

§ 2.1 Simplicial homology cont'd.

Recall: $(X, (\sigma_\alpha : \Delta^n \rightarrow X)_{\alpha \in I_n} \quad n=0, 1, \dots)$ Δ -cplx

$$\Delta_n(X) = \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in I_n} n_\alpha \cdot \sigma_\alpha : n_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ fin. supp.} \right\}$$

n-chains

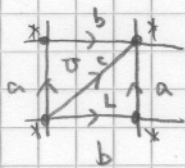
$$\partial_n : \Delta_n(X) \rightarrow \Delta_{n-1}(X), \quad \sigma_\alpha \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_\alpha|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]}$$

$$H_n^\Delta(X) = \ker \partial_n / \text{img } \partial_{n+1} \quad (H_0^\Delta(X) = \Delta_0(X) / \text{img } \partial_1)$$

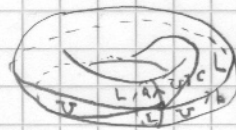
Basic idea: "dim $H_n^\Delta(X)$ " counts the number of $S^n \cong \partial \Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow X$ that are not from (the bdry of) $B^{n+1} \cong \Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow X$

Example 1 2-dim torus surf.

$$X = S^1 \times S^1 \cong \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$$



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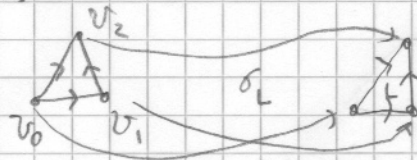
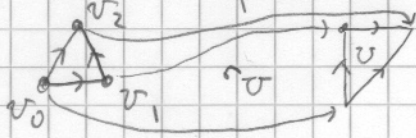


0-dim cell: σ_x

1-dim cells: $\sigma_a, \sigma_b, \sigma_c$

2-dim cells: σ_U, σ_L (no higher dim cells)

coord map of 2-cells



$\partial_2 : \Delta_2(X) \rightarrow \Delta_1(X)$ is

$$\sigma_U \mapsto \sigma_a - \sigma_b + \sigma_c, \quad \sigma_L \mapsto \sigma_a - \sigma_b + \sigma_c$$

$\partial_1 : \Delta_1(X) \rightarrow \Delta_0(X)$ is

$$\sigma_a \mapsto \sigma_x - \sigma_x = 0, \quad \sigma_b \mapsto 0, \quad \sigma_c \mapsto 0$$

i.e. $\ker \partial_2 = \{ n \cdot \sigma_U - n \cdot \sigma_L : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

$$\text{img } \partial_2 = \{ n(\sigma_a - \sigma_b + \sigma_c) : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$\ker \partial_1 = \Delta_1(X), \quad \text{img } \partial_1 = 0$$

$$H_2^\Delta(X) = \{n(\sigma_a - \sigma_c) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1^\Delta(X) = \Delta_1(X) / \{n(\sigma_a - \sigma_b + \sigma_c) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$$[n\sigma_a + n'\sigma_b + n''\sigma_c] \mapsto (n, n')$$

from $[\sigma_c] = [\sigma_b] - [\sigma_a]$.

$$H_0^\Delta(X) = \Delta_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Example 2 $X = S^n = (D^n \cup D^n) / \text{identify pts on boundaries}$

$D^n \cong \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta$ -complex structure on S^n

with two n -dim cells σ_L, σ_U

their boundary identified.

(n ($n+1$) of ($n-1$)-dim cells, ...)

($\binom{n+1}{k}$ of ($n-k$)-dim cells)

then $\sigma_U - \sigma_L$ generates $\ker \partial_n$.

$$(H_n^\Delta(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}).$$

Connection to the Euler characteristic of polyhedra

P = polyhedron with vert set V , edge set E

face set F

$$C_0 = \mathbb{Z}V = \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} n_v \cdot v : n_v \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ fin supp.} \right\}$$

$$C_1 = \mathbb{Z}E, C_2 = \mathbb{Z}F ; \text{ fix orientations on } \begin{matrix} e \in E \\ f \in F. \end{matrix}$$

$$\partial_2 : C_2 \rightarrow C_1, f \mapsto \sum_{e \in \partial f} (-1)^{\text{sig}(e,f)} \cdot e.$$

$$\text{sig}(e, f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{ori. of } e \text{ matches} \\ & \text{the induced one} \\ & \text{from } f \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\partial_1 : C_1 \rightarrow C_0, e \mapsto (\text{end of } e) - (\text{start of } e)$$

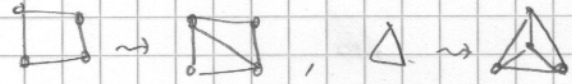
$$\chi(P) = |V| - |E| + |F| = \text{rk } C_0 - \text{rk } C_1 + \text{rk } C_2$$

this is eq. to $\text{rk } H_0 - \text{rk } H_1 + \text{rk } H_2$.

$$H_i = \ker \partial_i / \text{img } \partial_{i+1}$$

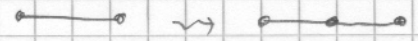


subdivision of a face



does not change $\chi(P)$

ditto for div. of an edge



when all faces are triangles (Δ^2) we are

computing $H_i^\Delta(P)$ ($i=0,1,2$)

Then we want to show that

1. $H_i^\Delta(P)$ (in gen. $H_i^\Delta(X)$ for Δ -cplx)

only depends on the homotopy type of P

2. $\sum_{i=0}^2 (-1)^i \dim H_i^\Delta(M_g) = 2 - 2g$ for M_g g holes

item 2 can be achieved with concrete models

$$H_0^\Delta(M_g) \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad H_1^\Delta(M_g) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{2g}, \quad H_2^\Delta(M_g) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

from $\rightarrow M_g$

two	0-cells
6g	1-cells
4g	2-cells

to get item 1, we are going to

- define another model of homology

$H_i(X)$ singular homology

that is defined using the underlying top. sp. for X

- check $H_i^\Delta(X) \cong H_i(X)$ for Δ -cplx X .
- and $H_i(X)$ only depends on the homotopy type of X