

Corollary 15.9. Let R be a commutative ring. Then $S^*(_, R)$ is a contravariant functor from Top to Graded Rings.

proof.

$$S^*(_, R) : X \mapsto S^*(X, R)$$

Let $f: X \rightarrow X'$. Then

$$f^\#: S^*(X', R) \rightarrow S^*(X, R).$$

Here $f^\#(S^n(X', R)) \subset S^n(X, R)$, and lemma 15.8 $\Rightarrow f^\#$ is a ring homomorphism.

For $\text{id}_X: X \rightarrow X$, $\text{id}_X^\# = \text{id}: S^*(X, R) \rightarrow S^*(X, R)$.

For $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $g: Y \rightarrow Z$,

$$f^\#: S^*(Y, R) \rightarrow S^*(X, R), \quad g^\#: S^*(Z, R) \rightarrow S^*(Y, R),$$

and $(g \circ f)^\# = f^\# \circ g^\#$. \square

Lemma 15.10. Let $\varphi \in S^p(X, R)$, and let $\theta \in S^q(X, R)$. Then

$$\delta(\varphi \cup \theta) = \delta\varphi \cup \theta + (-1)^p \varphi \cup \delta\theta.$$

proof.

The terms on each side have degree $d = p + q + 1$. Let σ be a d -simplex.

Then

$$(\sigma, \delta\varphi \cup \theta + (-1)^p \varphi \cup \delta\theta)$$

$$= (\sigma, \delta\varphi \cup \theta) + (-1)^p (\sigma, \varphi \cup \delta\theta)$$

$$= (\sigma \lambda_{p+1}, \delta\varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + (-1)^p (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_{q+1}, \delta\theta)$$

$$= (\partial(\sigma \lambda_{p+1}), \varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + (-1)^p (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\partial(\sigma \mu_{q+1}), \theta) \quad (*)$$

Recall that if $\gamma: \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ is continuous, and if $n > 0$, then

$$\partial_n \gamma = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \gamma \varepsilon_i^n \in S_{n-1}(X).$$

Therefore, $(*)$ equals

$$\sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i (\sigma \lambda_{p+1} \varepsilon_i, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + \sum_{j=0}^{q+1} (-1)^{j+p} (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_{q+1} \varepsilon_j, \theta). \quad (**)$$

Lemma 15.5 1 $\Rightarrow \sigma \lambda_{p+1} \varepsilon_{p+1} = \sigma \lambda_{p+1} \lambda_p = \sigma \lambda_p$, and
 $\sigma \mu_{q+1} \varepsilon_0 = \sigma \mu_{q+1} \mu_q = \sigma \mu_q$.

Thus: the term $p+1$ of the first sum equals the term 0 of the second sum, with opposite sign.

Thus $(**)$ equals

$$\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i (\sigma \lambda_{p+1} \varepsilon_i, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + \sum_{j=1}^{q+1} (-1)^{j+p} (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_{q+1} \varepsilon_j, \theta).$$

On the other hand,

$$(\sigma, \delta(\varphi \cup \theta)) = (\partial \sigma, \varphi \cup \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i (\sigma \varepsilon_i, \varphi \cup \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i (\sigma \varepsilon_i \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \varepsilon_i \mu_q, \theta)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i (\sigma \varepsilon_i \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \varepsilon_i \mu_q, \theta) + \sum_{i=p+1}^d (-1)^i (\sigma \varepsilon_i \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \varepsilon_i \mu_q, \theta)$$

$d-q=p+1$

Lemma 15.5.3

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$$\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i (\sigma \lambda_{p+1} \varepsilon_i, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + \sum_{i=p+1}^d (-1)^i (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_{q+1} \varepsilon_{i+q-d+1}, \theta)$$

$j=p+i$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i (\sigma \lambda_{p+1} \varepsilon_i, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_q, \theta) + \sum_{j=1}^{q+1} (-1)^{j+p} (\sigma \lambda_p, \varphi) (\sigma \mu_{q+1} \varepsilon_j, \theta).$$

□

Theorem 15.11. Let R be a commutative ring. Then

$$H^*(; R) = \sum_{p \geq 0} H^p(; R) : \text{h Top} \rightarrow \text{Graded Rings}$$

is a contravariant functor.

proof.

