

# I: SINGULAR HOMOLOGY

• We want to associate algebraic invariants for top. spaces, analogous to the fundamental group.

Definition: Let  $(A, +)$  an abelian group and let  $M$  be a set. The  $A$ -linearization of  $M$  is

$$\begin{aligned} A[M] &:= \{ f: M \rightarrow A : f^{-1}(A \setminus \{0\}) \text{ is finite} \} \\ &= \{ f: M \rightarrow A : f(m) = 0 \text{ up to a finite quantity} \} \end{aligned}$$

•  $A[M]$  inherits an abelian group structure from  $A$ :  $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $\text{const}_0: M \rightarrow A, m \mapsto 0$  is the neutral element and  $(-f)(x) = -f(x)$  is the inverse of  $f$ .

• We will denote as  $a \cdot x$  for the element  $f: M \rightarrow A$   $\begin{matrix} x \mapsto a \\ \text{else} \mapsto 0 \end{matrix}$ . Since  $f(m) \neq 0$  for a finite quantity, it is

clear that every  $f \in A[M]$  is  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_r x_r$ . Also it holds:  $a \cdot x + a' \cdot x = (a+a') \cdot x$ , and  $0 \cdot x$  is omitted.

Definition: A map of set  $\gamma: M \rightarrow N$  induces a morphism between the linearized spaces.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_*: A[M] &\longrightarrow A[N] \\ f &\longmapsto \gamma_* f: N \longrightarrow A \\ g &\longmapsto (\gamma_* f)(y) := \sum_{x \in \gamma^{-1}(y)} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

It holds that  $\gamma_* (\sum a_i x_i) = \sum a_i \gamma(x_i)$ , so it says that the construction of  $A[M]$  is functorial.

• "Motivating example":  and ,  $\frac{\dim \partial_1}{\dim \partial_2}$  have different dimensions!

Definition: let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We'll call n-simplex to

$$\Delta^n := \{ (t_0 \dots t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : t_i \geq 0, \sum t_i = 1 \} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

it is the equation of a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

$\Delta^0 = \text{point in } \mathbb{R}$ ;  $\Delta^1 = \text{segment in } \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ (from } (1,0) \text{ to } (0,1))$ ;  $\Delta^2 = \text{piece of plane in } \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Definition: let  $\alpha: \{0, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n\}$ . It induces a continuous map

$$\alpha_*: \Delta^m \longrightarrow \Delta^n, \quad \alpha_*(t_0, \dots, t_m) = \left( \sum_{i \in \alpha^{-1}(0)} t_i, \dots, \sum_{i \in \alpha^{-1}(n)} t_i \right)$$

Note that  $\alpha_*(e_i) = e_{\alpha(i)}$ .

Definition: For  $n \geq 0$  and  $i = 0, \dots, n$  let  $S_i: \{0, \dots, n-1\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n\}$  the unique order preserving injection not hitting  $i$ , i.e.,  $0 \mapsto 0, 1 \mapsto 1, \dots, i-1 \mapsto i-1, i \mapsto i+1, \dots, n-1 \mapsto n$ . If we write  $S_i: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$  for  $(S_i)_*$  it does

$$S_i(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) = (t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}, \overset{i}{0}, t_i, \dots, t_{n-1})$$

Lemma: let  $n \geq 2$  and  $0 \leq j < i \leq n$ . It holds  $S_i \circ S_j = S_j \circ S_{i-1}$ .

Definition: Let  $X$  be a top space. A regular n-simplex is a continuous map  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ . We denote as  $S(X)_n$  the set of all regular n-simplices.

0-simplex = point

1-simplex = general edge



, ...

Definition: Let  $A$  be an abelian group and let  $X$  be a top space. The group of singular  $n$ -chains (with coefficients in  $A$ ) is  $C_n(X; A) := A[S(X)_n]$

If  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is continuous, it induces a morphism  $S(X)_n \rightarrow S(X)_n$ , and  $\sigma \mapsto f_*\sigma$

a group homomorphism  $f_*: C_n(X; A) \rightarrow C_n(X; A)$ . Taking " $*$ " is indeed a functor.

Definition: Let  $X$  top-space and  $A$  abelian. The map  $S(X)_n \rightarrow S(X)_{n-1}$ ,  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma \circ S_i$  induces (taking  $*$ ) a group homomorphism  $d_i: C_n(X; A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X; A)$ ; and the singular boundary operator is the group homomorphism

$$\partial_n := \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i d_i: C_n(X; A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X; A)$$

Lemma:  $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$

Definition: A chain complex  $C$  is a sequence of abelian groups  $C_n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , together with group homomorphisms  $\partial_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$  s.t.  $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0$ .

The previous lemma shows that  $C_n(X; A)$  form a chain complex.

Definition: Let  $C$  be a chain complex. We'll call

- a) differential to  $\partial_n$ .
- b)  $n$ -chains to the elements of  $C_n$
- c)  $n$ -cycles to the elements of  $\text{Ker } \partial_n$
- d)  $n$ -boundaries to the elements of  $\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}$

Since  $\partial_{n-1} \circ \partial_n = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Im } \partial_{n+1} \subseteq \text{Ker } \partial_n$ , we

Definition: Let  $C$  be a chain complex. The  $n$ -th homology group is the abelian group

$$H_n(C) := \frac{\text{Ker } \partial_n}{\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}}$$

• For  $n=0$ , we define  $H_0(C) := \frac{C_0}{\text{Im } \partial_1}$ .

Definition: Let  $X$  be a top. space and  $A$  an abelian group. The  $n$ -th singular homology group of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$  is

$$H_n(X; A) := H_n(C(X; A))$$

Example: Let  $X = *$  point space. It holds

$$H_0(*; A) = A \quad ; \quad H_n(*; A) = 0, \quad n > 1$$

Definition: Let  $C, D$  be chain complexes. A sequence of group homomorphisms  $g_n: C_n \rightarrow D_n$  is a chain map, and we will write  $g: C \rightarrow D$ , if the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_n & \xrightarrow{g_n} & D_n \\ \partial_n \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_n \\ C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{n-1}} & D_{n-1} \end{array}, \quad \partial_n \circ g_n = g_{n-1} \circ \partial_n$$

Lemma: A chain map  $g: C \rightarrow D$  induces a group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} g_*: H_n(C) &\longrightarrow H_n(D) \\ [x] &\longmapsto [g_n(x)] \end{aligned}$$

Lemma: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map, and  $A$  ab. The induced group homomorphism

$$f_*: C_n(X; A) \rightarrow C_n(Y; A)$$

form a chain map.  $f_*: C(X; A) \rightarrow C(Y; A)$

Corollary: Any continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  induces group homomorphisms

$$f_*: H_n(X; A) \rightarrow H_n(Y; A) \quad , \quad n \geq 1$$

Note that the induced maps on homology are functors:

$$(\text{Id}_X)_* = \text{Id}_{H_n(X)} \quad ; \quad (f \circ g)_* = f_* \circ g_* \quad ,$$

e,

$$H_n(-, A): \text{Top} \longrightarrow \text{AbGrp}$$

is a functor.

Definition: Let  $(C^i)_{i \in I}$  a family of chain complexes. We can define a chain complex  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} C^i$  by

$$\left( \bigoplus C^i \right)_n := \bigoplus C_n^i \quad ; \quad \partial_n(a_i)_{i \in I} := \left( \partial_n(a_i) \right)_{i \in I}$$

and the inclusions  $i_{C^i}: C^i \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I} C^i$  form a chain map  $i_{C^i}: C^i \rightarrow \bigoplus C^i$ .

Proposition: Given a chain complex  $D$  and a family of chain maps  $f_i: C^i \rightarrow D$ , there exists a unique chain map

$$f: \bigoplus_{i \in I} C^i \longrightarrow D$$

with  $f_i = f \circ i_{C^i}$ .

Proposition: There's an isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I} H_n(C^i) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} C^i\right)$$

More composite with  $i_{H_n(C^i)}$  is the map  $H_n(C^i) \rightarrow H_n\left(\bigoplus C^i\right)$  induced by  $i_{C^i}$ .

## II : SINGULAR HOMOLOGY IN DEGREES 0 AND 1

Lemme: let  $(X_j)_{j \in J}$  be the path components of  $X$ . The inclusions  $X_j \hookrightarrow X$  induce an isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{j \in J} H_n(X_j; A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X; A)$$

Corollary: let  $Z$  be a set viewed as a discrete space (ie, with the discrete topology). Then

$$H_n(Z; A) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1, \text{ and } H_0(Z; A) = \bigoplus_Z A.$$

• Let  $\pi_0(X)$  the set of path components and let  $\pi_X: X \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$ ,  $x \mapsto [x]$ .

• let  $\tilde{x}: \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$ ,  $1 \mapsto x$  be the singular 0-simplex with value  $x$ . Obviously

there is a bijection  $X \xrightarrow{\sim} S(X)_0$ ,  $x \mapsto \tilde{x}$  and therefore an isomorphism  $A[X] \xrightarrow{\sim} C_0(X; A)$ .

$$\text{Set } A[X] \xrightarrow{\sim} A[S(X)_0] = C_0(X; A) \xrightarrow{\text{im } \partial_1} H_0(X; A) = H_0(X; A)$$

$\phi_X$

Lemme: The map  $\phi_X$  factors as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A[X] & \xrightarrow{\phi_X} & H_0(X; A) \\ (\pi_X)_* \downarrow & \nearrow \gamma_X & \\ A[\pi_0(X)] & & \end{array}$$

$$\phi_X = \gamma_X \circ (\pi_X)_*$$

• if  $*$  is the one-point space, the unique map  $X \rightarrow *$  and the isomorphism  $H_0(*; A) \simeq A$  induce an isomorphism  $\varepsilon: H_0(X; A) \rightarrow H_0(*; A) \simeq A$  (sometimes called augmentation)

Theorem: The homomorphism  $\gamma_X$  from before is an isomorphism, and if  $X$  is path-connected, the augmentation  $\varepsilon$  is also an isomorphism,  $H_0(X; A) \simeq A$ .



• For the rest of this chapter fix  $A = \mathbb{Z}$  and set  $H_n(X) = H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

• Take the canonical map  $S(X)_n \rightarrow C_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$  and the homeomorphism  $c: \Delta^1 \rightarrow I$   
 $\sigma \mapsto 1 \cdot \sigma$   $(1-t, t) \mapsto t$

We will again write  $\tilde{X}$  for the singular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -complex with value  $x$ .

If  $f: I \rightarrow X$  is a loop in  $X$  ( $f(0) = f(1) = x_0$ ), we have a 1-simplex  $\Delta^1 \xrightarrow{f \circ c} X$ ,  
 and  $\partial(f \circ c) = 0$ . (Watch out! Here  $f \circ c \equiv 1 \circ (f \circ c) \in C_1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ ).

