Universal Coefficient Theorem
Moore-Mayer-Vietoris Sequence
for Homology of Ample Groupoids

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Topics

What are we going to talk about?

Ample groupoid homology.

Homology via the Moore chain complex of ample groupoids.

Universal coefficient theorem.

A universal coefficient theorem for discrete abelian groups.

Moore–Mayer–Vietoris sequence.

A Mayer–Vietoris type sequence for clopen saturated covers.

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Boundary. Since $\mathcal{G}$ is étale, each face map $d_i \colon \mathcal{G}_n \to \mathcal{G}_{n-1}$ is a local homeomorphism, hence the pushforward is well-defined:

$$(d_i)_* : C_c(\mathcal{G}_n, A) \to C_c(\mathcal{G}_{n-1}, A), \qquad (d_i)_* f(y) \coloneqq \sum_{x \in d_i^{-1}(\{y\}) \cap \operatorname{supp}(f)} f(x),$$

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Fix $g \in \mathcal{G}_n$. Since A is discrete, the singleton $\{f(g)\} \subseteq A$ is open. Therefore

$$U_g \coloneqq f^{-1}\big(\{f(g)\}\big)$$

is an open neighborhood of g in $\mathcal{G}_n$. If $h \in U_g$, then

$$h \in f^{-1}\big(\{f(g)\}\big) \Leftrightarrow f(h) \in \{f(g)\} \Leftrightarrow f(h) = f(g).$$

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$(d_i)_* f \in C_c(\mathcal{G}_{n-1}, A)$: it has compact support since

$$\operatorname{supp}\big((d_i)_* f\big) \subseteq d_i\big(\operatorname{supp}(f)\big),$$

and it is locally constant on $\mathcal{G}_{n-1}$ when A is discrete, by local triviality of d_i over $\operatorname{supp}(f)$.

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The identity $\partial^2 = 0$.

$\partial_{n-1}\partial_n = 0:$ By definition,

$$\partial_{n-1}\partial_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1}\sum_{j=0}^{n}(-1)^{i+j}(d_i)_* \circ (d_j)_*.$$

For $i < j$, the simplicial identities give $d_i d_j = d_{j-1} d_i$, hence by functoriality of pushforward,

$$(d_i)_* \circ (d_j)_* = (d_i d_j)_* = (d_{j-1} d_i)_* = (d_{j-1})_* \circ (d_i)_*.$$

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The sequence splits, though not canonically:

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is surjective. It is injective: if $\sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i \, \chi_{K_i} = 0$ with K_i pairwise disjoint compact open, then evaluating at any $g \in K_i$ gives $a_i = 0$. Thus

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This sequence is natural in $\mathcal{G}$ and in discrete A. In general, for non-discrete topological abelian groups A, Moore homology need not satisfy such a UCT.

Non-discrete Coefficients: What Fails

The general result.

For X locally compact, totally disconnected, Hausdorff with a basis of compact open sets and an abelian group A, consider the canonical map

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If A is non-discrete and $0 \in A$ is not isolated, then surjectivity of Φ_X can fail even for compact, totally disconnected spaces with a basis of clopen subsets. Set

$$\begin{aligned} X &:= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{3^n} \;\middle|\; a_n \in \{0,2\} \right\} \subset [0,1], \\ A &:= (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{std}}), \\ \xi &\colon X \to A, \quad x \mapsto x. \end{aligned}$$

Then X is compact, Hausdorff, totally disconnected, and has a basis of clopen subsets. Hence $\xi \in C_c(X, A)$ and $\xi(X) = X$ is infinite. Therefore $\xi \notin \mathrm{im}(\Phi_X)$, so Φ_X is not surjective.

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Isomorphism without discreteness.

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Then $\{\bullet\}$ is locally compact, totally disconnected, Hausdorff and compact open.

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Compatibility: $\partial\,((\iota_i)_n)_* = ((\iota_i)_{n-1})_*\,\partial, \partial\,\alpha_n = \alpha_{n-1}\,\partial$. Hence $\alpha_\bullet$ induces $H_n(\alpha_\bullet)$.

Moore–Mayer–Vietoris

Proof idea for $H_n(\beta_\bullet)$.

Let $\kappa_i\colon \mathcal{G}|_{U_i} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be the inclusion of reductions.
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Proof idea for ∂_n.

Assume a SES of Moore chain complexes

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Here ∂ denotes the Moore boundary.

Let $[c] \in H_n(\mathcal{G}; A)$ with $\partial c = 0$ and choose b with $\beta_n(b) = c$.

Then $\beta_{n-1}(\partial b) = \partial(\beta_n(b)) = \partial c = 0$, hence

$$\partial b \in \ker(\beta_{n-1}) = \operatorname{im}(\alpha_{n-1}).$$

Choose $a \in C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_{12}})_{n-1}, A\big)$ with $\alpha_{n-1}(a) = \partial b$ and define

$$\partial_n([c]) \coloneqq [a] \in H_{n-1}(\mathcal{G}|_{U_{12}}; A).$$

Standard homological algebra: ∂_n is well-defined, independent of choices, and yields exactness at $H_n(\mathcal{G}; A)$.

