

Kunneth for Homology

Goal: understanding homology of product of spaces from their individual homologies.

Part I: CW Complexes

Thm If X & Y are CW complexes, then $X \times Y$ is a CW complex s.t. $C_*^{CW}(X \times Y) \cong C_*^{CW}(X) \otimes C_*^{CW}(Y)$

Note: need to first define tensor product of chain complexes.

Given chain complexes C and D , can define their **tensor product** $C \otimes D := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (C \otimes D)_n$ where $(C \otimes D)_n = \bigoplus_{p+q=n} C_p \otimes D_q$ with a boundary map given by

$$\bigoplus_{p+q=n} C_p \otimes D_q \xrightarrow{\partial_{\otimes}} \bigoplus_{p+q=n-1} C_p \otimes D_q$$

$$\partial_{\otimes}(a \otimes b) = \partial a \otimes b + (-1)^p a \otimes \partial b.$$

! Should verify that $\partial_{\otimes}$ is actually a boundary map, that is, $\partial_{\otimes}^2 = 0$. Works out b/c of signs!

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\otimes}(\partial_{\otimes}(a \otimes b)) &= \partial_{\otimes}(\partial a \otimes b + (-1)^p a \otimes \partial b) = \partial^2 a \otimes b + (-1)^{p-1} \partial a \otimes \partial b + (-1)^p \partial a \otimes \partial b + (-1)^{p+1} a \otimes \partial^2 b \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the theorem: not hard to see that $X \times Y$ is a CW complex, with n -cells consisting of $e_{\alpha}^i \times e_{\beta}^{n-i}$ for e_{α}^i in X & e_{β}^{n-i} in Y . So n -skeleton is $(X \times Y)_n = \bigcup_{p+q=n} X^p \times Y^q$.

To see that $C_*^{CW}(X \times Y) \cong C_*^{CW}(X) \otimes C_*^{CW}(Y)$, define $C_*^{CW}(X) \times C_*^{CW}(Y) \xrightarrow{x} C_*^{CW}(X \times Y)$

$$\underbrace{e_{\alpha}^p \times e_{\beta}^q}_{\in C_p^{CW}(X) \times C_q^{CW}(Y)} \mapsto \underbrace{e_{\alpha}^p \times e_{\beta}^q}_{\in C_{p+q}^{CW}(X \times Y)}$$

x is clearly bilinear, so induces a map $C_*^{CW}(X) \otimes C_*^{CW}(Y) \xrightarrow{x} C_*^{CW}(X \times Y)$

$$e_{\alpha}^p \otimes e_{\beta}^q \longmapsto e_{\alpha}^p \times e_{\beta}^q. \text{ Injectivity \& surjectivity are clear.}$$

need to show that the cellular boundary map $C_n^{CW}(X \times Y) \xrightarrow{\partial} C_{n-1}^{CW}(X \times Y)$ satisfies the same Leibniz rule as $\partial_{\otimes}$, that is, $\partial(e_{\alpha}^p \times e_{\beta}^q) = \partial e_{\alpha}^p \times e_{\beta}^q + (-1)^p e_{\alpha}^p \times \partial e_{\beta}^q$ for product cell in $C_n^{CW}(X \times Y)$.

This is hard!! We know how each cell is attached to X & Y explicitly, but difficult to understand the attaching map of the product.

Part 2: Cross Product Map on Singular Chain Complexes

When X & Y are not CW complexes, we don't have an obvious map $C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y) \xrightarrow{*} C_*(X \times Y)$.

(We also don't have an isomorphism anymore, but we do have a chain homotopy equivalence.)

We should define a cross product map $\times$ (and then an inverse map $\theta: C_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$) such that $\times \circ \theta \cong \text{id}_{C_*(X \times Y)}$ and $\theta \circ \times \cong \text{id}_{C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)}$ where the homotopy equivalences are chain homotopy equivalences, ie,

there exists a sequence of maps $\{D_n: C_n(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_{n+1}(X \times Y)\}$ such that $D_{n-1} \circ \partial + \partial \circ D_n = \text{id} - \times \circ \theta$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_n(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-1}(X \times Y) \\
 \swarrow D_n & \downarrow \text{id} & \swarrow D_{n-1} \\
 C_{n+1}(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_n(X \times Y)
 \end{array}$$

(and a similar construction for $\theta \circ \times$).

