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Def. We define a functor $(\#): (\text{cochain cxs.}) \rightarrow (\text{chain cxs.})$

$$\text{by } (C^\#)_n := C^{-n}, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} d_n^\# & : & C_n^\# \rightarrow C_{n-1}^\# \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ d^{-n} & : & C^{-n} \rightarrow C^{-(n-1)} \end{array}$$

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For example: a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \longrightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$\dots \longrightarrow H^n A \xrightarrow{H^n f} H^n B \xrightarrow{H^n g} H^n C \xrightarrow{\partial} H^{n+1} A \longrightarrow \dots$$

This implies that cochain homotopic cochain maps induce the same map in cohomology.

Construction

C chain complex, A abelian gp.

We define a cochain complex $\underline{\text{Hom}}(C, A)$ by

$$\text{Hom}(C, A)^n = \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_n, A)$$

with pointwise addition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(C, A)^n & \xrightarrow{d^n} & \text{Hom}(C, A)^{n+1} \\ \parallel & & \parallel \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_n, A) & & \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}}(C_{n+1}, A) \end{array}$$

$$(f: C_n \rightarrow A) \longmapsto (f \circ d_{n+1}: C_{n+1} \rightarrow A)$$

What is $H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A))$? (later: another UCT.)

Def. X space, A an abelian group. The singular cochain complex of X with coeffs in A is $\text{Hom}(C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z}), A)$.

The cohomology groups of X with coefficients in A are

$$\underline{H^n(X, A)} := H^n(\text{Hom}(C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z}), A))$$

Rule. Cohomology can be defined for arbitrary simplicial sets Y as

$$H^n(Y, A) = H^n(\text{Hom}(C_*(Y, \mathbb{Z}), A))$$

The complex $\text{Hom}(C_*(Y; \mathbb{Z}), A)$ has a different interpretation:

Define a cochain $c^* \underline{C^*(Y, A)}$ as

$$C^n(Y, A) = \text{map}(Y_n, A) \quad \text{with pointwise addition}$$

$$d^n: C^n(Y; A) \longrightarrow C^{n+1}(Y; A) \quad \text{coboundary}$$

$$(f: Y_n \rightarrow A) \longmapsto d^n(f): Y_{n+1} \longrightarrow A$$

$$(d^n f)(y) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i f(d_i^*(y))$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\in Y_{n+1}} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\in Y_n}$

$d^{n+1} \circ d^n = 0$. These alternate definitions agree.

Prop. For any \mathcal{S} -set Y and ab group A the following homeomorphism

$$\text{Hom}(C_n(Y; \mathbb{Z}), A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{map}(Y_n, A)$$

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evaluate
on generators

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[Y_n], A)$$

defines an iso of cochain complexes:

$$\text{Hom}(C_*(Y; \mathbb{Z}), A) \cong C^*(Y; A).$$

PF. Univ. prop. of free ab groups.
(sketch)

$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}[S], A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{map}(S, A) \quad \text{is an iso.}$$

eval. on generators

check the compat with the bdr.

Properties of homology groups

1) Homology invariance: for $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ homotopic cont. maps we have $H^n f = H^n g: H^n(X; A) \rightarrow H^n(Y; A)$

2) Cohomology is a contravariant functor:

$$(\text{Top}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} (\mathcal{S}\text{Sets}) \xrightarrow{C_*(-, \mathbb{Z})} (\text{ch. cxs}) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(-, A)} (\text{coch. cxs})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{H^n} (\text{ab. grps.})^{\text{op}}$$

The proof of 1) is clear by this diagram: every step preserves homology.

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the contravariance happens here, the directions remain the same at all other places.

2) Long exact sequence

For $Y \subseteq X$ we define the relative cohomology:

$$\underline{H^n(X, Y; A)} := H^n \left(\text{Hom} \left(\begin{array}{c} C_*(S(X); A) \\ C_*(S(Y); A) \end{array}, A \right) \right)$$

$$0 \rightarrow C_*(S(Y); \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \frac{C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z})}{C_*(S(Y); \mathbb{Z})} \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

is a sh. ex. sq. of chain cxs. Take $\text{Hom}(-, A)$:

$$0 \leftarrow \text{Hom}(C_*(S(Y); \mathbb{Z}), A) \leftarrow \text{Hom}(C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z}), A) \leftarrow \text{Hom}\left(\frac{C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z})}{C_*(S(Y); \mathbb{Z})}, A\right) \leftarrow 0$$

$\frac{C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z})}{C_*(S(Y); \mathbb{Z})}$ is divisorially free ab $\Rightarrow (*)$ splits divisorially

\Rightarrow Hom preserves exactness (this is not true generally)

So we get a l.e.s.:

$$\dots \rightarrow H^n(X, Y; A) \rightarrow H^n(X; A) \xrightarrow{\text{incl}^*} H^n(Y; A) \xrightarrow{\partial} H^{n+1}(X, Y; A) \rightarrow \dots$$

3) Excision: $B \subseteq Y \subseteq X$ nested top spaces, $\bar{B} \subseteq \bar{Y}$.

