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Homotopy invariance of singular homology functor on topological spaces

Definition. Singular chain complex functor on category of topological spaces

We define the **singular chain complex functor** on category of topological spaces
$$\mathrm{sing}_* : \mathrm{Top} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ch}_*(\mathrm{Ab})$$
which

- maps topological spaces to the [singular chain complex](#)
$$X \mapsto \mathrm{sing}_*(X)$$
- maps continuous maps
$$f : X \rightarrow Y$$
to the morphism of chain complexes
$$f_* : \mathrm{sing}_*(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{sing}_*(Y)$$
$$\sum n_i \sigma_i \mapsto \sum (f \circ \sigma_i)$$

is a functor.

states

prism chain homotopy operator

Let $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are continuous maps with homotopy

$$T : X \times I \rightarrow Y$$

from f to g and a singular simplex $\sigma : \Delta^n \rightarrow X$.

Using this we can define the prism operators

$$P : \mathrm{sing}_n(X) \rightarrow \mathrm{sing}_{n+1}(X)$$
$$P(\sigma) := \sum_i (-1)^i T \circ (\sigma \times \mathrm{Id}) \Big|_{[v_0, \dots, v_i, w_i, \dots, w_n]}$$

Claim:

$$\partial P + P \partial = g_* - f_*$$

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So

$$\partial P(\sigma) = \sum_i (-1)^j (-1)^i T \circ (\sigma \times \mathrm{Id}) \Big|_{[v_0, \dots, v_i, w_i, \dots, w_n]}$$

homotopic maps induce same maps on homology

If $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic continuous maps, then

$$f_* = g_*$$

on $H_n \mathrm{sing}_*(X)$, implying

$$H_n \mathrm{sing}_* : \mathrm{hTop} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ab}$$

is a functor.

homotopy invariance

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence then

$$f_* : H_n \mathrm{sing}_*(X) \rightarrow H_n \mathrm{sing}_*(Y)$$

is an isomorphism for all n .

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implies

$$(fg)_* = \mathrm{Id}_* = f_* g_*$$

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