

Algebraic Topology

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Part I

Homology

Chapter 1

Axiomatic homology

1.1 Singular homology

1.2 Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms

Mayer-Vietoris sequence

Chapter 2

Homology groups

2.1 Cellular homology

CW complex, equivalence,

2.2 Simplicial homology

geometric realization, equivalence, smith normal form, simplicial approximation,

Chapter 3

Cohomology

cup product universal coefficient theorem

3.1 Poincaré duality

Part II

Fiber bundles

Chapter 4

Fiber bundles

4.1 Principal bundles

4.1 (Structure groups). Let G be a topological group and F be a left G -space, and $p : E \rightarrow B$ be a fiber bundle with fiber F . We say an atlas $\{\varphi_i : p^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i \times F\}_i$ is a G -atlas if there is a set $\{g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow G\}_{i,j}$ of maps such that the transition maps are given by

$$\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, f) = (b, g_{ij}(b)f), \quad b \in U_i \cap U_j, f \in F.$$

A G -bundle with fiber F is a fiber bundle $p : E \rightarrow B$ that admits a G -atlas. In this case the group G is called the *structure group* of the fiber bundle. A G -bundle map is a bundle map $(\tilde{u}, u) : (E, B) \rightarrow (E', B')$ between G -bundles together with a set $\{h_{ij'} : U_i \cap u^{-1}(U_{j'}) \rightarrow G\}_{i,j'}$ such that

$$\varphi'_{j'} \circ \tilde{u} \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, f) = (u(b), h_{ij'}(b)f), \quad b \in U_i \cap u^{-1}(U_{j'}), f \in F.$$

If $B = B'$, a G -bundle map over B is a G -bundle map (\tilde{u}, u) such that $u = \text{id}_B$. We denote by $\mathbf{Bun}_F(B)$ the category of G -bundles over B with fiber F .

- (a) If F is a locally compact and locally connected Hausdorff space, then every fiber bundle with fiber F is a $\text{Homeo}(F)$ -bundle, where $\text{Homeo}(F)$ is the group of autohomeomorphism group with compact-open topology.
- (b) A G -bundle map (\tilde{u}, u) is an isomorphism if and only if u is a homeomorphism.
- (c) A bundle map $(\tilde{u}, \text{id}_B) : (E, B) \rightarrow (E', B)$ is a G -bundle map if and only if there is a set $\{h_i : U_i \rightarrow G\}_i$ such that

$$\varphi'_i \circ \tilde{u} \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, f) = (b, h_i(b)f), \quad b \in U_i, f \in F,$$

where $\{U_i\}$ is an open cover over which both E and E' are trivialized.

Proof. (a)

(b) (\Rightarrow) Clear.

(\Leftarrow) The total map \tilde{u} is continuous bijection because u is a bijection, so it suffices to show \tilde{u}^{-1} is continuous. Fix $U_i \subset B$ and $U'_{j'} \subset B'$. By substitution of $b' := u(b)$, $f' := h_{ij'}(b)f$, we can write

$$\varphi_i \circ \tilde{u}^{-1} \circ \varphi'^{-1}_{j'}(b', f') = (u^{-1}(b'), h_{ij'}(u^{-1}(b'))^{-1}f').$$

Since the local trivializations, the inverse operation of G , and the inverse u^{-1} are all continuous, \tilde{u}^{-1} is also continuous. \square

4.2 (Fiber bundle construction theorem). Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_i$ be an open cover of a topological space B , and G be a topological group. A Čech 1-cocycle on \mathcal{U} with coefficients in G is a collection $\{g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow G\}_{i,j}$ of maps such that the following cocycle condition holds:

$$g_{ik}(b) = g_{jk}(b)g_{ij}(b), \quad b \in U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k.$$

The set of Čech 1-cocycles on \mathcal{U} with coefficients in G is denoted by $\check{Z}^1(\mathcal{U}, G)$.