Lemma: the map  $\phi: \pi_1(X; x_0) \rightarrow H_1(X)$  is well-defined  
 $[f] \mapsto [f \circ c]$   
 homotopy class of loops homology class

Lemma: let  $f, g: I \rightarrow X$  be paths in  $X$  with  $f(1) = g(0)$ . The 1-chain

$$(g \circ c) + (f \circ c) - ((f * g) \circ c)$$

is a boundary.

Corollary: The map  $\phi: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_1(X)$  is a group homomorphism.

Corollary: let  $\omega \in S(X)_1$ , and let  $\bar{\omega}(t, 1-t) := \omega(1-t, t)$  the "reverse 1-simplex". Then  $\omega + \bar{\omega}$  is a boundary.

• Is  $\phi$  an isomorphism? In general no, for 2 reasons: 1)  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  only "looks" at the path component of  $x_0$ , and 2)  $H_1(X)$  is always abelian, but in general  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  is not. We are going to see that basically these are the only that exist.

Definition: Let  $G$  be a group. The abelianization of  $G$  is the abelian group  $G^{ab} := \frac{G}{\langle ghg^{-1}h^{-1} \rangle_{g,h \in G}}$

Theorem (Universal property of the abelianized group): Every group homomorphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow A$ , where  $A$  is abelian, factors in a unique way through  $G^{ab}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & A \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi^{ab} & \\ G^{ab} & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{, i.e., } \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}}(G, A) = \text{Hom}_{\text{gr}}(G^{ab}, A)$$

Then we have a homomorphism  $\phi^{ab}: \pi_1(X, x_0)^{ab} \rightarrow H_1(X)$

Theorem: Let  $X$  be path-connected. Then

$$\phi^{ab}: \pi_1(X, x_0)^{ab} \xrightarrow{\sim} H_1(X)$$

is an isomorphism.



### III : RELATIVE HOMOLOGY GROUPS

Recall:  $A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow 0$  exact  $\Leftrightarrow f$  surjective  
 $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B$  "  $\Rightarrow f$  injective  
 $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow 0$   $\Rightarrow f$  isomorphism

Definition: A sequence of chain complexes and chain maps

$$0 \rightarrow C' \rightarrow C \rightarrow \bar{C} \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact sequence if  $0 \rightarrow C'_n \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow \bar{C}_n \rightarrow 0$  is exact  $\forall n \geq 0$ .

If  $i: C' \rightarrow C$  is an injective chain map, and  $\bar{C}_n := C_n / C'_n$ , then  $0 \rightarrow C' \xrightarrow{i} C \xrightarrow{\pi} \bar{C} \rightarrow 0$  is a short exact seq.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \rightarrow & C'_n & \xrightarrow{i_n} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\pi_n} & \bar{C}_n \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_n & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \rightarrow & C'_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{i_{n-1}} & C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{n-1}} & \bar{C}_{n-1} \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots
 \end{array}$$

Given  $[\bar{x}] \in H_n(\bar{C})$ , one can obtain an element  $[x'] \in H_{n-1}(C')$  through the previous arrows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S: H_n(\bar{C}) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(C') \\
 [\bar{x}] & \longmapsto & [x']
 \end{array}$$

Lemma: This is a well-defined group homomorphism, called the connecting map or homomorphism

Theorem (Exactness of the LES): let  $0 \rightarrow C' \xrightarrow{i} C \xrightarrow{\pi} \bar{C} \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of chain complexes. Then the following sequence is exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \hookrightarrow & H_n(C') & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_n(C) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & H_n(\bar{C}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & H_{n-1}(C') & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{n-1}(C) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & H_{n-1}(\bar{C}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & \dots & & \dots & & \dots & \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & H_0(C') & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_0(C) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & H_0(\bar{C}) & \xrightarrow{\delta} \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & 
 \end{array}$$

## RELATIVE HOMOLOGY GROUPS

Definition: A pair of spaces  $(X, X')$  is a top space  $X$  together with a subspace  $X' \subset X$ .

A morphism of pairs  $f: (X, X') \rightarrow (Y, Y')$  is a continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $f(X') \subset Y'$ .

• Given  $(X, X')$ ; we have a canonical injection  $S(X')_n \hookrightarrow S(X)_n$ ,  $\sigma \mapsto i \circ \sigma$ , and therefore an injective morphism  $C_n(X'; A) \hookrightarrow C_n(X; A)$ , and a chain map  $C(X'; A) \rightarrow C(X; A)$  \*

Definition: We will call relative chain complex to the quotient complex

$$C(X, X'; A) := \frac{C(X; A)}{C(X'; A)}$$

and relative homology groups to

$$H_n(X, X'; A) := H_n(C(X, X'; A))$$

• Note that  $C_n(X, X'; A) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}(X, X'; A)$  is given by  $\bar{\partial}_n([x]) := [\partial_n(x)]$ .

\*: Note that  $C(X'; A) \rightarrow C(X; A)$  being a chain map means that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_n(X') & \hookrightarrow & C_n(X) \\
 \partial_n' \downarrow & // & \downarrow \partial_n \\
 C_{n-1}(X') & \hookrightarrow & C_{n-1}(X)
 \end{array}
 \quad , \text{ i.e., } \quad \underline{\partial_n' |_{C_n(X')}} = \underline{\partial_n}$$

• Since we have the SES  $0 \rightarrow C(X'; A) \rightarrow C(X; A) \rightarrow C(X, X'; A) \rightarrow 0$ , we have by the

Corollary: Let  $(X, X')$  be a pair of top spaces. Then the following sequence is exact:

$$\begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow H_n(X'; A) \rightarrow H_n(X; A) \rightarrow H_n(X, X'; A) \rightarrow \\ \hookrightarrow H_{n-1}(X'; A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X; A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X, X'; A) \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Corollary:  $H_n(X, X'; A) = 0 \quad \forall n \iff i: X' \hookrightarrow X$  induces isomorphisms  $H_n(X'; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X; A) \quad \forall n$

• A map of pairs  $f: (X, X') \rightarrow (Y, Y')$  induces  $f_*: C(X) \rightarrow C(Y)$  and  $(f|_{X'})_*: C(X') \rightarrow C(Y')$ . It is satisfied that  $f_*|_{C(X')} = (f|_{X'})_*$ .

Because of the previous thing, there's a well-defined chain map  $C(X, X'; A) \rightarrow C(Y, Y'; A)$ , with

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_n(X, X'; A) & \rightarrow & C_n(Y, Y'; A) \\ [x] & \mapsto & [f_*(x)] \end{array}$$

Lemma: Let  $f: (X, X') \rightarrow (Y, Y')$  be a map of pairs. Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_n(X'; A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X; A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, X'; A) \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots & \text{(LES for } (X, X')) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ \cdots & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_n(Y'; A) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y; A) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, Y'; A) \xrightarrow{\delta} \cdots & \text{(LES for } (Y, Y')) \end{array}$$

Then if 2 out of 3 vertical maps are isomorphisms for all  $n \geq 0$ , then so is the third.

• The two main results so far are (to be proved soon):

Theorem (Excision): Let  $(X, X')$  be a pair of spaces and let  $Y \subset X'$ , with  $\overline{Y} \subset X'$ .

Then the inclusion  $(X-Y, X'-Y) \hookrightarrow (X, X')$  induces isomorphisms of relative homology groups:

$$H_n(X-Y, X'-Y; A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X, X'; A).$$

Theorem (Homotopy invariance of singular homology): If  $f, f': X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic, then

$$f_* = f'_*: H_n(X; A) \rightarrow H_n(Y; A).$$

Corollary: Homotopic spaces have isomorphic homology groups, i.e., homotopy equivalences induce isomorphisms on homology groups:

$$X \equiv Y \implies H_n(X; A) = H_n(Y; A).$$

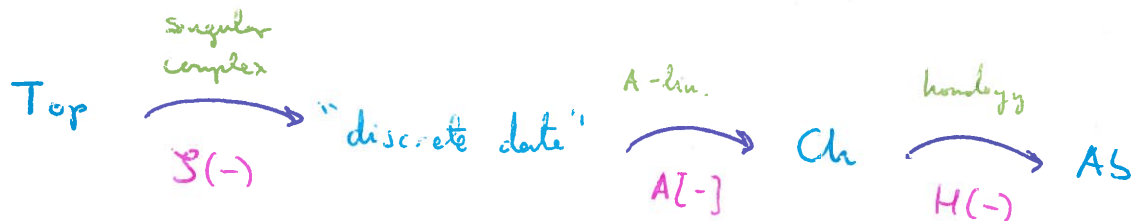
Corollary: Let  $f: (X, X') \rightarrow (Y, Y')$  be a pair map. If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f|_{X'}: X' \rightarrow Y'$  are homotopy equivalences (i.e.,  $X \equiv Y$ ,  $X' \equiv Y'$ ) then  $f$  induces isomorphisms

$$H_n(X, X'; A) = H_n(Y, Y'; A).$$

Example: 
$$H_n(S^m; A) = H_n(\mathbb{D}^m, S^{m-1}; A) = \begin{cases} A \oplus A, & \text{if } m=n=0 \\ A, & \text{if } m=n>0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

# IV: HOMOTOPY INVARIANCE OF S. HOMOLOGY

• Recall our construction of single homology:



• We will denote by  $\Delta$  the category whose objects are ordered sets  $[n] = \{0, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , and whose arrows are order preserving maps  $\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$ . Recall

- $\delta_i: [n-1] \rightarrow [n]$  order preserving injection not hitting  $i$
- $\sigma_i: [n] \rightarrow [n+1]$  " " surjection hitting  $i$  twice.

Definition: A simplicial set is a contravariant functor

$$K: \Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$[n] \longmapsto K_n$$

$$(\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]) \longmapsto (\alpha^*: K_n \rightarrow K_m),$$

where the  $\alpha^*$ 's are called the structure maps, i.e., a simplicial set is a sequence of sets  $K_n$   $n \geq 0$  with a map  $\alpha^*: K_n \rightarrow K_m$  for any arrow  $\alpha$  in  $\Delta$  (and  $(\text{Id}_{[m]})^* = \text{Id}_{K_m}$ ,  $(\beta \circ \alpha)^* = \alpha^* \circ \beta^*$ )

• The singular  $n$ -simplices  $S(X)_n$  form a simplicial set: for every  $\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$  we have

$$\alpha^*: S(X)_n \rightarrow S(X)_m$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \sigma \circ \alpha_*$$

Definition: A morphism of simplicial sets  $h: K \rightarrow L$  is a collection of maps  $h_n: K_n \rightarrow L_n$  s.t

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_n & \xrightarrow{h_n} & L_n \\ \alpha^* \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha^* \\ K_m & \xrightarrow{h_m} & L_m \end{array}$$

commutes  $\forall \alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$ . i.e., a morphism of simplicial sets is a natural transformation of contravariant functors  $\Delta \rightarrow \text{Set}$ .

