

Math 5605

# 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  $H^*(X; \mathbb{R})$  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 {all subsets of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ }.

This has a geometric realization 

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

(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  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ .

$$C_n = \{ n\text{-chains in } X \} = C_n(X; \mathbb{R}), \quad \mathbb{R} \text{ any commutative ring with } 1 \quad \text{eg. } \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{F}_2$$

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

$$d: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}, \quad d\sigma = \sum_{i=0}^n \sigma | [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]$$

$$d^2 = 0, \quad (d^*)^2 = 0$$

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

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

$$\bigoplus_{i \geq 0} H^i(X; \mathbb{R}).$$

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

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

$\mathbb{P}^1 \mathbb{R} \cong S^1 / \text{antipodality} \cong S^1$

$\mathbb{O} \cong \mathbb{O}$

$\mathbb{P}^n \mathbb{R}$  is orientable iff  $n$  is odd.

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

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

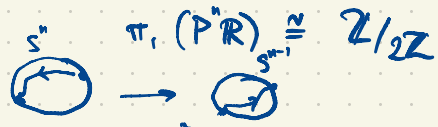
Borsuk-Ulam Theorem: There is no antipodal map

$S^n \xrightarrow{f} S^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .  
 ie.  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Proof is by contradiction

Suppose  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$  is antipodal. ( $f(-x) = -f(x)$ )

Then  $f$  induces a well-defined map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P^n \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{f} & P^{n-1} \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pm x & & \pm f(x) \\ & & (x \in S^n) \end{array}$$


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

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

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

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

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

For any chain complex  $C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots \rightarrow C_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0 \xrightarrow{0} 0$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ )

we have homology groups  $H_n = \ker d_n / \text{im } d_{n+1}$  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

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

$$\begin{array}{l} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \quad \dim C_n = \dim \ker d_n + \dim \text{im } d_n \\ H_n = \ker d_n / \text{im } d_{n+1} \quad \dim H_n = \dim \ker d_n - \dim \text{im } d_{n+1} \end{array}$$

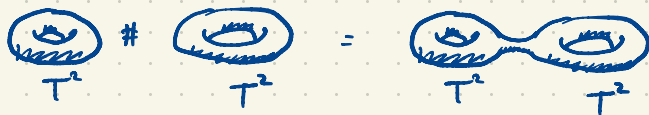
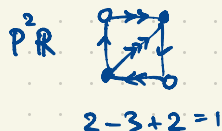
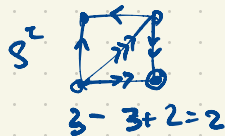
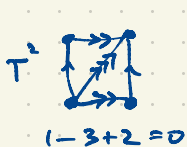
eg.  $\chi(S^2) = 4 - 6 + 4 = 2$





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

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



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

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

$$\underbrace{T^2 \# \dots \# T^2}_g = \text{(genus } g \text{ surface)}$$

$$\chi(T^2 \# \dots \# T^2) = 2 - 2g$$

$g$  = genus of orientable surface

$$\chi(P^2R \# P^2R) = 1 + 1 - 2 = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{K^2}$

Exact sequences  $\dots \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} \dots$   $\ker d_n = \text{im } d_{n+1}$

$0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is exact  $\iff C = 0$

$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$  is exact  $\iff A \cong B$

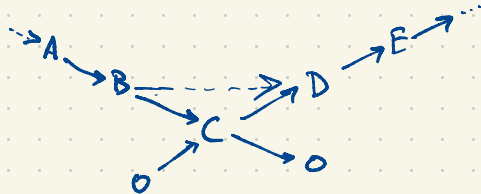
$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  is exact (short exact)  $\iff C \cong B/A$

If  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is an endomorphism of an abelv. gp.  $X$  (or vector space) (at least in an abelian category) some important short exact sequences are

$$0 \rightarrow \ker f \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} f(X) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \leftarrow \text{coker } f \leftarrow X \xleftarrow{f} f(X) \leftarrow 0$$

If  $\dots \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow \dots$



If  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then  $\text{coker } f = \varinjlim f(X)$   
are exact then we get an exact seq.  
 $\rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow \dots$

$0 \rightarrow \ker f \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} X \rightarrow \text{coker } f \rightarrow 0$  is exact.

If  $X$  is a fin. diml vector space over  $F$  then the Euler char. of this sequence is  
 $\dim \text{coker } f - \dim X + \dim X - \dim \ker f = 0$

If  $T: X \rightarrow X$  is an operator (endomorphism) (don't worry about boundedness)  
the index of  $T$  is  $\text{ind } T = \dim \text{coker } T - \dim \ker T$  when both of these terms are finite  
(i.e.  $T$  is Fredholm).

Theorem: Let  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$  be operators (lin. transf).  
 of the three operators  $S, T, ST$ , then whenever two are Fredholm then so is the third and  
 in this case  $\text{ind } ST = \text{ind } S + \text{ind } T$ . (or abd. gps)

In general (i.e. for any lin. transf.  $S, T: X \rightarrow X$ ) we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker T \rightarrow \ker ST \rightarrow \ker S \rightarrow \text{coker } T \rightarrow \text{coker } ST \rightarrow \text{coker } S \rightarrow 0$$

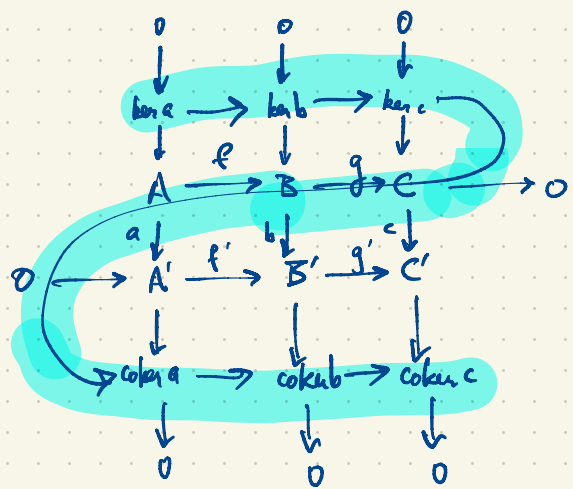
So its Euler characteristic is zero. i.e.  $\text{ind } S + \text{ind } T - \text{ind } ST = 0$ .

Snake Lemma In an abel. category we have a commutative diagram with exact rows

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow a & & \downarrow b & & \downarrow c & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' & \xrightarrow{g'} & C' \end{array}$$

then we have a six-term exact seq.

$$\ker a \longrightarrow \ker b \longrightarrow \ker c \longrightarrow \text{coker } a \longrightarrow \text{coker } b \longrightarrow \text{coker } c$$



Group Cohomology : used in the study of group extensions

If  $G$  and  $H$  are groups then an extension of  $H$  by  $G$  is a group  $X$  giving an exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow H \rightarrow X \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$$

Note: Groups are not necessarily abelian. We are asking for a new group  $X$  having a normal subgp  $\cong H$  s.t.  $X/H \cong G$ .  $G$  on top,  $H$  on the bottom.

Trivial:  $X = G \times H$ . (split extension)