

Definition 4.20

A topological space  $X$  is called normal if the following holds:

For any closed subsets  $E$  and  $F$  with  $E \cap F = \emptyset$  there are open subsets  $U$  and  $V$  such that  $E \subset U$ ,  $F \subset V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ .

Theorem 4.21

Every CW complex is a normal topological space.

proof.

Rotman: Theorem 8.26.

Theorem 4.22

Let  $X$  be a CW complex and let  $Y$  be a CW subcomplex of  $X$ . Then  $X/Y$

is a CW complex.

proof.

We first check that  $X/Y$  is Hausdorff:

Let  $p: X \rightarrow X/Y$  be the quotient map.

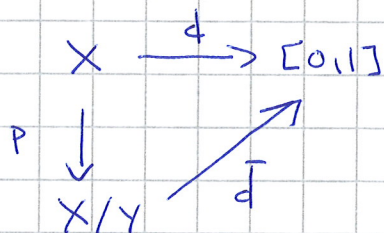
Denote  $p(Y)$  by  $*$ . Let  $p(x), p(z) \in X/Y$ ,  $p(x) \neq p(z)$ .

Assume first that  $p(x) \neq *$ ,  $p(z) \neq *$ . Now  $X$  Hausdorff  $\Rightarrow X - Y$  Hausdorff  $\Rightarrow (X/Y) - \{*\} = p(X - Y)$  is

Hausdorff ( $p|_{X-Y}: X - Y \rightarrow (X/Y) - \{*\}$  is a homeomorphism).

Thus there are open neighborhoods  $U$  of  $p(x)$  and  $V$  of  $p(z)$  in  $(X/Y) - \{*\}$  with  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . Since  $(X/Y) - \{*\}$  is open in  $X/Y$  ( $Y$ , being a CW subcomplex, is closed in  $X$ ), it follows that  $U$  and  $V$  are open in  $X/Y$ .

Assume then that  $p(z) = *$ . Then  $x \notin Y$ . Since  $X$  is normal by Theorem 4.21, there is a continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow [0,1]$  with  $f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) = 1 \forall y \in Y$ . The map  $f$  induces a continuous map  $\bar{f}: X/Y \rightarrow [0,1]$  making the diagram



( $f$  continuous,  $p$  quotient map  $\Rightarrow \bar{f}$  continuous)

commute. Then  $\bar{f}(p(x)) = 0$  and  $\bar{f}(x) = 1$ ,  $p(x) \in \bar{f}^{-1}([0, \frac{1}{2})) \subset X/Y$  and  $x \in \bar{f}^{-1}([\frac{1}{2}, 1]) \subset X/Y$ ,  $\bar{f}^{-1}([0, \frac{1}{2})) \cap \bar{f}^{-1}([\frac{1}{2}, 1]) = \emptyset$ .  $\therefore X/Y$  is Hausdorff.

Let:

$(E, \phi) =$  a CW decomposition of  $X$

$(E', \phi') =$  — " — of  $Y$ , where  $E' \subset E, \phi' \subset \phi$ .

For every  $n \geq 0$ , let

$E_n =$  the family of all  $n$ -cells in  $E$

$E'_n =$  — " — in  $E'$ .

Define the cells in  $X/Y$  as follows:

$$(X/Y)^0 = \{p(e) \mid e \in E_0 - E'_0\} \cup \{*\}$$

$$(X/Y)^n = \{p(e) \mid e \in E_n - E'_n\}, \quad n > 0.$$

Define the characteristic map of  $p(e), e \in E_n - E'_n$ :

$$p \circ \phi_e: (D^k, S^{k-1}) \xrightarrow{\phi_e} (e \cup X^{(k-1)}, X^{(k-1)})$$

$$\xrightarrow{p} (p(e) \cup (X/Y)^{(k-1)}, (X/Y)^{(k-1)})$$

It remains to check that the four conditions in the definition of a CW complex are satisfied:

1)  $X$  is a disjoint union of its cells  $\Rightarrow$  also  $X/Y$  is a disjoint union of its cells.

2) The map  $p: (X, Y) \rightarrow (X/Y, *)$  is a relative homeomorphism.  $\Rightarrow p \circ \phi_e$  is a relat. homeom.