We want to construct a map $\check{Z}^1(\mathcal{U}, G) \rightarrow \text{Bun}_F(B)$ for a left G -space F . Let $g \in \check{Z}^1(\mathcal{U}, G)$ and define

$$E := \left(\coprod_i (U_i \times F) \right) / \sim,$$

where \sim is an equivalence relation generated by

$$(b, f, i) \sim (b, g_{ij}(b)f, j), \quad b \in U_i \cap U_j, f \in F.$$

Also define $p : E \rightarrow B : [b, f, i] \mapsto b$ and $\varphi_i^{-1} : U_i \times F \rightarrow p^{-1}(U_i) : (b, f) \mapsto [b, f, i]$, which are clearly continuous and surjective without the cocycle condition.

- (a) φ_i^{-1} is injective.
- (b) φ_i^{-1} is open.
- (c) The transition maps of the G -atlas $\{\varphi_i\}$ coincides with the cocycle $\{g_{ij}\}$.

Proof. (a) Suppose $\varphi_i^{-1}(b, f) = \varphi_i^{-1}(b', f')$. Since $(b, y, i) \sim (b', y', i)$, we have $b = b'$ and there is a sequence

$$f' = g_{i_{n-1}i_n}(b)g_{i_{n-2}i_{n-1}}(b) \cdots g_{i_0i_1}(b)f,$$

where $i_0 = i_n = i$. By applying the cocycle condition inductively, we obtain $f = f'$, which implies the injectivity of φ_i^{-1} .

- (b) The map φ_i^{-1} factors through $\coprod_i (U_i \times F)$ such that

$$\varphi_i^{-1} : U_i \times F \rightarrow \coprod_i (U_i \times F) \xrightarrow{\pi} p^{-1}(U_i).$$

Since the canonical inclusion to disjoint union is open, it suffices to show the quotient map $\pi : \coprod_i (U_i \times F) \rightarrow E$ is open. Let $V \subset \coprod_i (U_i \times F)$ be open. Observe that

$$\pi^{-1}\pi(V \cap (U_i \times F)) \cap (U_j \times F)$$

is open for each pair of i and j because it is exactly same as the inverse image of the open set $V \cap (U_i \times F)$ under the map

$$(U_i \cap U_j) \times F \subset U_j \times F \rightarrow U_i \times F : (b, f) \mapsto (b, g_{ij}(b)f).$$

Here we used the cocycle condition of $\{g_{ij}\}$. Therefore,

$$\pi^{-1}\pi(V) = \bigcup_{i,j} \pi^{-1}\pi(V \cap (U_i \times F)) \cap (U_j \times F)$$

is open, hence the open π .

- (c) Clear by the cocycle condition. □

4.3 (Cohomologous transitions). Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_i$ be an open cover of a topological space B , and G be a topological group. A Čech 0-cochain on \mathcal{U} with coefficients in G is a collection $\{h_i : U_i \rightarrow G\}_i$ of maps. The group of Čech 0-cochains on \mathcal{U} with coefficients in G is denoted by $\check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, G)$.

The first Čech cohomology of \mathcal{U} with coefficients G is the orbit space of an action on $\check{Z}^1(\mathcal{U}, G)$ by $\check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, G)$ defined as follows:

$$(hg)_{ij}(b) := h_j(b)g_{ij}(b)h_i(b)^{-1}, \quad b \in U_i \cap U_j,$$

which is denoted by $\check{H}^1(\mathcal{U}, G)$. We define the first Čech cohomology of B with coefficients in G as the direct limit of sets

$$\check{H}^1(B, G) := \varinjlim_{\mathcal{U}} \check{H}^1(\mathcal{U}, G).$$

Let F be a left G -space, and let $\text{Bun}_F(B)$ be the set of isomorphism classes of G -bundles over B with fiber F .

- (a) $\text{Bun}_F(B) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(B, G)$ is well-defined.
- (b) $\text{Bun}_F(B) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(B, G)$ is surjective.
- (c) $\text{Bun}_F(B) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(B, G/\ker \sigma)$ is injective, where $\sigma : G \rightarrow \text{Homeo}(F)$.

