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.

Ample Groupoid Homology

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$$\mathcal{G}_n := \begin{cases} \mathcal{G}_0, & n = 0, \\ \{\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{G}^n \mid s(g_i) = r(g_{i+1}) \text{ for } 1 \leq i < n\}, & n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

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

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

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The sequence splits, though not canonically:

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$$\bigoplus_{K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{G}_n)} A \longrightarrow C_c(\mathcal{G}_n, A), \qquad (a_K)_{K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{G}_n)} \longmapsto \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{G}_n)} a_K \chi_K,$$

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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for a clopen saturated cover $U_1 \cup U_2 = \mathcal{G}_0$.

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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 a finite directed graph whose adjacency matrix is A.

The infinite path space is given by Sims 2021, 2.5:
$E_A^\infty = \left\{ (e_n)_{n \geq 1} \in E_A^{\mathbb{N}} \mid r(e_n) = s(e_{n+1}) \text{ for all } n \geq 1 \right\}$ with
$r(x, n, y) = x$, $s(x, n, y) = y$, $1_x = (x, 0, x)$,
$(x, n, y)^{-1} = (y, -n, x)$, $(x, n, y) \cdot (y, m, z) = (x, n+m, z)$ if $s(x, n, y) = r(y, m, z)$.

$\sigma \colon E_A^\infty \to E_A^\infty, (e_0, e_1, e_2, ..) \mapsto (e_1, e_2, e_3, ..)$.
$(\mathcal{G}_A)_0 = E_A^\infty$.
$(\mathcal{G}_A)_1 = \{(x, n, y) \in E_A^\infty \times \mathbb{Z} \times E_A^\infty \mid \exists\, k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0 : n = k - \ell,\ \sigma^k(x) = \sigma^\ell(y)\}$.

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Homology of SFT-Groupoids is well known.

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

$$H_0(\mathcal{G}_A) \cong \operatorname{coker}(1 - A^{\mathsf{T}}),$$
$$H_1(\mathcal{G}_A) \cong \ker(1 - A^{\mathsf{T}}),$$
$$H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) = 0 \ \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

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 $\mathcal{G}_C$.

Example: Diaconu-Renault Groupoid

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

For A we have

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

Hence $1 - A^{\mathsf{T}}$ has full rank over $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\boxed{\ker(1 - A^{\mathsf{T}}) = 0}$.

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

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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

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

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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

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$$\xrightarrow{\beta_n} H_n(\mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} H_{n-1}(\mathcal{G}_B) \to \cdots .$$

Example: Diaconu-Renault Groupoid
Explicit formulas for α_n, β_n, ∂_n

$$\alpha_n : H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \to H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_C),$$
$$[b] \mapsto ([0], [b], [-b], [0]),$$

$$\beta_n : H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_C) \to H_n(\mathcal{G}_A) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_B) \oplus H_n(\mathcal{G}_C),$$
$$([a], [b_1], [b_2], [c]) \mapsto ([a], [b_1 + b_2], [c]).$$

∂_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 $\ker(\beta_n) = \{([0], [b], [-b], [0]) \mid b \in H_n(\mathcal{G}_B)\} = \operatorname{im}(\alpha_n)$.

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: $H_n(\mathcal{G}; \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for all $n \geq 2$.

Degree 0:

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Degree 1 via UCT:

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

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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.

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Failure of the tensor comparison.

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

$$X := \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{3^n} \ \middle| \ a_n \in \{0, 2\} \right\} \subset [0, 1],$$

$$A := (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{std}}),$$

$$\xi \colon X \to A, \quad x \mapsto x.$$

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.

$$A \coloneqq (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{std}}), \qquad (\{\bullet\}, \mathcal{O}_{\{\bullet\}} \coloneqq \{\varnothing, \{\bullet\}\}).$$

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

$$C_c(\{\bullet\}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z},$$
$$C_c(\{\bullet\}, A) \cong A,$$
$$C_c(\{\bullet\}, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \cong \mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \cong A.$$

Under these identifications the canonical map

$$\Phi_{\{\bullet\}}: \ C_c(\{\bullet\}, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \to C_c(\{\bullet\}, A), \qquad \chi_{\{\bullet\}} \otimes a \mapsto a \cdot \chi_{\{\bullet\}},$$

is the standard isomorphism $\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \to A$, $1 \otimes a \mapsto a$.

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$$f \mapsto \big(((\iota_1)_n)_* f, -((\iota_2)_n)_* f\big).$$

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

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

Let $\kappa_i \colon \mathcal{G}|_{U_i} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be the inclusion of reductions.
$(\kappa_i)_n \colon (\mathcal{G}|_{U_i})_n \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}_n$ is an open embedding, hence a local homeomorphism. Therefore the pushforward on Moore chains extends by zero:

$$((\kappa_i)_n)_* g(x) := \begin{cases} g(x), & x \in (\mathcal{G}|_{U_i})_n, \\ 0, & x \in \mathcal{G}_n \setminus (\mathcal{G}|_{U_i})_n. \end{cases}$$

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$$\beta_n \colon C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_1})_n, A\big) \oplus C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_2})_n, A\big) \to C_c(\mathcal{G}_n, A),$$
$$(g_1, g_2) \mapsto ((\kappa_1)_n)_* g_1 + ((\kappa_2)_n)_* g_2.$$

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Proof idea for ∂_n.

Assume a SES of Moore chain complexes

$$0 \to C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_{12}})_\bullet, A\big) \xrightarrow{\alpha_\bullet} C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_1})_\bullet, A\big) \oplus C_c\big((\mathcal{G}|_{U_2})_\bullet, A\big)$$
$$\xrightarrow{\beta_\bullet} C_c\big(\mathcal{G}_\bullet, A\big) \to 0.$$

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

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

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

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