

Ch 3

The simplicial homology groups are actually only one of many "homology theories." A little later we will introduce singular homology theory. These theories are organized by 8 axioms. A central concept needed for this is the idea of long exact sequences of abelian groups.

These are defined in §23, and in §24 the ~~purely~~ purely algebraic Zig-Zag Lemma is proved. This is used to develop two long exact seq's of relative homology groups: The l.e.s. of a pair and the Mayer-Vietoris Sequence. (§25)

As applications we compute the simp. hom. groups of the spheres, S^n , and products of spheres $S^n \times S^m$.

§26 gives the axioms. §27 proves these for simp. hom., but we have done most of this it turns out, so I'll let you read it on your own. §28 define categories and functors - we've talked about these before, so you can skim this section.

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Def Consider a sequence of abelian grs and homomorphisms

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\phi_0} A_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} A_3 \xrightarrow{\phi_3} A_4 \xrightarrow{\phi_4} \cdots$$

(it may be finite, infinite or bi-infinite). It

is exact at n if $\text{image } \phi_{n-1} = \text{kernel } \phi_n$, exact_{equiv.}

If it is exact at all n , it is called an exact seq.

If it is ^{bi-}infinite it is called a long exact seq.

If we have

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} A_2 \xrightarrow{\psi} A_3 \rightarrow 0$$

we call it a short exact seq. Notice that this is equivalent to specifying that ϕ be injective and ψ be surjective.

A s.e.s splits if $A_2 = \phi(A_1) \oplus B$, for some gr B . It is easy to prove that this is eq. to \exists iso $\theta: A_2 \rightarrow A_1 \oplus A_3$ st.

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \xrightarrow{\phi} A_2 \xrightarrow{\psi} A_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \text{id} \quad \downarrow \theta \quad \downarrow \text{id}$$

$$0 \rightarrow A_1 \rightarrow A_1 \oplus A_3 \rightarrow A_3 \rightarrow 0$$

commutes. (see Thm 23.1; study it.)

Q: What can we say if $0 \rightarrow A \hookrightarrow B \rightarrow 0$ is exact?

There are several important exact seq's that often come up. Here are two

① Let K be a simplicial complex with subcomplex K_0 . Let $i: K_0 \hookrightarrow K$ be inclusion and $\mathbb{T}: (K, \emptyset) \rightarrow (K, K_0)$ be inclusion of pairs. Then, there exists a hom's ∂_* , (defined later) s.t.

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_p(K_0) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_p(K) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}_*} H_p(K, K_0) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{p-1}(K) \xrightarrow{i_*} \dots$$

is a l.c.s., call the l.c.s. of the pair (K, K_0) .

② Let K be a simp. com. with subcom's K_0, K_1 , s.t. $K = K_0 \cup K_1$. Let $A = K_0 \cap K_1$. Then \exists hom's s.t.

$$\dots \rightarrow H_p(A) \rightarrow H_p(K_0) \oplus H_p(K_1) \rightarrow H_p(K) \rightarrow H_{p-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact. It is call the Mayer-Vietoris Seq. of (K, K_0, K_1) .

We will see later how these are used to compute various hom. gps. The MVS plays a role similar to the Seifert/van Kampen Thm from 530.

Both are derived from the Zig-Zag Lemma. Hold on to your seats!

§ 24 The Zig-Zag Lemma.

Def Let C , D , and E be chain complexes. Then

$$0 \rightarrow C \xrightarrow{\phi} D \xrightarrow{\psi} E \rightarrow 0$$

is a short exact seq of chain complexes if

$$0 \rightarrow C_p \xrightarrow{\phi_p} D_p \xrightarrow{\psi_p} E_p \rightarrow 0$$

is exact.

We can now ~~state~~ state and prove the ZZ lemma. The text also ^{discusses} ~~states~~ some other result, such as the Steenrod five-lemma and the exact seq of a triple (A, B, C) ($B \subset A \subset X$), in exercise 1, and the serpent lemma in exercise 2. Study these.

Step 1

First we define $\partial_* : H_p(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H_{p-1}(\mathcal{C})$.

Let $\alpha \in H_p(\mathcal{E})$. Let $e_p \in \text{Ker } d_p^E \subset E_p$ be a cycle

st. $\alpha = [e_p]$. Since ψ is onto we can choose

$d_p \in D_p$ st. $\psi(d_p) = e_p$. The element $\partial^D d_p \in D_{p-1}$

lies in $\text{Ker } \psi_{p-1}$ since,

$$\psi(\partial^D d_p) = \partial^E \psi(d_p) = \partial^E e_p = 0, \quad (e_p \text{ is a cycle}).$$

~~Thus~~ $\exists c_{p-1} \in C_{p-1}$ st. $\phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^D d_p$ since

$\text{Ker } \psi = \text{im } \phi$. Thus c_{p-1} is unique since ϕ

is 1-to-1. Furthermore c_{p-1} is a cycle

since

$$\phi(\partial^C c_{p-1}) = \partial^D \phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^D \partial^D d_p = 0,$$

imply $\partial^C c_{p-1} = 0$ because ϕ is 1-to-1.