Then the inclusion $(X \setminus B, Y \setminus B) \hookrightarrow (X, Y)$ induces an isomorphism

$$H^n(X, Y; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^n(X \setminus B, Y \setminus B; A).$$

(Note that the natural map goes in the opposite direction than for homology.)

In the proof of excision for homology we have seen that

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the map $\frac{C_*(S(X \setminus B))}{C_*(S(Y \setminus B))} \longrightarrow \frac{C_*(X)}{C_*(Y)}$ is a quasi-isomorphism,

i.e. an isomorphism on homology.

In general, $\text{Hom}(-, A)$ does not preserve quasi-isomorphisms.

e.g. $C := (\dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ is acyclic, i.e. $H_* C = 0$

but $\text{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = (\dots \leftarrow 0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$,

$$H^2(\text{Hom}(C, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \neq 0.$$

Prop. Let $f: C \rightarrow D$ be a map between levelwise projective complexes.

Then if f is a quasi-isomorphism then it is also a chain homotopy equivalence, i.e. $\exists g: D \rightarrow C$, $f \circ g \simeq id_D$, $g \circ f \simeq id_C$.

Assuming the Prop, it follows that

$$\text{Hom} \left(\frac{C_*(S(X))}{C_*(S(Y))}, A \right) \longrightarrow \text{Hom} \left(\frac{C_*(S(X \setminus B))}{C_*(S(Y \setminus B))}, A \right)$$

is a quasi-iso and hence

$$H^n(X, Y; A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^n(X \setminus B, Y \setminus B; A)$$

is an iso $\forall n \geq 0$.

Lemma. (Fund. lemma of homological algebra)

Let $P = (\dots \rightarrow P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_0)$ be a levelwise projective complex,

$Q = (\dots \rightarrow Q_n \rightarrow Q_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Q_0)$ an acyclic unaugmented complex,

i.e. $\dots \rightarrow Q_n \rightarrow Q_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Q_0 \rightarrow H_0 Q$ is exact.

Then the following hold:

(1) Any map $f: H_0 P \rightarrow H_0 Q$ is induced by a map $f: P \rightarrow Q$ of complexes.

(2) Any two maps $f, f': P \rightarrow Q$ with $H_0 f = H_0 f'$ are chain homotopic.

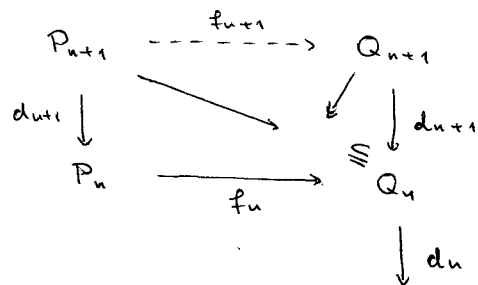
PF:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & Q_0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\ H_0 P & \xrightarrow{f} & H_0 Q \end{array}$$

P_0 projective, d_0 surjective

$\Rightarrow \exists f_0$ lift.

Induction: suppose we already have constructed a ^{partial} chain map $f: P \rightarrow Q$ up to degree n .



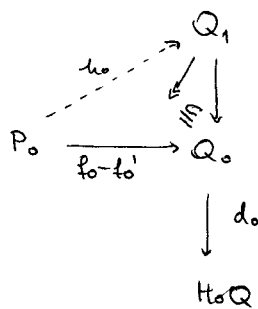
$$d f_n d = d d f_n = 0$$

\Rightarrow the composite $f \circ d$ is zero

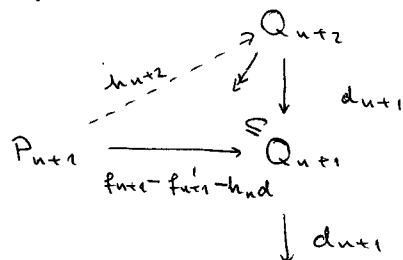
This proves existence (1).

Let $f, f': P \rightarrow Q$ be chain maps, $H_0 f = H_0 f' = f$.

Want to construct a homotopy $h: P_* \rightarrow Q_{*+1}$, $f - f' = h d + d h$.



Induction: supp. a homotopy is constructed up to degree n .



$$\begin{aligned}
 d(f - f' - h d) &= (f - f') d - d h d \\
 &= (h d + d h) d - d h d = h d d = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Cor. (Special case of the Prop.)

Let C be an acyclic and levelwise projective complex.

Then C is chain contractible, i.e. \exists homotopy $h: C_* \rightarrow C_{*+1}$,

$$1 = d h + h d.$$

Pr: Both id_C and 0 induce the zero map in $H_0 C = 0$.

□

To deduce the general case, we need the mapping cone of a chain map $f: C \rightarrow D$.

