

§ Mayer-Vietoris theorem

Def: a sequence of chain complexes

$C' \xrightarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{g} C''$ is said to be

EXACT if $\text{Im } f = \text{Ker } g$ i.e.

$$\text{Im } f_q = \text{Ker } g_q \quad \forall q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

PROPOSITION: (Long exact sequence)

Let $0 \rightarrow C' \xrightarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{g} C'' \rightarrow 0$ a short exact sequence of chain complexes.

Then there exist homomorphisms

$$\alpha_q: H_q(C'') \rightarrow H_{q-1}(C') \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\dots \xrightarrow{H_q(f)} H_q(C) \xrightarrow{H_q(g)} H_q(C'') \rightarrow H_{q-1}(C') \rightarrow \dots$$

is a long exact sequence.

PROOF: let's consider the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q+1}' & \xleftarrow{f_{q+1}} & C_{q+1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q+1}} & C_{q+1}'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \partial_{q+1}' \downarrow & & \partial_{q+1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_{q+1}'' & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_q' & \xleftarrow{f_q} & C_q & \xrightarrow{g_q} & C_q'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \partial_q' \downarrow & & \partial_q \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_q'' & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q-1}' & \xleftarrow{f_{q-1}} & C_{q-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-1}} & C_{q-1}'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \partial_{q-1}' \downarrow & & \partial_{q-1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_{q-1}'' & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q-2}' & \xleftarrow{f_{q-2}} & C_{q-2} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-2}} & C_{q-2}'' & \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

We want to define a homom.

$$\omega_q: H_q(C'') \rightarrow H_{q-1}(C')$$

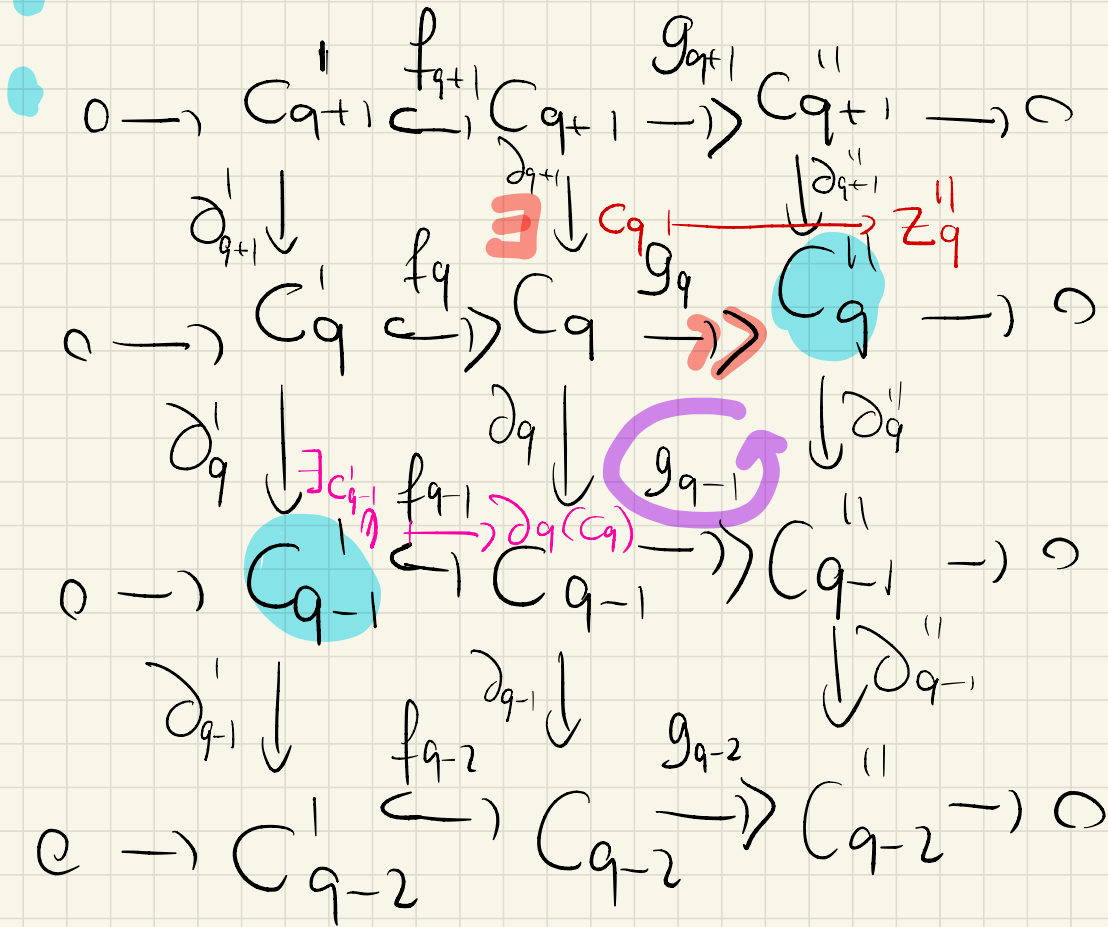
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$$[z_q''] \text{ where } z_q'' \in Z_q'' = C_q''$$

