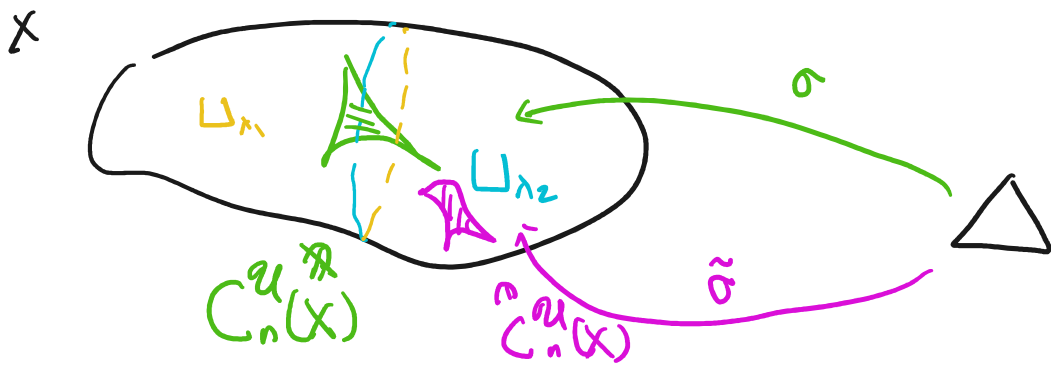


some  $U_\lambda \in \mathcal{U}$



Since  $\partial : C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$  takes  $C_n^u(X)$  to  $C_{n-1}^u(X)$ ,  
 we obtain a subcomplex  $(C_\bullet^u(X), \partial)$   
 Its homology will be denoted by  $H_n^u(X)$

Prop 2.21

The inclusion  $\iota : C_n^u(X) \hookrightarrow C_n(X)$  is a chain homotopy equivalence.

In particular,  $H_n^u(X) \cong H_n(X) \quad \forall n.$

sketch of pf (p. 119 ~ 124)  $\Rightarrow x, y \in \Delta^N \rightarrow \sigma : \Delta^N \rightarrow \Delta^N \cup \mathbb{R}^{N+1}$

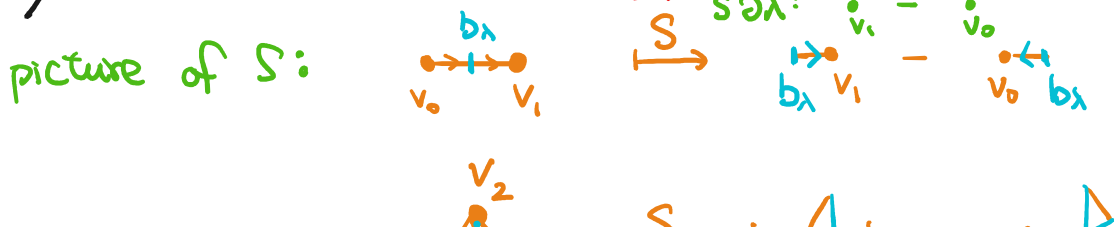
① Consider "a linear version of  $C_n(\Delta^N)$ "  
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(t x + (1-t)y) = t \sigma(x) + (1-t) \sigma(y)$

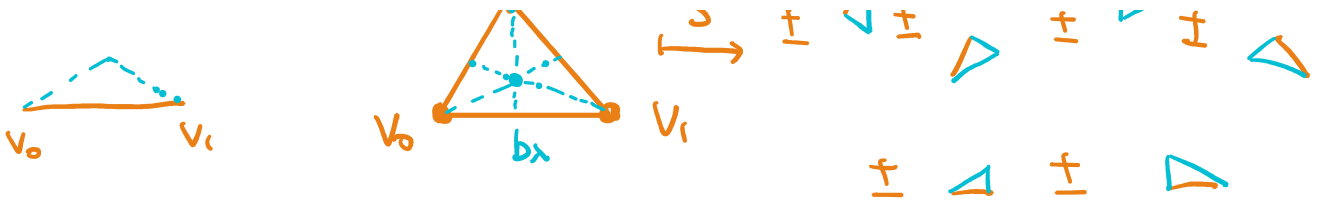
"  $LC_n(\Delta^N)$  "

and define the barycentric subdivision homo

$$S : LC_n(\Delta^N) \rightarrow LC_n(\Delta^N)$$

by induction ( $S(\lambda) = b_\lambda(S\partial\lambda)$ ,  $S = \text{id}$  on 0-simplices)