Def: $C(f)_n := D_n \oplus C_{n-1}$, $d_{C(f)}: C(f)_n \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} d^D & f \\ 0 & -d^C \end{pmatrix}} C(f)_{n-1}$

This sits in the short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow D \xrightarrow{i} C(f) \xrightarrow{p} C[1] \rightarrow 0$$

with the shifted complex $C[1]_n = C_{n-1}$, $d^{C[1]} = d^C$.

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Under the identification $H_{n+1}(C[1]) = H_n C$, the connecting homomorphism $\partial: H_{n+1}(C[1]) \rightarrow H_n D$ takes the form $f_*: H_n C \rightarrow H_n D$.

$$c \in C_{n-1} \text{ cycle} \xrightarrow{P} (0, c) \in C(f)_n \xrightarrow{d(f)} (f(c), 0) \in C(f)_{n-1} \rightarrow f(c) \in D_n.$$

We obtain the long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n C \xrightarrow{f_*} H_n D \rightarrow H_n C(f) \xrightarrow{P_*} H_{n-1} C \rightarrow \dots$$

From this it follows that $C(f)$ is acyclic $\Leftrightarrow f$ is a quasi-iso.

Pf of Prop: C, D levelwise projective, f quasi-iso.

Want to construct $g: D \rightarrow C$, $g \circ f \cong id_C$, $f \circ g \cong id_D$.

$C(f)$ is again levelwise projective and hence contractible by the Cor., so there is $h: C(f)_* \rightarrow C(f)_{*+1}$, $1_{C(f)} = hd + dh$.

Define $g: D \rightarrow C$ by the composite

$$g_n: D_n \xrightarrow{i} D_n \oplus C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{h} D_{n+1} \oplus C_n \xrightarrow{p} C_n.$$

This is a chain map:

$$\begin{aligned} (g_n \circ d)(x) &= p h(dx, 0) = p h d(x, 0) \\ &= p(1 - dh)(x, 0) \\ &= -p \cdot dh(x, 0) \\ &= d p h(x, 0) = (d g_{n+1})(x). \end{aligned}$$

Chain homotopy equivalence: define a homotopy

$h^c: C_* \rightarrow C_{*+1}$ as the composite map

$$C_n \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} D_{n+1} \oplus C_n \xrightarrow{h} D_{n+2} \oplus C_{n+1} \xrightarrow{p} C_{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (g_n \circ f_n)(c) &= p h(fc, 0) = p h(d^{C(f)}(0, c) + (0, dc)) = \\ &= p(1 - dh)(0, c) + \underbrace{p h(0, dc)} \\ &= c - p dh(0, c) + h^c dc \\ &= c + d p h(0, c) + h^c dc \\ &= c + dh^c(c) + h^c dc. \end{aligned}$$

This shows one direction of the htp equivalence; the other direction is similar. \square

For $m \geq 1$:

$$H^m(S^n; A) \cong \begin{cases} A & n=m \text{ or } 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad H^m(D^n, \partial D^n; A) \cong \begin{cases} A & n=m \text{ or } 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

These can be deduced in the same way as for homology.

Cellular cohomology

X CW-complex, $C_n^{\text{cell}}(X; A) := H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}; A)$ cellular chain complex
with differential $H_n(X_n, X_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}) \longrightarrow H_{n-1}(X_{n-1}, X_{n-2})$

Def. Cellular cochain complex $C_{\text{cell}}^*(X; A) := \text{Hom}(C_*^{\text{cell}}(X; \mathbb{Z}), A)$

Prop. $H^n(X; A) \cong H^n(C_{\text{cell}}^*(X; A)) \quad \forall n \geq 0.$

PF: As for homology.

Relation between homology and cohomology.

Ex. $C_*^{\text{cell}}(\mathbb{C}P^n) = (\dots \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{2n} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{2n-2} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$

$\Rightarrow C_{\text{cell}}^*(\mathbb{C}P^n) = (\dots \leftarrow 0 \leftarrow A \leftarrow 0 \leftarrow A \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow 0 \leftarrow A)$

$\Rightarrow H^m(\mathbb{C}P^n; A) \cong \begin{cases} A & m=2n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

So like for the sphere, $H^m(\mathbb{C}P^n; A) \cong H_m(\mathbb{C}P^n; A)$.

This should not be expected in general: (co)homology is co(ntra)variant

$H^m(X; A) \neq \text{Hom}(H_m(X); A)$, e.g. $X = \mathbb{R}P^n$.

But for a chain complex C and ab. group A define

$\Phi: H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n C, A)$

$[f: C_n \rightarrow A] \longmapsto ([c] \mapsto f(c))$

Well-definedness: $\bullet [c] = [c'] \Rightarrow c = c' + dc'' \Rightarrow f(c) = f(c') + f(dc'')$
 $= f(c') + \underbrace{d^* f(c'')}_{0}$

$\bullet [f] = [f'] \Rightarrow f = f' + g \circ d \Rightarrow \forall c \in Z_n C: f(c) = f'(c) + (g \circ d)(c)$
 $= f'(c) + \underbrace{g(d(c))}_{0}$

Prop. Φ has an additive section (if C is levelwise projective)

$$\sigma: \text{Hom}(H_n C, A) \longrightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A))$$

In particular, Φ is surjective.

