

Lecture III: We must show that for any $x_k \in H^{*-1}B$,

$$\underline{\Phi}^{\text{rel}} \partial \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes \alpha^k \right) = \partial \underline{\Phi}' \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes \alpha^k \right).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Phi}^{\text{rel}} \partial \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes \alpha^k \right) &= \underline{\Phi}^{\text{rel}} \left(\sum_k (\partial x_k) \otimes \alpha^k \right) = \sum_k q^*(\partial x_k) \cup (c_{iL_E})^k \\ &= \sum_k \partial q^* x_k \cup (c_{iL_E})^k \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\partial \underline{\Phi}' \left(\sum_k x_k \otimes \alpha^k \right) = \partial \left(\sum_k (q^* x_k) \cup i^*(c_{iL_E})^k \right) = \sum_k \partial (q^* x_k \cup i^*(c_{iL_E})^k).$$

So we need to show that $\partial (q^* x_k \cup i^*(c_{iL_E})^k) = \partial (q^* x_k) \cup (c_{iL_E})^k$.

Lemma: For any pair (X, A) , the bdry map in the LES

$$H^{*-1}X \xrightarrow{i^*} H^{*-1}A \xrightarrow{\partial} H^*(X, A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*X$$

satisfies $\partial(\alpha \cup i^* x) = \partial \alpha \cup x$.

Proof: The map ∂ is defined as follows: if $\tilde{\alpha} \in C^{*-1}X$ is any cochain restricting to a cocycle $\alpha \in C^*A$, then $\partial([\tilde{\alpha}]) := [\delta(\tilde{\alpha})]$, which is a cochain vanishing on C_*A , i.e. $\delta(\tilde{\alpha}) \in C^*(X, A) \subseteq C^*X$.

Now, given $x = [x] \in H^{*-1}X$ and $\alpha = [\alpha] \in H^{*-1}A$, choose $\tilde{\alpha} \in C^{*-1}X$ extending α . Then $\tilde{\alpha} \cup x \in C^{*-2}X$ restricts to $\alpha \cup i^* x$, so

$$\partial(\alpha \cup i^* x) = \partial[\alpha \cup i^* x] = \delta(\tilde{\alpha} \cup x)$$

$$= (\delta \tilde{\alpha}) \cup x + \tilde{\alpha} \cup \delta x = \delta \tilde{\alpha} \cup x. \quad \square$$

δ is a derivation

X is a cocycle
So $\delta x = 0$

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By the 5-lemma, to complete the argument for findim'l CW base spaces, it suffices to prove:

Claim 1: $\underline{\Phi}'$ is an isomorphism.

Claim 2: $\underline{\Phi}'^{\text{rel}}$ is an isomorphism

Proof of Claim 1: We have a commutative diagram

of fibrations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathbb{C}P^n \\ q^{-1}(B^{(n)}) \hookrightarrow & & q^{-1}(B') \\ \downarrow q & & \downarrow q \\ B^{(n-1)} & \hookrightarrow & B' \end{array} . \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Since } D^n - \{\text{pt}\} \\ \text{deformation retracts to } S^{n-1}, \\ B' \text{ deformation retracts to} \\ B^{(n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

The 5-lemma now implies that $q^{-1}(B^{(n-1)}) \hookrightarrow q^{-1}(B')$ induces an isomorphism on π_* , and hence on H^* (by Hatcher Prop 4.2)

The diagram

$$H^* q^{-1}(B^{(n-1)}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(q^{-1}B')$$

$$\uparrow \underline{\Phi}^{(n-1)}$$

$$\uparrow \underline{\Phi}'$$

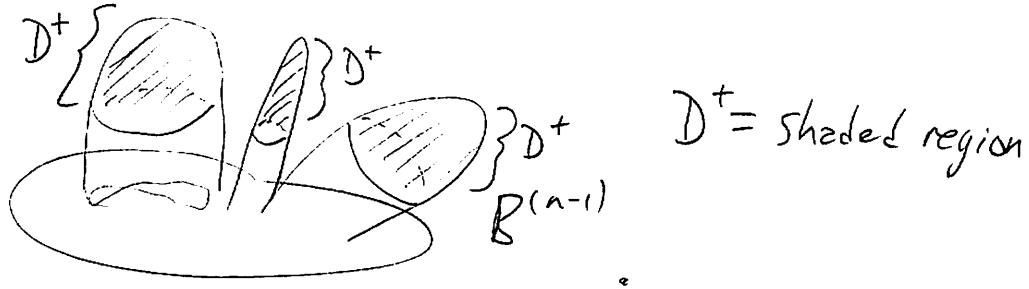
$$H^* B^{(n-1)} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H^* \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\cong} H^* B' \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H^* \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$$

Completes the proof of Claim 1, since by induction $\underline{\Phi}^{n-1}$ is an isomorphism. \square

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Proof of Claim 2:

Let $D^+ \subseteq B$ denote the disjoint union of the closed, radius $\frac{1}{2}$ disks inside each n -cell in B :



Then D^+ deformation retracts to the disjoint union of points $B - B'$, and $D^+ \cap B'$ deformation retracts to the disjoint union of the boundary $(n-1)$ -spheres of the various disks in D^+ . Note that these are both CW cplxs of $\dim i < n$, so the theorem applies to them by induction.

