

Algebraic Topology 9/30

Ch 2. Homology

π_1 is useful for study spaces of low dim

e.g. we used π_1 to prove $\mathbb{R}^2 \not\cong \mathbb{R}^n$ for $n \neq 2$

But π_1 is NOT enough to prove $\mathbb{R}^n \not\cong \mathbb{R}^m$ $\begin{matrix} n \neq m \\ n, m > 2 \end{matrix}$

Q: what about high-dim spaces?

Remark

\exists high-dim version of π_1 :

$\pi_1 = \mathcal{D} / \text{homotopy}$

higher π_n : $\mathcal{D}_n / \text{homotopy}$
(e.g. π_2)

But computation of π_n are very difficult

Even $\pi_n(S^m)$ are highly nontrivial.

<p>"difficult things"</p>	<p>category of spaces</p>	<p>\longrightarrow</p>	<p>category of groups</p>	<p>"easier things"</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • π_1 — NOT good for high dim sp • π_n — too difficult • (co)homology: ① works for high-dim sp ② more manageable than π_n 			

Remark

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\Rightarrow many types of cohomology such as
 simplicial, singular cohomology - for general topo. sp.
 "triangulation" \nearrow will focus on this

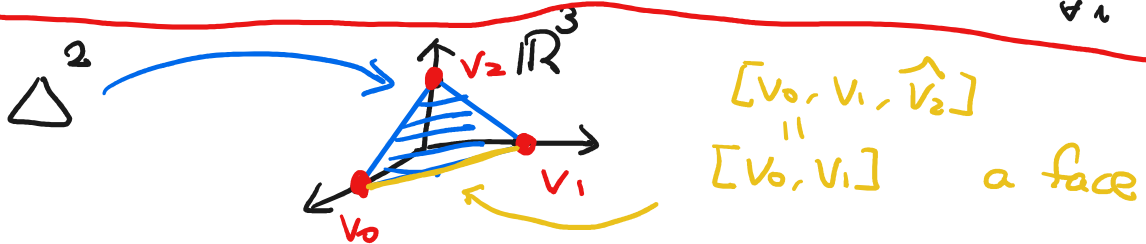
Čech, sheaf cohomology - usual in Alg. Geo.
 de Rham cohomology - good for C^∞ manifolds
 Lie alg. coh, Hochschild cohomology, K-theory, etc.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 V \ni x \\
 \text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{R}) \xleftarrow{\circlearrowleft} \text{dual sp}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \langle x, f \rangle = f(x)
 \quad
 V \times \text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

§2.1 Singular homology

The standard n -simplex Δ^n is

$$\Delta^n := \left\{ (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=0}^n t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0 \right\}$$



In textbook, a simplex with vertices v_0, \dots, v_n is denoted $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$

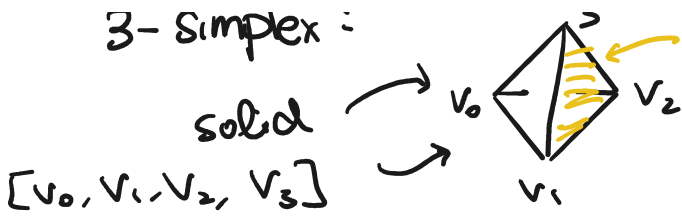
$$\Delta^n = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n] \quad (i+1)\text{-th component}$$

where $v_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$

The simplex $[v_0, \dots, \widehat{v_i}, \dots, v_n] = [v_0, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n]$
 is called a face of $[v_0, \dots, v_n]$

v_2 a face

3-Simplex:



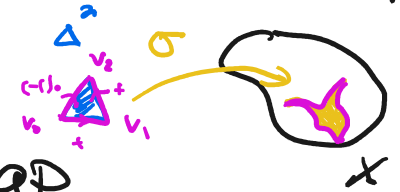
a trace

$$[v_1, v_2, v_3] = [\hat{v}_0, v_1, v_2, v_3]$$

Let X be a topo. space.

A singular n -simplex in X is a continuous map

$$\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$$



Let $C_n(X)$ be the free abelian gp generated by $\{\text{singular simplices in } X\}$, i.e.

$$C_n(X) := \left\{ n_1 \sigma_1 + \dots + n_k \sigma_k \mid n_1, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{Z}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k: \Delta^n \rightarrow X \right\}$$

An element $\sum_{i=1}^k \underbrace{(n_i)}_{\substack{\in \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow \text{coefficient} \\ \leftarrow \text{"can be changed"}}} \sigma_i \in C_n(X)$ is called

a (singular) n -chain

$$\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$$

The boundary map $\partial_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$ is

defined by $\partial_n\left(\sum_j n_j \sigma_j\right) = \sum_j n_j \partial_n(\sigma_j)$, where

$$\partial_n(\sigma) := \sum_i (-1)^i \sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]}$$

Here, $\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]}: \underbrace{\Delta^{n-1}}_{\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow X$ is

$$\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]}(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) = \left\{ (t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid t_0 + \dots + t_{n-1} = 1 \right\}$$

$$= \sigma(t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}, 0, t_i, \dots, t_{n-1}) \in X$$

