

So can we compute  $H_0(X \times Y)$ ?

Thm (Kuneth)

Let  $A, B$  be chain complexes.

Assume  $A_n$  is free ab. grp.  $\forall n$ . Then  $\forall n$ ,

$\exists$  S.E.S.

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(A) \otimes H_q(B) \rightarrow H_n(A \otimes B) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} \text{Tor}(H_p(A), H_q(B)) \rightarrow 0$$

This is natural in  $A$  and  $B$ .

The sequence splits, but the splitting is not natural.

Since  $C_{\bullet}^{\text{CW}}(X \times Y) \cong C_{\bullet}^{\text{CW}}(X) \otimes C_{\bullet}^{\text{CW}}(Y)$ ,

plugging in  $A = C_{\bullet}^{\text{CW}}(X), B = C_{\bullet}^{\text{CW}}(Y)$

does the trick.

Ex  $X=Y=\mathbb{R}P^2$ . Then

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=4} H_p X \otimes H_q Y \rightarrow H_4(X \times Y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=3} \text{Tor}_1(H_p X, H_q Y) \rightarrow 0$$

$H_p X = 0 \text{ for } p \leq 2,$

so  $p+q=2+2=4.$

But  $H_2 X = H_2 Y = 0.$

$(p,q)$  must equal  $(2,1)$  or  $(1,2).$

But  $H_2(X) = 0,$  so

$\text{Tor}(H_2 X, H_1 Y) = 0.$

simplifies to the SES

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \hookrightarrow H_4(X \times Y) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0.$$

$\Rightarrow H_4(\mathbb{R}P^2 \times \mathbb{R}P^2) \cong 0.$

$n=3:$

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=3} H_p(X) \otimes H_q(Y) \rightarrow H_3(X \times Y) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=2} \text{Tor}_1(H_p X, H_q Y) \rightarrow 0$$

$H_1(X) \otimes H_2(Y)$

$\oplus H_2(X) \otimes H_1(Y)$

$H_0$

$0$

$\text{Tor}_1(H_1 X, H_1 Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$\oplus \text{Tor}_1(H_2 X, H_0 Y) \cong 0$

$\oplus \text{Tor}_1(H_0 X, H_2 Y) \cong 0$

$\Rightarrow H_3(\mathbb{R}P^2 \times \mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$

$n=2:$   $H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2 \times \mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$H_1(\quad) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$

$H_0 = \mathbb{Z}.$

(Connected.)

Cor. If  $H_p(X)$  is free

$\forall p$ , then

$$H_n(X \times Y) \cong \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(X) \otimes H_q(Y)$$

$\forall$  spaces  $Y$ .

The following may be useful in the future:

Thm Let  $R$  be a PID (ex  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $R = k[x]$ ,  
 $R = \text{field}$ )

Let  $A, B$  be chain complexes  
of  $R$ -modules, s.t.  $A_n$  is flat  $\forall n$ . (ex  $A_n$  free).

Then  $\exists$  SES

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(A) \otimes_R H_q(B) \rightarrow H_n(A \otimes_R B) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} \text{Tor}_1^R(H_p(A), H_q(B)) \rightarrow 0$$

natural in  $A, B$ .

This splits, though not naturally.

Remark  $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, N) = H_1(F \otimes_R N)$ , where  $F$

is a chain complex of free  $R$ -modules s.t.  $H_k(F) = \begin{cases} M & k=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Cohomology

Given a chain complex  $A$ , we can form a cochain complex

$$\text{hom}^*(A, \pi)$$

for any abelian group  $\pi$ .

This is a sequence of groups

$$\text{hom}(A_0, \pi) \xrightarrow{d^0} \text{hom}(A_1, \pi) \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots$$

where  $d^i$  is defined by

$$(d^i f)(a) = (-1)^i f(\partial a).$$

Defn A cochain complex

$A^\bullet$  is a sequence of abelian groups  $\{A^i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$

together with maps

$$d^i: A^i \rightarrow A^{i+1}$$

such that  $d^2 = d^{i+1} \circ d^i = 0$ .