PF:
$$0 \longrightarrow Z_n \longrightarrow K_n \longrightarrow B_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\cong C_{n-1}} 0$$

boundaries

B_{n-1} is free on a subquasi of C_{n-1}

\rightarrow the sequence splits $\forall n$

Define σ as follows: for a map $f: H_n C \rightarrow A$ let

$$\sigma(f): C_n \rightarrow A \text{ be the composite } C_n \xrightarrow{p} Z_n C \rightarrow H_n C \xrightarrow{f} A.$$

Check well-definedness.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \text{ is a section: } & (\Phi \circ \sigma)([f: C_n \rightarrow A]) \left(\underbrace{[c]}_{H_n C} \right) \\ &= \Phi(C_n \rightarrow Z_n C \rightarrow H_n C \rightarrow A)([c]) \\ &= \text{evaluate } (C_n \xrightarrow{p} Z_n C \rightarrow H_n C \rightarrow A)([c]) \\ &= \underbrace{[rc]}_{cZ_n} = [c] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Phi \circ \sigma = \text{id}. \end{aligned}$$

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Universal coefficient theorem for cohomology

For a chain complex C we have a natural homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi: H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A)) &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n C, A) \\ [f: C_n \rightarrow A] &\longmapsto \{[x] \mapsto f(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

This is a split epimorphism.

"I expected that all of you in Fraule's class will say 'Oh, we know what it is!' But even Fraule can't do everything". (About Ext)

Recall the Fundamental lemma of homological algebra:

R ring, M, N left R -modules, $P_* \rightarrow M, Q_* \rightarrow N$ projective resolutions

i.e. $\dots \rightarrow P_n \xrightarrow{d} P_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow P_0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} M \rightarrow 0$ is exact and all P_i are projective.

For an R -module P TFAE.

1) For every epimorphism of R -modules $f: M \twoheadrightarrow N$ and every monomorphism $g: P \rightarrow N$ there is a monomorphism $\tilde{g}: P \rightarrow M$

s.t. $f \circ \tilde{g} = g$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & M \\ & \nearrow \tilde{g} & \downarrow f \\ P & \xrightarrow{g} & N \end{array}$$

2) For every epimorphism of R -modules $f: M \twoheadrightarrow N$ the natural homomorphism $\text{Hom}_R(P, f): \text{Hom}_R(P, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, N)$ is surjective.

3) P is a direct summand of a free R -module.

P is projective if 1-3) hold.

Thm. Every module has a proj. resolution:

Inductive construction: $P_{-2} := 0, P_{-1} := M, d_{-1} = 0: M \rightarrow 0$.

$n \geq 0$: choose a free module P_n and an R -linear surjection

$$P_n \twoheadrightarrow \ker(P_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} P_{n-2}),$$

and then define $d_n: P_n \rightarrow P_{n-1}$

as the composite $P_n \twoheadrightarrow \ker(P_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} P_{n-2}) \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} P_{n-1}$

$f: M \rightarrow N$ a hom. of R -modules. Then there is a chain map

$\tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow Q_*$ over f unique up to chain homotopy over f .

Cor. ($M=N, f = \text{id}$) let $P_* \rightarrow M$ and $Q_* \rightarrow M$ be two projective resolutions of M . Then there is a chain homotopy $\tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow Q_*$ over M unique up to chain homotopy.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow \cong & \downarrow \\ P_1 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1} & Q_1 \\ & \downarrow \cong & \downarrow \\ P_0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_0} & Q_0 \\ & \downarrow \cong & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{f} & N \end{array}$$

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Pf: Let $\tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow Q_*$ be a chain map over id_M and $\tilde{g}: Q_* \rightarrow P_*$ a chain map over id_M .

Then $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow P_*$ is a chain self-map over id_M .

Since any two chain maps over the same homomorphism are chain homotopic, $\tilde{g} \circ \tilde{f} \simeq \text{id}_{P_*}$. Similarly $\tilde{f} \circ \tilde{g} \simeq \text{id}_{Q_*}$. □

Def. R a ring, M, N left R -modules. Choose a proj. resolution $P_* \rightarrow M$ and define $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) := H^n(\text{Hom}(P_*, N))$

Rule. $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$ is independent of the choice of proj. resolution up to preferred isomorphisms: (i.e. the iso is not chosen)

let $Q_* \rightarrow M$ be another proj. resolution. Then there is a chain htp equivalence $\tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow Q_*$ over id_M unique up to cochain htp. This induces a cochain homotopy equivalence

$$\text{Hom}_R(\tilde{f}, N): \text{Hom}_R(Q_*, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)$$

unique up to cochain homotopy.

This induces an iso in cohomology:

$$H^n(\text{Hom}_R(\tilde{f}, N)): H^n(\text{Hom}_R(Q_*, N)) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)) = \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$$

Rule. $\text{Ext}_R^n(M, N)$ is functorial in both variables.

