

A 2 Step Filtration

Goal:

We want to explicitly consider all of the objects, maps, and differentials in a particular spectral sequence arising from a space that admits a filtration that terminates in two steps. There are several concrete examples that should fit into this framework:

- $0 \hookrightarrow S^k \hookrightarrow S^n$ for any $k < n$
- $0 \hookrightarrow S^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{CP}^n$
- $0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{RP}^n \hookrightarrow S^n$
 - Using S^n as a double cover of \mathbb{RP}^n

Setup: Space and Filtration

Let X be a space and let $A \subset X$ be a subspace, inducing the inclusion $A \xrightarrow{i} X$, so we have the following inclusions of spaces:

$$0 \hookrightarrow A \hookrightarrow B$$

Then consider applying the “chain functor” $C_*(\cdot) : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$ that sends a space X to a singular chain complex

$$C_*(X) := \cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_{i-1}} C_i(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_i} C_{i+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{i+1}} \cdots$$

Applying this functor to the above inclusion induces an inclusion of chain complexes:

$$0 \hookrightarrow C_*(A) \hookrightarrow C_*(X)$$

We regard this as a two step filtration on $C^*(X)$ by making the following identifications:

- $F_0 C_*(X) := C_*(X)$
- $F_1 C_*(X) := C_*(A)$
- $F_2 C_*(X) := 0$

And we obtain the primary object of interest for this spectral sequence:

$$0 = F_2 C_*(X) \hookrightarrow F_1 C_*(X) \hookrightarrow F_0 C_*(X) = C_*(X)$$

This process is roughly summarized in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 0 & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & A & \xrightarrow[\hookrightarrow]{i} & X \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow C_*(\cdot) & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & C_*(A) & \xrightarrow[\hookrightarrow]{i_*} & C_*(X) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 F_2 C_*(X) & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & F_1 C_*(X) & \xrightarrow[\hookrightarrow]{i_*} & F_0 C_*(X)
 \end{array}$$

Setup: Spectral Sequence

A few definitions to recall:

$$G_i C_*(X) := \frac{F_i C_*(X)}{F_{i+1} C_*(X)}$$

$$E_0^{p,q} = G_p C_{p+q}(X)$$

$$E_1^{p,q} = H(E_0^{p,q}, d_0)$$

Computation of Pages

$$E_{-1}$$

Not standard usage, here I consider the " E_{-1} page" to be simply a presentation of the double complex itself. The formula works out to be something like

$$E_{-1}^{p,q} = F_p C_q(X)$$

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|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| $q = n$ | | 0 | $F_0 C_n(X)$ | $F_1 C_n(X)$ | $F_2 C_n(X)$ |
| \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | | 0 | $F_0 C_3(X)$ | $F_1 C_3(X)$ | $F_2 C_3(X)$ |
| $q = 2$ | | 0 | $F_0 C_2(X)$ | $F_1 C_2(X)$ | $F_2 C_2(X)$ |
| $q = 1$ | | 0 | $F_0 C_1(X)$ | $F_1 C_1(X)$ | $F_2 C_1(X)$ |
| $q = 0$ | | 0 | $F_0 C_0(X)$ | $F_1 C_0(X)$ | $F_2 C_0(X)$ |
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| $q = -1$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ |

For clarity, we unpack definitions here to show how the actual original chain complexes sit inside of this page:

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| $q = n$ | | 0 | $C_n(X)$ | $C_n(A)$ | 0 |
| \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | | 0 | $C_3(X)$ | $C_3(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 2$ | | 0 | $C_2(X)$ | $C_2(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 1$ | | 0 | $C_1(X)$ | $C_1(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 0$ | | 0 | $C_0(X)$ | $C_0(A)$ | 0 |
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| $q = -1$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ |

Focusing on the area $p, q \geq -1$, we use the fact that the chain complexes come with natural boundary maps to define the differentials $d_{-1} := \partial_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_n(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_n(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_n & & \downarrow \partial_n|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_{n-1}(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_{n-1}(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_{n-1} & & \downarrow \partial_{n-1}|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_{n-2}(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_{n-2}(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_2(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_2(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_2 & & \downarrow \partial_2|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_1(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_1(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_1 & & \downarrow \partial_1|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_0(X) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_0(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_0 & & \downarrow \partial_0|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

E_0

Here we use the following formulas/facts:

- $G_i C_*(X) := \frac{F_i C_*(X)}{F_{i+1} C_*(X)}$
- $E_0^{p,q} := G_p C_{p+q}(X)$
- $C_n(X, A) := \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$

- This can be done because there is a SES

$$0 \rightarrow C_*(A) \rightarrow C_*(X) \rightarrow \frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(A)} \rightarrow 0$$

