat{h} F = ev_0 \circ \pi_2 \circ F = f \circ \pi_1 \circ F = f \circ g$. By adjunction, there is a map $h : Z \times I \rightarrow Y$. Now, $h(z, 0) = g(f(x))$ and $h(z, 1) = y_0$ because Y^I is the space of based paths. Thus, $\ker f = \text{Im}(\pi_1)$.

Now, consider the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \Omega N_f & \longrightarrow & \Omega X & \longrightarrow & \Omega Y & \xrightarrow{\varpi} & N_f & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X & \longrightarrow & Y \\ & & & & \searrow & & \downarrow \varphi & & \nearrow \pi_1 & & & & \\ & & & & & & N_\pi & & & & & & \end{array}$$

where the map $\phi : \Omega Y \rightarrow N_\pi$ is given by $\phi(\gamma) = (x_0, \gamma, e_{x_0})$. By Lemma 2.7.10, ϕ is a homotopy equivalence. Furthermore, the diagram commutes up to homotopy. Therefore, under the functor $\langle Z, - \rangle$ this diagram commutes and ϕ is an isomorphism. The map $\pi(x, \gamma) = x$ so $\ker \pi = \{(x_0, \gamma) \mid \gamma(0) = y_0\}$. However, $\text{Im}(\varpi) = \text{Im}(\pi_1 \circ \varphi)$ and $\pi_1 \circ \varphi(\gamma) = \pi_1(x_0, \gamma, e_{x_0}) = (x_0, \gamma)$ where $\gamma \in \Omega Y$ so $\gamma(0) = y_0$. Thus, $\ker \pi = \text{Im}(\varpi)$ so the sequence is exact at N_f . (COMPLETE THIS PROOF) \square

Definition 2.7.12. Given a pointed pair (X, A, a_0) the space $(X, A)^I = \{\gamma \in X^I \mid \gamma(0) \in A\}$ where by convention the based interval is $(I, 1)$ so $\gamma(1) = a_0$.

Definition 2.7.13. The relative homotopy group, $\pi_n(X, A) = \pi_{n-1}((X, A)^I)$ for $n \geq 1$.

Lemma 2.7.14. If (X, A, a_0) is a based pair then $(X, A)^I \cong N_\iota$ where $\iota : A \rightarrow X$ is the inclusion.

Proof. Let $F : (X, A)^I \rightarrow N_\iota$ be given by $F(\gamma) = (\gamma(0), \gamma)$. This is well-defined because $\iota \circ \gamma(0) = \gamma(0)$ because $\gamma(0) \in A$. Furthermore, $\pi_2 \circ F(\gamma) = \pi_2(\gamma(0), \gamma) = \gamma$ and $F \circ \pi_2(x, \gamma) = F(\gamma) = (\gamma(0), \gamma)$ but $(x, \gamma) \in N_\iota$ so $\gamma(0) = \iota(x) = x$ and thus $F \circ \pi_2(x, \gamma) = (\gamma(0), \gamma) = (x, \gamma)$. \square

Lemma 2.7.15 (Five Lemma). If the following diagram of groups commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & C & \longrightarrow & D & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow k & & \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim \\ A' & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & C' & \longrightarrow & D' & \longrightarrow & E' \end{array}$$

with exact rows then k is an isomorphism.

Proof. Diagram chase.

Proposition 2.7.16. Let (X, A, a_0) be a pointed pair. Then, the sequence,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \pi_2(X, A) \longrightarrow \pi_1(A) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, A) \longrightarrow \pi_0(A) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X)$$

is long exact.

Proof. Consider the fiber sequence defined by the map $\iota : A \hookrightarrow X$,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \Omega^2 X \longrightarrow \Omega N_f \longrightarrow \Omega A \longrightarrow \Omega X \longrightarrow N_f \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow X$$

and apply Theorem 2.7.11 with $Z = S^0$. Then, then, since $\langle S^0, \Omega^n Z \rangle = \pi_n(Z)$ we have the long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \pi_1(N_\ell) \longrightarrow \pi_1(A) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X) \longrightarrow \pi_0(N_\ell) \longrightarrow \pi_0(A) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X)$$

However, $N_\ell = (X, A)^I$ so $\pi_n(N_\ell) = \pi_n((X, A)^I) = \pi_{n+1}(X, A)$ and thus the result holds.

Theorem 2.7.17. Let

$$F \hookrightarrow^{\iota} E \xrightarrow{p} B$$

be a fibration. Then, the following sequence is long exact,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(B) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \pi_1(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(B) \end{array}$$

Proof. Consider the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc}
\Omega^2 F & \longrightarrow & \Omega^2 E & \longrightarrow & \Omega N_\iota & \longrightarrow & \Omega F & \longrightarrow & \Omega E & \longrightarrow & N_\iota & \longrightarrow & F & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & E & \xrightarrow{p} & B \\
\downarrow (-\Omega)^2 \phi & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow -\Omega p & & \downarrow -\Omega \phi & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow p & & \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow \text{id} \\
\Omega^2 N_p & \longrightarrow & \Omega^2 E & \longrightarrow & \Omega^2 B & \longrightarrow & \Omega N_p & \longrightarrow & \Omega E & \longrightarrow & \Omega B & \longrightarrow & N_p & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & E & \xrightarrow{p} & B
\end{array}$$

By Lemma 2.7, ϕ is a homotopy equivalence so $(-\Omega)^n \phi$ is a homotopy equivalence. Furthermore, the squares commute up to homotopy (JUSTIFY THIS). By Theorem 2.7.11, applying the functor $\langle S^0, - \rangle$ which factors through **hTop** we get a commutative diagram with exact rows,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc}
\pi_2(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(N_\iota) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(N_\iota) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(F) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \pi_0(E) & \xrightarrow{p} & \pi_0(B) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
(-\Omega)^2\phi & & \text{id} & & -\Omega p & & -\Omega\phi & & \text{id} & & p & & \phi & & \text{id} & & \text{id} \\
\pi_2(N_p) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(N_p) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_0(N_p) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \pi_0(E) & \xrightarrow{p} & \pi_0(B)
\end{array}$$

Because $(-\Omega)^n \phi$ is a homotopy equivalence, it is an isomorphism of homotopy groups. Therefore, by the Five Lemma, $(-\Omega)^n p$ is also an isomorphism since the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \pi_{n+1}(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(E, F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(F) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(E) \\ \downarrow (-\Omega)^{n+1} \phi & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow (-\Omega)^n p & & \downarrow (-\Omega)^n \phi & & \downarrow \text{id} \\ \pi_{n+1}(N_p) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(E) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n+1}(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(N_p) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(E) \end{array}$$

commutes and the downward maps (except the center one) are all isomorphisms and thus, $\pi_{n+1}(E, F) \cong \pi_{n+1}(B)$. Since each downward map is an isomorphism and the diagram commutes, we may weave the sequences together via the isomorphisms,

$$\pi_2(F) \longrightarrow \pi_2(E) \longrightarrow \pi_2(B) \longrightarrow \pi_1(F) \longrightarrow \pi_1(E) \longrightarrow \pi_1(B) \longrightarrow \pi_0(F) \xrightarrow{\iota} \pi_0(E) \xrightarrow{p} \pi_0(B)$$

to obtain a new long exact sequence. \square

Theorem 2.7.18 (Cellular Approximation). If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a map of CW complexes then f is homotopic to a cellular map i.e. it descends to maps on the n -skeletons $X^n \rightarrow Y^n$.

Corollary 2.7.19. $\pi_n(S^m) = 0$ if $n < m$

Proof. Any map $S^n \rightarrow S^m$ is homotopic by cellular approximation to a map on the k -skeletons. However, the n -sphere is a CW complex with k -skeleton a single zero-cell for $k < n$ and one n -cell in the n -skeleton. Thus, if $n < m$ then the map on n skeletons must send the entire S^n to the n -skeleton on S^m which is a single point. Therefore, the map is homotopic to a constant map. Thus, $\pi_n(S^m) = 0$. \square

Proposition 2.7.20. $K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) \simeq S^1$.

Definition 2.7.21. Given a group G , an Eilenberg-MacLane space $K(G, n)$ has the property that $\pi_n(K(G, n)) \cong G$ and $\pi_m(K(G, n)) = 0$ for $m \neq n$.

Theorem 2.7.22. The Eilenberg-MacLane space $K(G, n)$ always exists as a CW complex if $n \leq 2$ or G is abelian. Furthermore, $K(G, n)$ is unique as a CW complex up to homotopy.

Proof. Let $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ be the covering map of the universal cover. Then, for $n \geq 2$ the map $p_* : \pi_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \pi_n(S^1)$ is an isomorphism. However, \mathbb{R} is contractible so $\pi_n(\mathbb{R}) = 0$ and thus $\pi_n(S^1) = 0$. \square

Example 2.7.23 (Hopf Fibration). There exist nontrivial fiber bundles,

$$\begin{aligned} S^0 &\hookrightarrow S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \\ S^1 &\hookrightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2 \\ S^3 &\hookrightarrow S^7 \rightarrow S^4 \\ S^7 &\hookrightarrow S^{15} \rightarrow S^8 \end{aligned}$$

These fibrations induce long exact sequences of homotopy groups. For example, for the Hopf Fibration $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^3 \rightarrow S^2$,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
\cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^1) & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^2) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^1) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^2) & \longrightarrow & \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \pi_2(S^1) \longrightarrow \pi_2(S^3) \longrightarrow \pi_2(S^2) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^1) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^3) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^2) \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

is long exact where I have set the π_0 sets to zero because non-trivial spheres are connected. Plugging in the groups that we know,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
\cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^2) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^2) & \longrightarrow & \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \pi_2(S^2) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

However, if the sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact then $\ker f = \text{Im}(0) = 0$ and $\text{Im}(f) = \ker 0 = B$ so f is an isomorphism. Thus, $A \cong B$. Therefore, from the long exact sequence, $\pi_n(S^3) \cong \pi_n(S^2)$ for $n \geq 3$ and $\pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. We already know that $\pi_1(S^3) = \pi_2(S^3) = 0$.