3) Let  $e \in E_n - E'_n$ . Then  $\overline{p(e)} = p(\overline{e})$ . Now,  $\overline{e}$  is contained in a finite union of cells in  $X$ ,  $\Rightarrow \overline{p(e)}$  is contained in a finite union of cells in  $X/Y$ .

4) Let  $B \subset X/Y$ . Assume  $B \cap \overline{p(e)} \in \overline{p(e)} \quad \forall e \in E_n - E'_n$ .  
 Then  $p^{-1}(B \cap \overline{p(e)}) = p^{-1}(B) \cap p^{-1}(\overline{p(e)}) \in p^{-1}(\overline{p(e)}) = Y \cup \overline{e} \quad \forall e$ .

Let  $a$  be a cell in  $X$ . Then  $p^{-1}(B) \cap \overline{a} = p^{-1}(B) \cap (Y \cup \overline{a}) \cap \overline{a}$ .  
 Now,  $p^{-1}(B) \cap (Y \cup \overline{a}) \in Y \cup \overline{a} \Rightarrow p^{-1}(B) \cap (Y \cup \overline{a}) \cap \overline{a} \in \overline{a}$ .  
 $X$  has the weak topology determined by the  $\overline{a}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow p^{-1}(B) \in X$ .  $p$  quotient map  $\Rightarrow B \in X/Y$ .

Lemma 4.23 Let  $(X, E)$  be a CW complex. Let  $E' \subset E$ ,  
 and let  $(Y, E')$  be a CW subcomplex  
 of  $(X, E)$ . Let  $M \subset X^{(k)} - (X^{(k-1)} \cup Y)$ . Assume  $M$   
 contains exactly one point of each  $k$ -cell in  $X - Y$ .  
 Then  $X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$  is a strong deformation retract  
 of  $(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M$ , for all  $k \geq 1$ .

proof. For every  $k$ -cell  $e$ , let  $\{m_e\} = M \cap e$ . Let  
 $\phi_e: D^k \rightarrow X^{(k)} \cup Y$  be the characteristic map  
 of  $e$ . We may assume that  $\phi_e(0) = m_e$ . Let

$$F: [(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M] \times I \rightarrow (X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M,$$

$$(x, t) \mapsto \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in X^{(k-1)} \cup Y \\ \phi_e[(1-t)v + t\phi_e^{-1}(m_e)] & \text{if } x = \phi_e(v), v \neq 0 \\ & \text{and } e \in E - E', e \text{ } k\text{-cell} \end{cases}$$

Then: 1)  $F(x, 0) = x$  if  $x \in X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$   
 $F(x, 0) = \phi_e(v)$  if  $x = \phi_e(v)$ , ...  
 Then  $F(x, 0) = x \quad \forall x$ .

2)  $F(x, 1) = x$ , if  $x \in X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$   
 $F(x, 1) = \phi_e(\frac{v}{\|v\|}) \in X^{(k-1)}$ , if  $x = \phi_e(v)$ , ...  
 $\in S^{k-1}$

Then  $F(x, 1) \in X^{(k-1)} \cup Y \quad \forall x$ .

3)  $F(x, t) = x \quad \forall x \in X^{(k-1)} \cup Y, \quad \forall t \in I$ .

This part should be done  
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more carefully.

It remains to check that  $F$  is continuous:

$X^{(k)} \cup Y$ : weak topology determined by its cells

$(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M$ : weak topology determined by the cells  
in  $X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$  and the punctured  $k$ -cells  
 $e$ -img.

$[(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M] \times I$ : product topology ( $I$  has the standard  
topology from  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

$I$  has a CW structure: 2 0-cells, 0 and 1  
| 1-cell,  $[0, 1]$

It can be shown that the product topology on  
 $[(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M] \times I$  equals the weak topology  
determined by  $e^* \times 0$ ,  $e^* \times 1$  and  $e^* \times ]0, 1[$ ,  
where  $e^*$  is a cell in  $X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$  or a punc-  
tured cell  $e$ -img. (In fact: determined by the closure  
of these)

Then: The restriction of  $F$  to any of  $e^* \times 0$ ,  
 $e^* \times 1$  and  $e^* \times ]0, 1[$  is continuous.

