

# Summary for Algebraic Topology II

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## 1 Feb 21th: Tor functor

**Definition 1.1.** Suppose  $A$  is an abelian group, A **Free resolution** is an exact sequence of the form

$$\cdots \longrightarrow F_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} F_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} A \longrightarrow 0,$$

where each  $F_i$  is a free abelian group. If moreover  $F_i = 0, \forall i \geq 2$ , we call it **Short free resolution**

$$0 \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0$$

(We can easily generalize this definition to  $R$ -modules)

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $A$  be an abelian group. Then there exists a short free resolution of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be the free abelian group generated by all elements in  $A$ . There is a surjection from  $F$  to  $A$  by linearly extending the map sending basis element to itself. Let  $K$  denote the kernel of this map.  $K$  is an abelian subgroup of a free abelian group ( $\mathbb{Z}$ -module). A subgroup of a free abelian group is torsion free as a module.  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a  $PID$ . If  $R$  is a  $PID$ , then an  $R$ -module is free iff it is torsion free (See Bosch section 4.2). Then we know in particular,  $K$  is a free abelian group.  $\square$

With this construction, we can define the Tor functor now:

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $A$  be an abelian group. Let  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{f} F \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  be a short free resolution of  $A$ . Given any other abelian group  $B$ , we define

$$\text{Tor}(A, B) := \ker(f \otimes id_B)$$

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This definition is independent on the choice of short free resolution.

## 2 Feb 28th:

Question: Given  $X, Y$  what is the cohomology of  $X \times Y$ ?

Answer:

$$H_n(X \times Y) \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H_i(X) \otimes H_j(Y) + \bigoplus_{k+\ell=n-1} \text{Tor}(H_k(X), H_\ell(Y))$$

We will discuss Eilenberg-Zilber theorem along this line the next lecture.

Today, we will prove the Algebraic Kueneth Theorem

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose  $(C_\bullet, \partial)$  and  $(C'_\bullet, \partial')$  are two non-negative chain complexes. We define the **tensor complex**  $(C_\bullet \otimes C'_\bullet, \Delta)$ , where

$$(C_\bullet \otimes C'_\bullet)_n = \oplus_{i+j=n} C_i \otimes C'_j$$

and the differential  $\Delta$  is defined by

$$\Delta(c_i \otimes c'_j) = \partial c_i \otimes c'_j + (-1)^i c_i \otimes \partial' c'_j$$

First, note that  $\Delta(c_i \otimes c'_j)$  does indeed belong to  $(C_\bullet \otimes C'_\bullet)_{n-1}$ . The reason for  $(-1)^i$  is to make  $\Delta^2 = 0$ .  $C_\bullet \otimes C'_\bullet$  is another non-negative chain complex.

**Definition 2.2.** Suppose  $f_\bullet : C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  and  $g_\bullet : C'_\bullet \rightarrow D'_\bullet$  are two morphism of chain complexes. Then we can define a chain map

$$f \otimes g : C \otimes C' \rightarrow D \otimes D'$$

by

$$(f \otimes g)_n = \sum_{i+j=n} f_i \otimes g_j$$

It is easy to check this is indeed a chain map.

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $f' : C \rightarrow C'$  and  $g' : D \rightarrow D'$  are two more chain maps with  $f$  homotopic to  $f'$  and  $g$  homotopic to  $g'$ . Then  $f' \otimes g'$  is homotopic to  $f \otimes g$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** (Algebraic Kuenneth Theorem) Let  $(C, \partial)$  and  $(D, \partial')$  be two non-negative free complex. Then for every  $n \geq 0$ , there is a split exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \oplus_{i+j=n} H_i(C) \otimes H_j(D) \rightarrow H_n(C \otimes D) \rightarrow \oplus_{k+l=n-1} \text{Tor}(H_k(C), H_l(D)) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\omega$  is the map  $\langle c_i \rangle \otimes \langle d_j \rangle \mapsto \langle c_i \otimes d_j \rangle$ . Thus there also exists a (non-natural) isomorphism

$$H_n(C \otimes D) \cong \oplus_{i+j=n} H_i(C) \otimes H_j(D) + \oplus_{k+l=n-1} \text{Tor}(H_k(C), H_l(D))$$

The proof requires two auxiliary results.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $(E_\bullet, 0)$  be a non-negative chain complex with all differential zero and  $(D_\bullet, \partial)$  be any non-negative chain complex. Given  $i \geq 0$ , let  $D_\bullet^i$  denote the chain complex where  $D_n^i = D_{n-i}$  and the boundary map

$$D_n^i \rightarrow D_{n-1}^i$$

is just the map:  $D_{n-i} \rightarrow D_{n-i-1}$ .