The next higher fibration allow us to calculate a few more explicit homotopy groups. The section of the long exact sequence,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
\pi_7(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \pi_6(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_6(S^7) & \longrightarrow & \pi_6(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \pi_5(S^3) & \longrightarrow & \pi_5(S^7) & \longrightarrow & \pi_5(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \pi_4(S^3) \longrightarrow \pi_4(S^7) \longrightarrow \pi_4(S^4) \longrightarrow \pi_3(S^3) \longrightarrow \pi_3(S^7) \longrightarrow \pi_3(S^4)
\end{array}$$

when plugged into gives,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
\pi_7(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \pi_6(S^3) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_6(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \pi_5(S^3) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_5(S^4) & \longrightarrow & \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \pi_4(S^3) \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \pi_4(S^4) \longrightarrow \pi_3(S^3) \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

Therefore, $\pi_4(S^4) \cong \pi_3(S^3)$ and $\pi_5(S^4) \cong \pi_4(S^3)$ and $\pi_6(S^4) \cong \pi_5(S^3)$ and $\pi_7(S^4)$ surjects onto $\pi_6(S^3)$. Using a similar argument on the fibration $S^7 \hookrightarrow S^{15} \rightarrow S^8$, we conclude that, $\pi_n(S^8) \cong \pi_{n-1}(S^7)$ for $8 \leq n \leq 15$ and $\pi_{15}(S^8) \twoheadrightarrow \pi_{14}(S^7)$.

Example 2.7.24. The covering map gives a fibration, $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$ for $n \geq 1$ and thus an exact sequence,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc}
\cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^1) & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(S^{2n+1}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_4(\mathbb{CP}^n) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^1) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(S^{2n+1}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_3(\mathbb{CP}^n) & \longrightarrow & \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \searrow \\
& & & & & & & & & & & & & & \pi_2(S^1) \longrightarrow \pi_2(S^{2n+1}) \longrightarrow \pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^n) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^1) \longrightarrow \pi_1(S^{2n+1}) \longrightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^n) \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

is long exact where I have set the π_0 sets to zero because non-trivial spheres are connected. Plugging in the groups that we know,

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Therefore, $\pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^n) = 0$ and $\pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ and for $m \geq 3$, $\pi_m(S^{2n+1}) \cong \pi_m(\mathbb{CP}^n)$. This reduces to the special case of the Hopf fibration for $n = 1$ in which case $\mathbb{CP}^1 \cong S^2$. This fibration extends to $n = \infty$ in which case, $S^1 \hookrightarrow S^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^\infty$ is a fibration. However, S^∞ is contractible so $\pi_m(\mathbb{CP}^\infty) \cong \pi_m(S^\infty) = 0$ for $m \geq 3$ and $\pi_1(\mathbb{CP}^\infty) = 0$ and $\pi_2(\mathbb{CP}^\infty) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, $K(\mathbb{Z}, 2) \simeq \mathbb{CP}^\infty$.

Definition 2.7.25. A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is an n -equivalence if for any choice of basepoint, $f_* : \pi_i(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_i(X, y_0)$ is an isomorphism for $i < n$ and a surjection for $i = n$. If f is an n -equivalence for all n then f is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Theorem 2.7.26 (Whitehead). An n -equivalence between connected CW complexes of dimension less than n is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof. By cellular approximation, we can assume (up to homotopy) that f is a cellular map. Now, we decompose,

$$X \hookrightarrow M_f \xrightarrow{r} Y$$

Because r is a homotopy equivalence we have $f_* = (r \circ \iota)_* = r_* \circ \iota_*$ but r_* is an isomorphism so ι_* must also be a n -equivalence. Now, we rename $(X, A) = (M_f, X)$ which is a CW-pair. Therefore, the following sequence is long exact,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \pi_{n+1}(X) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(X, A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(X) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(X, A) & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \searrow & \\ & & & & & & & & & & \pi_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_{n-1}(X) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-2}(X, A) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-2}(A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_{n-2}(X) \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Since the map into $\pi_i(X)$ is a surjection, by exactness, the map into $\pi_{n-1}(X, A)$ has total kernel i.e. is the zero map. Similarly, the map $\pi_{i-1}(A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(X)$ is an injection so it has trivial kernel. Therefore, by exactness, the map $\pi_{i-1}(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(A)$ is the zero map. However, this sequence is exact at $\pi_{i-1}(X, A)$ but the image of the map in is zero (since it is the zero map) but the kernel of the map out is the entire group (since it is also zero). Thus, $\pi_{i-1}(X, A) = 0$. We now need a lemma to complete the proof. \square

Lemma 2.7.27. Suppose $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is a map on a CW pair such that for any i such that $X - A$ has an i -cell then $\pi_i(Y, B) = 0$ at any basepoint then f is homotopic rel A to a map $f' : X \rightarrow B$.

Proof. (WORK IN PROGRESS)

Theorem 2.7.28 (Whitehead). A weak homotopy equivalence of connected CW complexes is a homotopy equivalence.

Theorem 2.7.29 (CW approximation). All spaces are weakly homotopy equivalent to a CW complex. Furthermore, if X is n -simply connected then we can choose the CW complex to have a unique 0-cell and no q -cells for $0 < q \leq n$.

Proof. We will first consider each path-component. Assume that X is path-connected. Let Z_1 be a wedge of spheres S^q for each (q, j) where $j : S^q \rightarrow X$ represents an element of $\pi_q(X)$. The map $Z_1 \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} X$ is given by the j 's and γ_1 induces surjections on all $\pi_q(X)$ so γ_1 is a 1-equivalence. Suppose we have constructed $\gamma_n : Z_n \rightarrow X$ such that γ_n induces surjections of π_q and isomorphisms on π_q for $q \leq n-1$. Construct Z_{n+1} by attaching cells as follows: for all $[f], [g] \in \pi_n(Z_n)$ such that $[f] \neq [g]$ but $[\gamma_n \circ f] = [\gamma_n \circ g]$, attach the reduced cylinder $S^n \times I / (\{e\} \times I)$ via f at one end and g at the other. Choose a map $\gamma_{n+1} : Z_{n+1} \rightarrow X$ by picking a homotopy f to g . Cellular approximation ensures that attaching $n+1$ cells can be done without affecting the π_q for $q < n$. Furthermore, the map $\gamma_{n+1} : Z_{n+1} \rightarrow X$ is still a surjection on π_q for all q . However, no f and g are homotopic so $\pi_n(Z_{n+1}) \cong \pi_n(X)$. Therefore, the direct limit,

$$\lim_{\rightarrow} Z_n \simeq X$$

is weak homotopy equivalent to X . □

Definition 2.7.30. A pair (X, A) is n -connected if each path component intersects with A and $\pi_n(X, A, x_0) = 0$ for all $x_0 \in A$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Corollary 2.7.31. Let (X, A) be an n -connected CW-pair then there exists a CW-pair (Z, A) such that (X, A) is homotopy equivalence rel A to (Z, A) and $Z \setminus A$ has no i -cells with $i \leq n$.

Theorem 2.7.32. There is a functor $\Gamma : \mathbf{hTop} \rightarrow \mathbf{hTop}$ taking a space to X to a CW complex $\Gamma(X)$ and there exists a natural transformation $\gamma : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathbf{hTop}}$ such that each $\gamma_X : \Gamma(X) \rightarrow X$ is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Theorem 2.7.33 (Excision). Let X be a CW complex and $X = A \cup B$ subcomplexes with $C = A \cap B$ connected, nonempty and suppose that (A, C) is m -connected and (B, C) is n -connected for $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then, the inclusion,

$$\pi_i(A, C) \rightarrow \pi_i(X, B)$$

is an isomorphism if $i < m + n$ and surjective if $i = m + n$.

Corollary 2.7.34 (Freudenthal Suspension Theorem). If X is an $(n-1)$ -connected CW complex, then the spectrum map $\Sigma : \pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(\Sigma X)$ which takes ,

$$f \mapsto \Sigma f = f \wedge \text{id} : S^i \wedge S^1 \cong S^{i+1} \rightarrow X \wedge S^1 \cong \Sigma X$$

is an isomorphism for $i < 2n-1$ and a surjection when $i = 2n-1$.

Proof. The cones, $\Sigma X = C_+X \cup C_-X$ with $C_+X \cap C_-X = X$. The following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_i(X) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} & \pi_{i+1}(\Sigma X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pi_{i+1}(C_+X, X) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \pi_{i+1}(\Sigma X, C_-X) \end{array}$$

where the downward maps are segments of the long exact sequence of an inclusion which are isomorphisms because C_+X is contractible. Using excision, the map ι is an isomorphism if $i < 2n-1$ and a surjection if $i = 2n-1$. Therefore, Σ also has these properties. □

Corollary 2.7.35. $\pi_i(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_{i+1}(S^{n+1})$ is an isomorphism if $i < 2n-1$ and a surjection if $i = 2n-1$.

