

Theorem: there exists a splitting exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{g_n} H_n^{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{f_n} \text{Tor}(H_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Proof: we first note that there is a canonical isomorphism $c_n: C_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow C_n^{\mathbb{R}}$
 $c_n(\sigma \otimes \lambda) = \lambda \cdot \sigma$

and we claim that

$$(1) \quad \partial_n^{\mathbb{R}} \circ c_n = c_{n-1} \circ (\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}})$$

because

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_n^{\mathbb{R}}(c_n(\sigma)) &= \partial_n^{\mathbb{R}}(\lambda \cdot \sigma) = \\ &= \lambda \cdot \partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma = c_{n-1}(\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma \otimes \lambda) \\ &= c_{n-1}((\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}})(\sigma)). \end{aligned}$$

Now (1) easily implies that

$$c_n(Z_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R}) \subset Z_n^{\mathbb{R}}, \quad c_n(B_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R}) \subset B_n^{\mathbb{R}}$$

because

$$\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} u = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_m^{\mathbb{R}}(c_n(u \otimes \lambda)) = c_{n-1}(\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} u \otimes \lambda) = 0$$

$$u = \partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}}(w) \Rightarrow \partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{R}}(c_{n+1}(w \otimes \lambda)) = c_n(\partial_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} w \otimes \lambda) = c_n(u \otimes \lambda)$$

therefore c_m induces well-defined

$$z_m: Z_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Z_m^{\mathbb{R}} \quad b_m: B_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow B_m^{\mathbb{R}}. \quad \text{UCT}$$

(1)

For $\Delta = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}$ we also fix the following notation

$$0 \rightarrow B_n^\Delta \xrightarrow{d_n^\Delta} Z_n^\Delta \xrightarrow{p_n^\Delta} H_n^\Delta \rightarrow 0$$

$$Z_n^\Delta \xrightarrow{i_n^\Delta} C_n^\Delta, \quad B_n^\Delta \xrightarrow{b_n^\Delta} C_n^\Delta$$

and we recall that by definition

$$(2) \quad \text{Tor}(H_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathbb{R}) = \text{Ker} \left(B_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{d_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{R}}} Z_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R} \right).$$

We now define the maps g_n and f_m :

$$g_m(p_m^{\mathbb{Z}}(u) \otimes \lambda) = p_m^{\mathbb{R}}(z_m(u \otimes \lambda)) \quad \forall u \in Z_m^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$f_m(p_m^{\mathbb{R}}(\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i)) = \sum (z_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i \quad \forall \sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \in Z_m^{\mathbb{R}}$$

There are many things we must prove:

- g_m is well-defined.

To this end we first note that for $u \in Z_m^{\mathbb{Z}}$ indeed $z_m(u \otimes \lambda) \in Z_m^{\mathbb{R}}$, so $p_m^{\mathbb{R}}(z_m(u \otimes \lambda)) \in H_n^{\mathbb{R}}$ is well defined. For $u \in B_m^{\mathbb{Z}}$ we have $z_m(u \otimes \lambda) \in B_m^{\mathbb{R}}$, so $p_m^{\mathbb{R}}(z_m(u \otimes \lambda)) = 0$ and we are done.

- f_m is well-defined.

For $\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \in C_n^{\mathbb{R}}$ (even if not in $Z_m^{\mathbb{R}}$) we have $\sum (z_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i \in B_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathbb{R}$.

According to (2) we must show that for $\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \in \mathbb{Z}_m^R$ we have $(j_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R)(\sum (\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i) = 0$.

Indeed $\mathbb{Z}_m((j_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R)(\sum (\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mathbb{Z}_m(\sum (j_{n-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} (\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i)) \otimes \lambda_i) \\
 (3) \quad &= \mathbb{Z}_m(\sum (\partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i) \\
 &= \sum \lambda_i \cdot \partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \\
 &= \partial_n^R (\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

\mathbb{Z}_m is injective because $\mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}_m$ $\mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{C}_m$ $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R) \cong \mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R$ $\mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R \cong \mathbb{C}_m \otimes R$ so the inclusion $\mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_m \otimes R$ induces an injection $\mathbb{Z}_m \otimes R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_m \otimes R$ and \mathbb{Z}_m is its abbreviation to \mathbb{Z}_m^R

and we only need to note that

To prove that f_n is well-defined we are left to show that $\sum \partial_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i = 0$ for $\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \in \mathbb{B}_m^R$. In fact

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum \lambda_i \sigma_i &= \partial_{m+1}^R w, \quad w = \sum \mu_j \tau_j \\
 \Rightarrow \sum \lambda_i \sigma_i &= \sum \mu_j \partial_{m+1}^R \tau_j \\
 \Rightarrow \sum \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i &= \sum (\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j) \otimes \mu_j \\
 \Rightarrow \sum (\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i) \otimes \lambda_i &= (\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{id}_R) (\sum \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i) \\
 &= (\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{id}_R) (\sum (\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j) \otimes \mu_j) \\
 &= \sum (\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \circ \partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}}) (\tau_j) \otimes \mu_j = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

