

MATH 695

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Last time: let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ where X, Y are CW-complexes.

Then there exists a cell map $g: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f \simeq g$.

$$g(X_n) \subseteq Y_n$$

↑ cell filtration

Also true for CW-pair
 $f: (X, Z) \rightarrow (Y, T)$

Can assume $f|_Z = g|_Z$.

Proposition: let X be a CW-complex. Then the inclusion

$X_n \subseteq X$ is an n -equivalence.

Proof: WOLOG, connected.

$$\pi_i: X_n \rightarrow \pi_i X.$$

$$(S^i, *) \rightarrow (X, *) \text{ more freely}$$

By cell approximation, $i \leq n$, approximate $S^i \rightarrow X$ by a cell map.

Similarly, for infectivity:

$$(S^i \times [0, 1], (S^i \times \{0, 1\}) \cup (\ast \times [0, 1])). \longrightarrow (X, X_n).$$

The restrictions to $S^i \times \{0\}$, $S^i \times \{1\}$ represent elements of $\pi_1 X_n$ which become equal in $\pi_1 X$.

Apply cellular approximation for pairs (need $i+1 \leq n$). \square

CW - approximation of spaces (a part of co-localisation):

let X be a space. We construct, by induction, an n -equivalence

$$f_n: X'_n \rightarrow X$$

$n=0$: Put one point in each path-component. Suppose it's done for n .
(WLOG X path-connected - otherwise one path-component at a time)

Can assume a base point $*$ $\in X_0$.

suffices to test π_i conditions at base point.

$$X''_n := X'_n \vee \bigvee_{I_{n+1}} S^{n+1}$$

$$\exists I_{n+1} \quad f'_n: X'_n \vee \bigvee_{I_{n+1}} S^{n+1} \rightarrow X$$

where $f'_n|_{X'_n} = f_n$ and f'_n is onto on π_{n+1} .

Construct X_{n+1} by attaching an $(n+1)$ cell to a representative of every element of

$$\text{Ker} \left(\pi_n f'_n : \pi_n X_n'' \rightarrow \pi_n X \right)$$

(note that $(X_n'')_n = X_n'$). \square



less elaborate argument only giving cell approximation:
by a cell complex.

Step 1: Attach cells to make all π_k onto.

Subsequent steps: Always attach cells to kill the kernel.

\bigcup_n Step n OK.

Hurewicz map: let X be path-connected based.

Then we have a map

$$h: \pi_n X \rightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{Hurewicz map}$$

$n > 0$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\alpha: S^n \rightarrow X}$

Choose, once and for all, a generator $u \in H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$. Set

$$h[\alpha] := (H_n \alpha)(u)$$

$$H_n \alpha: H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & & \\ \downarrow & & \\ u & \xrightarrow{\quad} & h(\alpha) \end{array}$$

Monomorphism.

Hurewicz Theorem: If $\pi_i(X) = 0$ for $i < n$ (we say X is $(n-1)$ -connected) then

$$h: \pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

is an isomorphism if $n > 1$ and abelianization if $n = 1$.

Proof: We construct an $(n+1)$ -approximation $X'_{n+1} \rightarrow X$ (The previous π_n, H_n .) Let

$$X'_n = \bigvee_{I_n} S^n$$

I_n is a set of generators of $\pi_n X$.

$$X''_n = \bigvee_{I_n} S^n \vee \bigvee_{I_{n+1}} S^{n+1}$$

← generators of π_{n+1} , along for the ride.

Now $X'_{n+1} = X''_n \cup (n+1)\text{-cells along the relations}$
in $\pi_n(X)$.

Why does X'_{n+1} have the correct H_n ($= \pi_n$ w.r. $\pi_1/[\pi_1, \pi_1]$)?

It has the same generators and relations! \square

$$\begin{aligned} S^n &\rightarrow S^n \vee S^n \\ u &\mapsto (u, u) \end{aligned}$$



(Note: This uses the fact that weak equivalence preserves singular homology.)

Construction of Eilenberg-Mac Lane spaces:

I constructed a CW-complex X such that $\pi_n(X) = G$ ^{discrete group, abelian if $n > 1$}
 $\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad i \neq n.$
 $n > 0.$
 $K(G, n).$

Construct X_{n+1} connected n -dim. CW-complex with
one 0-cell, no cells in dimensions $1 \leq i < n$, n -cells: generators
of G and $(n+1)$ -cells are the relations of G . In each step $k \geq n+1$,
attach $(k+1)$ -cells to X_k to kill π_k .

(HW1): Prove that if X, Y are CW-complexes of type $K(G, n)$
then $X \cong Y$.

Note: In particular, \swarrow weak equivalence

$$K(G, n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \underbrace{\Omega K(G, n+1)}$$

has the homotopy groups of $K(G, n)$,
but isn't necessarily a CW-complex.

Construct singular cohomology of CW-complexes.