Since chain homotopy equivalent chain complexes have isomorphic homology, such a construction would induce

$$** \quad H_n(X \times Y) \cong H_n(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)) \quad \text{for all } n. \quad **$$

and then our task would be to analyze the singular homology of $C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$!

(Natural question: Is $H_n(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)) \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^n H_i(X) \otimes H_{n-i}(Y)$? We'll see later that in general, the answer is no.)

Step 1: Define $\times: C_*(X) \times C_*(Y) \rightarrow C_*(X \times Y)$

such that:

(i) $\times$ is $\mathbb{Z}$ -bilinear (hence induces linear map $C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y) \rightarrow C_*(X \times Y)$ by universal property of tensor products.

(ii) boundary map on $C_*(X \times Y)$ commutes with that of tensor product, ie.,

$$\partial(a \times b) = \partial a \times b + (-1)^{|a|} a \times \partial b$$

(iii) cross product is natural: if $f: X \rightarrow X'$ & $g: Y \rightarrow Y'$ are maps, $a \in C_p(X)$, $b \in C_q(Y)$, then

$$\underbrace{f_{\#}(a)}_{\in C_p(X')} \times \underbrace{g_{\#}(b)}_{\in C_q(Y')} = \underbrace{(f \times g)_{\#}(a \times b)}_{\in C_{p+q}(X' \times Y')}$$

where $f \times g$ is the cartesian product of maps $X \times Y \rightarrow X' \times Y'$.

(iv) normalization: given $x \in X, y \in Y$ (viewed as 0-singular simplices)
 define $j_x: Y \rightarrow X \times Y$ $y \mapsto (x, y)$ $\quad l_y: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ $x \mapsto (x, y)$.

if $b \in C_q(Y)$, define $\underbrace{C_x^0 \times b}_{\text{should lie in } C_q(X \times Y)} := (j_x)_\#(b)$. if $a \in C_p(X)$, define $\underbrace{a \times C_y^0}_{\text{should lie in } C_p(X \times Y)} := (l_y)_\#(a)$

Construction: We construct this map inductively on $p+q=n$.

When $p=0$ or $q=0$ we're done by (iv) normalization. So $(p,q)=(0,0)$ is done.

Suppose $p+q=1$ w/ $p=0, q=1$. Define $C_0(X) \times C_1(Y) \xrightarrow{*} C_1(X \times Y)$
 $\sum a_i x_i \times b := \sum a_i (j_{x_i})_\#(b)$.

? Does the differential satisfy Leibniz? $d(x_i \times b)$ should intuitively be $x_i \times db$, and indeed, $d(x_i \times b) = d((j_{x_i})_\#(b))$

since $(j_x)_\#$ is a chain map, commutes with boundary $= (j_{x_i})_\# db = x_i \times db$

Similar story holds for $p=1, q=0$.

Now suppose a map satisfying (i)-(iv) is constructed for $p+q=n-1$.

We need to define $\sigma \times \tau \in C_{p+q}(X \times Y)$ for $\sigma \in C_p(X), \tau \in C_q(Y)$ with $p+q=n$.

Recall: $\sigma \in C_p(X)$ means σ is a linear combination of singular p -simplices on X , which are continuous maps from the standard p -simplex $\Delta^p \rightarrow X$. Without loss of generality we may assume σ and τ are themselves singular simplices (so $\sigma: \Delta^p \rightarrow X, \tau: \Delta^q \rightarrow Y$) and then extend the cross product definition bilinearly.

! It's tempting here to define $\sigma \times \tau$ as the cartesian product $\sigma \times \tau: \Delta^p \times \Delta^q \rightarrow X \times Y$. But elements of $C_{p+q}(X \times Y)$ are linear combinations of maps $\Delta^{p+q} \rightarrow X \times Y$, and while $\Delta^p \times \Delta^q \cong_{\text{homeo}} \Delta^{p+q}$, there is no canonical identification of the two. Thus we need to appeal to another strategy.

