

# 同调代数与几何应用

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Cohomology of groups

Ref K. Brown Cohomology of groups Springer 1982.

History.

Def (Hurewicz 1936) A space  $X$  is called aspherical if it is path-connected and  $\pi_i(X) = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$ .

Thm (Hurewicz) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are aspherical space with the same fundamental group then  $X$  and  $Y$  are homotopy equivalent.

two maps  $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopy if there exists

a map  $F: X \times [0,1] \rightarrow Y$  st.

$$F|_{X \times \{0\}} = f_0 \quad \text{and} \quad F|_{X \times \{1\}} = f_1.$$

two space  $X, Y$  are called homotopy equivalent if there exist maps  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  st.

$$f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_Y \quad \text{and} \quad g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_X.$$

Def:  $H_*(G) = H_*(K(G, 1))$  where  $K(G, 1)$  is an aspherical space with fundamental gp

observation

$$H_0(G) = \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$H_1(G) = G/[G, G].$$

problem

it is hard to calculate  $H_n(G)$  for  $n \geq 2$  in general.

Remark: Hopf has a description of  $H_2(G)$  using a presection of  $G$ .

[1940s] Algebraic definition of  $H_*(G) / H^*(G)$ .

Applications: ① Calculation of  $K_*(R)$ .

Borel.  $K_*(\mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$

Quillen  $K_*(F)$  where  $F$  is a finite field.

② Mumford Conjecture (1983).

<sup>2002</sup>  
[Madsen-Weiss] Stable homology of  $Map(\Sigma, 1)$   
(2006 ICM plenary talk)

③ Finiteness properties.

[Eilenberg - Ganea conjecture <sup>1957</sup>] If  $gd G = 2$ , does  $cd G = 2$ .

[Whitehead conjecture <sup>1941</sup>] Let  $X$  be an aspherical CW complex. Is any subcomplex of  $X$  also aspherical.

1997  
[Bestvina-Brady] at least one of these two conjectures fails.

0. Some homological algebra.

Def: let  $R$  be a ring with unit. A (left)  $R$ -module is an abelian grp  $M$  together with a left action

$(r, x) \rightarrow rx$  of  $R$  on  $M$  st.

$$(1) \quad r(sx) = (rs)x \text{ and}$$

$$(2) \quad (r+s)x = rx + sx, \quad r(x+y) = rx + ry$$

for all  $r \in R, x, y \in M$ .

$$(3) \quad 1 \cdot x = x \text{ for all } x \in M.$$

Exple: Every abelian grp is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.  
in which  $nx$  is the usual integer  
multiple,  $nx = \underbrace{x + \dots + x}_n$  when  $n > 0$ .



**Def:** let  $M$  be a left  $R$ -module. A subset  $S$  of  $M$  is linearly indep. (over  $R$ ) when  $\sum_{s \in S} r_s s = 0$  with  $r_s \in R$  for all  $s$  and  $r_s = 0$  for all but finitely  $s$ , implies  $r_s = 0$  for all  $s \in S$ .

**Def:** A basis of a left  $R$ -module  $M$  is a linearly independent set that generates (spans)  $M$ . A module is free when it has a basis, and it then free on that basis.

Remark/Exe.  $M$  is free if and only if  $M \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} R$  for set  $I$ .

**Def:** A left  $R$ -module  $P$  is projective if  $\varphi: P \rightarrow N$ ,

$f: M \rightarrow N$  are homom. and  $f$  is surjective, then there is

$\psi: P \rightarrow M$  s.t.  $\varphi = f \circ \psi$ . i.e. the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & P & \\ \psi \swarrow & & \searrow \varphi \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Remy/Exe.

every free module is projective

Def: (1) A graded  $R$ -module is a sequence

$C = (C_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $R$ -modules. If  $x \in C_n$ , then we

say that  $x$  has degree  $n$  and write  $\deg x = n$ .

(2) a map of degree  $p$  from a graded  $R$ -module  $C$  to a graded  $R$ -module  $C'$  is a family of maps  $f = (f_n: C_n \rightarrow C'_{n+p})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $R$ -module homomorphisms.

$$[\deg(fx) = \deg f + \deg x.]$$

(3) A chain complex over  $R$  is a pair  $(C, d)$  where  $C$  is a graded  $R$ -module and  $d: C \rightarrow C$  is a degree  $-1$  st.  
 $d^2 = 0$

$$\cdots \rightarrow C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} C_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow C_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} C_0 \rightarrow \cdots$$

The map  $d: C \rightarrow C$  is called the differential

or boundary operator of  $C$ ,

[we often suppress  $d$  from the notation and simply say that  $C$  is a chain complex]

(4) given a chain complex  $(C, d)$  we define the cycles  $Z(C) = \ker(d)$

boundaries  $B(C) = \operatorname{im}(d)$

and homology  $H(C) = Z(C) / B(C)$   $H_n(C) = \frac{\ker d_n}{\operatorname{im} d_{n+1}}$

Example:

$$\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow 2n]{d_3} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow n]{d_2} \mathbb{Z}/2 \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow 0]{d_1} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$Z(C) \quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 2\mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z}/2 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0$$

$$B(C) \quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 2\mathbb{Z} \quad \mathbb{Z}/2 \quad 0 \quad 0 \cdots$$

$$H(C) \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \quad 0$$

Def:  $C$  is called exact at  $C_n$  if  $H_n(C) = 0$   
i.e.  $\ker d_n = \operatorname{im} d_{n+1}$ .

$$\dots \rightarrow C^{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} C^n \xrightarrow{d_n} C^{n+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

(5) when we have a graded module  $C$  with an endomorphism  $d$  of square zero such that  $d$  has degree  $+1$  instead of  $-1$ .

