

Recall  $\int_{\text{family}} f dx_1 \dots dx_n$   $\leftrightarrow$  orientation

### §3.3 Poincaré duality

#### Orientation of manifold

A (topological) manifold of dimension  $n$  is a Hausdorff (and 2nd countable) topo. sp which is locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A compact mfd <sup>(without boundary)</sup> is called a closed manifold.

Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the set of ordered bases in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

We say  $(\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n), (\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  have the same orientation if the matrix of changing coordinates has  $\det > 0$ . This is an equivalence relation, temporarily denoted by  $\sim$ . Note that  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\sim$  has 2 elements. An element in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\sim$  is called an orientation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

*induced by inclusion of by Steiner*

Recall that a homeomorphism  $\Delta^n \rightarrow D^n$  induces a generator of  $H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\})$

So for any  $\sigma: \Delta^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \in \text{int}(\text{im}(\sigma))$ ,  $[\sigma] \in H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong H_n(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is a generator.

A choice of ordered basis  $(\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  induces  $\sigma: \Delta^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n: (t_1, \dots, t_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \vec{w}_i + (x - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{t_i}{n} \vec{w}_i)$

By the above remark,  $[\sigma_R] \in H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  is a generator

#### Remark

Note:  $H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(S^{n-1})$ . By choosing a suitable iso  $H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong \tilde{H}_n(S^{n-1})$

a reflection can map  $[\sigma_R]$  to  $[\sigma_{R'}]$  where  $R' = (w_2, w_1, w_3, \dots, w_n)$ . Since  $\deg(\text{reflection}) = -1$ ,

we have  $[\sigma_{R'}] = -[\sigma_R]$  (idea:  $\mathbb{R}^n \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \leftrightarrow [\sigma_{R'}] = c[\sigma_R], c > 0$ )

This observation motivates the algebraic topo. version of orientation:

$\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $H_n(U, U - \{x\})$   
*is excision*

#### Def

A local orientation of  $M$  at  $x \in M$  is a choice of generator  $\mu_x$  of  $H_n(M, M - \{x\}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

An orientation of an  $n$ -dimensional mfd  $M$  is a function  $M \ni x \mapsto \mu_x \in H_n(M, M - \{x\})$

s.t.  $\forall x \in M, \exists$  nbd  $\mathbb{R}^n \cong U \subseteq M$  containing an open ball  $B = B(x; \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}) \subseteq U$

s.t.  $\exists$  generator  $\mu_B \in H_n(M, M - B) \cong H_n(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - B) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  with the property

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(M, M - B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(M, M - \{y\}) \\ \mu_B \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \mu_y \uparrow \\ & & \forall y \in B \end{array}$$

If an orientation exists for  $M$ , we say  $M$  is orientable

Replacing the coeff gp by  $R$  (we will assume  $R$  is a commutative ring with  $1_R$ ), one can get definitions of  $R$ -orientation and  $R$ -orientable

#### Remark (Prop 3.25)

$\tilde{M} := \{ \mu_x \mid \mu_x \text{ is a local orientation of } M \text{ at } x \}$  can be topologized so that  $\tilde{M} \rightarrow M$  is a 2-fold covering space. And  $M$  is orientable  $\Leftrightarrow \tilde{M}$  has 2 connected components.

Thm 3.26

Let  $M$  be a closed connected  $n$ -manifold. Then

(a) If  $M$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientable, then the map  $H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_n(M, M - \{x\}; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$  is an iso  $\forall x \in M$

(b) If  $M$  is NOT  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientable, then the map  $H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_n(M, M - \{x\}; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$  is injective with image  $\{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid 2r = 0\} \forall x \in M$

(c)  $H_i(M; \mathbb{R}) = 0 \quad \forall i > n$

pf: postponed

Def

An element of  $H_n(M; \mathbb{R})$  whose image in  $H_n(M, M - \{x\}; \mathbb{R})$  is a generator  $\forall x \in M$  is called a **fundamental class** or an **orientation class** for  $M$

Cor (p. 236)

A fundamental class exists iff  $M$  is closed and  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientable

Construction of fundamental class

Def (p. 103)

A  **$\Delta$ -complex** structure on a space  $X$  is a collection of maps  $\sigma_\alpha: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ , with  $n$  depending on  $\alpha$ , such that:

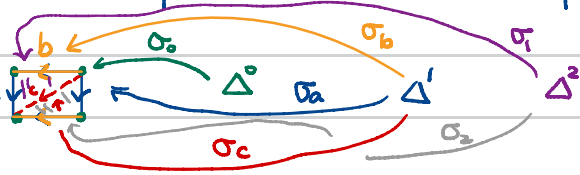
(i) The restriction  $\sigma_\alpha|_{\text{int}(\Delta^n)}$  is injective, and each point of  $X$  is in the image of exactly one  $\sigma_\alpha(\text{int}(\Delta^n))$

(ii) Each restriction of  $\sigma_\alpha$  to a face of  $\Delta^n$  is one of the maps  $\sigma_\beta: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow X$

(iii) A set  $U \subseteq X$  is open iff  $\sigma_\alpha^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $\Delta^n \quad \forall \sigma_\alpha$ .

