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If $K \subseteq G$ has finite index in G , let

$\bar{G} = G/[G, G]$ and let $\bar{K} = \text{image } K \text{ in } \bar{G}$.

Then \bar{K} has finite index in \bar{G} .

Details By construction, \bar{K} is

$K \cdot [G, G]/[G, G]$, so if G is the union of cosets $a_1 K, \dots, a_m K$ then \bar{G} is the union of cosets $a_j K \cdot [G, G]/[G, G]$. ■

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Simplicial approximation

Prop. 0 $K =$ simplicial complex, $P =$ underlying space, $\lambda: C_*(K) \rightarrow S_*(P)$ the map previously called θ . Then the simplicial and singular barycentric subdivision maps are related by the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_*(K) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & C_*(BK) \\ \lambda \downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \\ S_*(P) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & S_*(P). \end{array}$$

This follows from the constructions of the maps.

Simplicial Approximation Thm.

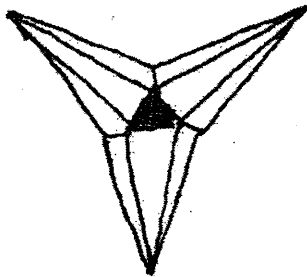
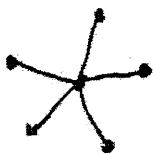
Let (P, K) and (Q, L) be simplicial complexes and let $f: P \rightarrow Q$ be continuous. Then $\exists r > 0$ and a simplicial map $g: B^r(K) \rightarrow L$ such that for all $x \in P$, if σ is a minimal simplex containing x , then $f(x) \in g[\sigma]$.

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To some extent this corrects the definitions etc. on page 178 of Hatcher.

v vertex, σ simplex in K

The (closed) star $\text{Star } \sigma =$ all simplices τ in K such that $\sigma \cap \tau \neq \emptyset$



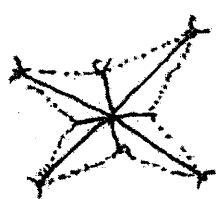
The open simplex $\overset{\circ}{\sigma} = \sigma - \partial\sigma$



If σ has vertices v_i ,
then $\overset{\circ}{\sigma} = \{ \sum t_i v_i \mid t_i > 0 \forall i \}$

Note Every point lies on a unique open simplex.

The open star of a vertex $v =$ all open
simplices $\overset{\circ}{\sigma}$ s.t. $v \in \sigma$. $st(v)$ or
Open star(v)



($v =$ vertex in the middle)

Claim Open star (v) is open in $|K| =$
underlying space of K .

In fact, $|K| - \text{Open star}(v)$ is the
union of all (closed) simplices τ such
that $v \notin \tau$.

Proof: Call the described set F . Then $x \in F \Rightarrow$
 $x \in \tau$ where $v \notin \tau$. Let $\tau' \subseteq \tau$ such that $x \in \tau'$.

Then v is also not a vertex of τ' , so $x \notin \text{Openstar}(v)$.

Conversely, $x \notin \text{Openstar}(v) \Rightarrow x \in \tau'$ where v is not
 a vertex of $\tau \Rightarrow x \in \tau \subseteq F$.

Key Lemma v_0, \dots, v_q are vertices of a
 simplex in $K \Leftrightarrow \bigcap_i \text{Openstar}(v_i) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof (\Rightarrow) Let v_0, \dots, v_q be the vertices of σ ,
 and let $y \in \sigma$. Then $y \in \bigcap_i \text{Openstar}(v_i)$
 and in fact $\sigma \subseteq$ intersection.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $y \in \bigcap_i \text{openstar}(v_i)$ and let σ
 be the unique simplex such that $y \in \sigma$. Then
 for each i , v_i must be a vertex of σ , so there
 is a face of σ with vertices v_i (in fact, it's σ ,
 but we don't need this).

NOTE In the lemma, duplications of v_i 's are allowed.

Proof of Thm. Let \mathcal{U}_0 be the open covering of Q by sets $\text{Open star}(w)$ where w runs through the vertices of L , and let $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_0^{-1}$.

