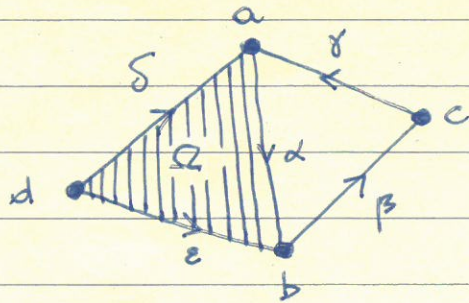


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Homology

Motivation:

A space X with triangulation:



$a, b, c, d = 0$ -simplices

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta = 1$ -simplices

$\Omega = 2$ -simplex

$C_i(X) =$ the free abelian group generated by i -simplices of X :

$$C_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$C_1(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$C_2(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Consider a homomorphism:

(edge)	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	(end - start)
$C_1(X)$	$\xrightarrow{\partial_1}$	$C_0(X)$
$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$	\longrightarrow	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$
1	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	$(-1, 1, 0, 0)$
1	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	$(0, -1, 1, 0)$
1	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	$(1, 0, -1, 0)$
1	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	$(-1, 0, 0, -1)$
1	$\xrightarrow{\quad}$	$(0, 1, 0, -1)$

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Note: $\alpha\beta\gamma$ is a loop $\rightsquigarrow \partial_1(\overset{\alpha}{1}, \overset{\beta}{1}, \overset{\gamma}{1}, 0, 0) = 0$
 $\delta\alpha\epsilon$ is a loop $\rightsquigarrow \partial_1(1, 0, 0, \overset{\delta}{1}, \overset{\epsilon}{1}) = 0$

Upshot: elements of $\text{Ker}(\partial_1) \leftrightarrow$ loops in X

Another homomorphism:

(2-simplex) \longrightarrow (sum of edges around the simplex)

$$C_2(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(X)$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$\alpha \quad \beta \quad \gamma \quad \delta \quad \epsilon$

$$1 \longmapsto (1, 0, 0, 1, -1)$$

Note: Elements of $\text{Im}(\partial_1) \leftrightarrow$ contractible loops in X .

We have:

- 1) $\text{Im}(\partial_1) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\partial_1) \leftrightarrow$ the group of loops which are homotopically non-trivial
- 2) $\underbrace{\text{Ker}(\partial_1) / \text{Im}(\partial_1)}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z} \\ \parallel \\ H_1(X) \end{array}$$

1st homology group of X

1st generalization: higher homology groups

X - space with triangulation

$C_n(X)$ = the free abelian group generated by n -simplices of X

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We have homomorphisms:

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} \dots \rightarrow C_1(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

s.t. $\underbrace{\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1})}_{n\text{-boundaries}} = \underbrace{\text{Ker}(\partial_n)}_{n\text{-cycles}}$

$$H_n(X) = \frac{\text{Ker}(\partial_n)}{\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1})}$$

the n^{th} homology group of X .

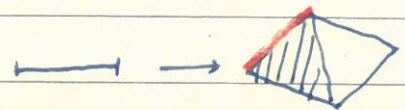
2nd generalization: homology for non-triangulated spaces

Idea: If X -triangulated space then:

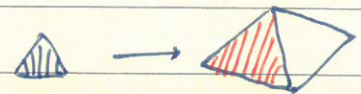
0-simplex of X = certain map $*$ \rightarrow X



1-simplex of X = certain map --- \rightarrow X



2-simplex of X = certain map \triangle \rightarrow X



If X -any (non-triangulated) space define:

singular 0-simplex of X = any map $*$ \rightarrow X
(= point in X)

singular 1-simplex of X = any map --- \rightarrow X
(= path in X)

singular 2-simplex of X = any map \triangle \rightarrow X

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Then define $C_i(X), H_i(X)$ as before

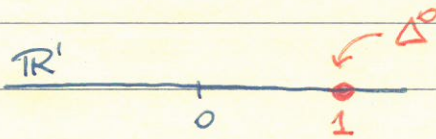
Details:

Def: Let $e_0 = (1, 0, \dots, 0), e_1 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ be the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . The standard n -simplex $\Delta^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ is given by:

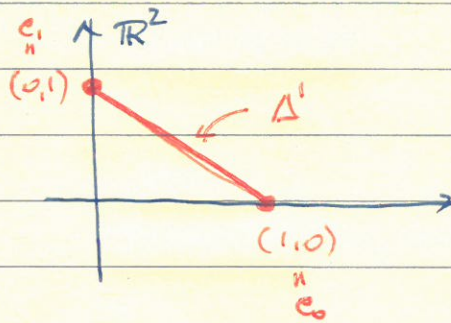
$$\Delta^n = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n t_i e_i \mid \sum_{i=0}^n t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0 \forall i \right\}$$

Example:

