

# DEF. THE SINGULAR CHAIN COMPLEX

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$C(X)$  OF A SPACE  $X$  DEFINED

BY  $C_n(X) =$  FREE ABELIAN GROUP  
GENERATED BY ALL  
MAPS  $\Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$

$$\Delta^{n-1} \xrightarrow{f_i} \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$$

$f_i =$   $i$ TH FACE FOR  $0 \leq i \leq n$

$$\underbrace{(\chi_0, \dots, \chi_{n-1})}_{n \text{ COORDS}} \mapsto \underbrace{(\chi_0, \dots, \chi_{i-1}, 0, \chi_i, \dots, \chi_{n-1})}_{(n+1) \text{ COORDS}}$$

WE DEFINE

$$d_n[\sigma] = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} (-1)^i [\sigma f_i] \in C_{n-1}(X)$$

EXERCISE : SHOW  $d_{n-1} d_n = 0$ .

EXAMPLE  $X = \text{pt}$ . THERE IS ONE  
MAP  $\Delta^n \rightarrow X$ , SO  $C_n(X) = \mathbb{Z}$

FOR ALL  $n \geq 0$ .

LET  $\sigma_n$  BE THE CORRESPONDING  
GENERATOR OF  $C_n(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d_n(\sigma_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_{n-1} = (1-1+1-1 \dots) \sigma_{n-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{FOR } n \text{ ODD} \\ 1 & \text{AND } n \text{ EVEN} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

THIS IS THE EXACTNESS AXIOM.

WE WILL PROVE THE HOMOTOPY AND EXCISION AXIOMS LATER. ASSUMING THE AXIOMS HOLD, WE WILL NOW COMPUTE  $H_n(S^n)$  FOR ALL  $n \geq 0$ .

THEOREM

$$a) H_i(S^0) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & i=0 \\ 0 & i>0 \end{cases}$$

FOR  $n > 0$

$$b) H_i(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=0 \\ \mathbb{Z} & i=n \\ 0 & \text{ELSE} \end{cases}$$

PROOF: (a) IS A COROLLARY OF

LEMMA  $H_* (X_0 \sqcup X_1) = H_*(X_0) \oplus H_*(X_1)$

(BOTH  $X_0$  AND  $X_1$  ARE OPEN / CLOSED

IN  $X_0 \sqcup X_1$

OR ANY PATH CONNECTED SPACE

PROOF ANY  $\Delta^n \rightarrow X_0 \sqcup X_1$

HAS IMAGE IN EITHER  $X_0$  OR  $X_1$ .

THIS MEANS  $C(X_0 \sqcup X_1) \cong C(X_0) \oplus C(X_1)$

so  $H_* (X_0 \sqcup X_1) \cong H_*(X_0) \oplus H_*(X_1)$

QED.

PROOF FOR  $n > 0$  BY INDUCTION

ON  $n$ . ASSUME  $H_*(S^{n-1})$  IS

AS CLAIMED. CONSIDER THE

PAIR  $(S^n, D^n)$  WHERE

$D^n \subset S^n$  IS THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

THE HOMOTOPY AXIOM IMPLIES THAT

$H_*(D^n) \cong H_*(pt)$ . MORE GENERALLY

A HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCE

INDUCES AN ISOMORPHISM IN  $H_*(F)$ .

WILL USE THE EXCISION AXIOM

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (D^n)' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D^n \xrightarrow{\text{NORTH}} S^n \\
 \text{INTERIOR} & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \text{SMALLER} & & A & & X \\
 \text{DISK} & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$H_*(X, A) \cong H_*(X-B, A-B)$$

$$H_*(S^n, D^n) \cong H_*(D_{\text{SOUTH}}, S^{n-1} \times [0,1])$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 D_{\text{SOUTH}} \cong (D^n) \cong \mathbb{R}^n \cong \text{pt.} \\
 \text{COLLAR} \cong S^{n-1} \times [0,1] \cong S^{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