Strategy: Use naturality. We have the p -singular simplex $l_p: \Delta^p \rightarrow \Delta^p \in C_p(\Delta^p)$ which is simply the identity. We similarly have $l_q: \Delta^q \rightarrow \Delta^q$. Now $\sigma = \sigma_\#(l_p) \in C_p(X)$ and $\tau = \tau_\#(l_q)$ — this is pretty tautological!
 as a map $C_p(\Delta^p) \rightarrow C_p(X)$

but naturality tells us that if we define $l_p \times l_q$ as an element of $C_{p+q}(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q)$, then $\sigma \times \tau := (\sigma \times \tau)_\#(l_p \times l_q)$.

cartesian product of the maps $\sigma: \Delta^p \rightarrow X$ and $\tau: \Delta^q \rightarrow Y$

Thus suffices to define $l_p \times l_q$! The trick here is to notice that $\Delta^p \times \Delta^q$ is contractible, hence has trivial reduced homology groups (so all cycles are boundaries).

We outline two ways to define $l_p \times l_q$:

Method 1: Acyclic Models

If $l_p \times l_q$ were defined, we know what its boundary should be: $d(l_p \times l_q) = dl_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q$.

Note that the right hand side is a well-defined element of $C_{n-1}(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q)$ by the inductive hypothesis.

We can actually check that the right hand side of " $d(l_p \times l_q)$ " is a cycle: $d(l_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q) = 0$ (see above computation for $\partial_{\otimes}^2 = 0$). Thus $dl_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q$ is a well-defined element of $H_{n-1}(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q) = 0$ for $n \geq 2$

(and we may assume $n \geq 2$ since we explicitly constructed the base cases of $n=0, n=1$).

So $dl_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q$ is actually the boundary of some element $\beta \in C_n(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q)$, and we can define $l_p \times l_q$ to be this β . Note that there is a non-canonical choice being made here, since in theory there could be several β for which $d\beta$ gives $dl_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q$.

Now $\sigma \times \tau := (\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(l_p \times l_q)$ and we verify that the boundary map works as expected:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\sigma \times \tau) &= d((\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(l_p \times l_q)) \\ &= (\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(d(l_p \times l_q)) \quad (\text{chain maps commute with boundaries}) \\ &= (\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(dl_p \times l_q + (-1)^p l_p \times dl_q) \\ &= (\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(dl_p \times l_q) + (-1)^p (\sigma \times \tau)_{\#}(l_p \times dl_q) \quad (\text{linearity}) \\ &= \sigma_{\#}(dl_p) \times \tau_{\#}(l_q) + (-1)^p (\sigma_{\#}(l_p) \times \tau_{\#}(dl_q)) \quad (\text{naturality in the case of } p+q=n-1, \text{ by inductive hypothesis}) \\ &= d\sigma_{\#}(l_p) \times \tau_{\#}(l_q) + (-1)^p \sigma_{\#}(l_p) \times d\tau_{\#}(l_q) \quad (\text{chain maps commute with boundaries}) \\ &= d\sigma \times \tau + (-1)^p \sigma \times d\tau. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

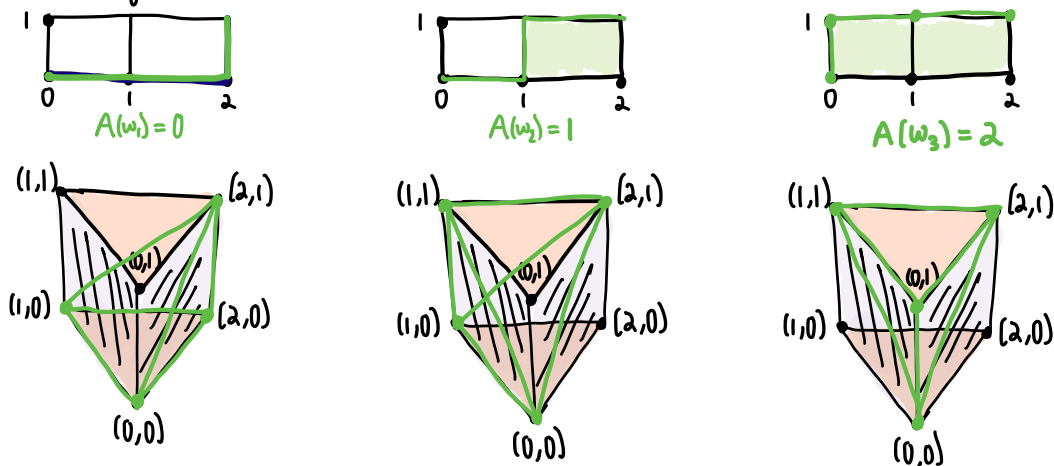
Method 2: Explicit Construction via Eilenberg-Zilber Chain (due to Eilenberg & MacLane, description appears in 1940 paper by Eilenberg & Moore).