Then since $\partial_n : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$ has the property that $\partial_n(C_*(A)) = C_*(A)$, it factors through the quotient $\frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(A)}$ to yield a map $\hat{\partial}_n : \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)} \rightarrow \frac{C_{n-1}(X)}{C_{n-1}(A)}$. Shorten notation by calling $\frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(A)} := C_*(X, A)$ the relative chain complex; this yields relative homology with respect to $\hat{\partial}$,

$$\text{i.e. } H_n(X,A) := \frac{\ker \partial_n}{\text{im } \partial_{n+1}} \subset C_n(X,A).$$

which explicitly yields

$$\begin{aligned} G_0C_*(X) &= \frac{F_0C_*(X)}{F_1C_*(X)} = \frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(A)} := C_*(X,A) \\ G_1C_*(X) &= \frac{F_1C_*(X)}{F_2C_*(X)} = \frac{C_*(A)}{0} = C_*(A) \\ G_2C_*(X) &= \frac{0}{0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_0^{p,q} := G_pC_q(X)$$

$$C_n(X,A) := \frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$$

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|----------|----------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| $q = n$ | 0 | $G_0C_n(X)$ | $G_1C_{n+1}(X)$ | 0 |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | 0 | $G_0C_3(X)$ | $G_1C_4(X)$ | 0 |
| $q = 2$ | 0 | $G_0C_2(X)$ | $G_1C_3(X)$ | 0 |
| $q = 1$ | 0 | $G_0C_1(X)$ | $G_1C_2(X)$ | 0 |
| $q = 0$ | 0 | $G_0C_0(X)$ | $G_1C_1(X)$ | 0 |
| $q = -1$ | 0 | 0 | $G_1C_0(X)$ | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ |

Which unpacks as

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|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| $q = n$ | | 0 | $\frac{F_0 C_n(X)}{F_1 C_n(X)}$ | $\frac{F_1 C_{n+1}(X)}{F_2 C_{n+1}(X)}$ | 0 |
| \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | | 0 | $\frac{F_0 C_3(X)}{F_1 C_3(X)}$ | $\frac{F_1 C_4(X)}{F_2 C_4(X)}$ | 0 |
| $q = 2$ | | 0 | $\frac{F_0 C_2(X)}{F_1 C_2(X)}$ | $\frac{F_1 C_3(X)}{F_2 C_3(X)}$ | 0 |
| $q = 1$ | | 0 | $\frac{F_0 C_1(X)}{F_1 C_1(X)}$ | $\frac{F_1 C_2(X)}{F_2 C_2(X)}$ | 0 |
| $q = 0$ | | 0 | $\frac{F_0 C_0(X)}{F_1 C_0(X)}$ | $\frac{F_1 C_1(X)}{F_2 C_1(X)}$ | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $q = -1$ | | 0 | 0 | $\frac{F_1 C_0(X)}{F_2 C_0(X)}$ | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | |

Which further unpacks as

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|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| $q = n$ | | 0 | $\frac{C_n(X)}{C_n(A)}$ | $\frac{C_{n+1}(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | | 0 | $\frac{C_3(X)}{C_3(A)}$ | $\frac{C_4(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| $q = 2$ | | 0 | $\frac{C_2(X)}{C_2(A)}$ | $\frac{C_3(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| $q = 1$ | | 0 | $\frac{C_1(X)}{C_1(A)}$ | $\frac{C_2(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| $q = 0$ | | 0 | $\frac{C_0(X)}{C_0(A)}$ | $\frac{C_1(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $q = -1$ | | 0 | 0 | $\frac{C_0(A)}{0}$ | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | |

Which by definition is

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|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|---|
| $q = n$ | | 0 | $C_n(X, A)$ | $C_{n+1}(A)$ | 0 |
| \vdots | | \vdots | \vdots | \vdots | |
| $q = 3$ | | 0 | $C_3(X, A)$ | $C_4(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 2$ | | 0 | $C_2(X, A)$ | $C_3(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 1$ | | 0 | $C_1(X, A)$ | $C_2(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = 0$ | | 0 | $C_0(X, A)$ | $C_1(A)$ | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $q = -1$ | | 0 | 0 | $C_0(A)$ | 0 |
| $q = -2$ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| $p = -2$ | $p = -1$ | $p = 0$ | $p = 1$ | $p = 2$ | |

For any pair (X, A) , there is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} H_{n-1}(A) \cdots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_n(X, A) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_{n+1}(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_n & & \downarrow \delta_n|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_{n-1}(X, A) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_n(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_{n-1} & & \downarrow \delta_{n-1}|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_{n-2}(X, A) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_{n-1}(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_1(X, A) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_2(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_2 & & \downarrow \delta_2|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & C_0(X, A) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_1(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_1 & & \downarrow \delta_1|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \xleftarrow{i_*} & C_0(A) & \longleftarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_0 & & \downarrow \delta_0|_A & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0 & \longleftarrow & 0
\end{array}$$

E_1

E_2