(2) Define  $T: C_n(\Delta^N) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(\Delta^N)$  inductively  
 $(T(x) = b_\lambda(x - T\partial x))$  s.t.

$$\partial T + T \partial = \text{id} - S$$

So  $S = \text{id}$  on homologies

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(3) For  $\sigma \in C_n(X)$ ,  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$

$$\sigma: \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$$

apply  $S, T$  to

and get  $S, T$  on  $C_n(X)$ .

(4) Apply  $S, T$  many times so that each small singular simplex in the formula maps into  $\text{int}(L_\lambda)$  for some  $L_\lambda \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Proof of Excision Thm 2.20:

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{A, B\}$  and  $\iota: C_n^{\mathcal{U}}(X) \rightarrow C_n(X)$ .

In the proof of Prop 2.21, the author constructed a chain map  $\rho: C(X) \rightarrow C_n^{\mathcal{U}}(X)$  ← "by iterating  $S$ "

and a chain homotopy  $D: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X)$  s.t.

(i)  $\partial D + D\partial = \text{id} - \iota_P$

(ii)  $P_\# = \text{id}$

(iii)  $P(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$ ,  $D(C(A)) \subseteq C(A)$

So the maps  $D, P$  descend to  $C^{2q}(X)/C(A)$  and  $C(X)/C(A)$  s.t. (i) and (ii) hold.

$\Rightarrow$  The inclusion

$$\boxed{C^{2q}(X)/C(A) \hookrightarrow C(X)/C(A)}$$

induces iso of homologies

Also note that



$$\boxed{C(B)/C(A \cap B) \rightarrow C^{2q}(X)/C(A)}$$

also induces iso of homologies because both are the free abelian gp generated by the singular simplex  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $\sigma(\Delta^n) \not\subseteq A$

So we have

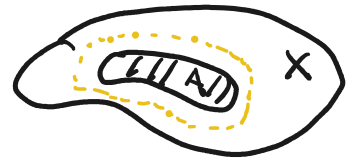
$$H_n(B, A \cap B) \cong H_n(C^{2q}(X)/C(A)) \cong H_n(X, A) \quad \#$$

### Recall

In Thm 2.13, we consider a space  $X$  together

with a nonempty closed subsp  $A$  that is a deformation retract of some nbd in  $X$

Such a pair  $(X, A)$  is called a good pair in the book



Prop 2.22

For good pairs  $(X, A)$ , the quotient map

$$q: (X, A) \rightarrow (X/A, A/A)$$

induces isomorphisms

$$q_*: H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X/A, A/A) \stackrel{\text{a pt}}{\cong} \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$$

pf

Let  $V$  be a nbd of  $A$  in  $X$  that deformation retracts onto  $A$ . We have a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\phi \cong \text{by } \textcircled{1}} & H_n(X, V) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H_n(X-A, V-A) \\
 q_* \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow q'_* & \cong & \downarrow \tilde{q}_* \\
 H_n(X/A, A/A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A, V/A) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A - A/A, V/A - A/A)
 \end{array}$$