• Any continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  induces a morphism of simplicial sets  $f_*: \mathcal{S}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(Y)$ , with  $(f_*)_n: \mathcal{S}(X)_n \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(Y)_n$ ,  $\sigma \mapsto f \circ \sigma$ . i.e.,

$$\mathcal{S}: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{sSet}$$

is a covariant functor from top. spaces to simplicial sets.

Definition: For  $k \geq 0$ , let  $\underline{\Delta}^k$  be the simplicial set  $(\underline{\Delta}^k)_n := \text{Hom}_{\Delta}([n], [k])$  (order preserv.)

•  $\underline{\Delta}^0$  plays the role of the point,  $\underline{\Delta}^1$  of the interval, ...

• Denote  $j_i: [0] \rightarrow [1]$ ,  $0 \mapsto i$ ,  $i=0,1$ . They induce maps  $j_{i*}: \underline{\Delta}^0 \rightarrow \underline{\Delta}^1$ , that are "the inclusions of end points".

$$(\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [0]) \mapsto ([m] \xrightarrow{\alpha} [0] \rightarrow [1])$$

Definition: For simplicial sets  $K$  and  $L$ , their product  $K \times L$  is a simplicial set with  $(K \times L)_n = K_n \times L_n$  and structure maps  $\alpha^* = \alpha^* \times \alpha^*: K_n \times L_n \rightarrow K_m \times L_m$ .

• Since  $K_m$  and  $K_m \times \{*\}$  is bij, there is a canonical isom.  $K \xrightarrow{\sim} K \times \underline{\Delta}^0$ .

Definition: Let  $h_0, h_1: K \rightarrow L$  be morphisms of simplicial sets. A simplicial homotopy from  $h_0$  to  $h_1$  is a map of simplicial sets

$$H: K \times \underline{\Delta}^1 \rightarrow L$$

such that  $h_i$  equals

$$K \xrightarrow{\sim} K \times \underline{\Delta}^0 \xrightarrow{\text{Id}_K \times j_i} K \times \underline{\Delta}^1 \xrightarrow{H} L$$

Proposition:  $f_0 \equiv f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic cont. maps  $\Rightarrow (f_0)_* \equiv (f_1)_*: \mathcal{S}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(Y)$  are simplicial homotopy maps

In other words,

$$\mathcal{S}: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{sSet}$$

is a homotopy preserving functor.

Now we'd like to have the notion of homotopy in chain maps:

Definition: let  $f_0, f_1: C \rightarrow D$  be chain maps. A chain homotopy from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$  is a sequence of groups homomorphism  $P_n: C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D_{n+1} \\ \partial_{n+1}^C \downarrow & \nearrow P_n & \downarrow \partial_{n+1}^D \\ C_n & \xrightarrow{(f_1)_n - (f_0)_n} & D_n \\ \partial_n^C \downarrow & \nearrow P_{n-1} & \downarrow \partial_n^D \\ C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D_{n-1} \end{array}$$

$$\partial_{n+1}^D \circ P_n + P_{n+1} \circ \partial_n^C = (f_1)_n - (f_0)_n$$



Proposition:  $f_0 \equiv f_1 : C \rightarrow D$  homotopic as chain maps  $\Rightarrow (f_0)_* = (f_1)_* : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$

• The construction  $S(X) \xrightarrow{A[-]} C(X; A)$  generalises to a functor

$$C(-, A) : \mathbf{sSet} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ch}$$

by setting  $C_n(K; A) = A[\bar{K}_n]$ , and  $\partial_i : \bar{K}_n \rightarrow \bar{K}_{n-1}$  induces  $\partial_i^* : K_n \rightarrow K_{n-1}$  and this on  $\partial_i^* : C_n(K; A) = A[\bar{K}_n] \rightarrow A[\bar{K}_{n-1}] = C_{n-1}(K; A)$ , and define  $\partial_n := \sum (-1)^i \partial_i^*$ .

Proposition:  $h_0 \equiv h_1 : K \rightarrow L$  homotopic morphisms of simplicial sets  $\Rightarrow (h_0)_* = (h_1)_* : C(K; A) \rightarrow C(L; A)$  are homotopic as chain maps.

In other words, the functor

$$C(-, A) : \mathbf{sSet} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ch}$$

preserves homotopy.

Theorem (Homotopy invariance of singular homology):  $f_0 \equiv f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$  homotopic continuous maps  $\Rightarrow (f_0)_* = (f_1)_* : H_n(X; A) \rightarrow H_n(Y; A)$ .

## V: THE MAPPING DEGREE

A sometimes cleaner version of homology is:

Definition: Let  $X$  be a top. space. The reduced homology of  $X$  is

$$\tilde{H}_n(X; A) := \begin{cases} \ker (H_0(X; A) \rightarrow H_0(*; A)) & n=0 \\ H_n(X; A) & n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Equivalently,  $\tilde{H}_n(X; A)$  is the homology of the chain complex (with  $n \geq -1$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \rightarrow & C_n(X; A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & \dots & \xrightarrow{\partial_2} & C_1(X; A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_1} & C_0(X; A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_0} & A = C_{-1}(*; A) \\ & n & & & & 1 & & 0 & & -1 \end{array}$$

where  $\partial_0$  is the map induced by  $X \rightarrow *$ .

Lemma: Both def coincide. In general,  $H_0(X; A) = A \oplus \tilde{H}_0(X; A)$

For a pair  $(X, X')$ , we set  $\tilde{H}_n(X, X'; A) := H_n(X, X'; A)$ , and again we have SES with the  $(n-1)$ -th term of chain complexes and SES of reduced homology groups.

Reduced homology allows us to write cleaner homologies:

$$\begin{aligned} - \tilde{H}_n(*; A) &= 0 \quad \forall n \geq 0 \quad (\text{in general if } X \text{ is contractible } \tilde{H}_n(X; A) = 0 \quad \forall n) \\ - \tilde{H}_n(S^m; A) &= \begin{cases} A, & n=m \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

In the rest of the chapter we will write  $\tilde{H}_n(X) \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} \tilde{H}_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

Recall that every group homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is  $K \cdot$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{Z}$ . (K is determined by the image of 1).

Definition: Let  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  a continuous map. The mapping degree of  $f$  is the unique integer  $\deg(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$f_*(a) = \deg(f) \cdot a,$$

where  $f_*: \widetilde{H}_n(S^n) = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} = \widetilde{H}_n(S^n)$ .

Proposition (Properties):

- 1)  $\deg(g \circ f) = \deg(g) \cdot \deg(f)$
- 2)  $f \equiv f': S^n \rightarrow S^n$  homotopic  $\Rightarrow \deg f = \deg f'$ .
- 3)  $f \equiv \text{Id}_{S^n}$  (homotopic equivalence)  $\Rightarrow \deg f = \pm 1$ .

Proposition: Consider the reflexion  $f_m: S^m \rightarrow S^m$ ,  $(x_0, \dots, x_m) \mapsto (-x_0, \dots, x_m)$ .  
Then  $\deg f_m = -1$ .

Corollary: The reflexion  $S^m \rightarrow S^m$ ,  $(x_0, \dots, x_m) \mapsto (x_0, \dots, -x_i, \dots, x_m)$  has degree  $-1$ .

Corollary: The antipodal map  $-1: S^m \rightarrow S^m$ ,  $x \mapsto -x$  has degree  $(-1)^{m+1}$ .

Corollary: If  $m$  is even, the antipodal map  $-1: S^m \rightarrow S^m$  cannot be homotopic to  $\text{Id}$ .

Lemma: Let  $f: S^m \rightarrow S^m$  be a continuous map, with  $m$  even. There exists on  $x \in S^m$  such that either  $f(x) = x$  or  $f(x) = -x$ .

Definition: A vector field on  $S^m$  is a continuous map  $F: S^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$  s.t.  $F(x) \perp x \quad \forall x \in S^m$ .

Theorem (Hairy ball): If  $m$  is even, every vector field on  $S^m$  vanishes at some point.

## THE EXCISION THEOREM

Definition: Let  $\mathcal{O} = (O_i)_{i \in I}$  be a cover of a top space  $X$ . We say that  $\mathcal{O}$  is admissible if  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} \overset{\circ}{O}_i$ .

Definition: A singular  $n$ -simplex  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$  is  $\mathcal{O}$ -small if  $\sigma(\Delta^n) \subset O_i$  for some  $i$ .

We will denote as  $S_{\mathcal{O}}(X)_n$  the set of  $\mathcal{O}$ -small singular  $n$ -simplices.

• Since, if  $\sigma \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(X)_n$ , and  $\alpha: [m] \rightarrow [n]$ ,  $\sigma \circ \alpha_* \in S_{\mathcal{O}}(X)_m$ , then  $S_{\mathcal{O}}(X)$  forms a sub-simplicial set of  $S(X)$ .

Theorem (Small simplices): Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an admissible cover of a top space  $X$ . The inclusion of  $S_{\mathcal{O}}(X)$  in  $S(X)$  induces an isomorphism

$$H_n(C(S_{\mathcal{O}}(X); A)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(C(S(X); A)) = H_n(X; A)$$

(To be proved)

Theorem (Excision): Let  $(X, X')$  be a pair of spaces and  $Y \subset X' \subset X$ , with  $\bar{Y} \subset \overset{\circ}{X}'$ . Then the inclusion  $X - Y \hookrightarrow X$  induces isomorphisms of relative homology groups

$$H_n(X - Y, X' - Y; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, X'; A)$$

## VI : PROOF OF THE "SMALL SIMPLICIES" THEOREM

The whole lecture is technical without useful results, only technical lemmas to prove the theorem.  
It is skipped.

## VII: CELL ATTACHMENTS

### REVIEW & NOTATION

Definition: Let  $X$  be a top space. We will say that  $X$  is quasi-compact if every open cover of  $X$  admits a finite subcover; and we will say that  $X$  is compact if it is quasi-compact and Hausdorff.

### Propositions (Properties):

- 1)  $U$  quasi-compact in  $X$  Hausdorff  $\Rightarrow U$  closed
- 2)  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  cont,  $X$  quasi-compact  $\Rightarrow f(X)$  quasi-compact
- 3)  $U$  closed in  $X$  (quasi-) compact  $\Rightarrow U$  (quasi-) compact
- 4)  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  continuous + bijective  $\Rightarrow f$  homeomorphism.  
quasi-compact Hausdorff

Definition: Consider the following top spaces and continuous maps

$$B \xleftarrow{c} A \xrightarrow{f} X$$

The pushout of this diagram is the quotient space

$$X \cup_A B := \frac{X \amalg B}{\sim}$$

where  $\sim$  identifies  $c(a) \sim f(a) \quad \forall a \in A$ .

