

Rmk: There's a canonical element $1 \in C^0(X; \mathbb{R})$ defined by $1(x: \Delta^0 \rightarrow X) := 1 \in \mathbb{R}$,
(i.e., constant function).

This can be thought of as pulled back from $1 \in C^0(\{pt\}; \mathbb{R})$ ($1(\{pt\}) = 1$),
via $X \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} pt$, i.e., $\varepsilon^* 1_{pt} = 1_X$.

Claim: Given X, Y spaces, recall have $\pi_X: X \times Y \rightarrow X$, $\pi_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$, and
 $- \times - : C^0(X) \otimes C^0(Y) \rightarrow C^0(X \times Y)$, then

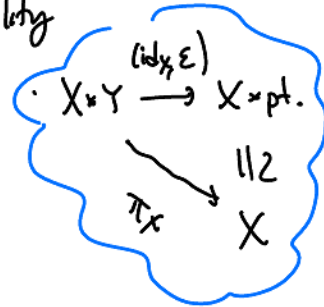
$$\alpha \times 1_Y = \pi_X^* \alpha, \text{ and similarly } 1_X \times \beta = \pi_Y^* \beta.$$

$\{\varepsilon: Y \rightarrow pt.\}$

To see e.g., \uparrow , we'll make use of the fact that $1_Y = \varepsilon^* 1_{pt}$, so by naturality

$$\alpha \times 1_Y = \alpha \times \varepsilon^* 1_{pt} \stackrel{\text{naturality}}{=} (id_X, \varepsilon)^* (\alpha \times 1_{pt})$$

(the identification $X \times pt \cong X$ sends $\alpha \times 1_{pt} \leftrightarrow \alpha$).



$$= \pi_X^* (\alpha).$$

"X is finite type over Λ "

X, Y spaces.

Thm (Künneth for cohomology): If $R = \Lambda$ is a field and $H_i(X; \Lambda)$ is finite-rank for each i
(or Y can be instead of X), then the cross product induces an isomorphism

$$- \times - : H^*(X; \Lambda) \otimes H^*(Y; \Lambda) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(X \times Y; \Lambda).$$

(this also holds over a ring R as stated provided each $H_i(X)$ is $\overset{a}{1}$ finitely generated, free R -module)

Sketch of proof: Over a field, UCT simplifies & gives:

$$H^*(\text{Hom}_\Lambda(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y), \Lambda)) \xrightarrow[\text{UCT (coh)}]{\cong} \text{Hom}_\Lambda(H_*(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)), \Lambda)$$

alg. Künneth (also simplifies)

$$\text{Hom}(H_*(X) \otimes H_*(Y), \Lambda).$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}(H_*(X \times Y), \Lambda) \cong H^*(X \times Y, \Lambda)$$

simplified
Also, alg. Künneth implies

$$H^*(C^*(X; \Lambda) \otimes C^*(Y; \Lambda)) \xleftarrow{\cong} H^*(X; \Lambda) \otimes H^*(Y; \Lambda).$$

All together by using these isomorphisms, we can show the cohomological cross product factors as:

$$H^*(X; \Lambda) \otimes H^*(Y; \Lambda) \xrightarrow{x} H^*(X \times Y; \Lambda)$$

$\parallel \cong$ \leftarrow $\parallel \cong$ ← uses simplified UCT

$$\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(H_*(X), \Lambda) \otimes \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(H_*(Y), \Lambda)$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(H_*(X \times Y), \Lambda)$$

\cong \leftarrow \cong uses simplified homology-könnert.



$$\text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(H_*(X) \otimes H_*(Y), \Lambda)$$

Therefore x is an isomorphism iff \otimes is.

Obs: $\otimes: \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V, \Lambda) \otimes \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(W, \Lambda) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V \otimes W, \Lambda)$ is an iso. if one of V, W are finite rank in each degree.

(exercise).

How can it fail? consider $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \Lambda = W$ ($= \Lambda^{\infty}$) (direct sum).