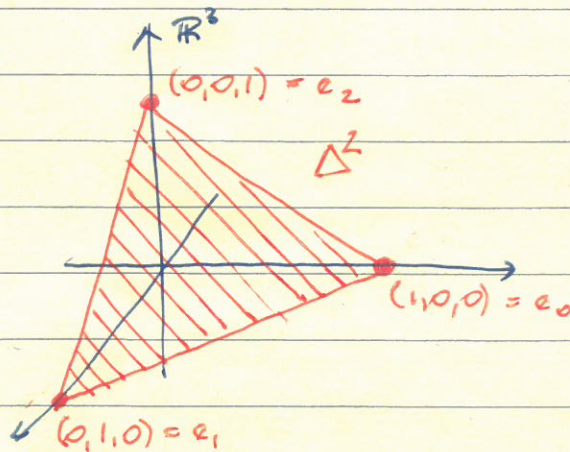
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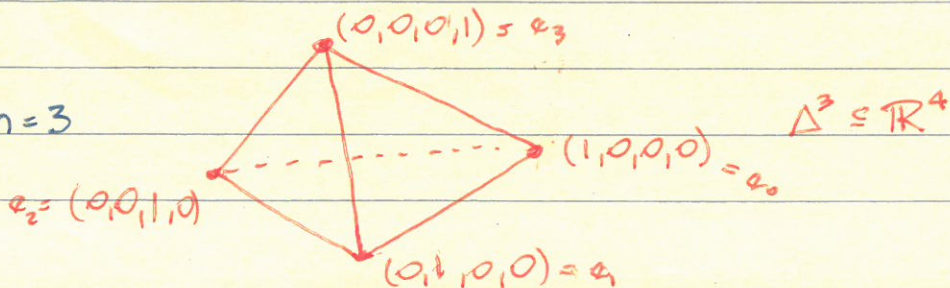
$n=1$



$n=2$



$n=3$



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Note: If $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is a convex set and $a_0, \dots, a_n \in A$ then there exists a unique affine map $f: \Delta^n \rightarrow A$

s.t. $f(e_i) = a_i$. Explicitly:

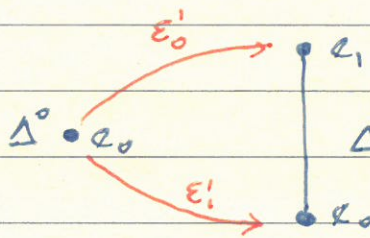
$$f(\sum t_i e_i) = \sum t_i a_i$$

Def: For $k=0, 1, \dots, n$ the k^{th} -face of Δ^n is the affine map $\varepsilon_k^n: \Delta^{n-k} \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$ s.t.

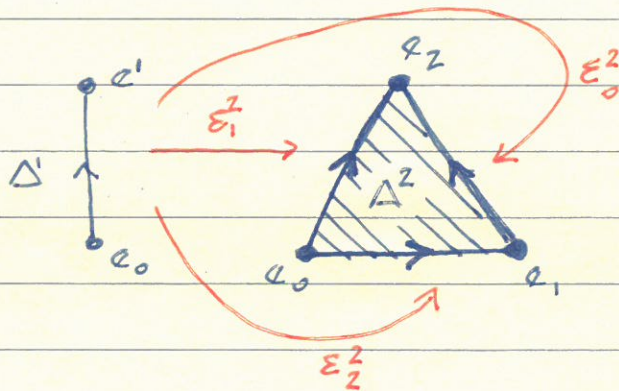
$$\begin{aligned} e_0 &\rightarrow e_0 \\ \vdots & \\ e_{k-1} &\rightarrow e_{k-1} \\ e_k &\rightarrow e_{k+1} \\ \vdots & \\ e_{n-1} &\rightarrow e_n \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \text{skip the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ vertex}$$

Example:

$n=1$



$n=2$



Def: 1) A singular n -simplex in a space X is a map

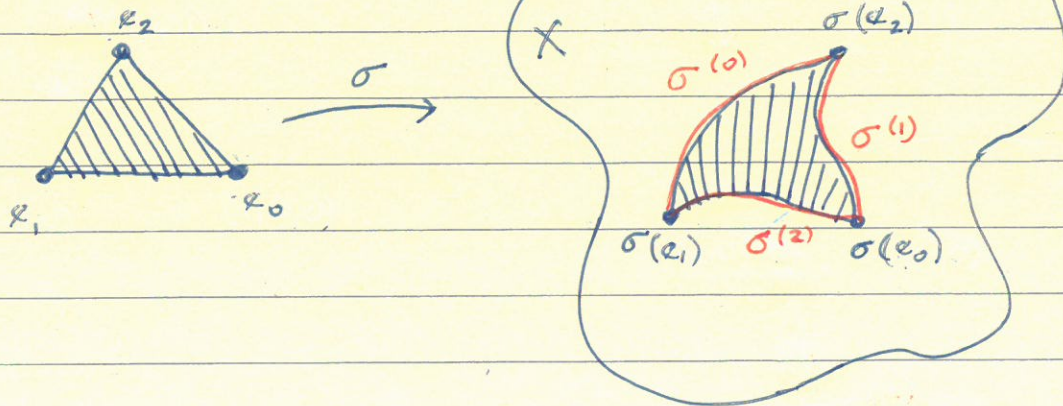
$$\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$$

2) The k^{th} face of a singular n -simplex σ

is the singular $(n-1)$ -simplex

$$\sigma(k): \Delta^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_k^n} \Delta^n \xrightarrow{\sigma} X$$

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Singular chain complex

Def: $C_n(X)$ = the free abelian group generated
by all singular n -simplices of X
 $= \bigoplus_{(\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X)} \mathbb{Z}$

$C_n(X)$ is called the group of singular n -chains
of X .

