

# Lecture 2: Cohomology: Examples and Properties.

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Last time:  $X$  space

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{n+1} \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \quad C_n = C_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\dots \leftarrow C^{n+1} \leftarrow C^n \xleftarrow{\delta} C^{n-1} \leftarrow \dots \quad C^n = \text{Hom}(C_n, G)$$

$$\boxed{\delta(\varphi) = \varphi \circ \partial}$$

= {fn's from  $n$ -simp to  $G$ }

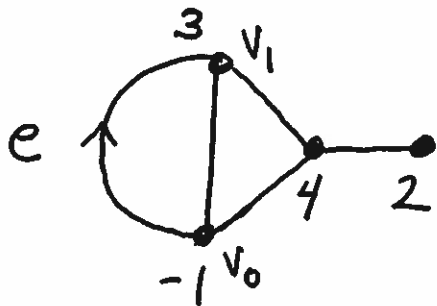
Cohomology:  $H^n(X; G) = \ker \delta_n / \text{im } \delta_{n-1}$

Today: Examples, properties, Universal Coeff Theorem.



Example 1:  $X$  a graph,  $G = \mathbb{Z}$

fn's (verts  $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ )



$$0 \leftarrow C^1 \xleftarrow{\varphi \in C^0} C^0 \leftarrow 0$$

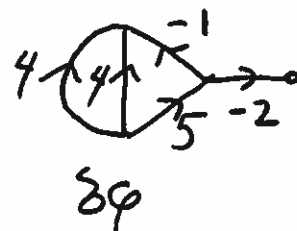
"  $\delta$  "

fn's (edges  $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ )

$$\delta(\varphi)(e) = \varphi(\partial e) = \varphi(v_1 - v_0) = \varphi(v_1) - \varphi(v_0) = 4$$

= difference of  $\varphi$  at endpts.

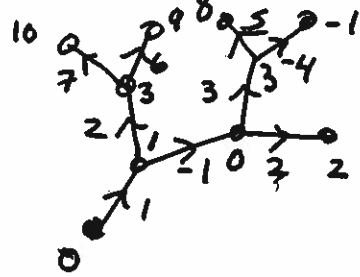
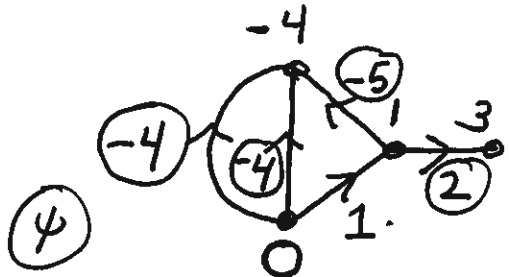
[(Rate) of change, like a derivative.]



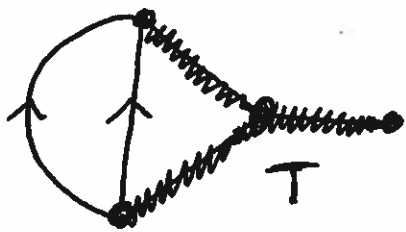
so  $\text{Ker } \delta = \text{const fns on } X^0 \Rightarrow H^0 = \mathbb{Z}$

In general, for arb.  $X$ :  $H^0(X) = \prod_{\text{components of } X} \mathbb{Z}$  [Contrast:  $H_0(X) = \bigoplus_{\text{comps}} \mathbb{Z}$ ]

Now  $\text{im } \delta = \{ \psi : \text{edges} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists \varphi \in C^0 \text{ with } \delta\varphi = \psi \}$  is like finding a fn given its derivative; solution is unique up to const fns. For a tree  $Y$ ,  $H^1 = 0$ :



For  $X$ , consider the maximal tree. Given  $\psi \in C^1$



replace with

$$\psi' = \psi + \delta\varphi$$

so that  $\psi' = 0$  on the

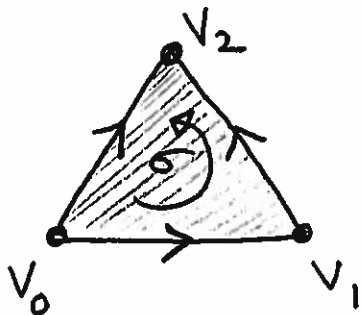
tree. Thus

$$H^1 = C^1 / \text{im } \delta \cong \text{Subset of } C^1 \text{ vanishing on } T \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

For a general graph, get

$$\Rightarrow H^1 \cong \prod_{\text{edges outside max tree}} \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 = \bigoplus_{\text{same}} \mathbb{Z}$$

Ex 2:



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$$\partial\sigma = [v_0, v_1] - [v_0, v_2] + [v_1, v_2]$$

$$C^2 \xleftarrow{\delta} C^1$$

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$$\delta\psi(\sigma) = \psi(\partial\sigma)$$

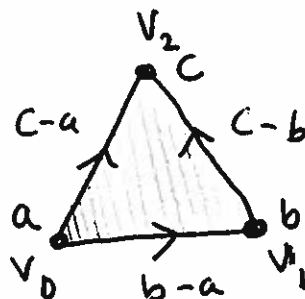
$$= \psi([v_0, v_1]) - \psi([v_0, v_2]) + \psi([v_1, v_2])$$

= sum of values of  $\psi$  around  $\sigma$

$$\text{So } \delta\psi = 0 \iff \psi([v_0, v_2]) = \psi([v_0, v_1]) + \psi([v_1, v_2])$$

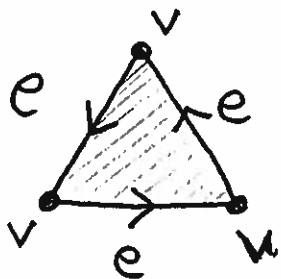
"Line integral which is path independent."

