

# Cech (co)homology

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

# Chapter 2

## Background

In this chapter we will recall a few details about algebra, category theory and abstract simplicial complexes. We assume that the reader is familiar with basic concepts of homology and cohomology theory and constructions related to them.

### 2.1 Direct sum and direct product

In this section we will recall a few details about direct sums and direct products.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a family of groups. The direct product of these groups is the Cartesian product  $\prod_{i \in J} A_i$  where addition is defined component-wise  $(a+b)_i = a_i + b_i$

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\{A_i\}_{i \in J}$  be a family of groups. The direct sum of these groups is the subgroup of direct product given by  $\bigoplus_{i \in J} A_i = \{x \in \prod_{i \in J} A_i \mid x_i \neq 0 \text{ for only finitely many } i\}$ .

For direct sums and direct products we have following universal properties:

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A = \prod_{i \in J} A_i$  be the direct sum and  $D$  an arbitrary group. Then for every set of homomorphisms  $\{f_i : D \rightarrow A_i\}_{i \in J}$  there exists a unique homomorphism  $f : D \rightarrow A$  for which condition  $pr_i \circ f = f_i$  holds for every  $i \in J$ .*

*Proof.* Proved in [6] theorem 3.7. □

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $A = \bigoplus_{i \in J} A_i$  be the direct sum and  $D$  an arbitrary group. Then for every set of homomorphisms  $\{f_i : A_i \rightarrow D\}_{i \in J}$  there exists a unique homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow D$  for which the condition  $f \circ j_i = f_i$  holds for every  $i \in J$ .*

*Proof.* Proved in [6] theorem 3.6. □

## 2.2 Category theory

In this thesis we will present theory in a categorical way, which will make the construction more general. First lets recall the definition of a category.

**Definition 2.5.** A category  $C$  consist of the following ingredients: A class of objects  $\text{ob}(C)$ , a class of morphisms  $\text{hom}(C)$  for which and for every objects  $A, B$  in  $\text{ob}(C)$  there exists a subclass  $\text{Hom}(A, B)$  and a rule of composition  $\text{Comp} : \text{Hom}(A, B) \times \text{Hom}(B, D) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, D)$  for which following conditions hold:

- (1) Composition is associative. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow D$  and  $h : D \rightarrow E$  be morphisms between objects then  $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$
- (2) For every object  $A \in \text{ob}(C)$  there exists identity morphism  $1_A \in \text{hom}(A, A)$  for which the following condition holds: Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be arbitrary morphisms then  $f \circ 1_A = f$  and  $1_A \circ g = g$ .

**Definition 2.6.** We say that a category  $D$  is a subcategory of category  $C$ , if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The collection of objects  $\text{ob}(D)$  is a subcollection of  $\text{ob}(C)$
- (2) The collection of morphisms  $\text{hom}(D)$  is a subcollection of  $\text{hom}(C)$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $C$  be a category and  $A, B$  its objects and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be some morphism between them. We say that  $f$  is an isomorphism, if there exists a morphism  $g : B \rightarrow A$  for which the equations  $g \circ f = \text{id}_A$  and  $f \circ g = \text{id}_B$  hold.

It is easy to see that topological spaces with continuous functions and abelian groups with homomorphisms form a category. We denote those categories by TOP and AB. Next we will define the concept of a functor between categories.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $C$  and  $C'$  be categories and let  $F$  be a map between them. We say that  $F$  is a functor between categories if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For every object  $A \in \text{ob}(C)$  there exists a unique object  $F(A) \in C'$ .
- (2) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be objects in  $\text{ob}(C)$  and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  a morphism between them. Then there exists a unique morphism  $F(f) : F(A) \rightarrow F(B)$ .
- (3) If  $f$  and  $g$  are morphisms in  $\text{hom}(C)$ , then the following condition holds:  $F(f) \circ F(g) = F(f \circ g)$ .

- (4) The identity element is mapped to the identity element. Let  $A$  be an object in  $\text{ob}(C)$  and  $1_A$  the identity morphism corresponding to it. Then  $F(1_A)$  is the identity morphism of  $F(A)$ .

Homology and cohomology groups form a functor from TOP to AB. For details see Rotman [1]. Now we will introduce a new concept called natural transformation.

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $C$  and  $D$  be categories and let  $F : C \rightarrow D$  and  $G : C \rightarrow D$  be functors. Then the following family of functors is a natural transformation:

$$\{\phi_X : F(X) \rightarrow G(X)\}_{X \in C}$$

if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For every object  $X \in C$  there exists a unique morphism  $\phi_X : F(X) \rightarrow G(X)$
- (2) For every morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad \phi_X \quad} & G(X) \\ \downarrow F(f) & & \downarrow G(f) \\ F(Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad \phi_Y \quad} & G(Y) \end{array}$$

or in other words  $\phi_Y \circ F(f) = G(f) \circ \phi_X$  holds.

Next we will define the concepts of limit and colimit for arbitrary categories, which will be later applied to direct and inverse systems.

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $C$  and  $J$  be categories. We say that the category  $C$  is indexed by the category  $J$  if there exists a functor  $F : J \rightarrow C$ .

We call the functor  $F$  described above an indexing functor. It is easy to see that the functor induces a subcategory  $F(J)$  of  $C$ . In the case where functor  $F$  is bijective e.g every object and morphism is mapped to a distinct element in the image, we can equate those concepts.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $C$  be a category indexed by  $J$  and let  $F : J \rightarrow C$  be the indexing functor. Let  $N$  be a fixed object of the category  $C$ . We define the cone from  $N$  to  $F$  to be an indexed family of morphisms

$$\Omega_N = \{\omega_X : N \rightarrow F(X)\}_{X \in J}$$

which satisfies the following property: If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism in  $C$  then the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & N & \\ \omega_X \swarrow & & \searrow \omega_Y \\ F(X) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(Y) \end{array}$$

From now on we will denote the cone structure described above by  $\Delta(F, N, \Omega_N)$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $C$  be a category which is indexed by a category  $J$  and let  $F$  be the indexing functor. We say that the object  $D \in \text{ob}(C)$  is a limit of the functor  $F$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) There exists a family of morphisms  $\Omega_D$  which induce the cone structure  $\Delta(F, D, \Omega_D)$ .
- (2) If  $\Delta(F, N, \phi)$  is any other cone structure, then there exists a unique morphism  $u : N \rightarrow D$  which makes the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & N & \\ \omega_X \swarrow & \downarrow u & \searrow \omega_Y \\ & D & \\ \phi_X \swarrow & & \searrow \phi_Y \\ F(X) & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F(Y) \end{array}$$

Next we will prove that if we have two limits  $N$  and  $D$  of a functor  $F$  then there exists an isomorphism between those two objects. In other words  $N$  and  $D$  can be identified and the limit of the functor  $F$  can be denoted simply as  $\lim_{\rightarrow} C$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $F : J \rightarrow C$  be an indexing functor. Let  $(N, \omega)$  and  $(D, \phi)$  be limits of a functor  $F$ . Then there exists an isomorphism between them.