Corollary 2.7.36. $\pi_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Proof. Repeatedly applying the previous result since $n < 2n - 1$ for $n > 1$.

$$\pi_2(S^2) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_3(S^3) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_4(S^4) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_5(S^5) \xrightarrow{\sim} \dots$$

Furthermore, since we know that $\pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ by the Hopf fibration, we know that $\pi_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ for all $n \geq 2$. Of course, we also know $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. \square

3 Homology

3.1 Introduction

Define a standard (unfilled) triangle with vertices α, β, γ and edges a, b, c . We will cook up some free abelian groups, $C_0 = \mathbb{Z}\alpha \oplus \mathbb{Z}\beta \oplus \mathbb{Z}\gamma$ the free group on the vertices and $C_1 = \mathbb{Z}a \oplus \mathbb{Z}b \oplus \mathbb{Z}c$ the free group on the edges. Now define the boundary map $\partial : C_1 \rightarrow C_0$ by $\partial b = \alpha - \gamma$ and $\partial a = \gamma - \beta$ and $\partial c = \alpha - \beta$. Then the diagram,

$$0 \longrightarrow C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} C_0 \longrightarrow 0$$

is a complex meaning that the composition of any two maps is the zero map. Consider the kernel of ∂ . Which is the set,

$$\{ta \oplus ub \oplus vc \mid t(\gamma - \beta) + u(\alpha - \gamma) + v(\alpha - \beta) = 0\}$$

which has solutions, $t = u = -v$ which is the set $\{(1, 1, -1) \cdot t \mid t \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}$. We call this $H_1(C) = \ker \partial \cong \mathbb{Z}$ the first Homology group.

Now consider the filled triangle labeled in the same way. Now we have a 2-cell called A representing the filled triangle so $C_2 = \mathbb{Z}A$. Now define the boundary map $\partial_2 : C_2 \rightarrow C_1$ defined by $\partial_2 A = a + b - c$ (with some choice of orientation). Now, $H_1(C) = \ker \partial_1 \text{Im}(\partial_2) \cong (1, 1, -1)\mathbb{Z} / (1, 1, -1)\mathbb{Z} = 0$.

3.2 Basic Definitions

Definition 3.2.1. A complex is any diagram such that the composition of any two maps (if it exists) is the zero map. In particular,

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_7} C_6 \xrightarrow{\partial_6} C_5 \xrightarrow{\partial_5} C_4 \xrightarrow{\partial_4} C_3 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

is a complex if $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$ or equivalently $\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subset \ker \partial_n$.

We call the C_n “chains”, the $\ker \partial_n$ “cycles”, and the $\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1})$ “boundaries”.

Definition 3.2.2. Given a complex as above, the n^{th} homology group is given by,

$$H_n(C) = \ker \partial_n / \text{Im}(\partial_{n+1})$$

Lemma 3.2.3. A sequence is exact if and only if it is a complex with trivial homology groups.

3.3 Simplicial Homology

Definition 3.3.1. The standard n -simplex is the subset,

$$\Delta^n = \left\{ (t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=0}^n t_i = 1 \text{ and } \forall i : t_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

We give Δ^n an orientation by ordering the vertices in the sequence defined by the order of the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} ,

$$(1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad (0, 1, \dots, 0), \quad \dots \quad (0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

Definition 3.3.2. An n -simplex is the convex hull of $n + 1$ points in \mathbb{R}^m that do not lie in any n -dimensional hyperplane.

Definition 3.3.3. The faces of an n -simplex are the convex hulls of any subset with n points of the simplex. There are $n + 1$ faces each of which is an $n - 1$ -simplex.

Definition 3.3.4. A Δ -complex X is a topological space along with a collection of maps $\sigma_\alpha : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ (where n can depend on α) subject to the constraints,

- (a) $\sigma_\alpha|_{(\Delta^n)^\circ}$ is injective and if $\alpha \neq \beta$ then $\text{Im}(\sigma_\alpha|_{(\Delta^n)^\circ}) \cap \text{Im}(\sigma_\beta|_{(\Delta^n)^\circ}) = \emptyset$
- (b) σ_α restricted to a face of Δ^n is equal to some σ_β up to homoeomorphism of the domains.
- (c) A set $U \subset X$ is open if and only if $\sigma_\alpha^{-1}(U)$ is open for every α .

Definition 3.3.5. Given a Δ -complex X define $C_n^\Delta(X)$ to be the free abelian group on all $\sigma_\alpha : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ with n fixed and define the boundary map $\partial_n : C_n^\Delta(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}^\Delta(X)$ by,

$$\partial(\sigma_\alpha) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}}$$

Lemma 3.3.6. Given a Δ -complex X the sequence $C^\Delta(X)$ given by,

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_7} C_6^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_6} C_5^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_5} C_4^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_4} C_3^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_2^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0^\Delta \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

is a complex.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n(\sigma_\alpha) &= \sum_{i>j} (-1)^{j+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{j^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} + \sum_{i<j} (-1)^{j+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{(j-1)^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} \\ &= \sum_{i>j} (-1)^{j+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{j^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} + \sum_{i<j} (-1)^{j+1+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{j^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} \\ &= \sum_{i>j} (-1)^{j+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{j^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} - \sum_{i<j} (-1)^{j+i} (\sigma_\alpha|_{i^{\text{th}}\text{-face}})|_{j^{\text{th}}\text{-face}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 3.3.7. Let X be a Δ -complex then the n^{th} homology group is,

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

which is the homology of the complex $C^\Delta(X)$.

3.4 Singular Homology

Definition 3.4.1. A (singular) n -chain on X is a map $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$.

Definition 3.4.2. Let $C_n(X)$ be the free abelian group of all n -chains.

Definition 3.4.3. The boundary map $\partial_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$ is defined by,

$$\partial_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}}$$

using an identification $\Delta^n|_{\text{face}} \cong \Delta^{n-1}$ with a unique linear map preserving orientation.

Definition 3.4.4. The (singular) Homology groups $H_n(X)$ of X are the homology groups of the chain complex,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_7} C_6 \xrightarrow{\partial_6} C_5 \xrightarrow{\partial_5} C_4 \xrightarrow{\partial_4} C_3 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

Definition 3.4.5. The category of chain complexes of abelian groups **Ch(Ab)** has objects which are chain complexes of abelian groups and morphisms natural transformations between the complex diagrams. Diagrammatically, let C and D be chain complexes then a natural transformation $\eta : C \rightarrow D$ is a sequence of maps η_n such that the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \cdots & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+3}} & C_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+2}} & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} & C_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-2}} & \cdots \\ & & \downarrow \eta_{n+2} & & \downarrow \eta_{n+1} & & \downarrow \eta_n & & \downarrow \eta_{n-1} & & \downarrow \eta_{n-2} & & \\ \cdots & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+3}} & D_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+2}} & D_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & D_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} & D_{n-2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-2}} & \cdots \end{array}$$

This is equivalent the condition that $\eta_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = \partial_{n+1} \circ \eta_n$ i.e. that each square commutes which is summarized by $\eta \circ \partial = \partial \circ \eta$.

Proposition 3.4.6. We have functors,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{Top} & \xrightarrow{C} & \mathbf{Ch(Ab)} & \xrightarrow{H_n} & \mathbf{AbGrp} \\ & & \searrow H_n & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

given a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we get a map $f_\# : C(X) \rightarrow C(Y)$ via $f_\#(\sigma) = f \circ \sigma$ extended to a linear map of free abelian groups which is a morphism of chain complexes.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} f_\# \circ \partial(\sigma) &= f_\#(\partial\sigma) = f_\# \left(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}} \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f_\#(\sigma|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f \circ \sigma|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}} = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i (f \circ \sigma)|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i f_\#(\sigma)|_{i^{\text{th}}-\text{face}} = \partial \circ f(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f_\# \circ \partial = \partial \circ f_\#$. □

Lemma 3.4.7. $H_n : \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{Ab}) \rightarrow \mathbf{AbGrp}$ is a functor.

Proof. Given $f_\# : C \rightarrow D$ (any map between complexes). If α is a cycle then $\partial(\alpha) = 0$ so $\partial(f_\#(\alpha)) = f_\#(\partial(\alpha)) = f_\#(0) = 0$ so $f_\#(\alpha)$ is a cycle. Furthermore, if β is a boundary then $\beta = \partial(\gamma)$ so $f_\#(\beta) = f_\#(\partial(\gamma)) = \partial(f_\#(\gamma))$ so $f_\#(\beta)$ is a boundary. Therefore, $f_\#$ is well-defined on homology groups by $f_\# : \alpha \text{Im}(\partial) \mapsto f_\#(\alpha) \text{Im}(\partial)$. \square

Corollary 3.4.8. $H_n : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{AbGrp}$ is a functor.

Proposition 3.4.9. If X has components X_α then,

$$H_n(X) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_n(X_\alpha)$$

Proof. Because Δ^n is connected, any map $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ has a connected image as is therefore exactly some map $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X_\alpha$. Therefore we can split each chain as,

$$C_n(X) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} C_n(X_\alpha)$$

However, σ restricted to its faces also maps into X_α so the boundary map acts on each component $C_n(X_\alpha)$ separately. Therefore since quotients and products commute, we have,

$$H_n(X) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_n(X_\alpha)$$

\square

Proposition 3.4.10. The augmented complex,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_6} C_5 \xrightarrow{\partial_5} C_4 \xrightarrow{\partial_4} C_3 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} Z \longrightarrow 0$$

where,

$$\varepsilon \left(\sum_{i=0}^r n_i \sigma_i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^r n_i = n_i$$

is a chain complex and is exact at \mathbb{Z} if X is nonempty.

Proof. Take $\varepsilon \circ \partial_1(\sigma) = \varepsilon(\sigma|_{0\text{-face}} - \sigma|_{1\text{-face}}) = 0$. Thus, $\varepsilon \circ \partial_1 = 0$. Furthermore, the kernel of the zero map at \mathbb{Z} is everything so the this sequence is a complex.