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for a clopen saturated cover $U_1 \cup U_2 = \mathcal{G}_0$.
There is a natural long exact sequence relating

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How to use in practice:

Choose a clopen saturated cover.
$U_1, U_2 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_0$ so that reductions $\mathcal{G}|_{U_1}$, $\mathcal{G}|_{U_2}$, $\mathcal{G}|_{U_{12}}$ are computable.
Compute integral homology.
$H_\bullet(\mathcal{G}|_{U_i})$, $H_\bullet(\mathcal{G}|_{U_{12}})$, then glue to $H_\bullet(\mathcal{G})$ via MMV.

Thank you.

Homology of SFT Groupoids

Example: Diaconu-Renault Groupoid

Computing Homology with Moore–Mayer–Vietoris + UCT.

$A \in \mathrm{Mat}(N \times N, \mathbb{N}_0)$ with no zero row and no zero column.
$(E_A^{(1)}, E_A^{(0)}, s_{E_A^{(1)}}, r_{E_A^{(1)}})$ a finite directed graph whose adjacency matrix is A.

The infinite path space is given by Sims 2021, 2.5:
$E_A^\infty = \left\{ (e_n)_{n \geq 1} \in (E_A^1)^{\mathbb{N}} \;\middle|\; r_{E_A^{(1)}}(e_n) = s_{E_A^{(1)}}(e_{n+1}) \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \right\}$ with
$\sigma \colon E_A^\infty \to E_A^\infty, (e_0, e_1, e_2, ..) \mapsto (e_1, e_2, e_3, ..)$.
$(\mathcal{G}_A)_0 = E_A^\infty$.
$(\mathcal{G}_A)_1 = \{(x, n, y) \in E_A^\infty \times \mathbb{Z} \times E_A^\infty \mid \exists\, k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \; n = k - \ell, \; \sigma^k(x) = \sigma^\ell(y)\}$.
$s(x, n, y) = y, \; r(x, n, y) = x, \; 1_x = (x, 0, x)$,
$(x, n, y)^{-1} = (y, -n, x), \; (x, n, y) \cdot (y, m, z) = (x, n + m, z)$ if $s(x, n, y) = r(y, m, z)$.

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Homology of SFT-Groupoids is well known.

$\mathbf{1} - A^\top$ acts on $\mathbb{Z}^N$ and we have by Matui 2012, 4.14:

$$
\begin{aligned}
H_0(\mathcal{G}_A) &\cong \operatorname{coker}(\mathbf{1} - A^\top), \\
H_1(\mathcal{G}_A) &\cong \ker(\mathbf{1} - A^\top), \\
H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) &= 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.
\end{aligned}
$$

Consider now:

$$
A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad C = (3).
$$

We compute the integral homology of $\mathcal{G}_A$, $\mathcal{G}_B$, and $\mathcal{G}_C$.

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Computing Homology for $\mathcal{G}_A$.

For A we have

$$\mathbf{1} - A^T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \det(\mathbf{1} - A^T) = -2.$$

Hence $\mathbf{1} - A^T$ has full rank over $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\ker(\mathbf{1} - A^T) = 0$.
Moreover, the Smith normal form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow -R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{C_2 \leftarrow C_2 - C_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

so $\operatorname{coker}(\mathbf{1} - A^T) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

We get $H_0(\mathcal{G}_A) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $H_1(\mathcal{G}_A) = 0$, $H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) = 0$ for $n \geq 2$.

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For B we have

$$\mathbf{1} - B^{\mathsf{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$(\mathbf{1} - B^{\mathsf{T}})(x, y)^{\mathsf{T}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow -x - y = 0$, hence $\ker(\mathbf{1} - B^{\mathsf{T}}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.
The image is generated by $(1, 1)$, which is primitive in $\mathbb{Z}^2$, so
$\operatorname{coker}(\mathbf{1} - B^{\mathsf{T}}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2/\langle(1, 1)\rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus, we have for homology $H_0(\mathcal{G}_B) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, $H_1(\mathcal{G}_B) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, $H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) = 0$ for $n \geq 2$.

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For C we have $\mathbf{1} - C^{\mathsf{T}} = -2$, so
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The disjoint union groupoid.

We have $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_A \sqcup \mathcal{G}_B \sqcup \mathcal{G}_C$, the disjoint union groupoid.
The nerve decomposes levelwise to $\mathcal{G}_n = (\mathcal{G}_A)_n \sqcup (\mathcal{G}_B)_n \sqcup (\mathcal{G}_C)_n$.
The Moore chain complex splits as a direct sum, thus

$$H_n(\mathcal{G}) \cong H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_C) \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

In particular

$$H_0(\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2, \quad H_1(\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_n(\mathcal{G}) = 0 \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

Define $U_1 \coloneqq (\mathcal{G}_A)_0 \sqcup (\mathcal{G}_B)_0, U_2 \coloneqq (\mathcal{G}_B)_0 \sqcup (\mathcal{G}_C)_0$.

