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Homology of CW complexes

$$\partial_* \neq (f)_*$$

Let's attach an n -cell, $n \geq 2$, to a space X :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial D & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & X \\ \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \\ D & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$



Let $q: X \sqcup D \rightarrow Y$ be the quotient map gluing D to X .

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Set } U = q(D^\circ) & , & V = q(X \sqcup D \setminus \partial D) \\ \cong D^\circ & = & X \\ & & = \partial D \end{array}$$

$M-V$ for $Y = U \cup V$ then looks like

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_p(U \cup V) & \rightarrow & H_p(U) \oplus H_p(V) & \rightarrow & H_p(Y) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(U \cup V) \rightarrow H_{p-1}(U) \oplus H_{p-1}(V) \\
 \parallel & & \swarrow 0 \quad p \geq 1 & & \parallel & & \swarrow 0 \quad p \geq 2 \\
 H_p(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_p(X) & & H_{p-1}(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_{p-1}(X) \\
 & & & & \parallel & & \\
 & & & & S^{n-1} & &
 \end{array}$$

For $p \geq 2$, $p \neq n-1, n$, get

$$0 \longrightarrow H_p(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_p(Y) \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact}$$

For $p = n-1 \geq 2$, get

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_{n-1}(\partial D) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} & H_{n-1}(X) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(Y) & \longrightarrow & 0 \quad \text{exact} \\
 \searrow & & \nearrow & & & & \\
 & & \text{im}(\varphi_*) & & & & \\
 & \nearrow & & & & & \\
 0 & & & & & & \\
 & & \text{short exact} & & & &
 \end{array}$$

For $p=n$ get

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n X \longrightarrow H_n Y \longrightarrow H_{n-1} \partial D \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} H_{n-1} X \text{ exact}$$

\downarrow
 short exact
 \downarrow
 $\ker \varphi_* \longrightarrow 0$

If $p=1$,

$$H_1(\partial D) \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} H_1(X) \longrightarrow H_1(Y) \longrightarrow H_0(\partial D) \longrightarrow H_0(U) \oplus H_0(X)$$

$\parallel \cong$
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\downarrow
 $\pi_1(X, v) \longrightarrow \pi_1(Y, v)$

saw previously

0 if $n > 2$

If $p=0$, $H_0 X \cong H_0(Y)$ (gluing doesn't change path components).

Summarizing:

Proposition 13.33 (Homology Effect of Attaching a Cell). *Let X be any topological space, and let Y be obtained from X by attaching a closed cell D of dimension $n \geq 2$ along the attaching map $\varphi: \partial D \rightarrow X$. Let K and L denote the kernel and image, respectively, of $\varphi_*: H_{n-1}(\partial D) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X)$. Then the homology homomorphism $H_p(X) \rightarrow H_p(Y)$ induced by inclusion is characterized as follows.*

- (a) If $p < n - 1$ or $p > n$, it is an isomorphism.
(b) If $p = n - 1$, it is a surjection whose kernel is L , so there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow L \hookrightarrow H_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(Y) \rightarrow 0.$$

- (c) If $p = n$, it is an injection, and there is a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y) \rightarrow K \rightarrow 0.$$



Thm X a finite n -dim CW complex.

(a) $X_k \hookrightarrow X$ induces $H_p X_k \cong H_p X$ for $p \leq k-1$.

(b) $H_p X = 0$ for $p > n$.

(c) For $0 \leq p \leq n$, $H_p(X)$ is a finitely generated group of rank $\leq \#$ p -cells in X .

(d) If X has no cells of dim $p-1$ or $p+1$, then $H_p(X)$ is free Abelian of rank = $\#$ p -cells in X .

(e) Suppose X has exactly one cell in dim n w/ attaching map $\varphi: \partial D \rightarrow X_{n-1}$. Then

A Abelian gp
rank = free rank

$$\text{of } A = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} (A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}) \\ = r \quad A = \mathbb{Z}^r \oplus \text{torsion}$$

$$H_n X \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } 0 = \varphi_*: H_{n-1} \partial D \rightarrow H_{n-1} X_{n-1} \\ 0 & \text{if } \varphi_* \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

(a), (b) : fairly direct from previous thm.

(c) : Immediate if you know that singular and cellular homology agree. O/W

$H_p X \underset{(a)}{\cong} H_p(X_{p+1}) \leftarrow H_p(X_p)$ by (b) of previous theorem. Thus it suffices to prove $\text{rank } H_p X_p \leq \# p\text{-cells}$. Now use (c) of previous thm w/ the fact $K \subseteq H_{p-1} S^{p-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ + rank-nullity.

(d) : Here $H_p X \cong H_p(X_{p+1}) = H_p(X_p)$ b/c $X_p = X_{p+1}$. Proceed by induction on $m = \# p\text{-cells}$. If $m=0$, then $H_p(X_p) = 0$ by (c). Suppose $H_p(X_p) \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$ for all X w/ m p -cells. Given X w/ $m+1$ p -cells, let $Z = X - e$ for a some p -cell and let

$\varphi: \partial D \rightarrow X_{p-1} = Z_{p-1}$ is the attaching map for e .
 By induct'n hypothesis, $H_p(Z) \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$. By previous
 prop, have SES

$$0 \rightarrow H_p Z \rightarrow H_p X \rightarrow \ker(\varphi_*: H_{p-1} \partial D \rightarrow H_{p-1} X) \rightarrow 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=0}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } H_p X = \text{rank } H_p Z + 1$$

$$= m + 1$$

Cannot have torsion in middle of SES w/ no torsion
 on ends. ✓

(e): $0 \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}) \rightarrow H_n(X_n) \xrightarrow{\cong} K \rightarrow 0$

\swarrow by 41
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}$

$\xrightarrow{\cong}$ " \mathbb{Z}
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triv if $\varphi_* = 0$
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}$ if not



E.g. • $\mathbb{R}P^n$ has exactly 1 cell in dims $0, 1, \dots, n$ and no higher dim cells. $H_n(\mathbb{R}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$ by (e).

