

THEOREM

Let M be a compact connected n -manifold.

① If M is \mathbb{R} -orientable then the map

$$H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{L_x} H_n(M|_x; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$$

is an iso $\forall x \in M$.

② If M is not \mathbb{R} -orientable, then

$\forall x \in M$ the map

$$H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{L_x} H_n(M|_x; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$$

is injective and its image is $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : 2a = 0\}$.

③ $H_i(M; \mathbb{R}) = 0 \quad \forall i > n$.

So, if M is orientable, then $H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

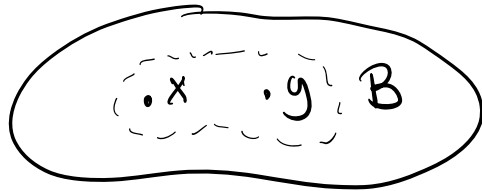
If not $\Rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}) = 0$.

REMARKS

① Suppose M is \mathbb{R} -orientable and let

μ be an \mathbb{R} -orientation. Let $x \in M$

and consider $\mu_x \in H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R})$. By (1) of the Theorem we get a class $a^x \in H_n(M; \mathbb{R})$ s.t. $a^x \xrightarrow{L_x} \mu_x$. Consider $y \in M$, lying in the same ball chart as x .



$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) & & & \\
 & \textcircled{c} & & \textcircled{c} & \\
 L_x \swarrow & & \searrow & & \searrow \\
 H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R}) & \leftarrow H_n(M|B; \mathbb{R}) & \longrightarrow & H_n(M|y; \mathbb{R}) &
 \end{array}$$

Consider $\mu_y \in H_n(M|y; \mathbb{R})$ coming from μ . $\Rightarrow L_y(a^x) = \mu_y$.

If M is connected, all the above works even if x & y are not in the same ball chart.

Also, if $a \in H_n(M; \mathbb{R})$ a generator \Rightarrow

$M \ni x \mapsto \mu_x := L_x(a)$ is an orientation.

So R orientations on a compact

$M \leftrightarrow$ generators of $H_n(M; R)$.

A choice of a generator, in case M is compact and orientable of

$H_n(M; R)$ is called a **FUNDAMENTAL CLASS**.

NOTATION Let M be a compact

R -oriented n -manifold. We denote by

$[M] \in H_n(M; R)$ the fundamental class corresponding to the given orientation.

② If M , an n -manifold, has a class $a \in H_n(M; R)$ st. a induces an orientation by $x \mapsto L_x(a)$, then M is compact.

PROOF

Let ζ be a cycle representing a .

Clearly $\text{im}(\mathcal{Z}) = \text{compact}$.

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(union of the
images of the
simplices participating
in \mathcal{Z})

So if $x \in M \setminus \text{im}(\mathcal{Z}) \Rightarrow$

$$L_x([\mathcal{Z}]) = 0 \in H_n(M/x; \mathbb{R}).$$

(\mathcal{Z} lies entirely in
 $M \setminus x$ and so $[\mathcal{Z}] = 0$
in $H_n(M/x; \mathbb{R})$)

$\Rightarrow \text{im}(\mathcal{Z}) = M$.



To prove the theorem we need the
following lemma:

LEMMA

Let M be an n -manifold. Let $A \subset M$
be a compact subset. Then

① If $M \ni x \mapsto \alpha_x \in H_n(M/x; \mathbb{R})$
is a section of $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M$ then \exists
a unique $\alpha_A \in H_n(M/A; \mathbb{R})$ s.t.

$$L_x(\alpha_A) = \alpha_x \quad \forall x \in A.$$

$$\textcircled{2} H_i(M|A; R) = 0 \quad \forall i > n.$$

Proof of the theorem (assuming the lemma)

By assumption $M = \text{compact}$, so we can take $A = M$ in the lemma.

$$H_k(M|A; R) = H_k(M, \phi; R) = H_k(M; R).$$

\Rightarrow (3) of the theorem follows from the lemma.

Denote by Γ_R the set of sections

$\tilde{M}_R \rightarrow M$. Note that Γ_R is an

R -module (we can add sections and also multiply a section by $r \in R$).

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exercise: these operations preserve continuity

We have a homo. $H_n(M; R) \xrightarrow{\theta} \Gamma_R$

$$H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \ni a \xrightarrow{\theta} (M \ni x \mapsto L_x(a)) \in \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}}$$

By the lemma θ is an iso.