Suppose that X is nonempty then we have some map $\sigma : \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$. Thus, for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the map ε takes $n\sigma \mapsto n$ so $\text{Im}(\varepsilon) = \mathbb{Z} = \ker 0$ and thus the complex is exact at \mathbb{Z} . \square

Definition 3.4.11. The reduced homology of X , denoted $\tilde{H}_n(X)$, is the homology of the augmented complex.

Proposition 3.4.12. For $n > 0$ we have $\tilde{H}_n(X) = H_n(X)$ and $H_0(X) = \tilde{H}_0(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$.

Proposition 3.4.13. If X is nonempty and path-connected then $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. I claim that the augmented complex is exact at C_0 . Suppose we have a cycle,

$$\varepsilon \left(\sum n_i \sigma_i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n n_i = 0$$

then by path-connectedness, we can pick paths τ_i from $x_i = \text{Im}(\sigma_i)$ to $x_0 = \text{Im}(\sigma_0)$ which are points because σ_i is a map $\Delta^0 \rightarrow X$ which is the image of a point. Then, $I \cong \Delta^1$ so τ_i is a 1-chain. However, $\partial(\tau_i) = \sigma_i - \sigma_0$. Consider,

$$\partial \left(\sum_{i=0}^r n_i \tau_i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^r n_i \sigma_i - \sum_{i=0}^r n_i \sigma_0 = \sum_{i=0}^r n_i \sigma_i$$

because the sum of n_i is zero since we are considering a chain. Therefore, we have shown that every cycle is a boundary so the complex is exact at C_0 . Now,

$$H_0 = C_0 / \text{Im}(\partial_1) = C_0 / \ker \varepsilon \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

because ε is a surjection $C_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ since X is nonempty so the augmented complex is exact at \mathbb{Z} . \square

Definition 3.4.14. Let $f_\#, g_\# : C \rightarrow D$ be morphisms of chain complexes. A *chain homotopy* $p : f_\# \implies g_\#$ is a sequence of maps $p_n : C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$ such that,

$$\partial \circ p + p \circ \partial = g_\# - f_\#$$

or more explicitly,

$$\partial_{n+1} \circ p_n + p_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = (g_\#)_n - (f_\#)_n$$

Lemma 3.4.15. If $f_\#, g_\# : C \rightarrow D$ are chain homotopic then the induced maps on homology $f_*, g_* : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$ are equal.

Proof. Let $p : f_\# \implies g_\#$ be a chain homotopy. It suffices to show that if $\alpha \in \ker \partial$ is a cycle then $(f_* - g_*)(\alpha) = 0$ which is equivalent to $(g_\# - f_\#)(\alpha) \in \text{Im}(\partial)$ is a boundary. Suppose that $\partial\alpha = 0$. Then,

$$(g_\# - f_\#)(\alpha) = (\partial \circ p + p \circ \partial)(\alpha) = \partial(p(\alpha))$$

and therefore $(g_\# - f_\#)(\alpha)$ is a boundary. Therefore $f_* = g_*$. \square

Theorem 3.4.16. If $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic then the induced maps on homology $f_*, g_* : H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ are equal, $f_* = g_*$.

Proof. Let $h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ be a homotopy between f and g . Any map $h : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ induces, for each n -chain $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$, a map $h \circ (\sigma \times \text{id}_I) : \Delta^n \times I \rightarrow Y$. We can divide the space $\Delta^n \times I$ into $n+1$ distinct $n+1$ -simplices as a Δ -complex. Define $p_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(Y)$ by

$$p(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i [h \circ (\sigma \times \text{id}_I)]|_{\Delta_i}$$

I claim that p is a chain homotopy between $f_\#$ and $g_\#$. (Hatcher p. 112). Therefore, by the above lemma, $f_* = g_*$. \square

Proposition 3.4.17. We have the following commutative diagram of functors,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathbf{Top} & \xrightarrow{C} & \mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{Ab}) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\mathbf{hTop} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{Ab}) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\mathbf{whTop} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{Ab})
\end{array}$$

where $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{Ab})$ is the category of chain complexes identifying chain-homotopic maps in $\mathbf{Ch}(\mathbf{Ab})$ and $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{Ab})$ is the derived category identifying all maps which induce isomorphisms on homology and \mathbf{whTop} is the weak homotopy category defined by identifying all maps which induce isomorphisms on homology and homotopy groups.

Definition 3.4.18. Let (X, A) be a pair of spaces then the *relative n -chain* is the group $C_n(X, A) = C_n(X)/C_n(A)$ and the boundary map $\partial : C_n(X, A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X, A)$ induced by $\partial : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(X)$. Then, $C(X, A)$ is a complex with homology, $H_n(X, A) = H_n(C(X, A))$.

Lemma 3.4.19. Given a short exact sequence of chain complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{j} C \longrightarrow 0$$

we get a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\delta} H_1(A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_1(B) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_1(C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_0(B) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_0(C) \rightarrow 0$$

functorially.

Proof. Consider the diagram with exact rows,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\
& \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\
0 & \rightarrow & A_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{i} & B_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{j} & C_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\
0 & \rightarrow & A_n & \xrightarrow{i} & B_n & \xrightarrow{j} & C_n \rightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\
0 & \rightarrow & A_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i} & B_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{j} & C_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \\
& \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\
& \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots &
\end{array}$$

Suppose that $c \in C_n$ is a cycle then $\exists b \in B_n$ such that $j(b) = c$ so $j(\partial b) = \partial \circ j(b) = \partial c = 0$ so by exactness, $\exists a \in A_{n-1}$ with $i(a) = \partial b$. We know that $i(\partial a) = \partial \circ i(a) = \partial^2 b = 0$ but i is injective so $\partial a = 0$. Therefore a is a cycle. Define $\delta([c]) = [a]$. If we pick b' rather than b then $b - b' \in \ker j = \text{Im}(i)$ so $\exists a' \in A_n$ such that $i(a') = b - b'$. Then $i(a - \partial a') = \partial(b - i(a')) = \partial b'$ but $[a] = [a - \partial a']$. If $[c] = [c']$ are both cycles then $c = c' + \partial x$ for $x \in C_{n+1}$. Thus, $\exists y \in B_{n+1}$ such that $j(y) = x$ so $j(\partial y) = \partial \circ j(y) = \partial x$ but then $b = \partial y$ so if $i(a) = \partial^2 y = 0$ then $a = 0$ because i is an injection. Therefore $\delta([\partial x]) = [0]$ so $\delta([c]) = \delta([c'])$ so δ is well-defined. It suffices to check that the sequence of homology groups is exact. \square

Theorem 3.4.20. Let (X, A) be a pair then there is a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\delta} H_1(A) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} H_1(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_1(X, A) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(A) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} H_0(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_0(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$

Proof. Consider the diagram with exact rows,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_{n+1}(A) & \rightarrow & C_{n+1}(X) & \rightarrow & C_{n+1}(X, A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_n(A) & \rightarrow & C_n(X) & \rightarrow & C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & C_{n-1}(X) & \rightarrow & C_{n-1}(X, A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \end{array}$$

Therefore, we get an exact sequence of chain complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow C(A) \longrightarrow C(X) \longrightarrow C(X, A) \longrightarrow 0$$

and thus a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\delta} H_1(A) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} H_1(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_1(X, A) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_0(A) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} H_0(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_0(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$

□

Corollary 3.4.21. If $x_0 \in X$ then $H_n(X, \{x_0\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X)$.

Proof. We have a long exact sequence of reduced homology,

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\delta} \tilde{H}_1(\{x_0\}) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} \tilde{H}_1(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_1(X, \{x_0\}) \xrightarrow{\delta} \tilde{H}_0(\{x_0\}) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} \tilde{H}_0(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_0(X, \{x_0\}) \rightarrow 0$$

which gives isomorphisms $H_n(X, \{x_0\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X)$ for each n since $\tilde{H}_n(\{x_0\}) = 0$.

□

Theorem 3.4.22 (Excision I). Suppose that $Z \subset A \subset X$ with $\bar{Z} \subset A^\circ$ then the inclusion map $(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphism on all homology.

Theorem 3.4.23 (Excision II). Suppose that $A, B \subset X$ with $A^\circ \cup B^\circ = X$ then the inclusion $(B, A \cap B) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphisms on all homology.

Lemma 3.4.24. Excision I and Excision II are equivalent.

Proof. Take $B = X \setminus Z$ then $A^\circ \cup B^\circ = A^\circ \cup (X \setminus \bar{Z}) = X$ if and only if $\bar{Z} \subset A^\circ$.

□

Lemma 3.4.25. Suppose that $A, B \subset X$. If $C(A) + C(B) \hookrightarrow C(X)$ induces isomorphisms on homology, then Excision II holds for A, B, X .