Let $g: N \rightarrow N'$ be a homomorphism of R -modules

$$\rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_*, g): \text{Hom}_R(P_*, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_*, N')$$

$$\Rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, g)): H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)) \rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N'))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \underline{f_*} = \text{Ext}_R^n(M, g') & : & \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N') \end{array}$$

\Rightarrow covariant functoriality in N .

Let $f: M' \rightarrow M$ be a hom of R -modules.

Let $P_* \rightarrow M, P'_* \rightarrow M'$ be proj resolutions chosen for the defs of the Ext groups.

The fud. lemma provides a chain map $\tilde{f}: P_* \rightarrow P'_*$ over f .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\tilde{f}, N): \text{Hom}_R(P'_*, N) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)$$

$$\Rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}_R(\tilde{f}, N)): H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P'_*, N)) \rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \underline{f}^* = \text{Ext}_R^n(\tilde{f}, N) & : & \text{Ext}_R^n(M', N) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) \end{array}$$

It is easily seen that $f^* \circ g_* = g_* \circ f^*$.

Prop. $\text{Ext}_R^0(M, N)$ is naturally isomorphic to $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$.

Pf. Let $P_* \rightarrow M$ be the chosen projective resolution.

$$\text{Ext}_R^0 = H^0(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N))$$

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 \\ \downarrow d_1 \\ P_0 \\ \downarrow d_0 \\ M \\ \downarrow \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} = \ker(\text{Hom}_R(P_0, N) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_R(d_1, N)} \text{Hom}_R(P_1, N)) \\ \cong \text{Hom}_R(\text{coker}(d_1: P_1 \rightarrow P_0), N) \\ \cong \text{Hom}_R(M, N) \\ \text{via } d_0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(there is nothing lower} \\ \text{so there is no im to} \\ \text{factor with)} \\ \text{by the univ prop of the quotient} \end{array}$$

Def. An extension of M by N is a short exact sequence of R -modules:

$$0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{p} M \rightarrow 0$$

Two extensions are equivalent if we have a comm. diag. of R -mod. maps:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & E & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \cong & & \parallel \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & N & \longrightarrow & E' & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Now we can talk about equivalence classes of extensions.

There is a natural isomorphism:

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(M, N) \cong (\text{extensions of } M \text{ by } N) / \text{equivalence}$$

$$\underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{c} \tilde{f}_1: P_1 \rightarrow N \\ \cap \\ H^1(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)) \end{array} \right]} \longleftrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow & \\ & P_2 \longrightarrow O & \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & P_1 \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1} N & \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & P_0 \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_0} E & \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & M \xlongequal{\quad} M & \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & O & O \end{array}$$

According to Schwede, it is a lot of fun to show that this is actually an isomorphism.

Properties: • $\text{Ext}_R^1(-, -)$ preserves direct sums in both variables.

• a short exact sequence of R -modules

$$0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow T \rightarrow 0$$

gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(T, S) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(N, S) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(M, S) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(T, S) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(N, S) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M, S) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

and similarly in the other variable.

Ex. R a field (a skew field would be enough, commutativity is not essential)

\Rightarrow every R -module is free (every vector space has a basis).

We choose $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow M \xlongequal{\quad} M \rightarrow 0$

as the projective resolution (we resolve M by itself).

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}_R(P_*, N)) &= 0 \quad \forall n \geq 0 \\ \parallel \\ \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) \end{aligned}$$

(We didn't actually use the full power of being a field, we only needed this specific proj. resolution.)

Ex. $R = \mathbb{Z}$. R -modules = abelian groups

Subgroups of free ab groups are free (hence projective)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & K & \longrightarrow & F \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \uparrow & \nearrow & \\
 & & & & & & \text{free ab groups}
 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^n(M, N) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2.$$

This is why it is common to write $\underline{\text{Ext}}(M, N) := \text{Ext}^1(M, N)$.

Ex. Free resolution of $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$:

$$\underbrace{\cdots \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cdot n} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0}_{P_*}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(P_*, \mathbb{Z}): & & 0 & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, N) & \longleftarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, N) \longleftarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \parallel & & \parallel \\
 & & & & N & & N \\
 & & & & & \longleftarrow & \\
 & & & & & \cdot n &
 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, N) = N/nN$$

Ex. $R := \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ (this is a "homologically complicated" ring)

$M := \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ as an R -module

Projective resolution:

$$\underbrace{\cdots \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cdot 2} \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0}_{P_*}$$

(We have to go on infinitely to the left since $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ is not projective.)

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}^n(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = H^n(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(P_*, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= H^n \left(\cdots \longleftarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \longleftarrow \cdots \longleftarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \longleftarrow 0 \right) \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \parallel \quad \quad \quad \parallel \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \longleftarrow \cdot 2 \quad \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \quad \quad \quad \longleftarrow \cdot 2 \quad \cdots \quad \longleftarrow \cdot 2 \quad \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \\
 &= \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \quad \forall n \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The "homologically complicatedness" means that all the Ext groups are nontrivial (even though R seems to be a relatively "simple" ring).