Example

① torus  $T =$



② Klein bottle  $K =$



Remark

• Any  $\Delta$ -complex is a CW complex.

•  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  in Example ① are still NOT honest triangles  $\sigma_i(\Delta^1) =$



Suppose a closed  $n$ -mfd  $M$  has a structure of  $\Delta$ -complex

Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  be  $n$ -simplices of  $M$

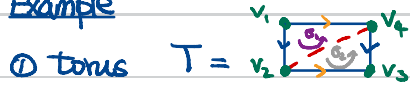
( $\Rightarrow$  In cellular homology, a class  $\mu$  in  $H_n(M)$  is represented by  $\sum_{i=1}^m k_i \sigma_i$   
 If  $\mu \mapsto$  a generator of  $H_n(M, M - \{x\})$ ,  $x \in \text{int}(\sigma_i)$ , then  $k_i = \pm 1$  ( $\because [\sigma_i]$  is a generator  $\xrightarrow{x \neq i} \in H_n(M, M - \{x\})$ )

Prop (p. 238)

$M$  is orientable  $\iff$  one can choose  $k_i = \pm 1$  so that  $d(\sum k_i \sigma_i) = 0$  in cellular homology

In this case,  $\mu = [\sum k_i \sigma_i]$  is a fundamental class of  $M$ .

Example



$\sigma_1 = [v_1, v_2, v_4]$ ,  $\sigma_2 = [v_2, v_3, v_4]$

$\Rightarrow d(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) = \cancel{[v_2, v_4]} - \cancel{[v_1, v_4]} + \cancel{[v_1, v_2]} + \cancel{[v_3, v_4]} - \cancel{[v_2, v_4]} + \cancel{[v_2, v_3]} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \mu = [\sigma_1 + \sigma_2]$  is a fundamental class of  $T$



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$\Rightarrow d(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) = \cancel{[v_2, v_4]} - [v_1, v_4] + [v_1, v_2] + \cancel{[v_3, v_4]} - \cancel{[v_2, v_4]} + [v_2, v_3] = 2[v_1, v_2] - 2[v_1, v_4] \neq 0$   
" $[v_4, v_1]$ "

Not orientable

Remark

- Any "smooth mfd" is "triangulizable"
- NOT every topological mfd is triangulizable
- NOT every CW complex is triangulizable

e.g. see arxiv/1607.08163 see Munkres' book

$\Delta$  can have same vertices NOT different faces one different simplices  
 $\Delta$ -complex and simplicial complex should have same geometric realization by cutting



Cap product

Df

The cap product is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -bilinear product  $\wedge : C_k(X; \mathbb{R}) \times C^l(X; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C_{k+l}(X; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $k+l \geq 0$

$\sigma \wedge \varphi := \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \sigma|_{[v_k, \dots, v_n]}$

for  $\sigma : \Delta^k \rightarrow X$ ,  $\varphi \in C^l(X; \mathbb{R})$

Lemma (p. 240)

$\partial(\sigma \wedge \varphi) = (-1)^l (\partial\sigma \wedge \varphi - \sigma \wedge \partial\varphi)$

pf: direct computation

As a consequence of the lemma, we have the induced cup product

$$H_k(X; \mathbb{R}) \times H^l(X; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\wedge} H_{k+l}(X; \mathbb{R})$$

which is  $\mathbb{R}$ -bilinear

Prop (p.241, "naturality of  $\wedge$ ")

For  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\alpha \in H_k(X; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi \in H^l(Y; \mathbb{R})$ , we have

$$f_*(\alpha) \wedge \varphi = f_*(\alpha \wedge f^*(\varphi))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_k(X) \times H^l(X) & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & H_{k+l}(X) \\ f_* \downarrow & \uparrow f^* & \downarrow f_* \\ H_k(Y) \times H^l(Y) & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & H_{k+l}(Y) \end{array}$$

Prop (p.249, relationship with cup product)

For  $\alpha \in C_{k+l}(X; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi \in C^k(X; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\psi \in C^l(X; \mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\psi(\alpha \wedge \varphi) = (\varphi \cup \psi)(\alpha)$$

pf

For  $\sigma: \Delta^{k+l} \rightarrow X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\sigma \wedge \varphi) &= \psi(\underbrace{\varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]})}_{\in \mathbb{R}} \cdot \sigma|_{[v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l}]}) \\ &= \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{[v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l}]}) \leftarrow \psi \text{ is } \mathbb{R}\text{-linear} \\ &= (\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

## Poincaré duality

Thm 3.30 (Poincaré duality)

If  $M$  is a closed  $\mathbb{R}$ -orientable  $n$ -mfd with fundamental class  $[M] \in H_n(M; \mathbb{R})$ , then the map

$$D: H^k(M; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{n-k}(M; \mathbb{R}), \quad D(\varphi) := [M] \wedge \varphi$$

is an isomorphism  $\forall k$

Example