$$g_q \text{ surjective } \forall q \rightarrow$$

$$f_q \text{ injective } \forall q \hookrightarrow$$

? LET US DEFINE d_q



① g_q surjective $\exists c_q \in C_q : g_q(c_q) = z_q''$

② $g_{q-1}(\partial_q(c_q)) = \partial_q''(z_q'') = 0$
 \uparrow
 $\in \ker \partial_q''$

$\Rightarrow \partial_q(c_q) \in \ker g_{q-1} = \text{Im}(f_{q-1})$

③ $\exists c'_{q-1} \in C'_{q-1}$ s.t.

$$f_{q-1}(c'_{q-1}) = \partial_q(c_q)$$

Moreover,

$$\textcircled{4} f_{q-2}(\partial_{q-1}'(c'_{q-1})) = \partial_{q-1}(\partial_q(c_q)) = 0$$

$$\implies \partial_{q-1}'(c'_{q-1}) = 0 \implies$$

f_{q-2} is injective $\textcircled{5} c'_{q-1} \in Z_{q-1}' \subset C'_{q-1}$

and we can consider $[c'_{q-1}]$ in

$$H_{q-1}(C').$$

Put $\partial_q([z_q'']) = [c'_{q-1}]$

DEFINITION OF α_q

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q+1}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q+1}} & C_{q+1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q+1}} & C_{q+1}'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_q' & \xrightarrow{f_q} & C_q & \xrightarrow{g_q} & C_q'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q-1}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q-1}} & C_{q-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-1}} & C_{q-1}'' & \rightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \rightarrow & C_{q-2}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q-2}} & C_{q-2} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-2}} & C_{q-2}'' & \rightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

The diagram shows a commutative diagram of chain complexes. The horizontal maps are $f_i: C_i' \rightarrow C_i$ and $g_i: C_i \rightarrow C_i''$. The vertical maps are the identity maps. Blue arrows and circles highlight the maps $f_q, g_q, f_{q-1}, g_{q-1}, f_{q-2}, g_{q-2}$ and the corresponding nodes $C_q', C_q, C_q'', C_{q-1}', C_{q-1}, C_{q-1}'', C_{q-2}', C_{q-2}, C_{q-2}''$.

LEFT TO CHECK:

- ① α_q well defined
- ② α_q homomorphism
- ③ $H_q(C^\bullet)$ is an exact sequence

① α_q well defined

First, let us show that the definition does not depend on the choice of C_q , pre-image of z_q'' via g_q .

Let \bar{C}_q be another pre-image of z_q'' via g_q . Then $g_q(\bar{C}_q - C_q) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{C}_q - C_q \in \text{Ker } g_q = \text{Im } f_q$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \bar{C}'_q \in C'_{q-1} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\bar{C}_q = C_q + f_q(\bar{C}'_q) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_q(\bar{C}_q) - \partial_q(C_q) &= \partial_q(f_q(\bar{C}'_q)) \\ &= f_{q-1}(\partial_{q-1}(\bar{C}'_q)) \end{aligned}$$

Commut. DIAGRAM.