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Now we finally turn to the (2nd) UCT.

Thm. (UCT) C chain complex, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}: C_n$ is free abelian.

Let A be an abelian group. Then the kernel of the split

$$\begin{aligned} \text{epimorphism } \Phi: H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A)) &\longrightarrow \text{Hom}(H^n C, A) \\ [f: C_n \rightarrow A] &\longmapsto ([x] \mapsto f(x)) \end{aligned}$$

is naturally isomorphic to $\text{Ext}(H_{n-1} C, A)$.

Cor. ($C = C_*(S(X), \mathbb{Z})$, X a space) There is a nat. sh. ex. sq.

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(X; \mathbb{Z}), A) \longrightarrow H^n(X; A) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \text{Hom}(H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}), A) \longrightarrow 0$$

PF OF UCT: A homomorphism $f: C_n \rightarrow A$ represents a class in the kernel of Φ iff $f(Z_n) = 0$ where $Z_n = \{x \in C_n \mid dx = 0\}$.

Then for $f \circ d = 0$:

$$\ker(\Phi) = \frac{\{f: C_n \rightarrow A \mid f(Z_n) = 0\}}{\{g \circ d: C_n \rightarrow A \mid g \in \text{Hom}(C_{n-1}, A)\}}$$

The short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Z_n \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} C_n \xrightarrow{d_n} B_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{inj}(d_n)} 0$$

... with this group.

$$\cong \frac{\text{Hom}(B_{n-1}, A)}{\{f \in \text{Hom}(B_{n-1}, A) \mid f \text{ admits an additive extension to } C_{n-1}\}}$$

The short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow Z_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} C_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}} B_{n-2} \longrightarrow 0$$

... of free abelian groups. \Rightarrow Splits and $Z_{n-1} \oplus \sigma(B_{n-2}) = C_{n-1}$

$$\begin{array}{c} B_{n-1} \subseteq Z_{n-1} \subseteq C_{n-1} \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{array}$$

So $f: B_{n-1} \rightarrow A$ admits an additive extension to C_{n-1} iff f admits an additive extension to Z_{n-1} .

In formulas:

$$\ker \phi \cong \frac{\text{Hom}(B_{n-1}, A)}{\text{im}(\text{Hom}(Z_{n-1}, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(B_{n-1}, A))}$$

The short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow B_{n-1} \xrightarrow{P_*} Z_{n-1} \rightarrow H_{n-1}C \rightarrow 0$ is a projective resolution of the ab. group $H_{n-1}C$.

$$= H^1(\text{Hom}(P_*, A)) = \text{Ext}^1_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1}C, A) = \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}C, A)$$

Ex. If $H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$ is free abelian $\forall n \geq 0$:

then $\text{Ext}(H_{n-1}X, A) = 0$ and

$$\phi: H^n(X; A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}), A)$$

is an iso $\forall n \geq 0$.

Recall:

$$H_n(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=0 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} & n=1 \\ 0 & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{R}P^2; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(H_0(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}), A) \cong A$$

$$H^1(\mathbb{R}P^2; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}), A) \cong \{x \in A \mid 2x=0\} \quad \text{2-torsion}$$

$$H^2(\mathbb{R}P^2; A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}(\underbrace{H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z})}_0, A) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Ext}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}), A)$$

is

$$\text{Ext}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, A) \cong A/2A$$

Alternate calculation: use the cellular cochain complex:

$$H^n(\text{Hom}(C_*^{\text{cell}}(X; \mathbb{Z}), A)) \cong H^n(X; A)$$

for all CW-complexes X . The argument is the same as for homology, just with arrows reversed.

Recommended: compute the cohomology of $\mathbb{R}P^2$ this way as well.

Exam. Feb 20, 9:00 - 10:30, GHS + KHS (we may actually fit into the GHS),
arrive before 8:50

Everything from the lectures and the exercises can be used w/o proof

No electronic devices may be used. Smartphones have to be deposited.

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Questions can be answered in English or German.

Definition, reproduce every proof, calculation, proof of a statement not proved in the lecture.

The exams will be corrected by Feb 21.

Cup product on cohomology

This is something that does not have an analogue in homology.

Thm. Let C be a chain complex of free ab. groups, A abelian group.

Then there is a split s.e.s.

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}C, A) \rightarrow H^n(\text{Hom}(C, A)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n C, A) \rightarrow 0$$

$$[\varphi: C_n \rightarrow A] \mapsto (-[x] \mapsto \varphi(x))$$

Special case. X space, $C = C_*(S(X); \mathbb{Z})$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Ext}(H_{n-1}(X; \mathbb{Z}), A) \rightarrow H^n(X, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}), A) \rightarrow 0$$

Def. C, D chain complexes. We define their tensor product $C \otimes D$ by

$$(C \otimes D)_n = \bigoplus_{i+j=n} C_i \otimes D_j, \quad d_n^{C \otimes D}(x \otimes y) = d_i^C(x) \otimes y + (-1)^i x \otimes d_j^D(y)$$

where $x \in C_i, y \in D_j, i+j=n$

Rule.

$$d(d(x \otimes y)) = d(d(x) \otimes y + (-1)^i x \otimes d(y))$$

$$= \underbrace{d^2(x)}_0 \otimes y + \underbrace{(-1)^{i-1} dx \otimes dy + (-1)^i dx \otimes dy + (-1)^{2i} x \otimes d^2 y}_0 = 0$$

The same definition can be given for cochain complexes (just put the indices into the superscript.)