Proof. (a) Suppose $p : E_1 \rightarrow B$ and $p' : E' \rightarrow B$ be isomorphic G -bundles with fiber F . Let $u : E \rightarrow E'$ be a G -bundle isomorphism. By considering the refinement, we can find an open cover $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_i$ of B which E and E' are simultaneously locally trivialized.

$$\{g_{ij} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow G\}.$$

(b)

(c)

□

4.4 (Principal bundles). Let G be a topological group, and X be a left *principal homogeneous G -space*, i.e. a free and transitive left G -space such that the shear map $G \times X \rightarrow X \times X : (g, x) \mapsto (gx, x)$ is a homeomorphism.

A *principal G -bundle* is a G -bundle $p : P \rightarrow B$ with fiber X , often together with a fiber-preserving continuous right action $\rho : P \times G \rightarrow P$ such that each chart $\varphi_i : p^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i \times X$ induces a principal homogeneous right action on $\{b\} \times X \subset U_i \times X$ which commutes with the left action. The right action ρ is called the *principal right action* or (*global*) *gauge transformation*. Note that for each $b \in B$ the fiber $\{b\} \times X$ has commuting left and right actions, but the fiber $p^{-1}(b)$ can admit only the principal right action.

The category of principal G -bundles over B is denoted by $\mathbf{Prin}_G(B)$, and the morphisms are usually defined as right G -equivariant maps with respect to the principal right actions. Then, we may consider the forgetful functor $\mathbf{Prin}_G(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Bun}_X(B)$.

- (a) $\mathbf{Prin}_G(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Bun}_X(B)$ is fully faithful, i.e. a bundle map $u : P \rightarrow P'$ over B is a G -bundle map if and only if it is a right G -equivariant map.
- (b) $\mathbf{Prin}_G(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{Bun}_X(B)$ is surjective, i.e. every G -bundle with fiber X has a principal right action.
- (c) A principal bundle is trivial if it has a global section.

Proof. (a) (\Rightarrow) Let $u : P \rightarrow P'$ be a G -bundle map over B so that there is a set $\{h_i : U_i \rightarrow G\}_i$ of maps such that

$$\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x) = (b, h_i(b)x), \quad b \in U_i, x \in X.$$

If we write $\rho_s : P \rightarrow P : e \mapsto \rho(e, s)$ for $s \in G$, then the induced right action $\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$ commutes with the left action $\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$ on $U_i \times X$. Now for every $e \in P_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_s \circ u(e) &= \varphi_i^{-1} \circ (\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ (\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ \varphi_i(e) \\ &= \varphi_i^{-1} \circ (\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ (\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ \varphi_i(e) \\ &= u \circ \rho_s(e), \end{aligned}$$

therefore u is right G -equivariant.

(\Leftarrow) let $u : P \rightarrow P'$ be a right G -equivariant map. By fixing $x_0 \in X$ and using the fact that the left action is free and transitive, define $g_i : U_i \rightarrow G$ such that

$$(b, g_i(b)x_0) := \varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x_0).$$

The function g_i is continuous since it factors as

$$b \mapsto (b, x_0) \xrightarrow{\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}} (b, g_i(b)x_0) \mapsto g_i(b)x_0 \mapsto g_i(b).$$

The continuity of the last map is due to the assumption that the map $(g, x) \mapsto (gx, x)$ is a homeomorphism.

Then, for every $(b, x) \in U_i \times X$ there is a unique $s \in G$ such that

$$\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x_0) = (b, x),$$

so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x) &= (\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ (\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1})(b, x_0) \\ &= \varphi_i \circ u \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x_0) \\ &= \varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x_0) \\ &= (\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}) \circ (\varphi_i \circ u \circ \varphi_i^{-1})(b, x_0) \\ &= (\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1})g_i(b)(b, x_0) \\ &= g_i(b)(\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1})(b, x_0) \\ &= g_i(b)(b, x) \\ &= (b, g_i(b)x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, u is a G -bundle map.

(b) Fix $x_0 \in X$ and consider the homeomorphism $G \rightarrow X : g \mapsto gx_0$. Define a right action

$$X \times G \rightarrow X : (gx_0, s) \mapsto gx_0s := gsx_0.$$

It defines a right principal homogeneous X that commutes with the left action on X .