The  $k^{\text{th}}$  cohomology group of  $A^\bullet$  is

$$H^k(A^\bullet) := \frac{\text{Ker}(d^k)}{\text{Image}(d^{k-1})}$$

Rmk A cochain complex  $A^\bullet$  is the same thing as a chain complex  $A_\bullet$  by setting

$$A_i = A^{-i}$$

$$\dots \rightarrow A^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} A^0 \xrightarrow{d} A^1 \xrightarrow{d} A^2 \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \Downarrow & & & & \\ & A^1 & & A^0 & & A^{-1} & \\ & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & \\ \leftarrow & A_1 & \leftarrow & A_0 & \leftarrow & A_{-1} & \leftarrow \dots \end{array}$$

(So this isn't some new, scary thing.)

Defn Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $\pi$  an abelian group.

The singular cochain complex of  $X$  with coefficients in  $\pi$

is the cochain complex

$$\text{hom}^*(C(X), \pi) =: C(X; \pi)$$

The  $k^{\text{th}}$  cohomology group of  $X$  w/ coeffs in  $\pi$  is

$$H^k(X; \pi) := H^k(\text{hom}(C(X), \pi)).$$

$$C(X) := C(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$H(X) := H(X; \mathbb{Z}).$$

$H$  was computable because of long exact sequences. We quickly develop the same technology for  $H^\bullet$ .

Propn  $C(-, \pi)$  defines a functor

$$\text{Spaces}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Cochain.}$$

Pf. Any map of chain complexes

$$f: A_\bullet \rightarrow B_\bullet$$

induces a map

$$\text{hom}^*(B_\bullet, \pi) \rightarrow \text{hom}^*(A_\bullet, \pi)$$

$$\phi \longmapsto \phi \circ f$$

Any any continuous map

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

gives a map of chain complexes

$$C(X) \rightarrow C(Y).$$

You can check the rest. //

What does  $H^k$  measure?

Let  $\psi \in C^k(X)$  and  $d\psi = 0$ ,  
so  $[\psi] \in H^k(X)$ .

$d\psi = 0 \Leftrightarrow \psi(\partial\sigma) = 0 \forall \sigma \in C_{k+1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \psi(\tau) = \psi(\tau')$  if  $\tau - \tau' = \partial\sigma$ .

So an element of  $H^k$  can only tell apart chains if they don't bound together bound something.

(Compar:  $H^k$  identifies chains if they together bound something.)

In fact, any  $[\psi] \in H^k(X)$  defines a map  
 $H_{1k}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

and every map arises from  $H^k$ , as we will see.

Now,  $[\psi] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \psi = d\phi$ .  
But  $\psi = d\phi \Rightarrow \psi(\tau) = d\phi(\tau) = \phi(\partial\tau)$ .

So  $[\psi] = 0$  if its values on a chain depend only on the boundary of the chain.

(For example,  $[\psi] = 0 \Rightarrow \psi(\text{any closed chain}) = 0$ .)

What properties does cohomology satisfy?

Remark  $H_*(X)$  does NOT form a graded "coalgebra."  $C_*(X)$  does in a suitable sense. One reason  $H^*$  is useful is that we obtain a useful ring structure after passing to  $H^*$  (which is easier than  $C_*$  or  $C^*$  itself).

Thm.

(Dimension)  
 $H^k(\text{pt}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

(Exactness)  $\forall$  pairs  $(X,A)$ , we have LES

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots \rightarrow H^k(X,A) \rightarrow H^k(X) \rightarrow H^k(A) \\ \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow H^{k+1}(X,A) \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

(Excision)  $\forall Z \subset A \subset X$  s.t.  $\bar{Z} \subset \text{int}(A)$ , the map  
 $H^k(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \leftarrow H^k(X,A)$   
is an  $\cong \forall k$

(Products)  
 $H^k(\coprod_i X_i, \coprod_i A_i) \cong \prod_i H^k(X_i, A_i)$

(Homotopy)  
If  $f, g: (X,A) \rightarrow (Y,B)$  are homotopic, then  
 $f^* = g^*$  on  $H^*$ .

We'll define  $H^*(X,A)$  in a second. But there's one property that really distinguishes  $H^*$  from  $H_*$ .

Thm  $\forall$  spaces  $X, \exists$  maps  
 $H^i(X) \otimes H^j(X) \rightarrow H^{i+j}(X)$   
that turn  $H^*(X) := \bigoplus_k H^k(X)$  into a (graded) ring, w/ unit  
 $\forall f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  
 $f^*: H^*(Y) \rightarrow H^*(X)$   
is a map of graded rings.