Proof. Apply the long exact sequence to the short exact sequence of complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow C(A) + C(B) \xrightarrow{\iota_{\#}} C(X) \longrightarrow C(X)/(C(A) + C(B)) \longrightarrow 0$$

By assumption, ι_* is an isomorphism so $H_n(C(X)/(C(A) + C(B))) = 0$. Now, consider the short exact sequence of complexes given by the third isomorphism theorem,

$$0 \longrightarrow \frac{C(A)+C(B)}{C(A)} \xrightarrow{j_{\#}} \frac{C(X)}{C(A)} \longrightarrow \frac{C(X)}{C(A)+C(B)} \longrightarrow 0$$

The long exact sequence has every third term zero so j_* is an isomorphism. Therefore, the following diagram of complexes commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{C(B)}{C(A \cap B)} = \frac{C(B)}{C(A) \cap C(B)} & \xrightarrow{k_{\#}} & \frac{C(X)}{C(A)} \\ & \searrow \phi & \nearrow j_{\#} \\ & \frac{C(A)+C(B)}{C(A)} & \end{array}$$

Where ϕ is an isomorphism by the second isomorphism theorem. Therefore, k_* is an isomorphism on homology so $k_* : H_n(C(B)/C(A \cap B)) \rightarrow H_n(C(X)/C(A))$ is an isomorphism. Therefore, by definition,

$$k_* : H_n(B, A \cap B) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$$

is an isomorphism. □

Definition 3.4.26. Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be convex, let $p \in K$ and $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow K$ then we define the cone map, $\text{Cone}_p(\sigma) : \Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow K$ is given by,

$$\text{Cone}_p(\sigma) : (t_0, \dots, t_{n+1}) = t_0 p + (1 - t_0) \sigma \left(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \dots, \frac{t_{n+1}}{1-t_0} \right)$$

Lemma 3.4.27. $\partial \text{Cone}_p(\sigma) = \sigma - \text{Cone}_p(\partial \sigma)$

Proposition 3.4.28. We can define a natural chain automorphism S of the chain complex functor $C : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{Ch})$. Explicitly for any map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C(Y) & & C_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C_n(Y) \\ \downarrow S^X & \Downarrow & \downarrow S_n^X \\ C(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C(Y) & \Longleftrightarrow & C_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C_n(Y) \\ & & \downarrow S_n^Y \end{array}$$

Furthermore, there is a natural chain homotopy T between the identity natural transformation and S ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C(Y) & & C_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C_{n+1}(Y) \\ \downarrow T^X & \Downarrow & \downarrow T_n^X \\ C(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C(Y) & \Longleftrightarrow & C_n(X) \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} C_{n+1}(Y) \\ & & \downarrow T_n^Y \end{array}$$

such that $\partial \circ T^X + T^X \circ \partial = S^X - \text{id}_{C(X)}$

Definition 3.4.29. Using the naturality, $S_n^X(\sigma) = \sigma_{\#} \circ S_n^{\Delta^n}(\text{id})$. Furthermore, $S^{\Delta^0}(\text{id}) = \text{id}$ and $S_{n+1}^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\text{id}) = \text{Cone}_b \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}_{\Delta^{n+1}}) \right)$ where b is the barycenter of Δ^{n+1} .

Lemma 3.4.30. $S^X : C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$ is a chain map.

Proof. For $n = 0$ we have that S takes the identity to the identity which is clearly a chain map. Assume this holds for n ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial S_{n+1}^X(\sigma) &= \partial \circ \sigma_{\#} \circ S_{n+1}^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\text{id}) \\
&= \partial \circ \sigma_{\#} \circ \text{Cone}_b \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) \right) \\
&= \sigma_{\#} \circ \partial \circ \text{Cone}_b \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) \right) \\
&= \sigma_{\#} \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) - \text{Cone}_b \left(\partial S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) \right) \right) \\
&= \sigma_{\#} \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) - \text{Cone}_b \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial^2 \text{id}) \right) \right) \\
&= \sigma_{\#} \left(S_n^{\Delta^{n+1}}(\partial \text{id}) \right) = S_n^X(\sigma \circ \partial) = S_n^X(\partial \circ \sigma)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\partial \circ S^X = S^X \circ \partial$. □

Definition 3.4.31. Define the chain homotopy $T : \text{id} \implies S^X$ inductively,

$$T_0^{\Delta^0} : C_0(\Delta^0) \rightarrow C_1(\Delta^0)$$

such that $[\text{id}_{\Delta^0}] = [\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^0]$ And

Definition 3.4.32. Let \mathcal{V} be an open cover of X then $x \in C_n(X)$ is \mathcal{V} -small if it lies in the inclusion of $\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} C_n(v)$.

Lemma 3.4.33. If Δ_i is one of the supports of $S_n^{\Delta^n}(\text{id})$ then $\text{diam}(\Delta_i) \leq \frac{n}{n+1}$.

Lemma 3.4.34. Let $c \in C_n(X)$ then there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $[S]^k(c)$ is \mathcal{V} -small where \mathcal{V} is any open cover of X .

Proof. It suffices to show for $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$. Let ε be a Lebesgue number for the cover $\{\sigma^{-1}(V) \mid V \in \mathcal{V}\}$ of Δ^n which is a compact metric space. Pick k such that $\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^k < \varepsilon$. By the above lemma, $[S]^k(\sigma)$ is contained within a single element of \mathcal{V} . □

Now we will prove Excision.

Proof. We want to show that the inclusion $\sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} C(V) \hookrightarrow C(X)$ induces an isomorphism on homology. For each $c \in C_n(X)$ we know that $[S]^k(c) \in \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} C(V)$ and by the existence of a chain homotopy between S and id we have that $[S]^k$ is chain homotopic to id . Therefore, c and $[S]^k(c)$ lie in the same homology class so the map $\sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} C(V) \hookrightarrow C(X)$ is surjective. Suppose that $c \in \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} C(V)$ is a boundary in $C(X)$. Suppose that $b \in C(V)$ and $\exists : c \in C(X)$ such that $\partial c = b$. Take k such that $[S]^k(c)$ is \mathcal{V} -small. Then,

$$\partial \circ [S]^k(c) = [S]^k(\partial c) = [S]^k(b) = b - \partial \circ T_k(b)$$

where T_k is a chain homotopy between $[S]^k$ and id . However, T_k is a natural chain homotopy so T_k^V and T_k^X agree and thus $T_k(b) \in V$. Therefore, $([S]^k(c) + T_k(b)) \in C(V)$ and $\partial([S]^k(c) + T_k(b)) = b$ so b is a boundary in $C(V)$. Thus, the inclusion map is an injection and thus an isomorphism on homology. □

Definition 3.4.35. (X, A) is a good pair if A is closed in X and there exists a neighborhood U of A such that U deformation retracts to A .

Lemma 3.4.36. (X, A) is a good pair if and only if $A \hookrightarrow X$ is a cofibration.

Corollary 3.4.37. Suppose that $A \hookrightarrow X$ is a cofibration then the map,

$$H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X/A, \{x_0\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$$

induced by the quotient map $X \rightarrow X/A$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. Let U be an open neighborhood of A and A is a deformation retract of U . Then, the following diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & H_n(X, U) & \xleftarrow{\gamma} & H_n(X \setminus A, U \setminus A) \\ \downarrow f_{\#} & & \downarrow f_{\#} & & \downarrow \epsilon \\ \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \cong H_n(X/A, A/A) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & H_n(X/A, U/A) & \xleftarrow{\delta} & H_n(X/A \setminus A/A, U/A \setminus A/A) \end{array}$$

The map α is an isomorphism by the long exact sequence of (X, U, A) as $H_n(U, A) = 0$ since U is a deformation retract of A . \square

Corollary 3.4.38. Given a good pair (X, A) , there is a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(A) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X/A) \rightarrow H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X/A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Theorem 3.4.39.

$$\tilde{H}_k(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n = k \\ 0 & n \neq k \end{cases}$$

Proof. Take the pair $(D^n, \partial D^n = S^{n-1})$ then using the long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{k+1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{k+1}(D^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(S^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(D^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(S^n) \rightarrow \cdots$$

We know that $\tilde{H}_k(D^n) = 0$ since D^n is contractible so its homology is the same as a point. Therefore, we get exact sequences,

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(S^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow 0$$

for each k and thus $\tilde{H}_{k+1}(S^n) \cong \tilde{H}_k(S^{n-1})$. Furthermore, we know that,

$$\tilde{H}_k(S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k = 0 \\ 0 & k > 0 \end{cases}$$

By induction, the result follows. \square

Theorem 3.4.40. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is any continuous map then there is a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(Y) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(C_f) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y) \rightarrow H_n(C_f) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Proof. The map $X \times \{0\} \rightarrow M_f$ is a cofibration. Therefore, we have a good pair $(M_f, X \times \{0\})$ so there is a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(M_f) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(M_f/X) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(M_f) \rightarrow H_n(M_f/X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

However, $C_f = M_f/(X \times \{0\})$ and M_f deformation retracts onto Y so we have the required exact sequence. \square

Corollary 3.4.41. Suppose that (X_α, x_α) are pointed spaces with $(X_\alpha, \{x_\alpha\})$ a good pair. Then,

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

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \bigoplus_{\alpha} \tilde{H}_n(X_{\alpha}) &\cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_n(X_{\alpha}, \{x_{\alpha}\}) \cong H_n \left(\prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}, \prod_{\alpha} \{x_{\alpha}\} \right) \\ &\cong \tilde{H}_n \left(\prod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} / \prod_{\alpha} \{x_{\alpha}\} \right) \cong \tilde{H}_n \left(\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} \right) \end{aligned}$$

\square

Corollary 3.4.42. There is a natural isomorphism $\Sigma : \tilde{H}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X)$

Proof. We have that ΣX is homeomorphic to $CX/(X \times \{0\})$. Apply the long exact sequence to $(CX, X \times \{0\})$,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(CX) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(CX) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(\Sigma X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

However, CX is contractible so we have isomorphism $\tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X)$. \square

Theorem 3.4.43. Let (X, A) be a pair of Δ -complexes. Then there are natural isomorphisms $H_n^{\Delta}(X, A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X, A)$

Proof. Let X^k be the k^{th} skeleton of X . \square

Theorem 3.4.44.