(arise topologically via $X=Y = \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{pt.}$)

$$\text{Then, } \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V \otimes W, \Lambda) \cong \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V, \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(W, \Lambda)) = \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V, W^*) = \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\Lambda^{\infty}, \prod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \Lambda).$$

(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} vec. spaces \exists canonical map $\mathbb{Q}^* \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R})$, sending $\mathbb{Q}^* \otimes \mathbb{R}$ to $\text{Hom}_{\text{finite rank}}(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R})$)

$$\text{But } \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V, \Lambda) \otimes \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(W, \Lambda) = V^* \otimes W^* \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} \text{Hom}_{\Lambda}(V, W^*),$$

$$V = \mathbb{Q} \quad W^* = \mathbb{R}$$

(this is the map \otimes above, under identification $\text{Hom}(V, W^*) \cong \text{Hom}(V \otimes W, \Lambda)$).

compares $V^* \otimes W^*$ isomorphically to

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{finite rank}}(V, W^*) \neq \text{Hom}_{(\text{all})}(V, W^*).$$

← linear maps which have finite dimensional image.

The cup product on cohomology

Recall any top. space X has a diagonal map $\Delta: X \rightarrow X \times X$
 $x \mapsto (x, x)$.

On homology, we could use this to get a "coproduct":

$$C_*(X) \xrightarrow{\Delta_*} C_*(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\cong} C_*(X) \otimes C_*(X), \text{ which essentially dualizes to:}$$

Def: The cup product on singular cochains (w/ arbitrary coeffs. in some R), denoted \cup , is defined as:

$$C^*(X; \mathbb{R}) \otimes C^*(X; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\times} C^*(X \times X; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} C^*(X; \mathbb{R}).$$

\swarrow mult. \otimes \searrow \cup^*
 $\text{Hom}(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(X); \mathbb{R})$
 cup product " $\alpha \cup \beta$ "

Since \times and Δ^* are (co)-chain maps, \cup is too, hence it induces a cohomology-level map, also call \cup (by abuse of notation).

Thm: (properties of the cup product on cohomology)

(1) \cup is natural, meaning if $f: X \rightarrow Y$, then $f^*(\alpha \cup \beta) = (f^*\alpha) \cup (f^*\beta)$.

(2) $\alpha \cup 1 = \alpha = 1 \cup \alpha$ for any α . (the element 1 is a unit for \cup).

(3) $\alpha \cup (\beta \cup \gamma) = (\alpha \cup \beta) \cup \gamma$.
these will follow on chain-level from a particular chain model of \cup (associativity) (although both can be proved without this)

(4) $\alpha \cup \beta = (-1)^{\text{deg}(\beta)\text{deg}(\alpha)} \beta \cup \alpha$.
on cohomology! (typically cannot realize commutativity on chain level over arbitrary \mathbb{R}) (graded commutativity)

(5) If (X, A) pair, and $i: A \hookrightarrow X$, so $i^*: H^*(X) \rightarrow H^*(A)$, arbitrary \mathbb{R} .

$S: H^p(A) \rightarrow H^{p+1}(X, A)$ connects up, then

$$S(\alpha \cup i^*(\beta)) = \underbrace{S(\alpha)}_{H^*(X, A)} \cup \beta$$

uses the fact that \cup defines a product on relative co-chains $C^*(X, A) = C^*(X, A) \rightarrow C^*(X, A)$.

why? $C^*(X, A) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(C_*(X, A), \mathbb{R}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}\left(\frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(A)}, \mathbb{R}\right)$

so need to check if α, β annihilate $C_*(A)$, then $\alpha \cup \beta$ does too.
 \Rightarrow gives \cup on relative chains.

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 $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(C_*(X), \mathbb{R})_{\text{Ann}(C_*(A))}$
 look at $\phi: C_*(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $\wedge \phi|_{C_*(A)} \equiv 0$.

To prove commutativity, we'll make use of the following lemma:

Lemma: Let $T: X \times Y \rightarrow Y \times X$ be the factor reversing map $T(x, y) = (y, x)$.

For chain complexes C_*, D_* , let $\tau: C_* \otimes D_* \rightarrow D_* \otimes C_*$
 $(c, d) \mapsto (-1)^{\text{deg}(C)\text{deg}(d)} d \otimes c$ factor-reversing chain map.

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then the following diagram is homotopy commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C_0(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\theta_{(X,Y)}} & C_0(X) \otimes C_0(Y) \\
 \downarrow T_{\#} & & \downarrow \tau \\
 C_0(Y \times X) & \xrightarrow{\theta_{(Y,X)}} & C_0(Y) \otimes C_0(X)
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{i.e., } \exists H: C_0(X \times Y) \rightarrow (C_0(Y) \otimes C_0(X))_{n+1}$$

w/ $\partial H + H\partial = \tau \circ \theta - \theta \circ T_{\#}$.