Elements of $C_n(X)$:

$\sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} \sigma$, $n_{\sigma} \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n_{\sigma} \neq 0$ for a finite
number of σ only

addition in $C_n(X)$:

$$\sum n_{\sigma} \sigma + \sum m_{\sigma} \sigma = \sum (n_{\sigma} + m_{\sigma}) \sigma$$

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Def: For $n > 0$ the boundary map

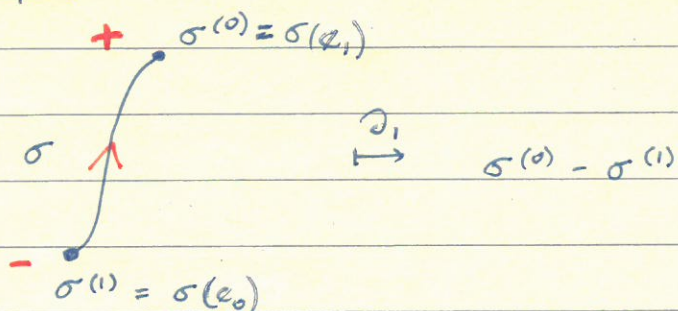
$$\partial_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$$

is the homomorphism defined by

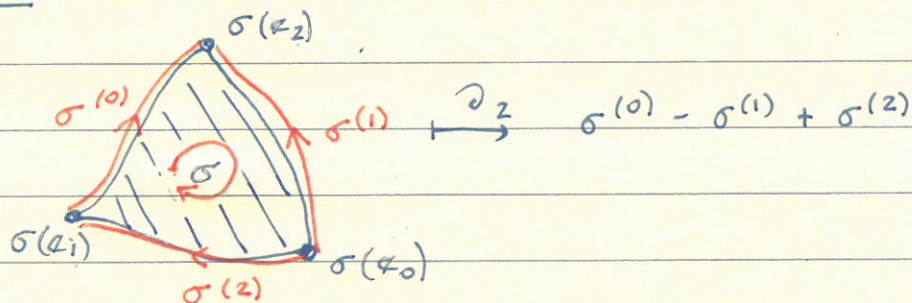
$$\partial_n(\sigma) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \sigma^{(k)}$$

Example:

$n=1$



$n=2$



Note: We define: $\partial_0: C_0(X) \rightarrow 0$ - the trivial map

Proposition:

For any $n \geq 0$ $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1}: C_{n+1}(X) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X)$

is the trivial homomorphism.

(Equivalently: $\text{Im}(\partial_{n+1}) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\partial_n)$)

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Proof: Enough to check:

$$\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1}(\sigma) = 0 \quad \forall \sigma \in C_{n+1}(X)$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1}(\sigma) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (-1)^k \partial_n(\sigma^{(k)}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (-1)^k \sum_{l=0}^n (-1)^l (\sigma^{(k)})^{(l)} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: if $k > l$ then $(\sigma^{(k)})^{(l)} = (\sigma^{(l)})^{(k-1)}$

This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{n+1} \circ \partial_n(\sigma) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \sum_{l \geq k} (-1)^{k+l} (\sigma^{(k)})^{(l)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \sum_{l < k} (-1)^{k+l} (\sigma^{(l)})^{(k-1)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l \geq k} (-1)^{k+l} (\sigma^{(k)})^{(l)} + \sum_{k'=0}^n \sum_{l' \geq k'} (-1)^{k'+l'+1} (\sigma^{(k')})^{(l')} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$k' = l$
 $l' = k-1$

Upshot:

For a space X we obtain a sequence of abelian groups and group homomorphisms:

$$\rightarrow C_{n+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

such that $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n.$

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Algebraic setup: chain complexes

Def: A chain complex C_* is a sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

where:

C_n - abelian group

$\partial_n: C_n \rightarrow C_{n-1}$ - group homomorphism ("differential")
such that $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0 \quad \forall n$.

If C_* is a chain complex then

- the group of n -cycles of C_* is the group

$$Z_n(C_*) = \text{Ker}(C_n \xrightarrow{\partial_n} C_{n-1}) \subseteq C_n$$

- the group of n -boundaries of C_* is the group

$$B_n(C_*) = \text{Im}(C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n) \subseteq C_n$$

Note: Since $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$ we have:

$$B_n(C_*) \subseteq Z_n(C_*)$$

Def: The group $H_n(C_*) := Z_n(C_*) / B_n(C_*)$ is called the n -th homology group of C_*

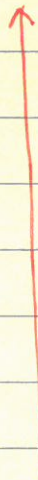
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Example

$$C_n = (\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_3} 0 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} \dots)$$

$$(m, n) \mapsto 2m$$

$$1 \mapsto (1, 0)$$



$$Z_0(C_*) = \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/3$$

$$B_0(C_*) = \mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus 0$$

$$H_0(C_*) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3$$

$$Z_1(C_*) = 2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$B_1(C_*) = 2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(C_*) = 0$$

$$Z_2(C_*) = 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$B_2(C_*) = 0 \oplus 0$$

$$H_2(C_*) = 0 \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Back to spaces:

Def: If X is a space then the chain complex

$$C_*(X) = (\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} C_n(X) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0)$$

is called the singular chain complex of X .