Then

$$H_n(E_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) \cong \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} H_n(E_i \otimes D_\bullet^i)$$

*Proof.* (of the Proposition) Since  $E_\bullet$  has no differentials

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(e_i \otimes d_{n-i}) &= (-1)^i e_i \otimes \partial d_{n-i} \\ &= (-1)^i (id_E \otimes \partial)[e_i \otimes d_{n-i}] \\ H_n(E_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) &= \frac{\ker \Delta}{\text{im} \Delta} \\ &= \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} \frac{\ker(id_E \otimes \partial|_{D_{n-i}})}{\text{im}(id_E \otimes \partial|_{D_{n-i+1}})} \\ &= \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} H_n(E_i \otimes D_\bullet^i)\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.* (of Theorem) We will prove it in three steps:

Let's use the same notation as we did in the proof of the universal coefficient theorem.  $B_n \subset Z_n \subset C_n$ .  $(Z_\bullet, 0)$  and  $(B_\bullet^+, 0)$  are chain complexes with no differentials, where  $B_n^+ = B_{n-1}$ .  $(H_\bullet, 0)$  be the chain complex.  $i : Z_n \hookrightarrow C_n$ ,  $j : B_n \hookrightarrow Z_n$ ,  $d : C_n \rightarrow B_{n-1}$ , where  $d$  is the just the differential  $\partial$  of  $C_\bullet$  and we use  $p$  to denote the projection  $Z_n \rightarrow H_n$ . Then we have two short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$\begin{aligned}0 \longrightarrow Z_\bullet \xrightarrow{i_\bullet} C_\bullet \xrightarrow{D_\bullet} B_\bullet^+ \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 \longrightarrow B_\bullet \xrightarrow{j_\bullet} Z_\bullet \xrightarrow{p_\bullet} H_\bullet \longrightarrow 0.\end{aligned}$$

We tensor it with  $D_\bullet$ .

$$\begin{aligned}0 \longrightarrow Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet \xrightarrow{i_\bullet} C_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet \xrightarrow{D_\bullet} B_\bullet^+ \otimes D_\bullet \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 \longrightarrow B_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet \xrightarrow{j_\bullet} Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet \xrightarrow{p_\bullet} H_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet \longrightarrow 0.\end{aligned}$$

They are again short exact sequence of chain complexes because  $D$  is free Abelian group thus flat module.

$$0 \longrightarrow Z_n \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{r} \end{array} C_n \xrightarrow{d} B_{n-1} \longrightarrow 0$$

This sequence splits as  $B_{n-1}$  is free abelian. Thus  $\exists$  a map  $r : C_n \rightarrow Z_n$  such that  $r|_{Z_n}$  is the identity  $r_\bullet : C_\bullet \rightarrow Z_\bullet$ .

Denote by  $\mu$  the composition  $p \circ r : C_\bullet \rightarrow H_\bullet$ .

Claim:  $\mu$  is a chain map from  $(C_\bullet, \partial) \rightarrow (H_\bullet, 0)$ . Take  $c \in C_{n+1}$  and check it commutes

$$\mu \circ \partial c = \mu \partial c = p \circ r \partial c = \langle \partial c \rangle = 0$$

and  $0 \circ \mu c = 0$

Step 2: Define  $\varphi = H_n(\mu \otimes id)$ .  $H_n(C_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(H_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet)$ .

Claim:  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.

