

Lecture II. Cellular Homology Groups. 胞腔同调

CW complexes $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n=\infty} X^n$, X^n - n -skeleton of X

$X = n\mathbb{T}^2, \text{mp}^2, \text{RP}^n, \text{CP}^n$

X^{n+1}, X^n, \dots

Lemma. Let X be a CW complex. Then

$$(i) \quad H_k(X^n, X^{n+1}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}^{e_n} & k=n, \\ 0 & k \neq n. \end{cases} \quad e_n = \#\{e_\alpha^n\}$$

$$\left(X^n = X^m \sqcup e_\alpha^n \right)$$

$$H_k(X^n, X^{n+1}) \cong \widetilde{H}_k(X^n / X^{n+1}) \cong \widetilde{H}_k(V_n, S_n^n)$$

(ii) $H_k(X) = 0$ for $k > \dim X$ if X is of finite dimension. $X^{\dim X} = X$

(iii) the inclusion map $i_n: X^n \hookrightarrow X$ induces an isomorphism

$$i_{n*}: H_k(X^n) \rightarrow H_k(X) \quad \text{for } k \leq n,$$

and an epimorphism $i_{n*}: H_n(X^n) \rightarrow H_n(X)$.

proof. Exercise.

Rmk: By (i) of the Lemma, we usually say $H_n(X^n, X^{n+1})$ is generated by its n -cells.

Construction

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H_n(X) \cong H_n(X^n) / \text{Im } \partial_{n+1} \\ & \nearrow \partial_n & \downarrow i_n & & & & \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) & \xrightarrow{\quad d_{n+1} = i_n \circ \partial_n \quad} & H_n(X^n, X^{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad d_n = i_{n+1} \circ \partial_n \quad} & H_{n-1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ & & & \searrow \partial_n & & \nearrow i_n & \\ & & & & H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}) & \xrightarrow{\quad 0 \quad} & H_{n+1}(X) \end{array}$$

Observation: $d_n \circ d_{n+1} = 0$; $\partial_n \circ i_n = 0$

Define $C_n(X) = H_n(X^n, X^{n+1}) \cong \mathbb{Z} \langle e_\alpha^n \rangle$

$$\cdots \longrightarrow C_{n+1}(X) \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1}(X) \longrightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0(X) \rightarrow 0$$

$H_n^{CW}(X) := \frac{\text{Ker } d_n}{\text{Im } d_{n+1}}$ is called the n -th cellular homology group of the cell complex X .

prop. Let X be a CW complex. Then there is an isomorphism

$$H_n^{\text{CW}}(X) \cong H_n(X).$$

proof. By the exactness of \rightarrow we have an isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(X^n) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n X \\ \downarrow \begin{matrix} \sim \\ j_n \\ \text{Im } \partial_{n+1} \end{matrix} & \curvearrowright & \text{Since } j_n \text{ is injective, we have} \\ \text{Im } \partial_n = \text{Ker } \partial_n = \text{Ker } \partial_n & & j_n(\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}) = \text{Im } (j_n \circ \partial_{n+1}) = \text{Im } \partial_n \\ \partial_n(\text{Im } \partial_{n+1}) = \text{Im } \partial_n & & \end{array}$$

By the exactness of \searrow , we have

$$\text{Im } j_n = \text{ker } \partial_n.$$

Since j_m is injective, we have

$$\text{ker } \partial_n = \text{ker } (j_m \circ \partial_n) = \text{ker } \partial_n.$$

thus we get an isomorphism $H_n^{\text{CW}}(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X)$. \square

Applications: $H_n^{\text{CW}}(X) \cong H_n(X)$, $C_n(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \langle e_n \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{dim}} C_n(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \langle e_n \rangle$

① If $k > \dim X$, $H_k(X) = 0$; or more general, if X has no n -cells,

then $H_n(X) = 0$.

② If X is a CW complex having no two cells in adjacent dimensions, then $H_n(X)$ is either 0 or is isomorphic to $C_n(X)$.

$$\text{Eg. } CP^n = e^0 \cup e^2 \cup \dots \cup e^{2n},$$

$$H_k(CP^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, 2, \dots, 2n; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

③ $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ if X is path-connected.

$$H_0^{\text{CW}}(X) = \frac{C_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}}{\text{Im } d_1} \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad C_1(X) \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} d_1 = 0 \\ \cong \end{matrix}} C_0(X) \rightarrow 0$$

Further assume that X has a unique 0-cell, then $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ implies that $d_1 = 0$.