*Proof.* Because  $N$  and  $D$  are both limits there exist morphisms  $u : N \rightarrow D$  and  $v : D \rightarrow N$  as above. Because of the symmetry it is enough to show that  $v \circ u = id_N$ . This follows directly from the equation  $\omega_X \circ v \circ u = \phi_X \circ u = \omega_X$ . Because the diagram commutes for  $id_N$  then by the uniqueness condition we see that  $v \circ u = id_N$ .  $\square$

### 2.2.1 Dual category

To simplify definitions we will define the concept of a dual category.

**Definition 2.14.** The dual of any concept in the category theory can be obtained in a following way:

- (1) Interchange every occurrence of source with target
- (2) Reorder every composition. That is, replace  $a \circ b$  with  $b \circ a$ .

Next we will give a few important examples of a dual statement.

**Definition 2.15.** Let  $F : J \rightarrow C$  be the indexing functor. We define cocone to be the dual structure of the cone.

We will denote the cocone over object  $N$  as  $\nabla(F, N, \Omega_N)$

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $C$  be a category which is indexed by a category  $J$  and let  $F$  be the indexing functor. We say that the object  $D \in \text{ob}(C)$  is a colimit of the functor  $F$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) There exists a family of morphisms  $\Omega_D$  which induces a cocone structure  $\nabla(F, D, \Omega_D)$ .
- (2) If  $\nabla(F, N, \phi)$  is any other cocone structure, then there exists a unique morphism  $u : D \rightarrow N$  which makes the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & N & & \\
 & \nearrow \phi_X & \uparrow \hat{\phantom{u}} & \nwarrow \phi_Y & \\
 & & D & & \\
 & \nwarrow \omega_X & \downarrow & \nearrow \omega_Y & \\
 F(X) & \xleftarrow{F(f)} & F(Y) & & 
 \end{array}$$

Like in the case of limits, colimits are unique.

**Theorem 2.17.** Let  $F$  be an indexing functor and let  $(N, \phi)$  and  $(D, \omega)$  be colimits of  $F$ . Then there exists an isomorphism between objects  $N$  and  $D$ .

*Proof.* Because  $N$  and  $D$  are both colimits there exist morphisms  $u : N \rightarrow D$  and  $v : D \rightarrow N$  as above. Because of the symmetry it is enough to show that  $u \circ v = id_D$  holds. This follows from the equation  $u \circ v \circ \omega_X = u \circ \phi_X = \omega_X$ . The diagram commutes for  $id_D$  and thus by the uniqueness condition we see that  $u \circ v = id_D$ .  $\square$



### 2.2.2 Direct and inverse systems

In this section we will give a categorical definition of direct and inverse systems. It appears that those concepts are dual of each other. We will begin by defining a quasi-ordering relation:

**Definition 2.18.** Let  $\lambda$  be a category and let  $a \leq b$  be a relation in the object class  $\text{ob}(\lambda)$ . We say that this relation is a quasi-ordering if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $a \leq a$  for all  $a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)$
- (2) if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$  for all  $a, b, c \in \text{ob}(\lambda)$

**Definition 2.19.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $C$  be categories and let  $D : \lambda \rightarrow C$  be an indexing functor. We say that the functor  $D$  is a direct system indexed by  $\lambda$  if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For every pair  $a \leq b$  in  $\text{ob}(\lambda)$  there exists only one morphism from  $a$  to  $b$ . We denote it by  $D_a^b : D(a) \rightarrow D(b)$ .
- (2) For every triple  $a \leq b \leq c$ , the morphisms commute in the following way:  $D_b^c \circ D_a^b = D_a^c$ .
- (3) For every  $a \in \lambda$ :  $D_a^a$  is the identity morphism  $id_a$ .

The dual of direct system is inverse system.

**Definition 2.20.** Let  $\lambda$  and  $C$  be categories and let  $I : \lambda \rightarrow C$  be an indexing functor. We say that the functor  $I$  is an inverse system indexed by  $\lambda$  if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For every pair  $a \leq b$  in  $\text{ob}(\lambda)$  there exists only one morphism from  $b$  to  $a$ . We denote it by  $I_a^b : I(b) \rightarrow I(a)$ .
- (2) For every triple  $a \leq b \leq c$ , the morphisms commute in the following way:  $I_a^b \circ I_b^c = I_a^c$ .
- (3) For every  $a \in \lambda$ :  $I_a^a$  is the identity morphism  $id_a$ .

**Example 2.21.** Let SET be the category of sets with order relation defined by  $U \leq V \Leftrightarrow U \subset V$ . Now for every  $U, V$  we define  $D_U^V : U \rightarrow V$  to be the inclusion from  $U$  to  $V$ . Clearly this forms a direct system.

Earlier we defined the concept of limit for general indexing functors. We can interpret direct and inverse system as indexing functors, taking  $\lambda$  to be the indexing set. In general systems the limit may not exist. However, for our purpose it is enough to show that such limit can be found in the category of abelian groups.

**Theorem 2.22.** Let  $D : \lambda \rightarrow AB$  be a direct system of groups. For every  $a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)$  let  $i_a : D(a) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)} D(a)$  be the inclusion and let  $G$  be the subgroup of  $D = \bigoplus_{a \in \lambda} D(a)$  which is generated by  $\{i_a x_a - i_b D_a^b x_a\}$ . Then the colimit of this system is the object  $L = \bigoplus_{a \in \lambda} D(a)/G$ .