It suffices to prove the diagram commutes and conclude by five lemma.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_{n+1}(B_\bullet^+ \otimes D_\bullet) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_n(Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H_n(C_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H_n(B_\bullet^+ \otimes D_\bullet) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H_{n-1}(Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) \\ \downarrow id & & \downarrow id & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow id & & \downarrow id \\ H_n(B_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H_n(Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H_n(H_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & H_{n-1}(B_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(Z_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) \end{array}$$

Step 3: We complete the proof

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(C_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) &\cong H_n(H_\bullet \otimes D_\bullet) \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} H_n(H_i(C_\bullet) \otimes D_\bullet^i) \end{aligned}$$

By the universal coefficient theorem, there is a split exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_i(C_\bullet) \otimes H_n(D_\bullet^i) \rightarrow H_n(H_i(C_\bullet) \otimes D_\bullet^i) \rightarrow \text{Tor}(H_i(C_\bullet), H_{n-1}(D_\bullet^i)) \rightarrow 0$$

If we get rid of the notation  $D_\bullet^i$ .

$$0 \rightarrow H_i(C_\bullet) \otimes H_n(D_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(H_i(C_\bullet) \otimes D_\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Tor}(H_i(C_\bullet), H_{n-1-i}(D_\bullet)) \rightarrow 0$$

Take the direct sum over  $i$  and use the fact that

□

### 3 Mar 2nd: Eilenberg-Zilber

**Theorem 3.1.** (Eilenberg-Zilber) if  $X$  and  $Y$  are two topological spaces. There is a nontrivial chain equivalence

$$\Omega_\bullet : C_\bullet(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_\bullet(X) \otimes C_\bullet(Y)$$

which is unique up to chain homotopy

Digression on chain equivalences

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $(C_\bullet, \partial)$  be a free chain complex. Then  $C_\bullet$  is acyclic iff it has contracting chain homotopy

*Proof.* A contracting homotopy means  $Q : C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$  s.t.  $Q\partial + \partial Q = id$ .

If such  $Q$  exists then  $H_n(C_\bullet) = 0 \forall n$ . That direction doesn't require  $C_\bullet$  to be free

$$B_n \subseteq Z_n \subseteq C_n$$

If we assume  $C_\bullet$  is acyclic then

$$B_n = Z_n, \forall n$$

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n \xrightarrow{i} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial} Z_{n-1} \rightarrow 0$$

Since  $Z_{n-1}$  is free abelian the sequence splits  $\exists r_n : Z_{n-1} \rightarrow C_n$  s.t.  $\partial \circ r_n = id$ .

Note that  $id - r_{n-1} \circ \partial$  has image in  $Z_{n-1}$ ,  $c \in C_n$ .  $\partial(c - r_n \partial c) = \partial c - \partial c = 0$

Now define  $Q_n : C_n \rightarrow C_{n+1}$  by  $Q_n = r_n(id - r_{n-1} \circ \partial)$ . This works.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial Q_n + Q_{n-1} \partial &= \partial r_n(id - r_{n-1} \partial) + r_{n-1}(id - r_{n-2} \partial) \partial \\ &= id - r_{n-1} \partial + r_{n-1} \partial - r_{n-1} r_{n-2} \partial^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 3.3.** Suppose  $f : (C_\bullet, \partial) \rightarrow (D_\bullet, \partial')$ . The **mapping cone** of  $f$  is the chain complex  $Cone_\bullet(f), \partial^f$ , where  $Cone_n(f) = C_{n-1} \otimes D_n$  and  $\partial^f : Cone_n(f) \rightarrow Cone_{n-1}(f)$

$$\partial^f(c, d) = (-\partial c, fc + \partial' d)$$

$$\partial^f = \begin{pmatrix} -\partial & 0 \\ f & \partial' \end{pmatrix}$$

Note if  $C_\bullet$  and  $D_\bullet$  are free chain complex, so is the cone.

**Lemma 3.4.** If  $f : C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  is a chain map between two free chain complexes and  $Cone_\bullet(f)$  is acyclic then  $f$  is a chain equivalence.

*Proof.* If  $Cone_\bullet(f)$  is acyclic, there exists  $Q$  s.t.

$$Q\partial^f + \partial^f Q = id$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} p & g \\ r & -p' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial & 0 \\ f & -\partial' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & g \\ r & -p' \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p & g \\ r & -p' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial & 0 \\ f & -\partial' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} id & 0 \\ 0 & id \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\partial p - p\partial + gf & -\partial g + g\partial' \\ * & fg - \partial' p' - p'\partial' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} id & 0 \\ 0 & id \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we know  $g : D_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  is a chain map

$$p\partial + \partial p = gf - id$$

$$p'\partial' + \partial' p = fg - id. \text{ Thus } f \text{ is a chain equivalence with inverse } g. \quad \square$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $f : C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$ . Then there is a LES*

