

The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract geometric pattern composed of numerous triangles in various colors, including shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple, and pink. These triangles are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and perspective, resembling a stylized landscape or a complex crystal structure.

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Algebraic Topology

Book 3

Cup product for simplicial cohomology $H^k \times H^l \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{k+l}$

makes $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$ or $H^*(X; R)$ into a graded ring.

To explain, let's talk about singular homology and cohomology.

Singular k -chains : ($k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$) ways of mapping k -simplices
into X , not necessarily embeddings.

Take an abstract k -simplex $\{ \text{all subsets of } \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\} \}$.

This has a geometric realization



$\Delta = \Delta^n = \{ (\underbrace{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n}_\text{barycentric coordinates}) : v_i \geq 0, \sum v_i = 1 \} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ (convex combinations of $e_0 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $e_1, \dots, e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$)

An n -chain is a formal linear combination of maps $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$.

$C_n = \{ n\text{-chains in } X \} = C_n(X; R)$, R any commutative ring with 1 eg. $R, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{F}$

$C^* = C_n^* = \{ n\text{-cochains in } X \} = \text{Hom}(C_n, R) = \{ R\text{-homomorphisms } C_n \rightarrow R \}$

$\delta: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$, $\delta\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^n \sigma([v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n])$ $\delta^2 = 0$, $(\delta^*)^2 = 0$

$\delta^*: C^{n-1} \rightarrow C^n$

If $\phi \in C^k$ k -cochain, then $\phi \cup \psi \in C^{k+l}$ cochain; for any $(k+l)$ -chain $\sigma: \Delta^{k+l} \rightarrow X$
 $\psi \in C^l$ l -cochain $(\phi \cup \psi)(\sigma) = \phi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \psi(\sigma|_{[v_k, \dots, v_{k+l}]})$ $[v_0, \dots, v_{k+l}] \mapsto \sigma(v_0, \dots, v_{k+l})$

This gives a bilinear product $C^k \times C^l \xrightarrow{\cup} C^{k+l}$
 inducing a bilinear product $H^k \times H^l \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{k+l}$ (cup product)
 making $H^*(X; R)$ into a graded ring
 $\bigoplus_{i=0}^n H^i(X; R).$

Eg. $X = P^n R$, $R = \mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$; $H^i(X; \mathbb{F}_2) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}_2 & , 0 \leq i \leq n \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$

$P^n R = \{1\text{-dim subspaces of } R^{n+1}\} = S^n / \text{antipodality}$

$P^n R \cong S^n / \text{antipodality} \cong S^n$

$P^2 R = S^2 / \text{antipodality} =$ 

$H^*(X; \mathbb{F}_2) \cong \mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^{n+1})$ Additively: $\{a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n : a_i \in \mathbb{F}_2\}$

Borsuk-Ulam Theorem: There is no antipodal map $S^n \xrightarrow{f} S^{n-1}$ for $n \geq 2$.
 Proof is by contradiction

$P^n R$ is orientable iff n is odd.

Suppose $f: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ is antipodal. ($f(-x) = -f(x)$)
 Then f induces a well-defined map $\begin{array}{ccc} P^n R & \xrightarrow{f} & P^{n-1} R \\ \pm x & \mapsto & \pm f(x) \end{array}$
 $(x \in S^n)$

$$S^n \xrightarrow{\pi_1(P^n R)} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

f^* maps a generator of $\pi_1(P^n R)$ to a generator of $\pi_1(P^{n-1} R)$

f induces $f^*: H^*(P^n R; \mathbb{F}_2) \rightarrow H^*(P^{n-1} R; \mathbb{F}_2)$ mapping $x \mapsto x$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^n) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^{n+1}) \end{array}$$

$$x^n \mapsto x^{n+1}; \text{ contradiction.}$$

If A is an additive abelian gp then $A \cong \mathbb{Z}^k \oplus T(A)$ where $T(A) = \text{torsion subgp of } A = \{\text{elements of } A \text{ of finite order}\}$

$$k = \text{rank } A = \dim A.$$

$A/T(A)$ canonically.

For any chain complex $C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$ (over \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R})

we have homology groups $H_n = \ker \partial_n / \text{im } \partial_{n+1}$ with well-defined rank $H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) = \text{rank } H_n(X; \mathbb{Q}) = \text{rank } H_n(X; \mathbb{R})$
 and Euler characteristic

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \text{rank } H_i(X) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \text{rank } C_i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &\xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} & \dim C_n &= \dim \ker \partial_n + \dim \text{im } \partial_{n+1} \\ H_n &= \ker \partial_n / \text{im } \partial_{n+1} & \dim H_n &= \dim \ker \partial_n - \dim \text{im } \partial_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{eg. } \chi(S^2) = 4 - 6 + 4 = 2$$



Closed 2-manifolds i.e. connected compact 2-manifolds without boundary are completely classified using Euler characteristic and orientability (Yes/No)

	S^2	T^2	$P^2 R$	K^2
$\dim H_2$	1	1	0	0
$\dim H_1$	0	2	0	1
$\dim H_0$	1	1	1	1
$\chi(X)$	2	0	1	0

$$\begin{array}{c} T^2 \quad S^2 \quad P^2 R \quad K^2 \\ \text{Diagram: } T^2 \text{ has 3 vertices, } S^2 \text{ has 3 vertices, } P^2 R \text{ has 3 vertices, } K^2 \text{ has 3 vertices. Arrows indicate orientation.} \\ 1-3+2=0 \quad 3-3+2=2 \quad 2-3+2=1 \quad \text{Klein bottle} \quad 1-3+2=0 \end{array}$$



$$\chi(S_1 \# S_2) = \chi(S_1) + \chi(S_2) - 2 \quad \text{for any two closed surfaces } S_1, S_2$$

$$\chi(T^2 \# T^2) = \chi(T^2) + \chi(T^2) - 2 = 0 + 0 - 2 = -2$$

$$\underbrace{T^2 \# \dots \# T^2}_g = \text{Diagram: } g \text{ tori connected in a chain.}$$

$$\chi(T^2 \# \dots \# T^2) = 2 - 2g \quad g = \text{genus of orientable surface}$$

$$\chi(P^2 R \# P^2 R) = \underbrace{1+1-2}_K = 0$$