• g_m is injective

Suppose $g_m \left(\sum \rho_m^{\mathbb{Z}}(u_i) \otimes \lambda_i \right) = 0$ i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} z_m \left(\sum u_i \otimes \lambda_i \right) &= \partial_{m+1}^R \left(\sum \mu_j \sigma_j \right) \\ &= \partial_{m+1}^R \left(c_{m+1} \left(\sum \sigma_j \otimes \mu_j \right) \right) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} c_m \left(\left(\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R \right) \left(\sum \sigma_j \otimes \mu_j \right) \right) \\ &= c_m \left(\sum \left(\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_j \right) \otimes \mu_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum u_i \otimes \lambda_i = \sum \left(\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_j \right) \otimes \mu_j$$

(because c_m is injective and z_m is its restriction) so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \rho_m^{\mathbb{Z}}(u_i) \otimes \lambda_i &= \left(\rho_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R \right) \left(\sum u_i \otimes \lambda_i \right) \\ &= \left(\rho_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R \right) \left(\sum \left(\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_j \right) \otimes \mu_j \right) \\ &= \sum 0 \otimes \mu_j = 0. \end{aligned}$$

• f_m is surjective

While proving (3) we have seen that if the generic element $\sum \left(\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \right) \otimes \lambda_i$ of $B_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes R$ belongs to $\text{Ker} \left(\rho_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R \right) = \text{Tor} \left(H_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, R \right)$ then $\partial_m^R \left(\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \right) = 0$, so it is the image under f_m of $\rho_m^R \left(\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i \right)$.

• $\text{Im } g_m \subset \text{Ker } f_m$

$$\begin{aligned} & f_m (g_m (\uparrow_m^{\mathbb{Z}}(u) \otimes \lambda)) \\ &= f_m (\uparrow_m^{\mathbb{R}} (z_m(u \otimes \lambda))) \\ &= f_m (\uparrow_m^{\mathbb{R}} (\lambda u)) \\ &= (\partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} u) \otimes \lambda = 0 \end{aligned}$$

• $\text{Ker } f_m \subset \text{Im } g_m$

To see this it's enough to exhibit an isomorphism

$$\varphi_m : \text{Tor} (H_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, R) \rightarrow \frac{H_m^{\mathbb{R}}}{\text{Im}(g_m)}$$

whose inverse is induced by f_m .

For $\sum \partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i \in \text{Tor} (H_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, R) = \text{Ker} (j_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R)$

we define $\varphi_m (\sum \partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i) = [\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i] + \text{Im}(g_m)$

which is well defined because

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_m^{\mathbb{R}} (\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i) &= \sum \lambda_i \partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \\ &= (j_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \text{Id}_R) (\sum \partial_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \sigma_i \otimes \lambda_i) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Of course $\bar{f}_m : \frac{H_m^{\mathbb{R}}}{\text{Im}(g_m)} \rightarrow \text{Tor} (H_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}}, R)$ is the inverse of φ_m

• The sequence splits

We know $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow C_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow B_{m-1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 0$
 splits because $B_{m-1} \subset C_{n-1}$ is free, so
 there exists $q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}: C_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^{\mathbb{Z}}$ that is the
 identity on $\mathbb{Z}_n^{\mathbb{Z}}$. We now define

$$q_n^R: H_n^R \rightarrow H_n^{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes R$$

$$[\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i] \mapsto \sum [q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\sigma_i)] \otimes \lambda_i$$

This map is well-defined because

• $q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\sigma_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_m^{\mathbb{Z}}$ so $[q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\sigma_i)] \in H_n^{\mathbb{Z}}$

• $[\sum \lambda_i \sigma_i] = [\sum \lambda_i' \sigma_i']$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \lambda_i \sigma_i - \sum \lambda_i' \sigma_i' = \sum \mu_j \partial_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum [q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\sigma_i)] \otimes \lambda_i - \sum [q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\sigma_i')] \otimes \lambda_i'$$

$$= \sum [q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(\partial_{n+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j)] \otimes \mu_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{\sum_m^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j}_{\Downarrow} \\ & [\partial_{m+1}^{\mathbb{Z}} \tau_j] \\ & \parallel \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$$

Of course

$$(q_n^R \circ q_m^R) \left(\underbrace{[u]}_{\mathbb{Z}_m^{\mathbb{Z}}} \otimes 1 \right) = q_n^R [1 \cdot u] = \underbrace{[q_n^{\mathbb{Z}}(u)]}_u \otimes 1. \quad \square$$