Goal is to triangulate the prism: find simplices Δ^{p+q} inside of $\Delta^p \times \Delta^q$, assign to each simplex a coefficient as follows:

- simplices are indexed by order-preserving injections $w: [p+q] \rightarrow [p] \times [q]$
 $\hookrightarrow$ since w is injective, we know $w(0) = (0,0)$ and $w(p+q) = (p,q)$.

• each w can be depicted as a right-up staircase in $[0,p] \times [0,q]$, and we define $A(w)$ to be the area under this staircase. Then define $l_p \times l_q := \sum_w (-1)^{A(w)} w$

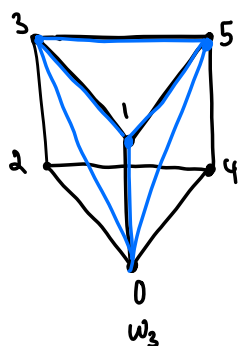
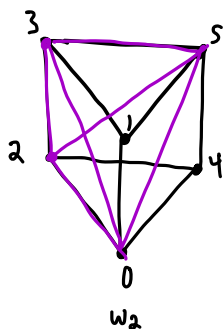
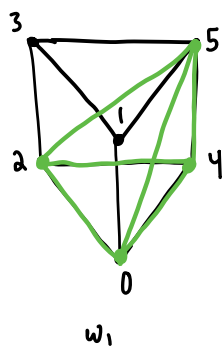
[EX] $p=2, q=1$. Looking for Δ^3 's in $\Delta^2 \times \Delta^1$.



Then $l_2 \times l_1$ is defined as $\sum_{i=1}^3 (-1)^{A(w_i)} w_i = w_1 - w_2 + w_3$ where each w_i is the 3-simplex depicted above, respectively.

What is the boundary of $l_2 \times l_1$? Assign lexicographic order to vertices (total order).

Relabel: $(0,0) \mapsto 0$ $(0,1) \mapsto 1$ $(1,0) \mapsto 2$ $(1,1) \mapsto 3$ $(2,0) \mapsto 4$ $(2,1) \mapsto 5$

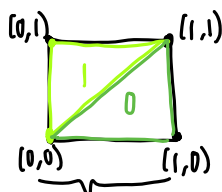
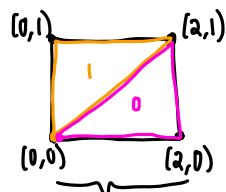
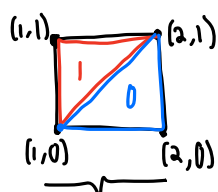


$$\begin{aligned}\partial(w_1) &= [2 \ 4 \ 5] - [0 \ 4 \ 5] + [0 \ 2 \ 5] - [0 \ 2 \ 4] \\ \partial(w_2) &= [2 \ 3 \ 5] - [0 \ 3 \ 5] + [0 \ 2 \ 5] - [0 \ 2 \ 3] \\ \partial(w_3) &= [1 \ 3 \ 5] - [0 \ 3 \ 5] + [0 \ 1 \ 5] - [0 \ 1 \ 3]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial(l_2 \times l_1) = \partial w_1 - \partial w_2 + \partial w_3$$

$$= [2 \ 4 \ 5] - [0 \ 4 \ 5] - [0 \ 2 \ 4] - [2 \ 3 \ 5] + [0 \ 2 \ 3] + [1 \ 3 \ 5] + [0 \ 1 \ 5] - [0 \ 1 \ 3]$$

What is $d(l_2 \times l_1 + l_2 \times d l_1)$? $d(l_2 \times l_1) = [1 \ 2] \times l_1 - [0 \ 2] \times l_1 + [0 \ 1] \times l_1 + l_2 \times \{1\} - l_2 \times \{0\}$



$$\underbrace{(0,1) \quad (1,1) \quad (2,1)}_{l_2 \times \{1\} = [1 \ 3 \ 5]}$$

$$\underbrace{(0,0) \quad (1,0) \quad (2,0)}_{l_2 \times \{0\} = [0 \ 2 \ 4]}$$

$$[1,2] \times l_1 = [2 \ 4 \ 5] - [2 \ 3 \ 5] \quad [0,2] \times l_1 = [0 \ 4 \ 5] - [0 \ 1 \ 5] \quad [0,1] \times l_1 = [0 \ 2 \ 3] - [0 \ 1 \ 3]$$

in vertex labels above

$$\text{So } d(l_2 \times l_1 + l_2 \times d l_1) = [2 \ 4 \ 5] - [2 \ 3 \ 5] - [0 \ 4 \ 5] + [0 \ 1 \ 5] + [0 \ 2 \ 3] - [0 \ 1 \ 3] + [1 \ 3 \ 5] - [0 \ 2 \ 4] = d(l_2 \times l_1)!$$



