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- Homotopy / Homotopy equivalence
- Simplicial complex / Homology group
- Nerve complex / Nerve theorem
- Topological Helly theorem

Reference:

(Algebraic Topology)

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Def X, Y : topological spaces, $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$.

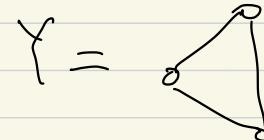
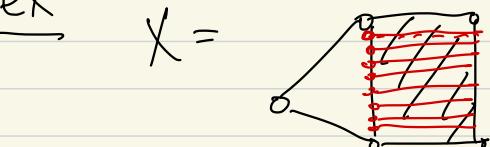
- f_0, f_1 are homotopic if \exists conti. map $F: X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ s.t.

$F(x, 0) = f_0(x)$ and $F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$, $\forall x \in X$. \rightarrow We write $f_0 \simeq f_1$.

- A conti. map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called a homotopy equivalence

if $\exists g: Y \rightarrow X$ s.t. $f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_Y$ and $g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_X$ \rightarrow We write $X \simeq Y$.

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$f: X \rightarrow Y$

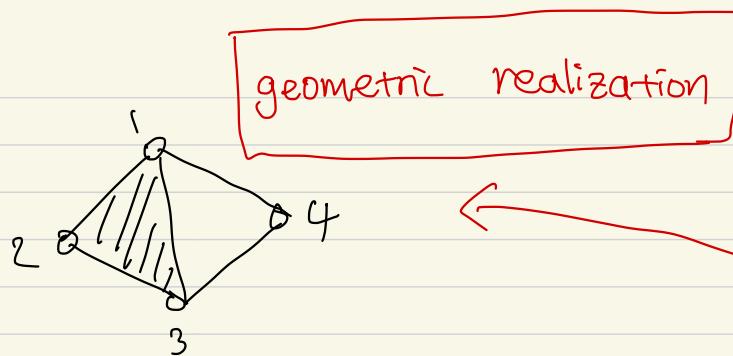
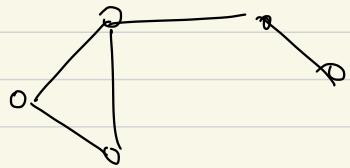
$g: Y \rightarrow X$

inclusion map

$X \simeq Y$

exer $f \circ g = \text{id}_Y$
 $g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_X$

Def (simplicial complex)



- X is an abstract simplicial complex on V if X is a collection of subsets of V that is closed under taking subsets.

$$(B \in X, A \subseteq B \Rightarrow A \in X)$$

$$X = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,4\}, \{2,3\}, \{2,4\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,2,3\} \}$$

- For $\sigma \in X$, $\dim(\sigma) = |\sigma| - 1$.

$$C_i(X; R) := \langle \sigma \in X : \dim \sigma = i \rangle_R$$

\mathbb{T}_{ring}

$C_i(X; \mathbb{F})$ ← vector space over \mathbb{F} .

$\mathbb{T}_{\text{field}}$

- $C_i(X; \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_i} C_{i-1}(X; \mathbb{F})$ is defined by

$$\partial_i([v_0, v_1, \dots, v_i]) := \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_i]$$

$$C_1(X; \mathbb{F}) = \mathbb{F}$$

$C_0(X; \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} C_1(X; \mathbb{F})$ is defined by

$$\partial_0([v]) = 1$$

→ extend linearly.

ex $\partial_2 ([1, 2, 3]) = [2, 3] - [1, 3] + [1, 2]$

$[2, 1, 3] = -[1, 2, 3]$
 $[2, 3, 1] = [1, 2, 3]$

$C_{i+1}(X; \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_{i+1}} C_i(X; \mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_i} C_{i-1}(X; \mathbb{F})$

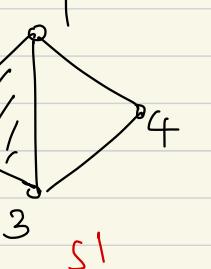
Check $\partial_i \circ \partial_{i+1} = 0$, i.e. $\text{im } \partial_{i+1} \subseteq \ker \partial_i$

$\tilde{H}_i(X; \mathbb{F}) := \ker \partial_i / \text{im } \partial_{i+1}$

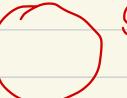
: The i -th homology group of X over \mathbb{F} .