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(Cone_\bullet(f)) \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet) \xrightarrow{H_n(f)} H_n(D_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(Cone_\bullet(f)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

*Proof.* Denote by  $C_\bullet^+$  the chain complex  $C_n^+ = C_{n-1}$ . There is a SES

$$0 \rightarrow D_\bullet \xrightarrow{i} Cone_\bullet(f) \xrightarrow{p} C_\bullet^+ \rightarrow 0$$

with  $i(d) = (0, d)$  and  $p(c, d) = c$

Pass to the LES in homology

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1}(Cone_\bullet(f)) & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1}(C_\bullet^+) & \longrightarrow & H_n(D_\bullet) \longrightarrow H_n(Cone_\bullet(f)) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ & & & & \parallel & & \\ & & & & H_n(C_\bullet) & & \end{array}$$

It remains to check  $\delta = H_n(f)$ .

Note if  $c$  is a cycle in  $C_n$ . Then

$$\partial^f \circ p^{-1}(c) = (-\partial c, fc) = (0, fc) = i(fc)$$

$$\delta : \langle c \rangle \mapsto \langle i^{-1} \partial^f p^{-1} c \rangle = \langle fc \rangle = H_n(f) \langle c \rangle$$

$\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** *Suppose  $F : C_\bullet \rightarrow D_\bullet$  is a chain map between the two free chain complex. Then  $F$  is a chain equivalence iff*

$$H_n(f) : H_n(C_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(D_\bullet)$$

*is an isomorphism for all  $n$ ,*

*Proof.* If  $f$  is a chain equivalence then  $H_n(f)$  is always a isomorphism. This does not require any freeness assumptions and we proved in last semester.

For the converse, if  $H_n(f)$  is always an isomorphism, then the LES

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(Cone_\bullet(f)) \rightarrow H_n(C_\bullet) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(D_\bullet) \rightarrow H_n(Cone_\bullet(f)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

This implies  $H_n(Cone_\bullet(f)) = 0, \forall n$ . Then  $Cone_\bullet(f)$  is acyclic, and we can conclude by the previous lemma.  $\square$

Recap on Acyclic models.

**Definition 3.7.** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a category and  $T_\bullet : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Comp}$  is a functor. A family of **models** in  $\mathcal{C}$  is simply a subset of  $\text{obj}(\mathcal{C})$

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and consider  $T_n : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$

$$T_n(\mathcal{C}) = (T_\bullet(\mathcal{C}))_{nth \text{ group}}$$

A  $T_n$  model set  $\chi$  is simply a choice of element  $x_\lambda \in T_n(M_\lambda)$  for each  $\lambda$   
 $\mathcal{M} = \{M_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$

We say that the model is free if the following condition holds.

1.  $T_n(C)$  is a free abelian group  $\forall C \in \mathcal{C}$
2. There is a  $T_n$ -model set  $\{x_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  s..t

$$\{T_n(f)(x_\lambda) | f \in \text{Hom}(M_\lambda, C), \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

is a basis for the free abelian group  $T_n(C)$ .

$f : M_\lambda \rightarrow C$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$   $T_n(f) : T(M_\lambda) \rightarrow T_n(C)$  is a homomorphism between two abelian groups.  $T(M_\lambda) \in T_n(f)(x_\lambda)$  does indeed belong to  $T_n(C)$ . A basis for  $T_n(C)$  is obtained by letting  $f$  run over all of  $\text{Hom}(M_\lambda, C)$  and letting  $\lambda$  run over  $\Lambda$ .

We say  $T_\bullet : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Comp}$  is free with basis in  $\mathcal{M}$  if each  $T_n$  is free with basis in  $\mathcal{M}$

**Definition 3.8.**  $T_\bullet \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Comp}$ , we say  $T_\bullet$  is **non-negative** if  $T_n(C) = 0$  for all  $n < 0$  and  $\forall C$ .  $T_\bullet$  is **acyclic in the positive degrees on  $C$**  if  $H_n(T_\bullet(C)) = 0, \forall n > 0$ .