Pf: Consider $\tau \circ \theta \circ T_{\#}$ and $\theta: C_0(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_0(X) \otimes C_0(Y)$. These are both natural maps, chain maps, do the same thing in degree 0 \implies $\tau \circ \theta \circ T_{\#}$ and θ are chain homotopic via some chain homotopy G . (Then last time, using acyclic models)

id b/c $T \circ T = \text{id}$.

$$\Rightarrow \tau \circ \theta \circ \underbrace{T_{\#} \circ T_{\#}}_{G \circ T_{\#} =: H \text{ (chain homotopy)}} \simeq \theta \circ T_{\#} \quad \square$$

Now, this implies:

$$C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\#}} C_0(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\theta} C_0(X) \otimes C_0(X) \xrightarrow[\text{factor reverse}]{\tau} C_0(X) \otimes C_0(X)$$

is chain homotopic to

$$C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\#}} C_0(X \times X) \xrightarrow{T_{\#}} C_0(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\theta} C_0(X) \otimes C_0(X), \text{ i.e., to}$$

$(T \circ \Delta)_{\#} \simeq \Delta_{\#}$
← why? $X \xrightarrow{\Delta} X \times X \xrightarrow{T} X \times X$
 $x \mapsto (x, x) \mapsto (x, x)$

$$C_0(X) \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \Delta_{\#}} C_0(X) \otimes C_0(X) \quad (\text{the usual coproduct})$$

Dualizing, we see that for $\alpha, \beta \in C^0(X)$ (\mathbb{R} -coeffs.), $a \in C_0(X)$.

$$\alpha \circ \beta (a) := \alpha \otimes \beta (\underbrace{\theta(\Delta_{\#} a)}_{C_0(X) \otimes C_0(X)}) \simeq \alpha \otimes \beta (\tau \circ \theta \circ \Delta_{\#} (a))$$

implicitly applying α to first factor, β to second, & multiplying result.
chain homotopic via dualizing above

$$(-1)^{\deg(\beta)\deg(\alpha)} (\beta \otimes \alpha) (\theta \circ \Delta_{\#} (a)) = (-1)^{\deg(\alpha)\deg(\beta)} \beta \circ \alpha (a). \quad \square$$

We could verify (2)+(3) scilarly, but in order to verify on the chain level, & for computational purposes, we'll now introduce a particular concrete model of \cup on chain level.

Explicit formula for Θ : Alexander-Whitney map (last week, we hinted at a similar combinatorial analog of $EZ: C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y) \rightarrow C_*(X \times Y)$).

Let $\Delta^n = [e_0, \dots, e_n]$ be the standard simplex. For any $0 \leq p \leq n$, $0 \leq q \leq n$,

Define the front p -face of Δ^n to be $[e_0, \dots, e_p]$ inside $[e_0, \dots, e_n]$, or via:

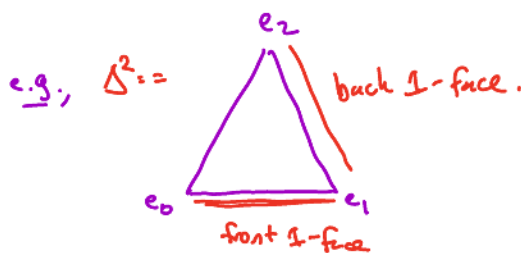
$$f_p: \Delta^p \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e_0 & \longmapsto & e_0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ e_p & \longmapsto & e_p \end{array}$$

Define the back q -face of Δ^n to be $[e_{n-q}, \dots, e_n] \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$.

$$g_q: \Delta^q \hookrightarrow \Delta^n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} e_0 & \longmapsto & e_{n-q} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ e_q & \longmapsto & e_n \end{array}$$



Using this, let's define an explicit version of Θ .

$$\Theta_{AW}: C_n(X \times Y) \rightarrow (C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y))_n = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n C_i(X) \otimes C_{n-i}(Y)$$

"Alexander-Whitney"

by:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \Delta^n \rightarrow X \times Y \\ \text{"} \\ (\pi_X \sigma, \pi_Y \sigma) \end{array} \right\} \longmapsto \sum_{i=0}^n \underbrace{(\pi_X \sigma \circ f_i)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ C_i(X)}} \otimes \underbrace{(\pi_Y \sigma \circ g_{n-i})}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ C_{n-i}(Y)}}$$

(q: check signs of above)

Lemma: Θ_{AW} is natural in X, Y , is a chain map, and coincides w/ the usual definition of Θ in degree 0 ($(x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y$).