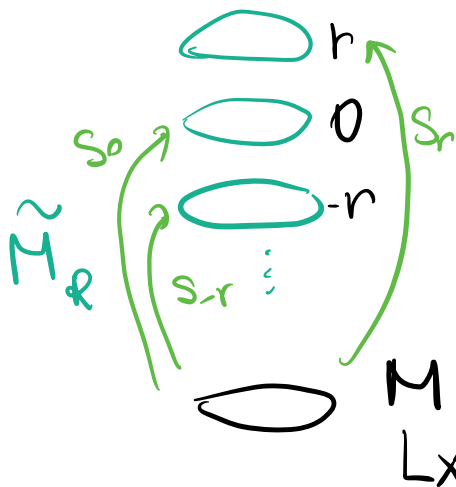
Pick $x_0 \in M$. We have a 'restriction' $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}}$ fiber of $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}}$ over x_0

$$\text{map } \rho: \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow H_n(M|x_0; \mathbb{R}) = (\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}})_{x_0} \cong \mathbb{R}$$

ρ is injective (follows from uniqueness of lifts in covering spaces).

If M is \mathbb{R} -orientable then ρ is an

iso. $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{R} copies of M (one copy of M for each



$r \in \mathbb{R}$). Each section is a constant function & therefore determined by the value in a single point.

$$\Rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\theta} \Gamma_{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{\rho} H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}$$

is an iso $\forall x \in M$.

If M is not \mathbb{R} -orientable, then

$\Gamma_{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{\rho} H_n(M|x; \mathbb{R})$ is only injective.

Clearly, $\text{im}(\rho) = \{a \in H_n(M \setminus X; \mathbb{R}) : -a = a\}$,

because $\forall r \in \mathbb{R}$ with $2r \neq 0$ we have

$\tilde{M}_r \cong \tilde{M}$. If M is not \mathbb{R} -orientable, it is not \mathbb{Z} -orientable.

Exercise: finish the details as an exercise.



To prove the lemma we need the following version of M-V LES:

THEOREM

Let X be a space, $Y \subset X$ a subspace.

Let $Q, R \subset X$ s.t. $\text{Int} Q \cup \text{Int} R = X$
 $S, T \subset Y$ s.t. $\text{Int} S \cup \text{Int} T = Y$

then \exists a LES

$$\dots \rightarrow H_k(Q \cap R, S \cap T) \xrightarrow{\oplus} H_k(Q, S) \oplus H_k(R, T) \xrightarrow{\Psi} H_k(X, Y) \rightarrow \dots$$

where $\Phi(x) = (x, -x)$, $\Psi(x, y) = x + y$.
The theorem works with coefficients in any group.

PROOF

See Hatcher.

COROLLARY

Let M be an m -manifold, $A, B \subset M$ compact. Then we have a LES

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_k(M \setminus (A \cup B)) \xrightarrow{\Phi} H_k(M \setminus A) \oplus H_k(M \setminus B) \xrightarrow{\Psi} H_k(M \setminus (A \cap B)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

PROOF

Take $Q = R = M \setminus X$, $Y = M \setminus (A \cap B)$,
 $S = M \setminus A$, $T = M \setminus B$.



NOTATION $B \subset A \subset X$.

$$H_k(X \setminus A) \xrightarrow{L_{A, B}} H_k(X \setminus B)$$

The map induced by the inclusion
 $(X, X \setminus A) \rightarrow (X, X \setminus B)$.

PROOF OF LEMMA

Step 1 If the lemma holds for two subsets A & B & their intersection, then it also holds for the union $A \cup B$.

Proof of Step 1 We use MV.

$$\dots \rightarrow H_k(M|A \cup B) \xrightarrow{\Phi} H_k(M|A) \oplus H_k(M|B) \xrightarrow{\Psi} H_k(M|A \cap B) \rightarrow \dots$$

As $H_k(M|A \cap B) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n+1$ by assumption, hence we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(M|A \cup B) \xrightarrow{\Phi} H_n(M|A) \oplus H_n(M|B) \xrightarrow{\Psi} H_n(M|A \cap B)$$

$$\Phi(\alpha) = (\alpha, -\alpha) \quad (\text{formally, } \Phi(\alpha) = (L_{A \cup B, A}^{(\alpha)}, L_{A \cup B, B}^{(\alpha)}))$$

$$\Psi(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \beta \quad (-||- \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta) = \dots)$$

We know, by assumption, that

$$H_k(M|A) = H_k(M|B) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n+1$$

$$\Rightarrow H_k(M|A \cup B) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq n+1.$$

This proves (2) of the lemma for $A \cup B$.

