

Thm $H_n^{\text{CW}}(X) \cong H_n(X)$ if X is a CW-complex.

Proof from diagram: $H_n(X) = H_n(X^n) / \text{image}(\partial_{n+1})$.

diagram commutes, j_n injective, so $\text{image}(\partial_{n+1}) \cong \text{image}(j_n \partial_{n+1}) = \text{image}(d_{n+1})$

also $H_n(X^n) \cong \text{image}(j_n) = \ker(d_n)$ j_{n-1} injective
 $\Rightarrow = \ker(d_n)$.

therefore $H_n(X) \cong \ker(d_n) / \text{image}(d_{n+1})$ $\square$.

Applications

- 1) $H_n(X) = 0$ if X is a CW-complex with no n -cells.
- 2) X CW-complex w/ at most k n -cells, then $H_n(X)$ has at most k generators.
- 3) if X has no cells in adjacent dimensions, then $H_n(X)$ is free abelian, with basis the cells.

Examples $\mathbb{CP}^n$ (one cell in each even dim)

S^n

$S^n \times S^n$

Computing the boundary map

$n=1$ $d_1: H_1(X', X^0) \rightarrow H_0(X^0)$ same as simplicial boundary map
 $H_1^{\Delta}(X) \rightarrow H_0^{\Delta}(X)$

$X^{(0)}$

$\vdots$

$X^{(1)}$

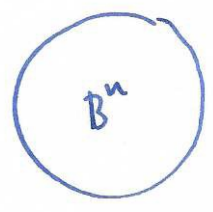


special case: if X connected with 1 vertex then $d_1 = 0$

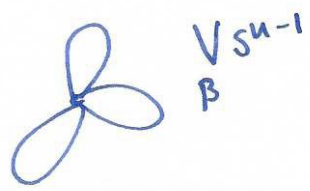
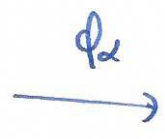
$! \rightarrow 0$

$n \geq 2 : d_n : (X^n, X^{n-1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})$

n-cell e_α^n



$\partial B^n = S^{n-1}$



$\phi_\alpha : \underset{S^{n-1}}{\partial B^n} \rightarrow \underset{P}{V_{S^{n-1}}} \rightarrow \underset{P}{S_\beta^{n-1}}$

(X^{n-1}, X^{n-2})

$(X^{n-1}, X^{n-1} \setminus S_\beta^{n-1})$

cellular boundary formula

$d_n(e_\alpha) = \sum_\beta d_{\alpha\beta} e_\beta^{n-1}$

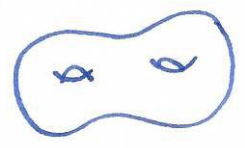
where $d_{\alpha\beta}$ is the degree of the map

$S^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\phi_\alpha} X^{n-1} \xrightarrow{q} S_\beta^{n-1}$

given by composition of the gluing map

with the quotient map collapsing $X^{n-1} \setminus e_\beta^{n-1}$ to a point

Example M_g closed orientable surface of genus g



1 0-cell

$2g$ 1-cells $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_g, b_g$

1 2-cells

gluing map : $[a_1, b_1][a_2, b_2] \dots [a_g, b_g]$

chain complex:

$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{d_2} \mathbb{Z}^{2g} \xrightarrow{d_1} \mathbb{Z}$

each a_i appears exactly twice with opposite signs.
 $\Rightarrow d_2 = 0$

so $H_k(M_g) = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ \mathbb{Z}^{2g} & k=1 \\ \mathbb{Z} & k=2 \end{matrix}$