(therefore, by acyclic models, $\Theta_{AW} \simeq$ any other Θ).

Pf idea: Naturality is straightforward, β explicitly need to compute
 $\partial \Theta_{AW}(\sigma) \stackrel{?}{=} \Theta_{AW}(\partial \sigma)$. (exercise).

Using this, define $\Theta_{AW} \circ \Delta_{\#}$ (chain model of (homological) coproduct):

$$\{\tau: \Delta^n \rightarrow X\} \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\#}} \{\Delta_{\#}\tau = (\tau, \tau): \Delta^n \rightarrow X \times X\} \xrightarrow{\Theta_{AW}}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \tau|_{[e_0, \dots, e_i]} \otimes \tau|_{[e_i, \dots, e_n]}.$$

and $\alpha \cup \beta$ can be given the model:

$$\alpha \cup \beta (\tau) = \alpha \otimes \beta (\Theta_{AW} \circ \Delta_{\#} (\tau))$$

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 $\text{deg } \alpha$ $\text{deg } \beta$ $\text{deg } \tau = p+q$

$$= \alpha \otimes \beta \left(\sum_{i=0}^r \tau|_{[e_0, \dots, e_i]} \otimes \tau|_{[e_i, \dots, e_n]} \right)$$

$\alpha(i\text{-simplex}) = 0$ unless $i = \text{deg } \alpha$.

$$:= (-1)^{pq} \alpha (\tau|_{[e_0, \dots, e_p]}) \cdot \beta (\tau|_{[e_p, \dots, e_{n=p+q}]})$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{deg } (\beta) \text{ deg } (\alpha)}$
 (b/c $f \otimes g (a \otimes b) := (-1)^{f(a)} g(b)$).

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Last time: defined cup product via

$$H^*(X) \otimes H^*(X) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^*(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\Delta^*} H^*(X)$$

$[mult. \otimes]$, $(C^*(X) \otimes C^*(X) \xrightarrow{mult, \otimes} \text{Hom}(C_*(X) \otimes C_*(X), \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\otimes^*} C^*(X \times X))$

• Using an explicit chain model for Θ , called Θ_{AW} , we gave an explicit co-chain model for \cup :

$$\alpha \cup \beta (\tau) := (-1)^{pq} \alpha (\tau|_{[e_0, \dots, e_p]}) \cdot \beta (\tau|_{[e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{n+p+q}]})$$

\downarrow τ restr. to front part \downarrow τ restr. to back part
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$\deg p$ $\deg q$ $\deg r = p+q$

$$f \otimes g (a \otimes b) := (1) f(a) g(b)$$

It turns out this cochain model for cup product is associative on the chain level (if units), (if $\mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1} - \alpha = \alpha$) on chain level (by direct computation), verifying associativity + unitarity properties of $[\cup]$ (for any chain level model) on cohomology.

The cup product on relative co-chains:

X space, $A, B \subset X$ open

We know $C^n(X, A) = \text{Ann}(C_n(A)) \subset \text{Hom}(C_n(X), \mathbb{R})$ (w/ \mathbb{R} -coeffs.)

If $\phi \in C^p(X, A)$, $\psi \in C^q(X, B)$, where $p+q=n$,

$$\phi \cup \psi (\sigma) = \pm \phi (\sigma|_{[e_0, \dots, e_p]}) \cdot \psi (\sigma|_{[e_{p+1}, \dots, e_{n+p+q}]})$$

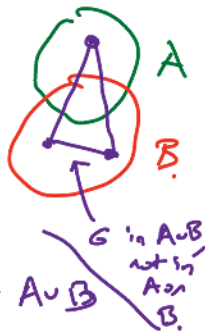
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 C_n

is zero if $\text{im}(\sigma) \subset A$ or if $\text{im}(\sigma) \subset B$ entirely, so $\phi \cup \psi \in \text{Ann}(C_n(A) + C_n(B))$,
 (b/c then its front part is too) (b/c then its back part is too).