\Rightarrow therefore the element in C_{q-1} defined starting from \bar{C}_q differs from that defined from C_q by

a boundary $\partial'_{q-1}(\bar{c}_q)$ and, therefore, such elements represent the same class in $H_q(C')$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \bar{c}'_q & \xleftarrow{\textcircled{2}} & \bar{c}_q - c_q & \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} & 0 \\
 0 \longrightarrow & C'_q & \xleftarrow{f_q} & C_q & \xrightarrow{g_q} & C''_q & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \textcircled{3} \downarrow & & \textcircled{4} \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 0 \longrightarrow & C'_{q-1} & \xleftarrow{f_{q-1}} & C_{q-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-1}} & C''_{q-1} & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \partial'_q(\bar{c}'_q) & & \partial'_q(\bar{c}_q) - \partial'_q(c_q) & & \textcircled{4} &
 \end{array}$$

Let us show that the definition does not depend on the choice of the representative of the class $[z_q'']$. Let \bar{z}_q'' s.t. $[\bar{z}_q''] = [z_q'']$

We have by definition that

$$\bar{z}_q'' - z_q'' = \partial''_{q+1}(C''_{q+1}); \text{ since } g_{q+1} \text{ is surjective } \exists c_{q+1} \in C_{q+1} \text{ s.t. } g_{q+1}(c_{q+1}) = C''_{q+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \bar{z}_q'' - z_q'' &= \partial_{q+1}'' (g_{q+1} (C_{q+1})) \\ &= g_q (\partial_{q+1} (C_{q+1})) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since $\partial_q (\partial_{q+1} (C_{q+1})) = 0$
 it follows that the definition of ∂_q
 does not depend on the chosen
 representative.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & C_{q+1}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q+1}} & C_{q+1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q+1}} & C_{q+1}'' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow d_{q+1}' & & \downarrow d_{q+1}' & & \downarrow d_{q+1}'' \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_q' & \xrightarrow{f_q} & C_q & \xrightarrow{g_q} & C_q'' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow d_q' & & \downarrow d_q & & \downarrow d_q'' \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_{q-1}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q-1}} & C_{q-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-1}} & C_{q-1}'' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow d_{q-1}' & & \downarrow d_{q-1}' & & \downarrow d_{q-1}'' \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_{q-2}' & \xrightarrow{f_{q-2}} & C_{q-2} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-2}} & C_{q-2}'' \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

② α_q homomorphism

Recall that f_q, g_q are homomorphisms.

Let $[z_q'']$, $[\bar{z}_q'']$ two classes in $H_q(C_q'')$. Consider $\alpha_q([z_q'']) = [c_{q-1}']$

$$\alpha_q([\bar{z}_q'']) = [\bar{c}_{q-1}']$$

Now we want to show that

$$\alpha_q([z_q'' + \bar{z}_q'']) = [c_{q-1}' + \bar{c}_{q-1}']$$

① via g_q (surjective homomorphism)
choose $c_q + \bar{c}_q$ as preimage of $z_q'' + \bar{z}_q''$

② Now, consider $\partial_q(c_q + \bar{c}_q) = \partial_q(c_q) + \partial_q(\bar{c}_q)$ and take the unique preimage (f_{q-1} injective) via f_{q-1} , which must be $c_{q-1}' + \bar{c}_{q-1}' \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} d_q([z_q'' + \bar{z}_q'']) &= [C_{q-1}' + \bar{C}_{q-1}'] \\ &= d_q([z_q'']) + d_q([\bar{z}_q'']) \end{aligned}$$

③ $H_q(C^\bullet)$ is an exact sequence

$$\dots \xrightarrow{H_q(f)} H_q(C) \xrightarrow{H_q(g)} H_q(C'') \xrightarrow{d_q} H_{q-1}(C') \rightarrow \dots$$

We show together the exactness
in $H_q(C'')$.

$$\text{Im } H_q(g) \subseteq \text{Ker } d_q :$$

$$C_q \text{ } q\text{-cycle} \quad H_q(g)([C_q]) = [z_q'']$$

$$\exists c_{q+1}'' \text{ s.t. } g_q(c_q) = z_q'' + \partial_{q+1}''(c_{q+1}'')$$

by definition of g_q , one can

take c_q as preimage of z_q'' via g_q

$$\text{and } \partial_q(c_q) = 0 \text{ because } c_q \text{ } q\text{-cycle}$$

\Rightarrow the preimage via f_{q-1} give us what we want!