Notation: $Z_n(X) := Z_n(C_*(X))$

the group of singular n -cycles of X .

$B_n(X) := B_n(C_*(X))$

the group of singular n -boundaries of X

$H_n(X) := H_n(C_*(X))$

the n^{th} singular homology group of X

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Example:

$$X = \{*\}$$

Note: 1) For $n \geq 0$ X has only one singular n -simplex:

$$\sigma_n: \Delta^n \rightarrow * = X$$

$$\text{Thus } C_n(*) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

$$2) \sigma_n^{(k)} = \sigma_{n-1} \quad \forall k=0, 1, \dots, n$$

Therefore:

$$\partial \sigma_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \sigma_n^{(k)} = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \sigma_{n-1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{-odd} \\ \sigma_{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{-even} \end{cases}$$

We obtain:

$$C_*(*) \cong (\dots \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{4} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{3} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0)$$

$$H_0(*) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(*) = 0$$

$$H_2(*) = 0$$

$$H_3(*) = 0$$

We get:

Proposition: (the dimension axiom)

$$H_n(*) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>0 \end{cases}$$

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Low dimensional homology

$H_0(X)$

Proposition: If X is a path conn. space and $X \neq \emptyset$
then $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

Proof: We have:

$$\dots \rightarrow C_1(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

$$Z_0(X) = C_0(X) = \left\{ \sum_{x \in X} n_x x \mid n_x \neq 0 \text{ for fin. many } x \right\}$$

↑
0-simplices = points in X

Take:

$$\theta: Z_0(X) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad - \text{ homomorphism onto}$$
$$Z_{n_x} x \longmapsto Z_{n_x}$$

We will show that $\text{Ker}(\theta) = B_0(X)$.

$$\text{Then: } H_0(X) = Z_0(X) / B_0(X) = Z_0(X) / \text{Ker}(\theta) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

1) $B_0(X) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\theta)$.

$$\begin{aligned} B_0(X) &= \text{Im}(\partial_1) \\ &= \{ \partial_1(\sum m_\sigma \sigma) \mid \sum m_\sigma \sigma \in C_1(X) \} \\ &= \{ \sum m_\sigma (\sigma^{(0)} - \sigma^{(1)}) \mid \sum m_\sigma \sigma \in C_1(X) \} \\ &= \{ \sum m_\sigma \sigma^{(0)} - \sum m_\sigma \sigma^{(1)} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta(\sum m_\sigma \sigma^{(0)} - \sum m_\sigma \sigma^{(1)}) = \sum m_\sigma - \sum m_\sigma = 0$$

so: $B_0(X) \subseteq \text{Ker}(\theta)$

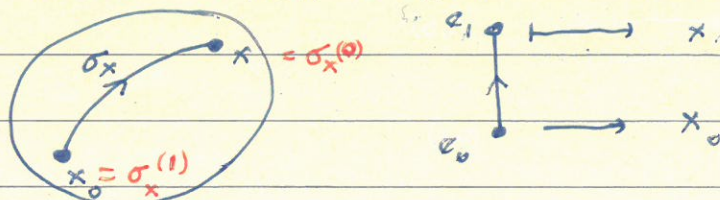
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$$2) \text{Ker}(\theta) = B_0(X)$$

Let $\sum n_x x \in \text{Ker}(\theta)$ i.e. $\sum n_x = 0$

Choose $x_0 \in X$

X -path conn. $\Rightarrow \exists x \in X \exists \sigma_x: \Delta^1 \longrightarrow X$



We have:

$$\partial_1(\sum n_x \sigma_x) = \sum n_x (\sigma_x^{(0)} - \sigma_x^{(1)})$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \parallel & \parallel \\ x & x_0 \end{array}$$

$$= \sum n_x x - \sum n_x x_0$$

$$= \sum n_x x - \underbrace{(\sum n_x) x_0}_{=0} = \sum n_x x$$

Thus: $\sum n_x x \in \partial_1(C_1(X)) = B_1(X)$



Q: What if X is not path connected?