*Proof.* We denote  $p$  to be the projection map:  $p : \bigoplus_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)} D(a) \rightarrow L$ . Let  $v$  be the family of morphisms  $\{v_a = p \circ i_a : D(a) \rightarrow L\}_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)}$  which induces the cocone  $\nabla(D, L, v)$  and let  $K$  be any other object with family of morphisms  $\phi = \{\phi_a : D(a) \rightarrow K\}_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)}$  which induces the cocone  $\nabla(I, K, \phi)$ . We have to prove that there exists a unique homomorphism  $u : L \rightarrow K$  for which the condition  $u \circ v_a = \phi_a$  holds for all  $a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)$ . We will first show that such homomorphism exists

Using lemma 2.4 we can find a unique homomorphism  $u' : \bigoplus_{a \in \lambda} D(a) \rightarrow K$  for which  $u' \circ i_a = \phi_a$  holds. Now we see that for every generator of the subgroup  $G$  the following equations hold:

$$u'(i_a x_a - i_b D_a^b x_a) = \phi_a(x_a) - \phi_b D_a^b x_a = \phi_a(x_a) - \phi_a(x_a) = 0.$$

Now we can define  $u$  in such way that it maps every element  $x + D$  to element  $\phi'(x)$ . Now we see that

$$u \circ v_a = u \circ p \circ i_a = u' \circ i_a = \phi_a.$$

To prove that the homomorphism  $u$  is unique we notice that if  $x \in L$ , then  $x = \sum_{a \in A \subset D} v_a(x_a) + G$ . Then the following equations hold

$$u(x) = u\left(\sum_{a \in A \subset D} v_a(x_a)\right) = \sum_{a \in A \subset D} u \circ v_a(x_a) = \sum_{a \in A \subset D} \phi_a(x_a)$$

Thus  $u(x)$  is determined by the sum of the homomorphisms  $\phi_a$ . It follows that the map  $u$  is unique.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.23.** Let  $I : \lambda \rightarrow AB$  be an inverse system of groups. Then the limit of this functor is the group  $L = \{x \in \prod_{i \in \text{ob}(\lambda)} I_i \mid x_a = I_a^b x_b \text{ for all } a \leq b\}$

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be a family of homomorphisms  $\{v_a = pr_a : L \rightarrow I(a)\}_{a \in \lambda}$  which together with the group  $L$  induce the cone  $\triangle(I, L, v)$ . Let  $K$  be any other group and let  $\phi$  be family of homomorphisms  $\{\phi_a : K \rightarrow I(a)\}_{a \in \lambda}$  which induces the cone  $\triangle(I, K, \phi)$ .

We construct a function  $u : K \rightarrow L$  for which  $v_a \circ u = \phi_a$  holds. Using lemma 2.3 we find a unique homomorphism  $u' : K \rightarrow \prod_{i \in J} I_i$  for which  $pr_a \circ u' = \phi_a$  is satisfied. Let  $u''$  be the homomorphism, where the image is restricted to subgroup  $L$ . We will show that the homomorphism is well-defined, specifically  $u'$  maps every element inside the subgroup  $L$ . Assume that  $b$  and  $a$  are elements which satisfy the condition  $a \leq b$ . Then the following equation holds

$$I_a^b \circ pr_b \circ u' = I_a^b \circ \phi_b = \phi_a = pr_a \circ u'.$$

We can define  $u$  to be  $u''$ . The uniqueness property of the homomorphism follows directly from the fact that  $u'$  is unique.  $\square$

## 2.2.3 Morphisms between systems

### 2.2.3.1 Morphisms between inverse systems

To be able to define morphisms between Čech homology groups we need the concept of a limit homomorphism. In this section we will define the limit morphism between systems and investigate properties of it. Concepts used in this chapter can be presented in a more general way. However, for our use it is enough to restrict ourselves to the direct and inverse system.

**Definition 2.24.** Let  $C$  be a category with order relation. A functor  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  is order preserving if for every pair  $a \leq b$  in the category  $C$ , the condition  $\phi(a) \leq \phi(b)$  is satisfied.

Let  $I$  be an inverse system and  $\phi : \lambda' \rightarrow \lambda$  an order preserving functor. Then the inverse system  $(I\phi, \lambda')$  consist of objects  $\{I(\phi(a)) \mid a \in \text{ob}(\lambda')\}$  and morphisms  $\{I_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} \mid a \leq b\}$ .

**Definition 2.25.** Let  $(I, \lambda)$  and  $(I', \lambda')$  be inverse systems and  $\phi : \lambda' \rightarrow \lambda$  an order and limit preserving functor. Let  $\{f_a : I(\phi(a)) \rightarrow I'(a) \mid a \in \lambda\}$  be a natural transformation between  $I\phi$  and  $I'$ . Then we say that  $\{f_a\}_{a \in \lambda}$  is an inverse system of morphisms corresponding to the functor  $\phi$  from the system  $I$  into the system  $I'$ .

In the next theorem we will prove that it is possible to define the limit of morphisms between systems in a unique way. We recall that exists of limit implies that for every objects of category  $I$  there exists unique functor  $u_{I,a} : \lim I \rightarrow I(a)$ .

**Lemma 2.26.** *Let  $(I, \lambda)$  and  $(I', \lambda')$  be inverse systems for which limit exists. Let  $\{f_a\}$  be inverse system of morphisms corresponding to that pair. Then there exists a unique morphism  $\lim f : \lim I \rightarrow \lim I'$  for which the condition  $\lim f \circ u_{I,\phi(a)} = u_{I',a} \circ f_a$  holds and for every  $a \in \lambda'$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the following diagram

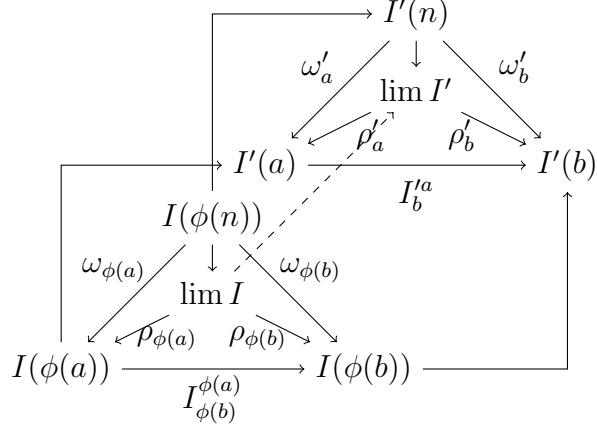


Diagram 2.2.3.1

To prove that the limit morphism exists we form the following triangle out of the diagram described above:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \lim I & \\
 f_a \rho_{\phi(a)} \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow f_b \rho_{\phi(b)} \\
 I'(a) & \lim I' & I'(b) \\
 & \rho'_a \swarrow \quad \searrow \rho'_b & \\
 & I_b^a &
 \end{array}$$