$\Rightarrow F$  is continuous.  $\square$

Theorem 4.24 Let  $X$  be a CW complex and let  $Y$   
be a CW subcomplex of  $X$ . Then  $Y$   
has an open neighborhood  $U$  in  $X$  such that  
 $Y$  is a strong deformation retract of  $U$ .

proof: Let  $M_k$  consist of exactly one point from each  
 $k$ -cell in  $X - Y$ . Lemma 4.23  $\Rightarrow X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$  is a  
strong deformation retract of  $(X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M_k \forall k \geq 1$ .  
Hence, let

$$r_k : (X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M_k \rightarrow X^{(k-1)} \cup Y$$

Let  $r$  be a strong deformation retraction. Define

$$U_0 = Y, \quad U_k = r_k^{-1}(U_{k-1}), \quad k \geq 1.$$

Then,  $r_k$  is a strong deformation retraction  $\Rightarrow$

$$Y = U_0 \subset r_1^{-1}(U_0) = U_1.$$

Also:  $X^{(0)}$  discrete & closed  $\Rightarrow U_0 = Y \subset X^{(0)} \cup Y \Rightarrow U_1 = r_1^{-1}(U_0) \subset \underbrace{(X^{(1)} \cup Y)}_{\subset X^{(1)} \cup Y} - M_1$

Inductively,  $U_k = r_k^{-1}(U_{k-1}) \subset (X^{(k)} \cup Y) - M_k \quad \forall k \geq 1,$

and  $U_k \subset r_{k+1}^{-1}(U_k) = U_{k+1}.$

Then  $Y \subset U = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} U_k.$

Assume  $x \in U_k \cap X^{(k-1)}$ . Then  $r_k(x) \in U_{k-1} = X^{(k-1)} \cup Y.$

But  $x \in X^{(k-1)} \Rightarrow r_k(x) = x$ . Thus  $x \in U_{k-1} \Rightarrow U_k \cap X^{(k-1)} = U_{k-1} \cap X^{(k-1)}$ .

Then  $U \cap X^{(k)} = U_k \cap X^{(k)} \quad \forall k.$

Then  $U \subset X$ , since  $U \cap X^{(k)} = U_k \cap X^{(k)} \subset X^{(k)} \quad \forall k.$

[Here you need the following:]

Exercise Let  $X$  be a CW complex. Then  $U$  is open in  $X$  if and only if  $X^{(n)} \cap U \subset X^{(n)} \quad \forall n \geq 0.$

Composition of strong deformation retractions is a strong deformation retraction. The sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow U_{k+1} \xrightarrow{r_{k+1}} U_k \xrightarrow{r_k} U_{k-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow U_1 \xrightarrow{r_1} U_0 = Y$$

yields a strong deformation retraction  $U_k \rightarrow Y \quad \forall k.$

Therefore, there are continuous maps  $G_k: U_k \times I \rightarrow U_k$ , for all  $k \geq 1$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} G_k(x, 0) &= x \quad \forall x \in U_k \\ G_k(x, 1) &= r_1 \vee r_2 \vee \dots \vee r_k(x) \in Y \quad \forall x \in U_k \\ G_k(y, t) &= y \quad \forall (y, t) \in Y \times I. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $G_{k+1}|_{U_k \times I} = G_k$ . Let

$$H: U \times I \rightarrow U, \quad H(x, t) = G_k(x, t) \text{ if } (x, t) \in U_k \times I.$$

The topology on  $U \times I$  is the product topology. This equals the weak topology determined by  $\{(U \times I) \cap (X^{(k)} \times I) \mid k \geq 1\} = \{U_k \times I \mid k \geq 1\}$ .

Since the restrictions  $H|_{U_k \times I}$  are continuous, it follows that  $H$  is continuous. Then  $Y$  is a strong deformation retract of  $U$ .  $\square$

## 5. Cellular Homology

Definition 5.1. Let  $X$  be a topological space. A filtration of  $X$  is a sequence of subspaces  $X^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $X^n \subset X^{n+1} \forall n$ . A filtration is called cellular, if the following hold:

- 1)  $H_p(X^n, X^{n-1}) = 0 \quad \forall p \neq n$ .
- 2)  $\forall m \geq 0$  and  $\forall$  continuous  $\sigma: \Delta^m \rightarrow X$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$ :  $\text{im}(\sigma) = \sigma(\Delta^m) \subset X^n$ .