Define $\rho : P \times G \rightarrow P$ such that

$$\varphi_i \circ \rho_s \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(b, x) = (b, xs).$$

It is well defined, fiber preserving, continuous. also for any b and any chart φ_j containing b , the action on $\{b\} \times X$ defines a principal homogeneous as we have seen. Therefore, ρ is a gauge transformation.

(c) (\Rightarrow) Clear.

(\Leftarrow) Let $s : B \rightarrow E$ be a global section and define

$$\tilde{u} : B \times X \rightarrow E : (b, gx_0) \mapsto s(b)g$$

for any fixed $x_0 \in X$. Then, the continuous map (\tilde{f}, id_B) preserves fibers and defines a right G -equivariant isomorphism. \square

4.5 (Quotient principal bundles).

4.6 (Reduction of structure groups). Let H be a closed subgroup of G . Then, there is a map $\check{H}^1(B, H) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(B, G)$, which is neither in general injective nor surjective. If a G -bundle ξ is contained in the image of $\check{H}^1(B, H)$ through the correspondence $\text{Bun}_F(B) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(B, G)$, then we may give a H -bundle structure on ξ .

4.2 Classifying spaces

Let $\text{Prin}_G(B)$ be the set of isomorphism classes of principal G -bundles. Then, we have a contravariant functor

$$\text{Prin}_G : \mathbf{hTop}_{\text{para}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

such that there is a natural isomorphism between contravariant functors

$$[-, BG] \rightarrow \text{Prin}_G.$$

4.7 (Homotopy properties). Let $p : E \rightarrow B$ be a vector bundle

- (a) If $p : E \rightarrow B \times [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and $p' : E' \rightarrow B \times [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ are trivial, then
- (b) If $f, g : B' \rightarrow B$ are homotopic, then $f^*\xi \cong g^*\xi$.

4.8 (Finite type).

4.3 Vector bundles

subbundles, quotient bundles, bundle maps, constant rank, then ker, im, coker bundles are locally trivial so that they are vector bundles. pullback: vector bundle structure

vector fields(trivial subbundles), parallelizable bundle operations: sum, tensor, dual, hom, exterior reduction and metrics

4.9 (Vector bundles). Let $p : E \rightarrow B$ and $p' : E' \rightarrow B$ be vector bundles.

- (a) A vector bundle map u over B is a vector bundle isomorphism if and only if it is a fiberwise linear isomorphism.

Let $1 \leq n \leq \infty$. If $f, g : B \rightarrow G_k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $f^*(\gamma_{k^n}) \cong g^*(\gamma_{k^n})$, then $jf \simeq jg$, where $j : G_k(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow G_k(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ is the natural inclusion.

4.10. Riemannian and Hermitian metrics

Exercises

group quotient gives a principal G -bundle.

Hopf fibration(real, complex, quaternionic, but not octonionic)

In the category of smooth manifolds, if f diffeomorphic, then \tilde{f} diffeomorphic.

4.11 (Associated bundles).

$$\text{Prin}_G(B) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Bun}_X(B) \xrightarrow{\sim} \check{H}^1(B, G) \hookrightarrow \text{Bun}_F(B)$$

can be given in a more simple way.

Chapter 5

Characteristic classes

Chapter 6

K-theory

bott periodicity Hopf invariant

Part III

Homotopy

Chapter 7

Homotopy groups

Chapter 8

Fibration

8.1 Homotopy lifting property

Locally trivial bundles

pullback bundles: universal property, functoriality, restriction, section prolongation

8.2 Obstruction theory

8.3 Hurewicz theorem

$H_*(\Omega S_n)$ and $H_*(U(n))$ Spin, $\text{Spin}_\mathbb{C}$ structure

Chapter 9

Spectral sequences

9.1 Serre spectral sequence

(Lyndon-Hochschild-Serre)

9.2 Adams spectral sequence

Part IV

Stable homotopy theory

equivariant topology chromatic homotopy theory spectral sequences orthogonal spectra abstract
homotopy theory Kervaire invariant problem