

To derive the LES for good pairs  $A \subset X$ , we'll first need to understand the relative homology groups

$$H_k(X, A).$$

Def: For any spaces  $A \subset X$ ,  $C_*(X, A)$  is the chain cplx

$$C_n(X, A) := \frac{C_n X}{C_n A}$$

w/ bdy map induced by the universal prop. of the quotient map

$$C_n X \rightarrow C_n X / C_n A:$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_n A & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-1} A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C_n X & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-1} X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \frac{C_n X}{C_n A} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{rel}} & \frac{C_{n-1} X}{C_{n-1} A} \end{array}$$

Note:  $\partial_{rel}^2 = 0$  b/c  $\partial_{rel}^2([x] + C_n A) = \partial_{rel}([ \partial x ] + C_{n-1} A) = [ \partial^2 x ] + C_{n-1} A = 0.$

More generally: If  $(C_*, \partial_C) \hookrightarrow (D_*, \partial_D)$  is an inclusion of chain cplx, i.e.  $\hookrightarrow$  is a chain map &  $C_n \hookrightarrow D_n$  is 1-1  $\forall n$ , then  $D_n / C_n$  is a chain cplx w/ differential induced by  $\partial_C$  as above.

Note: The quotient maps  $D_n \xrightarrow{q} D_n / C_n$  define a chain map.

Theorem: If  $C \xrightarrow{i} D \xrightarrow{q} D/C$  is a SES of chain complexes (i.e.  $i$  is an inclusion &  $q$  is the quotient map) then  $\exists$  a LES in homology of the form

$$\dots \xrightarrow{q_*} H_{n+1}(D/C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_n C \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n D \xrightarrow{q_*} H_n(D/C) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1} C \xrightarrow{i_*} \dots$$

Moreover, a chain map  $D \xrightarrow{f} D'$  w/  $f(C) \subset C'$  induces a comm. diag. of LESs

Note: Sometimes  $H_n(D/C)$  is written  $H_n(D, C)$

Pf (sketch): Each  $x \in H_n(D/C)$  is rep'd by a class  $\delta \in D_n$  w/  $d(\delta) \in C_{n-1}$ . We define  $\partial(x) = [d(\delta)] \in H_{n-1} C$ . There are many things to check:

- Note that  $d^2 \delta = 0 \Rightarrow d(\delta)$  represents a cycle in  $D/C$ , so  $[d(\delta)] \in H_{n-1} C$ .
- If  $x = [\delta']$  for some other  $\delta' \in D_n$ , then  $\delta - \delta'$  is a bdry in  $D/C$ , i.e.  $\delta - \delta' = d(\delta'') + c$  w/  $\delta'' \in D_{n+1}$ ,  $c \in C_n$ . Now

$$d(\delta - \delta') = d^2 \delta'' + dc = dc, \text{ a bdy in } C.$$

$$\text{so } [d\delta] = [d\delta'] \text{ in } H_{n-1} C$$

- $\partial$  is a homom. b/c if  $x = [\delta]$ ,  $y = [\delta']$  then  $x+y = [\delta + \delta']$   
 $\Rightarrow \partial(x+y) = [d(\delta + \delta')] = [d\delta + d\delta'] = [d\delta] + [d\delta']$ .
- Exactness of the seq. (see Hatcher).

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdot & \text{Commutativity of} & H_n C & \rightarrow & H_n D & \rightarrow & H_n D/C & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-1} C \\ & & \downarrow (f|_C)_* & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow \bar{f}_* & & \downarrow (f|_C)_* \\ & & H_n C' & \rightarrow & H_n D' & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} D'/C' & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-1} C' \end{array}$$

is immediate except for the square involving

$$\partial, \text{ but there we have } x = [\delta] \Rightarrow \bar{f}_*(x) = [f\delta]$$

$$(f|_C)_*(\partial x) = f([d\delta]) = [f(d\delta)] = [d(f\delta)] = \partial [f\delta] = \partial [\bar{f}_*(x)]$$

$f$  is a chain map

## Excision:

Thm: Say  $Z \subset A \subset X$  and  $\overline{Z} \subset \text{int}(A)$ . Then  $(X-Z, A-Z) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$  induces isom's  $H_n(X-Z, A-Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Equivalently: If  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $\text{int}(A) \cup \text{int}(B) = X$ , then

$$H_n(B, A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X, A)$$

for  $n \geq 0$ . [Set  $B = X-Z$  or  $Z = X-B$  to get both versions.]

## Application: (Brouwer, 1910)

Thm: If  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are homeomorphic, then  $n=m$ .

Pf: Study the local homology groups  $H_k(U, U-\{x\})$  for pts  $x \in U$  (and similarly for pts  $y \in V$ ).

