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The de Rham Theorem $H_{\text{dR}}^p(M) \cong H_{\text{sing}}^p(M; \mathbb{R})$

Recollections on singular homology

M a space.

$C_p(M) = \mathbb{Z} \left\{ \sigma : \underbrace{\Delta_p}_{\text{singular } p\text{-simplex}} \rightarrow M \text{ ct} \right\}$ = singular chain group of M in deg p

Δ_0 •

Δ_1 —

i-th face map in Δ_p :

$F_{i,p} : \Delta_{p-1} \longrightarrow \Delta_p$ includes as face opposite vertex i



$\Delta_p = \text{convex } \{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_p\}$

Boundary operator $\partial: C_p(M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(M)$ (extended linearly)

$$\sigma \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma \circ F_{i,p}$$

We have $\partial \circ \partial = 0$ so $C_*(M) = (\dots \xrightarrow{\partial} C_p(M) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{p-1}(M) \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots)$

is a chain cpx, and the p -th singular homology group of M

$$H_p(M) := \frac{Z_p(M)}{B_p(M)} = \frac{\ker(\partial: C_p(M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(M))}{\text{im}(\partial: C_{p+1}(M) \rightarrow C_p(M))}$$

Eachcts $F: M \rightarrow N$ induces $F_*: C_*(M) \rightarrow C_*(N)$ a chain map,

$$\sigma \mapsto F_*\sigma$$

$$\text{so } H_p: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &\mapsto H_p(M) \\ F \downarrow &\mapsto \downarrow F_* \\ N &\mapsto H_p(N) \end{aligned}$$

is a functor.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta_p & & \\ \uparrow & \searrow F_*\sigma & \\ M & \xrightarrow{F} & N \end{array}$$

Singular cohomology

Fix an Abelian group A and define

$$C^p(M, A) := \underset{\mathbb{Z}}{\text{Hom}}(C_p(M), A)$$

singular p -cochains of M
w/ coefficients in A
homomorphisms of (Abelian) groups

Then $d := \text{Hom}(\partial, A) : C^p(M, A) \rightarrow C^{p+1}(M, A)$ $C(-, \ast)$

$$d(d\psi) = d(\psi \circ \partial) = \overset{\text{"}}{\psi} \circ \overset{*}{\partial} \circ \overset{\text{?}}{\partial}$$

$C_p(M)$ \$\mapsto\$ $C_{p+1}(M)$

$\psi \downarrow$ \$\mapsto\$ $d\psi \downarrow$

A \$\mapsto\$ A

∂ \$\downarrow \psi\$

satisfies $d \circ d = 0$ and makes $C^\bullet(M, A)$ a cochain complex.

The degree p singular cohomology of M with coefficients

$$\text{in } A \text{ is } H^p(M; A) := \frac{\ker(d: C^p(M; A) \rightarrow C^{p+1}(M; A))}{\overline{\text{im}(d: C^{p-1}(M; A) \rightarrow C^p(M; A))}}$$

For $f: M \rightarrow N$ cts, we get a chain map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^*(N; A) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & C^*(M; A) \\ C_p(N) & \xrightarrow{\quad \psi \downarrow \quad} & C_p(M) \xrightarrow{f_*} C_p(N) \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad f^* \psi \downarrow \quad} & A \xleftarrow{\quad \varphi \quad} \end{array}$$

and thus $H^p(-; A): \text{Top}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is a functor.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longmapsto & H^p(M; A) \\ f \downarrow & \longmapsto & f^* \\ N & \longmapsto & H^p(N; A) \end{array}$$

By the universal coefficient theorem (homological algebra),

ESSES

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{p-1}(M), A) \longrightarrow H^p(M; A) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_p(M), A) \rightarrow 0$$

$= 0$ for A a field,

e.g. $A = \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{So } H^p(M; \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_p(M), \mathbb{R}) \stackrel{\text{rank}(H_p(M))}{\cong} \mathbb{R}$$

Prop • $H^*(pt; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$ concentrated in degree 0

• $H^*(\coprod M_j; \mathbb{R}) \cong \prod_j H^*(M_j; \mathbb{R})$

• $H^*(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$ is homotopy invariant.