Part 3: Dual Product

We need to define a map $\theta: C_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$ which is a chain homotopy inverse of x .

Strategy: Again using acyclic models — define θ on “model simplices” $d_n: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n \times \Delta^n$ given by diagonal inclusion.

$$v \mapsto (v, v).$$

Recall in proof of x map, it was useful that $\tilde{H}_n(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q) = 0$ for all n .

Here it will be useful to have that $\tilde{H}_k(C_*(\Delta^n) \otimes C_*(\Delta^n)) = 0$ for all k .

This is not as trivial! We need the following lemma:

Lemma: (acyclic models) If X and Y are contractible spaces, then $H_n(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)) \cong \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{Z} & n = 0 \end{cases}$.

proof: We wish to construct a chain homotopy between the chain maps $\text{id} \otimes \text{id}$ and $\epsilon \otimes \epsilon$,

where ϵ is the augmentation map on $C_*(X)$ which is 0 in $\text{deg} > 0$ and $C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} C_0(X)$

$$\sum n_i \sigma_i \mapsto \sum n_i x_0$$

If we can show this, then because homotopic chain maps yield same maps on homology $\Rightarrow H_*(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))$ may be calculated via $\epsilon \otimes \epsilon$, which is trivial except in degree 0.

Since X is contractible, the identity map is nullhomotopic; call this nullhomotopy F , so $F_0 = \text{id}$, $F_1 = s \circ i$.

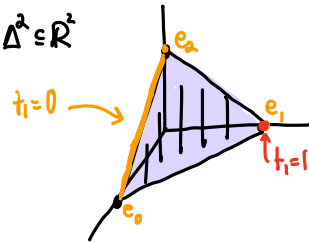
We claim that the identity chain map induced by id is chain homotopic to the augmentation chain map ϵ given above.

Recall: $\Delta^n = \{ \sum_{i=0}^n t_i e_i \mid \sum_{i=0}^n t_i = 1, t_i \geq 0 \}$, where e_i is $(i+1)$ 'st basis vector of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.

We can thus view an n -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ as a map on the Barycentric coordinates $(t_0, \dots, t_n)$.

The faces of Δ^n are given by $t_i = 0$ for $i=0, \dots, n$
 — vertices ————— $t_i = 1$ —————.

EX $\Delta^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$



Given an n -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$, define $D_n(\sigma)$ to be the $(n+1)$ -simplex $D_n(\sigma)(t_0, \dots, t_{n+1}) = F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \dots, \frac{t_{n+1}}{1-t_0}))$
 (Check: $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} t_i = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{t_i}{1-t_0} = \frac{1}{1-t_0} (1-t_0) = 1$.)

Let's look at an example.

Suppose $\sigma: \Delta^2 \rightarrow X$. Then $D_1(\partial\sigma) = D_1(\sum_{i=0}^2 (-1)^i \sigma^i) = \sum_{i=0}^2 (-1)^i D_1(\sigma^i)$.

Recall that σ^i is the restriction of σ to its i 'th face, which is opposite of vertex e_i . Hence $\sigma^0 = \sigma|_{[e_1, e_2]} \in C_1(X)$.
 Then $D_1(\sigma^0)$ is a map $\Delta^2 \rightarrow X$ which takes in the Barycentric coordinates $t_0, \dots, t_2$ and spits out $F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}))$.
 We see that this corresponds to the point $(0, \frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})$ in the original 2-simplex Δ^2 .