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

Proof. Take X^k to be a the k -skeleton of a Δ -complex X . Consider the long exact sequences,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_{n+1}^{\Delta}(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n^{\Delta}(X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n^{\Delta}(X^k) & \longrightarrow & H_n^{\Delta}(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}^{\Delta}(X^{k-1}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ H_{n+1}(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^k) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{k-1}) \end{array}$$

where we know,

$$H_n^\Delta(X^k, X^{k-1}) = \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{k\text{-simplices of } X} \mathbb{Z} & n = k \\ 0 & n \neq k \end{cases}$$

Furthermore,

$$H_n(X^k, X^{k-1}) = \tilde{H}_n(X^k/X^{k-1}) = \tilde{H}_n\left(\prod_{\alpha} (\Delta_{\alpha}^k/\partial\Delta_{\alpha}^k)\right) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} \tilde{H}_n(\Delta^k/\partial\Delta^k)$$

However, we know that, $\Delta^k/\partial\Delta^k \cong S^k$ so,

$$\bigoplus_{\alpha} \tilde{H}_n(\Delta^k/\partial\Delta^k) \cong \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z} & n = k \\ 0 & n \neq k \end{cases}$$

Then we know that the map $H_n^\Delta(X^k, X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X^k, X^{k-1})$ is an isomorphism. Now, assume the induction hypothesis that the theorem holds for X^{k-1} the $k-1$ -skeleton. Then we have isomorphisms,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_{n+1}^\Delta(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n^\Delta(X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n^\Delta(X^k) & \longrightarrow & H_n^\Delta(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}^\Delta(X^{k-1}) \\ \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow \\ H_{n+1}(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^k) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X^k, X^{k-1}) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X^{k-1}) \end{array}$$

so by the five-lemma we know that the map $H_n^\Delta(X^k) \rightarrow H_n(X^k)$ is an isomorphism. Therefore, $H_n^\Delta(X^k) \cong H_n(X^k)$ so the result holds by induction on k since the base case $H_n^\Delta(X^0) \cong H_n(X^0)$ is clear because every map $\Delta^0 \rightarrow X^0$ is a single point and thus a Δ -complex component. For the case of an infinite Δ -complex we use the weak topology. Using the long exact sequence of a pair and the five-lemma we get the equivalence of singular and simplicial relative homology. \square

Theorem 3.4.45 (Invariance of Dimension). Suppose that $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and U and V are open such that $U \cong V$ then $n = m$.

Proof. Choose some $x \in U$ and let $f : U \rightarrow V$ be a homeomorphism. Consider the relative homology,

$$H_i(U, U \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_i(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x\})$$

by Excision since U is open. However,

$$H_i(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_{i-1}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_{i-1}(S^{n-1})$$

and similarly,

$$H_i(V, V \setminus \{f(x)\}) \cong H_i(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_{i-1}(\mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_{i-1}(S^{m-1})$$

Therefore, since f is a homeomorphism,

$$H_{i-1}(S^{n-1}) \cong H_{i-1}(S^{m-1})$$

However, the homology of a sphere goes to zero exactly at the dimension so $n = m$. \square

Theorem 3.4.46 (Mayer-Vietoris). Given $A, B \subset X$ with $A^\circ \cup B^\circ = X$ there exists a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H_n(A \cap B) \longrightarrow H_n(A) \oplus H_n(B) \longrightarrow H_n(X) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(A \cap B) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

Proof. Consider the sequence of chain complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow C(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{f} C(A) \oplus C(B) \xrightarrow{g} C(A) + C(B) \longrightarrow 0$$

where $f(x) = (x, -x)$ and $g(x, y) = x + y$. Clearly, f is injective and g is surjective. Furthermore,

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{(x, -x) \mid x \in C(A \cap B)\}$$

and if $x + y = 0$ then since $x \in C(A)$ and $y \in C(B)$ we have that $y = -x \in C(A \cap B)$. Thus,

$$\ker g = \{(x, -x) \mid x \in C(A \cap B)\} = \text{Im}(f)$$

Therefore, the sequence is exact. However, by Excision, $H_n(C(A) + C(B)) = H_n(X)$ so the long exact sequence of homology given by this short exact sequence of chain complexes gives the required Mayer-Vietoris sequence. \square

Remark. There is an equivalent Mayer-Vietoris sequence for reduced homology by augmenting the short exact sequence of complexes by,

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

Remark. If X is a CW complex and A, B are subcomplexes with $A \cup B = X$ then the Mayer-Vietoris sequence applies using an open ϵ -neighborhood of A and B which deformation retract onto A and B respectively.

3.5 Classical Results of Homology

Definition 3.5.1. Suppose that X is a finite Δ -complex then $C_n^\Delta(X)$ is a finitely generated abelian groups so $H_n(X)$ is a finitely generated abelian group. Therefore,

$$H_n(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{r_n} \oplus T_n$$

where T_n is finite. We call r_n the n^{th} Betti number of X and T_n the torsion subgroup.

Definition 3.5.2. The Euler Characteristic $\chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n r_n$ is the alternating sum of Betti numbers. Furthermore, the genus is $g = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\chi(X)$.

Theorem 3.5.3 (Brouwer). Every map $f : D^n \rightarrow D^n$ has a fixed point.

Proof. Suppose that $f : D^n \rightarrow D^n$ has no fixed point. Then, for each x take the line $f(x)$ to x and take $r(x)$ the point on ∂D^n where this line intersects. $r : D^n \rightarrow \partial D^n = S^{n-1}$ is a retract. Therefore, $r \circ \iota = \text{id}_{S^{n-1}}$. Applying the functor H_{n-1} we find that, $r_* \circ \iota_* = \text{id}_{H_{n-1}(S^{n-1})}$ and therefore the map $r_* : H_{n-1}(D^n) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ is surjective. However, $H_{n-1}(D^n) = 0$ so r cannot be surjective showing that r cannot be well-defined. Therefore, for some point, $f(x) = x$. \square

Definition 3.5.4. Let G be an abelian group and X a topological space. Then the homology of X with coefficients in G is $H_n(X; G)$ is the homology of the complex $C_n(X; G) = \bigoplus_{\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X} \sigma G$ with the boundary map defined as before.

Lemma 3.5.5. Given a homomorphism $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ of abelian groups there is a natural transformation of functors $H_n(-; G_1) \Rightarrow H_n(-; G_2)$

Definition 3.5.6. If $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is continuous then $\deg f \in \mathbb{Z}$ is the integer such that $f_* : H_n(S^n) \rightarrow H_n(S^n)$ is the map $f_*[\alpha] = \deg f \cdot [\alpha]$ viewing $H_n(S^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Proposition 3.5.7. If $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is a reflection then $\deg f = -1$.

Proof. Write S^n as the union of Δ_1^n and Δ_2^n which are exchanged under f . The homology group $H_n(S^n)$ is generated by $[\Delta_1^n] - [\Delta_2^n]$ so $f_*([\Delta_1^n] - [\Delta_2^n]) = [\Delta_2^n] - [\Delta_1^n] = -([\Delta_1^n] - [\Delta_2^n])$ so $\deg f = -1$ \square

Proposition 3.5.8. If $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is not surjective then $\deg f = 0$.

Proof. If $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is not surjective then we can factor f through $S^n \setminus \{x_0\}$ which is contractible so f_* is the zero map. \square

Lemma 3.5.9. If G is an abelian group and $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$, then the induced map $f_* : H_n(S^n; G) \rightarrow H_n(S^n; G)$ the map $f_*(g) = \deg f \cdot g$.

Proof. Let $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ be the map sending $1 \mapsto g$ so we get a natural transformation,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \\ \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow \eta \\ H_n(S^n; G) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(S^n; G) \end{array}$$

Therefore, $f_*(g) = f_*(\eta(1)) = \eta(f_*(1)) = \eta(\deg f \cdot 1) = \deg f \cdot g$. \square

Proposition 3.5.10. If $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is an odd map $f(-x) = -f(x)$ then $\deg f$ is odd.

Proof. Consider the covering map $p : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^n$, then there is an exact sequence of chain complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow C_n(\mathbb{RP}^n; \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\tau} C_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{p_\#} C_n(\mathbb{RP}^n; \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0$$

where τ is the sum of the lifts of σ to S^n . Clearly, τ is injective and $p_\#$ is surjective. Furthermore, the kernel of $p_\#$ are the chains such that $\sum_{n=1} n\sigma_i \circ p = 0$ which are those chains which are sums of the two lifts and thus the image of τ . Therefore, we get a long exact sequence of homology with coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$,

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n(\mathbb{RP}^n) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(S^n) \xrightarrow{0} H_n(\mathbb{RP}^n)$$

\square

Theorem 3.5.11 (Borsuk-Ulam). Let $g : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a continuous map then $\exists x \in S^n$ such that $g(-x) = g(x)$.

Proof. Given $g : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $f(x) = g(x) - g(-x)$ be a map $S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that f has no zeros. In this case, we can define the continuous function $\tilde{f}(x) : S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ given by, $\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{|f(x)|}$. The restriction of this map to the equator S^{n-1} is a map $h : S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$. However, $h(-x) = \frac{g(-x)-g(x)}{|g(-x)-g(x)|} = -\frac{g(x)-g(-x)}{|g(x)-g(-x)|} = -h(x)$ so h is an odd function and therefore has odd degree. However, \tilde{f} restricted to a hemisphere is a homotopy of h to a constant map so h has degree zero which is a contradiction. Therefore, f has a zero so $\exists z \in S^n$ such that $g(x) - g(-x) = 0$ and thus $g(x) = g(-x)$. \square

Corollary 3.5.12. There is no subspace of \mathbb{R}^n homeomorphic to S^n

Proof. Any continuous map $f : S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfies $f(z) = f(-z)$ for some $z \in S^n$ so f cannot be injective and therefore f cannot be a homeomorphism. \square

Corollary 3.5.13 (Ham Sandwich). Let $A_1, \dots, A_n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be bounded measurable sets. Then, there exists a hyperplane P which divides each A_i into two sets of equal measure.

