

Cohomology is algebraically very closely related to homology.

homology: chain complex:

$$\mathcal{C} = (\cdots \rightarrow C_2 \xrightarrow{\partial} C_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} \underline{C}_0 \rightarrow 0.)$$

cohomology: cochain cpx: Over $G \in \mathbb{Z}$ -mod coefficients:

$$0 \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_0, G) \xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_1, G) \xrightarrow{\delta} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_2, G) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$0 \rightarrow \underline{C}_0^* \xrightarrow{\delta} C_1^* \xrightarrow{\delta} C_2^* \rightarrow \cdots \quad (\text{everything dualized})$$

As a result of dualizing, the cohomology functor

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Top spaces,} \\ \text{cts. maps} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{H^*(-)} \text{graded } \mathbb{Z}\text{-mod}$$

is contravariant:

a map of spaces $f: X \rightarrow Y$ determines

a map $f^*: H^*(Y) \rightarrow H^*(X)$ on cohomology.

Contravariance allows us to define the cup product, giving cohomology an algebra structure!

The cohomology groups $H^*(\mathcal{C})$ are determined by the homology groups (over $\mathbb{Z}$) via a universal coefficient theorem:

Thm 3.2 (Universal Coefficient Theorem for Cohomology)

If a chain cpx $\mathcal{C}$ of free abelian groups has homology groups $H_n(\mathcal{C})$ (w over $\mathbb{Z}$), then the cohomology groups $H^n(\mathcal{C}; G)$ of the cochain complex $\text{Hom}(\mathcal{C}_n, G)$ are determined by split exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow H^n(\mathcal{C}; G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow 0$$

Treat Ext as black box just as we did with Tor .

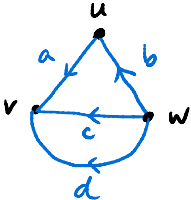
Useful Properties of $\text{Ext}(H, G)$:

- $\text{Ext}(H \oplus H', G) \cong \text{Ext}(H, G) \oplus \text{Ext}(H', G)$
- $\text{Ext}(H, G) = 0$ if H is free
- $\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, G) \cong G/nG$.

What does it mean to dualize? (Idea of cohomology)

→ we haven't discussed how to get δ from ∂ yet!

(Start: idea from simplicial cohomology,
≡ singular cohom. §3.1.)

Let $X =$  a 1D Δ -complex.

Let G be an abelian group (our coefficients group).

$$\bullet \Delta^0(X; G) = \text{Hom}(\Delta_0(X), G)$$

$$= \text{fns } \{u, v, w\} \rightarrow G.$$

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$$= \text{fns } \{a, b, c, d\} \rightarrow G.$$

abelian group

$$\bullet \delta : \Delta^0(X; G) \longrightarrow \Delta^1(X; G)$$

$$\varphi \longmapsto \delta\varphi := \varphi \circ \partial$$

$$\varphi \circ \partial([v_0, v_1]) = \varphi(v_1 - v_0)$$

$$= \varphi(v_1) - \varphi(v_0)$$

Analogy: φ assigns to each point an elevation/energy. $\delta\varphi$ measures the net change in elevation over an edge.

- $H^0(X; G) \cong \ker \delta \subset \Delta^0(X; G)$

$\varphi \in \ker \delta$ iff $\varphi \circ \delta(e) = 0 \ \forall \text{ edges } e \text{ of } X$.

iff φ is constant on each cpt of X .

$$\Rightarrow H^0(X; G) = \prod_{\text{path cpts of } X} G$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}(\oplus M_i, G) \\ \cong \prod \text{Hom}(M_i, G) \end{aligned}$$

- $H^1(X; G) \cong \Delta^1(X; G) / \text{im } \delta$

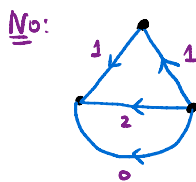
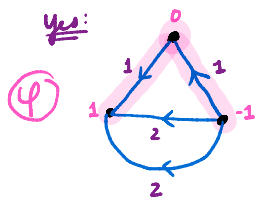
(⚠ Our example is a 1-complex.)

$\psi \in \Delta^1(X; G)$ is in $\text{im } \delta$

iff $\exists \varphi \in \Delta^0(X; G)$ s.t. $\delta \varphi = \varphi \circ \delta = \psi$.

Does the set of elevation changes have a solution (values you can write on the vertices?)

($G = \mathbb{Z}$:)



Observe $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}$ is always solvable if X is a tree.