Thus, we have

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \dots$$

singular chain complex \rightarrow

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_3} C_1(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(X) \rightarrow 0$$

Lemma (c.f. Lemma 2.1)

$$\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\forall n \geq 0$$

pf: computation (exer.)

$$\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$$

$$[v_0, v_1, v_2]$$

$$\partial_1(\partial_2(\sigma)) = ?$$

$$\partial_2(\sigma) = \sigma|_{[v_1, v_2]} - \sigma|_{[v_0, v_2]} + \sigma|_{[v_0, v_1]}$$

$$\partial_1(\partial_2(\sigma)) = \underbrace{\sigma(v_2) - \sigma(v_1)}_{\downarrow \partial_1} - \underbrace{(\sigma(v_2) - \sigma(v_0))}_{\downarrow \partial_1} + \underbrace{(\sigma(v_1) - \sigma(v_0))}_{\downarrow \partial_1} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subseteq \ker(\partial_n)$$

The quotient group

$$H_n(X) := \ker(\partial_n) / \text{im}(\partial_{n+1})$$

is called the (n-th) singular homology group

An element in $\ker(\partial_n)$ is called a (singular) cycle

.. $\text{im}(\partial_{n+1})$.. n-boundary

Remark

The data

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

with the property $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n$ (write $\partial \circ \partial = 0$ instead)

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Example (Prop 2.8)

Let $X = *$ be a point. Then \exists continuous map $\Delta^n \rightarrow X = *$ = constant map = c_n

$\Rightarrow C_n(X) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot \{c_n\} \cong \mathbb{Z}$
 \downarrow
 $n \cdot c_n$

Note: $\partial_n(c_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i c_n|_{[v_0, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]}$ $\Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow X = c_{n-1}$

$= c_{n-1} - c_{n-1} + c_{n-1} - \dots$
 $= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ c_{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

So the singular chain complex is iso to $C_0(X)$

$\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots$

$\Rightarrow H_n(*) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>0 \end{cases}$

Remark (Prop 2.6)

Let X be a space. If X_α are the path-connected components, then

$H_n(X) \cong \bigoplus_\alpha H_n(X_\alpha)$

pf: exer.

Therefore, we usually assume X is path-connected when we study general theory of $H_n(X)$.

Prop 2.7

If X is nonempty and path-connected, then

$$H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(\Rightarrow H_0(\coprod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}) = \bigoplus_{\alpha} \mathbb{Z})$$

pf

Note that since $\Delta^0 =$ a point, $\rightarrow X$

$$C_0(X) = \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} n_i x_i \mid x_i \in X \right\}$$

And we have the group homo

(X is nonempty)
 $\Rightarrow E$ is onto

$$E: C_0(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} : E\left(\sum n_i x_i\right) := \sum_i n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

① For $\sigma: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$, $\sigma(v_1) - \sigma(v_0)$

$$E \partial_1(\sigma) = E(\sigma|_{[v_1]} - \sigma|_{[v_0]}) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{im } \partial_1 \subseteq \ker E$$

② $\forall \sum_{i=1}^k n_i x_i \in \ker E$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k n_i x_i = n_1(x_1 - x_2) + (n_1 + n_2)(x_2 - x_3)$$

$$+ (n_1 + n_2 + n_3)(x_3 - x_4) + \dots$$

$$+ (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k) \cdot x_k$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (n_1 + \dots + n_i)(x_i - x_{i+1})$$

Since X is path-connected, $\exists \sigma_i: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$ s.t.

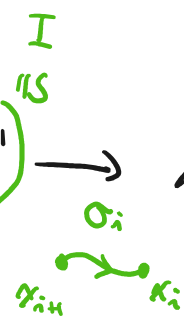
$$\sigma_i(1, 0) = x_{i+1} \quad \sigma_i(0, 1) = x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_1(\sigma_i) = x_i - x_{i+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k n_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (n_1 + \dots + n_i) \partial_1(\sigma_i) \in \text{im}(\partial_1)$$

So, by ① + ②,

$$\ker E = \text{im } \partial_1$$



$$\ker \epsilon = \text{im } \partial_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} = \text{im}(\epsilon) \cong \frac{C_0(X)}{\ker(\epsilon)} = \frac{C_0(X)}{\text{im } \partial_1} = H_0(X) \quad \#$$

Def

The reduced homology group $\tilde{H}_n(X)$ of X is

$$\tilde{H}_n(X) = \begin{cases} H_n(X) & \text{if } n \geq 1 \\ \ker(\epsilon) / \text{im}(\partial_1) & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\tilde{H}_0(X) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cong H_0(X))$$

Some homological algebra

A chain complex is a seq. of abelian groups C_n together with a seq. of gp homo $\partial_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$ s.t.

$$\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n$$

Or equivalently, $C = \bigoplus_n C_n$, $\partial: C \rightarrow C_{\bullet-1}$ s.t. $\partial^2 = 0$