we'll use the shorthand $\text{Ann}(C_n(A+B)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Ann}(C_n(A) + C_n(B))$

$$C^n(X, A+B) \not\subset C^n(X, A \cup B)$$

\leftarrow not nec. \exists natural map (incl.) \rightarrow
 \leftarrow annihilates simplices in A or in B . \leftarrow annihilates simplices in $A \cup B$



We'll also abbreviate $C_n(A+B) := C_n(A) + C_n(B)$ (seen in $C_n(X)$). We have a natural inclusion.

$$i: C_n(A+B) \hookrightarrow C_n(A \cup B), \text{ which we note (by prev. section) induces}$$

$$\text{an iso. on homology } H_n(C_n(A+B)) \cong H_n(C_n(A \cup B)).$$

($Y = A \cup B$ w/ core $\{A, B\}$)

(more generally, barycentric subdiv. \Rightarrow for any Y w/ a core $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$,

$$C_n^{\mathcal{U}}(Y) \xrightarrow[\text{on H.}]{\cong} C_n(Y).$$

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chains supported in some U_i

$$\Rightarrow \text{induces an iso. on cohomology } H^n(A \cup B) \cong H^n(A+B).$$

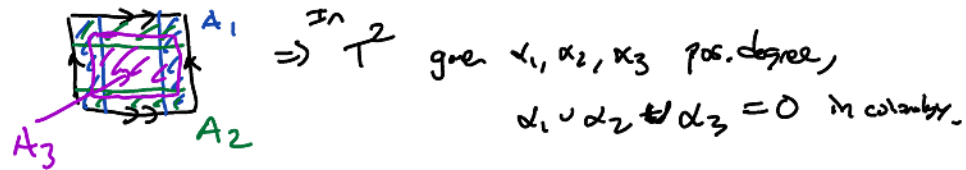
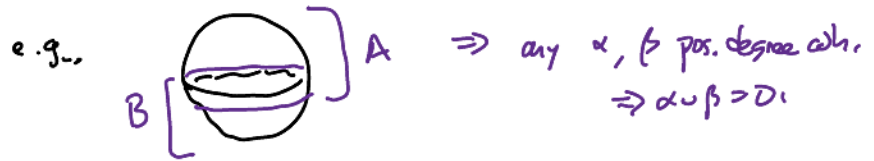
By comparing LES of pair $(X, A \cup B)$ w/ pair $(X, \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B})$ in cohomology, we can deduce that the canonical map $C^*(X, A \cup B) \xrightarrow{k} C^*(X, \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B})$ induces a cohomology iso,

$$[k]: H^n(X, A \cup B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^n(X, \tilde{A} \cup \tilde{B}).$$

(-) \dots \dots \rightarrow [\phi \cup \psi]

Cor: Get a cup product map $[\cup]: (= [k]^{-1} \circ (\cup)) : H^p(X, A) \otimes H^q(X, B) \rightarrow H^{p+q}(X, A \cup B)$.

Exercise on HW (using this): show that if X is covered by m acyclic open sets then all m -fold cup products of pos. degree classes are zero.



conversely, we'll compute $H^*(T^2)$ has a non-trivial cup product of degree 1-classes $\Rightarrow T^2 \neq A \cup B, A, B$ contractible

Compatibility with cross product

X, Y spaces, R coefficient ring (implicit), have

- $\cdot \times : H^*(X) \otimes H^*(Y) \rightarrow H^*(X \times Y)$
- $\cdot \Delta_X : X \rightarrow X \times X, \Delta_Y : Y \rightarrow Y \times Y, \Delta_{X \times Y} : X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y \times X \times Y$

Obs: $\Delta_{X \times Y} = T \circ (\Delta_X, \Delta_Y)$ where $T : X \times X \times Y \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y \times X \times Y$ swaps 2nd + 3rd factors

Lemma: $(\alpha_1 \times \beta_1) \cup (\alpha_2 \times \beta_2) = (-1)^{\deg(\alpha_1)\deg(\beta_1)} (\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2) \times (\beta_1 \cup \beta_2)$