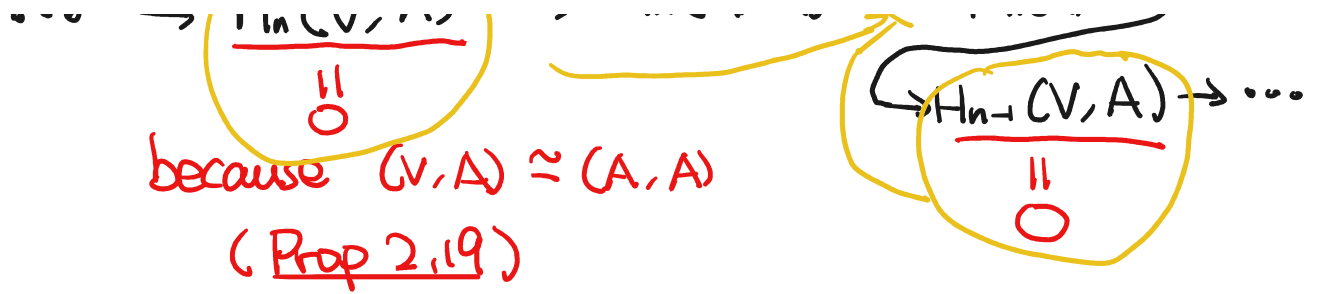
Annotations: A red circle around  $\phi$  with an arrow pointing to it from the text "iso by Excision Thm". A red circle around  $\tilde{q}$  with an arrow pointing to it from the text "iso by Excision Thm". A red arrow points from the top-right  $\cong$  to the bottom-right  $\cong$ .

Note:

$\textcircled{1}$   $(X, V, A)$  induces a long exact seq

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A) \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, V)$$

by Remark last week

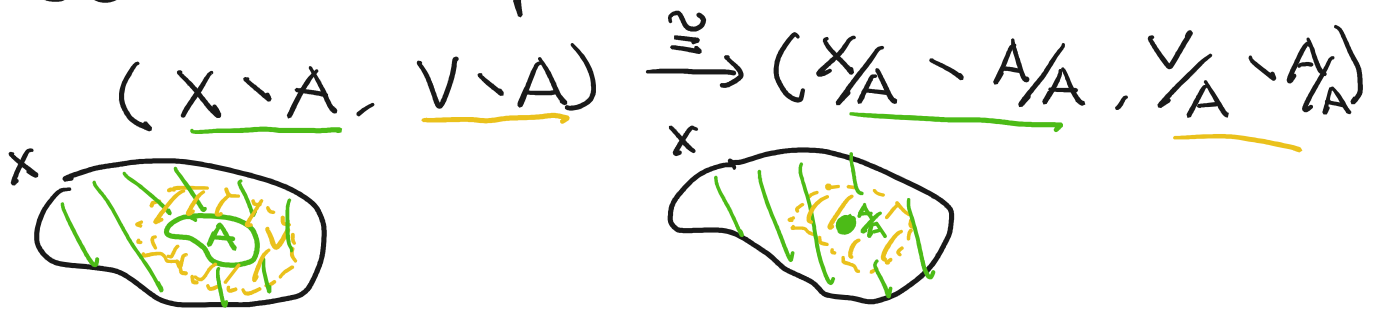


So  $\phi$  is an iso.

(2) Similarly,  $\psi$  is an iso.

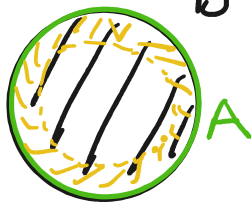
(3) By Excision Thm,  $\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\psi}$  are iso.

(4)  $\tilde{g}_*$  is an iso because it's induced by the homeomorphism



Therefore,  $g_* = \psi^{-1} \circ \tilde{\psi} \circ \tilde{g}_* \circ \tilde{\phi}^{-1} \circ \phi$  is an iso.  $\#$

e.g.



### Summary of the proof of Thm 2.13:

Recall that for a good pair  $(X, A)$ , we wanted to prove  $\exists$  an exact seq.