Rule. X, Y CW-complexes and $X \times Y$ has the product CW-structure, then

$$C_*(X \times Y; \mathbb{Z}) \cong C_*(X; \mathbb{Z}) \otimes C_*(Y; \mathbb{Z}), \quad (PO)$$

Construction. X simplicial set. The cup product / Alexander-Whitney map is the chain map (for a ring R)

$$\underline{U}: C^*(X; R) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} C^*(X; R) \longrightarrow C^*(X; R)$$

defined as follows: $\forall f \in C^m(X; R), \forall g \in C^n(X; R): \forall x \in X_{m+n}$:

$$(\underline{f \cup g})(x) := f(d_{\text{front}}^* x) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^* x)$$

where $\underline{d_{\text{front}}}: [m] \longrightarrow [m+n], d_{\text{front}}(i) = i$

$\underline{d_{\text{back}}}: [n] \longrightarrow [m+n], d_{\text{back}}(i) = m+i$

(these are both monotone injective maps, their only common value is m)

We have $\cup(f, g) = f \cup g \in C^{m+n}(X; R)$.

Thm. 1) The Alexander-Whitney map is a chain map, i.e.

$$d(f \cup g) = d(f) \cup g + (-1)^m f \cup d(g).$$

2) For every morphism of s-sets $\alpha: X \longrightarrow Y, f \in C^m(Y; R), g \in C^n(Y; R)$:

$$\alpha^*(f) \cup \alpha^*(g) = \alpha^*(f \cup g).$$

3) The cup product is associative and unital, i.e. if $h \in C^p(X; R)$ then

$$(f \cup g) \cup h = f \cup (g \cup h) \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \cup f = f \cup 1 = f$$

for $1 \in C^0(X; R)$ the constant function with value 1.

PF: 1) For $d_{\text{front}}: [m] \longrightarrow [m+n]$ we have (by def.)

$$d_i \circ d_{\text{front}} = \begin{cases} d_{\text{front}} \circ d_i & 0 \leq i \leq m+1 \\ d_{\text{front}} & m+1 \leq i \leq n+m+1 \end{cases}$$

Similarly for $d_{\text{back}}: [n+1] \longrightarrow [m+n+1]$ we have

$$d_i \circ d_{\text{back}} = \begin{cases} d_{\text{back}} & 0 \leq i \leq n \\ d_{\text{back}} \circ d_{i-n} & n \leq i \leq n+m+1 \end{cases}$$

$$d(f \cup g) = (df) \cup g + (-1)^m f \cup (dg) \in C^{m+n+1}(X; \mathbb{R}) \quad f \in C^m(X; \mathbb{R}), g \in C^n(X; \mathbb{R})$$

Let $x \in X_{m+n+1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (d(f \cup g))(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^{m+n+1} (-1)^i (f \cup g)(d_i^*(x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m+n+1} (-1)^i f(d_{\text{front}}^*(d_i^*(x))) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(d_i^*(x))) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i f(d_{\text{front}}^*(d_i^*(x))) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(d_i^*(x))) + \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{i+m} f(d_{\text{front}}^*(d_{i+n}^*(x))) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(d_{i+n}^*(x))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^{m+n+1} (-1)^i f(d_i^*(d_{\text{front}}^*(x))) \cdot \underbrace{g(d_{\text{back}}^*(x))}_{\text{indep. of } i} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^{m+i} \underbrace{f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x))}_{\text{indep. of } i} \cdot g(d_i^*(d_{\text{back}}^*(x))) \end{aligned}$$

one extra term in both sums, cancel out

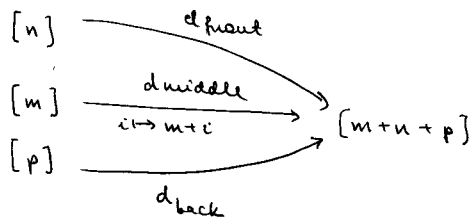
$$\begin{aligned} &= (df)(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) + f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot (dg)(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) (-1)^m \\ &= ((df) \cup g)(x) + (-1)^m (f \cup (dg))(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(d_{m+1}^*(d_{\text{front}}^*(x))) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) = f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) = f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot g(d_0^*(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)))$$