If $x \mapsto \alpha_x$ is a section of $\tilde{M}_R \rightarrow M$,
then by assumption $\exists \alpha_A \in H_n(M|A)$,
 $\alpha_B \in H_n(M|B)$ s.t. $L_{A,x}(\alpha_A) = \alpha_x$,
 $\forall x \in A$

$$L_{B,x}(\alpha_B) = \alpha_x \quad \forall x \in B.$$

Consider $\alpha'_{A \cap B} := L_{A, A \cap B}(\alpha_A)$,

$\alpha''_{A \cap B} := L_{B, A \cap B}(\alpha_B)$. Clearly,

$$L_{A \cap B, x}(\alpha'_{A \cap B}) = \alpha_x, \quad L_{A \cap B, x}(\alpha''_{A \cap B}) = \alpha_x$$

$\forall x \in A \cap B$.

By the uniqueness assumption
we have $L_{A, A \cap B}(\alpha_A) = L_{B, A \cap B}(\alpha_B)$.

$$\parallel \\ \alpha'_{A \cap B}$$

$$\parallel \\ \alpha''_{A \cap B}$$

Denote $\alpha_{A \cap B} := \alpha'_{A \cap B} = \alpha''_{A \cap B}$.

Clearly $\Psi(\alpha_A, -\alpha_B) = 0$. By exactness of the MV sequence

$\exists \alpha_{A \cup B} \in H_n(M|A \cup B)$ s.t.

$$\overline{\Phi}(\alpha_{A \cup B}) = (\alpha_A, -\alpha_B) \Rightarrow$$

$$L_{A \cup B, x}(\alpha_{A \cup B}) = \alpha_x \quad \forall x \in A \cup B.$$

Uniqueness:

Enough to prove that if

$$L_{A \cup B, x}(\alpha) = 0 \quad \forall x \in A \cup B,$$

then $\alpha = 0$. Indeed, if $L_{A \cup B, x}(\alpha) = 0$

$$\forall x \in A \cup B, \text{ then } \alpha_A := L_{A \cup B, A}(\alpha) \ \&$$

$\alpha_B := L_{A \cup B, B}(\alpha)$ also satisfy

$$L_{A, x}(\alpha_A) = 0 \quad \forall x \in A \quad \& \quad L_{B, x}(\alpha_B) = 0$$

$\forall x \in B$. By the uniqueness assumption we have $\alpha_A = 0, \alpha_B = 0$. But

$$(\alpha_A, -\alpha_B) = \Phi(\alpha) \quad \& \quad \Phi \text{ is injective.}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0$. This completes the proof of step 1.

Step 2 We'll reduce to proving the lemma to the case $M = \mathbb{R}^n$.

If $A \subset M$ is compact $\Rightarrow A = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$

with $A_i = \text{compact } \forall i$ & $A_i \subset \text{ball chart} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

If the result is true for $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{m-1}$

& also for A_m & for

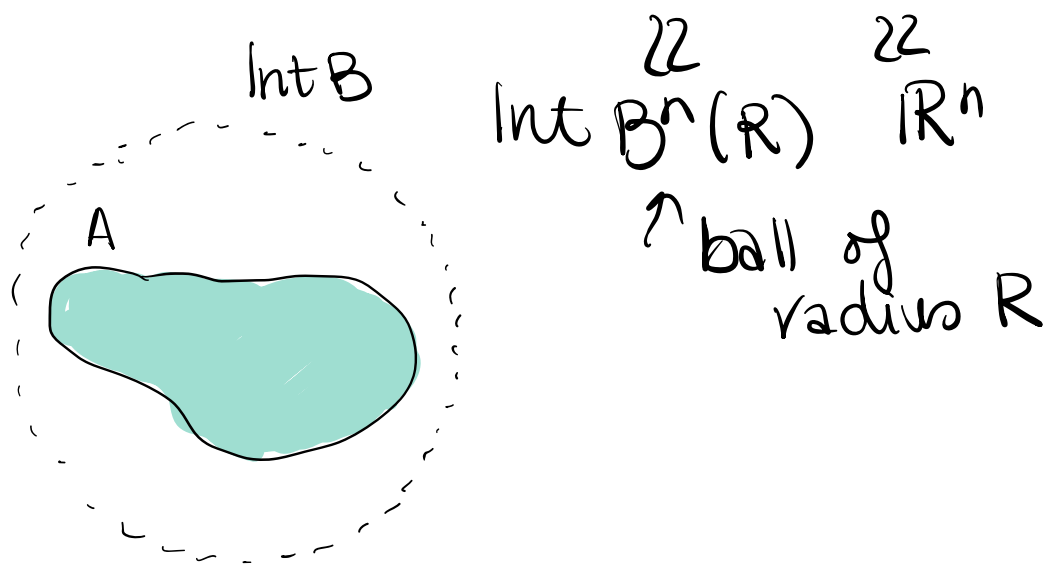
union of $m-1$ compact sets each contained in $\mathbb{R}^n \subset M$