Cor  $H^*$  is a functor  
 $\text{Spaces}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Gr Rings}$

We'll study ring structure later.

If  $A \hookrightarrow X$  is an inclusion,

$$C_n(A) \rightarrow C_n(X)$$

is an injection  $\forall n$ , and

$$C^n(X) \rightarrow C^n(A)$$

is a surjection.

Defn The  $n^{\text{th}}$  relative cochain group of  $(X, A)$  is

$$C^n(X, A) := \text{Ker}(C^n(X) \rightarrow C^n(A)).$$

The cohomology of the cochain complex  $C^*(X, A)$  is the relative cohomology of the pair  $(X, A)$ , denoted  $H^*(X, A)$ .

Rmk Since  $C_0(A) \hookrightarrow C_0(X)$  is an inclusion of free groups,

$$C^*(X, A; G) \cong \text{hom}(C_*(X, A), G).$$

$C^n(X, A)$  consists of functions  $\phi: C_n(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

which vanish on simplices contained entirely in  $A \subset X$ .

Propn Any pair  $(X, A)$  gives rise to a LES of cohomology groups

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow H^0(X, A) \rightarrow H^0(X) \rightarrow H^0(A) \rightarrow \\ \hookrightarrow H^1(X, A) \rightarrow H^1(X) \rightarrow H^1(A) \rightarrow \\ \hookrightarrow H^2(X, A) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

PF  $\forall n$ , we have a SES

$$0 \leftarrow C^n(A) \leftarrow C^n(X) \leftarrow C^n(X, A) \leftarrow 0.$$

So the same proof as in

week 2 goes through. //

Before, we saw how to compute  $H_*(A \otimes B)$ .

Can we compute  $H^*(\text{hom}(A; \pi))$  knowing  $H_*(A)$ ?

Defn Given abelian groups  $A$  and  $\pi$ , let

$$F_2 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$$

be a free resolution of  $A$ .

Then

$$H^k(\text{hom}(F_*, \pi)) := \text{Ext}^k(A, \pi).$$

Rmk: • You should think of Ext as a fancy version of Hom  
• Ext is indep. of free resolution.

• Unlike Tor,  $\text{Ext}^k(A, B) \neq \text{Ext}^k(B, A)$  just as  $\text{hom}(A, B) \neq \text{hom}(B, A)$ .

Thm. Let  $A_\bullet$  be a chain complex s.t.  $A_n$  is free  $\forall n$ .  
 Then  $\exists$  a SES

Universal Coefficient Theorem!

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_{n-1}(A), \pi) \rightarrow H^n(\text{hom}(A, \pi)) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H^n(A), \pi) \rightarrow 0.$$

This sequence is natural in  $A_\bullet$  and  $\pi$ .

This sequence is split, but the splitting is NOT natural.

Exer Compute

- $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z})$
- $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}, \pi)$
- $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ .

Ans:

- $0 \rightarrow \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\times n} \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$
- $0 \rightarrow \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \pi) \rightarrow \text{hom}(\mathbb{Q}, \pi) \rightarrow 0 \dots$   
 $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}, \pi) \cong 0.$
- $0 \rightarrow \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\times n} \text{hom}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$   
 $\text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}.$

Prk The surjection  $j$

$$H^n(\text{hom}(A, \pi)) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_n(A), \pi)$$

is not hard to see. First, note that  $d\psi = 0 \Leftrightarrow \psi(\partial a) = 0 \forall a \in A_{n-1}$ .

Define

$$j_*[\psi] := H_n(A) \rightarrow \pi$$

by

$$(j_*[\psi])([a]) = \psi(a).$$

Well,  $(\psi + d\phi)(a + \partial b) = \psi(a) + d\phi(a) + \psi(\partial b) + d\phi(\partial b)$   
 $= \psi(a) \pm \phi(\partial a) \pm d\psi(b) \pm \phi(\partial^2 b)$   
 $= \psi(a) \pm 0 \pm 0 \pm 0.$

since  $\partial a = 0$  and  $d\psi = 0$

Hence  $j_*$  is well-defined. Surjection via hwk.

Exer Compute  $H^*(\mathbb{R}P^2)$ .

$$H^0: 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_0(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$H^1: 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_0(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$H^2: 0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \text{hom}(H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$