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The reduction groupoids.

The reductions are

$$\mathcal{G}|_{U_1} = \mathcal{G}_A \sqcup \mathcal{G}_B, \quad \mathcal{G}|_{U_2} = \mathcal{G}_B \sqcup \mathcal{G}_C, \quad \mathcal{G}|_{U_1 \cap U_2} = \mathcal{G}_B.$$

This yields the long exact sequence

$$\cdots \to H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} H_n(\mathcal{G}_A \sqcup \mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B \sqcup \mathcal{G}_C) \xrightarrow{\beta_n}$$
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Explicit formulas for α_n, β_n, ∂_n

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\begin{aligned}
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&[b] \mapsto ([0], [b], [-b], [0]), \\
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&([a], [b_1], [b_2], [c]) \mapsto ([a], [b_1 + b_2], [c]).
\end{aligned}
$$

∂_n vanishes in this example by exactness $\partial_n = 0\colon H_n(\mathcal{G}) \to H_{n-1}(\mathcal{G}_B)$, since β_n is surjective and $\ker(\beta_n) = \{([0], [b], [-b], [0]) \mid b \in H_n(\mathcal{G}_B)\} = \mathrm{im}(\alpha_n)$.

Finite coefficients via UCT

Final homology groups for $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

Fix a prime p. Assume $H_2(\mathcal{G}) = 0, H_1(\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathbb{Z}, H_0(\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$.

Vanishing in higher degrees: $H_n(\mathcal{G}; \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2.$

Degree 0:

$$H_0(\mathcal{G}; \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \cong H_0(\mathcal{G}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, & \text{for } p \text{ odd}, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^3, & \text{for } p = 2. \end{cases}$$

Degree 1 via UCT:

$$0 \to H_1(\mathcal{G}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \to H_1(\mathcal{G}; \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \to \mathrm{Tor}_1^{\mathbb{Z}}\big(H_0(\mathcal{G}), \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}\big) \to 0,$$

hence

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$$\partial_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n}(-1)^i (d_i)_* = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{n}(-1)^i\right)\mathrm{id}_{C(X,\mathbb{Z})} = \begin{cases} 0, & n \text{ odd}, \\ \mathrm{id}, & n \text{ even}, \end{cases}$$

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$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} C(X,\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{0} C(X,\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} C(X,\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{0} C(X,\mathbb{Z}).$$

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Φ and Ψ are well defined and continuous, and $\Phi\Psi = \mathrm{id}$, $\Psi\Phi = \mathrm{id} \Rightarrow |\mathcal{G}_\bullet| \cong X \times |\Delta^\bullet|$.

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For every simplicial $\theta : \Delta^m \to \Delta^n$ define $\theta' : \Delta^{m+1} \to \Delta^{n+1}$ by

$$\theta'\big(u_0,\dots,u_m,u_{m+1}\big) = \big(\theta(u_0,\dots,u_m),u_{m+1}\big).$$

Then θ' is simplicial and for all $t \in \Delta^m$, $s \in [0,1]$,

$$\widetilde{H}(\theta(t),s) = \theta'\big(\widetilde{H}(t,s)\big) \Rightarrow \widetilde{H}(\theta(t),s) \approx \widetilde{H}(t,s).$$

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Hence $\widetilde{H}$ descends to a continuous homotopy

$$H\colon |\Delta^\bullet| \times [0,1] \to |\Delta^\bullet|, \quad H([t],s) := [\, h_n(t,s) \,] \text{ for } t \in \Delta^n,$$
$$H([t],0) = [t], \quad H([t],1) = [(0,\dots,0,1)].$$

Choose $\theta : \Delta^0 \to \Delta^{n+1}$ with $\theta(1) = (0,\dots,0,1)$. Then $\theta(1) \approx (1)$, hence

$$H([t],1) = [(0,\dots,0,1)] = [(1)] = *, \qquad H([t],0) = [t],$$

so H contracts $|\Delta^\bullet|$ to $*$.
Let $p\colon X \times |\Delta^\bullet| \to X$ be the projection and $s\colon X \to X \times |\Delta^\bullet|$ be $s(x) = (x,*)$. Then $p \circ s = \mathrm{id}_X$ and the homotopy

$$K\colon (X \times |\Delta^\bullet|) \times [0,1] \to X \times |\Delta^\bullet|, \qquad K\big((x,u),t\big) := \big(x, H(u,t)\big)$$

satisfies $K(-,0) = \mathrm{id}_{X\times|\Delta^\bullet|}$ and $K(-,1) = s \circ p$. Hence $s \circ p \simeq \mathrm{id}_{X\times|\Delta^\bullet|}$.
Thus p is a homotopy equivalence and $\mathcal{BG} \simeq X$.

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