We can apply excision to the pair  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\})$ , w/  $Z = U^c$ ; note that  $\mathbb{R}^n - U = \overline{\mathbb{R}^n - U} \subset \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}$ . We find:

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - x) \cong H_k(U, U - x).$$

Now the LES for  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - x)$  gives

$$0 = H_k \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - x) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}^n - x) \rightarrow H_{k-1} \mathbb{R}^n = 0$$

so  $\partial$  is an isom.

$$H_k(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - x) \cong H_k(\mathbb{R}^n - x) \cong H_{k-1} S^{n-1} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}, & k=n, 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$\mathbb{R}^n - x \rightsquigarrow$  unit sphere around  $x$ .

Now, a homeom.  $f: U \xrightarrow{\cong} V$  would induce a homeom.

$$U - x \xrightarrow{\cong} V - f(x)$$

and hence an isom.  $H_k(U, U-x) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_k(V, V-x)$

From our computation of these gpa, we see that  $n=m$  (since  $n$  is the only non-zero dim'n where  $H_k(U, U-x) \neq 0$ , and  $m$  is the only non-zero dim'n where  $H_k(V, V-x) \neq 0$ .  $\square$ )

The LES of a good pair: For computations, the most important application

of excision is:

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} A \in X, A \neq \emptyset, \text{ and} \\ A = \bigcup U_i \text{ w/ } U_i \cap A \neq \emptyset \end{array}}$$

Prop 2.22: For good pairs  $(X, A)$ , the quotient map  $(X, A) \xrightarrow{q} (X/A, A/A)$  induces isom's  $\downarrow \cdot H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X/A, A/A) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$  for all  $n \geq 0$

$A/A = \text{point}$ , so this follows from the LES of the pair.

Lemma (The 5-Lemma)

Say  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$  is commutative and both rows are exact.  
 $\downarrow \alpha \quad \downarrow \beta \quad \downarrow \gamma \quad \downarrow \delta \quad \downarrow \epsilon$   
 $A' \rightarrow B' \rightarrow C' \rightarrow D' \rightarrow E'$  Then if  $\alpha, \beta, \delta, \epsilon$  are isom's, so is  $\gamma$ .

In fact,  $\gamma$  is onto so long as  $\beta$  &  $\delta$  are onto &  $\epsilon$  is 1-1, and  $\gamma$  is 1-1 so long as  $\beta$  &  $\delta$  are 1-1 and  $\alpha$  is onto.

Pf: By a "Diagram Chase". See Wikipedia.

Ex: If  $(X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a map of pairs &  $X \rightarrow Y, A \rightarrow B$  are htpy equiv's, then  $H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$  is an isom  $\forall n$ . Indeed, we have

a comm diagram  $\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_n A & \rightarrow & H_n X & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} A & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} X \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ H_n B & \rightarrow & H_n Y & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, B) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} A & \rightarrow & H_{n-1} X \end{array}$  & 5-Lemma applies.

PF of 2.22: Analyze

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{By 5-lemma applied to} & & \\
 & & \downarrow \text{the map of LES's} & & \\
 H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X, U) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X-A, U-A) \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & \text{excision} & \downarrow \cong \\
 H_n(X/A, A/A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A, U/A) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(X/A-A/A, U/A-A/A) \\
 & \uparrow & & & \\
 & \text{V/A} \cong \text{A/A} & & & \\
 & \text{so 5-lemma applies} & & & \\
 & \text{again} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

Proof of Excision:

Def:  $C_n(A+B) \subset C_n(X)$  is the subgroup gen'd by  $C_n(A)$  &  $C_n(B)$ .

Note that  $C_*(A+B)$  is a sub-chain cplx of  $C_n(X)$ , b/c  
 $\partial$  maps  $C_*(A)$  &  $C_*(B)$  into themselves.

Similarly, we can define  $C_n(A+B, A) = C_n(A+B)/C_n(A)$ .  
 This gives a sub-chain cplx of  $C_n(X, A)$ . In fact,  
 ( $\star$ )  $C_n(B, A \cap B) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_n(A+B, A)$   
 b/c both are free abelian w/ basis  $\{\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow B: \text{Im}(\sigma) \not\subset A\}$ .