Proposition: If $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ is the set of path conn. components of X then

$$H_n(X) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_n(X_i)$$

In particular $H_0(X) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}$

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Proof: Enough to notice:

$$1) C_*(X) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} C_*(X_i)$$

direct sum of singular chain complexes of the components X_i

2) Homology of chain complexes commutes with direct sums:

$$H_n(\bigoplus_{i \in I} C_*^{(i)}) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} H_n(C_*^{(i)})$$



$H_1(X)$

Let X - top. space, $x_0 \in X$ - basepoint

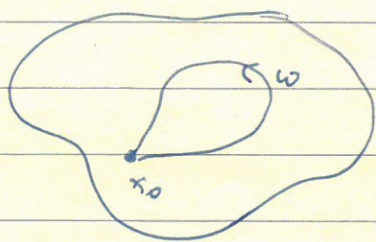
Recall:

$\pi_1(X, x_0)$ - fundamental gp of X

elements: homotopy classes of loop

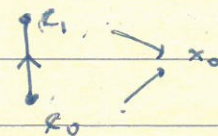
$$\omega: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$$

$$0, 1 \mapsto x_0$$



multiplication: concatenation of loops

Note: 1) Since $\Delta^1 \cong [0, 1]$ we can consider a loop ω in X as a singular 1-simplex $\omega: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$



2) We have: $\partial_1 \omega = x_0 - x_0 = 0$ so $\omega \in Z_1(X)$, and so it represents an element $[\omega] \in H_1(X)$

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Proposition

The function

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: \pi_1(X, x_0) &\longrightarrow H_1(X) \\ [\omega] &\longmapsto [\omega] \end{aligned}$$

homotopy class homology class

is a well defined

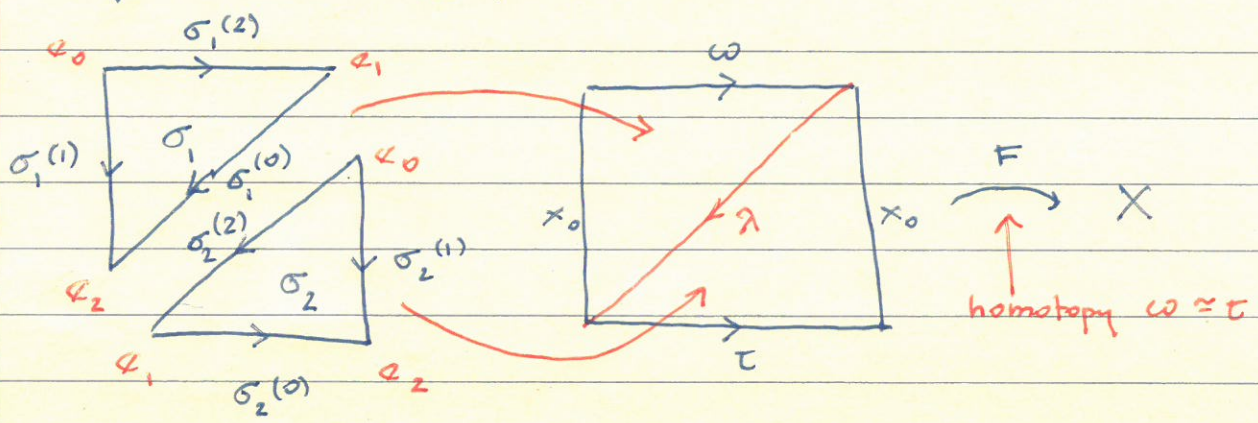
Proof:

i) φ is well defined

Assume that ω, τ - loops in X , $\omega \approx \tau$.

We need to show that $[\omega] = [\tau]$ in $H_1(X) \in Z_1(X) / B_1(X)$.

This is equivalent to showing that $\omega = \tau + \partial b$ for some $b \in C_2(X)$.



Take $b = \sigma_1 - \sigma_2$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial b &= \partial \sigma_1 - \partial \sigma_2 \\ &= (\cancel{x_1} - \cancel{x_0} + \omega) - (\tau - \cancel{x_0} + \cancel{x_1}) \\ &= \omega - \tau \end{aligned}$$

So: $\omega = \tau + \partial b$.

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2) φ is a homomorphism

Let ω, τ - loops in X , $\omega * \tau$ - concatenation of ω, τ . We want:

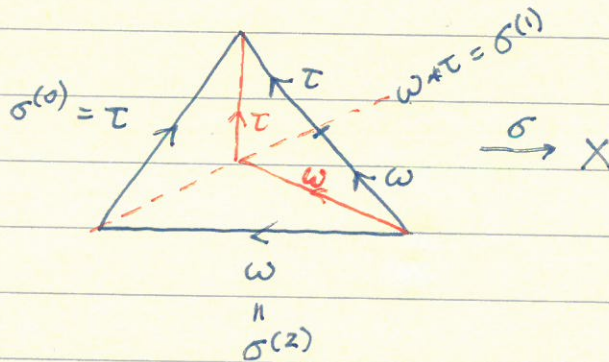
$$\varphi[\omega * \tau] = \varphi[\omega] + \varphi[\tau]$$

This is equivalent to showing that

$$\omega * \tau = \omega + \tau + \partial b$$

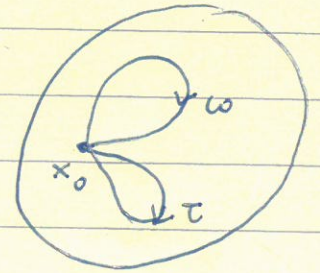
for some $b \in C_2(X)$.

