

## Last time

- Mayer-Vietoris
- $H_*(S^m)$
- Reduced/relative

## Dreams/Debt

- (1) Deformation retracts  
( $H_*(A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_*(X)$ )
- (2) Subdivision  
( $C_*(U+V) \xrightarrow{\sim} C_*(U \cup V)$ )
- (3) Quotients  
( $H_*(X, A) \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{H}_*(X/A)$ )

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Before turning to applications, our main interest, we clarify the nature of our debt.

Homotopy then  $f \simeq g \implies C_*(f) \simeq C_*(g)$ .

Cor  $f \simeq g \implies f_* = g_*$ .

Def A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homotopy equivalence if there is a map  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_X$  and  $f \circ g \simeq \text{id}_Y$  ("homotopy inverse")

Exercise Assuming the Homotopy Theorem, a homotopy equivalence induces an isomorphism on homology.

A similar result follows for relative homology.

Def A map of pairs  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(A) \subseteq B$ .

Exercise Maps of pairs induce homomorphisms on relative homology.

Prop If  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a map of pairs such that  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f|_A: A \rightarrow B$  are homotopy equivalences, then  $f$  induces an isomorphism on homology.

Lemma (Five lemma) Suppose both rows are exact in the commutative diagram of Abelian groups

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A & \rightarrow & B & \rightarrow & C & \rightarrow & D & \rightarrow & E \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \beta \downarrow & & \gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta & & \downarrow \varepsilon \\
 A' & \rightarrow & B' & \rightarrow & C' & \rightarrow & D' & \rightarrow & E'
 \end{array}$$

(1) If  $\beta + \delta$  are surjective and  $\varepsilon$  is injective, then  $\gamma$  is surjective.

(2) If  $\beta + \delta$  are injective and  $\alpha$  is surjective, then  $\gamma$  is injective.

In particular, if  $\alpha, \beta, \delta, \varepsilon$  are all isomorphisms, then so is  $\gamma$ .

Exercise Prove the five lemma.

Exercise Use the five lemma to prove the proposition.

We turn to subdivision. Given a collection

$\mathcal{O} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  of subspaces of  $X$ , write

$$C_n^{\mathcal{O}}(X) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m n_i \sigma_i \in C_n(X) \mid \forall i, \exists \alpha_i : \text{im}(\sigma_i) \subseteq U_{\alpha_i} \right\}.$$

Exercise  $C_{\star}^{\mathcal{O}}(X)$  is a subcomplex of  $C_{\star}(X)$ .

Example  $C_{\star}(U+V) = C_{\star}^{\{U, V\}}(X)$ .

Subdivision thm If  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  is an open cover of  $X$ , then  $C_*^{\text{sing}}(X) \subseteq C_*(X)$  is a chain homotopy equivalence.

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This theorem obviously covers our second debt. Less obviously, it also covers our third.

Cor (Excision) If  $X = U \cup V$ , then

$$H_*(V, U \cap V) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_*(X, U).$$

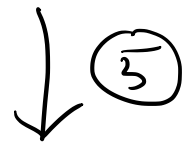
Remark A common equivalent formulation is

$$H_*(X \setminus Z, A \setminus Z) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_*(X, A) \text{ for } \overline{Z} \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}.$$

Cor If  $A \subseteq X$  is a deformation retract of an open set  $U \subseteq X$  and  $A \subseteq \tilde{A} \subseteq X$ , then  $H_*(X, A) \cong \tilde{H}_*(X/A)$ .

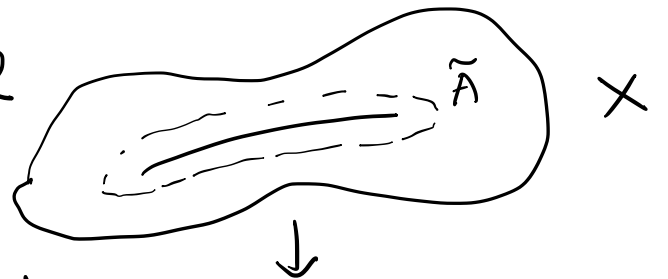
Proof Applying relative homology to the commutative diagram of pairs

$$(X, A) \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1}} (X, \tilde{A}) \xleftarrow{\textcircled{3}} (X \setminus A, \tilde{A} \setminus A)$$

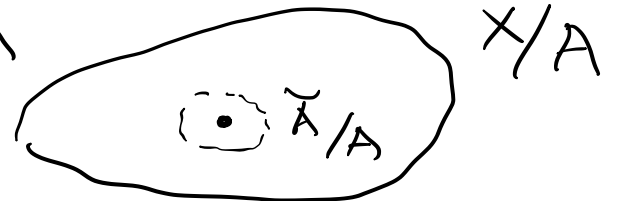


$$(X/A, A/A) \xrightarrow{\textcircled{2}} (X/A, \tilde{A}/A) \xleftarrow{\textcircled{4}} (X/A \setminus A/A, \tilde{A}/A \setminus A/A)$$

the first and second maps induce isomorphisms by homotopy



invariance, the third and fourth by excision, and the fifth is



a homeomorphism of pairs. □

Proof of excision assuming subdivision Consider

the commuting diagram of chain complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & C_*(U \cup V) & \rightarrow & C_*(V) & \rightarrow & C_*(V)/C_*(U \cup V) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \textcircled{3} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_*(U) & \rightarrow & C_*(U+V) & \rightarrow & C_*(U+V)/C_*(U) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \textcircled{1} & & \downarrow \textcircled{2} \\ 0 & \rightarrow & C_*(U) & \rightarrow & C_*(X) & \rightarrow & C_*(X)/C_*(U) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

The first map is a quasi-isomorphism by subdivision, so the second is so as well by the five lemma. Since the third is

an isomorphism on the nose, the claim follows.  $\square$