Write

$$Z^*(X, R) = \sum_{p \geq 0} \overbrace{Z^p(X, R)}^{Z^p}$$

$$B^*(X, R) = \sum_{p \geq 0} \overbrace{B^p(X, R)}^{B^p}.$$

Let $\varphi \in Z^p$ and $\theta \in Z^q$. Then $\delta\varphi = 0 = \delta\theta$, and

$$\delta(\varphi \cup \theta) = \delta\varphi \cup \theta + (-1)^p \varphi \cup \delta\theta = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi \cup \theta \in Z^{p+q}$. $\Rightarrow Z^*$ is a subring of $S^*(X, R)$.

Let then $\varphi \in Z^p$ and $\theta \in B^q$. Then $\delta\varphi = 0$, and $\theta = \delta\psi$, for some $\psi \in S^{q-1}(X, R)$. Then

$$\varphi \cup \theta = \varphi \cup \delta\psi = \pm (\delta(\varphi \cup \psi) - \underbrace{\delta\varphi \cup \psi}_0) = \pm \delta(\varphi \cup \psi).$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi \cup \theta \in B^*$. Similarly, $\theta \cup \varphi \in B^*$.

$\Rightarrow B^*$ is a homogeneous ideal in Z^* .

Lemma 15.3 $\Rightarrow H^*(X, R) = Z^*/B^*$ is a graded ring.

Here the multiplication in $H^*(X, R)$ is

$$[\varphi] \cup [\theta] = [\varphi \cup \theta],$$

where $[\]$ denotes cohomology class.

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map. Then f induces

$$f^\#: S^*(Y, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S^*(X, \mathbb{R}),$$

and $f^\#$ is a chain map and a ring homomorphism ($f^\#(\varphi \cup \theta) = f^\#\varphi \cup f^\#\theta$). But then $f^\#$ induces

$$f^*: H^*(Y, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^*(X, \mathbb{R}),$$

$$\text{and } f^*([\varphi] \cup [\theta]) = f^*([\varphi \cup \theta]) = [f^\#(\varphi \cup \theta)]$$

$$= [f^\#\varphi \cup f^\#\theta] = [f^\#\varphi] \cup [f^\#\theta] = f^*[\varphi] \cup f^*[\theta].$$

Thus f^* is a ring homomorphism. Homotopy Axiom for Cohomology \Rightarrow if $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic, then $f^* = g^*$.

Clearly, if $\text{id}_X: X \rightarrow X$ is the identity map of X , then $\text{id}_X^*: H^*(X, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^*(X, \mathbb{R})$ is the identity. Also, for continuous functions $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$, $(g \circ f)^* = f^* \circ g^*$. \square

The cup product

$$U: S^p(X, \mathbb{R}) \times S^q(X, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S^{p+q}(X, \mathbb{R}), (\varphi, \theta) \mapsto \varphi \cup \theta,$$

is a bilinear map. Thus it induces a homomorphism

$$S^p(X, \mathbb{R}) \otimes S^q(X, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow S^{p+q}(X, \mathbb{R})$$

also denoted by U that makes the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^p(X, \mathbb{R}) \times S^q(X, \mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{U} & S^p(X, \mathbb{R}) \otimes S^q(X, \mathbb{R}) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow U \\ & & S^{p+q}(X, \mathbb{R}) \end{array}$$

$U = \text{quotient map}$

Thus the cup product may be considered as a map

$$U: S^*(X, R) \otimes S^*(X, R) \rightarrow S^*(X, R).$$

Similarly, we get cup product

$$U: H^*(X, R) \otimes H^*(X, R) \rightarrow H^*(X, R).$$

Definition: Let X be a topological space, and let R be a commutative ring. The cohomology ring of X with coefficients R is

$$H^*(X, R) = \sum_{p \geq 0} H^p(X, R).$$

Example: Let X be a single point P .
Let R be a commutative ring.

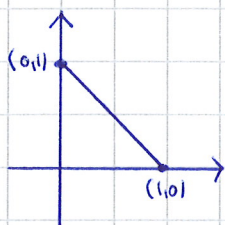
Then

$$H^n(X, R) \cong (H^n(X) \otimes R) \oplus \underbrace{\text{Tor}}_{\text{over } \mathbb{Z}}(H^{n+1}(X), R)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} H^0(X, R) \cong H^0(X) \otimes R = \mathbb{Z} \otimes R = R \\ H^n(X, R) \cong H^n(X) \otimes R = 0 \otimes R = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^*(X, R) = \sum_{n \geq 0} H^n(X, R) = R$$

Example: The ring $S^*(X, R)$ does not have good commutativity properties. For example, let X be the 1-simplex Δ_1 . Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$.