Suppose  $T_\bullet \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Comp}$ .  $H_0 \circ T_\bullet \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Suppose  $\mathcal{C}$  is a category with models  $\mathcal{M}$ . Suppose  $S_\bullet, T_\bullet : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Comp}$  are 2 functors such that  $S$  and  $T$  are non-negative and acyclic in positive degree on every model, and both  $S$  and  $T$  are free with basis in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Suppose

$$\Theta : H_0 \circ S_\bullet \rightarrow H_0 \circ T_\bullet$$

is a natural equivalence.  $\exists$  a natural chain equivalence  $\Psi_\bullet : S_\bullet \rightarrow T_\bullet$  which is unique up to chain homotopy and has  $H_0(\Psi_\bullet) = \Theta$



**Example 3.10.** Take  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Top}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \{\Delta^n | n \geq 0\}$ .  $T$  is the singular chain functor.

$$C_\bullet : \text{Top} \longrightarrow \text{Comp}$$

$$X \mapsto C_\bullet(X)$$

$C_\bullet$  is non-negative,  $\checkmark$ .  $H_n(C_\bullet(\Delta^i)) = H_n(\Delta^i) =$ .

Claim:  $C_n$  is free with basis in  $\Delta^n$

Choose an element  $x \in C_n(\Delta^n)$ . Take  $x$  to be the identity map  $\Delta^n \longrightarrow \Delta^n$ , write this as  $\ell_n : \Delta^n \longrightarrow \Delta^n$ . Think of the identity map as an element of  $C_n(\Delta^n)$  if  $\sigma$  is any  $n$ -simplex in any topological space  $C_n(\sigma)(\ell_n) = \sigma \circ \ell_n = \sigma$

$\{C_n(\sigma)(\ell_n) | \sigma : \Delta^n \longrightarrow X\}$  is basis for the free abelian group  $C_n(X)$ .

Eilenberg-Zilber  $\text{Top} \times \text{Top}$  is the category of pairs  $(X, Y)$  of topological spaces.

We will define two functor from  $\text{Top} \times \text{Top} \longrightarrow \text{Comp}$   $S_\bullet(X, Y) = C_\bullet(X, Y)$ .  
 $T_\bullet(X, Y) = C_\bullet(X) \otimes C_\bullet(Y)$

For models

$$\mathcal{M} = \{(\Delta^i, \Delta^j), i, j \geq 0\}$$

Claim:  $S$  and  $T$  are both acyclic in positive degree on  $\mathcal{M}$  and free with basis in  $\mathcal{M}$

$$S_\bullet, H_n(S_\bullet(\Delta^i, \Delta^j)) = H_n(\Delta^i \times \Delta^j) = 0, \forall n > 0, \forall i, j$$

$$S_i : \text{Top} \times \text{Top} \longrightarrow \text{Ab}$$

$$S_i(X, Y) = C_i(X \times Y)$$

Claim:  $\{(\Delta^i, \Delta^i)\}$  is a  $S_i$ -model set and a basis is  $d_i : \Delta^i \otimes \Delta^i$  the diagonal map  $x \mapsto (x, x)$  gives a basis

$$\sigma : \Delta^i \longrightarrow X \times Y$$

we can write  $\sigma = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y) \circ d_i$ , where  $\sigma_x = p_X \circ \sigma$  be the composition of  $\sigma$  with  $p_X : X \times Y \longrightarrow X$ .

$\sigma = S_i(\sigma)(d_i)$  so that  $\{s_i(\sigma)(d_i) | \sigma : \Delta^i \longrightarrow X \times Y\}$  is a basis of the free abelian group  $C_i(X \times Y)$ .  $T_i(X \times Y) = (C_\bullet(X) \otimes C_\bullet(Y))$ .  $T_i(X, Y)$  is the tensor product of the free groups and so is free.  $\{(\ell_i, \ell_j) | i + j = n\}$  is a  $T_n$ -model basis.

