

Then $\alpha \in H^k(X)$ $\beta \in H^l(X)$

$$\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{kl} \beta \cup \alpha \in H^{k+l}(X)$$

coeffs in
any commutative
ring R

Morally: $\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{kl} \beta \cup \alpha + \delta(\dots)$

Proof: $\sigma : [v_0 \dots v_n] \rightarrow X$ simplex

$$\bar{\sigma} : [v_n \dots v_0] \rightarrow X$$

$\bar{\sigma}(v_i) = v_{n-i}$ reverse order of vertices

Change orientation by a permutation

$$\text{sgn} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & n \\ n & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \varepsilon_n$$

every pair (i,j) is an inversion

Define $f(\sigma) = (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \bar{\sigma} = \varepsilon_n \bar{\sigma}$.

Lemma ① f is a chain map $\partial f = f \partial$

② f is chain homotopic to identity

$$f - 1 = \partial P + P \partial \text{ for some } P.$$

③ Conform ②: $f = 1$ on $H_*(X)$.

Proof of Lemma ①: $\partial f(\sigma) = \partial(\varepsilon_n \bar{\sigma}) = \varepsilon_n \partial \bar{\sigma} = \varepsilon_n \bar{\partial \sigma} = \varepsilon_n \partial f(\sigma)$

Proof of Lemma 1 $\partial p(\sigma) = \sum_i (-1)^i \sigma [v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_{n-i}, \dots, v_0]$

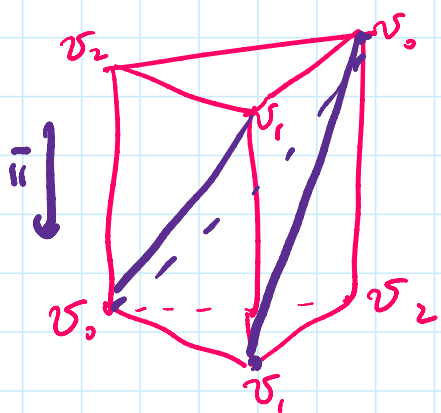
$$p(\partial\sigma) = p\left(\sum_i (-1)^i \sigma [v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_{n-i}, \dots, v_0]\right) =$$

to $(n-1)$ simplex \downarrow apply p

$$= \sum_i (-1)^{n-i} \sigma [v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_{n-i}, \dots, v_0]$$

Note: $\sum_i (-1)^{n-i} \sigma [v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_{n-i}, \dots, v_0] = \sum_i (-1)^i \sigma [v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_{n-i}, \dots, v_0]$
 $\Rightarrow \partial p = p \partial$, so p is a chain map.

② $P(\sigma) = \sum_i (-1)^i \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0, \dots, v_i, v_n, \dots, v_i]$



singular $(n+1)$ -simplex.
 projects to n -simplex
 then maps to X

$i=0$ top v_0, v_2, v_1, v_0
 $i=1$ bot v_0, v_1, v_2, v_1
 $i=2$ v_0, v_1, v_2, v_0

$$\partial P(\sigma) = \sum_{j \leq i} (-1)^i (-1)^j \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_i, v_n, \dots, v_i] +$$

$$+ \sum_{j \geq i} (-1)^i (-1)^{i+1+n-j} \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0, \dots, v_i, v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_i]$$

$$P(\partial\sigma) = \sum_{i < j} (-1)^i (-1)^j \varepsilon_{n-i-1} \sigma [v_0, \dots, v_i, v_n, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_i]$$

$$+ \sum_{i > j} (-1)^{i-1} (-1)^j \varepsilon_{n-i-1} \sigma [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_j, \dots, v_i, v_n, \dots, v_i]$$

$$+ \sum_{i>j} (-1)^{i-1} (-1)^j \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0 \dots \hat{v}_j \dots v_i, v_n \dots v_i]$$

Explicit check: for $i \neq j$ $\partial P + P \partial$ all terms will cancel out