$S_0(\Delta_1)$ generated by points in Δ_1

$$\text{let } c \in \text{Hom}(S_0(\Delta_1), \mathbb{Z}) = S^0(\Delta_1, \mathbb{Z}),$$

$$(x, c) = c(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = (1,0) \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \Delta_1 - \{(1,0)\} \end{cases}$$

Extend c to $S_0(\Delta_1) \dots$

Let $d \in \text{Hom}(S_*(\Delta_1), \mathbb{Z}) = S^1(\Delta_1, \mathbb{Z})$,

$$(\sigma, d) = d(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sigma = \text{id}_{\Delta_1} \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is a 1-simplex, } \sigma \neq \text{id}_{\Delta_1} \end{cases}$$

Now, $\lambda_0: \Delta_0 \rightarrow \Delta_1, 1 \mapsto (1, 0)$

$\rho_0: \Delta_0 \rightarrow \Delta_1, 1 \mapsto (0, 1)$

$\lambda_1: \Delta_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, (x_0, x_1) \mapsto (x_0, x_1)$

$\rho_1: \Delta_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, (x_0, x_1) \mapsto (x_0, x_1),$

and $c \cup d \in \text{Hom}(S_*(\Delta_1), \mathbb{Z}) = S^1(\Delta_1, \mathbb{Z})$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, c \cup d) &= (\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, \lambda_0, c)(\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, \rho_1, d) \\ &= (c(1, 0))(d(\text{id}_{\Delta_1})) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, d \cup c) &= (\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, \lambda_1, d)(\text{id}_{\Delta_1}, \rho_0, c) \\ &= (d(\text{id}_{\Delta_1}))(c(0, 1)) = 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Augmentations:

Augmentation of $S_*(X)$: homom. $\varepsilon: S_0(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $\varepsilon(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in X$

Augmentation of $S_*(X) \otimes S_*(X)$:

homom. $\varepsilon': S_0(X) \otimes S_0(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $\varepsilon'(x \otimes y) = 1 \quad \forall x, y \in X.$

A chain map $\chi: S_*(X) \rightarrow S_*(X) \otimes S_*(X)$
preserves augmentation, if $\varepsilon' \chi_0 = \varepsilon$.

Definition: An augmentation preserving natural chain map $\chi: S_*(X) \rightarrow S_*(X) \otimes S_*(X)$ is called a diagonal approximation.

Eilenberg-Zilber Theorem \Rightarrow there is a natural chain equivalence

$$\zeta : S_*(X \times X) \rightarrow S_*(X) \otimes S_*(X),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_0 : S_0(X \times X) &\rightarrow S_0(X) \otimes S_0(X) \\ (x, y) &\mapsto x \otimes y \end{aligned}$$

Let $d : X \rightarrow X \times X$, $x \mapsto (x, x)$, be the diagonal map, then

$$d\# : S_0(X) \rightarrow S_0(X \times X).$$

Then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S_0(X) & \xrightarrow{d\#} & S_0(X \times X) & \xrightarrow{\zeta_0} & S_0(X) \otimes S_0(X) \\ & & \searrow \varepsilon & & \downarrow \varepsilon' \\ & & & & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} x & \mapsto & (x, x) & \mapsto & x \otimes x \\ & & \searrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & 1 \end{array}$$

Thus $\zeta_0 d\#$ is a diagonal approximation.

The following theorem says that, essentially, $\zeta_0 d\#$ is the only diagonal approximation.

Theorem 15.12. Every two diagonal approximations are chain homotopic. Therefore, they induce the same homomorphisms in cohomology.

Proof By using acyclic models. We skip this. \square

We next look for a formula for an Eilenberg-Zilber map

$$\zeta : S_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow S_*(X) \otimes S_*(Y).$$

$$\zeta_0 : S_0(X \times Y) \rightarrow S_0(X) \otimes S_0(Y), \quad (x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y.$$

$$\zeta_1 : S_1(X \times Y) \rightarrow S_1(X) \otimes S_1(Y)$$

Let $\sigma : \Delta_1 \rightarrow X \times Y$ be continuous,
 let $\sigma(e_0) = (x_0, y_0)$, $e_0 = (1, 0)$
 $\sigma(e_1) = (x_1, y_1)$, $e_1 = (0, 1)$.