Then by definition of limit there exists a unique morphism  $\lim f : \lim I \rightarrow \lim I'$  for which the diagram commutes. We will prove now that the universal property  $\lim f \circ u_{I, \phi(a)} = u_{I', a} \circ f_a$  holds for this morphism. By diagram 2.2.3.1 and fact that the family of function  $\{f_a\}$  is a natural transformation, in other words the condition  $\omega'_a \circ f_n = f_a \circ \omega_{\phi(a)}$  holds, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \lim I(\phi(n)) & \\
 f_a \omega_{\phi(a)} \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow f_b \omega_{\phi(b)} \\
 I'(a) & \lim I' & I'(b) \\
 & \rho'_a \swarrow \quad \searrow \rho'_b & \\
 & I_b^a &
 \end{array}$$

Both maps  $\lim f \circ u_{I, \phi(a)}$  and  $u_{I', a} \circ f_a$  complete the diagram. Thus by uniqueness of the map corresponding to limit, we can conclude that the functions are same.  $\square$

For composition of two limits we have following result:

**Lemma 2.27.** Let  $(I, \lambda)$ ,  $(I', \lambda')$  and  $(I'', \lambda'')$  be inverse systems with limits and let  $\phi : \lambda' \rightarrow \lambda$  and  $\phi' : \lambda'' \rightarrow \lambda'$  functors between systems. Let  $\{f_a : I(\phi(a)) \rightarrow I'(a) \mid a \in \phi'(\lambda'')\}$  and  $\{g_a : I'(\phi(a)) \rightarrow I''(a) \mid a \in \lambda''\}$  be families of morphisms corresponding to  $\phi$  and  $\phi'$ . Let  $\lim(f \circ g) : I \rightarrow I''$  be the limit of the family  $\{g_a f_{\phi(a)} : I(\phi\phi'(a)) \rightarrow I''(a) \mid a \in \lambda''\}$ . Then  $\lim(f \circ g) = \lim f \circ \lim g$  holds.

*Proof.* To prove this we will use previous lemma and following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
I(\phi(\phi'(a))) & \xrightarrow{f_{\phi'(a)}} & I'(\phi'(a)) & \xrightarrow{g_a} & I''(a) \\
\downarrow u_{I, \phi\phi'a} & & \downarrow u_{I', \phi'a} & & \downarrow u_{I'', a} \\
\lim I & \xrightarrow{\lim f} & \lim I' & \xrightarrow{\lim g} & \lim I''
\end{array}$$

By definition of limit morphism the condition  $\lim(f \circ g) \circ u_{I, \phi(\phi'(a))} = u_{I'', a} \circ (g_a \circ f_{\phi(a)})$  holds for limit of the composition. By uniqueness of the limit homomorphism it is enough to show that the composition of two limit functors satisfies the condition. This follows from the following equations:

$$\lim g \circ \lim f \circ u_{I, \phi(\phi'(a))} = \lim g \circ u_{I', \phi'(a)} \circ f_{\phi'(a)} = u_{I'', a} \circ g_a \circ f_{\phi'(a)}$$

□

Now we would like to define limit for the system of homomorphisms between inverse systems of groups.

**Lemma 2.28.** Let  $(I, \lambda)$  and  $(I', \lambda')$  be inverse systems of groups. Then

$$f : \varinjlim I \rightarrow \varinjlim I' : f(x) = \prod_{a \in \lambda} f_a(\text{proj}_{\phi(a)}(x))$$

is a well defined homomorphism between the limit groups.

*Proof.* We have to show that the image is in the subgroup

$$L = \{x \in \prod_{i \in \lambda'} I'(i) \mid x_a = I_a^b x_b \text{ for all } a \leq b\}.$$

Let  $b$  be some index, then:  $I_a^b x'_b = I_a^b f_b(x_{\phi(b)}) = f_b I_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)}(x_{\phi(b)}) = f_a x_{\phi(a)} = x'_a$ . In this equation we used the property which says that the morphisms define a natural transformation. □

### 2.2.4 Finality properties of subsystems

Final and cofinal functors can be defined in a more general way [5]. However, because we are mainly interested in properties of systems, in this section we will investigate the properties of those specific functors only in that special case. In the case of general categories, cofinality includes a concept of connectedness defined in [5] page 217. In our definition we will use a stronger version of that concept.

**Definition 2.29.** Let  $\lambda$  be a category with a quasi-order relation on its objects and let  $\lambda'$  be its subcategory. Then we say that  $\lambda'$  is a cofinal subcategory of  $\lambda$ , if for every two objects  $a, b \in \text{ob}(\lambda)$  there exist element in  $t \in \text{ob}(\lambda')$  in such a way that conditions  $a \leq t$  and  $b \leq t$  hold.

Now for the inverse system we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.30.** *Let  $(I, \lambda)$  be an inverse system and let  $(I', \lambda')$  be its subsystem generated by cofinal subcategory  $\lambda'$ . Assume that there exists a limit object for  $I'$ . Then the limit of the system  $(I, \lambda)$  is  $\lim I'$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lim I'$  be the limit of the inverse system  $I'$ . It is enough to show that  $\lim I'$  is also the limit of  $I$ . We will first show that  $\lim I'$  forms a cone in  $I$  and then prove that for any other cone induced by an object  $N$  in  $I$  there exists a unique morphism  $u : N \rightarrow \lim I'$ .