Pf: LHS = $\Delta_{X \times Y}^* ((\alpha_1 \times \beta_1) \times (\alpha_2 \times \beta_2))$

obs $(\Delta_X \Delta_Y)^* (\alpha_1 \times \beta_1 \times \alpha_2 \times \beta_2)$

use parentheses b/c \times is assoc. (on cohomology) (on chain level, associativity)

may cost class hours unless using $\mathcal{O}_{X \times Y}$.

$$= (-1)^{\deg(\alpha_2) \deg(\beta_1)} (\Delta_X, \Delta_Y)^* (\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2 \times \beta_1 \times \beta_2)$$

$$= \text{RHS.} \quad \square$$

Cor: The Künneth isomorphism (which holds when one of X, Y is of finite type):

$$H^*(X) \otimes H^*(Y) \xrightarrow{\times} H^*(X \times Y)$$

is a ring iso.

(LHS has a ring str. by $(x \otimes y) \cdot (x' \otimes y') := (-1)^{\deg(y) \deg(x')} (x \cup x') \otimes (y \cup y')$.)

Cor: (\times inters of \cup). For any $\alpha \in H^*(X), \beta \in H^*(Y)$

$$\pi_X: X \times Y \rightarrow X$$

$$\pi_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$$

$$\boxed{\alpha \times \beta} \stackrel{\text{Lemma (8 unitaty)}}{=} (\alpha \times 1_Y) \cup (1_X \times \beta) \stackrel{\text{last time}}{=} \boxed{(\pi_X^* \alpha) \cup (\pi_Y^* \beta)}$$

Rules RHS is how Hatcher defines \times , at least initially.

Example: ("compute $H^*(S^2 \times S^4)$).

$$\text{we have } H^*(S^{2k}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{deg } 2k \\ \mathbb{Z} & \text{deg } 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (\text{by UCT}).$$

Let's denote the degree $2k$ generator by α_{2k} . Note $\alpha_{2k} \cup \alpha_{2k} = 0$ b/c $H^{4k}(S^{2k}) = 0$.

$$\text{So, as a ring, } H^*(S^{2k}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha_{2k}] / \alpha_{2k}^2, \quad \text{degree}(\alpha_{2k}) = 2k.$$

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mean $\bigoplus H^i(S^{2k})$

$| \alpha_{2k} |$

Therefore by Künneth ring isomorphism (works over \mathbb{Z} b/c $H^*(S^{2k})$ free finite type),

$$H^*(S^2 \times S^4) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha_2] / \alpha_2^2 \otimes \mathbb{Z}[\alpha_4] / \alpha_4^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] / \alpha^2, \beta^2,$$

$|\alpha| = 2, |\beta| = 4.$

Note $\alpha \cdot \beta$ generates in degree 6.
 ($\alpha = p_{S^2}^* \alpha_2, \beta = p_{S^4}^* \alpha_4$).

(2) $T^n = (S^1)^n$. By same reasoning as above $H^*(S^1, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\theta]/\theta^2$ $|\theta|=1$.
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}[\theta]$

(adding by θ^2 is redundant if we're imposing graded commutativity over \mathbb{Z} :
 $\theta \cup \theta = (-1)^{\deg(\theta)\deg(\theta)} \theta \cup \theta = -\theta \cup \theta \implies \theta \cup \theta = 0$ over \mathbb{Z})

Therefore $H^*(T^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n]$ "exterior algebra in n-variables"
 (w/ $\theta_i^2 = 0$ implicit). (sometimes $\mathbb{Z}[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n]$ or \wedge)

each $|\theta_i|=1$ $\theta_i = (\pi_i^*) (\theta)$.

$j \neq i: \theta_i \cdot \theta_j = -\theta_j \cdot \theta_i$. (by graded commutativity).

Since $\theta_1 \cup \dots \cup \theta_n \neq 0$ (exercise above) \implies any "acyclic cover" of T^n has cardinality $> n$.