• $H_p(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & 0 \leq p \leq 2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$ by (d)

single cell in dims $0, 2, 4, \dots, 2n$, no others

TPS Compute $H_p(K)$ via: CW structure
M-V
Klein bottle

$$H_p K \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & p=0 \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & p=1 \\ 0 & p=2 \end{cases}$$

Euler characteristic

Euler char of finite CW cpx X w/ n_p cells in dim p :

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p n_p.$$

Thm If X is a finite CW cpx, then

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p \text{rank } H_p(X).$$

Cor χ is a htpy invariant of finite CW cpxs.

Pf of Thm Assume X conn'd. Proceed by induction on $N = \#$ cells of dim $n \geq 2$.

WLOG b/c $H_p Y \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \pi_0 X} H_p Y_\alpha$

$N=0$: $\pi_1 X$ is free on $1-\chi(X)$ generators

$$\implies H_1 X \cong \mathbb{Z}^{1-\chi(X)}$$

Further, $H_0 X \cong \mathbb{Z}$, $H_p X = 0$ for $p > 1$, so

$$\text{rank } H_0(X) - \text{rank } H_1(X)$$

$$= 1 - (1 - \chi(X)) = \chi(X)$$

Suppose true for X w/ fewer than N cells for some fixed $N \geq 1$.

Consider some X with N cells. For e a cell with max'l dimn (call it n), suffices to show for $Z = X - e$ that

$$\chi(X) = \chi(Z) + (-1)^n.$$

If $\varphi: \partial D \rightarrow Z$ attaches e , know

$$H_p(X) \cong H_p(Z) \text{ for } p \neq n, n-1$$

and we have exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow L \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(Z) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

$\text{im}(\varphi_*: H_{n-1} \mathbb{D} \rightarrow H_{n-1} Z)$

$$0 \longrightarrow H_n(Z) \longrightarrow H_n X \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\text{ker}(\varphi_*: H_n \mathbb{D} \rightarrow H_n Z)$$

Thus $\text{rank } H_p X = \text{rank } H_p Z$ for $p \neq n, n-1$

$$\text{rank } H_{n-1} X = \text{rank } H_{n-1} Z - \text{rank } L$$

$$\text{rank } H_n X = \text{rank } H_n Z + \text{rank } K$$

By SES $0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow H_{n-1} \mathbb{D} \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ know $\text{rank } K + \text{rank } L = 1$

\cong
 Z



For X with bounded finite rank homology, define

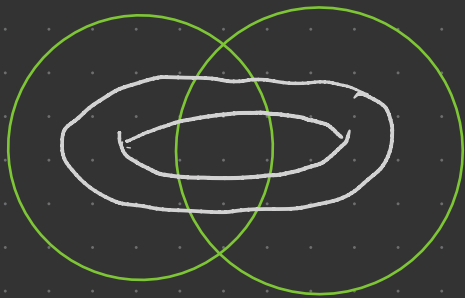
$$\chi(X) := \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p \underbrace{\text{rank } H_p(X)}_{\beta_p(X)} \quad \text{--- } p\text{-th Betti \# of } X$$

————— χ —————

Euler characteristic facts

- $\chi(S^2) = -2$, $\chi((\mathbb{T}^2)^{\#g}) = 2 - 2g$, $\chi((\mathbb{R}P^2)^{\#g}) = 2 - g$
- $\chi(S^n) = 1 + (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ 2 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$
- Compact conn'd closed manifold M admits a nowhere vanishing vector field (à la hairy ball) iff $\chi(M) = 0$
- Inclusion-exclusion: $\chi(U \cup V) = \chi(U) + \chi(V) - \chi(U \cap V)$

This is a shadow of Mayer-Vietoris!



$$\chi(\text{circle}) = \chi(\text{left}) + \chi(\text{right}) - \chi(\text{intersection})$$

$$= 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$$

$$(\text{b/c } \chi(S^1) = 1)$$

- $\chi(X \times Y) = \chi(X) \cdot \chi(Y)$

- $\chi(\text{circle with line}) = \chi(\text{circle}) - \chi(\text{point}) - \chi(\text{point}) = 1 - 1 - 1 = -1$

$$\chi(\mathbb{R}P^\infty) = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots = \frac{1}{2}$$

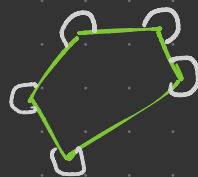
\leadsto "negative" & "fractional" sets (Schanuel, Propp, ...)

- Gauss-Bonnet: M a compact 2-diml Riemannian mfd w/ Gaussian curvature K , then

$$\chi(M) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_M K dA$$

Integrating a local feature can produce a topological invariant

$$H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$$



$C_*(X)$ dualized gives $C^*(X)$

$$0 \rightarrow C_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \rightarrow C_0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum (-1)^k \dim C_k = \sum (-1)^k \dim H_k(C_*)$$