Notice: Let  $m=0$  and let  $x \in X$ . Then  $\sigma: \Delta^0 \rightarrow X$ ,  $1 \mapsto x$ ,   
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is continuous. Thus  $2 \Rightarrow x \in X^n$  for some  $n$ .  $\Rightarrow X = \bigcup_n X^n$ .

Definition 5.2. A topological space with cellular filtration is called a cellular space.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be cellular spaces. A continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called cellular, if  $f(X^n) \subset Y^n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Cellular spaces and cellular maps form a category.

Later we show, that the filtration of a CW complex  $X$  by the skeletons  $X^{(k)}$  is cellular. (Define  $X^{(k)} = \emptyset$  for  $k < 0$ .)

Let  $X, Y$  be CW complexes and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be continuous. If

$$f(X^{(k)}) \subset Y^{(k)} \quad \forall k \geq 0,$$

then  $f$  is called cellular.

Definition 5.3. Let  $X$  be a cellular space and let  $k \geq 0$ . Let

$$W_k(X) = H_k(X^k, X^{k-1}),$$

where  $H_k$  denotes singular homology. Define

$$d_k: W_k(X) \rightarrow W_{k-1}(X)$$

as  $d_k = i_* \Delta$ , where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_k(X) = H_k(X^k, X^{k-1}) & & \\ \Delta \downarrow & \searrow d_k & \\ H_{k-1}(X^{k-1}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{k-1}(X^{k-1}, X^{k-2}) = W_{k-1}(X) \end{array}$$

Here  $\Delta$  is the connecting homomorphism of the sequence

$$\dots H_n(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^k) \rightarrow H_n(X^k, X^{k-1}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_{n-1}(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow \dots,$$

for  $n = k$ , and  $i_*$  is induced by

$$i: (X^{k-1}, \emptyset) \hookrightarrow (X^k, X^{k-1}).$$

Lemma 5.4. Let  $X$  be a cellular space. Then  $(W_*(X), d)$  is a chain complex.

proof. It suffices to check that  $d_k d_{k+1} = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_{k+1}(X^{k+1}, X^k) & & & & \\
 \downarrow \Delta & \searrow d_{k+1} & & & \\
 H_k(X^k) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_k(X^k, X^{k-1}) & & \\
 & & \downarrow \Delta & \searrow d_k & \\
 & & H_{k-1}(X^{k-1}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{k-1}(X^{k-1}, X^{k-2})
 \end{array}$$

Thus  $d_k d_{k+1} = i_* \Delta i_* \Delta$ . Now, there is the long exact sequence induced by  $X^{k-1} \hookrightarrow X^k$ :

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^k) \rightarrow H_n(X^k, X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\text{For } n = k: \dots \rightarrow H_k(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_k(X^k) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_k(X^k, X^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(X^{k-1}) \rightarrow \dots$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\Delta$ : the connecting homomorphism

Exact sequence  $\Rightarrow \Delta \circ i_* = 0$ .

These  $\Delta$  and  $i_*$  are exactly the maps in  $d_k d_{k+1}$ .

Then

$$d_k d_{k+1} = i_* \underbrace{\Delta i_*}_{=0} \Delta = 0. \quad \square$$



### Theorem (Exact Sequence of the Triple $(X, A, A')$ ).

Let  $X$  be a topological space, let  $A \subset X$  and let  $A' \subset A$ . Then there is an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(A, A') \rightarrow H_n(X, A') \rightarrow H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A, A') \rightarrow \dots$$

Moreover, if there is a commutative diagram of pairs of spaces

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (A, A') & \longrightarrow & (X, A') & \longrightarrow & (X, A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (B, B') & \longrightarrow & (Y, B') & \longrightarrow & (Y, B) \end{array} \quad (**)$$

then there is a commutative diagram of exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots \rightarrow H_n(A, A') & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A') & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(A, A') \rightarrow \dots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \dots \rightarrow H_n(B, B') & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, B') & \rightarrow & H_n(Y, B) & \rightarrow & H_{n-1}(B, B') \rightarrow \dots \end{array} \quad (***)$$

proof. Follows from the fact that there are short exact sequences of chain complexes:

$$0 \rightarrow S_*(A)/S_*(A') \rightarrow S_*(X)/S_*(A') \rightarrow S_*(X)/S_*(A) \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow S_*(B)/S_*(B') \rightarrow S_*(Y)/S_*(B') \rightarrow S_*(Y)/S_*(B) \rightarrow 0.$$