THE PAIRS  $(S^n, D^n)$  AND  $(D_{\text{SOUTH}}, S^{n-1})$  HAVE LONG EXACT SEQUENCES

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots \rightarrow H_i(D^n) \rightarrow H_i(S^n) \rightarrow H_i(S^n, D^n) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(D^n) \rightarrow \dots & & & & & & \\
 \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \cong & \uparrow & & & \\
 \rightarrow H_i(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow H_i(D_{\text{SOUTH}}) \rightarrow H_i(D_{\text{SOUTH}}, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow 0 & & & & & & \\
 \uparrow & \parallel & \parallel & & & & \\
 \text{KNOWN BY INDUCTION} & H_i(\text{pt.}) & \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 & 0 & & & & & \\
 i=0 & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & 0 & \rightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

THE BOTTOM SEQUENCE GIVES  $H_i(D^n, S^{n-1}) = \mathbb{Z} \quad i=n$

$$H_i(D^n, S^{n-1}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i = n \\ 0 & i \neq n \end{cases}$$

THE TOP SEQUENCE THEN  
GIVES  $H_i(S^n)$  IS AS CLAIMED.

QED.

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MAYER-VIETORIS SEQUENCE (1930)

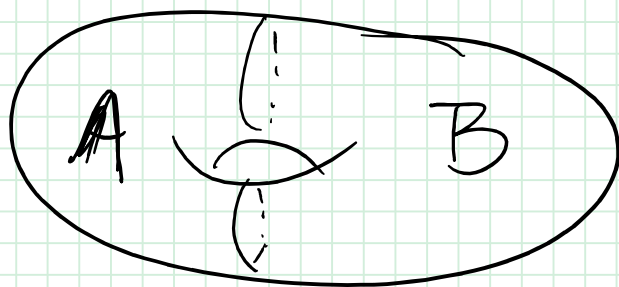
LET  $X = A \cup B$  WITH MILD  
HYPOTHESIS ON  $A \cap B$ .  
THERE IS A LONG EXACT  
SEQUENCE

$$\begin{aligned} & x \mapsto i_1(x), i_2(x) \\ \dots \rightarrow H_i(A \cap B) & \rightarrow H_i(A) \oplus H_i(B) \rightarrow H_i(X) \\ & (a, b) \mapsto j_1(a) - j_2(b) \\ \hookrightarrow H_{i-1}(A \cap B) & \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & i_1 \nearrow A & j_1 \searrow \\ A \cap B & \text{COMMUTES} & X \\ & i_2 \searrow B & j_2 \nearrow \end{array} \quad j_1 i_1 = j_2 i_2$$

PROOF LATER

EXAMPLE  $X = \text{TORUS}$



$$A \cap B = S^1 \sqcup S^1$$

$$A, B \cong S^1 \times I \cong S^1$$

$$H_i(A) \cong H_i(B) \cong H_i(S^1) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{FOR } i=0,1 \\ 0 & \text{ELSE} \end{cases}$$

$$H_2(A) \oplus H_2(B) \longrightarrow H_2(X) \xrightarrow{= \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_1} \\ \xrightarrow{f_1} \end{array} H_1(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{f_1} H_1(A) \oplus H_1(B) \xrightarrow{f_1} H_1(X) \xrightarrow{= \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f_0} \\ \xrightarrow{f_0} \end{array} H_0(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{f_0} H_0(A) \oplus H_0(B) \xrightarrow{f_0} H_0(X) \xrightarrow{= \mathbb{Z}} 0$$

CAN ANALYZE  $f_0$  AND  $f_1$  AND FIND

①  $H_2 X = \ker f_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$

②  $\text{im } f_1 = \mathbb{Z} = \text{DIRECT SUM OF } H_1(A) \oplus H_1(B)$   
 SO  $\text{coker } f_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$

SIMILARLY FOR  $f_0$  WITH  $\text{coker } f_0 = H_0 X \cong \mathbb{Z}$

FOR  $H_1(X)$  WE HAVE A

SHORT EXACT SEQUENCE

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \text{coker } f_1 & \rightarrow & H_1(X) & \rightarrow & \ker f_0 \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z}$$

NOTE: IN THE SHORT EXACT SEQUENCE

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$\text{OR } \mathbb{Z}/4$$