

Defn We say a chain map $P: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(Y)$ is a chain homotopy between two chain maps $f_{\#}, g_{\#}$, if $\partial P + P\partial = g_{\#} - f_{\#}$.

Propⁿ chain homotopic chain maps induce the same homomorphism on homology.

Exact sequences and excision

a sequence of abelian groups and homomorphisms is exact

if $\text{im}(\alpha_{n+1}) = \text{ker}(\alpha_n)$ for all n .

$$\dots \rightarrow A_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{n+1}} A_n \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} A_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

(i.e. the chain complex with trivial homology).

observations

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \quad \text{exact} \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ injective}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact} \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ surjective.}$$

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact} \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ isomorphism}$$

$$0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{exact iff} \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha \text{ injective} \\ \beta \text{ surjective} \\ \text{ker } \beta = \text{im } \alpha \end{array}$$

short exact sequence

$$\text{so } C \cong B / \text{im}(\alpha) \cong B/A$$

excision: $A \subset X$ can construct quotient space $X/A \rightarrow X/A \sqcup \{\text{pt}\}$.

"squash A to a point" topology on X/A : open sets in X/A

if A is a ^{subcomplex} subcomplex of X , just squash A to single 0-cell.

open sets in X containing A .

open sets in X^d
open sets in X containing $A \cup \{\text{pt}\}$

example $\partial D^2 \subset D^2 \quad D^2 / \partial D^2 = S^2.$



Thm Let A be a non-empty closed subspace of X , which is a deformation retract of an open set in X . Then there is an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \tilde{H}_n(A) &\xrightarrow{i_*} \tilde{H}_n(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(X/A) \\ \uparrow \partial & \\ \cdots \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A) &\rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{n-1}(X/A) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

where i_* and j_* are induced by the maps $A \hookrightarrow X \xrightarrow{j} X/A$ and ∂ will be constructed during the proof.

idea: $x \in \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$ can be represented by a chain $\alpha \in C_n(X)$ with $\partial\alpha$ a cycle in $C_n(A)$, whose homology class is $\partial x \in \tilde{H}_{n-1}(A)$



Defn (Hatcher) (X, A) is a good pair if $A \subset X$, A non-empty, closed, and A is a deformation retract of an open set in X .

(i.e. excision works for good pairs)

in practice: $A \subset X$ usually A is CW-subcomplex of X .

Application: for S^n : $\tilde{H}_k(S^n) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } k=n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proof $(X, A) = (D^n, \partial D^n \cong S^{n-1})$, so $X/A \cong S^n$

D^n contractible $\Rightarrow \tilde{H}_n(D^n) = 0$ for all n . (i.e. every 3rd term zero in exact sequence). Therefore $\tilde{H}_k(S^n) \xrightarrow{\partial} \tilde{H}_{k-1}(S^{n-1})$

isomorphisms for all $k > 0$. Now do induction on n starting with

$$S^0 = \{pt\} \cup \{pt\}. \quad \square.$$

Corollary Thm [Brouwer fixed point theorem]

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∂D^n is not a retract of D^n . Therefore every map $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$ has a fixed point.

recall: $A \subset X$ is a retract of X if there is a map $r: X \rightarrow A$ s.t. $r|_A = \text{id}_A = \mathbb{1}_A$

recall if there was a ~~retract~~ map $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$ ~~containing~~ with no fixed point then could construct retraction $r(x) = \frac{f(x) - x}{\|f(x) - x\|} \cdot \|x - f(x)\|$

Proof Suppose $r: D^n \rightarrow \partial D^n$ is a retraction. Then $\partial D^n \xrightarrow{i} D^n \xrightarrow{r} \partial D^n$ with $ir = \mathbb{1}_{\partial D^n}$, so consider induced map on homology: $H_{n-1}(\partial D^n) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_{n-1}(D^n) \xrightarrow{r_*} H_{n-1}(\partial D^n)$
 $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow (ir)_* = 0 \neq \text{id}. \square$

Relative homology

$A \subset X$ define $C_n(X, A) = C_n(X) / C_n(A)$
relative chain group

(i.e. chains in A are trivial in $C_n(X, A)$)

note: $\partial: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$
 $\cup$
 $C_n(A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(A)$ takes $C_n(A)$ into $C_{n-1}(A)$

so we get an induced boundary map $C_n(X, A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X, A)$,

so $\dots \rightarrow C_n(X, A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X, A) \rightarrow \dots$ is a chain complex.

the homology groups of this chain complex are called the relative homology groups $H_n(X, A)$