

The de Rham Theorem $H_{dR}^p(M) \cong H_{\text{sing}}^p(M; \mathbb{R})$

Recollections on singular homology

M a space.

$C_p(M) = \mathbb{Z}\{ \underbrace{\sigma: \Delta_p \rightarrow M}_{\text{singular } p\text{-simplex}} \text{ ct} \} = \text{singular chain group of } M \text{ in deg } p$

i -th face map in Δ_p :

$$F_{i,p}: \Delta_{p-1} \rightarrow \Delta_p$$

includes as face opposite vertex i

Δ_0 •

Δ_1 —

Δ_2  = convex $\{0, e_1, e_2\}$

$$\Delta_p = \text{convex} \{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_p\}$$

Boundary operator $\partial: C_p(M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(M)$ (extended linearly)

$$\sigma \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \sigma \cdot F_{i,p}$$

We have $\partial \circ \partial = 0$ so $C_*(M) = (\dots \xrightarrow{\partial} C_p(M) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{p-1}(M) \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots)$ is a chain cpx, and the p -th singular homology group of M

$$H_p(M) := Z_p(M) / B_p(M) = \ker(\partial: C_p(M) \rightarrow C_{p-1}(M)) / \text{im}(\partial: C_{p+1}(M) \rightarrow C_p(M))$$

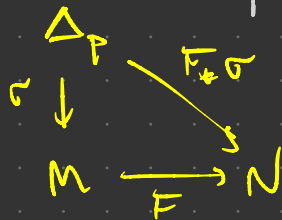
Each cts $F: M \rightarrow N$ induces $F_*: C_*(M) \rightarrow C_*(N)$ a chain map,

$$\sigma \mapsto F \circ \sigma$$

so $H_p: \text{Top} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & H_p(M) \\ F \downarrow & \longmapsto & \downarrow F_* \\ N & \longrightarrow & H_p(N) \end{array}$$

is a functor.



Singular cohomology

Fix an Abelian group A and define

$$C^p(M, A) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_p(M), A)$$

singular p -cochains of M
w/ coefficients in A

homomorphisms of (Abelian) groups

Then $d := \text{Hom}(\partial, A) : C^p(M, A) \rightarrow C^{p+1}(M, A)$ $\mathcal{C}(-, *)$

$$d(d\psi) = d(\psi \circ \partial) = \psi \circ \partial \circ \partial \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_p(M) & & C_{p+1}(M) \\ \psi \downarrow & \longmapsto & \partial \searrow \\ A & & C_p(M) \\ & & \swarrow \psi \\ & & A \end{array}$$

satisfies $d \circ d = 0$ and makes $C^\bullet(M, A)$ a cochain complex.

The degree p singular cohomology of M with coefficients

$$\text{in } A \text{ is } H^p(M; A) := \frac{\ker(d: C^p(M; A) \rightarrow C^{p+1}(M; A))}{\text{im}(d: C^{p-1}(M; A) \rightarrow C^p(M; A))}$$

For $f: M \rightarrow N$ cts, we get a chain map

$$C^*(N; A) \xrightarrow{f^*} C^*(M; A)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_p(N) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & C_p(M) \\
 \varphi \downarrow & \longmapsto & \downarrow f_* \\
 A & & C_p(N) \\
 & & \swarrow \varphi
 \end{array}$$

and thus $H^p(-; A): \text{Top}^q \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ is a functor.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H^p(M; A) \\
 f \downarrow & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \uparrow f^* \\
 N & \xrightarrow{\quad} & H^p(N; A)
 \end{array}$$

By the universal coefficient theorem (homological algebra),

\exists SES

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{p-1}(M), A) \longrightarrow H^p(M; A) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_p(M), A) \longrightarrow 0$$

$= 0$ for A a field,
e.g. $A = \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{So } H^p(M; \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_p(M), \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{\text{rank}(H_p(M))}$$

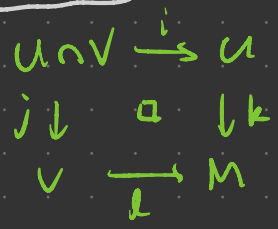
Prop • $H^*(pt; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$ concentrated in degree 0

$$\bullet H^p(\coprod M_j; \mathbb{R}) \cong \prod_j H^p(M_j; \mathbb{R})$$

• $H^p(\ ; \mathbb{R})$ is homotopy invariant.

