

- Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all topological spaces. Recall, we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic if there exist a homeomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Define the relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  by,  $X \sim Y$  if and only if  $X$  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- In this question, we will explore how dimensionality of a vector space and quotient spaces are related.
  - Consider a vector space  $V$  such that the basis for  $V$  is  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Now, let  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$  be a basis for the subspace  $W$  such that  $k \leq n$  and  $w_i \in V$ . Using the Gram-Schmidt process to extend the basis of  $W$  to  $V$ . *Hint: Add additional vectors from  $V$  to the set  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$  then do the Gram-Schmidt process. The Wikipedia page on Gram-Schmidt is a great resource to understand this process.*
  - Write out what an element  $v \in V$  using the basis formed in part a, then compute the corresponding coset. Finally, determine the basis for  $V/W$ . *Hint: Note that if  $v \in W$  then  $vW = W$*
  - Using part a and b, determine the formula for the dimension of  $V/W$ .
- Recall the boundary map (i.e. a linear map)  $\partial_k : C_k \rightarrow C_{k-1}$  defined by:

$$\partial_k(\{v_{\alpha_1}, \dots, v_{\alpha_{k-1}}\}) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \{v_{\alpha_1}, \dots, v_{\alpha_{i-1}}, v_{\alpha_{i+1}}, \dots, v_{\alpha_{k-1}}\}$$

In this problem we will compute the Betti numbers,  $\beta_k$  for the simplicial complex  $K$  in Fig 1

- Recall from linear algebra that we can represent linear maps as matrices. (Here's a great video if you need a refresher: 3Blue1Brown - Linear transformations and matrices) Using the simplicial complex  $K$  in Fig 1, Find the matrix presentation  $M_k$  of  $\partial_k$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . *Note: Your matrix should only have 1's and 0's since we are working in mod 2.*
  - Put  $M_k$  in reduced row echelon form for all  $k \geq 0$  using Gaussian elimination.
  - Note that the number of zero columns in the reduced row echelon form is the dimension of the null space (i.e. the kernel of  $\partial_k$ ); and the number of remaining columns is the dimension of the column space (i.e. the image of  $\partial_k$ ). Using this information and formula derived in Question 2, Compute the Betti numbers for the simplicial complex  $K$  in Fig 1.
  - We gave two ways to compute the Euler Characteristic. Compute  $\chi(K)$  both ways and show they are equal.
4. (Python Question)
- Modify your python code from Problem Set 1 to compute the Betti numbers for a randomly generated complex.
  - Generate 100 complexes from a list of 10 vertices and record each set of Betti Numbers. Find the average for each  $k$ -th Betti number from part c and plot the results in histograms. Discuss your findings.

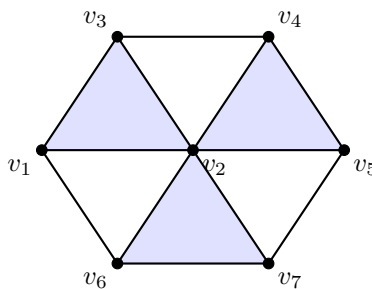


Figure 1: A simplicial complex formed from seven 0-simplices, twelve 1-simplices, and three 2-simplices.