Let  $a$  be an arbitrary object of the indexing category  $\lambda$ . Then by the definition of cofinal subcategory there exists element  $a' \in \lambda'$  for which  $a \leq a'$  holds. Thus there exists a morphism  $I_a^{a'}$ . Because  $\lim I'$  is the limit of the inverse system  $I'$  it forms cone  $\Delta(I', \lim I', \rho)$ , where  $\rho$  is some collection of morphisms  $\{\rho_a : \lim I' \rightarrow I'(a)\}_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda')}$ . Using  $\rho$  we form a new collection of morphisms  $\rho'$  defined by  $\{I_a^{a'} \circ \rho_{a'}\}_{a \in \text{ob}(\lambda)}$ . Because  $I_a^{a'} \circ \rho_{a'}$  can vary on the choice of  $a$ , the composition may be not uniquely determined. However, if  $a''$  is another object of  $\lambda'$  for which the relation  $a \leq a''$  holds, then there exists an object  $t$  for which the conditions  $a \leq t$  and  $a'' \leq t$  are satisfied. Because the following equations hold

$$I_a^{a'} \circ \rho_{a'} = I_a^{a'} \circ I_{a'}^t \circ \rho_t = I_a^t \circ \rho_t = I_a^{a''} \circ I_{a''}^t \circ \rho_t = I_a^{a''} \circ \rho_{a''}$$

we can conclude that  $I_a^{a'} \circ \rho_{a'} = I_a^{a''} \circ \rho_{a''}$  and thus the family of homomorphisms is well-defined and  $\lim(I')$  forms a cone  $\Delta(I, \lim I', \rho')$

Now if there exists another cone  $\Delta(I, N, \omega)$ , we have to construct map  $u : N \rightarrow \lim I'$  and prove that it is unique. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be objects of  $\lambda$ , then there exists objects  $a'$  and  $b'$  in  $\lambda'$  for which relations  $a \leq a'$  and  $b \leq b'$  hold. Restricting the collection  $\omega$  to the morphisms indexed by  $\lambda'$  we get the cone  $\Delta(I', N, \omega')$  of  $I'$ . Because  $\lim I'$  is the limit of

the functor  $I'$ , there exists a unique homomorphism  $u : N \rightarrow \lim I'$ . It is left to prove that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & N & & \\
 & \swarrow \omega_a & \downarrow & \searrow \omega_{b'} & \\
 & & \lim I' & & \\
 & \swarrow \omega_{a'} & \downarrow \rho'_a & \searrow \rho'_b & \\
 & & I'(a') & \xrightarrow{I'_{b'}} & I'(b') \\
 & \swarrow I_a^{a'} & & & \searrow I_b^{b'} \\
 I(a) & \xrightarrow{I_b^a} & & & I(b)
 \end{array}$$

Especially we have to prove that  $I_a^{a'} \circ \omega_{a'} = \omega_a$ . This claim follows directly from the fact that  $\Delta(I, N, \omega)$  is a cone. Thus the  $u$  defined above is the map we were searching for.  $\square$

## 2.3 Nerve of covering

In this chapter we will give a definition of an abstract simplicial complex.

### 2.3.1 Abstract simplicial complex

We assume that the reader knows already basic facts about simplicial complex. If not we suggest to take a look at [1].

**Definition 2.31.** Let  $X$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{A} = \{S_i\}_{i \in J}$  be some finite collection of subsets of the set  $X$ . We say that  $S$  forms an abstract simplicial complex over  $X$ , if a subset of any set  $S_i$  in the collection  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For abstract simplicial complex we define the following geometric structure which will give us the interface of original simplicial complex.

**Definition 2.32.** The geometric  $\mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}$  realization of the abstract simplicial complex is a subset of the set  $[0, 1]^X$  for which the following conditions are satisfied: Let  $x \in \mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}$  and let  $\text{pr}_i : [0, 1]^X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be the projection then:

- (1) Relation  $\text{pr}_i(x) > 0$  holds only for finitely many  $i \in X$ .
- (2)  $\sum_{i \in J} \text{pr}_i(x) = 1$ .

(3) The set  $\{i \in X \mid \text{pr}_i(x) > 0\}$  belongs to collection  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 2.33.** *The geometric realization  $\mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}$  of an abstract simplicial complex is a simplicial complex.*

*Proof.* The following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The collection of simplexes of the simplicial complex is the geometric realizations of sets  $S_i$  in the collection
- (2) Any face is in the collection by definition of abstract simplicial complex
- (3) Intersection of any two simplexes in the collection is clearly a face or the empty set.

Thus  $\mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}$  is simplicial complex.  $\square$

**Definition 2.34.** Assume that the set  $X$  together with the collection  $\mathcal{A} = \{S_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an abstract simplicial. Let  $A$  be some subset of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}' = \{S'_j\}_{j \in I'}$  a collection of subsets of the space  $A$  for which the condition

$$S'_j \in \mathcal{A}'$$

holds. Then we say that  $\mathcal{S}(A)_{\mathcal{A}'}$  is subsimplex of  $\mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

If  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  is simplicial complex and  $\mathcal{S}(A)$  its subcomplex they form topological pair which we will denote by  $(\mathcal{S}(X)_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{S}(A)_{\mathcal{A}'})$ . Next we will recall the definition of simplicial map.

**Definition 2.35.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{B})$  be simplicial complexes and  $f$  map between pairs. Then we say that map  $f$  is simplicial if for any simplex in  $X$  the images of vertexes of the simplex span some simplex in  $Y$  and images of vertexes of simplex in  $A$  span some simplex in  $B$ .

**Definition 2.36.** Let  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$  and  $g : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$  be simplicial maps then we say that maps are contiguous if for every simplex  $s = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  in  $X(\mathcal{A})$  there exists simplex  $k$  in  $Y(\mathcal{B})$  for which  $\text{span}(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)) \subset k$  and  $\text{span}(g(a_1), \dots, g(a_n)) \subset k$

**Lemma 2.37.** *If  $f : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$  and  $g : (X, \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{B})$  are contiguous maps then they are homotopic.*

*Proof.* We define  $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  in a following way:

$$H(x, t) = tf(x) + (1 - t)g(x)$$

It is easy to see that  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$  and  $H(x, 1) = g(x)$ , also because  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  both belong to same simplex  $H(x, t)$  is well defined at every point.  $\square$



### 2.3.2 Coverings

We begin by recalling definition of covering

**Definition 2.38.** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\{A_i\}_{i \in J}$  collection of its open subsets. Then we say that  $\{A_i\}_{i \in J}$  is covering of  $X$  if  $\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i = X$ .

We will denote set of all open coverings of space  $X$  by  $\text{COV}(X)$ . Because in homology we are interested in pair of spaces we give definition of covering for the pair.

**Definition 2.39.** Let  $(X, A)$  be topological pair. Then we say that  $\{(U_i, V_i)\}_{i \in J}$  is covering of  $(X, A)$  if  $V_i \subset U_i$ ,  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$  covers  $X$  and  $\{V_i\}_{i \in J}$  covers  $A$ .