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \rightarrow & C_{q+1}^1 & \xleftarrow{f_{q+1}} & C_{q+1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q+1}} & C_{q+1}'' \rightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \partial_{q+1}' & & \downarrow \partial_{q+1} & & \downarrow \partial_{q+1}'' \\
0 & \rightarrow & C_q^1 & \xleftarrow{f_q} & C_q & \xrightarrow{g_q} & C_q'' \rightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \partial_q' & & \downarrow \partial_q & & \downarrow \partial_q'' \\
0 & \rightarrow & C_{q-1}^1 & \xleftarrow{f_{q-1}} & C_{q-1} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-1}} & C_{q-1}'' \rightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow \partial_{q-1}' & & \downarrow \partial_{q-1} & & \downarrow \partial_{q-1}'' \\
0 & \rightarrow & C_{q-2}^1 & \xleftarrow{f_{q-2}} & C_{q-2} & \xrightarrow{g_{q-2}} & C_{q-2}'' \rightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

[0]

$$\text{Ker } \alpha_q \subseteq \text{Im } H_q(g)$$

$$H_q(f) \quad H_q(c) \quad H_q(g) \quad H_q(c'') \quad \alpha_q \quad H_{q-1}(c') \rightarrow$$

$$[z_q''] \in H_q(C'') \text{ s.t. } \alpha_q([z_q'']) = [0]$$

$$z_q'' \text{ } q\text{-cycle} \rightsquigarrow C_q \text{ via } g_q \rightsquigarrow C_{q-1}^1 \text{ via } f_{q-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_q([z_q'']) = [\partial_q'(C_q^1)] \quad [C_{q-1}^1]$$

take $C_q - f_q(C_q^1)$ as candidate as preimage of z_q'' via g_q

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_q(c_q) - \partial_q f_q(c'_q) \\ = \partial_q(c_q) - f_{q-1}(\partial'_q(c'_q)) \end{aligned}$$

COMMUTATIVE
DIAGRAM

$$\Rightarrow \partial_q(c_q) - f_{q-1}(c'_{q-1}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow c_q - f_q(c'_q)$ is a
q-cycle and therefore

$$[c_q - f_q(c'_q)] \in H_q(C)$$

In conclusion

$$H_q(g)([c_q - f_q(c'_q)]) \stackrel{\text{Im } f_q = \text{Ker } g_q}{=} [g_q(c_q)] \\ = [z''_q]$$

EXERCISE: show the exactness
in $H_q(C')$ and in $H_q(C)$ \square

Def: $C = \{C_q, \partial_q\}$ $C' = \{C'_q, \partial'_q\}$
 two chain complexes

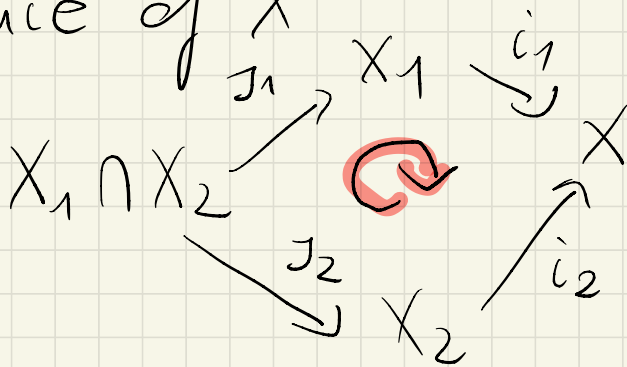
direct sum of C and C'