④ The Euler-Poincaré characteristic of a CW complex:

$$\chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n \# \{e_n\} = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } C_n(X).$$

For an abelian group A , $\text{rank}(A) = r$ if $\mathbb{Z}^r \hookrightarrow A$ and $\mathbb{Z}^{r+1} \not\hookrightarrow A$.

$$\text{rank}(\mathbb{Z}^n) = \text{rank}(\mathbb{Z}^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/m) = n.$$

Lemma. (i) If B is a subgroup or a quotient group of an abelian group A ,

$$\text{then } \text{rank}(B) \leq \text{rank}(A)$$

(ii) If there is a short exact seq. of abelian groups;

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\text{if } \text{rank}(B) < \infty, \text{ then } \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(C).$$

proof. Exercise.

Let X be a finite CW complex.

prop. $\chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } C_n(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } H_n(X).$

\Rightarrow The Euler-Poincaré characteristic is a homotopy invariant.

proof of $\chi = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } C_n = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } H_n.$

$$C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}$$

Let $\text{ker } \partial_n = Z_n$, $\text{Im } \partial_{n+1} = B_n$. Then $H_n = Z_n / B_n \Leftrightarrow 0 \rightarrow B_n \rightarrow Z_n \rightarrow H_n \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

$$0 \rightarrow \text{ker } \partial_n \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \text{Im } \partial_{n+1} = B_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{is exact.}$$

By the Lemma above, $\text{rank } Z_n = \text{rank } B_n + \text{rank } H_n$

$$\text{rank } C_n = \text{rank } Z_n + \text{rank } B_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } C_n = \text{rank } H_n + \text{rank } B_n + \text{rank } B_{n-1}.$$

$$\sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } C_n = \sum_n (-1)^n \text{rank } H_n.$$

□

prop. (Cellular Boundary Formula)

Let $d_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$ be the boundary homomorphism. Then

$$d_n(e_\alpha^n) = \sum_\beta \deg e_\beta^{n-1}$$

where $\deg \beta$ is the degree of the composition

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}: \partial D_\alpha^n = S_\alpha^{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_\alpha} X^{n-1} \xrightarrow{i} X^n / X^{n-1} = V_\beta S_\beta^{n-1} \xrightarrow{g_\beta} S_\beta^{n-1}.$$

Recall e_α^n has the characteristic map $\Phi_\alpha: D_\alpha^n \rightarrow X^n$, $\Phi_\alpha|_{\partial D_\alpha^n} = f_\alpha$.

Proof.: Consider the following comm. diagram induced by Φ_α :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_n(D_\alpha^n, \partial D_\alpha^n) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & \widetilde{H}_n(\partial D_\alpha^n \cong S_\alpha^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\alpha\beta}*} & \widetilde{H}_n(S_\beta^{n-1}) \\
 \downarrow \Phi_{\alpha*} & & \downarrow \Phi_{\beta*} & & \uparrow \varphi_{\beta*} \\
 H_n(X^n, X^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & \widetilde{H}_{n-1}(X^{n-1}) & \xrightarrow{q_*} & \widetilde{H}_{n-1}(X^{n-1} \cong S_\beta^{n-2}) \\
 \text{C}_n(X) \uparrow e_\alpha^n & & \downarrow \partial_{n-1} & & \widetilde{H}_{n-1}(V_\beta S_\beta^{n-1}) \\
 d_n \searrow & & & & \\
 & & H_{n-1}(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2}) & & \\
 & & \text{C}_{n-1}(X) & &
 \end{array}$$

By the commutativity of the left square,

$$\partial_n(e_\alpha^n) = \partial_n \Phi_{\alpha*}[D_\alpha^n] = \varphi_{\beta*} \partial_{n-1}[D_\beta^n]$$