Respectively we will define set of all coverings of pair  $(X, A)$  to be  $\text{COV}(X, A)$ . Now we are ready to define nerve of the covering.

**Definition 2.40.** Let  $(U_i, V_i)_{i \in J}$  be covering of some topological pair  $(X, A)$ . Then nerve of this covering is following abstract simplicial complex  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)$ :

- (1) We define vertex set of the complex  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  to be  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$  and vertex set of subcomplex  $\mathcal{S}(A)$  to be  $\{V_i\}_{i \in J}$ .
- (2) Let  $I \subset J$ , then for every such  $I$  for which  $\bigcap_{i \in I} U_i \neq \emptyset$  define simplex in simplicial complex  $\mathcal{S}(X)$ . In other words  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  consist of simplexes defined by all non-empty intersection of spanning sets. In subcomplex  $\mathcal{A}$  we define simplex for every non-empty intersection  $\bigcap_{i \in I} V_i \cap A$  where  $I$  is some subspace of  $J$ .

It is easy to see that the simplicial complex is well defined. We can interpret simplicial complex  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  as collection of faces of one big complex, then it is enough to show that every face of any simplexes in the collection belongs to the collection. We see that if  $\bigcap_{i \in N} U_i \neq \emptyset$ , then for every  $M \subset N$  intersection of  $\bigcap_{i \in M} U_i$  is non empty. In coverings of topological pair  $(X, A)$  we can define quasi order in a natural way. First we will recall definition of refinement.

**Definition 2.41.** Let  $\alpha = \{(U_i, V_i)\}_{i \in I}$  and  $\beta = \{(U'_i, V'_i)\}_{i \in J}$  be coverings of some pair  $(X, A)$ . Then covering  $\beta$  is called refinement of  $\alpha$  if for every  $(U'_i, V'_i) \in \beta$  there exists some  $(U_i, V_i) \in \alpha$  for which  $U'_i \subset U_i$  and  $V'_i \subset V_i$ .

Now we are ready to define the quasi order in the collection of coverings of an arbitrary topological space.

**Lemma 2.42.** Let  $\text{COV}(X, A)$  be collection of all coverings of the pair  $(X, A)$ , then order defined by  $\alpha \leq \beta$  if and only if  $\beta$  is refinement of  $\alpha$  is quasi-order.

*Proof.* Any covering is refinement of itself and if we  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then for every set  $U_c$  we can find  $U_b$  for which  $U_c \subset U_b$  and  $U_b \subset U_a$  for some  $U_a$ . Then we see that  $U_c \subset U_a$  so actually  $c$  is refinement of  $a$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.43.** Let  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  be coverings for which  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Then we define  $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, \beta)$  to be collection of the following projection maps  $p_\alpha^\beta : \beta \rightarrow \alpha$ : Every  $U_i \in \beta$  is mapped to some set  $U'_i \in \alpha$  for which  $U_i \subset U'_i$  holds.

We will now show that the family of projection maps is closed under composition.

**Lemma 2.44.** Let  $p_\alpha^\beta$  and  $p_\beta^\gamma$  be some projection maps. Then  $p_\alpha^\beta \circ p_\beta^\gamma$  is also projection map.

*Proof.* Let  $U \in \gamma$ , then there exists  $U' \in \beta$  and  $U'' \in \alpha$  for which condition  $U \subset U' \subset U''$  is satisfied. By properties of inclusion  $U \subset U''$  and thus  $p_\alpha^\beta \circ p_\beta^\gamma$  is a projection map.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.45.** The collection of coverings  $\text{COV}(X, A)$  is a category defined in the following way:

- (1) The objects of  $\text{COV}(X, A)$  are all open coverings of the pair  $(X, A)$ .
- (2) We define  $\text{Hom}(\beta, \alpha)$  to be  $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, \beta)$ , if  $\alpha \leq \beta$ . Else we define  $\text{Hom}(\beta, \alpha)$  to be empty set.
- (3) The composition of maps is defined to be the usual composition of functions.

*Proof.* By lemma 2.44 the composition of two projection maps is projection map and thus is well-defined. For every  $\alpha$  there exists well-defined projection map  $p_\alpha^\alpha$  which acts like identity map on the  $\text{COV}(X, A)$ . The associativity condition holds, because every morphism is a function.  $\square$

**Definition 2.46.** Let  $F : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  and let  $\beta$  be covering of  $(Y, B)$ , then define  $f^{-1}\beta$  to be covering of  $(X, A)$  which is induced by elements  $(f^{-1}U_i, f^{-1}V_i)_{i \in J_\beta}$ .

**Lemma 2.47.** Let  $F : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  be function between pairs and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be covers for  $(X, A)$  and  $(Y, B)$  for which  $\alpha = f^{-1}\beta$  holds. Then a map  $p : \mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\beta$  defined by  $(f^{-1}U_i, f^{-1}V_i) \rightarrow (U_i, V_i)$  is well defined.

*Proof.* Let  $\bigcap_{i \in I} f^{-1}U_i \neq \emptyset$  for some index set  $I \subset J$ . We see that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} U_i \neq \emptyset$ , so the lemma holds.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.48.** Let  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  be coverings of  $(X, A)$  in such way that  $\alpha \leq \beta$  and  $p$  be a projection map belonging to  $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, \beta)$ . Let map  $p_\alpha^\beta : \mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha$  be a map between simplices defined by edges  $U \in \mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta$  with requirement of being piecewise linear on the other elements. Then the map  $p'$  is well-defined.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be arbitrary element of  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta$ , then it belongs to some simplex. Let  $S$  be simplex which is intersection of all simplices in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta$  which have property that intersection with  $\{x\}$  is non-empty. In simplex  $S$  point  $x$  has unique representation  $x = \sum_{i \in J} r_i a_i$  where elements  $a_i$  are edges and  $r_i$  such non-negative real numbers for which  $\sum_{i \in J} r_i = 1$ . By definition of map  $p'$  this point is mapped to  $p'(x) = \sum_{i \in J} r_i p'_\alpha(a_i)$  which is uniquely determined so map  $p'$  is well-defined.  $\square$

We denote map  $p'_\alpha$  described above just as  $p_\alpha^\beta$ . It is clear from context which of the maps is being used. We will prove now that the map  $p$  is simplicial

**Lemma 2.49.** *Projection maps  $p_\alpha^\beta$  are simplicial.*

*Proof.* Let  $s$  be simplex in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha$  spanned by some sets  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$  for which  $\bigcap_{i \in J} U_i \neq \emptyset$ . Every  $U_i$  is mapped to some vertex  $U'_i$  in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta$  for which  $U_i \subset U'_i$ . Intersection  $\bigcap_{i \in J} U'_i$  is clearly non empty, so every simplex is mapped inside some simplex.  $\square$

Projection maps are not uniquely determined by coverings  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , but any of those maps are contiguous thus they define same homology groups.