These short exact sequences induce long exact sequences in homology. The diagram (\*\*\*) commutes by the naturality of the connecting homomorphisms.  $\square$

Let  $(X, A, B)$  be a triple of topological spaces.  
Then there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H_{n-1}(A) = H_{n-1}(A, \emptyset) \\
 \Delta' \downarrow & & \swarrow i_* \\
 H_{n-1}(A, B) & & 
 \end{array}$$

where  $i: (A, \emptyset) \rightarrow (A, B)$  is the inclusion,  $\Delta$  is the connecting homomorphism of the pair  $(X, A)$  and  $\Delta'$  is the connecting homomorphism of the triple  $(X, A, B)$ . We see this as follows:

Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (A, \emptyset) & \longrightarrow & (X, \emptyset) & \longrightarrow & (X, A) \\
 i \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id} \\
 (A, B) & \longrightarrow & (X, B) & \longrightarrow & (X, A)
 \end{array}$$

The horizontal maps and the middle vertical map are inclusions of pairs. By the previous theorem, there is the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A, \emptyset) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, \emptyset) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H_{n-1}(A, \emptyset) & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id} & & \downarrow i_* & & \\
 \dots & \rightarrow & H_n(A, B) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, B) & \rightarrow & H_n(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\Delta'} & H_{n-1}(A, B) & \rightarrow & \dots
 \end{array}$$

This part gives the triangle above.  $\square$

Notice: In the proof of Lemma 5.4 we did not use the assumption that the filtration is cellular. The claim is true for any filtration.

Lemma 5.5. Let  $X$  be a cellular space. Let  $p \geq q$ . Then

$$1) H_n(X^p, X^q) = 0 \quad \text{if } q \geq n \text{ or if } n > p.$$

$$2) H_n(X, X^q) = 0 \quad \forall q \geq n.$$

$$3) H_n(X, X^q) \cong H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) \quad \text{if } q < n.$$

$$4) H_n(X, X^{-1}) \cong H_n(X, X^{-2}) \cong H_n(X, X^{-3}) \cong \dots \quad \forall n.$$

proof.

1) By induction on  $p - q \geq 0$ .

$p = q$ : The identity map  $Y \rightarrow Y$  induces the long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(Y) \xrightarrow{\beta} H_n(Y, Y) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H_{n-1}(Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{n-1}(Y) \rightarrow \dots$$

Then  $\text{im } \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \ker \alpha = H_n(Y, Y)$  and  $\ker \beta = H_n(Y) \Rightarrow \text{im } \beta = 0$  }  $\text{im } \beta = \ker \alpha \Rightarrow H_n(Y, Y) = 0$

Thus  $H_n(Y, Y) = 0$  for any topological space. In particular,

$$H_n(X^p, X^q) \stackrel{p=q}{=} 0 \quad \text{for } q \geq n \text{ or } n > p.$$

Assume then  $p - q > 0$ . Consider the exact sequence of the triple  $(X^p, X^{q+1}, X^q)$ :

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(X^{q+1}, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X^p, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X^p, X^{q+1}) \rightarrow \dots$$

Assume first  $n > p \geq q+1$ : Definition of <sup>cellular</sup> filtration  
 $\Rightarrow H_n(X^{q+1}, X^q) = 0$ , since  $n \neq q+1$

$p - (q+1) < p - q \Rightarrow$  the induction assumption may be applied to  $H_n(X^p, X^{q+1})$ . Since  $n > p$ , it follows that  $H_n(X^p, X^{q+1}) = 0$ .

But then, also  $H_n(X^p, X^q) = 0$ . (By the exact seq. on p. 47)

Assume then  $n \leq q$ . Then  $n \neq q+1$ . Definition of cellular filtration  $\Rightarrow H_n(X^{q+1}, X^q) = 0$ .

$n \leq q < p \Rightarrow H_n(X^p, X^{q+1}) = 0$  by the induction assumption, since  $n \leq q$ .

Again,  $H_n(X^p, X^q) = 0$ .