Define $\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ as follows:



We have: $\partial\sigma = \tau - \omega * \tau + \omega$

so: $\tau + \omega = \omega * \tau + \partial\sigma$



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Hurewicz Theorem

Recall: 1) If G -group, $g, h \in G$ then

$$[g, h] = ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$$

- the commutator of g, h .

2) $[G, G]$ = the subgroup of G generated by all commutators $[g, h]$, $g, h \in G$.

We have:

1) $[G, G]$ is a normal subgroup of G

2) $G/[G, G]$ is an abelian group. Denote: $G_{ab} = G/[G, G]$

3) If $f: G \rightarrow H$ - homomorphism and H is abelian then $[G, G] \subseteq \text{Ker}(f)$. This induces a homomorphism:

$$f_*: G_{ab} \rightarrow H$$

Thm: (Hurewicz):

If X is path connected then the homomorphism

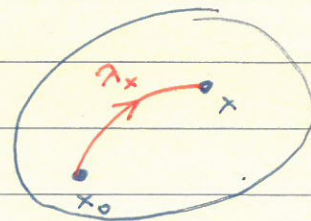
$$\varphi_*: \pi_1(X, x_0)_{ab} \rightarrow H_1(X)$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof:

For $x \in X$ fix a path $\lambda_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longmapsto x_0 \\ 1 &\longmapsto x \end{aligned}$$



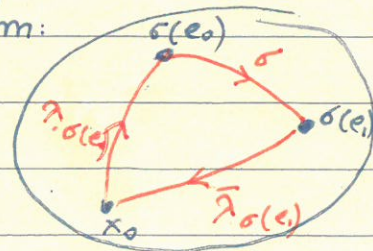
For a singular 1-simplex σ define:

$$\varphi(\sigma) = [\lambda_{\sigma(e_0)} * \sigma * \bar{\lambda}_{\sigma(e_1)}] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)_{ab}$$

This uniquely extends to a homomorphism:

$$\varphi: C_1(X) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)_{ab}$$

$$\sum n_i \sigma_i \longmapsto \sum n_i \varphi(\sigma_i)$$



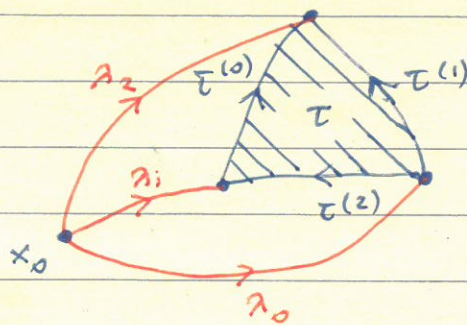
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Claim 1:

$$B_1(X) \cong \text{Ker}(\psi)$$

Indeed, it is enough to show that for any singular

2-simplex $\tau: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ we have $\psi(\partial\tau) = 0 \in \pi_1(X, x_0)_{ab}$



We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(\partial\tau) &= \psi(\tau^{(0)} - \tau^{(1)} + \tau^{(2)}) \\ &= \psi(\tau^{(0)}) - \psi(\tau^{(1)}) + \psi(\tau^{(2)}) \\ &= [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(0)} * \bar{\lambda}_2] - [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(1)} * \bar{\lambda}_2] + [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(2)} * \bar{\lambda}_1]\end{aligned}$$

Note: in $\pi_1(X, x_0)_{ab}$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}[\lambda_0 * \tau^{(1)} * \bar{\lambda}_2] &= [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(2)} * \tau^{(0)} * \bar{\lambda}_2] \\ &= [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(2)} * \bar{\lambda}_1 * \lambda_1 * \tau^{(0)} * \bar{\lambda}_2] \\ &= [\lambda_0 * \tau^{(2)} * \bar{\lambda}_1] + [\lambda_1 * \tau^{(0)} * \bar{\lambda}_2]\end{aligned}$$

This gives:

$$\psi(\partial\tau) = 0$$

Upshot: ψ induces a homomorphism:

$$\psi_*: H_1(X) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

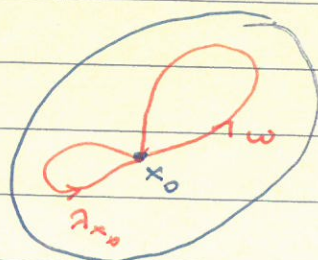
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Claim 2:

$\varphi_* \psi_* : \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$ is the identity map

Indeed: if $[\omega] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_* \psi_* [\omega] &= [\lambda_{x_0} * \omega * \bar{\lambda}_{x_0}] \\
 &= [\lambda_{x_0}] + [\omega] + [\bar{\lambda}_{x_0}] \\
 &= [\cancel{\lambda_{x_0}}] + [\omega] - [\cancel{\lambda_{x_0}}] \\
 &= [\omega]
 \end{aligned}$$

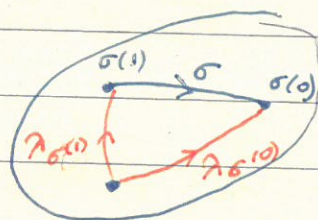


Claim 3:

$\varphi_* \psi_* : H_1(X) \rightarrow H_1(X)$ is the identity map

Indeed: notice first that if σ is a 1-simplex in X

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{then } \varphi_* \psi(\sigma) &= [\lambda_{\sigma(0)} * \sigma * \bar{\lambda}_{\sigma(0)}] \\
 &= [\lambda_{\sigma(0)} + \sigma - \lambda_{\sigma(0)}] \\
 &\quad \uparrow \text{check} \\
 &= [\sigma - \lambda_{\partial\sigma}]
 \end{aligned}$$



Therefore if $c \in C_1(X)$ then

$$\varphi_* \psi(c) = [c - \lambda_{\partial c}]$$

In particular if c is a cycle (i.e. $\partial c = 0$)

$$\text{then } \varphi_* \psi(c) = [c].$$



Upshot:

$$H_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(S^n) \cong 0 \text{ for } n > 1$$

$$H_1(S^1 \times S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(S^1 \vee S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$$

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Functoriality of homology:

Algebra:

Def: A chain map of chain complexes $f_*: C_* \rightarrow D_*$ is a sequence of homomorphisms $f_n: C_n \rightarrow D_n$ s.t. the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & C_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & & \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & D_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & D_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \dots
 \end{array}$$

Proposition: If $f_*: C_* \rightarrow D_*$ is a chain map then $f_n(Z_n(C_*)) \subseteq Z_n(D_*)$ and $f_n(B_n(C_*)) \subseteq B_n(D_*) \forall n$. As a result f_* induces a homomorphism of homology groups:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f_*: H_n(C_*) & \longrightarrow & H_n(D_*) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 Z_n(C_*)/B_n(C_*) & \longrightarrow & Z_n(D_*)/B_n(D_*) \\
 [c] & \longmapsto & [f_*(c)]
 \end{array}$$

Note: 1) Chain complexes of abelian groups and chain maps define a category $\text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$.

2) For any n the assignment

$$C_* \longmapsto H_n(C_*)$$

defines a functor

$$H_n: \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Ab}}$$

↑ the category of abelian groups

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Back to topology:

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ - map of spaces,

$\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ - singular simplex in X

then: $f \circ \sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow Y$ - singular simplex in Y

This gives a homomorphism

$$f_n: C_n(X) \longrightarrow C_n(Y)$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto f \circ \sigma$$

Check: these homomorphisms define a map of singular chain complexes:

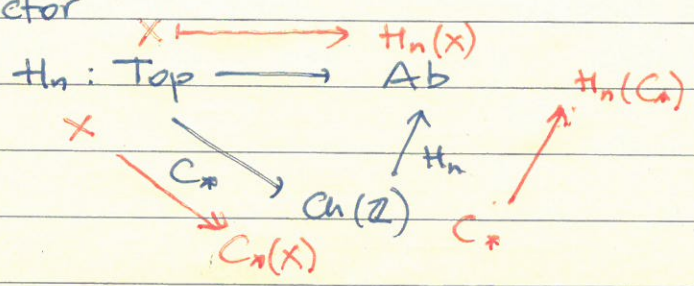
$$f_n: C_n(X) \longrightarrow C_n(Y)$$

In effect we obtain a functor

$$C_n: \text{Top} \longrightarrow \text{Ch}(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$X \longmapsto C_n(X)$$

Since composition of functors is a functor for any $n \geq 0$ we get a functor



Corollary:

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism then $f_n: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism $\forall n \geq 0$.

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Homotopy invariance

Goal: If $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$, $f \simeq g$ then $f_* = g_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$.

Algebraic setup:

Def: Let $f_*, g_*: C_* \rightarrow D_*$ be chain maps of chain complexes. A chain homotopy between f_* and g_* is a sequence of homomorphisms

$$\Phi_n: C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$$

s.t. $g_n - f_n = \partial_{n+1} \circ \Phi_{n+1} + \Phi_n \circ \partial_n \quad \forall n$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & C_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+2}} & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & C_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \\ & & \downarrow f_{n+2} & & \downarrow f_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} & \\ & & \downarrow S_{n+1} & & \downarrow S_{n+1} & & \downarrow S_n & & \downarrow S_{n-1} & \\ \dots & \rightarrow & D_{n+2} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+2}} & D_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & D_{n-1} & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Red arrows labeled Φ_{n+1} , Φ_n , Φ_{n-1} point from the top row to the bottom row.

Proposition:

If $f_*, g_*: C_* \rightarrow D_*$ are chain homotopic maps then they induce the same homomorphisms of homology groups:

$$f_* = g_*: H_n(C_*) \rightarrow H_n(D_*) \quad \forall n$$

Proof: We need to show:

if $z \in Z_n(C_*)$ then $f_*(z) = g_*(z) + b$
for some $b \in B_n(D_*)$.

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Let Φ -chain homotopy between f_n and g_n .