**Lemma 2.50.** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be any coverings of  $(X, A)$  for which condition  $\alpha \leq \beta$  is satisfied. Then projection maps  $p_\alpha^\beta$  and  $p'_\alpha^\beta$  are contiguous.*

*Proof.* To prove that the maps are contiguous we form simplex in  $\mathcal{S}(Y, B)$  and prove that images of both maps belong to it. Every vertex  $U_i$  in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)$  is mapped to  $U'_i$  and  $U''_i$  by  $p_\alpha^\beta$  and  $p'_\alpha^\beta$  respectively. Now if  $\bigcap_{i \in J} U_i \neq \emptyset$  then also  $\bigcap_{i \in J} U'_i \cap \bigcap_{i \in J} U''_i \neq \emptyset$ . In case if the vertexes belong to  $\mathcal{S}(A)$  it is easy to see that projection map maps them to some simplex in  $\mathcal{S}(B)$ .  $\square$

By using this lemma and the fact that contiguous simplicial maps induce same homology groups we can define unique homomorphisms  $I_\alpha^\beta : H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\beta) \rightarrow H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha)$  for every  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For projection maps and induced homomorphisms we have following useful lemma.

**Lemma 2.51.** *Let  $\alpha$  be covering of pair  $(X, A)$  and  $\beta$  covering of pair  $(Y, B)$  for which  $\alpha \leq \beta$  holds and  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  a function between pairs. Then pre-image  $f^{-1}\beta$  of covering  $\beta$  is refinement of  $f^{-1}\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* This follows directly from the fact that if  $U \subset V$ , then also  $f^{-1}U \subset f^{-1}V$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.52.** *Let  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  coverings of  $(Y, B)$  for which  $\alpha \leq \beta$  holds. Let  $p_\alpha^\beta$  be projection map for the coverings, then there exists projection map  $p_{\alpha'}^{\beta'}$  for which the diagram commutes.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\beta'} & \xrightarrow{\quad p_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} \quad} & \mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\alpha'} \\
 \downarrow f_\beta & & \downarrow f_\alpha \\
 \mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\beta & \xrightarrow{\quad p_\alpha^\beta \quad} & \mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\alpha
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{U_i\}_{i \in J}$  be some simplex in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\beta'}$ . For every edge  $U$  the set  $f^{-1} \circ p \circ f(U)$  is non-empty because  $p$  maps  $f(U)$  to larger set. Thus for every edge  $U_i$  there is corresponding edge in  $\mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\alpha'}$ . We can now define map  $p_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} : \mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\beta'} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha$  in such way that edge  $U$  is mapped to the edge  $f^{-1}pfU$  and we extend this map by linearity. Now by defining map  $p_{\alpha'}^{\beta'}$  in such way for every simplex we get well-defined map for which the diagram commutes.  $\square$

# Chapter 3

## Cech homology

In this chapter we will construct Cech homology and prove main results related to it. We will first define inverse system of homology groups of the nerves.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\alpha$  be element of  $\text{COV}(X, A)$  and  $G$  abelian group. Then we can define group  $H_{q,\alpha}(X, A; G)$  using the singular homology groups in a following way:

$$H_{q,\alpha}(X, A; G) = H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_\alpha; G)$$

. For every coverings of  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $(X, A)$  for which  $\alpha \leq \beta$  we define the maps to be

$$I_\alpha^\beta : H_{q,\beta} \rightarrow H_{q,\alpha}$$

maps  $I_\beta^\alpha$  are induced by some maps  $p_\alpha^\beta$  which are unique up to homotopy.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed number, let  $(X, A)$  be topological pair and  $G$  abelian group. Then groups  $H_{q,\alpha}(X, A; G)$  together with maps  $I_\beta^\alpha$  form inverse system of groups.

*Proof.* First we have to show that  $I_\alpha^\alpha$  is identity function for every  $\alpha \in \text{COV}(X, A)$ . We already know that identity map between simplicial complexes is projection map and because identity map induces identity map between the complexes by uniqueness of  $I_\alpha^\alpha$  we see that the map has to be identity map between corresponding homology groups.

Now for every coverings  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  of pair  $(X, A)$  for which relation  $\alpha \leq \beta \leq \gamma$  holds we have to show that  $I_\beta^\gamma \circ I_\alpha^\beta = I_\alpha^\gamma$ . By lemma 2.44 the composition of corresponding projection maps  $p_\beta^\gamma \circ p_\alpha^\beta$  is projection map. Thus it defines map  $I_\alpha^\gamma$ .  $\square$

Now we are ready to define the cech homology groups  $\check{H}_n$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, A)$  be topological pair and  $G$  abelian group. Then cech homology groups with coefficients  $G$  are defined to be inverse limits of  $H_{q,\alpha}(X, A; G)$  where  $\alpha$  belongs to  $\text{COV}(X, A)$ . Simply denoted  $\check{H}_q(X, A; G) = \lim_{\rightarrow} \{H_{q,\alpha}(X, A; G)\}$

Because coverings can be infinite the limits are not necessary defined. However there is a way to evade this problem.

### 3.1 Well-definedness of the Čech homology groups

In this section we will provide condition for the spaces which will guarantee that the Čech groups are well-defined. ... From now on in this chapter we assume that the topological spaces are such for which the Čech groups are well-defined.

### 3.2 Induced homomorphisms

In this section we will investigate properties of induced homomorphism. Earlier we defined Čech homology groups to be limit of the groups induced by coverings of the pair. In section 2.2.3 we defined concept of limit homomorphism. In next theorem we will show that such homomorphism exists.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  be continuous function between pairs of spaces. Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{f_\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is covering of pair } (Y, B)\}$  be family of functions for which every element of the open covering  $\alpha$  is mapped to its preimage. This family induces maps between corresponding Čech homology groups.*

$$f'_{\alpha,q} : H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_{f^{-1}\alpha}; G) \rightarrow H_q(\mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\alpha; G)$$

We denote a family of functions indexed by coverings of  $(Y, B)$  described above with  $\mathcal{A}_q$ . Then every such collection is natural transformation of the Čech homology groups and the limit function is well defined.