The proof of excision is based on the following lemma:

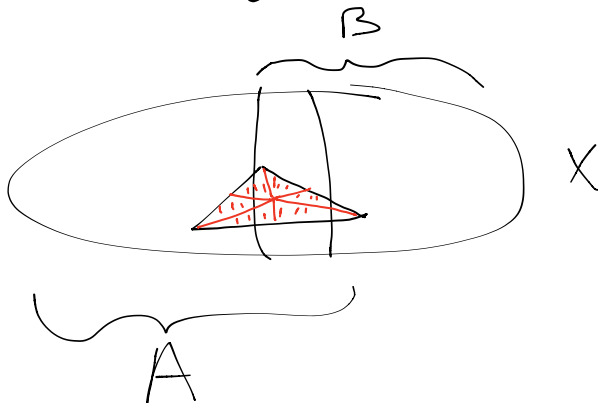
Lemma: If  $X = A \cup B$  as above, then

$$C_n(A+B, A) \rightarrow C_n(X, A)$$

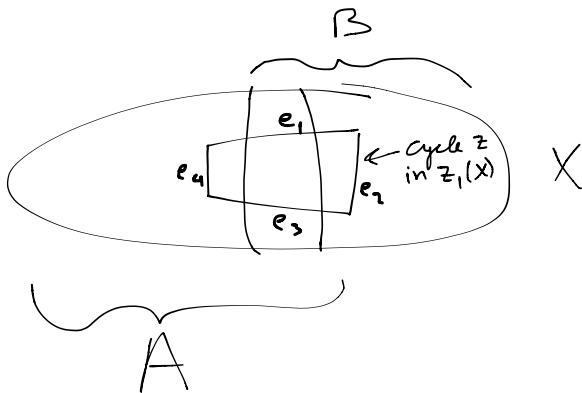
induces an isom. on homology.

Excision follows b/c ( $\star$ )  $\Rightarrow H_n(B, A \cap B) \cong H_n(A+B, A)$ .  
 (Note that ( $\star$ ) is a chain map, since it's induced by the inclusion  $C_n B \hookrightarrow C_n(A+B)$ .  
 Prop 2.1 in Hatcher is a more general version of the Lemma,  
 with  $X = A \cup B$  replaced by  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  where  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \text{int}(U_i) = X$ .

The basic idea behind the Lemma is that any chain  $\sum x_i \sigma_i$  in  $C_n(X)$  can be "cut up", or subdivided, into pieces that lie entirely in  $A$  or  $B$ :

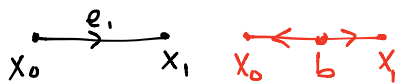


Each red simplex lies entirely on one side of the decomposition.



Q: If we cut each edge of  $Z$  in half (subdivide) why is the resulting cycle in the same homology class?

Compare  $e_1$  & its subdivision:



orientation rule: all edges point away from barycenter  $b$

"Cone off"  $e_1$  to create a triangle  $b(e_1) = \sigma: x_0 \rightarrow x_1$

$\sigma$  is the map  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow X$

(More formally:  $e_1: \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$  &  $\sigma: \Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^1 \rightarrow X$  where  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^1$  is the map  $v_0 \mapsto \frac{1}{2}v_0 + \frac{1}{2}v_1$ ,  $v_1 \mapsto v_0$ ,  $v_2 \mapsto v_1$  & we extend linearly.)

Now  $\partial\sigma = [x_0, x_1] - [b, x_1] + [b, x_0]$

So  $e_1 = [x_0, x_1] \equiv [b, x_1] - [b, x_0] \pmod{B_1(X)}$

Subdividing each edge of our loop gives a cycle in  $C_1(A+B)$  that is "homologous" to  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4$  (i.e. represents the same class in  $H_1(X)$ ).

Pf of Lemma: We'll start by defining a chain map

$S: C_* X \rightarrow C_* X$  sending  $\sigma$  to its "subdivision", and we'll construct a chain htpy  $T: C_* X \rightarrow C_{*+1} X$  with

$$T\partial + \partial T = \text{Id} - S$$

(so  $T$  is a htpy b/w  $S$  &  $\text{Id}$ ).

$S$  is defined inductively using the cone operators

$$c_b: C_k \Delta^n \rightarrow C_{k+1} \Delta^n$$

$$\sigma: \Delta^k \rightarrow \Delta^n \mapsto c_b(\sigma)$$

where  $b \in \Delta^n$  is any pt, and  $c_b(\sigma): \Delta^{k+1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$  is defined by

$$c_b(\sigma) \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \lambda_i e_i \right) = \lambda_0 b + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} \right) e_i \right),$$

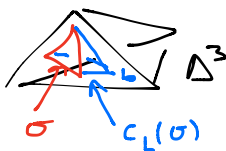
where  $\bar{\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \lambda_i$ .

Note:

For  $1 \leq i \leq k+1$ ,  $0 \leq \frac{\lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \frac{\lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} = \frac{\bar{\lambda}}{\bar{\lambda}} = 1$ , so  $\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} \right) e_i \in \Delta^{k+1}$

and moreover, we see that  $\lambda_0 b + \bar{\lambda} \sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\bar{\lambda}} \right) e_i \right) \in \Delta^n$   
b/c  $\lambda_0 + \bar{\lambda} = 1$ .