\*It comes with canonical maps (projections to the quotient)  $X \rightarrow X \cup_A B$  and  $B \rightarrow X \cup_A B$ .

Theorem (Universal Property of the pushout): For every commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ i \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

there exists a unique map  $X \cup_A B \rightarrow Y$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \longrightarrow & X & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ B & \longrightarrow & X \cup_A B & \xrightarrow{j} & Y \end{array}$$

The first square is called a pushout when such map  $X \cup_A B \rightarrow Y$  is homeomorphism.

Example: Let  $(X, x_0), (Y, y_0)$  pointed spaces. The wedge sum  $X \vee Y := \frac{X \amalg Y}{x_0 = y_0}$  is the pushout  $X \cup_{*} Y$ , with  $f: \{*\} \rightarrow X, * \mapsto x_0$ ; and  $i: \{*\} \rightarrow Y, * \mapsto y_0$ .

Definition We say that  $Y$  arises from  $X$  by attaching an  $n$ -cell along  $f: \partial D_n \rightarrow X$  if there is a pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial D_n & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ i \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D_n & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

i.e.  $Y \cong X \cup_{\partial D_n} D_n =$  gluing  $X$  and  $D_n$  along  $\partial D_n$  and  $\text{Im } f$ . We refer to  $f$  as the attaching map.



Definition: We say that  $Y$  arises by attaching  $n$ -cells indexed by a set  $J$  if there exists a continuous map  $f: J \times \partial D_n \rightarrow X$  (where in  $J$  one considers the discrete top, i.e.  $f$  cont  $\Leftrightarrow f(j, -)$  cont  $\forall j \in J$ ) and a pushout square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J \times \partial D_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ J \times D_n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

$S_n \cong S_{n-1} \cup_{\{a,b\} \times \partial D_n} \{a,b\} \times D_n$



### CELL ATTACHMENTS AND HOMOTOPY

Consider  $\begin{array}{ccc} A \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{f \times \text{id}} & X \times [0,1] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow H \\ B \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{g} & Z \end{array}$  (not product diagram) commutative with  $H$  and  $g$  homotopies. One wonders: do  $H$  and  $g$

induce a homotopy in the pushout? i.e. a homotopy  $(X \cup_A B) \times [0,1] \rightarrow Z$ ?

Definition: A top space is said to be locally compact if every point has a compact neighbourhood basis, i.e. if  $\forall x \in X \ \forall U \in \mathcal{V}(x) \ \exists V \subset U$  compact.

Proposition: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a quotient map, and let  $K$  be a loc. compact space. Then

$f \times \text{id}_K: X \times K \rightarrow Y \times K$  is a quotient map.

Theorem: If

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \end{array}$$

is a pushout square, and  $K$  is a loc. compact top space, then the resulting square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times K & \longrightarrow & X \times K \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 B \times K & \longrightarrow & Y \times K
 \end{array}$$

obtained by replacing all spaces with their product with  $K$  at all ngs! with their product with  $\text{id}$

is again a product, ie,  $X \times K \cup_{A \times K} B \times K \xrightarrow{\sim} (X \cup A B) \times K$ .

In our particular case, given

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 J \times \partial D_n \times [0,1] & \longrightarrow & X \times [0,1] \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow F \\
 J \times D_n \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{G} & Z
 \end{array}$$

it says that  $p$  is homeomorphism in the following square, and therefore the homotopy  $H$  exists:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X \times [0,1] & \cup_{J \times \partial D_n \times [0,1]} & J \times D_n \times [0,1] & \longrightarrow & Z \\
 p \downarrow & & & \nearrow H & \\
 (X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n) \times [0,1] & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

Theorem: Two homotopies  $F: X \times [0,1] \rightarrow Z$  and  $G: J \times D_n \times [0,1] \rightarrow Z$  can be glued into ...

ANALYSIS OF CELL ATTACHMENTS

$$(X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n) \times [0,1] \rightarrow Z$$

Lemma: Consider the quotient map  $\pi: X \sqcup J \times D_n \rightarrow X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n$ , and at  $\mathring{D}_n$  the interior of the disk, an open  $n$ -cell.

1) The subspace  $\pi(X) \subset X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n$  is closed, and induces a homeomorphism  $X \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(X)$

2) The subspace  $\pi(J \times \mathring{D}_n) \subset X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n$  is open, and induces a homeomorphism  $J \times \mathring{D}_n \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(J \times \mathring{D}_n)$

• 2) can be generalized to obtain more examples of open subsets of the product:

Definition: We say that  $U \subseteq X \sqcup J \times \mathbb{D}_n$  is saturated if  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U)) = U$ .

Lemma: Let  $U \subseteq X \sqcup J \times \mathbb{D}_n$  be a saturated subset.

1)  $U$  open  $\Rightarrow \pi(U)$  open

2)  $U$  closed  $\Rightarrow \pi(U)$  closed

Lemma: For every  $j \in J$ , let  $V_j \subseteq \{j\} \times \mathbb{D}_n$  be open with  $\{j\} \times \partial \mathbb{D}_n \subseteq V_j$ . Then

$V := X \cup \left( \bigcup_{j \in J} \pi(V_j) \right)$  is open in  $X \cup_{J \times \partial \mathbb{D}_n} J \times \mathbb{D}_n$ .

Observe that any point in  $X \cup_{J \times \partial \mathbb{D}_n} J \times \mathbb{D}_n$  is either in  $\pi(X)$  or  $\pi(J \times \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n)$  (the "identified" points lie on  $\pi(X)$ ), so  $\pi(X) \sqcup \pi(J \times \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n) = X \cup_{J \times \partial \mathbb{D}_n} J \times \mathbb{D}_n$ , and with the homeomorphism,

$$X \sqcup J \times \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n \simeq X \cup_{J \times \partial \mathbb{D}_n} J \times \mathbb{D}_n. \quad (*)$$

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What exactly are the characteristic maps? If  $\pi: X_{n-1} \sqcup \mathbb{I}_n \times \mathbb{D}_n \rightarrow X_n$ , then

$\chi_j: \mathbb{D}_n \rightarrow X_n$  is just  $\chi_j := \pi|_{\{j\} \times \mathbb{D}_n}$ . Now since by  $(*)$

$$X_{n-1} \sqcup \mathbb{I}_n \times \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n = X_n \Rightarrow X_n - X_{n-1} = \mathbb{I}_n \times \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n = \bigsqcup_{\mathbb{I}_n} \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n.$$

$\pi$  identifies  $\partial \mathbb{D}_n$  with  $X_{n-1}$

They say that

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \chi_j: \mathbb{D}_n & \longrightarrow & X_n \\ \mathring{\mathbb{D}}_n & \longmapsto & X_n - X_{n-1} \\ \partial \mathbb{D}_n & \longmapsto & X_{n-1} \end{array} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{the one inside of} \\ \text{the one inside of} \end{array} \right)$$

# VIII : CW - COMPLEXES

Some more results about cell attachments.

Lemma:  $X \text{ Hausdorff} \Rightarrow X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n \text{ Hausdorff}$

Corollary:  $X \text{ compact}, J \text{ finite} \Rightarrow X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n \text{ compact.}$

Lemma: If  $K \subseteq X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n$  is compact, then  $K$  intersects with only finitely many open cells.

Corollary: Let  $X$  be compact.

$$J \text{ finite} \Leftrightarrow X \cup_{J \times \partial D_n} J \times D_n \text{ compact.}$$

## CW - COMPLEXES

Definition: Let  $A$  be a top space. A CW-complex relative to  $A$  is a top space  $X$  together with a sequence of subspaces (called the filtration)

$$A = X_{-1} \subseteq X_0 \subseteq X_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X, \quad X = \bigcup_{i \geq -1} X_i$$

Here every  $X_n$  is the  $n$ -skeleton of  $(X, A)$ ; such that:

i) For every  $n \geq 0$ , the space  $X_n$  arises from  $X_{n-1}$  by attaching  $n$ -cells

ii)  $\emptyset \subset X$  open  $\Rightarrow \emptyset \cap X_n$  open  $\forall n \geq -1$ .

(it has the final topology given by the inclusions  $X_n \hookrightarrow X$ )

The first property means that for every  $n \geq 0$  there's a pushout square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J_n \times \partial D_n & \xrightarrow{f} & X_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ J_n \times D_n & \longrightarrow & X_n \end{array}$$

In particular, this says that  $X_n - X_{n-1}$  is homeomorphic to a union of open  $n$ -cells, i.e.,  $X_n - X_{n-1} \approx \bigcup J_n \times \mathbb{D}^n$  (recall the find of lect. III). We call open  $n$ -cell to every path component of  $X_n - X_{n-1}$ .

Of course it is allowed that  $J_n = \emptyset$  and  $X_{n-1} = X_n$ .

Definition: For every  $j \in J_n$ , the characteristic map  $\chi_j: \mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow X_n$  is defined as the following composite:

$$x \mapsto [j, x]$$

$$\chi_j: \mathbb{D}^n \cong \{j\} \times \mathbb{D}^n \hookrightarrow J_n \times \mathbb{D}^n \xrightarrow{\pi \circ i} X_{n-1} \cup_{J_n \times \mathbb{D}^n} J_n \times \mathbb{D}^n$$

$i$ : inclusion in  $\mathbb{D}$

hence, it is continuous, and induces a homeomorphism between  $\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^n$  and the open  $n$ -cell in  $X_n$  indexed with  $j$ .

Let op!  $\chi_j$  is not unique, precomposing with any homeomorphism  $\mathbb{D}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$  will give another one!

\*  $\chi_j = \pi \circ i \circ h$ , then  $\chi_j(\mathring{\mathbb{D}}^n) \approx \mathring{\mathbb{D}}^n$ .

Corollary: Let  $(X, A)$  a CW-complex, and  $Y$  a top space.

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ cont} \implies f|_{X_n}: X_n \rightarrow Y \text{ cont } \forall n \geq -1.$$

Definition: Let  $(X, A)$  a CW-complex. We will say that it is...

- absolute if  $A = \emptyset$ .
- finite dimensional if  $X = X_n$  for some  $n \geq 0$ .
- finite if it is finite dim and  $\#J_n < \infty \forall n$ .

To a CW-complex be finite... how, if the  $J_n$ 's are not part of the data? Well, ... the pushout shows that there's a bijection  $J_n \rightarrow \pi_0(X_n - X_{n-1})$ , hence one can always know  $\#J_n$ .

~~(Relation with Serre's definition). Serre's definition can be recovered from the one, in particular, the one that refers to a absolute, finite~~

Examples: a)  $S_n = \mathbb{D}_0 \cup_{\partial \mathbb{D}_n} \mathbb{D}_n$ , with attaching map  $\partial \mathbb{D}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_0$  (the inc); thus  $S_n$  can be viewed as a CW-complex with 1 0-cell and 1  $n$ -cell.

b)  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a CW-complex with one  $i$ -cell  $\forall i = 0, \dots, n$ .