The last thing to check is that  $T_\bullet(\Delta^i, \Delta^j)$  is acyclic in positive degrees

$$H_n(C_\bullet(\Delta^i) \otimes C_\bullet(\Delta^j)) = 0, \forall n > 0.$$

We can not compute this! However we can cheat

$$H_n(C_\bullet(\Delta^i)) = H_n(\Delta^i) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Consider the chain complex

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \cdots$$

$C_\bullet(\Delta^i)$  has the same homology as this complex. Thus  $C_\bullet(\Delta^i)$  is equivalent to the complex and  $C_\bullet(\Delta^j)$  is also chain equivalent to it.  $C_\bullet(\Delta^i) \otimes C_\bullet(\Delta^j)$  is chain equivalent to

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \cdots$$

Thus  $H_n(C_\bullet(\Delta^i) \otimes C_\bullet(\Delta^j)) = H_n(0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \otimes \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0 \cdots)$

Want:  $\Theta : H_0 \circ S_\bullet \longrightarrow H_0 \circ T_\bullet$  is a natural equivalence.

$$(x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y$$

$$H_0(C_\bullet(X \times Y)) \longrightarrow H_0(C_\bullet(X) \otimes C_\bullet(Y))$$

By the Acyclic model theorem

$$\Omega_\bullet : S_\bullet \longrightarrow T_\bullet$$

is a natural chain equivalence

$$\Omega_\bullet : C_\bullet(X \times Y) \longrightarrow C_\bullet(X) \otimes C_\bullet(Y)$$

**Corollary 3.11.** *Kueneth formula. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces then for  $n \geq 0$*

*There is a split exact sequence*

## 4 Mar 7th: Cochain complexes and cohomology

## 5 Mar 9th: Universal coefficient theorem for cohomology

**Definition 5.1.** *Suppose  $A$  is an abelian group and let*

$$0 \longrightarrow K \xrightarrow{f} F \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0$$

*is a short free resolution. Take another abelian group and apply  $\text{Hom}(\square, B)$ , we can find an exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(A, B) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(F, B) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(f, B)} \text{Hom}(K, B)$$

*and we define  $\text{Ext}(A, B) := \text{coker } \text{Hom}(f, B) = \text{Hom}(K, B) / \text{im } \text{Hom}(f, B)$ . Thus  $\text{Ext}(A, B)$  measures the failure for  $\text{Hom}(\square, B)$  to be right exact.*

Here is a more sophisticated way of viewing  $\text{Ext}(A, B)$  consider a chain complex  $C_1 = K$ ,  $C_0 = F$ ,  $\partial_1 : C_1 \rightarrow C_0 = f : K \rightarrow F$  and all other group zero.  $H_0(C_\bullet) = A$ . Now apply  $\text{Hom}(\square, B)$  to a cochain complex  $\text{Hom}(C_\bullet, B)$ , the definition of  $\text{Ext}(A, B)$  gives us immediately that

$$H^1(\text{Hom}(C_\bullet, A)) = \text{Ext}(A, B).$$

From this it follows that  $\text{Ext}(\square, B)$  is a contravariant functor and it is well defined (independent of the choice of short free resolution.)

**Definition 5.2.** An abelian group  $D$  is said to be **divisible** if for every  $b \in D$  and every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an  $a \in D$  s.t.,  $na = b$

**Theorem 5.3.** (Properties of  $\text{Ext}$ )

For a fixed abelian group  $A$ ,  $\text{Ext}(\square, A)$  is a contravariant functor and  $\text{Ext}(A, \square)$  is a covariant functor. Moreover,

- (1) If  $F$  is a free group, then  $\text{Ext}(F, B) = 0, \forall B$ . If  $D$  is a divisible abelian group, then  $\text{Ext}(A, D) = 0 \forall A$ .
- (2) If  $A$  is a finitely generated group with torsion subgroup  $T(A)$  then  $\text{Ext}(A, \mathbb{Z}) = T(A)$
- (3)  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact, then for any  $B$ , there is an exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A'', B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A', B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, B) \\ & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & \text{Ext}(A'', B) & \longleftarrow & \text{Ext}(A', B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}(A, B) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

If  $0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0$  is exact, then for any  $A$ , there is an exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, B) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, B') & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, B'') \\ & & & & \searrow & & \\ & & \text{Ext}(A, B) & \longleftarrow & \text{Ext}(A, B') & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}(A, B'') \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

- (4) If  $B$  is an abelian group and  $\{A_\lambda | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a collection of abelian group then

$$\text{Ext}\left(\bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda} A_\lambda, B\right) \cong \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{Ext}(A_\lambda, B)$$

$$\text{Ext}\left(B, \prod_{\lambda} A_{\lambda}\right) \cong \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \text{Ext}(B, A_{\lambda})$$

(5) For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $B$

$$\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}_m, B) \cong B/mB$$

*Proof.* Every thing apart from (1) and (2) all follow identically to the corresponding statements about  $\text{Tor}$ . These two new statements are left as exercise.  $\square$

### Three universal coefficient theorems

Let  $C_{\bullet}$  be a chain complex and  $A$  be an abelian group, form  $\text{Hom}(C_{\bullet}, A)$  as a cochain complex.

we define a natural chain map  $\zeta$  as follows

$$\zeta : H^n(\text{Hom}(C_{\bullet}, A)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(C_{\bullet}), A)$$

$$\zeta\langle\gamma\rangle\langle c\rangle = \gamma(c) \in A$$

We need to check this is well defined.