Proof. Let $f_i : S^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be the map $f_i(\hat{n}, s)$ giving the measure of A_i lying on the side in the direction \hat{n} of the plane normal to \hat{n} lying a distance s from the origin. From measure theory, we know that f_i is continuous. Then, f_i is monotonically decreasing in s and its image contains 0. By the intermediate value theorem, $\exists a_k, b_k$ such that $[a_n, b_n]$ is all the points such that $f_n(\hat{n}, s) = m(A_k)/2$. Let $g_i : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the map $g(\hat{n}) = \frac{b-a}{2}$. It turns out that g_i is continuous. Define the map $G : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by $G(\hat{n}) =$ \square

3.6 Cellular Homology

Lemma 3.6.1. Let X be a CW complex. Then the following hold,

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

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

$$(c) \text{ The inclusion } \iota : X^n \rightarrow X \text{ induces } \iota_* : H_k(X^n) \rightarrow H_k(X) \text{ an isomorphism if } k < n.$$

Proof. Geometrically, $X^n/X^{n-1} \cong \bigvee_{n\text{-cells}} S^n$ and therefore, because (X^n, X^{n-1}) is a good pair,

$$H_k(X^n, X^{n-1}) \cong H_k(X^n/X^{n-1}) \cong H_k\left(\bigvee_{n\text{-cells}} S^n\right) \cong \bigoplus_{n\text{-cells}} H_k(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{n\text{-cells}} \mathbb{Z} & n = k \\ 0 & n \neq k \end{cases}$$

\square

3.7 The Hurewicz Theorem

Definition 3.7.1. Fix generators α of $H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) \cong H_n(S^n)$ such that $\alpha_n = \Sigma \alpha_{n-1}$. For a pointed pair (X, A, x_0) the Hurewicz map $h_n : \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$ takes $h_n([f]) = f_*(\alpha_n)$.

Lemma 3.7.2. If $n > 0$ then the Hurewicz map h_n is a homomorphism

Proof. We need to show that $(f * g)_* = f_* * g_*$. The class $[f * g]$ is represented by the composition,

$$(D^n, \partial D^n) \xrightarrow{c} (D^n \vee D^n, \partial D^n \vee \partial D^n) \xrightarrow{f \vee g} (X \vee Y, A \vee B) \xrightarrow{\nabla} (X, A)$$

\square

Lemma 3.7.3. $h_n : \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$ is a natural transformation $h_n : \pi_n \implies H_n$ between the homotopy and homology functors.

Proof. Consider the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\pi_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_n(Y, B) \\
\downarrow h_n & & \downarrow h_n \\
\pi_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(Y, B)
\end{array}$$

which commutes because $f_* \circ h_n([\gamma]) = f_*(\gamma_*(\alpha_n)) = f_* \circ \gamma_*(\alpha_n)$. Likewise,

$$h_n \circ f_*([\gamma]) = h_n([f \circ \gamma]) = (f \circ \gamma)_*(\alpha_n) = f_* \circ \gamma_*(\alpha_n)$$

□

Lemma 3.7.4. The Hurewicz map is compatible with suspension. That is, the diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\pi_n(X) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} & \pi_{n+1}(\Sigma X) \\
\downarrow h_n & & \downarrow h_{n+1} \\
H_n(X) & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} & H_{n+1}(\Sigma X)
\end{array}$$

commutes. Furthermore, the Hurewicz map yields a morphism of complexes,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\cdots & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(A) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(X) & \longrightarrow & \pi_n(X, A) \longrightarrow \cdots \\
& & \downarrow h & & \downarrow h & & \downarrow h \\
\cdots & \longrightarrow & H_n(A) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X, A) \longrightarrow \cdots
\end{array}$$

Theorem 3.7.5 (Hurewicz). Let X be $(n-1)$ -connected. Then, $h_n : \pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$ is an isomorphism if $n > 1$ and the abelianization map if $n = 1$.

Theorem 3.7.6 (Relative Hurewicz). Let (X, A) be $(n-1)$ -connected as a pair. Then, $h_n : \pi_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X, A)$ is an isomorphism if $n > 1$.

Lemma 3.7.7. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a weak homotopy equivalence then $f_* : H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. Assume that $n > 0$ and X and Y are path-connected. Replace Y with M_f as before and consider the pair (M_f, X) . Since f is a weak homotopy equivalence then $f_* : \pi_n(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism so by the long exact sequence of a pair, $\pi_n(M_f, X) = 0$ for each n . Using the long exact homology sequence of a pair, it suffices to prove that $H_n(M_f, X) = 0$.

Let $\alpha \in H_n(M_f, X)$ be $\alpha = \sum n_i \sigma_i$ for $\sigma_i : \Delta^n \rightarrow M_f$. We can construct a Δ -complex K by taking disjoint Δ^n and gluing along a face whenever $\sigma_i|_{\text{face}} = \sigma_{i'}|_{\text{face}}$. In particular, there is an induced map $\sigma : K \rightarrow M_f$ such that $\sigma(L) = X$ if L is the boundary of K . Thus, $\sigma : (K, L) \rightarrow (M_f, X)$ and $\bar{\alpha} \in H_n(K, L)$ such that $\sigma_*(\bar{\alpha}) = \alpha$. By the compression lemma, σ is homotopic to some $\sigma' : (K, L) \rightarrow (X, X)$ and thus $\alpha = \sigma_*(\alpha) = \sigma'_*(\alpha) = 0$. □

Now we give a proof of Hurewicz's Theorem.

Proof. By CW approximation and the previous lemma, we can assume X is a CW complex with $X^0 = *$ and X has no q -cells for $0 < q < n$ since X is $(n-1)$ -connected. Also, $H_n(X^{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X)$ and $\pi_n(X^{n+1}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n(X)$ so assume that $X = X^{n+1}$. (WORK IN PROGRESS) □

Corollary 3.7.8. Let X be $(n - 1)$ -connected then X is k -connected for each $k < n$. Therefore, by the Hurewicz theorem, $H_k(X) \cong \pi_k(X) = 0$.

Theorem 3.7.9 (Whitehead on Homology). A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of simply-connected CW complexes that induces isomorphisms on all homology groups is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof. Replace Y with the mapping cylinder M_f and consider the map,

$$X \xrightarrow{\iota} M_f \xrightarrow{r} Y$$

We know that $\pi_1(M_f, X) = 0$ because X and Y are simply connected and using the long exact sequence. Therefore, (M_f, X) is 1-connected so by Hurewicz, $h_2 : \pi_2(M_f, X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_2(M_f, X)$ is an isomorphism. However, we can calculate $H_2(M_f, X) = 0$ using the long exact sequence,

$$H_2(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_2(M_f) \longrightarrow H_2(M_f, X) \longrightarrow H_1(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_1(M_f)$$

where these maps are isomorphisms by assumption. Therefore, $H_2(M_f, X) = 0$ so $\pi_2(M_f, X) = 0$ so the pair is 2-connected and thus by Hurewicz, $h_3 : \pi_3(M_f, X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_3(M_f, X)$ is an isomorphism. By induction, we have that $\pi_n(M_f, X) = 0$ for each n . Therefore, by the long exact sequence $f_* : \pi_n(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n(M_f) \cong \pi_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism for each n so by Whitehead's theorem f is a homotopy equivalence. \square

3.8 Künneth Theorem

3.8.1 Derived Functors

Definition 3.8.1. Given an R -module M a free resolution of M is an exact sequence,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow F_2 \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

where each F_i is free. In particular, if R is a field then we can take $F_0 = M$ and $F_i = 0$ for $i > 0$. If R is a PID then any R -submodule of a free module is free.

Definition 3.8.2. Let \mathcal{F} be a right-exact functor. Take a free resolution of M ,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow F_2 \longrightarrow F_1 \longrightarrow F_0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

Then the left-derived functors $L_i\mathcal{F}(M)$ of \mathcal{F} are the homology of the complex,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(F_2) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(F_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(F_0) \longrightarrow 0$$

Lemma 3.8.3. Given a right-exact functor \mathcal{F} , we have $L_0\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}$.

Proof. $L_0\mathcal{F}(M) = \mathcal{F}(F_0)/\text{Im}(\partial_1)$. However, by right-exactness,

$$\mathcal{F}(F_1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(F_0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(M) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact. Therefore, $\text{Im}(\partial_1) = \ker \partial_0$. However, $\mathcal{F}(M) \cong \mathcal{F}(F_0)/\ker \partial_0 = \mathcal{F}(F_0)/\text{Im}(\partial_1) = L_0\mathcal{F}(M)$. \square

Lemma 3.8.4. The functor $(-) \otimes_R N$ is right-exact where R is a PID.

Proof. Let

$$K \xrightarrow{i} L \xrightarrow{j} M \longrightarrow 0$$

be exact. Consider the sequence,

$$K \otimes N \xrightarrow{i \otimes \text{id}_N} L \otimes N \xrightarrow{j \otimes \text{id}_N} M \otimes N \longrightarrow 0$$

Construct a map $\phi : M \times N \rightarrow L \otimes N / (i \otimes \text{id}_N)(K \otimes M)$ by $\phi(m, n) = \ell \otimes n$ where $j(\ell) = m$ where I have used the fact that j is surjective. If $\ell, \ell' \in L$ where $j(\ell) = j(\ell')$ then,

$$\ell \otimes n - \ell' \otimes n = (\ell - \ell') \otimes n$$

However, $\ell - \ell' \in \ker j = \text{Im}(i)$ so take $k \in K$ such that $i(k) = \ell - \ell'$. Thus,

$$\ell \otimes n - \ell' \otimes n = i(k) \otimes n = (i \otimes \text{id}_N)(k \otimes n) = 0$$

in the quotient. By the universal property of the tensor product, there exists a linear map,

$$\tilde{\phi} : M \otimes N \rightarrow L \otimes N / (i \otimes \text{id}_N)(K \otimes M)$$

Furthermore, $\tilde{\phi}$ is the inverse map to $j \otimes \text{id}_N$ on the quotient. Therefore, $\ker j \otimes \text{id}_N$ is exactly $\text{Im}(i \otimes \text{id})$. \square

Definition 3.8.5. Given the above, define, $\text{Tor}_n^R(-, N)$ the n^{th} left-derived functor of $(-) \otimes_R N$.

