

Algebraic Topology

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Abstract

This is a learning note about Zhang Yitang's lectures on modular forms.

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before 1900 Euler formula $V - E + F = 2$
Winding number

1900 H. Poincaré introduce Homology, Fundamental Group

Aimed to study "spaces"

Topological spaces and continuous mappings

Invariants

$X \in \{ \text{Topological spaces} \} \Rightarrow \text{e.g. } G(X) \in \{ \text{abelian groups} \}$

If $X \rightarrow G(X)$, $Y \rightarrow G(Y)$ and $f : X \rightarrow Y$, we wish to get $G(f)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & G(X) \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow G(f) \\ Y & \longrightarrow & G(Y) \end{array}$$

and let $G(f)$ be a homomorphism of groups.

Boundary of the boundary $+C$ is 0 in Figure 2.

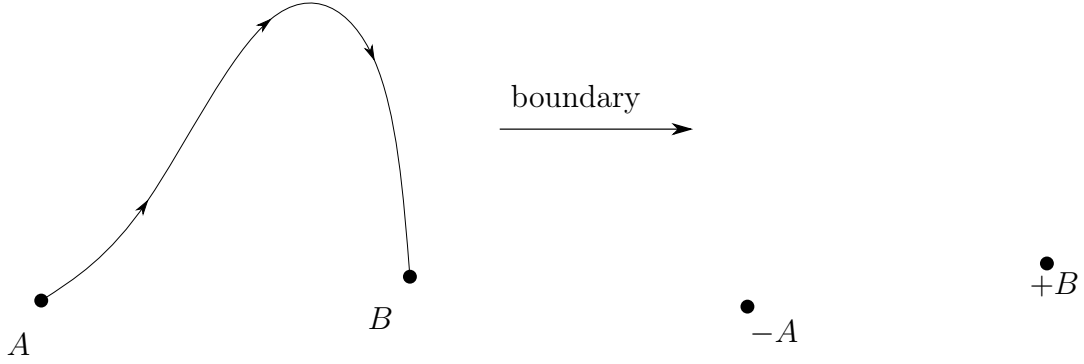


Figure 1: boundary of a segment

0 Categories, Functors, and Natural Transformations

Definition 0.1 (categories). A category \mathcal{C} consists of

- (objects) $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ consists of the class of objects in \mathcal{C} .
- (morphisms) $\forall X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, we have a set $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$ s.t. $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X', Y')$ iff $X = X', Y = Y'$.
- (composition law) $\forall X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, we have a map:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z) &\xrightarrow{\circ} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z) \\ (f, g) &\mapsto g \circ f \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{g \circ f} & Z \end{array}$$

which satisfy the following two axioms:

- (Associativity) $X \xrightarrow{f} Y, Y \xrightarrow{g} Z, Z \xrightarrow{h} W,$

$$h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$$

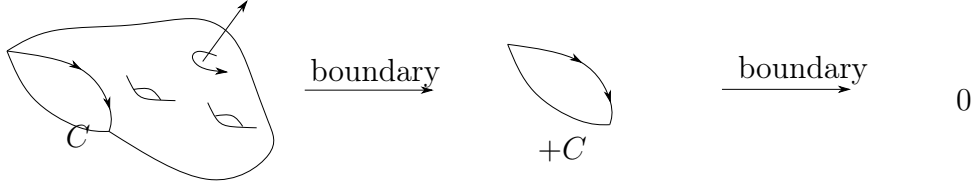


Figure 2: boundary of a surface

(2) (Identity) $\forall X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}), \exists X \xrightarrow{1_X} X$ s.t.

$$h \circ 1_X = H, 1_X \circ k = k$$

$$\forall X \xrightarrow{h} H, K \xrightarrow{k} X.$$

Example 0.1. a. $\mathcal{C} = (\text{set}), (\text{Ab}), (\text{Mod}_R) (R \text{ is a ring}), (\text{Top}), (\text{TopGp}).$

b. \mathcal{C}^{op} (the opposite of \mathcal{C}):

$$\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}) := \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, Y) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(Y, Z) \xrightarrow{\circ_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}}(X, Z)$$

$$(f, g) \rightarrow g \circ_{\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}} f$$

$$X \xleftarrow{f} Y, Y \xleftarrow{g} Z \quad X \xleftarrow{f \circ g} Z.$$

Definition 0.2. $X, X' \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}), X \xrightarrow{f} X', f$ is an *isomorphism* $\Leftrightarrow \exists X' \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} X$ s.t.

$$\tilde{f} \circ f = 1_X$$

$$f \circ \tilde{f} = 1_{X'}.$$

Definition 0.3 (Functors). $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}'$: categories. A covariant(contravariant) functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ ($\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{C}'$) consists of

- a rule of associating to each $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ an object $F(X) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}')$.
- A map $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \xrightarrow{F} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(X), F(Y))$ ($\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}'}(F(Y), F(X))$) for each pair $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ s.t. $F(1_X) = 1_{F(X)}$ and $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$ ($F(g \circ f) = F(f) \circ F(g)$) i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{g \circ f} & Z \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{ccc} & F(Y) & \\ F(f) \nearrow & & \searrow F(g) \\ F(X) & \xrightarrow{F(g \circ f)} & F(Z) \end{array}$$

Example 0.2.

- (1) $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\text{op}} \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, X^{\text{op}} := X$
- (2) $\forall X \in \mathcal{O}[(\mathcal{C}), h_X : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\text{set}),$

$$h_X(Y) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X), \forall Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$$

$$h_X(f) := \circ f : h_X(Y) \rightarrow h_X(Y'), \forall Y' \xrightarrow{f} Y (\rightarrow X)$$

h_X is contravariant.