$$\text{Similarly: } D_1(\sigma^1)(t_0, t_1, t_2) = F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) = F_{t_0}(\sigma|_{[e_0, e_2]}(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) = F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, 0, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}))$$

$$D_1(\sigma^2)(t_0, t_1, t_2) = F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}, 0))$$

$$\text{Thus: } D_1(\partial\sigma)(t_0, t_1, t_2) = F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) - F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, 0, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) + F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}, 0))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On the other hand, } \partial D_2(\sigma)(t_0, t_1, t_2) &= \sum_{i=0}^3 (-1)^i D_2(\sigma)^i(t_0, t_1, t_2) \\ &= D_2(\sigma)|_{[e_1, e_2, e_3]}(t_0, t_1, t_2) - D_2(\sigma)|_{[e_0, e_2, e_3]}(t_0, t_1, t_2) + D_2(\sigma)|_{[e_0, e_1, e_3]}(t_0, t_1, t_2) \\ &\quad - D_2(\sigma)|_{[e_0, e_1, e_2]}(t_0, t_1, t_2) \\ &= D_2(\sigma)(0, t_0, t_1, t_2) - D_2(\sigma)(t_0, 0, t_1, t_2) + D_2(\sigma)(t_0, t_1, 0, t_2) - D_2(\sigma)(t_0, t_1, t_2, 0) \\ &= F_0(\sigma(t_0, t_1, t_2)) - F_{t_0}(\sigma(0, \frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) + F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, 0, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) - F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}, 0)) \\ &= \sigma(t_0, t_1, t_2) - F_{t_0}(\sigma(0, \frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) + F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, 0, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0})) - F_{t_0}(\sigma(\frac{t_1}{1-t_0}, \frac{t_2}{1-t_0}, 0)) \end{aligned}$$

since $F_0 = \text{id}$.

We see that $D_1(\partial\sigma) + \partial(D_2(\sigma)) = \sigma$, so $D_1 \circ \partial + \partial \circ D_2 = \text{id}$.

More generally: $D_{n-1} \circ \partial + \partial \circ D_n = \text{id}$ for $n \geq 1$.

When $n=0$, one can check that $\partial D_0(\sigma) + x_0 = \sigma$, so $\partial D_0(\sigma) = \sigma - x_0 = \sigma - \epsilon(\sigma)$

This shows that $D \circ \partial + \partial \circ D = \text{id} - \epsilon$, so id & ϵ are chain homotopic. $\square$

We have such a chain homotopy for Y too. We wish to combine these into a chain homotopy of $\text{id} \otimes \text{id}$ and $\epsilon \otimes \epsilon$.

Define $Q: (C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))_n \rightarrow (C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))_{n+1}$
 $Q(a \otimes b) = (D \otimes E)(a \otimes b) + (-1)^{|a|} (\text{id} \otimes D)(a \otimes b).$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \partial \otimes Q + Q \partial \otimes (a \otimes b) &= \partial \otimes (D \otimes E)(a \otimes b) + (-1)^{|a|} (\text{id} \otimes D)(a \otimes b) + Q(\partial a \otimes b + (-1)^{|a|} a \otimes \partial b) \\ &= \partial \otimes (D(a) \otimes E(b) + (-1)^{|a|} a \otimes D(b)) + Q(\partial a \otimes b + (-1)^{|a|} a \otimes \partial b) \\ &= (\partial D + D \partial) \otimes E(a \otimes b) + \text{id} \otimes (D \partial + \partial D)(a \otimes b) \\ &= ((\text{id} - E) \otimes E + \text{id} \otimes (\text{id} - E))(a \otimes b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial \otimes Q + Q \partial \otimes = \text{id} \otimes \text{id} - E \otimes E. \quad \square$$

We are now set to actually define our dual chain map!

Step 2: Define a map $\theta: C_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$ such that

(i) on 0-chains θ is obvious: $\theta(x, y) = x \otimes y \xleftarrow{\Delta^0 \rightarrow Y} \xrightarrow{\Delta^0 \rightarrow X}$
 viewed as a 0-simplex $\Delta^0 \rightarrow X \times Y$

(ii) $\partial \otimes \theta = \theta \otimes \partial$

(iii) naturality: if $f: X \rightarrow X', g: Y \rightarrow Y'$ are continuous maps, then $\theta \circ (f \times g)_\# = \underbrace{(f_\# \otimes g_\#)}_{\text{cartesian product}} \circ \theta$

proof: induction & use of acyclic models:

Case $n=0$ is done by map in (i).

Now suppose $\theta: C_k(X \times Y) \rightarrow (C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))_k$ has been defined for chains of deg $k \leq n-1$.

