

Functoriality of H .

Simplicial map $f : X \rightarrow Y$

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chain map $C_k(f) : C_k(X) \rightarrow C_k(Y)$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \begin{cases} f(\sigma) & \text{if } |f(\sigma)| = k \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_k(X) & \xrightarrow{\partial_k^X} & C_{k-1}(X) \\ C_k(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow C_{k-1}(f) \\ C_k(Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial_k^Y} & C_{k-1}(Y) \end{array} \quad \text{commutes } \forall k.$$

Pf 2 cases.

Note that $f(\sigma)$ is a k -simplex iff f is inj' on σ .
Then it's easy.

if f is not injective on σ then $C_k(f)(\sigma) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OTOH: } C_{k-1}(f)(\partial_k^X(\sigma)) &= \sum C_{k-1}(f)(\{\hat{v}_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_k\}) \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{want}). \end{aligned}$$

2 cases: 1: f is injective on $\{v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_k\}$ for some j .

wolog, $f(v_0) = f(v_1)$, and $f(v_j) \neq f(v_i)$ for $i \neq j$ otherwise.

then $\forall j \neq 0, 1$, we get 0.

and the 0 & 1 terms cancel.

2: f isn't. Then it's all 0. \square

Theorem: sp map $f: X \rightarrow Y \rightsquigarrow H_k(f): H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(Y)$

pf for $v \in \text{Ker}(\partial_k^X)$, define

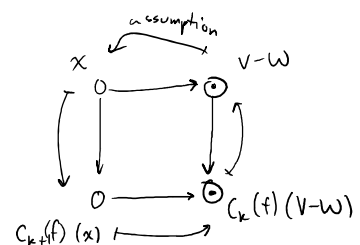
$$H_k(f)(v + \text{Im}(\partial_{k+1}^X)) = C_k(f)(v) + \text{Im}(\partial_{k+1}^Y).$$

Check: $C_k(f)(v) \in \text{Ker}(\partial_k^Y)$.

if $v - w \in \text{Im}(\partial_{k+1}^X)$, then $C_k(f)(v) - C_k(f)(w) \in \text{Im}(\partial_{k+1}^Y)$.

The first thing is true by the lemma.

The second thing is also true by the lemma:



Categories:

eg: $\text{Sim} = (\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{M})$ where $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{Simplicial complexes}\}$
 $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{Simplicial maps}\}$

$\text{Vec}_F = (\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{M})$ where $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{V.spaces over } F\}$
 $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{Linear maps}\}$

$\text{Top} = (\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{M})$ where $\mathcal{O} = \{\text{Topological spaces}\}$
 $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{continuous maps}\}$

A functor $F: \mathcal{C}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_2$ sends objects
to objects & morphisms to morphisms:

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

So: $H_k: \text{Sim} \longrightarrow \text{Vec}_{\mathbb{F}_2}$ is a functor $\forall k$.

BB Theorem: If X, Y are geom sp. cpx with corresponding abstract sp. cpx X, Y ,

Then $X \simeq Y \implies H_k(X) \cong H_k(Y) \quad \forall k$.