We define $\partial_* \alpha = [c_{p-1}] \in H_{p-1}(\mathcal{C})$.

Step 2 We show α_* is well defined and a homomorphism.

Let e_p and e'_p be cycles in $\alpha \in H_p(E)$.

Then $e_p - e'_p = \partial^E e_{p+1}$ for some $e_{p+1} \in E_{p+1}$.

Choose d_p and d'_p so that $\psi(d_p) = e_p$ and $\psi(d'_p) = e'_p$.

Then choose c_{p-1} and c'_{p-1} s.t. $\phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^D d_p$ and

$\phi(c'_{p-1}) = \partial^D d'_p$. Choose e_{p+1} s.t. $\psi(d_{p+1}) = e_{p+1}$.

Now we have

$$\psi(d_p - d'_p - \partial^D d_{p+1}) = e_p - e'_p - \partial^E \psi(d_{p+1}) = e_p - e'_p - \partial^E e_{p+1} = 0.$$

Since $d_p - d'_p - \partial^D d_{p+1} \in \ker \psi$ it is in $\text{Im } \phi$.

Choose c_p s.t. $\phi(c_p) = d_p - d'_p - \partial^D d_{p+1}$.

$$\text{Then } \phi(\partial^C c_p) = \partial^D \phi(c_p) = \partial^D (\quad) =$$

$$= \partial^D (d_p - d'_p) = \phi(c_{p-1} - c'_{p-1}).$$

Since ϕ is 1-to-1, $\partial^C c_p = c_{p-1} - c'_{p-1}$.

Thus $\alpha_* \alpha = [c_p] = [c'_{p-1}]$ is unambiguous.

To show ∂_* is a homomorphism let e_p and e'_p be any two cycles in E_p , with d_p, d'_p, c_{p-1} and c'_{p-1} defined as above. We need to show

$$\partial_*([e_p] + [e'_p]) = [c_{p-1}] + [c'_{p-1}].$$

Note that $\psi(d_p + d'_p) = e_p + e'_p$ and

$$\phi(c_{p-1} + c'_{p-1}) = \partial^D(d_p + d'_p) \text{ since } \psi, \phi \text{ and } \partial^D \text{ are}$$

homomorphisms. Therefore, by def., $\partial_*[e_p + e'_p] = [c_{p-1} + c'_{p-1}]$.

Since homology eq. classes respect the group additions we get

$$\partial_*([e_p] + [e'_p]) = [c_{p-1}] + [c'_{p-1}]$$

as desired.

Step 3 We prove exactness at $H_p(\mathcal{D})$.

(i) $\Psi_* \phi_* = (\Psi \phi)_* = 0_* = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Im } \phi_* \subseteq \ker \Psi_*$.

(ii) Conversely, let $\gamma = [d_p] \in \ker \Psi_*$.

Since $\Psi_* [d_p] = 0$, $\Psi(d_p) = \sum^E e_{p+1}$ for

some $e_{p+1} \in E_{p+1}$. Choose d_{p+1} s.t. $\Psi(d_{p+1}) = e_{p+1}$.

Then

$$\Psi(d_p - \sum^D d_{p+1}) = \Psi(d_p) - \sum^E \Psi(d_{p+1}) = \Psi(d_p) - \sum^E e_{p+1} = 0.$$

Hence $d_p - \sum^D d_{p+1} \in \ker \Psi = \text{Im } \phi$ so $\exists c_p \in C_p$ s.t.

$$d_p - \sum^D d_{p+1} = \phi(c_p). \quad \text{Now } c_p \text{ is a cycle}$$

since,

$$\phi(\sum^C c_p) = \sum^D \phi(c_p) = \sum^D d_p = \sum^D \sum^D d_{p+1} = 0 - 0,$$

and ϕ is one-to-one. Finally,

$$\phi_* [c_p] = [\phi(c_p)] = [d_p - \sum^D d_{p+1}] = [d_p],$$

so $[d_p] \in \text{Im } \phi_*$ as desired.

Step 4

We prove exactness at $H_p(E)$.

Let $\alpha = [e_p] \in H_p(E)$. Suppose $\alpha \in \text{Im } \Psi_*$.

Let $d_p \in D_p$ be s.t. $\Psi(d_p) = e_p$ as usual.

But since $\alpha \in \text{Im } \Psi_*$ we can take d_p to be a

cycle. Let $c_{p-1} \in C_{p-1}$ be s.t. $\phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^p d_p$ as usual.

