

Consequences of the axioms

Prop. 1 If $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ is a homeomorphism, or even a homotopy equivalence of pairs, then f_* is an isomorphism. Invariance

Let $g: (Y, B) \rightarrow (X, A)$ be a (homotopy) inverse, so $g \circ f \simeq \text{id}_{(X, A)}$
 $f \circ g = \text{id}_{(Y, B)}$. Then $f_* g_* = \text{id}_{H_*(Y, B)}$,

and $g_* f_* = \text{id}_{H_*(X, A)}$.

Prop. 0 $H_*(\phi) = 0$ always.

The long exact homology sequence reduces to

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \rightarrow H_{q+2}(\phi, \phi) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_q(\phi) & \xrightarrow{=} & H_q(\phi) \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & H_{q+1}(\phi) & & H_q(\phi, \phi) \\ & & & & \rightarrow \end{array}$$

This means $id_* = (id)_* \circ id_* = 0$.

More generally, $H_q(X, X) = 0$ always:

Consider the exact sequence

$$\xrightarrow{\partial} H_q(X) \xrightarrow{=} H_q(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_q(X, X) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{q-1}(X)$$

We know that ∂ must be ~~0~~ 0

and j_* must be zero by exactness.

Thus $u \in H_q(X, X) \neq \partial(w) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$u = j_* v$ some $v \in H_q(X)$; but $j_* = 0$

$\Rightarrow u = j_* v = 0$.

Prop. 2 If X is arcwise connected,
then the constant map $X \rightarrow \{p\}$
defines an isomorphism

$$H_0(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_0(\{p\}).$$

Proof $\{p\} \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow \{p\}$ is

inclusion
of a point constant

the identity, so we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_0(\{p\}) & \longrightarrow & H_0(X) & \longrightarrow & H_0(\{p\}) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

identity ↗

Therefore $H_0(\{p\}) \longrightarrow H_0(X)$
 $H_0(X) \longrightarrow H_0(\{p\})$
is an isomorphism.

Cor. 3 $H_0(X)$ is free abelian on the set of arc components in X . Also if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ maps arc component X_α to Y_β , then f_* sends the corresponding generator $e_\alpha \in H_0(X)$ to $e_\beta \in H_0(Y)$.

Need more concepts to go further, ^{with abstractions} but we can already derive a few significant applications.

Some theorems of L. E. J. Brouwer

[early 20th century]

Thm. S^n is not a retract of D^{n+1} , $n \geq 1$

Proof $i: S^n \hookrightarrow D^{n+1}$ inclusion

If a retraction $r: D^{n+1} \rightarrow S^n$ exists,

then $r \circ i = 1_{S^n} \Rightarrow r_* \circ i_* = \text{id}_{H_*(S^n)}$

Hence i_* is $\neq 1$. This is not possible

since $H_m(S^n) = \mathbb{Z}$ but $H_m(D^{n+1}) = 0$.

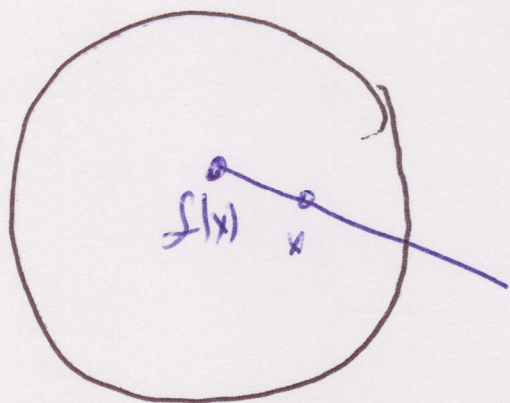
Note If $n=0$ we would have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_0(S^0) & \longrightarrow & H_0(D^1) & \longrightarrow & H_0(S^0) \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

identity? NO!!!

Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem If $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$ ($n \geq 1$) cont, then there is some $x \in D^n$ s.t. $f(x) = x$.

Proof Assume not. Draw a ray



starting at $f(x)$, going through x . It meets S^{n-1} at some point $r(x)$.

CLAIM $r(x)$ cont and $r|_{S^{n-1}} = \text{id}$.

For details about r , see [brouwer.pdf](#)

Local homology at $x \in X$.

$$H_q(X, X - \{x\})$$

Assume X is Hausdorff

Lemma $x \in U$ open in $X \Rightarrow$

$$H_*(U, U - \{x\}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_*(X, X - \{x\})$$

Proof Apply Excision II to X , U , and $V = X - \{x\}$; note that $U \cap V = U - \{x\}$.

Prop. Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ homeo with $f(x) = y$. Then

$$f_*: H_*(X, X - \{x\}) \cong H_*(Y, Y - \{y\}).$$

Brouwer's Invariance of Dimension Thm.

Let U and V be open in \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m respectively. If U is homeo to V , then $m = n$.

Find $H_*(U, U - \{x\}) \cong H_*(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\})$
if U is open in \mathbb{R}^n .

First note $T(y) = x+y$ induces an iso.
 $H_*(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}) \cong H_*(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{x\})$.

CLAIM $H_q(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q=n \\ 0 & q \neq n. \end{cases}$

Derivation

① $S^{n-1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ is a def retract.

② $p: \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ given by

$$p(v) = |v|^{-1}v \Rightarrow p \circ i = \text{id}, i \circ p \cong \text{id}$$

via $H(v, t) = tv + \frac{(1-t)}{|v|}v$.

② $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ arbitrary \Rightarrow

$$\partial: H_{q+1}(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_q(Y) \quad \text{if } q > 0$$

$$\partial: H_1(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) \cong \text{Kernel}[\text{cont. } H_0(Y) \rightarrow H_0(\text{pt.})]$$

Also, $H_0(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) = 0$.

These isos are natural for inclusions

$$Y \subseteq Y' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

Suppose first that $n \geq 2$, and

$$Y = S^{n-1} \text{ or } \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}.$$

$$\text{Then } q \geq 2 \Rightarrow H_q(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) \cong H_{q-1}(Y) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q=n \\ 0 & q \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$q=1 \Rightarrow H_1(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) = \text{Kernel } H_0(Y) \rightarrow H_0(\text{pt.})$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) = 0 \quad \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} \mathbb{Z}$$

Now suppose $n=1$. The only nontrivial part of the sequence is

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\text{ADD}} & \mathbb{Z} \\ & & \cong & & \cong \\ H_1(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) & \xrightarrow{1-1} & H_0(Y) & \longrightarrow & H_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ U = H_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{array} \quad \text{So that } H_1(\mathbb{R}^n, Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$

Proof of Invariance of Dimension

U open in $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$

$$H_q(U, U - \{u\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = n \\ 0 & q \neq n \end{cases}$$

V open in $\mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow$

$$H_q(V, V - \{v\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & q = m \\ 0 & q \neq m. \end{cases}$$

These groups are isomorphic \Leftrightarrow

$$m = n.$$

Complement A similar result holds for topological manifolds.