2) Let  $[z] \in H_n(X, X^q)$ . Definition of cellular filtration  
 $\Rightarrow \exists p \geq q : z \in S_n(X^p)$ .

$\Rightarrow [z] \in \text{im} \left( \underbrace{H_n(X^p, X^q)}_{= 0 \text{ if } q \geq n \text{ BY 1}} \rightarrow H_n(X, X^q) \right) = 0$  if  $q \geq n$ .

Then  $H_n(X, X^q) = 0$  for  $q \geq n$ .

3) Consider the long exact sequence of the triple  $(X, X^{n+1}, X^q)$ :

$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(X, X^{n+1}) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X, X^{n+1}) \rightarrow \dots$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \parallel \text{ BY 2} \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \parallel \text{ BY 2}$

Thus  $H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) \cong H_n(X, X^q)$ , for  $q \leq n+1$

(Here:  $q = n, n+1$ :  
 1  $\Rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) = 0$   
 2  $\Rightarrow H_n(X, X^q) = 0$ )

4) Let  $q \leq -2$ . Consider the exact sequence of the triple  $(X^{n+1}, X^{-1}, X^q)$ :

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(X^{-1}, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) \rightarrow H_n(X^{n+1}, X^{-1}) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X^{-1}, X^q) \rightarrow \cdots$$

Here:

$$n \geq 0 \Rightarrow H_n(X^{-1}, X^q) = 0$$

$$n < 0 \Rightarrow H_n(X^{-1}, X^q) = 0 \quad (\text{singular homology} = 0 \text{ for } n < 0)$$

Thus

$$H_n(X, X^q) \stackrel{3}{\cong} H_n(X^{n+1}, X^q) \stackrel{3}{\cong} H_n(X^{n+1}, X^{-1}) \stackrel{3}{\cong} H_n(X, X^{-1}). \quad \square$$

Theorem 5.6. Let  $X$  be a cellular space and let  $k \geq 0$ . Then

$$H_k(W_*(X)) \cong H_k(X, X^{-1}).$$

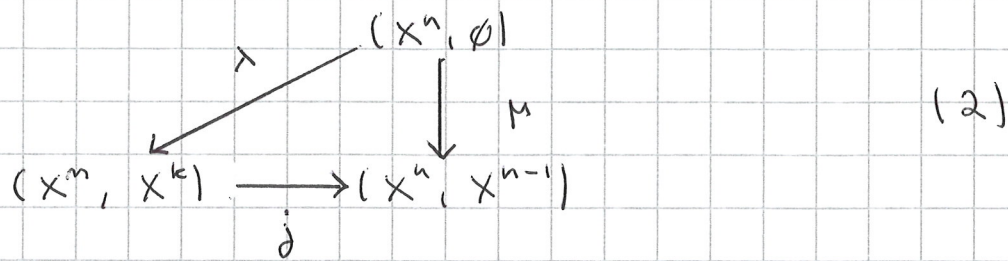
proof.

Assume  $k < n-1$ . The triple  $(X^{n+1}, X^n, X^k)$  gives the following commutative diagram:

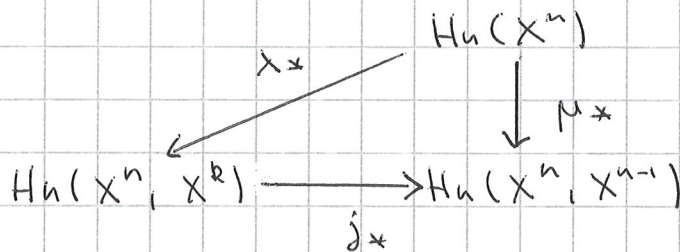
$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{n+1}(X^{n+1}, X^n) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H_n(X^n) \\ \Delta' \downarrow & \searrow \lambda_* & \\ H_n(X^n, X^k) & & \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Here:  $\Delta$  = the connecting homomorphism of the pair  $(X^{n+1}, X^n)$   
 $\Delta'$  = the connecting homomorphism of the triple  $(X^{n+1}, X^n, X^k)$   
 $\lambda_*$  : induced by the inclusion  $\lambda: (X^n, \emptyset) \rightarrow (X^n, X^k)$