Picture:

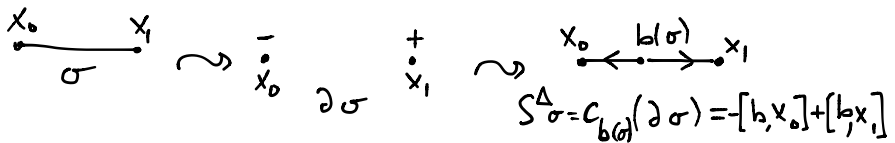


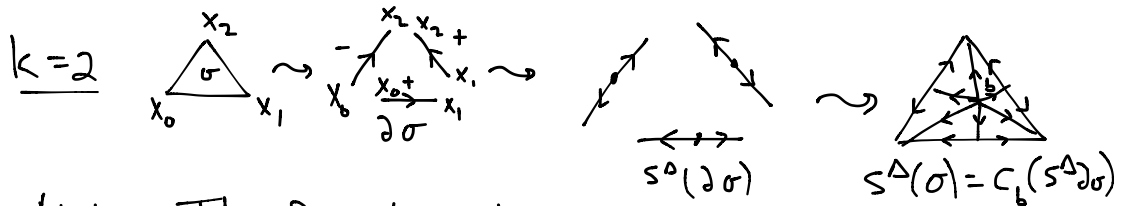
Def:  $S^\Delta: C_k \Delta^n \rightarrow C_k \Delta^n$  is defined inductively:

- For  $k=0$ ,  $S^\Delta(\sigma) = \sigma$

- For  $k > 0$ ,

$$S^\Delta(\sigma) = C_{b(\sigma)}(S^\Delta(\partial\sigma)), \text{ where } b(\sigma) = \sigma\left(\frac{i}{n+1}, \dots, \frac{i}{n+1}\right).$$

Ex:  $k=1$  

$k=2$  

Note: The formulas inductively keep track of the signs on the  $G$  simplices making up  $S^\Delta(\sigma)$ , along with the exact parametrizations of these simplices as maps  $\Delta^2 \rightarrow \Delta^n$ .

Def'n: For any space  $X$ , we set  $S: C_n X \rightarrow C_n X$  to be  $S(\sigma) = \sigma_{\#} \left( \underbrace{S^\Delta(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n})}_{\text{in } C_n \Delta^n} \right)$ .

Here  $\sigma_{\#}$  is the chainmap  $C_n(\Delta^n) \rightarrow C_n(X)$  induced by  $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ .


Claim:  $S$  is a chain map:  $\partial S = S \partial$ .

Note: Can see this in pictures above for dim's 0 & 1. The pf requires several steps.

Subclaim 1:  $\partial C_b + C_b \partial = \text{Id}$

Subclaim 2:  $S^\Delta$  is a chain map.



Pf of SC1: Picture   $c_b(\sigma) \quad \partial c_b \sigma = \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{bottom}} \pm \underbrace{c_b(\partial \sigma)}_{\text{sides}}$

Formally:  $\partial c_b(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^i = c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^0 - \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i (c_b \sigma) \circ \delta^{i+1}$

Now  $c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^0 = \sigma$ , b/c

$$c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^0(t_0, \dots, t_n) = c_b(\sigma)(0, t_0, \dots, t_n) = 0 \cdot b + \sigma\left(\sum \frac{t_i}{\bar{t}} e_i\right) = \sigma(t_0, \dots, t_n).$$

$\bar{t} = \sum t_i = 1$

We claim:  $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i (c_b \sigma) \circ \delta^{i+1} = c_b(\partial \sigma)$

Indeed,

$$c_b(\partial \sigma) = c_b\left(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma \circ \delta^i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i c_b(\sigma \circ \delta^i)$$

So it's enough to check that  $c_b(\sigma \circ \delta^i) = c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^{i+1}$

We have  $c_b(\sigma \circ \delta^i)(t_0, \dots, t_n) = t_0 b + \sigma \circ \delta^i(t_1/\bar{t}, \dots, t_n/\bar{t})$   
 $= t_0 b + \sigma(t_1/\bar{t}, \dots, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ i\text{th slot}}}{0}, \dots, t_n/\bar{t})$

and  $c_b(\sigma) \circ \delta^{i+1}(t_0, \dots, t_n) = c_b(\sigma)(t_0, \dots, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{slot } i+1}}{0}, \dots, t_n)$

$$= t_0 b + \sigma\left(\underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{slot } i}}{t_1/\bar{t}}, \dots, 0, \dots, t_n/\bar{t}\right)$$

(in each case,  $\bar{t} = t_1 + \dots + t_n$ ).  $\square$

Pf of SC2: By induction on  $n = \dim(\sigma)$ :  $S^\Delta: C_0 \Delta^n \rightarrow C_0 \Delta^n$  is the identity map, so there is nothing to check when  $n=0$ .