For $i=j$, we get:

$$\underbrace{\varepsilon_n \sigma [v_n \dots v_0]}_{p(\sigma)} + \sum_{i>0} \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0 \dots v_{i-1}, v_n \dots v_i] + \sum (-1)^{n+i+1} \varepsilon_{n-i} \sigma [v_0 \dots v_i, v_n \dots v_{i+1}] - \underbrace{\sigma [v_0 \dots v_n]}_{\sigma} = p(\sigma) - \sigma.$$

cancel out
relabel $i \leftrightarrow i+1$

Conclusion: $p(\sigma) - \sigma = \partial P + P \partial$. \square

Proof of Thom from Lemma:

$$p = \mathbb{1} \text{ in } H_x$$

$$p^* = \mathbb{1} \text{ in } H^*$$

Recall cup product

$$d \cup \beta (\sigma [v_0 \dots v_k]) = d(\sigma [v_0 \dots v_k]) \cup \beta (\sigma [v_k \dots v_k])$$

$$(p^* \alpha \cup p^* \beta) (\sigma) = \varepsilon_k \cdot \varepsilon_e \cdot d(\sigma [v_k \dots v_0]) \cup \beta (\sigma [v_k, \dots, v_k])$$

$$p^* (\dots) (\sigma) =$$

reverse
... do

$$f^*(\beta \cup \alpha)(\sigma) =$$

$$= \varepsilon_{k+l} \cdot (\beta \cup \alpha)(\sigma[v_{k+l}, \dots, v_0])$$

$$= \varepsilon_{k+l} \cdot \beta(\sigma[v_{k+l}, \dots, v_k]) \cdot \alpha(\sigma[v_k, \dots, v_0])$$

Conclusion: $(f^* \alpha \cup f^* \beta) = (-1)^{kl} f^*(\beta \cup \alpha)$

On the other hand $\varepsilon_{k+l} = (-1)^{kl} \varepsilon_k \varepsilon_l$

$$f^* \alpha = \alpha \text{ in } H^* \quad \frac{(k+l)(k+l+1)}{2} = kl + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{l(l+1)}{2}$$

$$f^* \beta = \beta \quad f^*(\beta \cup \alpha) = \beta \cup \alpha$$

For top. applications, proof is not that important

$$\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{kl} \beta \cup \alpha \text{ in } H^*$$

But the result is extremely important!

Facts (proof later)

$$\textcircled{1} H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha]}{(\alpha^{n+1} = 0)} \quad \alpha \in H^1(\mathbb{R}P^n, \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

Basis: $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^n$

Dimension: $H^0(\mathbb{R}P^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong H^1(\mathbb{R}P^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong H^2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \dots$

Recall: $H^i(\mathbb{R}P^n, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2 \quad i=0, \dots, n$

hard
move
later

spanned over \mathbb{Z}_2
by α^i

(differential = 0 mod 2)
on cellular complex.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[\beta]}{(\beta^{n+1} = 0)} \quad \beta \in H^2(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z})$$

Basis: $1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^n$

Recall: $H^i(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z} \quad i=0, 2, \dots, 2n$

Spanned by (β^i)

(differential = 0
on cellular cpx)

Remark $H^*(\mathbb{R}P^\infty, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha]$

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^\infty, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[\beta]$$

Last lecture: $H^*(T^2, \mathbb{Z}) = \langle 1, \underbrace{\alpha}_{H^1}, \underbrace{\alpha\beta = -\beta\alpha}_{H^2} \rangle$

exterior algebra with two generators α, β .

Aside on tensor products:

① $A, B =$ vector spaces
w. bases $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m$

$\Rightarrow A \otimes B$ with basis $a_i \otimes b_j$

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$$\dim A \otimes B = n \cdot m$$

Same for free abelian groups /

free R -modules,
(R commutative).

$$A \ni a = \sum \alpha_i a_i \quad b = \sum \beta_j b_j \in B$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \otimes b &= (\sum \alpha_i a_i) \otimes (\sum \beta_j b_j) \\ &= \sum \alpha_i \beta_j a_i \otimes b_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad &\rightarrow A_i \xrightarrow{\partial} A_{i-1} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots A_0 \\ &\rightarrow B_i \xrightarrow{\partial} B_{i-1} \xrightarrow{\partial} \dots B_0 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow tensor product of complexes
(each of $A_i, B_i =$ free module)
basis $\underbrace{a \otimes b}_{\text{degree } i+j}$ $a, b =$ basis of A, B .

$$\partial(a \otimes b) = \partial(a) \otimes b + (-1)^i a \otimes \partial b$$

if $a \in A_i, b \in B_j$
