

Homework 8

Topological Data Analysis with Persistent Homology

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Exercise 48. Let $K = [0], [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, 3], [3, 4], [4, 5], [5, 0]$ and $L = [0], [1], [2], [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, 0]$. Consider the simplicial map $f: i \mapsto i \text{ modulo } 3$. Show that the induced map $(f_1)_*$ is zero.



There are only two 1-cycles of K : $Z_1(K) = \{0, [0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 3] + [3, 4] + [4, 5] + [5, 0]\}$. Because there are no simplices of dimension 2, the 1-boundary of K, L are $B_1(K) = B_1(L) = \{0\}$. So we end up with the two elements of $Z_1(K)$ being the two representants of equivalence classes of $H_1(K) = \{0 + \{0\}, [0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 3] + [3, 4] + [4, 5] + [5, 0] + \{0\}\}$.

Let's apply $(f_1)_*$ in our homology group:

$$(f_1)_*(0 + B_1(K)) = f_1(0) + B_1(L) = \{0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1)_*([0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 3] + [3, 4] + [4, 5] + [5, 0] + B_1(K)) &= f_1([0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 3] + [3, 4] + [4, 5] + [5, 0]) + B_1(L) \\ &= [0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 0] + [0, 1] + [1, 2] + [2, 0] + B_1(K) \\ &= 0 + B_1(K) \\ &= \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

We conclude the induced map $(f_1)_*$ is zero.