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Step 1: Prove that exact seq of cxes induces a

long exact seq of homologies

$\Rightarrow \exists$  long exact seq. of relative homologies:

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X, A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

Step 2: Prove Excision Thm 2.20 and use it to show

$$\tilde{H}_n(X, A) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \quad (\text{Prop 2.22})$$

for good pair  $(X, A)$

Cor 2.14

$$\tilde{H}_k(S^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & , k = n \\ 0 & , k \neq n \end{cases}$$

(Apply Thm 2.13 to  $(X, A) = (D^n, \partial D^n)$ )

Thm 2.26

If nonempty open subsets  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are homeomorphic, then  $m = n$

pf

For  $x \in U$ , applying Excision Thm to

$$Z = U^c, \quad A = \mathbb{R}^m - \{x\}, \quad X = \mathbb{R}^m,$$

we have

$$H_k(U, U - \{x\}) \cong H_k(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m - \{x\})$$

By long exact seq.,

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(\mathbb{R}^m - \{x\}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(\mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_k(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m - \{x\})$$

$$\hookrightarrow \tilde{H}_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^m - \{x\}) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \cong 0 \quad \neq \quad k = m$$

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

So  $H_k(U, U - \{x\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=m \\ 0 & k \neq m \end{cases}$  for  $x \in U$ .

Similarly,  
 $H_k(V, V - \{y\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$  for  $y \in V$ .

A homeomorphism  $h: U \rightarrow V$  induces

$$(U, U - \{x\}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (V, V - \{h(x)\})$$

$$\Rightarrow H_k(U, U - \{x\}) \cong H_k(V, V - \{h(x)\}) \quad \forall k$$

$$\Rightarrow m = n \quad \#$$

### Naturality (p. 127)

#### Prop 1

For a map  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A) & \rightarrow & H_n(X) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-1}(A) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & f_* \downarrow & & f_* \downarrow & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow f_* & & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(B) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y) & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, B) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-1}(B) & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Commutates

#### Prop 2 (alg. ver.)

Suppose  $\alpha: (A, \partial^A) \rightarrow (A', \partial^{A'})$ ,  $\beta: (B, \partial^B) \rightarrow (B', \partial^{B'})$

$\sigma = (C, \partial) \rightarrow (C', \partial')$  form a morphism of short exact seq of  $CX$  i.e. all the maps commute (see diagram, p127).

Then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A) & \rightarrow & H_n(B) & \rightarrow & H_n(C) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots \\ & & \alpha_{\#} \downarrow & & \beta_{\#} \downarrow & & \delta_{\#} \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_{\#} \\ \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A') & \rightarrow & H_n(B') & \rightarrow & H_n(C') \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A') \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

commutes

pf: exer. (diagram chasing)

pf of Prop 1:

$f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  induces a "mor of short exact seq of  $CX$ "

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & C(A) & \rightarrow & C(X) & \rightarrow & C(X/A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & f_{\#} \downarrow & & f_{\#} \downarrow & & f_{\#} \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C(B) & \rightarrow & C(Y) & \rightarrow & C(Y/B) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$C(X/A) \cong C(X)/C(A)$

So Prop 2  $\Rightarrow$  Prop 1  $\square$

Prop 3

For a map  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  of good pairs, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(A) & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(X) & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots \\ & & f_{\#} \downarrow & \curvearrowright & f_{\#} \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow f_{\#} & \curvearrowright & \downarrow f_{\#} \\ \dots & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(B) & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(Y) & \rightarrow & \tilde{H}_n(Y/B) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(B) \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$



Commutative

pf

By Prop 1, it follows from the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \tilde{H}_n(X/A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A, A/A) & \xleftarrow{\cong \circ f_*} & H_n(X, A) \\
 \downarrow f_* & \text{by Prop 1} & \downarrow f_* & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow f_* \\
 \tilde{H}_n(Y/B) & \longrightarrow & H_n(Y/B, B/B) & \xleftarrow{\cong \circ f_*} & H_n(Y, B)
 \end{array}$$