Definition: Let  $X$  be a absolute, finite CW-complex, and let  $c_i$  the number of  $i$ -cells. The

Euler characteristic of  $X$  is the alternating sum

$$\chi(X) := c_0 - c_1 + c_2 - c_3 + \dots + (-1)^n c_n, \quad X = X_n.$$

Theorem (Topological invariance of the characteristic): Every CW-complex decomposition of a topological space has the same Euler characteristic.

Theorem (Euler): For any convex polyhedron with  $V$  vertices,  $E$  edges and  $F$  faces it holds

$$V - E + F = 2.$$

### COMPACTNESS AND CW-COMPLEXES

Lemma: Let  $(X, A)$  be a finite CW-complex, with  $A$  compact. Then  $X$  is compact.

Lemma: Let  $(X, A)$  be a CW-complex, with  $A$  Hausdorff. Then  $X$  is Hausdorff.

Corollary: Every finite, absolute CW-complex is compact (quasi-compact + Hausdorff).

Definition: Let  $(X, A)$  be a relative CW-complex. A relative CW-complex  $(Y, A)$  is a subcomplex of  $(X, A)$  if  $Y \subseteq X$  such that  $Y_n = X_n \cap A$  and  $Y_n - Y_{n-1}$  is union of some of the open  $n$ -cells in  $X_n - X_{n-1} \quad \forall n \geq 0$ .

Lemma: Let  $(X, A)$  be a relative CW-complex, and let  $K \subset X$  be a compact subset, s.t.  $K \subseteq X_n$  for some  $n$ . Then  $K$  is contained in a finite subcomplex of  $(X, A)$ .

Corollary: The closure of every  $n$ -cell in  $(X, A)$  is contained in a finite subcomplex.

Theorem: Let  $(X, A)$  be a relative CW-complex and  $K \subset X$  be compact. Then  $K$  is also contained in a finite subcomplex of  $(X, A)$  (no  $K \subseteq X_n$  needed!)



• (Relation with Sancho's definition): Last year's Sancho definition of CW-complex can be recovered from this one: he referred, with this terminology, to a absolute, finite CW-complex. The Hausdorff and quasi-compact properties in that def are automatic by the Corollary. Condition ii) now says nothing bc  $X = X_n$  for some  $n$ ; the interesting is the i):

- $X_n - X_{n-1} \simeq I_n \times \mathring{D}_n \equiv \pi(I_n \times \mathring{D}_n)$ , ie,  $X_n - X_{n-1} = \coprod_{j \in J_n} Z_{n,j}$ , with  $Z_{n,j} \simeq \mathring{D}_n$ .
- Such homeomorphism is given by  $\chi_j|_{\mathring{D}_n} : \mathring{D}_n \xrightarrow{\sim} Z_{n,j}$ ; this it extends (well, it comes from) the map  $\chi_j : D_n \rightarrow X_n$ , but restricting the target to  $\chi_j(D_n) = \overline{\chi_j(\mathring{D}_n)} \stackrel{\text{ex. 8.1}}{=} \overline{Z_{n,j}}$ .

• Why the shatters "CW"?

- Closure-finiteness: The closure of every cell meets only finitely many other cells.
- Weak topology:  $V \subset X$  closed  $\Leftrightarrow V \cap \overline{Z_{n,j}}$  closed  $\forall n, j$ .

J. H. C. Whitehead gave the original definition with these two properties playing a more central role.



## IX: CELLULAR HOMOLOGY

• It's time to mix both topics: CW complexes + homology:

Corollary: Let  $X$  be an <sup>absolute</sup> CW-complex,  $A$  an abelian group and take  $c \in C_n(X; A)$ . Then there exists  $p \geq 0$  such that  $c \in \text{Im} \left( C_n(X_p; A) \xrightarrow{i_*} C_n(X; A) \right)$ .

• Recall the les of a triple from the appendix.

Definition: Let  $X$  be an absolute CW-complex and let  $A$  be an abelian group. The cellular chain complex of  $X$  with coefficients in  $A$  is the chain complex  $\tilde{C}(X; A)$  that in  $n$ -th degree is

$$\tilde{C}_n(X; A) := H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A)$$

and its differential is  $\tilde{d}_n : \tilde{C}_n(X; A) = H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}, X_{n-2}; A) = \tilde{C}_{n-1}(X; A)$  the connecting homomorphism from the les of the triple  $X_{n-2} \subset X_{n-1} \subset X_n$ .

• Let  $X$  an absolute CW-complex, and choose char. maps  $\chi_j : D_n \rightarrow X_n$ . There's a pushout diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J_n \times \partial D_n & \longrightarrow & X_{n-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ J_n \times D_n & \xrightarrow{\coprod \chi_j} & X_n \end{array}$$

and  $\chi_j : (D_n, \partial D_n) \rightarrow (X_n, X_{n-1})$  can be viewed as a map of pairs (because  $\chi_j = \pi|_{D_n \times \{j\}}$  and  $\pi$  identifies  $\partial D_n$  with  $X_{n-1}$  in the pushout).

Theorem: The characteristic maps induce isomorphisms

$$\bigoplus_{J_n} H_n(D_n, \partial D_n; A) = H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A)$$

Corollary: For  $X$  an absolute CW-complex,  $\tilde{C}_n(X; A) \simeq \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Z}_n} A = A[\mathbb{Z}_n]$ .

• Let's head to prove the big thm from here which will say " $H_n(X; A) \simeq H_n(\tilde{C}(X; A))$ ", as has as corollary the theorem of invariance of the Euler char.

• We will fix  $X$  an absolute CW-complex.

Lemma:  $n > m > -1$ , and  $k > n$  or  $k \leq m \Rightarrow H_k(X_n, X_m; A) = 0$ .

Corollary:  $H_n(X_{n+1}; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+2}; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+3}; A) \simeq \dots$

Proposition:  $H_n(X_{n+1}; A) \simeq H_n(X; A)$ .

Lemma:  $H_n(X_{n+1}; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+1}, X_0; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+1}, X_{-1}; A) \simeq \dots$

Corollary:  $H_n(X; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+1}; A) \simeq H_n(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}; A)$

\* Theorem: Let  $X$  be an absolute CW-complex, and  $A$  an abelian group. There is an isomorphism

$$H_n(X; A) \simeq H_n(\tilde{C}(X; A))$$

identifying the homology groups of the cellular chain complex with the singular homology groups of  $X$ .

Corollary: Let  $X$  be a finite CW-complex and  $k$  a field. Then the homology groups  $H_n(X; k)$  are finite-dimensional v.s.,  $H_n(X; k)$  is only non-trivial for finitely many  $n$  and

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \dim_k H_n(X; k)$$

\* Theorem (Topological invariance of the Euler characteristic): Homotopic spaces have the same Euler characteristic.

Example:  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C}) := \frac{\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - 0}{\sim}$ . There's a push-out diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial D_{2n} & \xrightarrow{\chi_{2n} / \partial D_{2n}} & \mathbb{P}_{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D_{2n} & \xrightarrow{\chi_{2n}} & \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

ie,  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{C})$  arises from  $\mathbb{P}_{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$  by attaching a  $2n$ -cell.

$$\bullet H_m(\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbb{C}); A) = \begin{cases} A, & m \text{ even \& } 0 \leq m \leq 2k \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Note: The cellularity from before "Theorem" says that for a finite CW-complex (of dim  $s$ ),

$$\underline{H_p(X; A)} \cong H_p(X_{s+1}, X_{s+2}; A) = H_p(X_s, X_s; A) = \underline{0} \quad \text{for } \underline{p > s}.$$

# X : COMPUTATIONS IN CELLULAR HOMOLOGY

• We fix  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ , characteristic maps  $\chi_\alpha: \mathbb{D}_n \rightarrow X_n$  for any  $n$ -cell  $\alpha \in I_n$ . Moreover, choose

$1_n \in \mathbb{Z} = H_n(\mathbb{D}_n, \partial\mathbb{D}_n)$ . Since  $\bigoplus_{I_n} H_n(\mathbb{D}_n, \partial\mathbb{D}_n) = H_n(X_n, X_{n-1})$ , we have

Lemma: The elements  $e_\alpha^n := (\chi_\alpha)_* 1_n \in H_n(X_n, X_{n-1})$  form a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $H_n(X_n, X_{n-1})$ .

• Therefore, to determine  $\tilde{\partial}_n: \tilde{C}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{n-1}(X)$ , it is enough to compute the coefficients  $d_{\alpha\beta}$

$$\tilde{\partial}_n(e_\alpha^n) = \sum_{\beta \in I_{n-1}} d_{\alpha\beta} e_\beta^{n-1}$$

Aim: Compute  $d_{\alpha\beta}$  using the topological structure of CW-complex  $X$ .

Lemma:  $\tilde{\partial}_n(e_\alpha^n) = \text{image of } \tilde{\partial}_n(1_n) \text{ under the lower composite}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & (\chi_\alpha)_* & \longrightarrow & H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\partial}_n} & H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}, X_{n-2}) = \tilde{C}_{n-1}(X) \\ & \searrow & & & & & \\ H_n(\mathbb{D}_n, \partial\mathbb{D}_n) & & & & & & \\ & \searrow & & & & & \\ & & \tilde{H}_n(\partial\mathbb{D}_n) & \longrightarrow & \tilde{H}_{n-1}(X_{n-1}) & \nearrow & \end{array}$$

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\* Theorem: The coefficient  $d_{\alpha\beta}$  in  $\tilde{\partial}_n(e_\alpha^n) = \sum_{\beta \in I_{n-1}} d_{\alpha\beta} e_\beta^{n-1}$  is given by the mapping degree of the following composite,

$$\partial\mathbb{D}_n \xrightarrow{\chi_\alpha|_{\partial\mathbb{D}_n}} X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{q} X_{n-1}/X_{n-2} \xrightarrow{q_\beta} \mathbb{D}_{n-1}/\partial\mathbb{D}_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\sim} \partial\mathbb{D}_{n-1}$$

where  $q_\beta$  collapses all  $(n-1)$ -cells except the one indexed with  $\beta$ , i.e.,

$$d_{\alpha\beta} = \deg(h_{n-1} \circ g_{\beta} \circ g \circ \chi_{\alpha}|_{\partial D_n})$$

ok, to compute the coefficients that determine the differential we do as follows: we first take the attaching map  $\partial D_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$  of the  $n$ -cell  $\alpha$ , then collapse the  $(n-2)$ -skeleton  $X_{n-2}$ , then collapse all  $(n-1)$ -cells except  $\beta$ , and lastly identify the resulting space  $D_{n-1}/\partial D_{n-1}$  with  $\partial D_n$ . The degree of this map gives you the coefficient  $d_{\alpha\beta}$ .

$$H_n(\pi^2; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & , \quad n=0, 2 \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & , \quad n=1 \\ 0 & , \quad n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Lemma: Let  $f: S_n \rightarrow S_n$  and take  $v \in S_n : f^{-1}(v) = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$  finite. Take  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  neighborhoods of  $u_i$  on  $S_n$ , and  $V$  nbhd of  $v : f(U_i) \subset V \forall i$ . Then we have

$$\mathbb{Z} \cong H_n(S_n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_n(U_i, U_i - u_i; \mathbb{Z}) \quad ; \quad \mathbb{Z} \cong H_n(S_n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_n(V, V - v; \mathbb{Z})$$

Definition: Let  $f: S_n \rightarrow S_n$  in the above definition. The local degree of  $f$  at  $u_i$  is the integer  $\deg f|_{u_i}$  such that  $f_* : H_n(U_i, U_i - u_i; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(V, V - v; \mathbb{Z})$  is the isomorphism "multiply by  $\deg f|_{u_i}$ ".