Proposition 3.8.6. Properties of the Tor functor,

- (a) $\text{Tor}_n^R(\bigoplus_i M_i, N) \cong \bigoplus_i \text{Tor}_n^R(M_i, N)$
- (b) If M or N is free then $\text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) = 0$ for $n > 0$.
- (c) If $r \in R$ is not a zero divisor, then,

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(R/(r), N) \cong \{n \in N \mid rn = 0\}$$

the r -torsion of N and,

$$\text{Tor}_n^R(R/(r), N) = 0$$

for $n > 1$.

Proposition 3.8.7. Tor is symmetric, $\text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) \cong \text{Tor}_n^R(N, M)$.

Proposition 3.8.8. Given a short exact sequence of R -modules,

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

then we get a long exact sequence,

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(K, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(L, N) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(M, N) \rightarrow K \otimes N \rightarrow L \otimes N \rightarrow M \otimes N \rightarrow 0$$

3.8.2 Tensor Products of Chain Complexes

Definition 3.8.9. Let A and B be graded R -modules. Define the tensor product as a graded R -module as,

$$(A \otimes B)^n = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} A^p \otimes B^q$$

Definition 3.8.10. Let C and D be chain complexes of R -modules. Define the chain complex $C \otimes D$ by $(C \otimes D)_n = (C_n \otimes D_n)$ with the boundary map,

$$\partial_r(x \otimes y) = (\partial x) \otimes y + (-1)^r x \otimes (\partial y)$$

Theorem 3.8.11. Let C and D be chain complexes of R -modules where R is a PID. Then there are natural exact sequences,

$$0 \longrightarrow (H_*(C) \otimes H_*(D))^n \longrightarrow H_n(C \otimes D) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(C), H_q(D)) \longrightarrow 0$$

Proof. If the complex C has zero boundary maps then we have seen that,

$$\bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(C) \otimes H_q(D) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(C \otimes D)$$

Let $Z_i \subset C_i$ be the cycles and $B_i \subset C_i$ the boundaries. We can equip them with a complex structure with zero boundary maps. The following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & C_{i+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_i \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow 0 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z_i & \longrightarrow & C_i & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{i-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow 0 & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow 0 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z_{i-1} & \longrightarrow & C_{i-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{i-2} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

which gives a short exact sequence of complexes,

$$0 \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow B[-1] \longrightarrow 0$$

Since R is a PID we know that any submodule of a free module is free. Thus, Z and B are free. Therefore, $(-) \otimes D$ is an exact functor so we get the exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow Z \otimes D \longrightarrow C \otimes D \longrightarrow B[-1] \otimes D \longrightarrow 0$$

This short exact sequence gives rise to a long exact sequence of homology,

$$H_{n+1}(B[-1] \otimes D) \xrightarrow{i_{n+1}} H_n(Z \otimes D) \longrightarrow H_n(C \otimes D) \longrightarrow H_n(B[-1] \otimes D) \xrightarrow{i_n} H_{n-1}(Z \otimes D)$$

By the special case, $H_{n+1}(B[-1] \otimes D) \cong H_n(B \otimes D) \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(B) \otimes H_q(D)$ and likewise $H_n(Z \otimes D) \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(Z) \otimes H_q(D)$. Therefore, we get,

$$\bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(B) \otimes H_q(D) \xrightarrow{i_{n+1}} \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_n(Z) \otimes H_n(D) \xrightarrow{j} H_n(C \otimes D) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(B \otimes D)$$

The map i_{n+1} is induced by the inclusion $B_p \hookrightarrow Z_p$. Consider the exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{coker } i_{n+1} \longrightarrow H_n(C \otimes D) \longrightarrow \ker i_{n+1} \longrightarrow 0$$

From the above long exact sequence we see that the cokernel of this map equals,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{coker } i_{n+1} &= H_n(Z \otimes D) / i_{n+1} \left(\bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(Z) \otimes H_q(D) \right) \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=n} [(Z_p / i(B_p)) \otimes H_q(D)] \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(C) \otimes H_q(D) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow B_p \longrightarrow Z_p \longrightarrow H_p(C) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact by definition. Therefore, applying the functor $\text{Tor}_n^R(-, H_q(D))$ gives a long exact sequence,

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(Z_p, H_q(D)) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(C), H_q(D)) \rightarrow B_p \otimes H_q(D) \rightarrow Z_p \otimes H_q(D) \rightarrow H_p(C) \otimes H_q(D)$$

However, Z_p is free so $\text{Tor}_1^R(Z_p, H_p(D)) = 0$. Furthermore, since the chain maps are zero, $Z_p = H_p(Z)$ and $B_p = H_p(B)$. Thus, taking the direct sum over such sequences, we get an exact sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(C), H_q(D)) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(B) \otimes H_q(D) \xrightarrow{i_{n+1}} \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(Z) \otimes H_q(D)$$

Therefore, $\ker i + 1 = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(C), H_q(D))$. Plugging these into the cokernel-kernel short exact sequence, we arrive at,

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(C) \otimes H_q(D) \longrightarrow H_n(C \otimes D) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(C), H_q(D)) \longrightarrow 0$$

□

Corollary 3.8.12 (Universal Coefficient Theorem). Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$, let G be a \mathbb{Z} -module i.e. any abelian group then there exists a split short exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} G \longrightarrow H_n(X; G) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1}(X), G) \longrightarrow 0$$

Proposition 3.8.13. If X and Y are CW complexes then,

$$C^{\text{CW}}(X \times Y) \cong C^{\text{CW}}(X) \otimes C^{\text{CW}}(Y)$$

Proof. Let $X \times Y$ has a CW structure,

$$(X \times Y)^n = \bigcup_{p+q=n} X^p \times Y^q$$

and the n -cells are labelled by pairs (i, j) where i is a p -cell of X and j is a q -cell of Y . Define a map,

$$\kappa : C^{\text{CW}}(X) \otimes C^{\text{CW}}(Y) \rightarrow C^{\text{CW}}(X \times Y)$$

by the formula $\kappa([i] \otimes [j]) = (-1)^{pq}[(i, j)]$. I claim that κ_n is an isomorphism of graded R -modules which commutes with the differentials and thus an isomorphism of chain complexes. \square

Theorem 3.8.14 (Künneth). Let X and Y be spaces and let R be a PID. Then there exist natural short exact sequences,

$$0 \rightarrow (H_*(X) \otimes H_*(Y))^n \rightarrow H_n(X \times Y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(X), H_q(Y)) \rightarrow 0$$

which splits unnaturally.

Proof. By CW approximation, we can assume that X and Y are CW complexes since weak homotopy equivalence preserves homology. By the above proposition, $H_n(X \times Y) = H_n(C(X) \otimes C(Y))$. Therefore, the above theorem we recover the required exact sequence. \square

Remark. If R is a field then Tor_1^R vanishes.

4 Cohomology

Definition 4.0.1 (Singular Cohomology). Define the chain complex $C^*(X; G) = \text{Hom}(C_*, G)$ with chain maps induced via hom on the complex C_* the standard singular chains, that is, $\delta_n : C^n(X; G) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(X; G)$ which acts as $\delta(f) = f \circ \partial_{C_*}$. This is known as a cochain complex. Then, the (singular) cohomology of X are the groups $H^n(X; G) = \ker \delta_n / \text{Im}(\delta_{n-1})$.

Theorem 4.0.2. There exists a short exact sequence,

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_G^1(H_{n-1}(X), G) \longrightarrow H^n(X; G) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(X), G) \longrightarrow 0$$

Definition 4.0.3. Let $\phi \in C^k(X; R)$ and $\psi \in C^\ell(X; R)$ where R is a ring then we can define the cup product which gives a function $(\phi \smile \psi) : C_{k+\ell} \rightarrow R$ and thus an element $(\phi \smile \psi) \in C^{k+\ell}$ which acts as,

$$(\phi \smile \psi)([v_0, \dots, v_{k+\ell}]) = \phi([v_0, \dots, v_k]) \cdot \psi([v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+\ell}])$$

Lemma 4.0.4. The cup product interacts with the boundary map via,

$$\delta(\phi \smile \psi) = (\delta\phi) \smile \psi + (-1)^k \phi \smile (\delta\psi)$$

Proposition 4.0.5. Cup products descend to a product structure on cohomology.

$$\smile : H^k(X; R) \times H^\ell(X; R) \rightarrow H^{k+\ell}(X; R)$$

Proposition 4.0.6. Properties of the cup product,

(a) \smile is associative.

(b) \smile distributes over addition.

Definition 4.0.7. The graded cohomology ring is $H^*(X; R) = \bigoplus_i H^i(X; R)$ which is a graded ring under $(+, \smile)$. If R is commutative then $\phi \smile \psi = (-1)^{k\ell} \psi \smile \phi$.

Example 4.0.8. Let $X = \mathbb{RP}^2$ with the ring $R = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Direct calculation gives

$$H^i(X) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & i = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0 & i > 2 \end{cases}$$

I claim that $H^*(X) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})[\alpha]/(\alpha^3)$.