Consider $d_n: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n \times \Delta^n$ diagonal inclusion (so $d_n \in C_n(\Delta^n \times \Delta^n)$).

Again we compute the formal boundary " $\partial \otimes \theta(d_n)$ " = $\theta(\underbrace{\partial d_n}_{\in C_{n-1}(\Delta^n \times \Delta^n)})$ by property (ii), and θ is defined for $k=n-1$.

Now the right hand side is a cycle since $\partial \otimes (\theta(\partial d_n)) = \theta(\partial \partial d_n) = \theta(0) = 0$. By the lemma, we know that $H_n(C_*(\Delta^n) \otimes C_*(\Delta^n)) = 0$ for $n \geq 1$ since Δ^n is contractible. So $\theta(\partial d_n) \in H_{n-1}(\Delta^n \times \Delta^n) = 0$ for $n \geq 2$ (what happens for $n=1$?).

Thus $\theta(\partial d_n)$ is the boundary of some $\beta \in (C_*(\Delta^n) \otimes C_*(\Delta^n))_n$, and we define $\theta(d_n) = \beta$.

More generally: if $\sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X \times Y$ is an n -simplex, we have $\pi_X \circ \sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ and $\pi_Y \circ \sigma: \Delta^n \rightarrow Y$, so

$$(\pi_X \circ \sigma \times \pi_Y \circ \sigma)_\#: C_*(\Delta^n \times \Delta^n) \rightarrow C_*(X \times Y).$$

Then as an n -simplex, σ is given by $(\pi_X \circ \sigma \times \pi_Y \circ \sigma)_\#(d_n)$, so by naturality we have $\theta(\sigma) = \theta((\pi_X \circ \sigma \times \pi_Y \circ \sigma)_\#(d_n))$
 $= (\pi_X \circ \sigma)_\# \otimes (\pi_Y \circ \sigma)_\# (\theta(d_n)).$

Similar computation as that for x shows that $\partial \otimes \theta(\sigma) = \theta(\partial \sigma)$. $\square$

Lemma: x and θ are chain-homotopy inverses.

proof: (skipped).

Part 4: Künneth Theorem for Homology

Note: x takes cycles $\otimes$ cycles to cycles and cycles $\otimes$ boundaries to boundaries:

- if $\partial a = 0$ & $\partial b = 0$, then $\partial(a \times b) = \partial a \times b + (-1)^{|a|} a \otimes \partial b = 0$.
- if $\partial a = 0$ & $b = \partial c$, then $a \times b = \partial a \times c + a \times \partial c = (-1)^{|a|} \partial(a \times c)$

Thus x induces a well-defined map on homology:

$$x: H_p(X) \otimes H_q(Y) \longrightarrow H_{p+q}(X \times Y)$$

$$[\sigma] \otimes [\tau] \longmapsto [\sigma \times \tau] \quad (\text{independent of choices: for instance, if } \sigma' \text{ differs from } \sigma \text{ by a boundary } \partial\gamma, \text{ then } \sigma \times \tau - \sigma' \times \tau = \partial\gamma \times \tau = \partial(\gamma \times \tau) \text{ since } \partial\tau = 0.)$$

Now we may apply this component-wise? to $\bigoplus_{p+q=n} H_p(X) \otimes H_q(Y) \longrightarrow H_n(X \times Y)$. What can we say about this map?

Thm (Kunnet-Algebraic): Let R be a PID, R -modules C_i are free, then for each n $\exists$ natural SES

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i H_i(C) \otimes_R H_{n-i}(C') \longrightarrow H_n(C \otimes_R C') \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i \text{Tor}_R(H_i(C), H_{n-i-1}(C')) \longrightarrow 0$$

which splits (although not naturally).

Proof: Special case first where boundary maps of C are all 0. Then $H_i(C) \cong C_i$. Also then $C_p \otimes C'_q \xrightarrow{\partial} C_p \otimes C'_{q-1}$ since $\partial(c \otimes c') = (-1)^p c \otimes \partial c'$.

Hence $C \otimes C'$ is the direct sum of complexes $C_i \otimes_R C'$.

Now $\bigoplus_i C_i \otimes C'_{n-i+1} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \partial} \bigoplus_i C_i \otimes C'_{n-i} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \partial} \bigoplus_i C_i \otimes C'_{n-i-1}$ and for a fixed i , get $C_i \otimes C'_{n-i+1} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \partial} C_i \otimes C'_{n-i}$.