The map ζ_1 must be such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_1(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{d_1} & S_0(X \times Y) \\ \zeta_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \zeta_0 \\ (S_1(X) \otimes S_0(Y)) \oplus (S_0(X) \otimes S_1(Y)) & \xrightarrow{D_1} & S_0(X) \otimes S_0(Y) \end{array}$$

Here D_1 is the differentiation on the tensor product, i.e.,

$$D_{i+j}(\alpha \otimes \beta) = d\alpha \otimes \beta + (-1)^i \alpha \otimes d\beta, \quad \text{where } \alpha \in S_i(X), \beta \in S_j(Y).$$

Let $\sigma \in S_1(X \times Y)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_0 d_1(\sigma) &= \zeta_0(\sigma(e_1) - \sigma(e_0)) = \zeta_0((x_1, y_1) - (x_0, y_0)) \\ &= x_1 \otimes y_1 - x_0 \otimes y_0. \end{aligned}$$

Let then $\pi' : X \times Y \rightarrow X$ and $\pi'' : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$

be projections. Let $\sigma' = \pi' \sigma$ and $\sigma'' = \pi'' \sigma$.

Guess: $\zeta_1(\sigma) = \sigma' \otimes y + x \otimes \sigma''$,

for some $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

All 0-chains are cycles $\Rightarrow \partial y = 0 = \partial x$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 \zeta_1(\sigma) &= D_1(\sigma' \otimes y + x \otimes \sigma'') \\ &= \partial \sigma' \otimes y - \underbrace{\sigma' \otimes \partial y}_0 + \underbrace{\partial x \otimes \sigma''}_0 + x \otimes \partial \sigma'' \\ &= (\sigma'(e_1) - \sigma'(e_0)) \otimes y + x \otimes (\sigma''(e_1) - \sigma''(e_0)) \\ &= (\pi'_1 \sigma(e_1) - \pi'_0 \sigma(e_0)) \otimes y + x \otimes (\pi''_1 \sigma(e_1) - \pi''_0 \sigma(e_0)) \\ &= (x_1 - x_0) \otimes y + x \otimes (y_1 - y_0). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, define $\zeta_1(\sigma) = \sigma' \otimes y_1 + x_0 \otimes \sigma''$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 \zeta_1(\sigma) &= (x_1 - x_0) \otimes y_1 + x_0 \otimes (y_1 - y_0) \\ &= x_1 \otimes y_1 - x_0 \otimes y_1 + x_0 \otimes y_1 - x_0 \otimes y_0 \\ &= x_1 \otimes y_1 - x_0 \otimes y_0 \\ &= y_0 \partial_1(\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

Generally, the ζ_n are defined by the formula given by the following theorem:

Theorem 15.13. (Alexander - Whitney)

The map $\xi : S_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow S_*(X) \otimes S_*(Y)$
defined by

$$\xi_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i+j=n} \sigma' \lambda_i \otimes \sigma'' \mu_j,$$

where

$$\sigma : \Delta_n \rightarrow X \times Y$$

$$\sigma' = \pi' \sigma, \quad \sigma'' = \pi'' \sigma$$

$\pi' : X \times Y \rightarrow X$, $\pi'' : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$ are the projections,

is a natural chain equivalence over $\xi_0 : (x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y$.

proof:

1. Naturality: Let $d : X \rightarrow X'$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Y'$ be continuous maps. Then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_*(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & S_*(X) \otimes S_*(Y) \\ \downarrow (d \times g)_\# & & \downarrow d_\# \otimes g_\# \\ S_*(X' \times Y') & \xrightarrow{\xi} & S_*(X') \otimes S_*(Y') \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma & \longmapsto & \sum_{i+j=n} \sigma' \lambda_i \otimes \sigma'' \mu_j \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (d \times g)_\# \sigma & & \sum_{i+j=n} d_\# \sigma' \lambda_i \otimes g_\# \sigma'' \mu_j \\ & & \parallel \\ & & \sum_{i+j=n} \underbrace{\pi'((d \times g)_\# \sigma)}_{d_\# \sigma'} \lambda_i \otimes \underbrace{\pi''((d \times g)_\# \sigma)}_{g_\# \sigma''} \mu_j \end{array}$$