We have:

$$f_n(z) = g_n(z) + \underbrace{\partial\Phi(z)}_{\substack{\cap \\ B_n(D_n)}} + \underbrace{\Phi\partial(z)}_{\substack{\cap \\ 0} \leftarrow z \in Z_n(C_n)}$$



(*) Theorem:

If $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ - maps of spaces, $f \simeq g$ then the induced maps $f_*, g_*: C_*(X) \rightarrow C_*(Y)$ are chain homotopic.

In particular f, g induce the same homomorphisms of singular homology groups:

$$f_* = g_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y) \quad \forall n$$

Proof (Sketch):

Let $F: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ be a homotopy between f and g . For any singular simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ we have a map

$$\sigma_* F: \Delta^n \times I \xrightarrow{\sigma \times \text{id}} X \times I \rightarrow Y$$

Denote: $e'_i = (e_i, 0) \in \Delta^n \times I$

$e''_i = (e_i, 1) \in \Delta^n \times I$

For $i = 0, \dots, n$ let

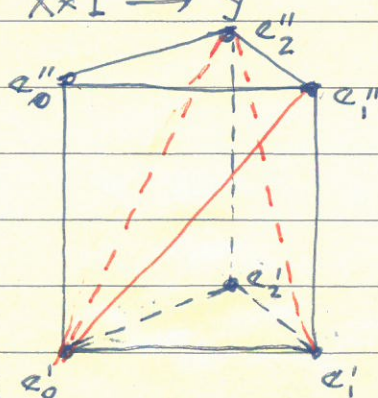
$\tau_i: \Delta^{n+1} \rightarrow \Delta^n \times I$ be

the affine map given by

$$(e_0, \dots, e_{n+1}) \mapsto (e'_0, \dots, e'_i, e''_i, \dots, e''_n)$$

and let τ_i^σ be the singular $(n+1)$ -simplex in Y given by:

$$\tau_i^\sigma: \Delta^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\tau_i} \Delta^n \times I \xrightarrow{\sigma_* F} Y$$



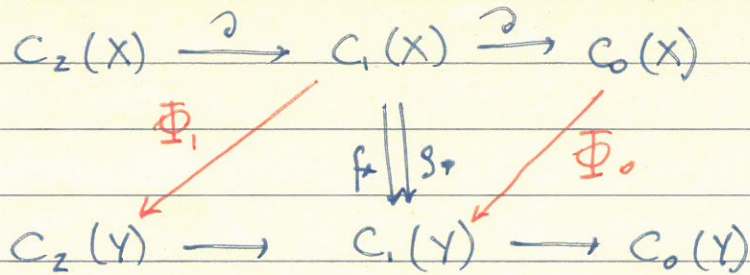
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Let $\Phi_n: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X)$ be the homomorphism given by

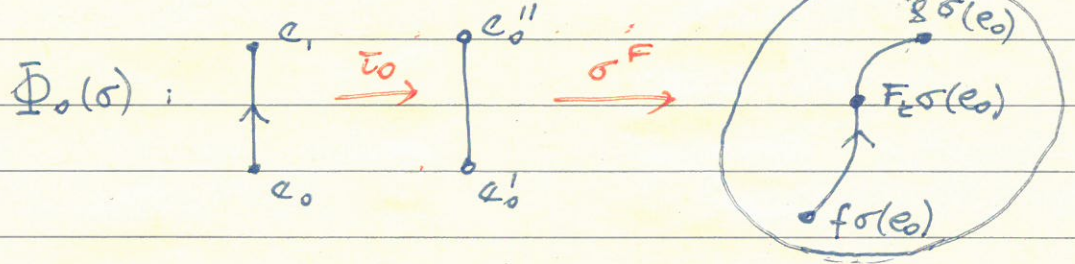
$$\Phi_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \tau_i^\sigma$$

Check: these homomorphisms give a chain homotopy between the chain maps $f_*, g_*: C_*(X) \rightarrow C_*(Y)$.

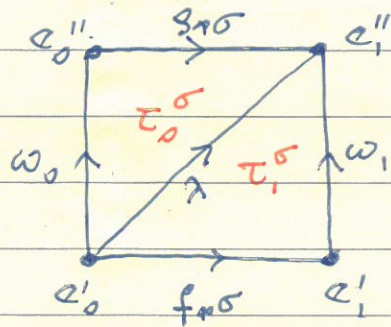
E.g.:



Φ_0 : $\sigma: \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$



Φ_1 : $\sigma: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$



$$\Phi(\sigma) = \tau_0^\sigma - \tau_1^\sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial\Phi_1(\sigma) &= \partial(\tau_0^\sigma) - \partial(\tau_1^\sigma) \\ &= (g_*\sigma - \cancel{\tau} + \omega_0) - (\omega_1 - \cancel{\tau} + f_*\sigma) \\ &= (g_*\sigma - f_*\sigma) + \underbrace{(\omega_0 - \omega_1)}_{-\Phi_0(\partial\sigma)} \end{aligned}$$



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Corollary: If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence then $f_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ is an isomorphism $\forall n$.

Example:

$$X \cong * \Rightarrow H_n(X) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ 0 & n>0 \end{cases}$$