Ex: $S^2 \vee S^4$. Know: $H^k(S^2 \vee S^4) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} \text{ deg } 4, \text{ gen. by } j_{S^4}^* \alpha_4 = x_2 \\ \mathbb{Z} \text{ deg } 2, \text{ gen. by } j_{S^2}^* \alpha_2 = x_1 \\ \mathbb{Z} \text{ deg } 0 \end{cases}$

$j_{S^2}: S^2 \vee S^4 \rightarrow S^2$ projection (collapse S^4 to point)
 $j_{S^4}: S^2 \vee S^4 \rightarrow S^4$

check: $j_{S^2}^*: H^2(S^2) \rightarrow H^2(S^2 \vee S^4)$ is an isomorphism (exercise)

Q: is there a relation in H^4 between x_1^2 and x_2 ?

By naturality, $x_1 \cup x_1 = j_{S^2}^* \alpha_2 \cup j_{S^2}^* \alpha_2 \xrightarrow{\text{naturality}} j_{S^2}^* (\alpha_2 \cup \alpha_2) = j_{S^2}^* (0) = 0$.
 So, no. (w/ above, w/c $H^6=0$ w/c $H^6=0$, $H^4(S^2)=0$)

Hence $H^*(S^2 \vee S^4) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x_1, x_2]/x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1 x_2$.

Important examples:

$\mathbb{R}P^n, \mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{H}P^n$,
 over $R = \mathbb{Z}/2$ over $R = \mathbb{Z}$

$n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$. (via e.g., $\mathbb{C}P^\infty = \bigcup_n \mathbb{C}P^n$, where $\mathbb{C}P^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2 \hookrightarrow \dots$)

(\pm UCT)

We know from studying cellular chain complexes that

$$H^k(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/2 & k=0, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

similarly $H^k(\mathbb{C}P^n; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, 2, \dots, 2n \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$

$$H^k(\mathbb{H}P^n; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, 4, \dots, 4n \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Write $h \in H^2(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ generator of H^2 .

(since over $\mathbb{Z}/2$, $h \cdot h$ need not be zero).

Thm: $h^k := \underbrace{h \cup \dots \cup h}_{k \text{ times}}$ is a generator for $H^k(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2)$, for any $k \leq n$.

$$\text{i.e., } H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2[h] / \langle h^{n+1} \rangle$$

$$|h|=1.$$

(if $n < \infty$)
truncated polynomial alg.

Thm: If $h \in H^2(\mathbb{C}P^n; \mathbb{Z})$ is a generator for H^2 , then h^k generates $H^{2k}(\mathbb{C}P^n; \mathbb{Z})$ for all $k=1, \dots, n$.

$$\Rightarrow H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}[h] / \langle h^{n+1} \rangle \quad |h|=2.$$

similarly for $\mathbb{H}P^n$, $|h|=4$.

We'll prove these theorems later, as a consequence of other results (Poincaré duality ^{e.g.})

But we can already explore some consequences:

- Observe that $H^i(\mathbb{C}P^3; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^i(S^2 \times S^4; \mathbb{Z})$ in every degree (similarly H^i).
- (\mathbb{Z} in degree 0, 2, 4, 6, 0 otherwise)

However, the ring structures ^{on H^*} are different:

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}[h] / \langle h^4 \rangle \quad \text{vs.} \quad H^*(S^2 \times S^4) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] / \langle \alpha^2, \beta^2 \rangle \quad |\alpha|=2, |\beta|=4.$$

are not isomorphic rings, so $\mathbb{C}P^3 \neq S^2 \times S^4$ up to homotopy equivalence.

(e.g., any ~~is~~ homotopy equivalence would send h to $\pm\alpha$, but $h^2 \neq 0$, and $\alpha^2 = 0 \neq h^2$)

• Look at $\mathbb{C}P^2$ vs. $S^2 \vee S^4$.

Note: $\mathbb{C}P^2 = \underbrace{e^0 \cup e^2 \cup e^4}_{\mathbb{C}P^1 = S^2}$

$S^2 \vee S^4 = \underbrace{e^0 \cup e^2}_{S^2} \cup e^4$

If $\mathbb{C}P^2 \not\cong_{h.e.} S^2 \vee S^4$, we conclude the attaching maps $f_{\mathbb{C}P^2}: \partial e^4 = S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{3-skeleton}} S^2$ and

$f_{S^2 \vee S^4}: \partial e^4 = S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{const. at } e^0} S^2$

cannot be homotopic.