Proposition  $\deg f = \sum_{i=1}^m \deg f|_{u_i}$ .

$$H_n(\mathbb{P}_k(\mathbb{R}); \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & , \quad (n=0) \text{ or } (n=k \text{ \& } k \text{ odd}) \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & , \quad (n \text{ odd \& } 0 < n < k) \\ 0 & , \quad \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

## XI: THE HOMOTOPY EXTENSION PROPERTY

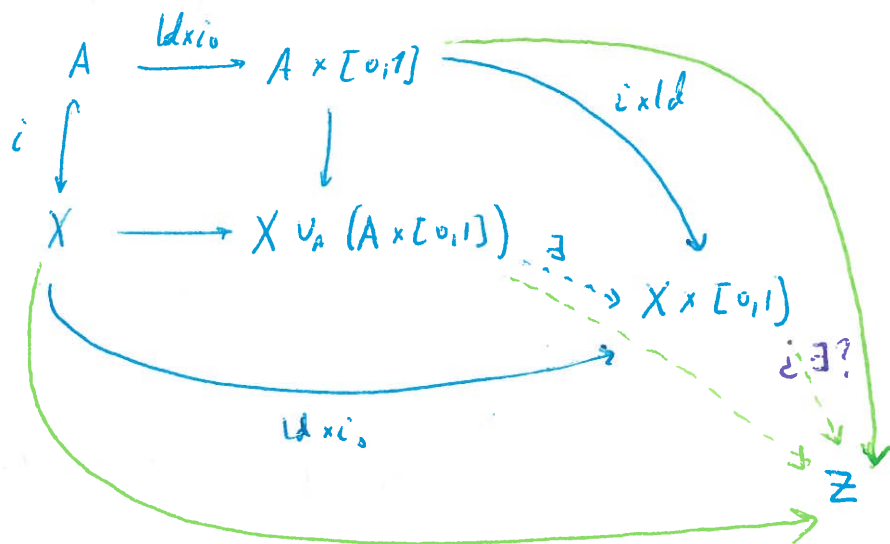
Definition: We say that a pair of spaces  $(X, A)$  has the homotopy extension property (HEP) if the following property holds:

Given a top space  $Z$ , a cont. map  $f: X \rightarrow Z$ , and a homotopy  $F: A \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$  s.t.

$F(-, 0) = f|_A$ ,  $\exists$  a homotopy  $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$  :  $H(-, 0) = f$  and  $H|_{A \times [0, 1]} = F$ .

In words,  $(X, A)$  has the HEP if given a space  $Z$ , a cont. map  $f: X \rightarrow Z$  and a homotopy  $F: A \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$  starting in the restriction of  $f$  to  $A$ , there exists an extension of  $F$  to a homotopy defined on  $X \times [0, 1]$  starting from  $f$ .

Lemma:  $(X, A)$  has HEP  $\iff$  every cont. map  $X \cup_A (A \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow Z$  extends to  $X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$



Lemma: Let  $(Y, B)$  a pair of spaces.

$B$  retract of  $Y \iff$  every cont. map  $B \rightarrow Z$  extends to a cont. map  $Y \rightarrow Z$



Lemma: Let  $U, V \subset X$  closed. The inclusions induce a homeomorphism

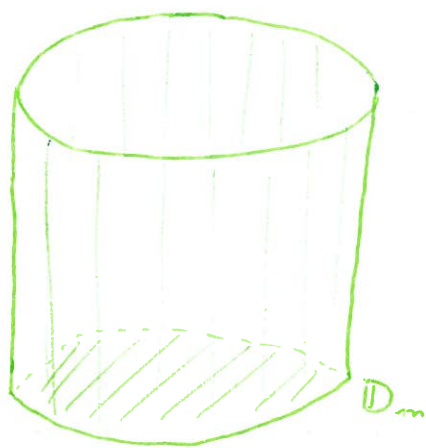
$$U \cup_{U \cap V} V \xrightarrow{\sim} U \cup V$$

Corollary:  $A \subset X$  closed, then the canonical map  $X \cup_{A \times \{0,1\}} (A \times [0,1]) \rightarrow X \times \{0,1\} \cup A \times [0,1]$  is a homeomorphism.

Corollary: Let  $A \subset X$  closed.

$$(X, A) \text{ has the HEP} \iff X \times \{0,1\} \cup A \times [0,1] \text{ is a retract of } X \times [0,1]$$

Proposition: The pair  $(D_m, \partial D_m)$  has the HEP,  $m \geq 0$ .



retract of the solid cylinder.

### HEP FOR CW-COMPLEXES

Proposition: If  $X$  arises from  $X'$  by attaching  $n$ -cells, the pair  $(X, X')$  has the HEP.

Theorem: Every relative CW-complex  $(X, A)$  has the HEP.

Definition: Let  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  a map of relative CW-complexes (i.e.,  $f(A) \subset B$ ). We say that  $f$  is cellular if  $f(X_n) \subset Y_n \quad \forall n \geq -1$ .



Lemma: Let  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  a map of relative CW-complexes with  $f(X_i) \subset Y_i \quad \forall i \leq m-1$ .

Then  $f|_{X_m}$  is homotopic rel.  $X_{m-1}$  to a map with image in  $Y_m$ .

Corollary: Let  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  a map of relative CW-complexes. Then there exists a sequence of continuous maps  $(f_m: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B))_{m \geq 1}$  and homotopies  $(H_m: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y)_{m \geq 1}$  such that

1)  $f_{-1} = f$

2)  $f_m(X_i) \subset Y_i \quad \forall i \leq m$

3)  $H_m$  is a homotopy from  $f_{m-1}$  to  $f_m$  rel.  $X_{m-1}$ .

\* Theorem (Cellular Approximation): Every map of relative CW-complexes  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is homotopic rel.  $A$  to a cellular map. i.e., there exists a homotopy  $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  with  $H(-, 0) = f$  and  $H(a, t) = f(a) \quad \forall t$  such that  $H(-, 1)$  is cellular.

\* Example: Every continuous map  $S_m \rightarrow S_n$ ,  $m < n$ , is homotopic to the constant map.

## XII : CELLULAR APPROXIMATION

- Most of the lecture is focused on technical lemmas to prove the Approx. Cellular Thm. We skip that part.

### PRODUCTS OF CW-COMPLEXES

- Let  $X$  and  $X'$  CW-complexes with sets of  $n$ -cells  $J_n$  and  $J'_n$ . Set  $\hat{X} = \coprod_{n \geq 0} J_n \times D_n$  and  $\hat{X}' = \coprod_{n \geq 0} J'_n \times D_n$ . The respective char maps induce  $q: \hat{X} \rightarrow X$  and  $q': \hat{X}' \rightarrow X'$ ,

which are quotient maps. Their product  $q \times q': \hat{X} \times \hat{X}' \rightarrow X \times X'$  is a continuous map, but in general not a quotient map. Why do we not use a quotient map? It will ensure that  $X \times X'$  is another CW-complex.

\* In general, the product of two CW-complexes is not a CW-complex

- Consider  $X \hat{\times} X'$  the set  $X \times X'$  equipped with the quotient topology given by  $q \times q'$ .

Theorem: The space  $X \hat{\times} X'$  inherits a CW-structure from  $X$  and  $X'$  with set of  $n$ -cells

$$\hat{J}_n = \bigcup_{p+q=n} J_p \times J'_q \text{ and } n\text{-skeleton } (X \hat{\times} X')_n = \bigcup_{p+q=n} X_p \times X'_q \subset X \hat{\times} X'.$$

\* Theorem: The product of two CW-complexes, where one of them is finite, inherits a CW-structure.

- Eg:  $[0,1]$  can be viewed as a CW-complex with 2 0-cells & 1 1-cell. Therefore, for every CW-complex  $X$ ,  $X \times [0,1]$  has a CW-structure. Every  $n$ -cell of  $X$  gives rise to two  $n$ -cells & 1  $(n+1)$ -cells of  $X \times [0,1]$ .

### XIII : HIGHER HOMOTOPY GROUPS

• Denote  $[X, Y] = \{ \text{homotopy classes of cont. maps } X \rightarrow Y \} = \frac{\mathcal{C}(X, Y)}{\text{homotopy}}$

• Denote  $[(X, x_0), (Y, y_0)]_* = \{ \text{basepoint preserving homotopy classes of pointed space maps } (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0) \}$   
 $= \frac{\mathcal{C}((X, x_0), (Y, y_0))}{\text{basepoint preserving homotopy}}$

Definition: Let  $X$  be a top space with basepoint  $x_0 \in X$ . The  $n$ -th homotopy group of  $X$  is

$$\pi_n(X, x_0) := [(S_n, s_0), (X, x_0)]_*$$

where the choice of  $s_0 \in S_n$  is arbitrary.

• Unraveling this definition, one finds:

-  $\pi_0(X, x_0)$  is the set of path components

-  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  is the fundamental group.

Example: By the example after the Cell. Appr. thm, we already know that  $\pi_n(S_m, s_0) = 0$  for  $n < m$ .

• In contrast,  $\pi_n(S_m, s_0)$  is very weird for  $n > m$ . "Good luck".

• A basepoint preserving cont. map  $f: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  induces

$$f_*: \pi_n(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_n(Y, y_0)$$

$$[\sigma] \longmapsto [f \circ \sigma]$$

• We can consider basepoint preserving maps of pairs, eg  $(\mathbb{D}^n, S_{n-1} = \partial\mathbb{D}^n, s_0) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (X, A, x_0)$ , using  $\alpha: (\mathbb{D}^n, S_{n-1}) \rightarrow (X, A)$  maps of pairs with  $\alpha(s_0) = x_0$ .

Definition: The relative  $n$ -th homotopy group of a pointed pair  $(X, A, x_0)$  is

$$\pi_n(X, A, x_0) = \frac{\mathcal{L}((\mathbb{D}^n, S_{n-1}, s_0), (X, A, x_0))}{\text{basepoint preserving homotopy rel. } S_{n-1}}$$

(ie,  $H: \mathbb{D}^n \times [0,1] \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $H(S_{n-1} \times [0,1]) \subset A$  &  $H(s_0, -) = x_0$ ).