→ reduced homology group. (when we consider $C_1(X; \mathbb{F})$)

Rmk $X \simeq Y \Rightarrow H_i(X; \mathbb{F}) \cong H_i(Y; \mathbb{F}), \forall i$

ex 
 $X = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\} \}$

0-dim'l hole S^0 • • $\tilde{H}_0 \cong \mathbb{F}^1$

 $\xrightarrow{S^1} \tilde{H}_1 \cong \mathbb{F}^1$
 $\tilde{H}_2 = 0$

$\tilde{H}_i(X; \mathbb{F}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{F}^1 & i=1 \\ 0 & i \neq 1 \end{cases}$

$$0 \rightarrow C_2(X/\mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} C_1(X/\mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0(X/\mathbb{F}) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} H_0(X/\mathbb{F}) \rightarrow 0$$

$[1, 2, 3]$

$$\partial_2 = \begin{bmatrix} [1, 2] & 1 \\ [1, 3] & -1 \\ [1, 4] & 0 \\ [2, 3] & 1 \\ [3, 4] & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\partial_2([1, 2, 3]) = [2, 3] - [1, 3] + [1, 2]$$

$$\partial_1 = \begin{bmatrix} [1] & [1, 2] & [1, 3] & [1, 4] & [2, 3] & [3, 4] \\ [2] & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ [3] & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ [4] & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ [5] & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{H}_i(X/\mathbb{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 3.$$

exer

$$\tilde{H}_0(X/\mathbb{F}) = 0.$$

$$\tilde{H}_2(X/\mathbb{F}) = \ker \partial_2 = 0$$

$$\tilde{H}_1(X/\mathbb{F}) = \ker \partial_1 / \text{im } \partial_2 \cong \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \cong \mathbb{F}^1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_4 - x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

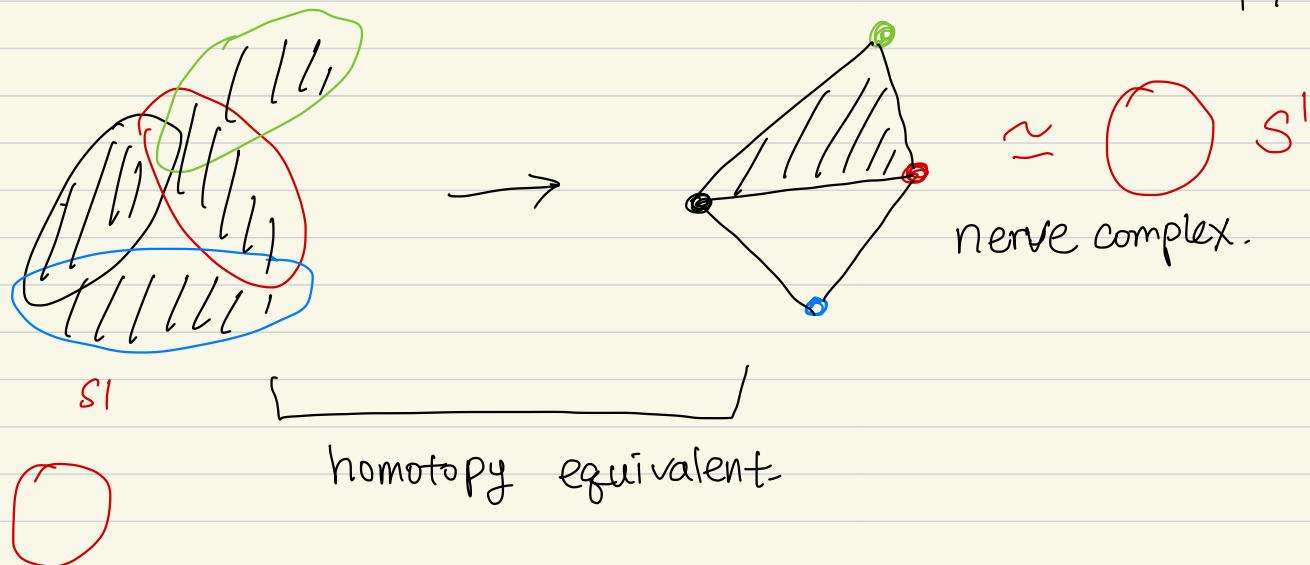
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 - x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_1 \\ -x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{Im } \partial_2$