Definition 0.4 (Natural Transformations). $\mathcal{C} \xrightleftharpoons[F_2]{F_1} \mathcal{C}'$ two functors of the same variance.

- a. A *natural transformation* T from F_1 to F_2 (denoted as $F_1 \xrightarrow{T} F_2$) is a rule of associating to each $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ a morphism $F_1(X) \xrightarrow[T(\mathcal{C})]{T(X)} F_2(X)$ s.t. for each $X \xrightarrow[\mathcal{C}]{f} Y$ we have :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_1(X) & \xrightarrow{T(X)} & F_2(X) \\ F_1(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow F_2(f) \\ F_1(Y) & \xrightarrow{T(Y)} & F_2(Y) \end{array}$$

- b. A natural transformation $F_1 \xrightarrow{T} F_2$ is called a *natural equivalence* if $F_1(X) \xrightarrow[T(X)]{T(X)} F_2(X)$ is an isomorphism for each $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$.

$$F_1 \xrightarrow{T} F_2, F_2 \xrightarrow{S} F_3 \rightsquigarrow S \circ T.$$

1 Singular Homolgy Groups

Definition 1.1 (Standard simplexes). $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$,

$$\Delta_k := \left\{ (t_0, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} : \sum_{i=0}^k t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0, i = 0, \dots, k \right\}.$$

Definition 1.2 (The i -th face inclusion). $i \leq k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_k &\xrightarrow{l_i} \Delta_{k+1} \\ (t_0, \dots, t_k) &\mapsto (t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}, 0, t_{i+1}, \dots, t_{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.3 (Singular complexes, ude to Lefschetz-Eilenberg). X : topological space, $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. A (singular) k -simplex in X is a continuous map $\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X$.

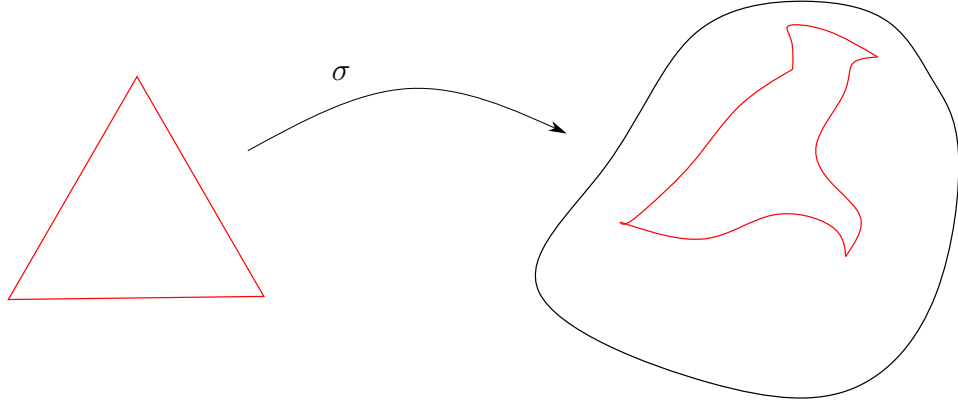


Figure 3: singular complexes

Definition 1.4 (Faces of a singular simplex). $\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X$ continuous, $\sigma_i := \sigma \circ l_i, i = 0, \dots, k$.

Definition 1.5 (Singular chain groups). $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$S_k(X) :=$ the free abelian group generated by all singular k -simplexes in X

$$\begin{aligned} &= \oplus_{\sigma: \Delta_k \rightarrow X} \mathbb{Z} \sigma, k \geq 0 \\ &= \{0\}, k < 0. \end{aligned}$$

$X \xrightarrow[\text{continuous}]{f} Y$, we can define $S_k(X) \xrightarrow{S_k(f)=f\#} S_k(Y)$:

$$\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X \mapsto \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta_k & \xrightarrow{f \circ \sigma} & Y \\ & \searrow \sigma & \nearrow f \\ & X & \end{array} .$$

$S_k : (\text{Top}) \rightarrow (\text{Ab})$ is a covariant functor.

Definition 1.6 (Boundary operation). $S_k(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_k} S_{k-1}(X)$

$$\partial_k := \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \sigma_i$$

Exercise 1.1. The following two diagrams are commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_k(X) & \xrightarrow{f\#} & S_k(Y) \\ \partial_k \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_{\#} \\ S_{k-1}(X) & \xrightarrow{f\#} & S_{k-1}(Y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta_k & \xrightarrow{l_j} & \Delta_{k-1} \\ l_{i-1} \downarrow & & \downarrow l_i \\ \Delta_{k-1} & \xrightarrow{l_j} & \Delta_k \end{array}$$

if $1 \leq j+1 \leq i \leq k, k \geq 2$.

Definition 1.7 (Singular chain complexes). $\sigma : \Delta_k \rightarrow X$: a singular k -simplex in X ,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{k-1}(\partial_k \sigma) &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^{i+j} (\sigma_i)_j \\ &= \sum_{k-1 \geq j \geq i \geq 0} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ l_i \circ l_j + \sum_{1 \leq j+1 \leq i \leq k} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ l_i \circ l_j \\ &= \sum_{k-1 \geq j \geq i \geq 0} (-1)^{i+j} \sigma \circ l_i \circ l_j + \sum_{1 \leq j+1 \leq i \leq k} \sigma \circ l_j \circ l_{i-1} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have the chain complex:

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+2}} S_{k+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{k+1}} S_k(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_k} S_{k-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{k-1}} S_{k-2} \cdots$$