In this case we write  $C = (C^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $d^n: C^n \rightarrow C^{n+1}$ .

Such a pair  $(C, d)$  is called a cochain complex.

Similarly, we define

Cocycles:  $Z(C) = \ker(d)$

Coboundaries:  $B(C) = \text{Im}(d)$

Cohomology:  $H(C) = (H^n(C))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} := \frac{\ker d^n}{\text{Im } d^{n-1}}$

(6) If  $(C, d)$  and  $(C', d')$  are chain complexes, then a chain map from  $C$  to  $C'$  is a graded module homomorphism  $f: C \rightarrow C'$

of degree 0 st.  $d'f = fd$ . A homotopy  $h$  from a chain

map  $f$  to a chain map  $g$  is a graded homomorphism

$h: C \rightarrow C'$  of degree  $+1$  st.  $d'h + hd = f - g$ .

We write  $f \sim g$  and say that  $f$  is homotopic to  $g$  if there is a homotopy from  $f$  to  $g$ .

prop: A chain map  $f: C \rightarrow C'$  induces a map  $H(f): H(C) \rightarrow H(C')$

and  $H(f) = H(g)$  if  $f \sim g$ .

proof: we have.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \rightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{d_n} & C_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \\ & & \downarrow f & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow f & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow f \\ \cdots & \rightarrow & C'_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{d'_{n+1}} & C'_n & \xrightarrow{d'_n} & C'_{n-1} \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

$$H_n(C) = \frac{\ker(d_n)}{\operatorname{Im}(d_{n+1})}$$

To show  $H_n(C) \rightarrow H_n(C')$  induced from  $f: C_n \rightarrow C'_n$  is well defined, it suffices to show that

(1)  $\forall x \in C_n$ , if  $d_n(x) = 0$ , then  $d'_{n-1}(f(x)) = 0$

(2)  $\forall x \in C_{n+1}, \exists y \in C'_{n+1}$  s.t.

$$d'_{n+1}(y) = f \circ d_{n+1}(x) \quad (\text{choose } y = f(x))$$

(2) let  $[x] \in H^n(C)$ ,

then  $f(x), g(x) \in H^n(C')$  we have  $h: C \rightarrow C'$

of degree 1 s.t.  $f(x) - g(x) = \underbrace{d'_{n+1} \circ h_{n+1}(x)}_{\in \operatorname{Im} d'_{n+1}} + \underbrace{h_{n-1} \circ d_n(x)}_{x \in \ker d_n}$

$$= 0 + 0 = 0$$

**Def:** The abelian group of homology classes of chain maps  $C \rightarrow C'$  will be denoted by  $[C, C']$

**Def:** Let  $M, N$  be two  $R$ -modules. The set  $\text{Hom}_R(A, B) = \{f \mid f: A \rightarrow B\}$

of all  $R$ -module homomorphisms  $f$  of  $A$  into  $B$  is an abelian group, under the addition defined for  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$  by  $(f+g)a = fa + ga$ .

**Def:** Let  $C, C'$  be two chain complexes. we can define another chain complex  $\text{Hom}_R(C, C')$ :

$$\text{Hom}_R(C, C')_n = \prod_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_R(C_q, C'_{q+n}),$$

$D_n: \text{Hom}_R(C, C')_n \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(C, C')_{n-1}$  is defined by

$$D_n(f) = d'f - (-1)^n f d.$$

**Lemma:** The 0-cycles are precisely the chain maps  $C \rightarrow C'$ , and the 0-boundaries are the null-homotopic chain maps.

$$\text{Thus } H_0(\text{Hom}_R(C, C')) = [C, C']$$

**proof:**

$$D_0(f) = d'f - fd = 0, \text{ where } f \in \prod_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_R(C_q, C'_q)$$

Thus  $f$  is a chain map.

The 0-boundaries are image of  $D_1$ :

where  $D(f) = d'f + fd$ ,

$$f \in \prod_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}(C_q, C_{q+1}')$$

Thus  $f$  is a chain homotopy from  $D(f)$  to 0

This means the 0-boundaries are the null-homotopic chain maps.  $\square$

More generally, there is an interpretation of  $H_n(\text{Hom}_R(C, C'))$  in terms of chain maps. Consider the chain complex

$$(\Sigma^n C, \Sigma^n d) \text{ defined by } (\Sigma^n C)_p = C_{p-n} \quad \Sigma^n d = (-1)^p d_{p-n}$$

This complex is called the  $n$ -fold suspension of  $C$ .

[ If  $n=1$ , we write  $\Sigma C$  instead of  $\Sigma^1 C$ . let  $[C, C']_n = [\Sigma^n C, C']$  ]

Then we have  $H_n(\text{Hom}_R(C, C')) = [C, C']_n$ .

The elements of  $[ , ]_n$  are called homotopy class of chain maps of def  $n$ .

A chain map  $f: C \rightarrow C'$  is called a homotopy equivalence if there is a chain map  $f': C' \rightarrow C$  st.  $f'f \simeq \text{id}_C$  and  $ff' \simeq \text{id}_{C'}$ .  
And a chain map is called a weak equivalence if  $H(f): H(C) \rightarrow H(C')$  is an isomorphism.

**prop:** Any homotopy equivalence is a weak equivalence.

**def** A chain complex is called contractible if it is homotopy equivalent to the zero complex, i.e.  $\text{id}_C \simeq 0$ . A homotopy from  $\text{id}_C$  to  $0$  is called a contracting homotopy.  $C$  is called acyclic if  $H_k(C) = 0$ .