

# Topology I

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# 1 Homology Theories

## Lecture 1: Introduction

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Aim : Study further algebraic invariants of topological spaces.

We want to assign to pairs of topological spaces abelian groups.

$$h_n : T \rightarrow \text{Ab} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and to pairs continuous maps, we want to assign a map  $h_n(f) : h_n(X) \rightarrow h_n(Y)$  which is functorial. Here  $T$  is the category of pairs of topological spaces  $A \subset X$  with morphisms  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  such that  $f(A) \subset B$ .

To relate  $h_n$  for different  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we will construct connecting morphisms  $\partial_n : h_n(X, A) \rightarrow h_{n-1}(A, \emptyset)$ .

### Axiom 1 (Eilenberg-Steenrod Axiom)

*A (generalised) homology theory consists of functors  $h_n : T \rightarrow \text{Ab}$  and natural connecting homomorphisms  $\partial_n : h_n(X, A) \rightarrow h_{n-1}(A, \emptyset)$ <sup>1</sup> satisfying*

— *Homotopy invariance :*

*If  $f, g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  are homotopic continuous maps of pairs then the induced maps  $h_n(f) = h_n(g)$ . Here homotopy of pairs means that there exists  $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  such that  $H(A \times [0, 1]) \subset B$*

— *Long exact sequence of a pair (LES) :*

*Given a pair of topological spaces  $(X, A)$  there is a long exact sequence of abelian groups.*

*Denote  $i : (A, \emptyset) \rightarrow (X, \emptyset)$  and  $j : (X, \emptyset) \rightarrow (X, A)$ , then*

$$h_n(A, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{h_n(i)} h_n(X, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{h_n(j)} h_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} h_{n-1}(A, \emptyset)$$

— *Excision*

*Given  $B \subset A \subset X$  subspaces such that  $\overline{B} \subset A^\circ$ , the inclusion induces a group isomorphism*

$$h_n(X \setminus B, A \setminus B) \rightarrow h_n(X, A)$$

*We add another axiom to "make things easier"*

— *Additivity :*

*Given a family of pairs of spaces  $(X_i, A_i)_{i \in I}$ , the inclusions induce an isomorphism*

$$\bigoplus h_n(X_i, A_i) \rightarrow h_n(\coprod X_i, \coprod A_i)$$

*This is the end of the axioms for a generalised homology theory, the homology theory is called an ordinary homology theory if the Dimension Axiom holds, namely*

$$h_n(pt) = 0 \forall n \neq 0$$

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1. From now on, we write  $h_n(A) := h_n(A, \emptyset)$

The abelian group  $h_0(pt)$  is called the coefficient group of  $(h_n, \partial_n)$

**Lemma 2**

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a homotopy equivalence, then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we obtain  $h_n(f) : h_n(X) \rightarrow h_n(Y)$  to be an isomorphism for any homology theory  $(h_n, \partial_n)$

**Preuve**

Choose  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \circ f \simeq \text{Id}_X$  and  $f \circ g \simeq \text{Id}_Y$ , then by functoriality and homotopy invariance  $\text{Id}_{h_n(X)} = h_n(\text{Id}_X) = h_n(g) \circ h_n(f)$ , by symmetry,  $h_n(f)$  and  $h_n(g)$  are inverses.  $\square$

Similarly, if  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a homotopy equivalence of pairs, then the same result holds.

**Example**

For any such homology theory

$$h_n(\mathbb{R}^k) \simeq h_n(pt) \simeq h_n(D^k)$$