Using Lebesgue's and barycentric subdivision,

can find some $B^r K$ s.t. (i) each subset of P with diam $< \varepsilon$ lies in an element of

\mathcal{U} , (ii) all simplices of $B^r K$ have diameter less than $\varepsilon/3$. Then each $\text{Star}(v)$ has

diam $\leq 2\varepsilon/3 < \varepsilon$, so \exists vertex $g(v)$ in L s.t.

$\mathcal{I}[\text{Star}(v)] \subseteq \text{Open star } g(v)$.

Define $g: \text{Vertices of } B^r K \rightarrow \text{Vertices of } L$ using these choices.

CLAIM If $x \in V_0 \dots V_q$, where the latter is minimal, then $f(x) \in$ simplex with vertices $g(v_0) \dots g(v_q)$. [$x = \sum t_i v_i$, all $t_i > 0$]

This follows because $x \in \cap_i \text{Openstar}(v_i)$,

so $f(x) \in \cap_i f[\text{Openstar}(v_i)] \subseteq$

$\cap_i \text{Openstar } g(v_i)$. This shows $g(v_i)$ are

the vertices of a simplex, and the latter contains $f(x)$. Let $g(x) = \sum t_i g(v_i)$.

It follows that the image of the straight line homotopy

$$H(x,t) = tg(x) + (1-t)f(x)$$

lies in P so the latter defines a homotopy from f to g .

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The Lefschetz Fixed Point Theorem

(P, K) polyhedron

$f: P \rightarrow P$ cont.

The Lefschetz number $\Lambda(f) =$

$$\sum (-1)^k \text{trace } f_{h*}: H_k(P; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_k(P; \mathbb{Q})$$

Claim This is an integer.

Idea Look at the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_k(P; \mathbb{Z})/\text{torsion} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_k(P; \mathbb{Q}) \\ \downarrow f_{h*}^{\mathbb{Z}} & & \downarrow f_{h*}^{\mathbb{Q}} \\ H_k(P; \mathbb{Z}/\text{torsion}) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_k(P; \mathbb{Q}) \end{array}$$

and choose ^{free} generators for $H_k(P; \mathbb{Z})/\text{torsion}$ which yield a basis for $H_k(P; \mathbb{Q})$. This shows that a matrix for $f_{h*}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ comes from

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an integral matrix for $f_{\infty}^{\mathbb{Z}}$.

Hence each trace $f_{h^*}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ is an integer.

THEOREM $\Lambda(f) \neq 0 \Rightarrow f$ has
a fixed point.

PROOF. Suppose not, and let

$\delta = \min$ distance from $f(x)$ to x , so that

$\delta > 0$ by compactness. Subdivide

K into simplices of diameter $< \delta/4$.

Then $f[\sigma] \cap \sigma$ is empty for all σ , and

more generally $f[\text{star}\sigma] \cap \text{star}\sigma = \emptyset$ for all σ .