$$(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{m-1}) \cap A_m = (A_1 \cap A_m) \cup \dots \cup (A_{m-1} \cap A_m)$$

then by step 1, the result holds also

for $A, U \dots U A_m$. So, by induction on m , it is enough to prove the result for $m=1$, i.e. $A \subset \text{Int } B \subset U \subset M$.

Assume that $A \subset \text{Int } B \subset U \subset M$



By excision: $H_n(M, M \setminus A) \cong$

$\cong H_n(M \setminus (M \setminus \text{Int } B), M \setminus A \setminus (M \setminus \text{Int } B))$

$= H_n(\text{Int } B, \text{Int } B \setminus A) \cong H_n(U \setminus A)$

(the isos here are induced by inclusions).

Step 3

Assume $M = \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \subset M$ is compact

and $A = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$ with A_i convex for all i . If $m=1$ & $A = \text{convex}$, then $H_n(M|A) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(M|x)$ for any $x \in A$. (the inclusion $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x\}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n \setminus A)$ is a homotopy equivalence). If $A = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$ with A_i convex, then use induction on m and the previous steps.

Step 4

$M = \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an arbitrary compact subset.

Let $\alpha \in H_i(M|A)$. Let z be a cycle in $S_i(M, M \setminus A)$ with $\alpha = [z]$.

View z also as a chain in

$S_i(M)$, and let $C := \text{union of images of all the sing } \sigma \text{ in } \partial z$

So $C \subset M \setminus A$. Clearly, C is compact.

Since A is compact

and C too,

$\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall p \in C,$

$q \in A,$

$\text{dist}(p, q) \geq \delta$. Now cover A

by finitely many closed balls centered at points of A and with radius $< \frac{\delta}{2}$.

Denote the union of these balls by K .

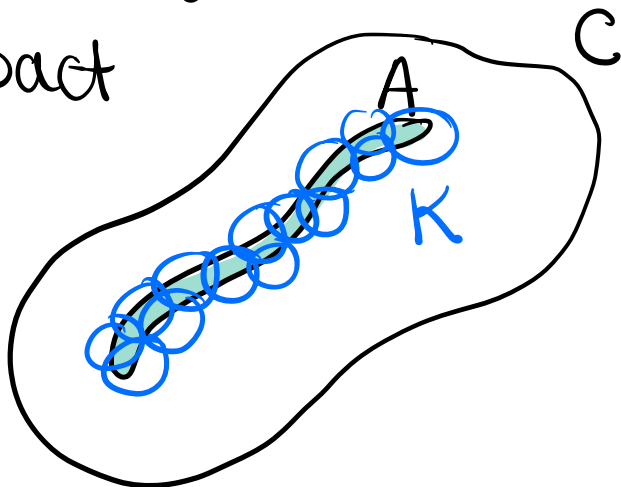
Note that $C \subset M \setminus K \Rightarrow z$ is also

a cycle in $S_i(M, M \setminus K)$. Put

$\alpha_K := [z] \in H_i(M \setminus K)$. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} K \text{ is a finite union} \\ \text{of convex sets (balls)} \end{array} \right.$

If $i > n$, then by Step 3, $\alpha_K = 0 \Rightarrow$

$\alpha = L_{K, A}(\alpha_K) = 0 \Rightarrow H_i(M \setminus A) = 0 \quad \forall i > n$.