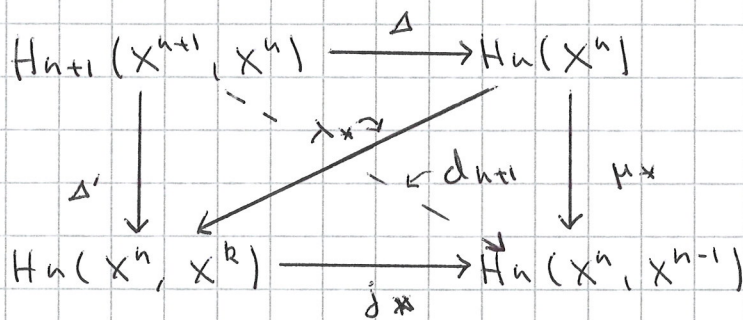
The diagram (where all maps are inclusions)



induces the commutative diagram

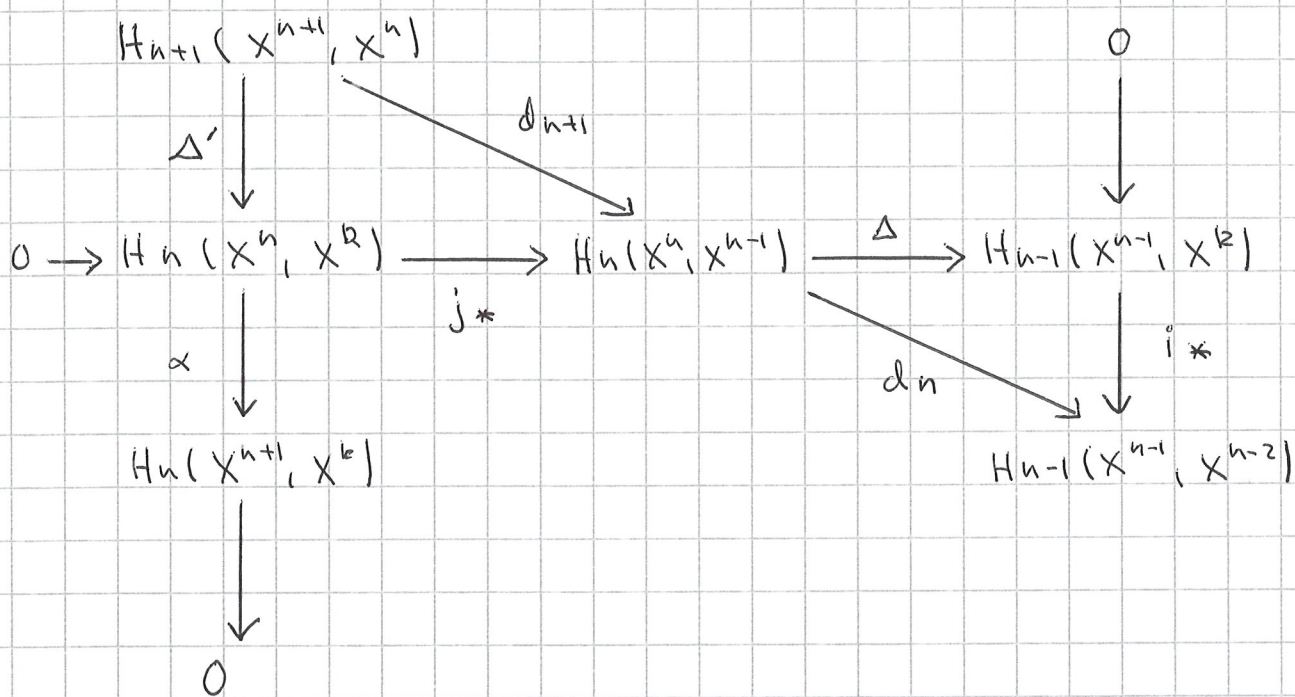


Combining diagrams 1 and 2 gives the commutative diagram



Above,  $d_{n+1} = \mu_* \Delta$ , by definition.