Choose a simplicial approximation

$g: B^r K \rightarrow K$ to f as in the

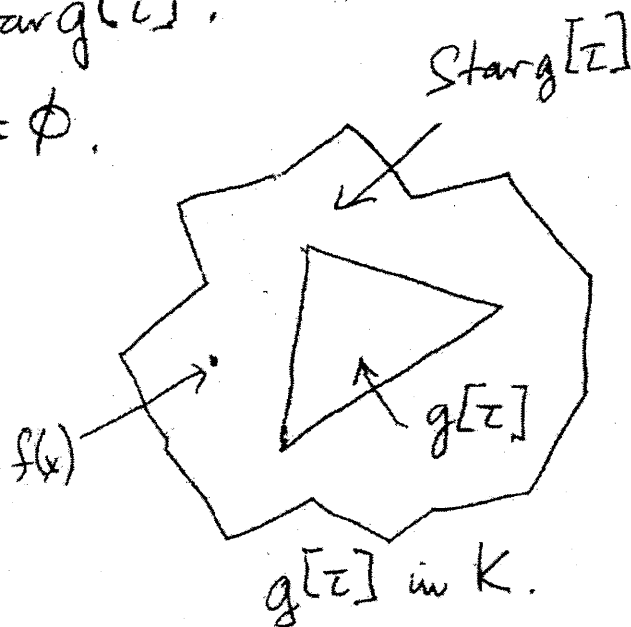
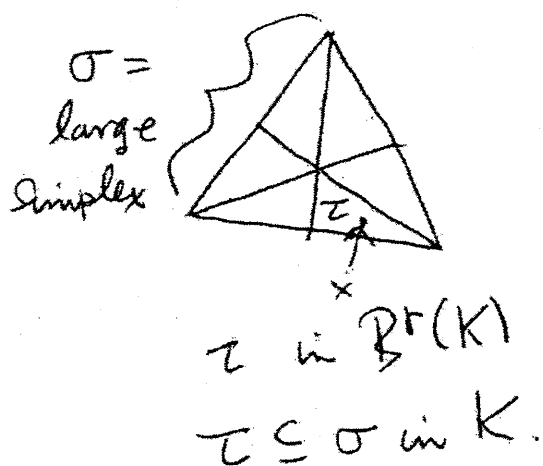
Simplicial Approximation Thm.

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Then if τ is a simplex of $B^r(K)$

we have $f[\tau] \subseteq \text{Star}g[\tau]$.

CLAIM $g[\tau] \cap \tau = \emptyset$.



$$x \in \tau \Rightarrow f(x) \in \text{Star}g[\tau]$$

$$\text{and } d(x, f(x)) \geq \delta$$

$$y \in \tau \Rightarrow d(x, y) < \delta/4$$

$$z \in g[\tau] \Rightarrow f(x), z \in \text{Star}g[\tau] \\ \Rightarrow d(f(x), z) < \delta/2.$$

It follows that $y \in \tau, z \in g[\tau] \Rightarrow$
 $d(y, z) > \delta/4.$

In fact, we can say more: Given $\tau \subseteq \sigma$ in $B^r(K)$ in K we have $\sigma \cap g(\tau) = \emptyset$.

Consider what this means for the chain map $P: C_*(K) \xrightarrow{\beta_r} C_*(B^r(K)) \xrightarrow{g_\#} C_*(K)$:

Let $\sigma = v_0 \dots v_q \in C_q(K)$ be a typical generator, so that $\beta_r(v_0 \dots v_q)$ lies in the chain subcomplex $C_*(B^r(v_0 \dots v_q))$, and consider the effect of $g_\#$ on a typical free generator of $C_q(B^r(v_0 \dots v_q))$.

If σ is the simplex with vertices $v_0 \dots v_q$, then $g_\#$ must take a typical free generator of $C_q(B^r(v_0 \dots v_q))$ into a chain subcomplex $C_*(\sigma') \subseteq C_*(K)$ such that $\sigma' \cap \sigma = \emptyset$. Therefore the image

of $v_0 \dots v_q$ in $C_q(K)$ actually lies in some $C_q(K')$ where σ and K' are disjoint, and hence $g_{\#} \beta_r(v_0 \dots v_q)$ will lie in a subgroup of $C_q(K)$ consisting of chains whose $v_0 \dots v_q$ -coordinates are zero. This means that the trace of $g_{\#} \beta_r : C_q(K) \rightarrow C_q(K)$ is zero, and by the trace identity the same is true for $H_q(K; \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\beta_r^*} H_q(B^r(K); \mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{g^*} H_q(K; \mathbb{Q})$.

We know the latter corresponds to the singular homology map $g_* : H_q(P; \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H_q(P; \mathbb{Q})$ and hence its trace is also zero.

Taking alternating sums, we see

that $\Lambda(g) = 0$. Finally, $f \sim g \Rightarrow$
 $\Lambda(f) = \Lambda(g)$, and hence we also
have $\Lambda(f) = 0$.

To summarize, we have shown
that if f has no fixed points, then
 $\Lambda(f) = 0$.