Nerve complex / Nerve theorem.

Def (Nerve complex)

\mathcal{F} : a family of sets $\rightarrow N(\mathcal{F}) := \{ F' \subseteq \mathcal{F} : \cap F' \neq \emptyset \}$ nerve complex of \mathcal{F} .
 $\cup \{ \emptyset \}$.



Nerve theorem For a family \mathcal{F} of convex sets in \mathbb{R}^d , $N(\mathcal{F}) \simeq \bigcup \mathcal{F}$

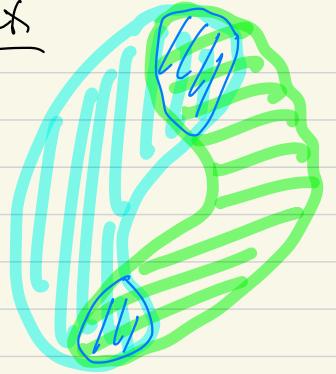
intersection of convex sets is a convex set.
→ "contractible"

- A family \mathcal{F} of sets in \mathbb{R}^d is a good cover if any non-empty intersection of finitely many sets in \mathcal{F} is contractible.

"Homological Nerve theorem"

Nerve thm: \mathcal{F} is a good cover $\Rightarrow [N(\mathcal{F}) \simeq \bigcup \mathcal{F}]$

Ex



↙ not a good cover



contractible.

Topological Helly theorem

Def (d -Leray)

X : a simplicial complex.

X is d -Leray if $\tilde{H}_i(Y; \mathbb{F}) = 0$ \forall induced subcomplex Y of X
 $\forall i \geq d$

- If \mathcal{F} is good cover in \mathbb{R}^d , $N(\mathcal{F})$ is d -Leray.

$(\because$ By Nerve thm, $N(\mathcal{F}) \simeq \cup \mathcal{F}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \cup \mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow \tilde{H}_i(\cup \mathcal{F}; \mathbb{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq d \\ \Rightarrow \tilde{H}_i(N(\mathcal{F}); \mathbb{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq d. \end{array} \right)$$

Topological Helly theorem

\mathcal{F} : a family of sets.

If $N(\mathcal{F})$ is d -Leray, then \mathcal{F} has Helly number at most $d+1$.

\mathcal{F} : a family of convex sets in \mathbb{R}^d

If any $(d+1)$ members of \mathcal{F} have a point in common, then \mathcal{F} has a point in common.

$\Rightarrow N(\mathcal{F})$ is d -Leray

(pf) Suppose not. $\exists F_1, \dots, F_{k+1} \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. any k of them are intersecting, but $\bigcap_{i=1}^{k+1} F_i = \emptyset$.

$$k \geq d+1$$

Consider $N(\{F_1, \dots, F_{k+1}\}) \cong 2\Delta_{\{F_1, \dots, F_{k+1}\}} \cong S^{k-1}$

$$\tilde{H}_{k+1}(N(\{F_1, \dots, F_{k+1}\}) \cap \mathbb{F}) \neq 0$$

Since $k+1 \geq d$, this is a contradiction to d -Lerayness of $N(\mathcal{F})$. 