Suppose  $\gamma, \gamma'$  to be cocycles s.t.  $\langle\gamma\rangle = \langle\gamma'\rangle$ ,  $c, c'$  to be cycles s.t.  $\langle c\rangle = \langle c'\rangle$ .

Claim:  $\gamma(c) = \gamma'(c')$ .

$$\gamma' = \gamma + d\delta$$

$$c' = c + \partial a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(c') &= \gamma(c) + d\delta(c) + \gamma(\partial a) + d\delta(\partial a) \\ &= \gamma(c) + \delta(\partial c) + d\gamma(a) + d\delta(\partial a) \\ &= \gamma(c) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.4.** (*The dual universal coefficients theorem*)

Let  $(C_{\bullet}, \partial)$  be a free chain complex and let  $A$  be an abelian group. Then for every  $n$  there is a split exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(C_{\bullet}, A)) \longrightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}(C_{\bullet}, A)) \xrightarrow{\zeta} \text{Hom}(H_n(C_{\bullet}), A) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\zeta$  is the map defined above.

$$H^n(\text{Hom}(C_{\bullet}, A)) \cong \text{Hom}(H_n(C_{\bullet}), A) \oplus \text{Ext}(H_n(C_{\bullet}), A).$$

This specialize to  $C_{\bullet} = C_{\bullet}(X)$  for  $X$  a topological space

*Proof.* Go through the proof of universal coefficient theorem and

- (a) erase  $\square \otimes A$  and write  $\text{Hom}(\square, A)$
- (b) erase  $\text{Tor}$  and write  $\text{Ext}$
- (c) reverse arrow when needed.

□

**Definition 5.5.** A topological space  $X$  is of **finite type** if  $H_n(X)$  is finitely generated for all  $n$ . This covers all spaces we have looked at so far.

**Corollary 5.6.** Let  $X$  be of finite type. Denote by  $T_n(X)$  the torsion subgroup of  $H_n(X)$ . Then  $\forall n \geq 0$

$$H^n(X) \cong H_n(X)/T_n(X) \oplus T_{n-1}(X)$$

*Proof.* For any finitely generated group  $A$ ,  $\text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{Z}) \cong A/T(A)$  [in problem sheet]  $\text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(X), \mathbb{Z}) \cong T_{n-1}(X)$  by property (2) of Ext theorem. □

If  $C_\bullet$  and  $D_\bullet$  be two chain complex there is a natural chain map to make  $\text{Hom}(C_\bullet, D_\bullet)$  to a cochain complex, and one could mimic what we did in Lecture 26 to obtain an algebraic Kuenneth lemma. But it is useless, because there is no analogous Eilenberg-Zilber theorem for cochain complex.

**Proposition 5.7.** Let  $X$  be a topological space of finite type. Then there exists a free non-negative chain complex  $(E_\bullet, \epsilon)$  such that  $(C_\bullet(X), \partial) \cong (E_\bullet, \epsilon)$  and such that each  $E_n$  is finitely generated.

*Proof.* Let  $p : Z_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$ ,  $c \mapsto \langle c \rangle$ . Since  $H_n(X)$  is finitely generated,  $\exists$  finitely generated subgroup  $F_n \subset Z_n(X)$  s.t.,  $p|_{F_n}$  is surjective. Note  $F_n$  is free (As  $Z_n(X)$  is free).  $F'_n = \ker p|_{F_n} : F_n \rightarrow H_n(X)$ ,

$$E_n = F_n \oplus F'_n$$

$E_n$  is indeed free and finitely generated.  $\epsilon : E_n \rightarrow E_{n-1}$   $(c, c') \mapsto (c', 0)$ , then obviously,  $\epsilon^2 = 0$ ,  $(E_\bullet, \epsilon)$  is a chain complex.