SC1:  $\partial c_y(\tau) = \tau - c_y(\partial \tau)$

$n \geq 1$ :

$$\partial S^\Delta \sigma = \partial c_{b(\sigma)}(S^\Delta(\partial \sigma)) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} S^\Delta(\partial \sigma) - c_{b(\sigma)}(\underbrace{\partial S^\Delta(\partial \sigma)}_{\text{Ind. Hypoth.} \rightarrow 0})$$

$= S^\Delta(\partial \sigma). \square$

Finally we prove the claim ( $\partial S = S\partial$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial S(\sigma) &= \partial \sigma_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n}) \stackrel{\sigma_{\#} \text{ is a chain map}}{=} \sigma_{\#} (\partial S^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n})) \\ &\stackrel{SC2}{=} \sigma_{\#} (S^{\Delta}(\partial \text{Id}_{\Delta^n})) = \sigma_{\#} (S^{\Delta}(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \delta^i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\delta^i) \end{aligned}$$

the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} S\partial(\sigma) &= S(\partial\sigma) = S(\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma \circ \delta^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i S(\sigma \circ \delta^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i (\sigma \circ \delta^i)_{\#} (S^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^{n-1}})) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_{\#} \circ (\delta^i)_{\#} (S^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^{n-1}})) \end{aligned}$$

So it suffices to check that

$$(\delta^i)_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^{n-1}}) = S^{\Delta}(\delta^i)$$

Fact:  $\tau_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\eta) = S^{\Delta}(\tau \circ \eta)$  for all  $\eta: \Delta^k \rightarrow \Delta^{n-1}$   
and all linear maps  $\tau: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^n$  (that is,  $\tau(\sum \lambda_i e_i) = \sum \lambda_i \tau(e_i)$ )

To prove this, we need a similar observation about the cone operator  $C_b$ :

Exercise:  $\tau_{\#} C_b(v) = C_{\tau(b)}(\tau_{\#}v)$  so long as  $\tau$  is linear.

(here  $v \in C_* \Delta^n$ ).

PF of Fact: For  $\dim(\eta) = 0$ , this is immediate from the defns.

We proceed by induction. Assuming the statement in  $\dim n-1$ , if  $\dim \eta = n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\eta) &= \tau_{\#} C_{b(\eta)} (S^{\Delta}(\partial\eta)) \stackrel{\text{by the Exercise}}{=} C_{\tau(b(\eta))} (\tau_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\partial\eta)) \\ S^{\Delta}, \tau_{\#} \text{ are linear maps} & \downarrow \\ &= C_{\tau(b(\eta))} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \tau_{\#} S^{\Delta}(\eta \circ \delta^i) \right) \\ \text{Induction Hypothesis} & \downarrow \\ &= C_{\tau(b(\eta))} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i S^{\Delta}(\tau \circ \eta \circ \delta^i) \right) \end{aligned}$$

By linearity of  $\tau$ ,

$$\tau(b(\eta)) = \tau \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{n+1} \eta(e_i) \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{n+1} \tau \circ \eta(e_i) = b(\tau \circ \eta)$$

So the above is just

$$C_{b(\tau \circ \eta)} (S^{\Delta}(\partial(\tau \circ \eta))) \text{ as desired. } \square$$

This completes the proof that  $S$  is a chain map.

Next we need:

Claim: There is a chain htpy  $T: C_n X \rightarrow C_{n+1} X$  satisfying  $\partial T + T \partial = \text{Id} - S$ .

Hatcher constructs  $T^{\Delta}$  on  $C_* \Delta^n$  first, by induction and then extends via  $T(\sigma) = \sigma_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n})$ , just like the construction of  $S$ . The inductive formula for  $T^{\Delta}$  is  $T^{\Delta}: C_0 \Delta^n \rightarrow C_1 \Delta^n$   $x \mapsto C_x(x)$   
 $T^{\Delta}(\sigma) = C_{b(\sigma)}(\sigma) - C_{b(\sigma)}(T^{\Delta}(\partial\sigma))$  const. map  $\Delta^1 \rightarrow \Delta^n$

The details in the proof of this Claim are similar to what we did to understand  $\partial S$ , and are basically formal. (Details below.)

Pictures.  $T(\cdot) =$  constant 1-simplex w/ same image  
 $\uparrow$   
 0-simplex

Note:  $\partial T(\cdot) + T\partial \cdot = 0 = \dots S(\cdot)$

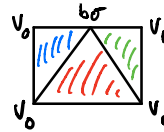
$$T\left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{+} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \uparrow \sigma' \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{b_\sigma} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b(\sigma)}(\sigma) \end{array} - C_{b(\sigma)}(T(v_1 - v_0))$$

"flat" triangle

$$= \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{b_\sigma} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b(\sigma)}(\cdot v_1) + C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_0) \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{b_\sigma} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_1) \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_0) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_0) \end{array} =$$

This picture describes a map  $\Delta^1 \times I \rightarrow \Delta^1 \times X$  & a decomp'n of  $\Delta^1 \times I$  into 3 2-simplices.