But since d_p is a cycle we have $\phi(c_{p-1}) = 0$.

Since ϕ is 1-to-1, $c_{p-1} = 0$. Thus $\partial_* \alpha = [c_{p-1}] = 0$

and so $\alpha \in \ker \partial_*$. $\text{Im } \Psi_* \subset \ker \partial_*$.

Now suppose $\partial_* \alpha = 0$. Let $\partial_* \alpha = [c_{p-1}]$.

Then $c_{p-1} = \partial^c c_p$ for some $c_p \in C_p$. We assert

that $d_p - \phi(c_p)$ is a cycle and $\alpha = \Psi_*([d_p - \phi(c_p)])$.
Thus $\alpha \in \text{Im } \Psi_*$

By direct calculation:

$$\partial^p(d_p - \phi(c_p)) = \partial^p d_p - \phi \partial^c(c_p) = \partial^p d_p - \phi(c_{p-1}) = 0$$

$$\Psi_*[d_p - \phi(c_p)] = [\Psi(d_p) - \Psi \phi(c_p)] = [e_p] = \alpha.$$

Thus $\ker \partial_* = \text{Im } \Psi_*$.

Step 5

We prove exactness at $H_{p-1}(C)$.

Let $\beta \in H_{p-1}(C)$. Suppose $\beta \in \text{Im } \partial_*$.

Now $\beta = [c_{p-1}]$ and here $\phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^p d_p$ for some $d_p \in D_p$, because β is in the image of ∂_* .

$$\text{Then } \phi_*(\beta) = [\phi(c_{p-1})] = [\partial^p d_p] = 0,$$

($\partial^p d_p$ is a boundary.)

Conversely, suppose $\phi_*(\beta) = 0$. Let $\beta = [c_{p-1}]$.

Then $[\phi(c_{p-1})] = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(c_{p-1}) = \partial^p d_p$ for

some d_p . Let $e_p = \psi(d_p)$. Then e_p is a cycle since

$$\partial^E e_p = \psi(\partial^p d_p) = \psi \phi(c_{p-1}) = 0.$$

By def. $\beta = \partial_* [c_p]$. Thus $\beta \in \text{Im } \partial_*$,

and we are done. \square

Thm 23.3 (The exact homology seq. of a pair.)

Let K be a complex, with K_0 a subcomplex.
Then \exists a l.e.s.

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_p(K_0) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_p(K) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} H_p(K, K_0) \xrightarrow{d_*} H_{p-1}(K_0) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where $i: K_0 \rightarrow K$ and $\pi: (K, \emptyset) \rightarrow (K, K_0)$ are inclusions.

pf Check that $0 \rightarrow C_p(K_0) \xrightarrow{i_{\#}} C_p(K) \xrightarrow{\pi_{\#}} C_p(K, K_0) \rightarrow 0$
is exact $\forall p$.

Exactness at $C_p(K_0)$ follows since $i_{\#}$ is 1-to-1.

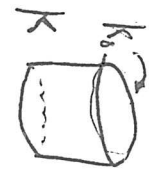
Now $\pi_{\#}$ is defined to take each element to its equivalence class. Thus it is onto and we have exactness at $C_p(K, K_0)$.

Let $c_p \in C_p(K_0)$. Then its support is in K_0 . Now $i_{\#}(c_p) = c_p$ in $C_p(K)$. Since the support of c_p is in K_0 , $\pi_{\#}(c_p) = 0$. ~~Thus~~ And if $\pi_{\#}(c_p) = 0$, then the supp of c_p was in K_0 and thus in the image of $i_{\#}$.

Apply the Zig-Zag Lemma! █

Can be done in reduced homology as well. See text, bottom of page 138.

Example 3 "a"



$K = S^1 \times I$
 $K_0 = S^1 \times \{1, 0\}$

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(K_0) \rightarrow H_2(K) \rightarrow H_2(K, K_0) \rightarrow H_1(K_0) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H_1(K) \rightarrow H_1(K, K_0) \rightarrow H_0(K_0) \rightarrow H_0(K) \rightarrow H_0(K, K_0) \rightarrow 0$$

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 $0 \quad 0 \quad ? \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad ? \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0$

Kill with reduced homology

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(K, K_0) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H_1(K_0) \xrightarrow{\beta} H_1(K) \xrightarrow{\gamma} H_1(K, K_0) \rightarrow 0$$

$\text{Ker } \alpha = 0 \quad \alpha \text{ is } \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $\text{Im } \alpha = \text{Ker } (\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow H_2(K, K_0) = 0$

$\text{Ker } \beta = \text{Im } \alpha = \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow H_1(K, K_0) = 0$