$$H_n(E_\bullet) = \frac{\ker \epsilon : E_n \rightarrow E_{n-1}}{\text{im } \epsilon : E_{n+1} \rightarrow E_n} = \frac{F_n}{F'_{n-1}} = H_n(X). \quad (*)$$

Now let us build a chain map

$$f : (E_\bullet, \epsilon) \rightarrow (C_\bullet(X), \partial)$$

Since  $F'_n$  is free abelian, there exists a homomorphism

$$g : F'_n \longrightarrow C_{n+1}(X)$$

s.t.  $\partial g(c') = c', \forall c' \in F'_n$ . (Lemma 22.3) in ATI notes.

Define

$$f : E_n \longrightarrow C_n(X)$$

$$(c, c') \longmapsto c + g(c')$$

Claim:  $f \circ \epsilon = \partial \circ f$

$$f\epsilon(c, c') = f(c', 0) = c'$$

$\partial f(c, c') = \partial c + \partial g(c')$ . But  $F_n \subset Z_n(X)$  by assumption so  $\partial f(c, c') = c' = f\epsilon(c, c')$ . Thus  $f$  is a chain map and we get an induced map.

$$H_n(f) : H_n(E_\bullet) \longrightarrow H_n(X)$$

which is isomorphism by (\*), then  $f$  is a chain equivalence because  $E_n$  is free.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.8.** *Let  $E_\bullet$  be a chain complex s.t. each  $E_n$  is finitely generated, and let  $A$  be an abelian group. Then there is an isomorphism of cochain complexes*

$$\text{Hom}(E_\bullet, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes A \cong \text{Hom}(E_\bullet, A)$$

*Proof.*

$$h : \text{Hom}(E_n, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(E_n, A)$$

$$\gamma \otimes a \longmapsto [c \mapsto \gamma(c)a]$$

$E_n \ni h(\gamma \otimes a)(c) = \gamma(c) \cdot a$ , where  $\gamma(c) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and this is multiplication in  $A$ . This is clearly a chain map but hwy is it an isomorphism?

induct on the rank of  $E_n$  if  $\text{rank } E_n = 1$  then  $E_n \cong \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z} \otimes A \cong A$ .

For the inductive steps, we just use that both  $\otimes$  and  $\text{Hom}$  respects  $(B \oplus B')$   $\square$

**Theorem 5.9.** *(Cohomological universal coefficients theorem) Let  $X$  be a topological space of finite type and let  $A$  be an abelian group. Then  $\forall n \geq 0$ , there are split exact sequences.*

$$0 \longrightarrow H^n(X) \otimes A \longrightarrow H^n(X, A) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}(H^{n+1}, A) \longrightarrow 0$$

*Proof.* By the proposition,  $\exists$  a free and finitely generated chain complex  $E_\bullet$  which is chain equivalent to  $C_\bullet(X)$ . Set  $E^\bullet = \text{Hom}(E_\bullet, \mathbb{Z})$ . Then  $E^\bullet$  is free, finitely generated cochain complex, thus by the UCT, there is a split short exact sequence.

$$0 \longrightarrow H^n(E^\bullet) \otimes A \longrightarrow H^n(E^\bullet \otimes A) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}(H^{n+1}(E^\bullet), A) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$H^n(E^\bullet) = H^n(\text{Hom}(E_\bullet, \mathbb{Z})) \cong H^n(\text{Hom}(C_n(X), \mathbb{Z})) = H^n(X)$$

$$E^\bullet \otimes A = \text{Hom}(E, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes A = \text{Hom}(E_\bullet, A) \cong \text{Hom}(C_\bullet(X), A) \quad \square$$

**Theorem 5.10.** (*Kuenneth Formula for cohomology*)

*Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces of finite type. Then  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,  $\exists$  a split short exact sequence.*

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(X) \otimes H^j(Y) \longrightarrow H^n(X \times Y) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{k+\ell=n+1} \text{Tor}(H^k(X), H^\ell(Y)) \longrightarrow 0$$

*Proof.* Let  $E_\bullet, F_\bullet$  be two finitely generated free chain complexes equivalent to  $C_\bullet(X), C_\bullet(Y)$  respectively.  $\square$