

# Week 7~8

## # Recap:

called "simplices"

Def 1: Simplicial Complex is a family  $\Delta$  consisting of finite subsets of a given set  $X$  such that

- $\forall \tau \in \Delta$  and  $\sigma \in \tau$ , ~~then~~  $\sigma \in \Delta$ .

$\tau \in \Delta$  is a face of  $\Delta$ . The dimension of a face  $\tau$  is  $|\tau| - 1$ .

- $\forall v \in X$ ,  $\{v\} \in \Delta$ .

sets  $\{v\}$  are the vertices of  $X$ .

Def 2:  $\sigma \in \Delta$  is a k-simplex of dimension  $k$  if  $|\sigma| = k+1$ .

If  $\tau \subseteq \sigma$ ,  $\tau$  is a face of  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma$  a coface of  $\tau$ .

An orientation of  $k$ -simplex  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma = \{v_0, \dots, v_k\}$  is an equivalence class of orderings of the vertices of  $\sigma$ , where  $(v_0, \dots, v_k) \sim (v_{\tau(0)}, \dots, v_{\tau(k)})$  if the sign  $\tau$  is 1.

oriented ~~can~~ simplex is denoted as  $[\sigma]$ .

geometric realization:

vertex  
 $a$

edge  
 $[a, b]$

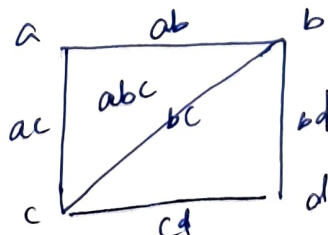
triangle  
 $[a, b, c]$

$[a, b, c, d]$

~~next~~

Computing homology

Using example 1:  $E_1 =$



$Z_2(E_1; \mathbb{F}) = 0$   $\therefore$  the only face with dimension = 2 is  $abc$ .

$$\partial_2(\lambda \cdot a \wedge b \wedge c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}_2(E_1; \mathbb{F}) = 0$$

Consider  $\tilde{H}_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$ .

Known:  $B_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$  is generated by  $\partial_2(a \wedge b \wedge c) = a \wedge b - a \wedge c + b \wedge c \triangleq z_1$ .

Suppose  $z \in Z_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$ . Then  $\partial_1(z) = 0$  and  $z$  is a linear combination

$$z = \lambda_{ab} \cdot a \wedge b + \lambda_{ac} \cdot a \wedge c + \lambda_{bd} \cdot b \wedge d + \lambda_{cd} \cdot c \wedge d,$$

(where  $\lambda_{ab}, \lambda_{ac}, \lambda_{bc}, \lambda_{bd}, \lambda_{cd} \in \mathbb{F}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \partial_1(z) &= \partial_1(\lambda_{ab} \cdot a \wedge b + \lambda_{ac} \cdot a \wedge c + \lambda_{bd} \cdot b \wedge d + \lambda_{cd} \cdot c \wedge d) \\ &= (-\lambda_{ab} - \lambda_{ac})a + (\lambda_{ab} - \lambda_{bc} - \lambda_{bd})b \\ &\quad + (\lambda_{ac} + \lambda_{bc} - \lambda_{cd})c + (\lambda_{bd} + \lambda_{cd})d = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\lambda_{ab} = t, \lambda_{cd} = u$ .

Then  $\lambda_{ac} = -t, \lambda_{bd} = -u, \lambda_{bc} = t + u$ .

$Z_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$  is generated by:

$$z_1 = a \wedge b - a \wedge c + b \wedge c \quad (t=1, u=0)$$

$$z_2 = b \wedge c - b \wedge d + c \wedge d. \quad (t=0, u=1)$$

$x$  and  $y$  are in the same homology class  $\Leftrightarrow y - x$  is a multiple of  $z_1$ .

$z_1$  generates  $B_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$

~~$\Rightarrow$  the boundary~~

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}_1(E_1; \mathbb{F}) = \frac{Z_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})}{B_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})}$$

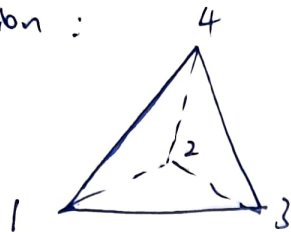
$\forall x \in \tilde{H}_1(E_1; \mathbb{F}), x$  is of the form  $[u z_2] = \{t z_1 + u z_2 : t \in \mathbb{F}\}$ .

$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}_1(E_1; \mathbb{F})$  has dimension 1 and is generated by  $[z_2]$ .

$\Rightarrow$  To sum up,  $\tilde{H}_n(E_1; \mathbb{F}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{F} & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 1 \end{cases}$

Example 2: Homology group of a sphere  $S^2$ .

① Triangulation:



$$\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}.$$

$$\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}.$$

② Computing  $H_0$ :

by computing the rank of the matrix:

$$\partial_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note:  $(1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1)$  are coordinates of  $\partial_1(x), x \in C_1$  in terms of the base  $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}$ .

$$\text{rank}(\partial_1) = 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_0 = 4 - 3 = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow H_0(S^2; \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}) \cong (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}).$$

② Computing  $H_1$ :

by computing the rank of the matrix:

$$\partial_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

note:  $(1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$  are coordinates of  $\partial_2(x), x \in C_2$  in terms of the base  $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}$ . (boundaries of 2-simplices written on the base of 1-simplices).

$$\text{rank}(\partial_2) = 3$$

$$\text{since } \text{rank}(\partial_1) = 3 \Rightarrow \dim(\ker(\partial_1)) = 6 - 3 = 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_1 = \dim(\ker(\partial_1)) - \text{rank}(\partial_2) = 3 - 3 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1(S^2; \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}) = \{0\}.$$

③ Computing  $H_2$  :

~~are~~ There is one 2-cycle  $(\{1, 2, 3\} + \{1, 3, 4\} + \{1, 2, 4\} + \{2, 3, 4\})$  and no 3-simplex.

$$\Rightarrow H_2(S^2; \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}) \cong (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}).$$