$$C \oplus C' = \{C_q \oplus C'_q, \partial_q \oplus \partial'_q\}$$

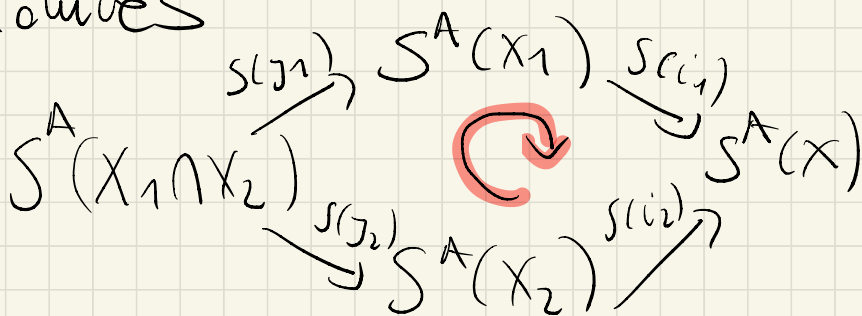
$$\partial_q \oplus \partial'_q : C_q \oplus C'_q \rightarrow C_{q-1} \oplus C'_{q-1}$$

$$(c, c') \mapsto (\partial_q(c), \partial'_q(c'))$$

X topological space, $X_1, X_2 \subset X$
 subspace of X



induces



One can consider the following exact short sequences

$$0 \rightarrow S_q(X_1 \cap X_2) \xrightarrow{\varphi_q} S_q(X_1) \oplus S_q(X_2) \xrightarrow{\psi_q} \langle S_q(X_1), S_q(X_2) \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

$$\varphi_q: (S_q(\mathbb{J}_1), -S_q(\mathbb{J}_2))$$

$$\psi_q: S_q(i_1) + S_q(i_2)$$

A -module
subgroup of $S_q(X)$
generated by
 $S_q(X_1)$ and
 $S_q(X_2)$

$$\{\varphi_q\} = \varphi \quad \{\psi_q\} = \psi \quad \text{chain complexes homomorphisms}$$

$$0 \rightarrow S(X_1 \cap X_2) \xrightarrow{\varphi} S(X_1) \oplus S(X_2) \xrightarrow{\psi} S\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

short exact
sequence

$$\langle S_q(X_1), S_q(X_2) \rangle, \partial_q$$

$\implies \exists$ long exact sequence
in homology

PROPOSITION: (Long exact sequence)

what about $S\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle$?

Mayer-Vietoris theorem

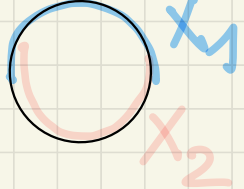
If $X = \overset{e}{X}_1 \cup \overset{e}{X}_2 \leftarrow \text{open}$ then the following is a long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H_q(X_1 \cap X_2) \xrightarrow{\Phi_q} H_q(X_1) \oplus H_q(X_2) \xrightarrow{\Psi_q} H_q(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha_q} H_{q-1}(X_1 \cap X_2) \rightarrow$$

where $\Phi_q = (H_q(j_1), -H_q(j_2))$

$$\Psi_q = H_q(i_1) + H_q(i_2)$$

α_q as in **PROPOSITION**: (Long exact sequence)

Applications: • $X = S^1$  $A = \mathbb{Z}$

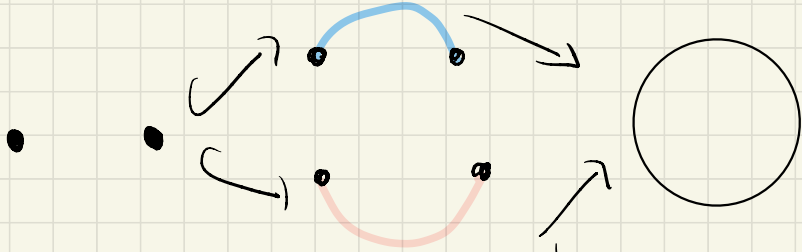
$$H_i(S^1; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\sim \mathbb{R} \\ X_2 &\sim \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_1 \cap X_2 \sim \text{pt} \sqcup \text{pt}$$