Mayer-Vietoris for Cohomology For $U, V \subseteq M$ open with $U \cup V = M$, there is a LES

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \xrightarrow{\partial^*} & H^p(M; \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{k^* \oplus l^*} & H^p(U; \mathbb{R}) \oplus H^p(V; \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{i^* - j^*} & H^p(U \cap V; \mathbb{R}) \\ & & \searrow & & \searrow & & \searrow \\ \partial^* & \hookrightarrow & H^{p+1}(M; \mathbb{R}) & \rightarrow & \dots & & \end{array}$$



PF Mayer-Vietoris for singular homology +

$\text{Hom}(-, \mathbb{R})$ is exact: takes exact sequences to exact sequences □

Why cohomology? $H^*(M; A) := \bigoplus_{p \geq 0} H^p(M; A)$ carries a product

making it a graded ring! The spaces with isomorphic when A is a comm ring

homology groups might not have isomorphic cohomology rings, so cohomology is a more refined invariant.

E.g. $S^2 \vee S^4$ and CP^2 have isomorphic (co)homology groups but nonisomorphic cohomology rings.

$$H^* \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus \dots$$

$$\cdot H^*(S^2 \vee S^4; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_2, x_4] / (x_2^2, x_4^2, x_2 x_4)$$

$$\cdot H^*(CP^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_2] / (x_2^3)$$

Ring structure on $H^*(M; A)$ is given by the cup product:

$$\cup : H^p(M; A) \times H^q(M; A) \longrightarrow H^{p+q}(M; A)$$

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defined on cochains

$$C_p(M)$$

$$\alpha \downarrow \\ A$$

$$C_q(M)$$

$$\beta \downarrow \\ A$$

by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_{p+q}(M) & \sigma : \Delta_{p+q} \rightarrow M & \\
 \alpha \cup \beta \downarrow & \downarrow & \\
 A & \alpha(\underbrace{\sigma \circ i_{0,1,\dots,p}}_{\sigma| \text{ "p-th front face" }}) \cdot \beta(\underbrace{\sigma \circ i_{p,p+1,\dots,p+q}}_{\sigma| \text{ "q-th back face" }}) &
 \end{array}$$

Fact $d(\alpha \cup \beta) = d\alpha \cup \beta + (-1)^p \alpha \cup d\beta$ and this is what is needed for \cup to descend to cohomology.

Fact \cup is graded-commutative on H^* ($\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{p_1 p_2} \beta \cup \alpha$)

but this is only true up to cochain homotopy
on $C^\bullet \rightsquigarrow$ Steenrod squares!

How can we relate de Rham and singular (w/ \mathbb{R} coeffs) cohomology?

$$\Omega^\bullet \longrightarrow C_\infty^\bullet(\cdot; \mathbb{R}) \longleftarrow C^\bullet(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$$

\downarrow

\downarrow

\downarrow

H_{dR}^*

$\xrightarrow{\cong}$

$H_\infty^*(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$

$\xleftarrow{\cong}$

$H^*(\cdot; \mathbb{R})$

(smooth singular cohomology)

Smooth singular homology

A smooth p-simplex is a smooth map $\sigma: \Delta_p \rightarrow M$, M a smooth mfd.

$$C_p^\infty(M) = \mathbb{Z} \{ \sigma: \Delta_p \rightarrow M \text{ smooth} \}$$

$\partial(\text{smooth}) = \text{smooth}$ so get a sub-chain complex $C_*^\infty(M) \subseteq C_*(M)$ with

homology groups the smooth singular homology of M

$$H_*^\infty(M)$$

Thm $C_*^\infty(M) \subseteq C_*(M)$ induces $H_*^\infty(M) \cong H_*(M)$.

Pf Technical. pp. 474-480 Main idea: Whitney approximation. \square ✓

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Cauchy - Riemann

$f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic: complex diff'l

$$f'(z) := \underbrace{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}}_{\text{in } \mathbb{C}} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} \text{ exists } \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(z) = u(z) + i v(z), \quad u, v: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$= u(x, y) + i v(x, y) \quad x = \operatorname{Re}(z), \quad y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$$

Claim Considered as a function $(u, v): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
nice things happen!

$f': \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is " \mathbb{C} -linear"

$$\mathbb{C} \cong \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$f' = Jf = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right]$$

f holo iff
C-R eq'ns hold,
 $u, v \in C^1$