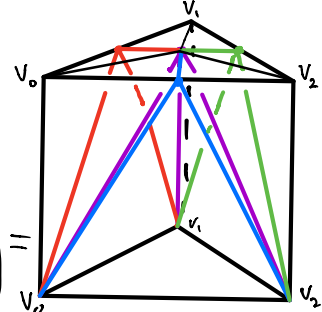


$$\text{So } \partial T\sigma' = \underbrace{-\left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{+} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} -S\sigma \end{array}\right)}_{-S\sigma} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \sigma \end{array}}_{\sigma} + \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} - \left( \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} \right)$$

and  $T(\partial\sigma') = T(v_1 - v_0) = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_0} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$

See:  $\partial T\sigma' + T\partial\sigma = \sigma - S\sigma$

$$T\left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \sigma \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b_\sigma}(\sigma) \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_1) + C_{b_\sigma}(\cdot v_2) \end{array} + C_{b_\sigma}\left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}\right)$$

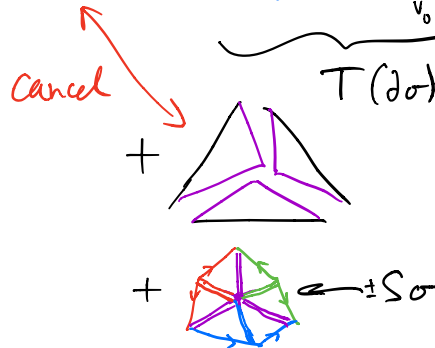


Recall (Subclaim 1):  $\partial C_b = Id - C_b \partial$

$$\partial T(\sigma) = \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \sigma \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

and  $\partial\left(\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{v_1} \\ v_0 \rightarrow v_2 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}\right) = 0$

b/c of the repeated vertices



Proof of  $\partial T + T\partial = \text{Id} - S$ : First we check that  $\partial T^\Delta + T^\Delta \partial = \text{Id} - S^\Delta$ , and then the general result follows formally.

To prove  $\partial T^\Delta + T^\Delta \partial = \text{Id} - S^\Delta$  on  $C_n \Delta^m$ , we proceed by induction on  $n$ .  
When  $n=0$ , we have  $\partial T^\Delta \sigma^0 + T^\Delta \partial \sigma^0 = \partial (C_{\text{Im}(\sigma^0)}) + 0 = 0$   
*constant 1-simplex*

and  $\text{Id}(\sigma^0) - S^\Delta(\sigma^0) = \sigma^0 - \sigma^0 = 0$  as well.

Now assume the result for  $(n-1)$ -simplices and compute  $\partial T^\Delta \sigma^n$  for  $\sigma^n \in C_n \Delta^m$ :  
 $\partial T^\Delta \sigma = \partial C_{b\sigma}(\sigma) - \partial C_{b\sigma}(T^\Delta \partial \sigma) = (\sigma - C_{b\sigma}(\partial \sigma)) - (T^\Delta \partial \sigma - C_{b\sigma}(\partial T^\Delta \partial \sigma))$   
 $\partial C_b \tau = \tau - C_b(\partial \tau)$  by Subclaim 1

We want to show this equals  $\sigma - S^\Delta \sigma - T^\Delta \partial \sigma$ , so it suffices to show

$$(\star) \quad C_{b\sigma}(\partial \sigma) - C_{b\sigma}(\partial T^\Delta \partial \sigma) = S^\Delta \sigma$$

So we compute  $\partial T^\Delta(\partial \sigma)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \partial T^\Delta(\partial \sigma) &= \partial T^\Delta(\sum (-1)^i \sigma \cdot \delta^i) = \sum (-1)^i \partial(T^\Delta(\underbrace{\sigma \cdot \delta^i}_{(n-1)\text{-simplex}})) \\ &\stackrel{\text{By induction}}{=} \sum (-1)^i (\sigma \cdot \delta^i - S^\Delta(\sigma \cdot \delta^i) - T^\Delta(\partial(\sigma \cdot \delta^i))) \\ &= \partial \sigma - S^\Delta(\partial \sigma) - T^\Delta(\underbrace{\partial(\partial \sigma)}_0) \\ &\stackrel{S^\Delta \partial = \partial S^\Delta}{=} \partial \sigma - \partial S^\Delta \sigma \end{aligned}$$

So  $(\star)$  becomes

$$\cancel{C_{b\sigma}(\partial \sigma)} - \cancel{C_{b\sigma}(\partial \sigma - \partial S^\Delta \sigma)} = S^\Delta \sigma$$

and this is the defn of  $S^\Delta \sigma$ .