Thus $H_n(C_i \otimes_R C') \cong C_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') = H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C')$.

So $H_n(C \otimes C') \cong H_n(\bigoplus_i C_i \otimes C') \cong \bigoplus_i H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C')$ and since free modules are flat, $\text{Tor}(H_i(C), H_{n-i-1}(C')) = 0 \forall i$.

General case: Let $Z_i \subset C_i$ & $B_i \subset C_i$ denote kernel & image of boundary hom. for C .

Obtain subchain complexes

$$\rightarrow Z_n \rightarrow Z_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\rightarrow B_n \rightarrow B_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \quad \text{with trivial boundary maps (boundary of cycle is 0, boundary of boundary is 0).}$$

Get a SES of chain complexes $0 \rightarrow Z_i \rightarrow C_i \xrightarrow{\partial} B_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$ which splits since B_{i-1} is a submodule of a free R -module over a PID.

Because this splits, tensor with C' and remains split exact:

$$0 \rightarrow Z_* \otimes C' \rightarrow C \otimes C' \rightarrow B_{*-1} \otimes C' \rightarrow 0$$

and from a SES of chain complexes we know we get a long exact sequence in homology:

$$\rightarrow H_{n+1}(B_{*-1} \otimes C') \rightarrow H_n(Z_* \otimes C') \rightarrow H_n(C \otimes C') \rightarrow H_n(B_{*-1} \otimes C') \rightarrow H_{n-1}(Z_* \otimes C') \rightarrow$$

The connecting homomorphism is given by $\partial \circ id$ where ι is the inclusion of $B_i \hookrightarrow Z_i$.

By the spectral case, since Z_* & B_* are trivial complexes, we know $H_n(Z_* \otimes C') \cong \bigoplus_i Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C')$
 $H_n(B_{*-1} \otimes C') \cong \bigoplus_i B_i \otimes H_{n-i-1}(C')$.

So our LES of homology becomes

$$\xrightarrow{i_n \otimes id} \bigoplus_i Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \xrightarrow{j} H_n(C \otimes C') \xrightarrow{l} \bigoplus_i B_i \otimes H_{n-i-1}(C') \xrightarrow{i_{n-1}}$$

which yields the SES

$$0 \rightarrow \underset{\text{im } j}{\text{coker } i_n} \hookrightarrow H_n(C \otimes C') \rightarrow \underset{\text{im } l}{\ker i_{n-1}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Now $\text{coker } i_n = \bigoplus_i Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') / \text{im } i_n \cong \bigoplus_i H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C')$ since $0 \rightarrow B_{i+1} \rightarrow Z_i \rightarrow H_i(C) \rightarrow 0$ exact
 $\Rightarrow B_{i+1} \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \xrightarrow{i_n} Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow 0$ exact

It thus suffices to compute $\ker i_{n-1}$.

By definition, Tor completes an exact sequence

$$B_{i+1} \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \xrightarrow{i_n} Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow 0$$

to an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Tor}_R(H_i(C), H_{n-i}(C')) \rightarrow B_{i+1} \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \xrightarrow{i_n} Z_i \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow H_i(C) \otimes H_{n-i}(C') \rightarrow 0$$

So summing over i , $\ker i_{n-1} = \bigoplus_i \text{Tor}_R(H_i(C), H_{n-i-1}(C'))$. $\square$

Consequence (Topological Künneth)

We showed $H_*(X \times Y) \cong H_*(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))$.

Thus over PSDs R , we have a natural SES which splits (non-naturally):

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_i H_i(X; R) \otimes H_{n-i}(Y; R) \rightarrow H_n(X \times Y; R) \rightarrow \bigoplus_i \text{Tor}_R(H_i(X; R), H_{n-i-1}(Y; R)) \rightarrow 0.$$

Corollary 1: If R is a field, all R -modules are free (every vector space has a basis) so Tor vanishes, obtain "desired" isomorphism.

Corollary 2: If C' is the chain complex $\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow G$, then algebraic Künneth yields, for each n ,
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 $\text{deg } 0$

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(X) \otimes G \rightarrow H_n(C \otimes G) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_R(H_{n-1}(C), G) \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{split exact}).$$

yielding the universal coefficient theorem for homology.