$$0 \rightarrow H_1(S^1; \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} H_0(\text{pt}) \oplus H_0(\text{pt})$$

$$\xrightarrow{\Phi_0} \underbrace{H_0(\mathbb{R})}_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \underbrace{H_0(\mathbb{R})}_{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\Psi_0} H_0(S^1) \rightarrow 0$$



$$H_0(\text{pt}) \oplus H_0(\text{pt}) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} H_0(\mathbb{R}) \oplus H_0(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} H_0(S^1) \cong H_0(\mathbb{R}) \oplus H_0(\mathbb{R}) = H_0(\mathbb{R}) \oplus H_0(\mathbb{R})$$

$\text{Ker } \psi_0$
 $\text{Im } \phi_0$

$$\textcircled{2} H_1(S^1) \cong \text{Im } \alpha_1 = \text{Ker } \phi_0$$

↑
Injective

$$\text{Im } \phi_0 \cong \mathbb{Z} \implies \text{Ker } \phi_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

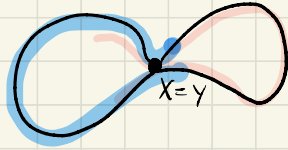
$$\implies H_0(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} / \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

• $F_{x \in X}^x, F_{y \in Y}^x$

X, Y topological spaces

$$X \vee Y = X \sqcup Y /_{x=y}$$



$$A = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_i(X \vee Y; \mathbb{Z})$$

$U_x \quad U_y$

$$U_x \cap U_y \sim \text{pt}$$

$$U_x \sim X$$

$$U_y \sim Y$$

$$\dots \rightarrow H_q(\text{pt}) \rightarrow H_q(X) \oplus H_q(Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_q(X \vee Y) \rightarrow H_{q-1}(\text{pt}) \rightarrow \dots$$

$q > 1$

INJECTIVE

$$\dots \rightarrow H_1(\text{pt}) \xrightarrow{\phi_1} H_1(X) \oplus H_1(Y) \xrightarrow{\psi_1} H_1(X \vee Y) \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} H_0(\text{pt}) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\xrightarrow{\phi_0} H_0(X) \oplus H_0(Y) \xrightarrow{\psi_0} H_0(X \vee Y) \rightarrow 0$$

$$H_0(X \vee Y) \cong H_0(X) \oplus H_0(Y) \cong H_0(X) \oplus H_0(Y)$$

$$\text{Im } \phi_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Ker } \psi_0$$

$$\text{Im } \phi_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ker } \phi_0 \cong 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0 \quad (\text{exactness})$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_1 \text{ isomorphism}$$

$$H_q(X \vee Y) = \begin{cases} H_q(X) \oplus H_q(Y) & q \neq 0 \\ H_0(X) \oplus H_0(Y) & q = 0 \end{cases}$$

\mathbb{Z}

EXERCISE:

① $X = S^m$ m -sphere $A = \mathbb{Z}$

Prove that

$$H_q(S^m) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = 0, m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

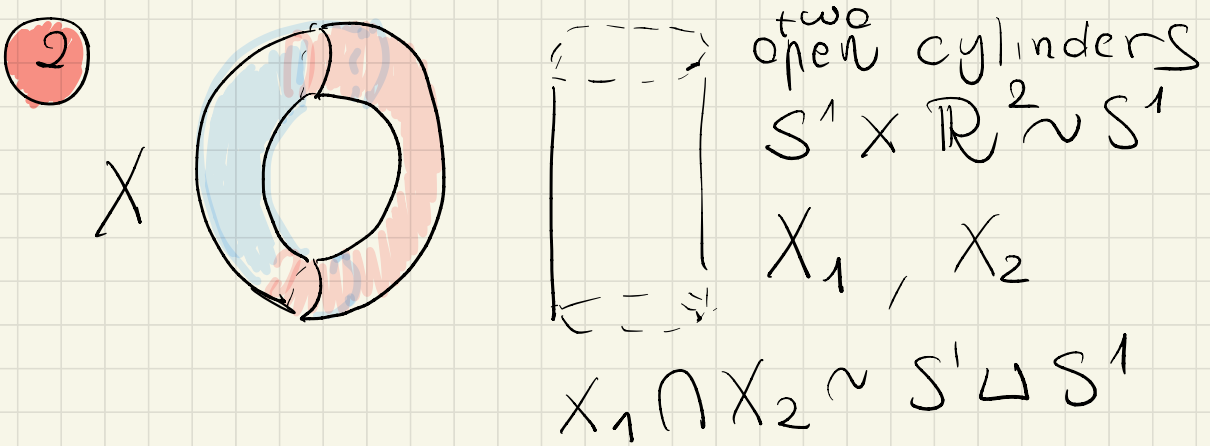
CASE 0: $S^0 \sim \text{pt} \cup \text{pt}$ CASE 1: see w!