So for the edges outside a maximal tree, we have degrees of freedom, giving us an idea of $H_1(X; G)$:

$$H_1(X; G) \cong \prod_{\substack{e \text{ not} \\ \text{in maximal} \\ \text{tree}}} G$$

Aside $\text{Hom}(\oplus M_i, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \prod \text{Hom}(M_i, \mathbb{Z})$.

You can read about the 2D case in Hatcher.

Similar idea, but now use topographical maps

Again, "elevation" is used as analogy for assigning an element of G to each vertex.

Cohomology of spaces

X = space G = abelian group

$C^n(X; G) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n(X), G)$ Singular n -cochains with coefficients in G

$\varphi \in C^n(X; G)$ assigns to each $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$
a value $\varphi(\sigma) \in G$.

$\delta = \partial^*: C^n(X; G) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(X; G)$ coboundary map
 $\varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ \partial$

Explicitly,

$$\delta\varphi(\sigma) = \sum_i (-1)^i \varphi(\sigma|_{[\hat{v}_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_{n+1}]})$$

Learn about a space by considering functions on the space...

- $\delta^2 = 0$ because $\partial^2 = 0$
- $\ker \delta = \text{cocycles}$, $\text{im } \delta = \text{coboundaries}$
 - ↳ $\varphi \in \ker \delta$ if $\delta\varphi = \varphi\partial = 0$, i.e. $\varphi = 0$ on boundaries

Rmk. $0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow H^n(\mathcal{C}; G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow 0$

- When $n=0$, we have $H^0(X; G) \cong \text{Hom}(H_0(X), G)$

As we saw in the low-dim'l example, $\varphi \in \ker \delta$

iff it is a constant fn. on path cpts.

So $H^0(X; G) =$ fns from path cpts of X to G

$$\cong \prod_{\substack{\text{path} \\ \text{cpts} \\ \text{of } X}} G$$

homology

- When $n=1$, $\text{Ext}(H_0(X), G) = 0$ since $H_0(X)$ is free.

So we also have $H^1(X; G) \cong \text{Hom}(H_1(X), G)$.

$$\cong \text{Hom}(\pi_1(X), G), \text{ since}$$

G is already abelian

With field coefficients let $F = \text{field}$.

Recall $C_n(X; F) = C_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} F$

- As F -module, has basis the singular n -simplices of X .
- $\text{Hom}_F(C_n(X; F), F) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n(X), F)$ ← as abelian groups

since for both you just specify the values on the basis: singular simplices

- By a generalization of the UCT to modules over a PID (rather than $\mathbb{Z}$),

we get

$$H^n(X; F) \cong \text{Hom}_F(H_n(X; F), F)$$

$\text{Ext}_F(-, F)$ are all 0 since F is a field
and all modules are free

Therefore: over a field, cohomology is exactly dual to homology.

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$$0 \rightarrow \underline{C_0^*} \xrightarrow{\delta} C_1^* \xrightarrow{\delta} C_2^* \rightarrow \cdots \quad (\text{everything dualized})$$

We now think through all the constructions from homology and realize they all make sense or have analogous statements in cohomology.

Reduced Cohomology groups

$$\dots \rightarrow C_1(X) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

(dualize

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, G) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon^*} \text{Hom}(C_0(X), G) \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots$$

$$(f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G) \mapsto (f \circ \varepsilon: C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} G)$$

note $f \circ \varepsilon(1) = f(1)$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow H^n(\mathcal{C}; G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(\mathcal{C}), G) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(\underbrace{\tilde{H}_{-1}(X)}_{=0}, G) \rightarrow \tilde{H}^0(X; G) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\tilde{H}_0(X), G) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}^0(X; G) \cong \text{Hom}(\tilde{H}_0(X), G)$$

Interpretation of $\tilde{H}^0(X; G)$:

from last time:

$$\tilde{H}^0(X; G) = \frac{\ker \delta_0}{\operatorname{im} \varepsilon^*} \quad \leftarrow \{ \varphi: C_0(X) \rightarrow G \mid \text{constant on path cpts} \}$$

$\varphi \in \operatorname{im} \varepsilon^*$ if $\varphi = f \circ \varepsilon$ for some f , i.e.

$$\varphi(\sigma) = f(1) \quad \forall \sigma. \quad (\text{see note above})$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{im} \varepsilon^* = \{ \varphi: C_0(X) \rightarrow G \mid \varphi \text{ is const on all } \sigma \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}^0(X; G) = \frac{\{ \varphi: C_0(X) \rightarrow G \mid \text{constant on path cpts} \}}{\{ \varphi \text{ that are constant on all of } X \}}$$

Relative groups, LES of a pair.

