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# Homology of CW complexes

$$\gamma_* f_*(f)_*$$

Let's attach an  $n$ -cell,  $n \geq 2$ , to a space  $X$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial D & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ D & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$



Let  $q: X \sqcup D \rightarrow Y$  be the quotient map gluing  $D$  to  $X$ .

Set  $U = q(D^\circ)$ ,  $V = q(X \sqcup D^\circ)$ ,  $U \cap V \cong D^\circ \setminus \partial$

$$\cong D^\circ$$

$$\cong X$$

$$\cong \partial D$$

M-V for  $Y = U \cup V$  then looks like

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_p(U \cap V) & \rightarrow & H_p(U) \oplus H_p(V) & \rightarrow & H_p(Y) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(U \cap V) \\
 \text{if } p \geq 1 & \swarrow & \downarrow & & \uparrow & \searrow & \text{if } p \geq 2 \\
 H_p(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_p(X) & & & & S^{n-1} \\
 & & & & & & \\
 H_{p-1}(\partial D) & & & & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_{p-1}(X) & 
 \end{array}$$

For  $p \geq 2$ ,  $p \neq n-1, n$ , get

$$0 \longrightarrow H_p(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_p(Y) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact}$$

For  $p = n-1 \geq 2$ , get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_{n-1}(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_{n-1}(X) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(Y) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact} \\
 & \searrow & \nearrow & & \\
 & 0 \xrightarrow{\text{im}(\varphi_*)} & & & \text{short exact}
 \end{array}$$

For  $p=n$  get

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n X \longrightarrow H_n Y \longrightarrow H_{n-1} \partial D \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} H_{n-1} X \text{ exact}$$

*short exact*

$\ker \varphi_*$

$0$

If  $p=1$ ,

$$H_1(\partial D) \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} H_1(X) \longrightarrow H_1(Y) \longrightarrow H_0(\partial D) \longrightarrow H_0(U) \oplus H_0(X)$$

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$\circ f_n > 2$

$\gamma$

$\pi_1(X, v) \longrightarrow \pi_1(Y, v)$

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saw previously

If  $p=0$ ,  $H_0 X \cong H_0(Y)$  (gluing doesn't change path components).

Summarizing:

**Proposition 13.33 (Homology Effect of Attaching a Cell).** Let  $X$  be any topological space, and let  $Y$  be obtained from  $X$  by attaching a closed cell  $D$  of dimension  $n \geq 2$  along the attaching map  $\varphi: \partial D \rightarrow X$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  denote the kernel and image, respectively, of  $\varphi_*: H_{n-1}(\partial D) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X)$ . Then the homology homomorphism  $H_p(X) \rightarrow H_p(Y)$  induced by inclusion is characterized as follows.

- (a) If  $p < n - 1$  or  $p > n$ , it is an isomorphism.
- (b) If  $p = n - 1$ , it is a surjection whose kernel is  $L$ , so there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow L \hookrightarrow H_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(Y) \rightarrow 0.$$

- (c) If  $p = n$ , it is an injection, and there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y) \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0.$$



Thm  $X$  a finite  $n$ -dim CW complex.

(a)  $X_k \hookrightarrow X$  induces  $H_p X_k \cong H_p X$  for  $p \leq k-1$ .

(b)  $H_p X = 0$  for  $p > n$ .

(c) For  $0 \leq p \leq n$ ,  $H_p(X)$  is a finitely generated group of rank  $\leq \# p\text{-cells in } X$ .

(d) If  $X$  has no cells of dim  $n-p-1$  or  $n-p+1$ , then  $H_p(X)$  is free Abelian of rank  $= \# p\text{-cells in } X$ .

(e) Suppose  $X$  has exactly one cell in dim  $n$  w/ attaching

map  $\varphi: \partial D \longrightarrow X_{n-1}$ . Then

A Abelian gp  
rank = free rank

of  $A = \dim(A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$

$$H_n X \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } 0 = \varphi_*: H_{n-1} \partial D \longrightarrow H_{n-1} X_{n-1} \\ 0 & \text{if } \varphi_* \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

(a), (b) : fairly direct from previous thm.

(c) : Immediate if you know that singular and cellular homology agree. Or

$H_p X \stackrel{(a)}{\cong} H_p(X_{p+1}) \leftarrow H_p(X_p)$  by (b) of previous theorem. Thus it suffices to prove  $\text{rank } H_p X_p \leq \# p\text{-cells}$ . Now use (c) of previous thm w/ the fact  $K \leq H_{p-1} S^{p-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$  + rank-nullity.

(d) : Here  $H_p X \cong H_p(X_{p+1}) = H_p(X_p)$  b/c  $X_p = X_{p+1}$ .

Proceed by induction on  $m = \# p\text{-cells}$ . If  $m=0$ , then  $H_p(X_p) = 0$  by (c). Suppose  $H_p(X_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$  for all  $X$  w/  $m$   $p$ -cells. Given  $X$  w/  $m+1$   $p$ -cells, let  $Z = X \setminus e$  for some  $p$ -cell and let

$\varphi: \partial D \longrightarrow X_{p-1} = Z_{p-1}$  be the attaching map for  $e$ .  
 By induction hypothesis,  $H_p(Z) \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$ . By previous  
 prop., have SES

$$0 \rightarrow H_p Z \rightarrow H_p X \rightarrow \ker(\Phi_* : H_{p-1} \partial D \rightarrow H_{p-1} X) \rightarrow 0$$


  
 $\underbrace{\quad}_{=} = 0$

Cannot have torsion in middle of SES w/ nontorsion  
on ends. ✓

$$(e) : 0 \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\quad} H_n(X_n) \xrightarrow{\cong} K \rightarrow 0$$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}$  if  $\varphi_* = 0$   
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}$  if not

E.g. •  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  has exactly 1 cell in dimensions  $0, 1, \dots, n$  and no higher dim cells.  $H_n(\mathbb{R}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$  by (e).

