

pf of Excision Thm 2.20:

Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{A, B\}$  and  $\iota: C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X) \hookrightarrow C_\bullet(X)$ . In the proof of Prop 2.21, the author constructed a chain map  $P: C_\bullet(X) \rightarrow C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X)$  and a chain homotopy  $D: C_\bullet(X) \rightarrow C_{\bullet+1}(X)$  s.t.

(i)  $\partial D + D\partial = \text{id} - \iota P$       (ii)  $P\iota = \text{id}$

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

So the maps  $D, P$  descend to  $C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/C(A)$ ,  $C_\bullet(X)/C(A)$  s.t. (i), (ii) hold.

$\Rightarrow$  The inclusion  $C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/C(A) \hookrightarrow C_\bullet(X)/C(A)$  is a hpc equi.

Also note that the map  $C(B)/C(A \cap B) \rightarrow C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/C(A)$  also induces an isomorphism on homology because both are the free ab gp generated by the singular simplex  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow B$  s.t.  $\sigma(\Delta^n) \not\subseteq A$

So we have

$$H_n(B, A \cap B) \cong H_n(C_\bullet^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/C(A)) \cong H_n(X, A) \quad \#$$

Recall

In Thm 2.13, we consider a space  $X$  together with a nonempty closed subspace  $A$  that is a deformation retract of some nbd in  $X$ .



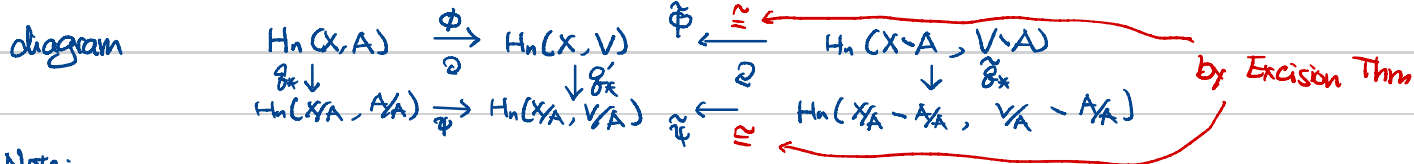
Such a pair  $(X, A)$  is called a **good pair** in the book.

Prop 2.22

For good pairs  $(X, A)$ , the quotient map  $g: (X, A) \rightarrow (X/A, A/A)$  induces isomorphisms  $g_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(X/A, A/A) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \quad \#$

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



Note:

$\circlearrowleft (X, V, A)$  induces a long exact seq.

$$\cdots \rightarrow \underbrace{H_n(V, A)}_{\cong} \rightarrow \underbrace{H_n(X, A)}_{\cong} \xrightarrow{\phi} \underbrace{H_n(X, V)}_{\cong} \rightarrow \underbrace{H_{n-1}(V, A)}_{\cong} \rightarrow \cdots$$

$\cong$  because  $(V, A) \cong (A, A)$  (Prop 2.19)

$\Rightarrow \phi$  is an iso

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② Similarly,  $\psi$  is also an iso

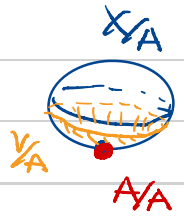
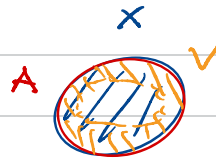
③ By Excision Thm,  $\tilde{\phi}$  and  $\tilde{\psi}$  are iso.

④  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_*$  is an iso because it's induced by the homeomorphism

$$(X \setminus A, V \setminus A) \xrightarrow{\cong} (X/A \setminus A/A, V/A \setminus A/A)$$

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

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Summary of the proof of Thm 2.13:

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

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

Step 1: Prove short exact seq of cxes induces a long exact seq of homology groups

$\Rightarrow \exists$  long exact seq of relative homology

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

Recall  $\tilde{H}_n(X, A) = \begin{cases} \tilde{H}_n(X/A) & A \neq \emptyset \\ \tilde{H}_n(X) & A = \emptyset \end{cases}$

Step 2: Prove Excision Thm 2.20 and use it to show Prop 2.22: for a good pair  $(X, A)$ ,

$$H_n(X, A) (= \tilde{H}_n(X, A) \text{ because } A \neq \emptyset) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$$

Cor 2.14

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

Apply Thm 2.16 to  $(X, A) = (D^n, \partial D^n)$

Thm 2.26

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

pf For  $x \in U$ ,

applying excision thm to  $Z = U^c$ ,  $A = \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}^m$ , we have

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

By the long exact seq. of  $(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\})$ , we have

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\}) \cong \tilde{H}_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{x\}) \cong \tilde{H}_{k-1}(S^{m-1}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=m \\ 0 & k \neq m \end{cases}$$

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

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

A homeomorphism  $h: U \rightarrow V$  induces  $(U, U \setminus \{x\}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (V, V \setminus \{h(x)\})$

$$\Rightarrow H_k(U, U \setminus \{x\}) \cong H_k(V, V \setminus \{h(x)\}) \quad \forall k \Rightarrow m = n \quad \#$$

Naturality (p. 127)

Prop 0

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

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

pf of Prop 0

$f$  induces "a mor of short exact seq of cx  
 $0 \rightarrow C(A) \rightarrow C(X) \rightarrow C(X/A) \rightarrow 0$   
 $f_* \downarrow \quad f_* \downarrow \quad f_* \downarrow$   
 $0 \rightarrow C(B) \rightarrow C(Y) \rightarrow C(Y/B) \rightarrow 0$   
 By Prop 0,  $\textcircled{1}$  is ok.

Commutates

Prop 2 (alg. var)

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

form "a mor of short exact seq of cx", i.e. all the maps commute (see <sup>diagram</sup> p. 127)

Then the diagram

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

Commutates.

pf: exer (diagram chasing)

Prop 3

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

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

Commutates

pf

By Prop 0, it follows from the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \tilde{H}_n(X/A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A, A/A) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H_n(X, A) \\ f_* \downarrow & \text{by Prop 0} & \downarrow f_* & \text{?} & \downarrow f_* \\ \tilde{H}_n(Y/B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(Y/B, B/B) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H_n(Y, B) \end{array}$$

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# 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:

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Dimension**: Let  $P$  be the one-point space; then  $H_n(P) = 0$  for all  $n \neq 0$ .
4. **Additivity**: If  $X = \coprod_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$ , the disjoint union of a family of topological spaces  $X_{\alpha}$ , then  $H_n(X) \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} H_n(X_{\alpha})$ .
5. **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.