*Proof.* We can define a functor  $\phi : \text{COV}(Y, B) \rightarrow \text{COV}(X, A)$  to map every object  $\alpha$  to  $f^{-1}\alpha$ . By lemma 2.51 this functor preserves order. Let  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  be some coverings of pair  $(Y, B)$ . We denote  $\alpha'$  and  $\beta'$  to be the preimage categories of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  under map  $f$ . The diagram of lemma 2.52 shows that the corresponding maps between coverings commute. Thus we have a following commutable diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\beta'}) & \xrightarrow{I_{\alpha'}^{\beta'}} & H_q(\mathcal{S}(X, A)_{\alpha'}) \\ \downarrow f'_{\beta,q} & & \downarrow f'_{\alpha,q} \\ H_q(\mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\beta) & \xrightarrow{I_\alpha^\beta} & H_q(\mathcal{S}(Y, B)_\alpha) \end{array}$$

The fact that collection  $\mathcal{A}_q$  is natural transformation of the groups follows directly from the above diagram. Thus by lemma 2.28 there exists limit homomorphism

$$f_q : \check{H}_q(X, A; G) \rightarrow \check{H}_q(Y, B; G)$$

□

We will show now that the Čech homology group is a functor.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Cech homology groups are functors from the category of the topological pairs to the category of abelian groups*

*Proof.* (1) Every pair of spaces is mapped uniquely to some abelian group.

(2) The limit of identity map is an identity homomorphism.

(3) Let  $f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  and  $g : (Y, B) \rightarrow (Z, C)$  be continuous maps between pairs. We know that  $(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$  holds for the singular homology groups. Then by using theorem 2.27 we see that the limit homomorphism  $\lim((g \circ f)_*)$  equals  $\lim g_* \circ \lim f_*$ .

□

### 3.3 Dimension axiom

In this section we will prove that the Čech homology theory satisfies the dimension axiom.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $X = \{x\}$  be a space which consist of one point. Then the Čech homology groups  $\check{H}_n(X; G)$  are trivial groups for  $n \geq 1$  and isomorphic to  $G$  when  $n = 0$ .*

*Proof.* For the space  $X$  there exists only one open covering  $\alpha = \{x\}$  and thus the inverse system of the corresponding singular homology groups is trivial. It is easy to see that the limit of this system is the group  $H_q(\mathcal{S}(X)_\alpha; G)$  together with the identity homomorphisms. The simplex  $\mathcal{S}(X)_\alpha$  consists only of one edge and thus is homeomorphic to a one point space. From the dimension axiom of singular homology it is easy to see that

$$\check{H}_n(X; G) = \begin{cases} G & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

□

### 3.4 Homotopy axiom

The main result of this section is the homotopy axiom of Čech homology which states that if two spaces are homotopic then their all Čech homology groups are isomorphic.

# Chapter 4

## Applications

### 4.1 Lefschetz fixed-point theorem

[Theory of this will be presented later]

### 4.2 Kakutani fixed point theorem

The fixed point theorem of Kakutani can be derived for Lefschetz fixed-point theorem.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $X$  be vector space with topological structure and  $K$  topological field. If vector addition  $+: X \times X \rightarrow X$  and scalar multiplication  $\cdot: K \times X \rightarrow X$  are continuous we say that  $X$  is topological vector space over field  $K$  or shortly  $L(X, K)$

Topological vector space has following property:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Kakutani fixed point theorem. Let  $S$  be a non empty, compact and convex subset of a locally convex Hausdorff space. Let  $f: S \rightarrow 2^S$  be a multivalued function on  $S$  which has closed graph and the property that  $f(x)$  is convex and non-empty for all  $x \in S$ . Then the set of fixed points of  $f$  is non-empty and compact.*

### 4.3 Continuous game theory

In this section we will apply theory developed in previous chapters to game theory. We define  $n$  player continuous game structure  $Cgs(J, \mathcal{A})$  in a following way:

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $J$  be finite indexing set and  $\mathcal{A}$  collection of continuous utility functions  $\{u_i: X_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{i \in J}$  with a compact domain. Then we say that  $Cgs(J, \mathcal{A})$  is a continuous game.



Now we give definition of Nash equilibrium for Cgs.

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $Cgs(J, \mathcal{A})$  be continuous game we say that point  $x^* \in \prod_{i \in J} X_i$  is Nash equilibrium if for every  $k \in J$  and every  $x'_k \in X_k$  following condition holds:

$$u_k(x^*) \geq u_k(x_1, \dots, x'_k, \dots, x_n)$$

Next we will prove important lemma which says that game has equilibrium only and only if specific function has fixed point.

**Lemma 4.5.**  $Cgs(n, \mathcal{A})$  has Nash equilibrium only and only if following set value function

$$g : \prod_{i \in J} X_i \rightarrow \prod_{i \in J} 2^{X_i} : g_k(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{t \in X_k} u_k(x_1, \dots, x_k, t, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

has a fixed point  $x \in g(x)$

*Proof.* Trivial (Just check definitions) □

### 4.3.1 General version of resource optimization problem

Consider a game where a set of players compete in a multiple competitions at the same. Every player has limited energy and they can allocate it freely. Every competition is won by a player who allocated most energy in it and the goal of the players is to maximize the amount of the competitions they win.

**Definition 4.6.** We define the continuous game structure of the game described above as follows:

1. The choice space for every player consists of continuous functions  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$
2. The evaluation function  $u_n(x) : \prod_{i \in J} X_i \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined to be:

$$u_n(f) = m^*(\{x \in [0, 1] \mid f_n(x) \geq f_i(x)\})$$

We will show that in some cases there exists an equilibrium.

# Appendices

# Appendix A

## Homology axioms

For homology theories we have a following interface:

**Definition A.1.** A homology theory consists of a family of the functors from category of topological pairs to category of abelian groups  $\{H_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and natural transformations  $\{\delta_n : H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A, \emptyset)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . For the homological theory the following axioms are satisfied:

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