- Start with SES for pair (X, A)

$$0 \rightarrow C_n(A) \xrightarrow{i} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{j} C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$

This SES in a way defines $C_n(X, A)$

Now apply $\text{Hom}(-, G)$.

- Note A priori, $(-)^* = \text{Hom}(-, G)$ is left-exact i.e.

If $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\alpha} B \xrightarrow{\beta} C \rightarrow 0$ is exact,

then $0 \rightarrow C^* \xrightarrow{\beta^*} B^* \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} A^*$ is exact

(but $B^* \xrightarrow{\alpha^*} A^*$ might not be surjective)

- But in our case,

$$0 \rightarrow C^n(X, A; G) \xrightarrow{j^*} C^n(X; G) \xrightarrow{i^*} C^n(A; G) \rightarrow 0$$

subgroup!
(restriction)

is indeed exact:

Let $\varphi \in C^n(X; G)$. Then $i^*(\varphi) = \varphi|_A$.

Every $\psi: C_n(A) \rightarrow G$ can be extended by 0 to a function

$\bar{\psi}: C_n(X) \rightarrow G$. Then $i^*(\bar{\psi}) = \psi$.

So i^* is indeed surjective.

- We can view $C^n(X, A; G)$ as functions

$$\{\text{singular } n \text{ simplices in } X\} \rightarrow G$$

that vanish on simplices in A .

- Relative coboundary maps $\delta: C^n(X, A; G) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(X, A; G)$ are restrictions of the absolute $\delta: C^n(X; G) \rightarrow C^{n+1}(X; G)$ (to fns that vanish on simplices in A).

So the same construction from $\text{SES} \rightarrow \text{LES}$ goes through:

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots H^n(X, A; G) \xrightarrow{i^*} H^n(X; G) \xrightarrow{i^*} H^n(A; G) \\ \delta \searrow \hspace{10em} \nearrow \\ \hspace{1.5em} H^{n+1}(X, A; G) \longrightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

To compute the connecting map δ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & C^{n+1}(X, A; G) & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}_2} & C^{n+1}(X; G) \\ & & \downarrow j^* & & \downarrow j^* \\ \text{extended} & \bar{\varphi} & \xrightarrow{C^n(X; G)} & C^n(X; G) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} C^n(A; G) \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow i^* & \\ & \varphi & & C^n(A; G) & \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow \varphi_2 = 0 & \end{array}$$

$\delta[\varphi] = [\bar{\varphi}_2]$.

• There is a relationship b/w the ~~cohomology~~ connecting maps:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^n(A; G) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{n+1}(X, A; G) \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow h \\ \text{Hom}(H_n(A), G) & \xrightarrow{\partial^*} & \text{Hom}(H_{n+1}(X, A), G) \end{array}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(G), G) \rightarrow H^n(G; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{Hom}(H_n(G), G) \rightarrow 0$$

Induced Homomorphisms

H^* is a contravariant functor.

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$\hookrightarrow f_{\#}: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(Y)$$

$$\hookrightarrow f^{\#}: C^n(Y; G) \rightarrow C^n(X; G)$$

$\text{Hom}(-, G)$

$$\text{induces } f^*: H^n(Y; G) \rightarrow H^n(X; G)$$

- $1^{\#} = 1$ so $1^* = 1$.
- $(fg)^{\#} = g^{\#} f^{\#}$ so $(fg)^* = g^* f^*$

Homotopy Invariance

Recall we found a homotopy (prim operator) P s.t.

$$g_{\#} - f_{\#} = \partial P + P \partial.$$

Dualizing this relation we get

$$g^{\#} - f^{\#} = P^* \partial^* + \partial^* P^* = P^* \delta + \delta P^*$$

so P^* a chain htpy b/w $f^{\#}$ and $g^{\#}$.

$\Rightarrow$ they are chain htpic $\Rightarrow f^* = g^*$ on cohom.

Excision

thm Suppose $Z \subset A \subset X$ with $\bar{Z} \subset \mathring{A}$.

Then $i: (X-Z, A-Z) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ induces isomorphisms

$$i^*: H^n(X, A; G) \longrightarrow H^n(X-Z, A-Z; G) \quad \forall n.$$

Recall in the pt we had $gi = 1$ and $1 - gp = \partial D + D\partial$.
Again dualize + use the 5-lemma.