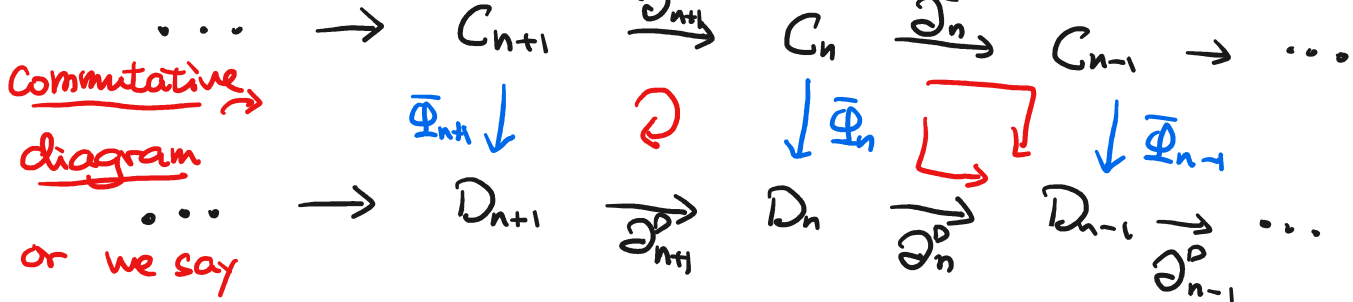
The (n-th) homology of (C_\bullet, ∂) is

$$H_n(C, \partial) := \ker(\partial_n) / \text{im}(\partial_{n+1})$$

A chain map $\bar{\Phi}: (C, \partial^C) \rightarrow (D, \partial^D)$ is a seq.

of gp homo $\bar{\Phi}_n: C_n \rightarrow D_n$ s.t.

$$\bar{\Phi}_{n-1} \circ \partial_n^C = \partial_n^D \circ \bar{\Phi}_n \quad \forall n$$



or we say

this diagram commutes

Prop

$$\dots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(C) \rightarrow H_n(C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(C) \rightarrow \dots$$

A chain map $\bar{\Phi} : (C, \partial) \rightarrow (D, \partial)$ induces homomorphisms $\bar{\Phi}_* : H_n(C, \partial^c) \rightarrow H_n(D, \partial^p) \quad \forall n$
 pf: exer.

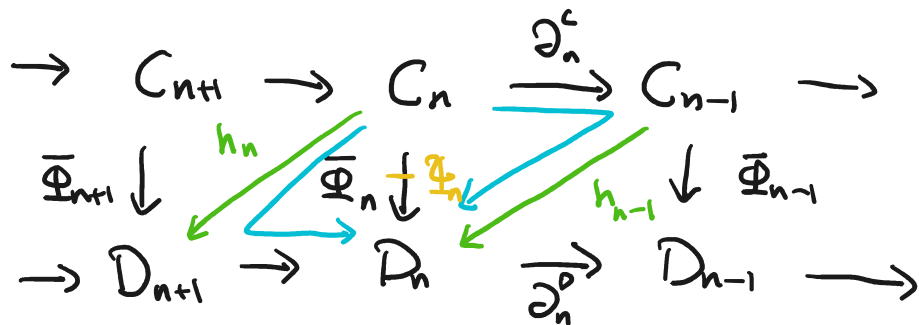
Def.

We say two chain maps $\bar{\Phi}, \bar{\Psi} : (C, \partial^c) \rightarrow (D, \partial^p)$ are (chain) homotopic if \exists seq. of homo

$h_n : C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$ s.t.

$$\bar{\Phi}_n - \bar{\Psi}_n = \partial_{n+1}^D \circ h_n + \underbrace{h_{n-1} \circ \partial_n^C}$$

Such $h = (h_n)_n : C \rightarrow D$ is called a chain homotopy



Prop

If the chain map $\bar{\Phi}, \bar{\Psi} : (C, \partial^c) \rightarrow (D, \partial^p)$ are homotopic, then the induced maps

$$\bar{\Phi}_* = \bar{\Psi}_* : H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(D)$$

are equal $\forall n$

pf

Suppose $h = (h_n)$ is a chain homotopy.

$\forall [x] \in H_n(C) = \frac{\ker(\partial_n^c)}{\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^c)}$, $\partial_n^c(x) = 0$,
 we have $x \in \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^c)$ $\Rightarrow x = \partial_{n+1}^c(y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \bar{\Phi}_n(x) - \bar{\Psi}_n(x) \\
 &= \partial_n^D(h_{n+1}(x)) + h_n(\partial_n^c(x)) \quad \text{with } \partial_n^c(x) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$- \text{cht}_1 (V_n(D)) \quad \text{---} \quad \underline{\underline{h_{n-1} \in \underline{\underline{V_{n-1}}}}}$$

$$= \partial_{n+1}^D (h_n(x)) \in \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D) \in \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D) \in \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D)$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{\Phi}_n(x)] = [\Psi_n(x)] \text{ in } H_n(D) = \frac{\ker(\partial_n^D)}{\text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D)} \quad *$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_n(x) + \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D) = \Psi_n(x) + \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D) = \{ \Psi_n(x) + \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D) \}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{\Phi}_n(x) - \Psi_n(x) \in \text{im}(\partial_{n+1}^D)$$