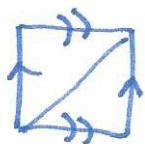
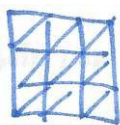


A Δ -complex is simplicial if any subset of vertices $\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}$ in $X^{(0)}$ are the vertices of at most one simplex in X .



Δ -complex
not simplicial.

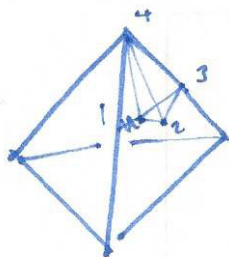


Δ -complex
simplicial. (aka simplicial complex)

Lemma Any Δ -complex can be made simplicial by subdividing twice. $\square$

Let T be a simplicial complex structure on M^n consisting of Δ^n 's with faces pairwise identified.

Each simplex σ in $S(T)$ has vertices which we order $[\hat{\alpha}_1, \hat{\alpha}_2, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_{i_k}]$ where $\alpha_{i_1} > \alpha_{i_2} > \dots > \alpha_{i_k}$.

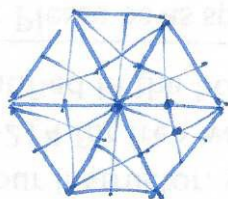
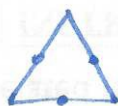


For $\sigma \in T$, define $D(\sigma) = \bigcup \{ \text{int}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in S(T) \text{ with } \hat{\sigma} \text{ as the last vertex} \}$.

$\bar{D}(\sigma) = \text{closure of } D(\sigma) = \bigcup \{ \alpha \in S(T) \mid \text{last vertex is } \hat{\sigma} \}$.

$\dot{D}(\sigma) = \bar{D}(\sigma) \setminus D(\sigma)$

Example



Note: $\bar{D}(\sigma) = \text{cone over } \dot{D}(\sigma)$

Lemma a) The $D(\sigma)$ are disjoint and their union is M .

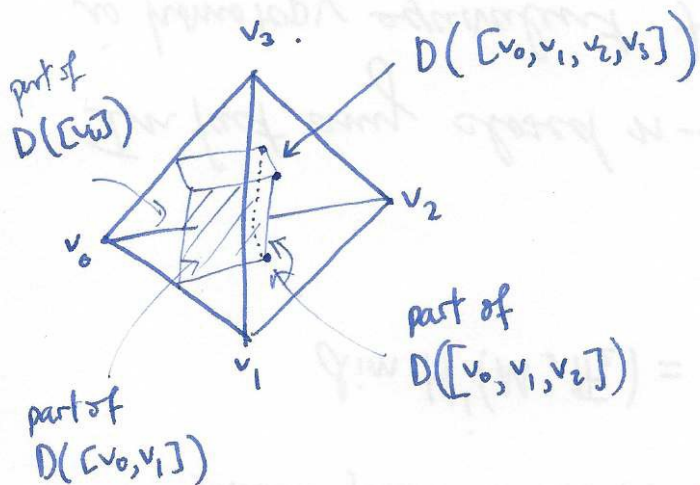
b) $\bar{D}(\sigma)$ is a subcomplex of $S(T)$ with $\dim n-k$, $|\sigma| = k$.

c) $\dot{D}(\sigma) = \{ D(\tau) \mid \tau \not\geq \sigma \}$.

Proof a) every α in $S(T)$ has a unique last vertex.

b) if $|\sigma| = k$, then in same Δ^n of T , and $\alpha \in \bar{D}(\sigma)$ can have at most $n-k+1$ vertices, and hence $\dim \leq n-k$.

c) if $\alpha \subseteq \bar{D}(\sigma) - D(\sigma)$, let $\beta \subseteq \text{sd}(T)$ have last vertex $\hat{\sigma}$, and $\alpha < \beta$. As $\alpha \not\subseteq D(\sigma)$, α has last vertex $\hat{\tau}$ for some $\tau \subseteq T$ distinct from σ . Recall: $\beta: [\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k]$
 $\Rightarrow \tau > \sigma$ as required. $\square$. $\beta_1 > \beta_2 > \dots > \beta_k$
 $\hat{\sigma}$



Defn T is PL if every $\bar{D}(\sigma)$ is homeomorphic to a ball in $D^{n-|\sigma|}$.

(simple Poincaré duality; $\mathbb{Z}_2$ coeffs).

Thm M compact, connected n -manifold with PL triangulation T .

Then $H^k(M; \mathbb{Z}_2) \cong H_{n-k}(M; \mathbb{Z}_2)$.

Proof

cochains of T

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C^{k+1} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & D_{n-k-1} \\ \delta \uparrow & & \uparrow \partial \\ C^k & \xrightarrow{\sim} & D_{n-k} \end{array}$$

chains of D .

can think of D_{n-k} as a union of $n-k$ cells of D (as coeffs in $\mathbb{Z}_2$)
 same for C^k as unions of k cells of T .

so for $\sigma_k \in T$, have both $\sigma_k^* \in C^k$ and $D(\sigma_k) \in D_{n-k}$,
 this gives horizontal isomorphisms.

check: diagram commutes.

$$\delta \sigma^* = \bigcup \{ \tau \mid |\tau| = |\sigma| + 1, \tau > \sigma \}$$

