

MATH 611 (DUE 10/23)

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1. SIMPLICIAL AND SINGULAR HOMOLOGY

Exercise. (Problem 2) Show that the Δ -complex obtained from Δ^3 by performing the edge identifications $[v_0, v_1] \sim [v_1, v_3]$ and $[v_0, v_2] \sim [v_2, v_3]$ deformation retracts onto a Klein bottle. Find other pairs of identifications of edges that produce Δ -complexes deformation retracting onto a torus, a 2-sphere, and \mathbb{RP}^2 .

Proof. The deformation retraction of Δ^3 onto a Klein bottle is described in 1. We will start by “pushing” Δ^3 from edge (v_1, v_2) . This will leave the surface that consists of the triangles $[v_0, v_1, v_3]$ and $[v_0, v_2, v_3]$. 2 in Figure 1 is what Δ^3 should look like after the deformation retract. Step 3 through 6 show why this is a Klein bottle.

Torus, 2-sphere, \mathbb{RP}^2 .

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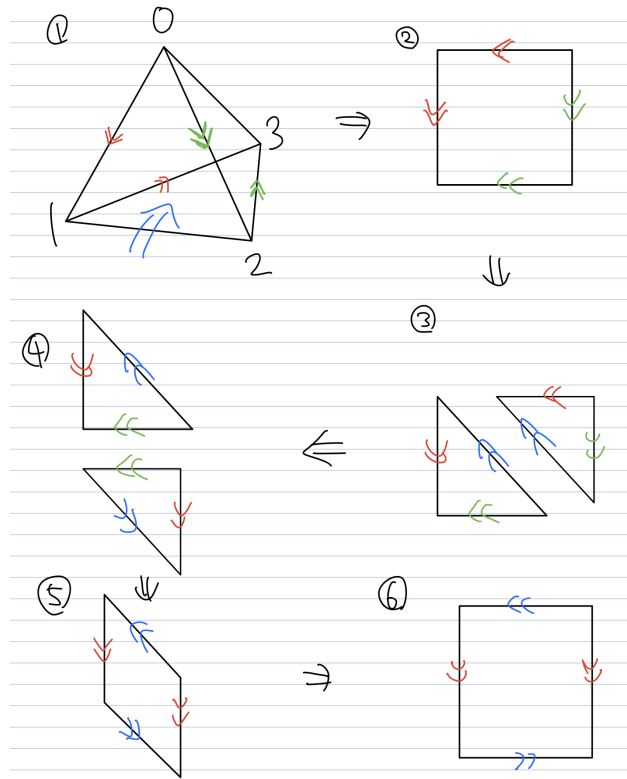


FIGURE 1. Problem 2(Klein Bottle

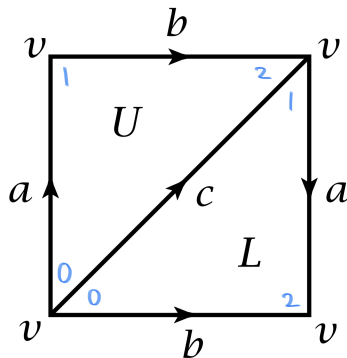


FIGURE 2. Problem 5

Exercise. (Problem 4) Compute the simplicial homology groups of the triangular parachute obtained from Δ^2 by identifying its three vertices to a single point.

Proof. Let v_0 denote the only vertex, e_1, e_2, e_3 denote the three edges of the parachute, and σ denote the face of the parachute. $C_k = 0$ for $k \geq 3$ because Δ^2 with the vertices identified does not contain any k -dimensional simplices. $C_2 = \langle \sigma \rangle, C_1 = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle, C_0 = \langle v_0 \rangle$. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. ∂_n is defined such that $\partial_n(\sigma_\alpha) = \sum_i (-1)^i \sigma_\alpha | [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]$. Since there is only one vertex, ∂_n is the zero map.

This argument doesn't work. Check the torus example from class. It only has one vertex, but ∂_n is not the zero map for some n .

Therefore, $H_n = \ker(\partial_n) / \text{Im}(\partial_{n+1}) = C_n / \langle 0 \rangle = C_n$. Thus

$$H_n = \begin{cases} \{0\} & (n \geq 3) \\ \langle \sigma \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} & (n = 2) \\ \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 & (n = 1) \\ \langle v_0 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} & (n = 0). \end{cases}$$

I'm not sure if this is correct.

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Exercise. (Problem 5) Compute the simplicial homology groups of the Klein bottle using the Δ -complex structure described at the beginning of this section.

Proof. We will use the notations in Figure 2.

$$C_n = \begin{cases} 0 & (n \geq 3) \\ \langle U, L \rangle & (n = 2) \\ \langle a, b, c \rangle & (n = 1) \\ \langle v \rangle & (n = 0). \end{cases}$$

$\partial_n = 0$ for $n \geq 3$ and $n = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_2(U) &= \sum_{i=0}^2 (-1)^i \sigma|[0, 1, 2] \\ &= \sigma|[1, 2] - \sigma|[0, 2] + \sigma|[0, 1] \\ &= b - c + a.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_2(L) &= \sum_{i=0}^2 (-1)^i \sigma|[0, 1, 2] \\ &= \sigma|[1, 2] - \sigma|[0, 2] + \sigma|[0, 1] \\ &= a - b + c.\end{aligned}$$

$\partial_1(a) = 0$ since $\partial_1(a) = \sigma|[1] - \sigma|[0] = v - v = 0$. Similarly, $\partial_1(b) = \partial_1(c) = 0$. Thus

$$H_n = \begin{cases} \{0\} & (n \geq 3) \\ \langle \sigma \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} & (n = 2) \\ \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}^3 & (n = 1) \\ \langle v_0 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} & (n = 0). \end{cases}$$

Finish the rest.

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Exercise. (Problem 7) Find a way of identifying pairs of faces of Δ^3 to produce a Δ -complex structure on S^3 having a single 3-simplex, and compute the simplicial homology groups of this Δ -complex.

Exercise. (Problem 8) Construct a 3 dimensional Δ -complex X from n tetrahedra T_1, \dots, T_n by the following two steps. First arrange the tetrahedra in a cyclic pattern as in the figure, so that each T_i shares a common vertical face with its two neighbors T_{i-1} and T_{i+1} , subscripts being taken mod n . Then identify the bottom face of T_i with the top face of T_{i+1} for each i . Show the simplicial homology groups of X in dimensions 0, 1, 2, 3 are $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_n, 0, \mathbb{Z}$, respectively.

Proof.

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