For  $\sigma \in C_n X$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial T \sigma + T \partial \sigma &= \partial \sigma \# T^\Delta(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n}) + T(\partial \sigma) \\ &= \sigma \# \partial T^\Delta(\text{Id}_{\Delta^n}) + T(\partial \sigma) \\ &= \sigma \# (\text{Id}_{\Delta^n} - S^\Delta \text{Id}_{\Delta^n} - T^\Delta(\partial \text{Id}_{\Delta^n})) + T(\partial \sigma) \\ &= \sigma - S \sigma - \sigma \# T^\Delta(\partial \text{Id}_{\Delta^n}) + T(\partial \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof, we need to show that

$$T(\partial\sigma) = \sigma_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\partial I_{\Delta^n}).$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} T(\partial\sigma) &= \sum (-1)^i T(\sigma \circ s^i) = \sum (-1)^i (\sigma \circ s^i)_{\#} T^{\Delta}(I_{\Delta^{n-1}}) \\ &= \sigma_{\#} \left( \sum (-1)^i s^i_{\#} T^{\Delta}(I_{\Delta^{n-1}}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \sigma_{\#} (T^{\Delta}(\partial I_{\Delta^n})) &= \sigma_{\#} (T^{\Delta}(\sum (-1)^i s^i)) \\ &= \sigma_{\#} \left( \sum (-1)^i T^{\Delta}(s^i) \right) \end{aligned}$$

So it suffices to show that if  $f: \Delta^m \rightarrow \Delta^l$  is linear, &  $\omega \in C_k(\Delta^m)$ , then

$$f_{\#} (T^{\Delta} \omega) = T^{\Delta}(f \circ \omega). \quad [\text{set } f = s^i, \omega = I_{\Delta^{n-1}}]$$

We prove this by induction on  $k$ , using the above exercise.

For  $k=0$ , both sides are the constant 1-simplex at the image of  $f\omega$ .

Now assume the result for  $k-1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\omega) &= f_{\#} (C_{b\omega}(\omega) - C_{b\omega}(T^{\Delta}(\partial\omega))) \\ &\stackrel{\text{By the Exercise}}{=} C_{f(b\omega)}(f\omega) - C_{f(b\omega)}(f_{\#} T^{\Delta} \partial\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$T^{\Delta}(f \circ \omega) = C_{b(f\omega)}(f\omega) - C_{b(f\omega)}(T^{\Delta}(\partial f\omega))$$

Since  $f$  is linear,  $f(b\omega) = b(f\omega)$ . So it remains only to show

$$f_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\partial\omega) = T^{\Delta}(\partial f\omega).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{We have:}} \quad f_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\partial\omega) &= \sum (-1)^i f_{\#} T^{\Delta}(\omega \circ s^i) = \sum (-1)^i T^{\Delta}(f \circ \omega \circ s^i) \\ &= T^{\Delta}(\partial(f \circ \omega)) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Now we can complete the proof of excision.

We need to show that  $C_n(A+B, A) \rightarrow C_n(X, A)$  induces an isom. on homology. First we prove surjectivity.

Lemma: (Hatcher, p. 120) Given  $z = \sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \in C_n(X)$  w/  $\partial z \in C_{n-1}(A)$ ,  
 $S^m(z) \in C_n(A+B)$  for some  $m = m(z) \geq 0$ .

$\epsilon$  is the Lebesgue # of the cover  $\{\sigma_i^{-1}(A), \sigma_i^{-1}(B)\}_i$

Pf: (Sketch) For each  $i$ ,  $\sigma_i^{-1}(A), \sigma_i^{-1}(B) \subset \Delta^n$ , and hence  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t. each ball of rad.  $\epsilon$  (in  $\Delta^n$ ) maps into either  $A$  or  $B$  under all  $\sigma_i$ . Now one checks inductively that the diameter of simplices in the  $m$ th subdivision of  $\Delta^n$  is  $\leq (\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2})^m$ , which is  $< \epsilon$  for  $m \gg 0$ .  $\square$

Now it suffices to show that  $\partial(S^m(z)) \in C_{n-1}(A)$

(so that  $S^m(z)$  is a cycle in  $C_*(A+B, A)$ ) and that  $z - S^m(z)$

lies in  $B_n(X) + C_n(A)$  (so that  $z$  &  $S^m z$  give the same

homology class in  $H_* (X, A) = \frac{\{z \in C_n X \mid \partial z \in C_{n-1} A\}}{B_n X + C_n A}$ .