Additional annotations:
 

- Top-left:  $\rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(A/A) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$  (dotted arrow)
- Top-right:  $\tilde{H}_n(A/A) \rightarrow H_n(X/A, A/A)$  (dotted arrow)
- Top-right:  $\tilde{H}_n(A/A) \rightarrow H_n(A/A)$  (dotted arrow)
- Top-right:  $\cong \circ f_*$  (green)
- Bottom-right:  $\because f_* = f_*$  (green)
- Bottom-right:  $\cong \circ f_*$  (green)
- Bottom-right: #

# Eilenberg–Steenrod axioms

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In **mathematics**, specifically in **algebraic topology**, the **Eilenberg–Steenrod axioms** are properties that **homology theories** of **topological spaces** have in common. The quintessential example of a homology theory satisfying the axioms is **singular homology**, developed by **Samuel Eilenberg** and **Norman Steenrod**.

One can define a homology theory as a **sequence of functors** satisfying the Eilenberg–Steenrod axioms. The axiomatic approach, which was developed in 1945, allows one to prove results, such as the **Mayer–Vietoris sequence**, that are common to all homology theories satisfying the axioms.<sup>[1]</sup>

If one omits the dimension axiom (described below), then the remaining axioms define what is called an **extraordinary homology theory**. Extraordinary cohomology theories first arose in **K-theory** and **cobordism**.

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## Formal definition [\[edit source\]](#)

The Eilenberg–Steenrod axioms apply to a sequence of functors  $H_n$  from the **category of pairs**  $(X, A)$  of topological spaces to the category of abelian **groups**, together with a **natural transformation**  $\partial: H_i(X, A) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(A)$  called the **boundary map** (here  $H_{i-1}(A)$  is a shorthand for  $H_{i-1}(A, \emptyset)$ ). The axioms are:

$H_n(X, A)$

$\partial: H_i(X, A) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(A)$   
 $= H_{i-1}(A, \emptyset)$

- Homotopy:** Homotopic maps induce the same map in homology. That is, if  $g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is **homotopic** to  $h: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ , then their induced **homomorphisms** are the same.
- Excision:** If  $(X, A)$  is a pair and  $U$  is a subset of  $A$  such that the closure of  $U$  is contained in the interior of  $A$ , then the inclusion map  $i: (X \setminus U, A \setminus U) \rightarrow (X, A)$  induces an **isomorphism** in homology.
- Dimension:** Let  $P$  be the one-point space; then  $H_n(P) = 0$  for all  $n \neq 0$ .
- Additivity:** If  $X = \coprod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$ , the disjoint union of a family of topological spaces  $X_{\alpha}$ , then  $H_n(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_n(X_{\alpha})$ .
- Exactness:** Each pair  $(X, A)$  induces a **long exact sequence** in homology, via the inclusions  $i: A \rightarrow X$  and  $j: X \rightarrow (X, A)$ :  

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

If  $P$  is the one point space, then  $H_0(P)$  is called the **coefficient group**. For example, singular homology (taken with integer coefficients, as is most common) has as coefficients the integers.

## Consequences [\[edit source\]](#)

Some facts about homology groups can be derived directly from the axioms, such as the fact that homotopically equivalent spaces have isomorphic homology groups.

The homology of some relatively simple spaces, such as  **$n$ -spheres**, can be calculated directly from the axioms. From this it can be easily shown that the  $(n - 1)$ -sphere is not a **retract** of the  $n$ -disk. This is used in a proof of the **Brouwer fixed point theorem**.

## Dimension axiom [\[edit source\]](#)

A "homology-like" theory satisfying all of the Eilenberg–Steenrod axioms except the **dimension axiom** is called an **extraordinary homology theory** (dually, **extraordinary cohomology theory**). Important examples of these were found in the 1950s, such as **topological K-theory** and **cobordism theory**, which are extraordinary cohomology theories, and come with homology theories dual to them.