• Do these higher homotopy groups have a group structure? How? I cannot concatenate!

• By stroke of simplicity, observe the bijection  $\pi_n(X, x_0) = [(I^n, \partial I^n), (X, x_0)]$

(note  $I^n = [0,1]^n \simeq \mathbb{D}^n$ ), because  $I^n / \partial I^n \simeq S^n$  ( $I^n \simeq \mathbb{D}^n$ )

• Consider  $\alpha, \beta: (I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ . For  $i=1 \dots n$  define

$$(\alpha +_i \beta)(t_1, \dots, t_n) := \begin{cases} \alpha(t_1, \dots, 2t_i, \dots, t_n) & , t_i \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ \beta(t_1, \dots, 2t_i - 1, \dots, t_n) & , t_i \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

and analogously  $[\alpha] +_i [\beta] := [\alpha +_i \beta]$ . One checks that it is well-defined.

• But now we have a lot of operations!!

Lemma: Let  $M$  be a set with two operations  $*$  and  $\circ$  that have the same unit  $1 \in M$  and

$$(a \circ b) * (c \circ d) = (a * c) \circ (b * d)$$

$$\forall a, b, c, d \in M$$

Then both group structures coincide, and they are abelian.

Corollary: For  $n \geq 2$ , the group structures  $+$ ,  $i=1 \dots n$ , on  $\pi_n(X, x_0)$  agree and they are abelian, so  $(\pi_n(X, x_0), +_i)$  are abelian groups (for any  $i$ )

• How to define a group structure on  $\pi_n(X, A; x_0)$ ? Consider  $I^n \cong D_n$ ,  $I^{n-1} \equiv \{t_n=0\}$  in the  $I^n$  (one face) &  $J^{n-1}$  = union of rest of faces. We have  $I^{n-1} \cup J^{n-1} = \partial I^n$  and  $I^{n-1} \cap J^{n-1} = \partial I^{n-1}$ . So we have homeomorphisms  $I^n/J^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\sim} D_n$  and  $\partial I^n/J^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\sim} S_{n-1}$ , and therefore a bijection

$$\pi_n(X, A; x_0) = [(I^n, \partial I^n, I^{n-1}), (X, A; x_0)]$$

- For  $n=2$ ,  $+$ ,  $t_1 \dots t_{n-1}$  define group structures on  $\pi_n(X, A; x_0)$ . But they may be different!!

- For  $n \geq 3$ , all of them are the same, and  $\pi_n(X, A; x_0)$  is abelian.

### ES OF HOMOTOPY GROUPS

Lemma: There is a group isomorphism  $\pi_n(X, x_0) \cong \pi_n(X, \{x_0\}, x_0)$  for  $n \geq 2$  (for  $n=1$  is it just a bijection)

Theorem (Long exact sequence of homotopy groups): There is a les.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \hookrightarrow & \pi_n(A, x_0) & \xrightarrow{i} & \pi_n(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{j} & \pi_n(X, A, x_0) & \hookrightarrow \\ & & & & & & \uparrow p \\ & \pi_{n-1}(A, x_0) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(X, x_0) & \longrightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(X, A; x_0) & \longrightarrow \\ & & & & & & \uparrow \\ & & & & & & \dots \end{array}$$

where

-  $i$  sends  $[\alpha: (S_n, s_0) \rightarrow (A, x_0)]$  to  $[i \circ \alpha: (S_n, s_0) \rightarrow (A, x_0) \hookrightarrow (X, x_0)]$

-  $j$  is the composite  $\pi_n(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n(X, \{x_0\}, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$  (view a map to  $\{x_0\}$  as a map to  $A$ )

$\rightarrow p$  sends  $[\alpha : (D_n, S_{n-1}, s_0) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)]$  to  $[\alpha|_{D_n=S_{n-1}} : (S_{n-1}, s_0) \rightarrow (A, x_0)]$ .

• Note that for  $n \leq 2$  the maps may not be groups homomorphisms. Then the exactness means

Definition: Let  $(A_i, a_i)$ ,  $i=1,2,3$  pointed sets. We say that a sequence of basepoint preserving maps

$$(A_1, a_1) \xrightarrow{f_1} (A_2, a_2) \xrightarrow{f_2} (A_3, a_3)$$

is exact if  $f_1(A_1) = f_2^{-1}(a_3)$ .

• How does the choice of  $x_0$  depend for  $\pi_n(X, x_0)$ ?

Proposition: Let  $X$  be a top space and let  $n \geq 1$  an integer. Every path  $\sigma : [0,1] \rightarrow X$  induces a group isomorphism

$$\sigma_* : \pi_n(X, \sigma(1)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \pi_n(X, \sigma(0))$$

such that

$$1) \quad \sigma \equiv \sigma' \text{ rel. } \{0,1\} \Rightarrow \sigma_* = \sigma'_*$$

$$2) \quad \sigma = \text{const} \Rightarrow \sigma_* = \text{Id}$$

$$3) \quad \sigma \text{ and } \sigma' \text{ composable, then } (\sigma \circ \sigma')_* = \sigma_* \circ \sigma'_*$$

$$4) \quad \text{If } f : X \rightarrow Y \text{ is continuous, } f_* \circ \sigma_* = (f \circ \sigma)_* \circ f_*, \text{ i.e., the diagram}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X, \sigma(1)) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_n(Y, f(\sigma(1))) \\ \sigma_* \downarrow & & \downarrow (f \circ \sigma)_* \\ \pi_n(X, \sigma(0)) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_n(Y, f(\sigma(0))) \end{array}$$

commutes.



#### XIV : THE WHITEHEAD THEOREM

Corollary: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ . If  $f_*: \pi_n(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y, f(x_0))$  is bijective (or surjective), then for every  $x_1$  in the same path-component of  $x_0$ ,  $f_*: \pi_n(X, x_1) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y, f(x_1))$  is also bijective (surjective).

Theorem: Homotopic maps induce "the same" maps in  $n$ th homotopy.

Precisely, if  $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic with homotopy  $H: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ , we fix  $x \in X$ ,  $y_0 = f_0(x)$ ,  $y_1 = f_1(x)$ , and we set  $\gamma(t) := H(x, t)$  (path from  $y_0$  to  $y_1$ ), then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_n(X, x) & \xrightarrow{f_{0*}} & \pi_n(Y, y_0) \\ & \searrow f_{1*} & \downarrow \gamma_* \\ & & \pi_n(Y, y_1) \end{array}$$

Definition: A continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak homotopy equivalence if it induces bijections

$$f_*: \pi_n(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_n(Y, y_0) \quad \forall n \geq 0, \forall x_0 \in X \quad (y_0 = f(x_0))$$

Proposition: Every homotopy equivalence is a weak homotopy equivalence.

Lemma:  $f$  is a weak hom. eq., and  $f' \equiv f \Rightarrow f'$  is a weak hom. eq.

Lemma: Let  $(X, A)$  a pair of spaces with the inclusion  $i: A \hookrightarrow X$  inducing a bijection  $\pi_0(A) \rightarrow \pi_0(X)$ .

$$i \text{ is a w.h.e.} \iff \pi_n(X, A, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1, \forall x_0 \in A.$$



Definition: Let  $(X, A)$  be a pair of spaces. We say that  $(X, A)$  is  $n$ -connected if for every  $m \leq n$  and every map of pairs  $g: (D_m, \partial D_m) \rightarrow (X, A)$  there is a homotopy  $H: D_m \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  rel.  $\partial D_m$  with image in  $A$ , i.e.,  $H(-, 0) = g$ ,  $H(-, 1) \in A$  and  $H|_{\partial D_m \times [0, 1]} = g$ .

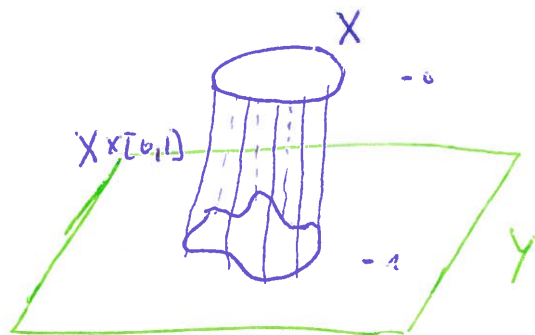
Corollary: Let  $A \subset X$ . If the inclusion  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is a whe, then  $(X, A)$  is  $n$ -connected  $\forall n$ .

Lemma: If  $A \subset X$  is a deformation retract of  $X$ , then  $(X, A)$  is  $n$ -connected  $\forall n$ .

Theorem (Whitehead for relative CW-complexes): Let  $(X, A)$  be a relative CW-complex. If the inclusion  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is a whe, then it is also a homotopy equivalence.

Definition: Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map. The mapping cylinder  $M(f)$  is the product of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \text{incl.} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X \times [0, 1] & \rightarrow & M(f) \end{array} \quad , \quad \text{i.e., } M(f) = \frac{X \times [0, 1] \amalg Y}{(x, 1) \sim f(x)}$$



• Write  $\pi: X \times [0, 1] \amalg Y \rightarrow M(f)$ , and let  $j_X: X \rightarrow M(f)$ ,  $x \mapsto \pi(x, 0)$ . It induces a homeomorphism  $X \xrightarrow{\sim} j_X(X)$

• By the universal prop. of the product,  $\exists p: M(f) \rightarrow Y$  cont. s.t.  $p \circ j_X = f$ .

Proposition: Every continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  factors as a composite

$$X \xrightarrow{j_X} M(f) \xrightarrow{p} Y$$

of a closed inclusion and a homotopy equivalence.

Lemma:  $(M(f), X)$  has the HEP.

Theorem (Whitehead): Every weak homotopy equivalence  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between CW-complexes is a homotopy equivalence.

Important! It is not enough that two CW-complexes  $X, Y$  for which there are bijections between  $\pi_n(X, x_0)$  and  $\pi_n(Y, y_0)$  are homotopy equivalent. It is an essential assumption that such bijections are induced by continuous maps!

Eg: The spaces  $\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $S^2 \times \mathbb{P}_\infty(\mathbb{R})$  are not hom. eq. but they have isomorphic homotopy groups in all degrees.

## XV : THE HUREWICZ THEOREM

- We have seen that not all top spaces can be equipped with a CW-structure. Ok, but at least can I find a CW which is homotopic to a top space? NO! Eg: the Hawaiian earring. Ok... at least can I find a CW-complex st there is a weak homotopy equiv? Yes:

Theorem (CW-approximation): Every topological space is weak homotopic to a CW complex, i.e. for any top space  $X$   $\exists$  a CW-complex  $cw(X)$  and a weak hom. eq.  $cw(X) \rightarrow X$ .