Mayer-Vietoris Sequences

We still have the SES of duals

$$0 \rightarrow C^n(A+B; G) \longrightarrow C^n(A; G) \oplus C^n(B; G) \longrightarrow C^n(A \cap B; G) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f & \longmapsto & (f|_A, f|_B) \\ & & (f, g) \longmapsto f|_{A \cap B} - g|_{A \cap B} \end{array}$$

Recall: $C_n(A+B) \subset C_n(X)$, where inclusion is a chain htpy equivalence.

$$C^n(A+B; G) = \text{Hom}(C_n(A+B), G)$$

Taking duals, the restriction map

$$C^n(X; G) \xrightarrow{i^*} C^n(A+B; G) \text{ is also a chain htpy equiv.}$$

Lecture 21

Cross product in homology

$$H_i(X) \times H_j(Y) \longrightarrow H_{i+j}(X \times Y)$$

Induced by, in the CW cpx case,

$$C_i(X) \times C_j(Y) \longrightarrow C_{i+j}(X \times Y)$$

$$(e_\alpha^i, e_\beta^j) \longmapsto e_\alpha^i \times e_\beta^j$$

↗
(give $X \times Y$ the product cell structure)

But if we want to turn $H_*(X)$ into a ring, we need some natural map

$$H_{i+j}(X \times X) \longrightarrow H_{i+j}(X).$$

There isn't really a natural clone to map $X \times X \rightarrow X$ here.

on the other hand there is a very

natural diagonal map $\Delta: X \rightarrow X \times X$

So we want a contravariant construction instead.

we can also define a cross product
for CW cochains:

$$C^i(X) \times C^j(Y) \longrightarrow C^{i+j}(X \times Y)$$

$$(\varphi, \psi) \longmapsto \varphi \times \psi \text{ where}$$

$$(\varphi \times \psi)(e_\alpha^i \times e_\beta^j) = \varphi(e_\alpha^i) \cdot \psi(e_\beta^j)$$


 multiplication in
the ring $\mathbb{Z}$

We could check that this induces a product
on cohomology.

$$H^i(X) \times H^j(Y) \xrightarrow{\times} H^{i+j}(X \times Y)$$

The composition

$$H^i(X) \times H^j(Y) \xrightarrow{\times} H^{i+j}(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} H^{i+j}(X)$$


 \smile

turns out to be the cup product

Note that we have not checked many details.
Most importantly, invariance under choice of
cell structure!

Direct construction of cup product

Let R be a ring (eg. $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Q}$)

Cup product on cochains:

$$\text{let } \varphi \in C^k(X; R)$$

$$\psi \in C^l(X; R)$$

$$\sigma: \Delta^{k+l} \rightarrow X \text{ generator of } C_{k+l}(X)$$

Define

$$(\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma) = \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{[v_k, \dots, v_{k+l}]})$$

↑
mult in R
(assoc, distributive)

Relate with differentials:

Lemma 3.6 $\delta(\varphi \cup \psi) = \delta\varphi \cup \psi + (-1)^k \varphi \cup \delta\psi.$

Pf.

$$\text{let } \sigma: \Delta^{k+l+1} \rightarrow X.$$

$$\bullet (\delta\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} (-1)^i \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_{k+1}]})$$

$$\bullet \psi(\sigma|_{[v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l+1}]})$$

last term:

$$\otimes (-1)^{k+1} \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{[v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l+1}]})$$

$$\bullet (-1)^k (\varphi \cup \delta\psi)(\sigma)$$

$$= \sum_{i=k}^{k+l+1} (-1)^i \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{[v_k, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_{k+l+1}]})$$

w/ last term $(-1)^k \star$

These two terms cancel in the sum, and the remainder is $\delta(\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma) = (\varphi \cup \psi)(\partial\sigma)$. □

lemma 3.6 $\Rightarrow$

① product of two cocycles is a cocycle:

$$\text{If } \delta\varphi = \delta\psi = 0 \text{ then } \delta(\varphi \cup \psi) = \cancel{\delta\varphi} \cup \psi \pm \varphi \cup \cancel{\delta\psi} = 0$$

② product of cocycle and coboundary = 0 (either order)

$$\bullet \text{ If } \delta\varphi = 0 \text{ then } \varphi \cup \delta\psi = \pm \delta(\varphi \cup \psi)$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } \delta\psi = 0 \text{ then } \delta\varphi \cup \psi = \delta(\varphi \cup \psi)$$

By ① & ②, $\cup$ descends to a cup product on cohomology:

$$H^k(X; \mathbb{R}) \times H^l(X; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^{k+l}(X; \mathbb{R})$$

$$([\varphi], [\psi]) \longmapsto [\varphi \cup \psi]$$

$$(\varphi + \delta\psi') \cup (\psi + \delta\psi'') = \varphi \cup \psi + \text{coboundary}$$

This gives cohomology a graded ring structure, where the identity element is $1 \in H^0(X; R)$ rep'd by the cochain that sends all 0-simplices to the identity $1 \in R$.