

(25) Mayer-Vietoris



We have :

$$0 \rightarrow C_*(A \cap B, C \cap D) \xrightarrow{\Delta} C_*(A, C) \oplus C_*(B, D) \xrightarrow{m} C_*^{tot}(X, Y) \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

Δ is the diagonal inclusion : $\Delta(c) = (c, c)$.

m is the codiagonal w/ sign change : $m(a, b) = a - b$.

Note : $m \circ \Delta = 0$

Claim : (*) is SES, split

Pf : Exercise.

We dualise and obtain an exact triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^*(A \cap B, C \cap D) & \xleftarrow{\Delta^*} & H^*(A, C) \oplus H^*(B, D) \\
 \searrow S[-1] & & \nearrow m^* \\
 & H_{tot}^*(X, Y) & \\
 & \parallel & \\
 & H^*(X, Y) &
 \end{array}
 \quad \boxed{MV}$$

This completes our discussion of "dualising things from homology"

Q : What is an application of relative MV for H_* ?

A : Good question!

Q : If we use $\check{\Delta}(c) = (c, -c)$ and $\check{m}(a, b) = a + b$, we obtain another exact Δ . Does S stay the same? What is the action of R^* here?

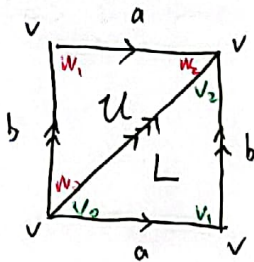
(26) Cup products

Fix $X \in \text{Top}$, $R \in \underline{\text{CRing}}$, $\varphi \in C_{\text{ring}}^k(X; R)$, $\psi \in C_{\text{ring}}^l(X; R)$.

Suppose $\sigma^{k+l} : \Delta^{k+l} \rightarrow X$ is a ~~generator of~~ ^{simplex in} $C_{k+l}(X)$.

Define : $(\varphi \cup \psi)(\sigma) = \varphi(\sigma|_{[v_0, \dots, v_k]}) \cdot \psi(\sigma|_{[v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+l}]})$,
and extend linearly.

Example : Take $X = \mathbb{T}^2$



$$L|_{[v_0, v_1]} = a$$

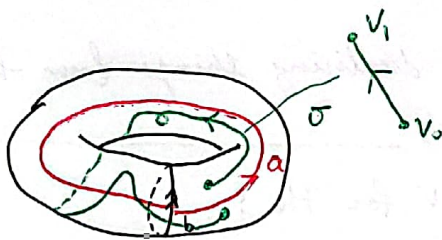
$$L|_{[v_0, v_2]} = c$$

$$L|_{[v_1, v_2]} = b.$$

Define $\alpha, \beta : C_1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ to be the winding cocycles.

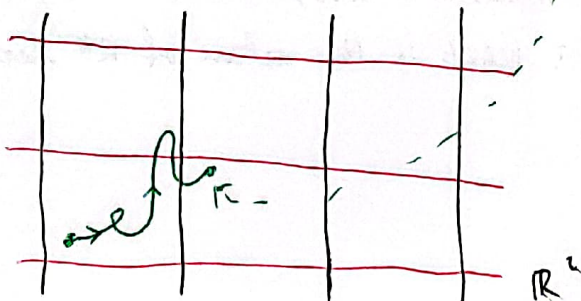
i.e. α measures change in x -coord,

β measures change in y -coord.



$$X = \mathbb{T}^2$$

$\uparrow p$ (univ. cover)



$$\alpha(\sigma) = \tilde{\sigma}_x(1) - \tilde{\sigma}_x(0)$$

$$\beta(\sigma) = \tilde{\sigma}_y(1) - \tilde{\sigma}_y(0)$$

We compute :

$$(\alpha \cup \beta)(L) = 1$$

$$(\alpha \cup \beta)(U) = 0$$

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eg Workings:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha \cup \beta)(L) &= \alpha(L|v_0, v_1) \cdot \beta(L|v_1, v_2) \\
 &= \alpha(a) \cdot \beta(b) \\
 &= 1 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha \cup \beta)(U) &= \alpha(U|w_0, w_1) \cdot \beta(U|w_1, w_2) \\
 &= \alpha(b) \cdot \beta(a) \\
 &= 0 \cdot 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Similar for others

Define $Z = L - U$,

$$(\alpha \cup \beta)(Z) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{~~to~~} \\
 (\beta \cup \alpha)(Z) &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Working:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha \cup \beta)(Z) &= (\alpha \cup \beta)(L) - (\alpha \cup \beta)(U) \\
 &= 1 - 0 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{~~to~~} \\
 (\beta \cup \alpha)(Z) &= (\beta \cup \alpha)(L) - (\beta \cup \alpha)(U) \\
 &= 0 - 1 \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$