Since $\varphi_{\beta*}$ is the projection, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_{\beta*} \partial_n[D_\beta^n] &= \sum_\beta \Delta_{\alpha\beta*} (\partial [D_\beta^n]) \\
 &= \sum_\beta d_{\alpha\beta} e_\beta^{n-1}. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Examples. ① $nT^2 = T^2 * \dots * T^2$ (n copies)

$$X^1 = V_n(S^1 \vee S^1) = e^0 \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n (e_{a_i}^1 \cup e_{b_i}^1)$$

$$X^2 = nT^2.$$

$$H_0(nT^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_k(nT^2) = 0 \text{ for } k > 2.$$

$$0 \rightarrow C_2(nT^2) \xrightarrow{d_2} C_1(nT^2) \xrightarrow{d_1=0} C_0(nT^2)$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} e^2 \xrightarrow{d_2} \mathbb{Z}^{2n} \langle e_{a_1}^1, e_{b_1}^1, \dots, e_{a_n}^1, e_{b_n}^1 \rangle$$

$$\partial D^2 = S^1 \xrightarrow{\Psi} X^1 = V_n(S^1 \vee S^1) \xrightarrow{q_{a_i}} S^1_{a_i}$$

$$\Psi = a_1 b_1 a_1^{-1} b_1^{-1} \cdots a_n b_n a_n^{-1} b_n^{-1}.$$

Since $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, $q_{a_i} \circ \Psi$ is nullhomotopic (\Rightarrow homotopic to the constant map).

$$d_{a_i} = 0$$

$$\therefore d_2 = 0. \Rightarrow H_2(nT^2) \cong \mathbb{Z} \langle e^2 \rangle$$

$$H_1(nT^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2n}.$$

② Compute $H_1(mP^2)$. Exercise.

③ $H_*(RP^n)$.

$$RP^n = RP^{n-1} \cup e^n = e^0 \cup e^1 \cup \dots \cup e^{n-1} \cup e^n.$$

$$C_i(RP^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}, i=0, 1, \dots, n; C_i(RP^n) = 0 \text{ for } i > n.$$

$$H_0(RP^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}, H_k(RP^n) = 0 \text{ for } k > n.$$

$$0 \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} C_{n-2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0$$

$\Downarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$ $\Downarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$ $\Downarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$ $\Downarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$ $\Downarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2}$

For $1 \leq k \leq n$, $d_k(e^k) = y_k e^{k+1}$, y_k is the degree of the composition

$$S^{k+1} \xrightarrow{q_k} RP^{k+1} \xrightarrow{i} RP^{k+1}/RP^{k+2} = S^k.$$

$$\text{Recall } RP^{k+1} = S^{k+1}/\langle \partial - x \rangle \quad [\alpha] = \{x, -x\}.$$

$$\deg(q_k) = \deg(q)_{|x} + \deg(q|_{-x})_{|x}.$$



$$S^{k+1} - S^{k+2} = D_+^{k+1} \sqcup D_-^{k+1}$$

The composition $q|_{D_+^{k+1}}$ restricted to D_+^{k+1} or D_-^{k+1} is a homeomorphism.

For a homeomorphism, its degree is ± 1 .

$$\text{Assume } \deg(q|_{D_+^{k+1}}) = 1, \quad (q|_{D_+^{k+1}})|_{D_-^{k+1}} = (q|_{D_-^{k+1}})(D_+^{k+1} \circ (-))$$

$$S^{k+1} \xrightarrow{x} S^{k+1} \xrightarrow{q_k} RP^{k+1} \xrightarrow{i} S^k \quad D_-^{k+1} \xrightarrow{-1} D_+^{k+1}$$

$x \mapsto -x$

$q|_{S^k}$ is the restriction of the composition $(q|_{D_+^{k+1}} \circ -)$ to D_+^{k+1}

$$\deg(q|_{D_+^{k+1}})|_{D_-^{k+1}} = \deg(q|_{D_+^{k+1}})|_{D_-^{k+1}} \cdot \deg(-) = (-)^k.$$

$$\text{Thus } d_k e^k = ((-)^k) \cdot e^{k+1}.$$

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d_0} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d_1} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d_2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d_3} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots$$

$\Downarrow C_n$ $\Downarrow C_{n-1}$ $\Downarrow C_{n-2}$ $\Downarrow C_1$

$$\Rightarrow H_k(RP^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n, k \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \text{for } k=0, \text{ or } k=n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Cor. } n=2, RP^2 \quad H_k(RP^2) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & k=1 \\ \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$\oplus M(\mathbb{Z}/m, n), m, n \in \mathbb{N}.$

If $m=0, M(\mathbb{Z}, n) = S^n$

If $m > 0, M(\mathbb{Z}/m, n) = S^n \cup_{\mathbb{Z}/m} e^{n+1}, \varphi_m: S^n \rightarrow S^n \text{ has degree } m.$

$$\tilde{H}_k(M(\mathbb{Z}/m, n)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/m & k=n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$$

Proof : Exercise.