2) $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y, f \in C^m(X; \mathbb{R}), g \in C^n(Y; \mathbb{R}), x \in X_{m+n}$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha^*(f \cup g))(x) &= (f \cup g)(\alpha_{m+n}(x)) = f(d_{\text{front}}^*(\alpha_{m+n}(x))) \cdot g(d_{\text{back}}^*(\alpha_{m+n}(x))) = \\ &= f(\alpha_m \quad d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot g(\alpha_n \quad d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) = \\ &\quad \alpha \text{ is a simplicial map} = (\alpha^*f)(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot (\alpha^*g)(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) = (\alpha^*(f \cup g))(x). \end{aligned}$$

3) $f \in C^m(X; \mathbb{R}), g \in C^n(X; \mathbb{R}), h \in C^p(X; \mathbb{R})$



$$((f \cup g) \cup h)(x) = (f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot g(d_{\text{middle}}^*(x))) \cdot h(d_{\text{back}}^*(x))$$

$$(f \cup (g \cup h))(x) = (f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x))) \cdot (g(d_{\text{middle}}^*(x)) \cdot h(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)))$$

|| associativity in \mathbb{R}

For $f \in C^m(X; \mathbb{R})$, $1 \in C^0(X; \mathbb{R})$, $x \in X_m$:

$$(f \cup 1)(x) = f(d_{\text{front}}^*(x)) \cdot 1(d_{\text{back}}^*(x)) = f(x) \cdot 1(x) = f(x)$$

Def. A differential graded ring consists of:

- a cochain complex C (could be done for homology too)
- bilinear maps $\cup: C^m \times C^n \rightarrow C^{m+n}$ that are associative and unital and satisfy the Leibniz rule: $d(xy) = d(x)y + (-1)^m x dy$

Examples. 1) X simplicial set, $C^*(X; \mathbb{R})$ is a DGR under \cup

2) de Rham complex of a smooth manifold M is a DGR under \wedge

de Rham's theorem: $H_{\text{de Rham}}^*(M) \cong H_{\text{sing}}^*(M; \mathbb{R})$ as graded rings

\wedge \cup

Construction. If C is a DGR, its cohomology inherits a product:

if $x \in C^m$, $y \in C^n$ are cocycles then we set $[x] \cdot [y] := [x \cdot y]$.

This is well-defined: for $z \in C^{m-1}$, $[x] = [x + dz]$

$$(x + dz) \cdot y = xy + (dz)y = xy + d(zy)$$

$$\rightarrow [(x + dz)y] = [xy + d(zy)] = [xy]. \quad \checkmark$$

$\rightarrow \therefore H^m C \times H^n C \rightarrow H^{m+n} C$ makes cohomology into a graded ring.

Ex. X space, $H^*(X; \mathbb{R}) = H^*(C^*(S(X); \mathbb{R}))$ is a graded ring under \cup .

Prop. $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous map of spaces. Then the induced map $f^*: H^*(Y; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^*(X; \mathbb{R})$ is a homomorphism of graded rings.

Thm. Let R be a commutative ring. Then the cup product of $H^*(X; R)$ is graded-commutative: $\forall x \in H^m(X; R) \quad \forall y \in H^n(X; R) : x \cup y = (-1)^{mn} y \cup x$.
(Koszul sign rule)

Ans. $d(x \cup y) = d(x)y + (-1)^m x \cup dy$ has the same sign convention.

Ans. In general, $x \cup y \neq (-1)^{mn} y \cup x$ on the chain level, i.e. for $x \in C^m(X; R)$, $y \in C^n(X; R)$. The formula holds only after passing to cohomology.

PF OF THM: We define the \cup_i -product:

$$\cup_i : C^m(X; R) \otimes C^n(X; R) \longrightarrow C^{m+n-1}(X; R), \quad x \in X_{m+n-1}$$

$$(f \cup_i g)(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (-1)^{(m-i)(n+1)} f \left((d_i^{\text{out}})^*(x) \right) \cdot g \left((d_i^{\text{in}})^*(x) \right)$$

where $d_i^{\text{out}} : X_m \rightarrow X_{m+n+1}$, $d_i^{\text{in}} : X_n \rightarrow X_{m+n+1}$ are the injective inclusion maps with imgs:

$$\text{im}(d_i^{\text{out}}) = \{0, \dots, i\} \cup \{i+n, \dots, m+n-1\}$$

$$\text{im}(d_i^{\text{in}}) = \{i, \dots, i+n\}$$

Then we have (after tedious calculations, for masochists only):

$$d(f \cup_i g) = (df) \cup_i g + (-1)^m f \cup_i (dg) - (-1)^{m+n} f \cup g - (-1)^{(m+1)(n+1)} g \cup f$$

Spec. case: $df=0$ and $dg=0$

$$\Rightarrow d(f \cup_i g) = -(-1)^{m+n} (f \cup g) - (-1)^{(m+1)(n+1)} g \cup f$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^{m+n} d(f \cup_i g) = f \cup g - (-1)^{mn} g \cup f$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = [f \cup g] - (-1)^{mn} [g \cup f]$$

$$\Rightarrow [f] \cup [g] = (-1)^{mn} [g] \cup [f],$$

□