Let's check H^* rings: $H^*(\mathbb{C}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}[h]/\langle h^3 \mid h^2=0 \rangle$

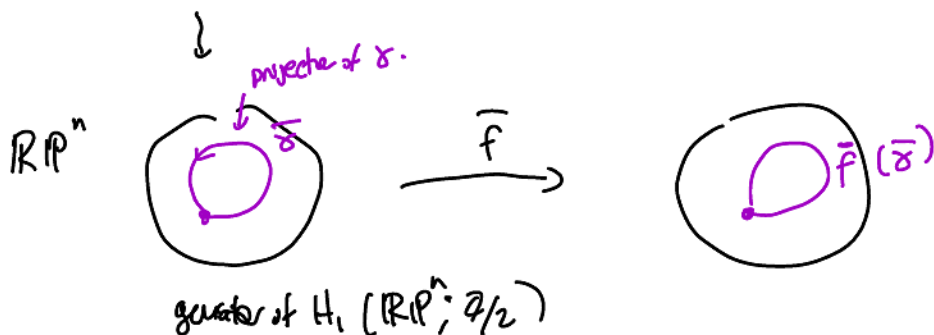
$H^*(S^2 \vee S^4) \cong \mathbb{Z}\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle / \langle \alpha^2, \beta^2, \alpha\beta \mid |\alpha|=2, |\beta|=4 \rangle$

so the attaching map: $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ ('Hopf' map) used to construct $\mathbb{C}P^2$ represents a non-trivial homotopy class. ($\Rightarrow \pi_3(S^2) \neq 0$).

— $\text{Cof } H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n)$
 $\pi_k(X) = [S^k, X]_{\text{based}}$
 unit spheres \downarrow antipodal \downarrow

Application: Say we have an odd map $f: S^n \rightarrow S^m$, i.e., $f(-x) = -f(x)$.

\Rightarrow get a map $\bar{f}: \mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^m$ ($\mathbb{R}P^k = S^k / \{\pm 1\}$)
 $\{\pm x\} \mapsto \{\pm f(x)\}$



$\bar{f}(\bar{\gamma})$ is a generator of $H_1(\mathbb{R}P^m; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$
 (b/c it lifts under $S^m \xrightarrow{2:1} \mathbb{R}P^m$ to a path between lifts of x , hence is a non-trivial element of $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^m)$, (b' odd: if $m=1$))

$\Rightarrow \bar{f}_* : H_1(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_1(\mathbb{R}P^m; \mathbb{Z}/2)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{f}^* : H^2(\mathbb{R}P^m; \mathbb{Z}/2) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^2(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}/2)$

UCT

$$h_{\mathbb{R}P^m} \text{ generator} \mapsto h_{\mathbb{R}P^n} \text{ generator}$$

By naturality of cup product

$$\bar{f}^*(h_{\mathbb{R}P^m}^k) = \bar{f}^*(h_{\mathbb{R}P^m})^k = h_{\mathbb{R}P^n}^k$$

If we take $k = m+1$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}^*(h_{\mathbb{R}P^m}^{m+1}) = h_{\mathbb{R}P^n}^{m+1}$$

$\circ \equiv \circ$
 $\neq \circ$ if $m < n$.

Cor: $m \geq n$.

Cor: \nexists an odd map $S^n \rightarrow S^m$ $m < n$.

Cor: (Borsuk-Ulam theorem): Given any continuous $g: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $\exists x \in S^n$ with $g(x) = g(-x)$.

Pf: If not, define $f: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ by

$$\frac{g(x) - g(-x)}{\|g(x) - g(-x)\|}, \quad \text{note } -f(x) = f(-x) \quad \square$$

Last remark about cup product:

The explicit co-chain formula we wrote down for \cup (using $\Theta_{A,W}$) has another advantage: its simplicity, i.e., defined on the level of simplicial co-chains as well.

In particular, the map (for a simplicial or Δ -complex X)

$$C_{\text{simp}}^{\circ}(X) \leftarrow C_{\text{Sing}}^{\circ}(X) \quad (\text{dual to } C_{\text{simp}}^{\text{Sing}}(X) \rightarrow C_{\text{Sing}}^{\text{Sing}}(X))$$

intertwines \cup products (defined using "front + back face")

simplex in $X \mapsto$ same simplex, thought of as \cup (simplex)

\forall we can use this to make explicit co-chains of \cup in simplicial co-chains.

(exercise).

Next week: cap product (H^1 acts on H_0), Poincaré duality.