We end up getting the following commutative diagram, where the row and the columns are parts of exact sequence of triplex.



$$\left( \begin{array}{l} H_n(X^{n+1}, X^n) = 0 \text{ by Lemma 5.5,} \\ H_{n-1}(X^{n-2}, X^k) = 0 \text{ by Lemma 5.5} \end{array} \right)$$

Exercise: Show that the lower triangle in the diagram above commutes.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } H_n(X, X^k) &\cong H_n(X^{n+1}, X^k) && (\text{Lemma 5.5 (3)}) \\
 &\cong H_n(X^n, X^k) / \ker \alpha \\
 &= H_n(X^n, X^k) / \text{im } \Delta' && (\text{The column on the left is exact.}) \\
 &\cong \text{im } j_* / \text{im } (j_* \Delta') && (j_* \text{ injective}) \\
 &= \ker \Delta / \text{im } (j_* \Delta') && (\text{The row is exact.}) \\
 &= \ker \Delta / \text{im } d_{n+1} && (d_{n+1} = \mu_* \Delta = j_* \Delta') \\
 &= \ker (i_* \Delta) / \text{im } d_{n+1} && (i_* \text{ is an injection}) \\
 &= \ker d_n / \text{im } d_{n+1} && (d_n = i_* \Delta) \\
 &= H_n(W_*(X)),
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $H_n(X, X^k) \cong H_n(W_*(X))$ , for all  $k < n-1$ .

Lemma 5.5 (4)  $\Rightarrow H_n(X, X^1) \cong H_n(X, X^2) \cong H_n(X, X^3) \cong \dots \forall n$ .

Thus  $H_n(X, X^1) \cong H_n(W_*(X))$ , for all  $n$ .  $\square$

Corollary 5.7. Let  $X$  be a cellular space with  $X^1 = \emptyset$ .

Then

$H_k(X) \cong H_k(W_*(X))$ , for all  $k$ .

$\square$

Let then  $X$  be a CW complex.

Let

$X^{(k)}$  = the  $k$ -skeleton of  $X$ ,  
 $Y$  = a CW subcomplex of  $X$ ,  
 $X_Y^k = X^{(k)} \cup Y$ .

Then  $X_Y^1 = Y$ . If  $Y = \emptyset$ , then  $X_Y^1 = \emptyset$ .

Clearly,

$X_Y^k \subset X_Y^{k+1}$ , for all  $k$ .

Thus the  $X_Y^k$  define a filtration for  $X$ . We will soon show that this filtration is cellular.

Let  $W_*(X, Y)$  denote the chain complex determined by the filtration  $X_Y^k$ . Then

$$W_k(X, Y) = H_k(X_Y^k, X_Y^{k-1}).$$

Let  $X, X'$  be CW complexes

$Y$  = a CW subcomplex of  $X$

$Y'$  = a CW subcomplex of  $X'$

Let  $f: X \rightarrow X'$  be a cellular map w.r.t. filtrations  $X^{(k)}$  and  $(X')^{(k)}$ . Thus  $f(X^{(k)}) \subset (X')^{(k)}$ , for all  $k \geq 0$ .



Assume then that  $\phi$  is also a map of pairs

$$\phi: (X, Y) \rightarrow (X', Y').$$

Then  $\phi$  is cellular w.r.t. filtrations  $X_Y^k$  and  $(X')_Y^k$ .  
For every  $n$ ,  $\phi$  induces a homomorphism

$$\bar{\phi}_n: H_n(X_Y^k, X_Y^{k-1}) \rightarrow H_n((X')_Y^k, (X')_Y^{k-1}),$$

in particular  $\phi$  induces

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\phi}_k: W_k(X, Y) = H_k(X_Y^k, X_Y^{k-1}) &\rightarrow H_k((X')_Y^k, (X')_Y^{k-1}) \\ &= W_k(X', Y'). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5.8.  $\phi_*: W_*(X, Y) \rightarrow W_*(X', Y')$  is a chain map.

proof. Exercise.  $\square$

Since  $\phi_*$  is a chain map, it induces homomorphisms

$$\phi_k: H_k(W_*(X, Y)) \rightarrow H_k(W_*(X', Y')),$$

for all  $k \geq 0$ .

Theorem 5.9. Let  $X$  be a CW complex and let  $Y$  be a CW subcomplex of  $X$ . Then:

- 1) The filtration of  $X$  by the  $X_Y^k$  is a cellular filtration.
- 2) Let  $W_*(X, Y)$  be the corresponding cellular chain complex. Then, for all  $k \geq 0$ , there are isomorphisms

$$H_k(W_*(X, Y)) \cong H_k(X, Y).$$