•  $H_p(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq p \leq 2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$  by (d)

single cell in dimensions  $0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n$ , no others

TPs Compute  $H_p(K)$  via: CW structure  
M-V  
Klein bottle

$$H_p K \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & p=0 \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & p=1 \\ 0 & p=2 \end{cases}$$

## Euler characteristic

Euler char of finite CW cpx  $X$  w/  $n_p$  cells in dimn  $p$ :

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p n_p.$$

Thm If  $X$  is a finite CW cpx, then

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p \text{rank } H_p(X).$$

Cor  $\chi$  is a htopy invariant of finite CW cpxs.

PF of Thm Assume  $X$  conn'd. Proceed by induction on  $N = \# \text{cells}$  of dimn  $\geq 2$ .  
WLOG b/c  $H_p Y \cong \bigoplus_{x \in \pi_0 X} H_p Y_x$

$N=0$ :  $\pi_1 X$  is free on  $1-\chi(X)$  generators

$$\Rightarrow H_1 X \cong \mathbb{Z}^{1-\chi(X)}$$

Further,  $H_0 X \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_p X = 0$  for  $p > 1$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank } H_0(X) - \text{rank } H_1(X) \\ = 1 - (1 - \chi(X)) = \chi(X) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose true for  $X$  w/ fewer than  $N$  cells for some fixed  $N \geq 1$ .

Consider some  $X$  with  $N$  cells. For  $e$  a cell with max'l dimn (call it  $n$ ), suffices to show for  $Z = X \setminus e$  that

$$\chi(X) = \chi(Z) + (-1)^n.$$

If  $\varphi: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow Z$  attaches  $e$ , know

$$H_p(X) \cong H_p(Z) \text{ for } p \neq n, n-1$$

and we have exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(Z) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n(Z) \longrightarrow H_n X \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\ker(\varphi_* : H_{n-1}(\partial D) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(Z))$$

$$\text{Thus, } \text{rank } H_p X = \text{rank } H_p Z \text{ for } p \neq n, n-1$$

$$\text{rank } H_{n-1} X = \text{rank } H_{n-1} Z - \text{rank } L$$

$$\text{rank } H_n X = \text{rank } H_n Z + \text{rank } K$$

By SES  $0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial D) \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow 0$  know  $\text{rank } K + \text{rank } L = 1$



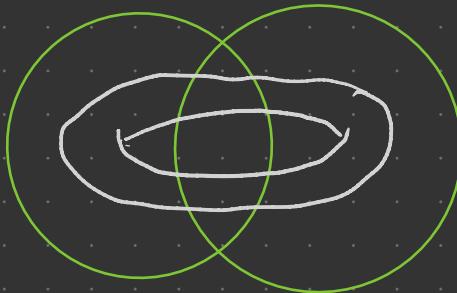
For  $X$  with bounded finite rank homology, define

$$\chi(X) := \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p \underbrace{\text{rank } H_p(X)}_{\beta_p(X)} = \text{p-th Bett. \# of } X$$

### Euler characteristic facts

- $\chi(S^2) = -2$ ,  $\chi((\mathbb{T}^2)^{\# g}) = 2 - 2g$ ,  $\chi((\mathbb{RP}^2)^{\# g}) = 2 - g$
- $\chi(S^n) = 1 + (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ 2 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$
- Compact conn'd closed manifold  $M$  admits a nowhere vanishing vector field (à la hairy ball) iff  $\chi(M) = 0$
- Inclusion-exclusion:  $\chi(U \cup V) = \chi(U) + \chi(V) - \chi(U \cap V)$

This is a shadow of Mayer-Vietoris!



$$\chi(\odot) = \chi(\textcircled{G}) + \chi(\textcircled{D}) - \chi(\textcircled{G} \cap \textcircled{D})$$

$$= 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$$

$$( \text{ b/c } \chi(S') = 1 )$$

$$\bullet \quad \chi(X \times Y) = \chi(X) \cdot \chi(Y)$$

$$\bullet \quad \chi(\textcircled{o} \textcircled{o}) = \chi(\textcircled{\dots}) - \chi(\textcircled{\dots}) - \chi(\textcircled{\dots}) = 1 - 1 - 1 = -1$$

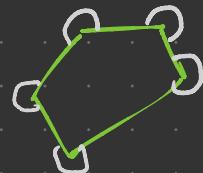
$$\chi(\mathbb{RP}^\infty) = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots = ? \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  "negative" & "fractional" sets (Schonert, Propp, ...)

- Gauss-Bonnet : M a compact 2-diml Riemannian mfld w/ Gaussian curvature K, then

$$\chi(M) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_M K dA$$

Integrating a local feature can produce a topological invariant



$$H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$C_*(X)$  dualized gives  $C^*(X)$

$$0 \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum (-1)^k \dim C_k = \sum (-1)^k \dim H_k(C_*)$$