Mayer - Vietoris for Cohomology For $U, V \subseteq M$ open with $U \cup V = M$,

there is a LES

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial^k} H^p(M; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{k \oplus l} H^p(U; \mathbb{R}) \oplus H^p(V; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{i^k - j^k} H^p(U \cap V; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\partial^{p+1}} \cdots$$

$U \cup V \xrightarrow{i} U$
 $j \downarrow \square \quad \downarrow k$
 $\vee \xrightarrow{\pi} M$

Pf Mayer - Vietoris for singular homology +

$\text{Hom}(-, \mathbb{R})$ is exact: takes exact sequences to exact sequences

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Why cohomology? $H^*(M; A) := \bigoplus_{p \geq 0} H^p(M; A)$ carries a product

making it a graded ring! The spaces with isomorphic
when A is a comm ring.

homology groups might not have isomorphic cohomology rings, so cohomology is a more refined invariant.

E.g. $S^2 \vee S^4$ and $\mathbb{C}P^2$ have isomorphic (co)homology groups but nonisomorphic cohomology rings.

$$H^* \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0$$

- $H^*(S^2 \vee S^4; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_2, x_4]/(x_2^2, x_4^2, x_2 x_4)$
- $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_2]/(x_2^3)$

Ring structure on $H^*(M; A)$ is given by the cup product:

$$\cup : H^p(M; A) \times H^q(M; A) \longrightarrow H^{p+q}(M; A)$$

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defined on cochains

$$C_p(M)$$

$$\alpha \downarrow$$

$$A$$

$$C_q(M)$$

$$\beta \downarrow$$

$$A$$

by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_{p+q}(M) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & M \\ \alpha \cup \beta \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ A & \alpha(\underbrace{\sigma \circ i_{0,1,\dots,p}}_{\sigma \mid "p\text{-th front face" }}) \cdot \beta(\underbrace{\sigma \circ i_{p,p+1,\dots,p+q}}_{\sigma \mid "q\text{-th back face" }}) & \end{array}$$

Fact $d(\alpha \cup \beta) = d\alpha \cup \beta + (-1)^p \alpha \cup d\beta$ and this is what is needed for \cup to descend to cohomology.

Fact \cup is graded-commutative on H^* ($\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{pq} \beta \cup \alpha$)

but this is only true up to cochain homotopy
on $C^\bullet \xrightarrow{\sim}$ Steenrod squares!

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How can we relate de Rham and singular ($\cup \mathbb{R}$ coeffs) cohomology?

$$\Omega^\bullet \longrightarrow C_\infty^\bullet(\cdot; \mathbb{R}) \longleftarrow C^\bullet(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$$



$$H_{dR}^* \xrightarrow{\cong} H_\infty^*(\cdot; \mathbb{R}) \xleftarrow{\cong} H^*(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$$

(smooth singular cohomology)

Smooth singular homology

A smooth p-simplex is a smooth map $\sigma: \Delta_p \rightarrow M$, M a smooth mfd.

$$C_p^\infty(M) = \{ \sigma: \Delta_p \rightarrow M \text{ smooth} \}$$

$\partial(\text{smooth}) = \text{smooth}$ so get a sub-chain wpx $C_*^\infty(M) \subseteq C_*(M)$ with

homology groups the smooth singular homology of M

$$H_*^\infty(M)$$

Then $C_*^\infty(M) \subseteq C_*(M)$ induces $H_*^\infty(M) \cong H_*(M)$.

Pf

Technical pp 474-480 Main idea: Whitney approximation. \square ✓

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Cauchy - Riemann

$f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic : cpx diff'l

$$f'(z) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} \text{ exists } \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

in \mathbb{C}

$$f(z) = u(z) + i v(z), \quad u, v: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$= u(x, y) + i v(x, y) \quad x = \operatorname{Re}(z), \quad y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$$

Claim Considered as a function $(u, v): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
nice things happen!

$f': \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is " \mathbb{C} -linear"

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$f' = Jf = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}$$

f holo iff
 $C-R$ eq'n's hold +
 $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$