We have excision isomorphisms $H^*(B, B') \cong H^*(D^+, D^+ \cap B')$ and $H^*(PE, PE') \cong H^*(PE|_{D^+}, PE|_{D^+ \cap B'})$, coming from excising the complements of D^+ and of $PE|_{D^+}$ respectively. This gives a comm. diagram

$$H^*(PE, PE') \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(PE|_{D^+}, PE|_{D^+ \cap B'})$$

$$H^*(B, B') \otimes H^*(CP^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(D^+, D^+ \cap B') \otimes H^*(CP^n)$$

and hence it suffices to prove that the right hand map is an isom.

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But this follows by applying the induction hypothesis to the LES's of the pairs $(PE|_{D^+}, PE|_{D^+ \cap B})$, $(D^+, D^+ \cap B)$: we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \rightarrow & H^{k-1}(PE|_{D^+ \cap B}) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H^*(PE|_{D^+}, PE|_{D^+ \cap B}) & \rightarrow & H^*PE|_{D^+} \rightarrow \cdots \\ & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \Phi^{rel} & & \uparrow \\ \cdots & \rightarrow & H^{k-1}(D^+ \cap B) \otimes H^*CP^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H^*(PE|_{D^+}, PE|_{D^+ \cap B}) \otimes H^*CP^n & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^*PE|_{D^+} \otimes H^*CP^n \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(D^+ \cap B) \otimes H^*CP^n \end{array}$$

and the argument in the proof of Claim 1 shows that the vertical arrows other than Φ^{rel} are isom's. The 5-Lemma completes the proof. \square

We have now shown that the Proj. Bdk Thm holds for any finite dim'l CW cplx.

If B is a possibly infinite-dim'l CW complex, then we need to show that the map

$$\Phi : H^*B \otimes H^*CP^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{def}} \bigoplus_{\substack{k \text{ even} \\ *-k > 0}} H^k B \otimes \underbrace{H^{*-k} CP^n}_{\mathbb{Z}} \longrightarrow H^*PE$$

is an isomorphism. If we choose $N > * + 1$ then by the cellular approximation theorem we have $\pi_i B^{(N)} \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_i B$ for $i \leq N-1$, and in particular for $i \leq * + 1$. Hence by [Hatcher 4.2], $B^{(N)} \hookrightarrow B$ (and consequently $PE|_{B^{(N)}} \hookrightarrow PE$) induce isom's

on H^k for $k \leq *$. The result now follows from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^* PE|_{B^{(n)}} & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H^* PE \\ \uparrow \cong & & \uparrow \\ H^* B^{(n)} \otimes H^* CP^n & \xleftarrow{\cong} & H^* B \otimes H^* CP^{n-1} \end{array}$$

Finally, consider an arbitrary paracompact base space B . Then as shown in Hatcher Prop'n 4.13 there exists a "CW approximation" $K \xrightarrow{f} B$, i.e. K is a CW cplx and $f_* : \pi_* K \rightarrow \pi_* B$ is an isom. for all $*$ (hence $H^* B \rightarrow H^* K$ is also an isom.).

The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^* PE & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^*(P(f^* E)) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \cong \\ H^* B \otimes H^* CP^n & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H^* K \otimes CP^n \end{array}$$

now completes the proof; the top map comes from the isomorphism $P(f^* E) \cong f^* P(E)$ and

the diagram $f^* PE \rightarrow PE$ (the top map is an isom on π_* and hence H^* by the 5-lemma). \square

Rmk: Where did we use paracompactness of the base space $B??$. For this argument to make sense, we need to know that the class $C_1(L_E) \in H^*_{PE}$ is defined. This means the line bundle $\begin{array}{c} L_E \\ \downarrow \\ PE \end{array}$ must admit a classifying map $\begin{array}{ccc} L_E & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \mathbb{R} \\ \downarrow & f & \downarrow \\ PE & \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} & \mathbb{C}^{\text{pos}} \end{array}$, which we can only guarantee if PE is paracompact [MS §5].

On the other hand, in the real case we saw that $W_1(\begin{array}{c} L \\ X \end{array}) \in H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1 X, \mathbb{Z}/2)$ could be defined over any base space. So we don't need paracompactness when the bundle is a real vector bundle.