Now let $x \mapsto \alpha_x$ be a section $\tilde{M}_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M$ ($M = \mathbb{R}^n$). Assume that $\alpha_x = L_{A,x}(\alpha) \forall x \in A$ for some $\alpha \in H_n(\mathbb{R}^n | A)$. We'll show α is unique. Enough to show that if $\alpha_x = 0 \forall x \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$.

CLAIM Assuming $\alpha_x = 0 \forall x \in A$ implies $\alpha_x = 0 \forall x \in K$.

Proof of this claim:

If $B \subset K$ is one of the balls forming K , then $H_n(\mathbb{R}^n | B) \xrightarrow{L_{B,x}} H_n(\mathbb{R}^n | x)$ is an iso $\forall x \in B$.

$\Rightarrow \alpha_x = 0 \forall x \in A \Rightarrow \alpha_x = 0 \forall x \in B$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_x = 0 \forall x \in K$. This proves the claim. \square

Now define $\alpha_K \in H_n(\mathbb{R}^n | K)$ as before.

By Step 3 we get $\alpha_x = 0$. \Rightarrow

$\Rightarrow \alpha = L_{K,A}(\alpha_K) = 0$ too. This proves uniqueness of (1) of the lemma.

EXISTENCE

Pick a ball $B(r)$ with $\text{Int } B(r) \supset A$.

By step 3, \exists a class $\alpha_{B(r)} \in H_n(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(r))$

with $L_{B(r),x}(\alpha_{B(r)}) = \alpha_x \quad \forall x \in B(r)$.

Put $\alpha_A := L_{B(r),A}(\alpha_{B(r)})$. ▣

closed manifold = compact manifold
(without boundary)

THEOREM

Let M be a connected non-compact n -manifold. Then $H_i(M; \mathbb{R}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq n$.

Proof

See 3.29 in Hatcher.

THEOREM

Homology groups of a compact manifold are finitely generated.

Proof

See Corollaries A.8 & A.9 in Matcher.

COROLLARY

Let M be a closed manifold, of dim n , and assume M is connected.

If M is orientable \Rightarrow torsion $H_{n-1}(M) = 0$.

If M is non-orientable \Rightarrow torsion $H_{n-1}(M) = \mathbb{Z}$

PROOF

Recall UCT:

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(M) \otimes \mathbb{R} \rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Tor}(H_{n-1}(M), \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{torsion } H_{n-1}(M) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_{e_i}, \quad e_i \geq 2, r \geq 0$$

($r=0$ means torsion = 0).

Assume M = orientable. If $\text{torsion}(H_{n-1}(M)) \neq 0$,

ie. $r \geq 1$, choose $p = \text{prime}$ s.t. $p \mid l_1$.

Take $R = \mathbb{Z}_p$.

$$0 \rightarrow H_n(M) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}_p) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \underbrace{\text{Tor}(\mathbb{Z}_{l_i}, \mathbb{Z}_p)}_{\mathbb{Z}_{\text{gcd}(l_i, p)}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z}_p \end{array}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \dots \rightarrow 0$$

This is impossible.

Assume M is not orientable.

Take $R = \mathbb{Z}_m$.

CLAIM

$$H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}_m) \cong \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_m : 2a = 0\} = \begin{cases} 0 & m \text{ odd} \\ \{0, \frac{m}{2}\} & m \text{ even} \end{cases} \subset \mathbb{Z}_m.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array}$$

PROOF

$m = \text{odd} \Rightarrow M$ is not \mathbb{Z}_m -orientable

because $\forall 0 \neq r \in \mathbb{Z}_m, \tilde{M}_r \approx \tilde{M}$.

$m = \text{even} > 2 \Rightarrow M$ is not \mathbb{Z}_m orientable.

We get from UCT:

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{H_n(M)}_0 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}_m) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(l_i, m)} \rightarrow 0$$

Take $m = \text{odd}$. $\Rightarrow \gcd(l_i, m) = 1$. This holds for all $m = \text{odd} \Rightarrow l_i = 2^{s_i} \quad \forall i$.

For $m = \text{even}$, $H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}_m) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$,

hence $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_{\gcd(l_i, m)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.

$\Rightarrow r = 1$ & $l_1 = 2$. \Rightarrow torsion $H_{n-1}(M) = \mathbb{Z}_2$.