- In II we showed that  $\phi: \pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{ab} H_1(X, x_0)$  when  $X$  is path-connected. One wonders, is there any analogous is for  $n \geq 2$ ?  $\pi_n(X, x_0)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is already abelian... The most naive try fails! In general, even for path-connected spaces,  $\pi_n(X, x_0) \neq H_n(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

- Take a generator  $1 \in H_n(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  (recall that it depends on the iso  $\cong \mathbb{Z}$ ). Let  $(X, A)$  be a pair of spaces and take  $x_0 \in A$ .

Definition: The (relative) Hurewicz map is

$$h_n: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X, A, x_0)$$
$$[\alpha] \longmapsto h_n[\alpha] := \alpha_*(1)$$

where we view  $d: (\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n, s_0) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$  and  $\alpha_x: H_n(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_n(X, A, x_0)$ .

- There is an absolute version:

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where  $d: (S^n, s_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ ,  $1 \in H_n(S^n, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\alpha_s: H_n(S^n, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_n(X, \mathbb{Z})$ .

Def: A topological space is simply connected if it is path-connected and the fundamental group

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall x_0 \in X \quad (\text{well, only enough for one point}).$$

Theorem (Hurewicz, relative version): Let  $(X, A)$  be a pair of spaces, and let  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose

1)  $A, X$  simply connected

2)  $\pi_i(X, A, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall i = 2, \dots, n, \quad \forall x_0 \in A$  (same)

then  $H_i(X, A; \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \quad \forall i < n$ , and the Hurewicz map

$$h_n: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})$$

is isomorphism of groups.

Theorem (Hurewicz): Let  $X$  be a top space, and let  $n \geq 2$ . Suppose

1)  $X$  simply connected

2)  $\pi_i(X, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall i < n$

then the Hurewicz map

$$h_n: \pi_n(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

is an isomorphism of groups. i.e., for a simply connected space, the first non-trivial homotopy group coincides with the first non-trivial homology group with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficients.

Corollary:  $\pi_n(S_n, s_0) \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad n \geq 2$ .

Theorem (Whitehead): Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous between simply connected CW-complexes.

If  $f_*: H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H_n(Y; \mathbb{Z})$  are isomorphisms  $\forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow f$  is a homotopy equivalence.

Proposition: The Hurewicz map  $h_n: \pi_n(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$  is a group homomorphism.



## APPENDIX: REMARKS AND RESULTS FROM EXERCISES

- One point space :  $H_n(*; A) = 0$  ,  $n > 1$  ;  $H_0(*; A) = A$
- $(X_j)_{j \in J}$  path components :  $H_n(X; A) = \bigoplus_{j \in J} H_n(X_j; A)$
- Always :  $H_0(X; A) \xleftarrow[\sim]{\gamma_X} A[\pi_0(X)]$
- $X$  path-connected :  $H_0(X; A) = A$ .
- $\mathbb{Z}$  discrete space ,  $H_n(\mathbb{Z}; A) = 0$  ( $n > 1$ ) ;  $H_0(\mathbb{Z}; A) = \bigoplus_{\mathbb{Z}} A = A[\mathbb{Z}]$
- $H_n(S_m; A) = \begin{cases} A \oplus A & , n = m = 0 \\ A & , n = m > 0 \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$
- Two homeomorphisms  $F: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  and  $G: J \times \mathbb{D}_n \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  can be glued into  $(X \cup_{J \times \mathbb{D}_n} J \times \mathbb{D}_n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Lemma (The five lemma) : Consider the following commutative diagram of abelian groups and group homomorphisms in which both rows are exact

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A_1 & \longrightarrow & A_2 & \longrightarrow & A_3 & \longrightarrow & A_4 & \longrightarrow & A_5 \\
 f_1 \downarrow & & f_2 \downarrow & & f_3 \downarrow & & f_4 \downarrow & & f_5 \downarrow \\
 B_1 & \longrightarrow & B_2 & \longrightarrow & B_3 & \longrightarrow & B_4 & \longrightarrow & B_5
 \end{array}$$

- 1)  $f_2, f_4$  injective ;  $f_1$  surjective  $\Rightarrow f_3$  injective
- 2)  $f_2, f_4$  surjective ;  $f_5$  injective  $\Rightarrow f_3$  surjective
- 3)  $f_2, f_4$  iso ;  $f_1$  surj ;  $f_5$  inj  $\Rightarrow f_3$  iso.

Lemma (Splitting): Consider the following short exact sequence of abelian groups.

$$0 \rightarrow A' \xrightarrow{i} A \xrightarrow{\pi} \bar{A} \rightarrow 0$$

The following are equivalent:

- 1)  $\pi$  admits a section, i.e.,  $\exists s: \bar{A} \rightarrow A: \pi \circ s = \text{Id}_{\bar{A}}$
- 2)  $i$  admits a retraction, i.e.,  $\exists r: A \rightarrow A': r \circ i = \text{Id}_{A'}$
- 3) There is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \rightarrow & A' & \xrightarrow{i} & A & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \bar{A} \rightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \text{Id} & & \downarrow \neq & & \downarrow \text{Id} \\
 0 & \rightarrow & A' & \xrightarrow{j} & A' \oplus \bar{A} & \xrightarrow{p} & \bar{A} \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

i.e.,  $A \cong A' \oplus \bar{A}$  ( $A$  splits).

Note: In vector spaces, ses always split!! In particular, if  $V \subset E$ , then  $E = V \oplus E/V$ .

Corollary: Let  $(X, X')$  a pair of spaces and suppose that there exists a retraction  $r: X \rightarrow X'$ . Then exists an isomorphism

$$H_n(X; A) = H_n(X'; A) \oplus H_n(X, X'; A)$$

$n \geq 0$ .

Theorem (Long exact sequence of a triple): Consider  $X'' \subset X' \subset X$  subspaces of  $X$ , and consider the map

- $H_n(X', X''; A) \rightarrow H_n(X, X'; A)$  induced by  $(X', X'') \xrightarrow{i} (X, X'')$
- $H_n(X, X''; A) \rightarrow H_n(X, X'; A)$  induced by  $(X, X'') \xrightarrow{\text{Id}} (X, X')$
- The composite  $H_n(X, X'; A) \xrightarrow{\text{LES of } (X', X'')} H_{n-1}(X'; A) \xrightarrow{\text{LES of } (X, X')} H_{n-1}(X, X''; A)$



There is a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow H_n(X', X''; A) &\longrightarrow H_n(X, X''; A) \longrightarrow H_n(X, X'; A) \\ \hookrightarrow H_{n-1}(X', X''; A) &\longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X, X''; A) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X, X'; A) \\ \hookrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence): Let  $X$  be a top. space and  $A$  an abelian group. Let  $U, V \subset X$  be two subsets satisfying  $X = \overset{\circ}{U} \cup \overset{\circ}{V}$ , and consider the natural inclusions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & i^U & \rightarrow & U \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ U \cap V & & & & X \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & i^V & \rightarrow & V \end{array}$$

There's a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow H_n(U \cap V; A) &\longrightarrow H_n(U; A) \oplus H_n(V; A) \longrightarrow H_n(X; A) \\ \hookrightarrow H_{n-1}(U \cap V; A) &\longrightarrow H_{n-1}(U; A) \oplus H_{n-1}(V; A) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X; A) \\ \hookrightarrow H_{n-2}(U \cap V; A) &\longrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

called the Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence, where at any row the first morphism is  $(i_*^U, i_*^V)$  and the second is  $\begin{pmatrix} j_*^U \\ -j_*^V \end{pmatrix}$ .

It is!

Very important!!! : For a absolute CW-complex,

$$\underline{\tilde{C}_n(X; A)} = H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A) = \underline{\bigoplus_{J_n} A}$$

This is very easy to compute. Now just remember that  $H(X; A) = H(\tilde{C}(X; A))$ , i.e., the chain complex  $C(X; A)$  and  $\tilde{C}(X; A)$  may be different, but when taking  $\frac{\text{ker}}{\text{im}}$  they are the same! So we can use the chain complex  $\tilde{C}(X; A)$  to compute the singular homology of  $X$ . But watch out! I don't really know  $\tilde{D}_n$ . At this point I can only do it when  $\tilde{D}_n$  is trivial (because of the form of the chain). If it is not I don't know anything to do at this point.

• Homologies ... ? I only know two!

- $H_n(*; A) = 0$ ,  $n > 1$ , ;  $H_0(*; A) = A$
- $H_n(\text{some points}; A) = 0$ ,  $n > 1$ ;  $H_0(\text{some points}; A) = \bigoplus_{\text{some pts}} A$
- $H_0(\text{path-connected}; A) = A$ ; and in general,  $H_0(X; A) = \bigoplus_{\# \pi_0(X)} A$
- To compute  $H_n(X, X'; A)$ :

- Long exact sequence!!
- $H_n(X, X'; A) = 0 \iff H_n(X; A) = H_n(X'; A)$
- Excision & homotopy invariance
- $H_n(D_n, \partial D_n; A) = A$

- Naturality:

$$\bullet (f|_X)_* = f_*|_{H_n(X;A)}$$

$$\bullet \partial' = \partial|_{C_n(X';A)}$$

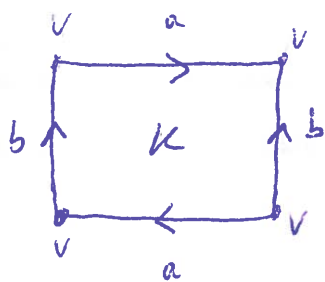
• 2 out of 3 diagrams

$$\boxed{H_0(X;A) = \widetilde{H}_0(X;A) \oplus A}$$

- For CW-complexes:

$$\bullet \widetilde{C}_n(X;A) = H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A) = \bigoplus_{J_n} A$$

• Computing cellular homology differentials: with the theorem: awful. Better: informal way:



$$\mathbb{Z}[K] \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\partial}_2} \mathbb{Z}[a,b] \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\partial}_1} \mathbb{Z}[v]$$

$$K \longmapsto b+a-b+a$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \parallel$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 2a$$

$$a \longmapsto v-v=0$$

$$b \longmapsto v-v=0$$

Just look to the boundaries  
(the symbol)

$$H_1(X, \mathbb{Z}) = \frac{\text{Ker } \widetilde{\partial}_1}{\text{Im } \widetilde{\partial}_2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[a,b]}{\mathbb{Z}[2a]} = \frac{a\mathbb{Z} \oplus b\mathbb{Z}}{2a\mathbb{Z}} =$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

• For speed with exact eqns:

$$- \quad 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact} \Rightarrow f \text{ iso}$$

$$- \quad A \xrightarrow{\sim} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \xrightarrow{\sim} E \quad \text{exact} \Rightarrow C=0.$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \parallel$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow 0$$