We have  $\partial S^m(z) = S^m(\partial z)$  (b/c  $\partial S = S\partial$ ) and  $\partial z \in C_{n-1} A$ . From the defn of  $S$  we see that

$S(C_* A) \subseteq C_* A$ , so  $\partial S^m(z) \in C_{n-1} A$  as desired.

Next,  $z - S^m(z)$  is a bdry in  $C_*(A+B, A)$  b/c can write

$$\begin{aligned} z - S^m z &= z - Sz + (Sz - S^2 z) + \dots + (S^{m-1} z - S^m z) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} S^i(z - Sz) \end{aligned}$$

and  $z - Sz = \partial Tz - T\partial z \in B_n X + C_n A$  b/c  $\partial z \in C_{n-1} A$ ,

and  $S^i$  maps  $B_n X$  to  $B_n X$  (since  $S$  is a chain map)

and maps  $C_n A$  to  $C_n A$ .

Finally, we show  $C_n(A+B, A) \rightarrow C_n(X, A)$  is injective on homology. Say  $z \in C_n(A+B, A)$  and  $z$  represents

$0 \in H_n(X, A)$ . Then  $\partial z \in C_n A$  and

$$z \in B_n X + C_n A, \text{ so we}$$

can write  $z = \partial w + \alpha$  with  $w \in C_n(X)$ ,  $\alpha \in C_n(A)$ . We want to show that  $z \in B_n(A+B) + C_n(A)$ , and it suffices to show that  $\partial w = z - \alpha \in B_n(A+B)$ . Again, consider the telescoping sum

$$w - S^m w = (w - Sw) + (Sw - S^2 w) + \dots + (S^{m-1} w - S^m w)$$

where  $m$  is taken large enough that  $S^m(w) \in C_n(A+B)$ .

Now

$$\partial w = \underbrace{\partial S^m w}_{\text{in } B_n(A+B)} + \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} S^i (w - Sw) \right] = \partial S^m w + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} S^i (\partial(w - Sw))$$

so it will suffice to show that  $\partial(w - Sw) \in B_n(A+B)$ .

We have

$$\partial(w - Sw) = \partial(\partial T w + T \partial w) = \partial T \partial w = \partial T(z - \alpha)$$

Since  $z \in C_n(A+B)$  &  $\alpha \in C_n A$ ,  $z - \alpha \in C_n(A+B)$  and hence

$T(z - \alpha) \in C_n A+B$  as well. So

$$\partial(w - Sw) = \partial T(z - \alpha) \in B_n(A+B),$$

as desired. This completes the proof of excision.  $\square$



## The Mayer-Vietoris Sequence:

To derive the M-V seq. for  $X = A \cup B$  (w/  $\text{int}(A) \cup \text{int}(B) = X$ ) we consider

$$C_n(A \cap B) \xrightarrow{(i_{A\#}, -i_{B\#})} C_n(A) \oplus C_n(B) \xrightarrow{i_{\#}^A + i_{\#}^B} C_n(A+B)$$

The 2<sup>nd</sup> map is onto by def'n of  $C_n(A+B)$ , and the first is clearly injective. In fact, the seq. is exact b/c

$$i_{\#}^A + i_{\#}^B (i_{A\#} \sigma, -i_{B\#} \sigma) = i_{\#} \sigma - i_{\#} \sigma = 0.$$

Now the LES in  $H_*$  has the form

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A \cap B) \rightarrow H_n(A) \oplus H_n(B) \rightarrow H_n(A+B) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A \cap B) \rightarrow \dots$$

Claim: The inclusion  $C_*(A+B) \hookrightarrow C_*(X)$  induces isom's  $H_n(A+B) \cong H_n(X)$

for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Pf: We have a comm. diagram of SES

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} C_* A & \rightarrow & C_*(A+B) & \rightarrow & C_*(A+B, A) \\ \downarrow = & & \downarrow i_{\#} & & \downarrow \\ C_* A & \rightarrow & C_*(X) & \rightarrow & C_*(X, A) \end{array}$$

and the right-most vertical map induces an isom. on  $H_*$  by Prop 2.21. The claim now follows by applying the 5-lemma to the associated diagram of LES's in homology.  $\square$

In fact, the MV seq. can also be formulated for reduced homology: just use the augmented chain cplx

$$\begin{array}{c}
 C_n \mathbb{Z} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \vdots \\
 \downarrow \\
 \sum_{i=1}^n C_0 \mathbb{Z} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{Z}
 \end{array}$$

for  $Z = A \cap B, A, B$ , (the homology of this augmented cplx is  $\tilde{H}_*(Z)$ ) and note that  $C_0 A + B = C_0 X$  so we can augment  $C_+(A+B)$  in the same manner.

Note that we still have a SES of augmented cplx if the maps in deg -1 are  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \\
 1 \mapsto (1, -1) & & (a, b) \mapsto a + b & & 
 \end{array}$$