When  $\psi = \delta\varphi$  for  $\varphi \in C^0$  we have  
and in particular  $\delta\psi = 0$ .



Think of as a local integrability check.

Ex 3:



$$C_*: \text{~~0 \to \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z} \to 0~~}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\dim: \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$H_*: \quad 0 \quad \mathbb{Z}/3 \quad \mathbb{Z}$$

$$C^*: \quad 0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{\times 3} \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{0} \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow 0$$

$$\dim \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$H^*: \quad \mathbb{Z}/3 \quad 0 \quad \mathbb{Z}$$

# Basics [Hatcher § 3.1 part 2]

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Reduced version:  $\tilde{H}^k$        $\tilde{C}_* : \dots \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_1 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$   
 $\tilde{C}^* : \dots \leftarrow C^2 \leftarrow C^1 \xleftarrow{\epsilon^*} \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow 0$

Relative version:  $H^k(X, A)$  using  $C^*(X, A) = \text{Hom}(C_n(X, A), \mathbb{Z})$ ,

Long exact seq:  $A \xhookrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{j} (X, A)$

$$\dots \leftarrow H^{n+1}(X, A) \xleftarrow{\delta} H^n(A) \xleftarrow{i^*} H^n(X) \xleftarrow{j^*} H^n(X, A) \xleftarrow{\delta} H^{n-1}(A) \leftarrow \dots$$

Excision:  $A \subseteq X$  closed w/ nbhd that def retracts to  $A$ .

$$\tilde{H}^n(X/A) \cong H^n(\cancel{X/A}, A)$$

[Simplicial = Cellular, Mayer-Vietoris, invariant under homotopy equiv.]

[All analogous to homology case or follow from the U.C.T.]

Universal Coeff Thm (Easy version) Suppose

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$H_n = H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$  are all finitely generated. Let

$T_n =$  torsion subgroup of  $H_n$   $[H_n = \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus T_n]$  Then

$$H^n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_n / T_n \oplus T_{n-1}$$

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General setup:  $C = \{C_n\}$  a chain cx of free ab. gps  
 $H_n$  homology

$$H^n(C; G) = \text{cohomology of } C^n = \text{Hom}(C_n, G)$$

Thm:  $0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(C), G) \rightarrow H^n(C; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{Hom}(H_n, G) \rightarrow 0$   
is exact; moreover the sequence splits, but not naturally.

Initial focus:  $H^n(C; G) \xrightarrow{h} \text{Hom}(H_n, G)$

Idea:  $[\varphi] \in H^n(C; G)$      $\varphi \in C^n = \text{Hom}(C_n, G)$      $\partial\varphi = 0$   
 $[\alpha] \in H_n$                      $\alpha \in C_n$      $\partial\alpha = 0$

Set  $h([\varphi])([\alpha]) = \varphi(\alpha) \in G$

Well-defined: (a) Replacing  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha + \partial\beta$  gives

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$$\varphi(\alpha + \partial\beta) = \varphi(\alpha) + \varphi(\partial\beta) = \varphi(\alpha) + \underbrace{(\delta\varphi)}_0(\beta) = \varphi(\alpha) \checkmark$$

(b) Replacing  $\varphi$  with  $\varphi + \delta\psi$  is OK since

$$\delta\psi(\alpha) = \psi(\partial\alpha) = \psi(0) = 0. \checkmark \quad \blacksquare$$

Claim:  $h$  is surjective.  $Z_n = \ker \partial_n \supseteq \text{im } \partial_{n+1} = B_n$   
cycles boundaries

$$H_n = Z_n / B_n.$$

Given  $\varphi_0 \in \text{Hom}(H_n, G)$  want  $\varphi \in H^n(C; G)$  with  $h(\varphi) = \varphi_0$ . Have

$$0 \rightarrow Z_n \xrightarrow{i} C_n \xrightarrow{\partial} B_{n-1} \rightarrow 0$$

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 $Z_n \oplus B_{n-1}$

which splits since

everything is free abelian. Use to construct  $\rho$  so that

$\rho \circ i = \text{id}_{Z_n}$ . Define  $\varphi_1: C_n \rightarrow G$  by the composition

$$C_n \xrightarrow{\rho} Z_n \rightarrow H_n \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} G.$$

$\varphi_1$

$$\text{Now } \delta \varphi_1(\alpha) = \varphi_1(\partial \alpha) = \varphi_0([\partial \alpha]) = 0 \quad (7)$$

So  $\varphi_1 \in C^n(C; G)$  is a cocycle and clearly

$$h(\varphi_1) = \varphi_0.$$