For a finitely generated abelian group $G \cong \mathbb{Z}^k \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^l \mathbb{Z}/p_i^{r_i}$,
 p_i is a prime.

$$\text{Let } X = \left(\bigvee_{j=1}^k S_j^n \right) \vee \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^l M(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{r_i}, n) \right) = M(G, n)$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{H}_m(X) \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^k \tilde{H}_m(S_j^n) \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^l \tilde{H}_m(M(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{r_i}, n))$$

Moore space of type (G, n) .

$$\cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}^k \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^l \mathbb{Z}/p_i^{r_i} = G & m=n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

Thus Every finitely generated abelian group can be realised as
 the reduced homology group of a CW complex.
 Moore Space

Homology groups with coefficients

$H_k(X; G), G \text{ abelian group}$

$$C_k(X) = \left\{ \sum_i k_i \cdot \sigma_i \mid \sigma_i: \Delta^k \rightarrow X, k_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \quad \mathbb{Z} \text{ module}$$

$$C_k(X; G) = \left\{ \sum_i g_i \cdot \sigma_i \mid \sigma_i: \Delta^k \rightarrow X, g_i \in G \right\} \cong C_k(X) \otimes G$$

$$\partial_k(\sum_i k_i \cdot \sigma_i) = \sum_i k_i (\partial_k \sigma_i), \quad \partial_k^G(\sum_i g_i \cdot \sigma_i) = \sum_i g_i \cdot \partial_k \sigma_i$$

$$\partial_k \partial_{k+1} = 0 \rightarrow \partial_k^G \partial_{k+1}^G = 0 \rightarrow H_k(X; G) = \frac{\text{Ker } \partial_k^G}{\text{Im } \partial_{k+1}^G}.$$

• All other properties hold for $H_k(X, A; G)$

$$\text{with } H_k(X, A) = H_k(X, A; \mathbb{Z}).$$

The 7 Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms still hold for $H_k(X, A; G)$.

• Cellular boundary formula

$$d_n e_\beta^n = \sum_\beta d\alpha_\beta e_\beta^{n-1}, \quad d\alpha_\beta = \deg \Delta \alpha_\beta:$$

$$\Delta \alpha_\beta: S_d^{n-1} \rightarrow S_\beta^{n-1}.$$

Lemma. If $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ has degree m , then

$f_*: H_n(S^n; G) \rightarrow H_n(S^n; G)$ is the multiplication by m .
 $(f_* = \text{id}_m: g \mapsto mg).$

proof. A homomorphism $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ induces a homomorphism

$$\varphi_*: C_*(X; G) \rightarrow C_*(X; H)$$

$$\sum_i g_i \cdot \sigma_i \mapsto \sum_i \varphi(g_i) \cdot \sigma_i$$

$$\partial \varphi_* = \varphi_* \circ \partial$$

and hence induces a homomorphism $\varphi_*: H_k(X; G) \rightarrow H_k(X; H)$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G, 1 \mapsto g_0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \\ \downarrow \varphi_* & & \downarrow \varphi_* \\ H_n(S^n; G) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n(S^n; G) \cong \end{array}$$

$$g \mapsto g \xrightarrow{f_* = \text{id}_m} mg.$$

□

$$\text{Cor. } d_n: C_n(X; G) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X; G)$$

$$d_n(e_\alpha^n) = \sum_\beta d\alpha_\beta e_\beta^{n-1}, \quad d\alpha_\beta = \deg \Delta \alpha_\beta, \quad d\alpha_\beta \text{ is the degree of } \Delta \alpha_\beta: S_d^{n-1} \rightarrow S_\beta^{n-1}.$$

□

Exercise. Compute $H_k(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & k=0, 1, \dots, n \\ 0 & k>n \end{cases}$

Example. $H_k(S^n; G) = \begin{cases} G & k=0, n \\ 0 & k \neq 0, n \end{cases}$

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