② $X = T$ torus

Prove that $H_q(T) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = 0, 2 \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & q = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

③ $X = T_g = \#_g T$ torus of genus g

Prove that $H_q(X) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = 0, 2 \\ \oplus_{2g} \mathbb{Z} & q = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



$$H_q(S^1) \oplus H_q(S^1) \rightarrow H_q(X_1) \oplus H_q(X_2) \rightarrow H_q(X) \rightarrow H_{q-1}(S^1 \vee S^1)$$

$$H_q(S^1) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q=0, 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$q > 1 \Rightarrow H_q(X) = 0$$

$$q=1$$

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} H_1(S^1) \oplus H_1(S^1) \xrightarrow{\phi_1}$$

$$H_1(X_1) \oplus H_1(X_2) \xrightarrow{\psi_1} H_1(X) \xrightarrow{\alpha_1}$$

$$H_0(S^1) \oplus H_0(S^1) \xrightarrow{\phi_0} H_0(X_1) \oplus H_0(X_2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\psi_0} H_0(X) \rightarrow 0$$

- $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \ker \phi_0 = \mathbb{Z}$

- $\text{Im } \alpha_i = \ker \phi_{i-1}$ for $i=2,1$

exact
sequence

- $\text{Im } \phi_1 = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \ker \phi_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

↑ use DEFINITION ϕ_1

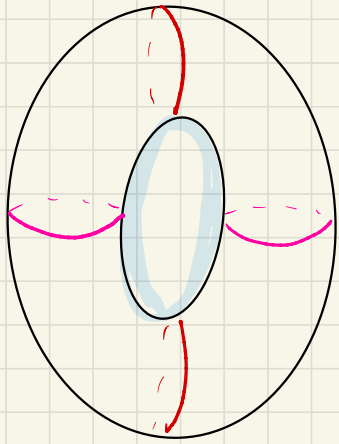
↑ we $H_1(S^1) \oplus H_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

- α_2 is injective : $\text{Im } \alpha_2 \cong \underbrace{H_2(X)}_{\mathbb{Z}} = \ker \phi_1$

- $\text{Im } \phi_1 = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \ker \psi_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Im } \psi_1 = \mathbb{Z}$

- $H_1(X) \cong \underbrace{\ker \alpha_1}_{\text{Im } \psi_1} \oplus \underbrace{\text{Im } \alpha_1}_{\ker \phi_0} \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$

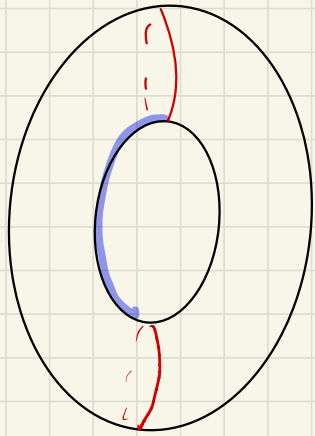


$\text{Im } \Psi_1$

generators of respectively
 $H_1(X_1)$ and $H_1(X_2)$

when we glue this
 becomes the same class
 in homology

$$X_1 \cap X_2 \sim S^1 \sqcup S^1$$



$$\left[\text{blue curve} \right] = [0] \text{ in } H_0(X_1)$$

But
 the sum
 gives a
 class
 in $H_1(X)$

