

**Theorem 1**  $M^m$   $\mathbb{R}$ -oriented  $\Rightarrow H_c^l(M; \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{PD_M} H_{m-l}(M; \mathbb{R})$  is an iso.

**Lemma 9**  $M^m$   $\mathbb{R}$ -oriented,  $U, V \subseteq M^m$  open,  $M = U \cup V$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \rightarrow H_c^l(U \cap V) & \rightarrow & H_c^l(U) \oplus H_c^l(V) & \longrightarrow & H_c^l(M) & \longrightarrow & H_c^{l+1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow \\
 \downarrow PD_{U \cap V} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} PD_U & 0 \\ 0 & PD_V \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow PD_M & & \downarrow PD_{U \cap V} \\
 \rightarrow H_{m-l}(U \cap V) & \rightarrow & H_{m-l}(U) \oplus H_{m-l}(V) & \longrightarrow & H_{m-l}(M) & \longrightarrow & H_{m-l-1}(U \cap V) \rightarrow
 \end{array}$$

has exact rows & commutes up to sign.

**Now Fixing the sign in Lemma 9**

In all squares that anticommute (ie  $\downarrow \circ \rightarrow = - \rightarrow \circ \downarrow$ ), simply switch the sign of one of the horizontal maps. This preserves exactness and yields commutativity.

**Proof of Theorem 1**

(A) If  $M = U \cup V$  for  $U, V$  open and  $PD_U, PD_V, PD_{U \cap V}$  are isos, then so is  $PD_M$ . Proof: Five-lemma & Lemma 9 ✓

(B) If  $M = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i$  with  $U_1 \subseteq U_2 \subseteq \dots$  open, and all  $PD_{U_i}$  are isos, then so is  $PD_M$ . Proof: Rank 8 yields a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \dots & \rightarrow & H_c^l(U_i) & \xrightarrow{\text{incl}_*} & H_c^l(U_{i+1}) & \rightarrow & \dots \\
 & & \downarrow \text{incl}_* & & \swarrow \text{incl}_* & & \\
 & & & & H_c^l(M) & & 
 \end{array}$$

The induced map  $\varinjlim_i H_c^l(U_i) \rightarrow H_c^l(M)$  is an iso, since  $K \subseteq M$  compact  $\Rightarrow \exists i: K \subseteq U_i$ .

Moreover,  $\varinjlim_i H_{m-l}(U_i) \cong H_{m-l}(M)$  (Prop 5 / Ex. on Sheet 6).

By assumption, all  $PD_{U_i}: H_c^l(U_i) \rightarrow H_{m-l}(U_i)$  are isos.

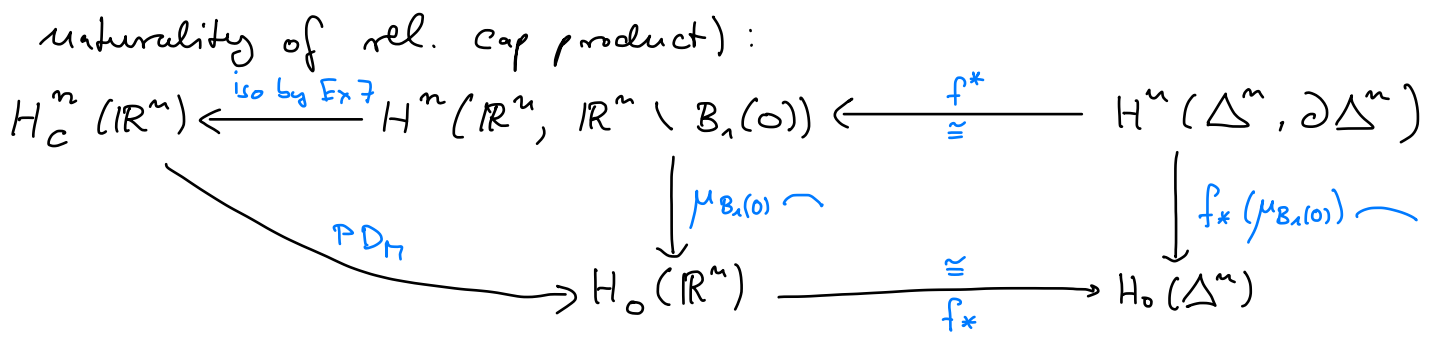
So the induced map  $\varinjlim_i H_c^l(U_i) \rightarrow \varinjlim_i H_{m-l}(U_i)$  is also an iso.

It equals  $PD_M$ .

(1)  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$  We already know  $H_c^k(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathbb{R}^{\delta_{kn}} \cong H_{n-k}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (Ex 7),

but still need to check that  $PD_M$  is an iso.

Let  $f: (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_1(0)) \rightarrow (\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n)$  be a hom. equiv. Then the following commutes (left triangle by def of  $PD_M$ , right square by naturality of rel. cap product):



So it suffices to check that  $f_*(\mu_{B_1(0)}) \sim$  is an iso, which can be seen using simplicial (co-)homology. ✓

(2)  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, M = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k$  for  $V_i$  open and convex

By induction over  $k$ . For  $k=1$ , follows from (1) since  $V_i \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ . If true up to  $k$ :

$M = U \cup V_{k+1}$  for  $U = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k$ .  $PD_{V_{k+1}}$  iso by (1),  $PD_U$  iso

by induction hypothesis, and  $PD_{U \cap V_{k+1}}$  iso also by induction hypothesis,

since  $U \cap V_{k+1} = (U \cap V_1) \cup \dots \cup (U \cap V_k)$

with  $U \cap V_i$  open and convex. So  $PD_M$  iso by (A). ✓

(3)  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  open Write  $M = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$  with  $V_i$  open and convex.

(eg take as  $U_i$  all open balls  $\subseteq M$  with rational radius and rational coordinates)

Let  $U_k = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k$ . Then  $PD_{U_k}$  iso for all  $k$  by (2). Done by (B). ✓

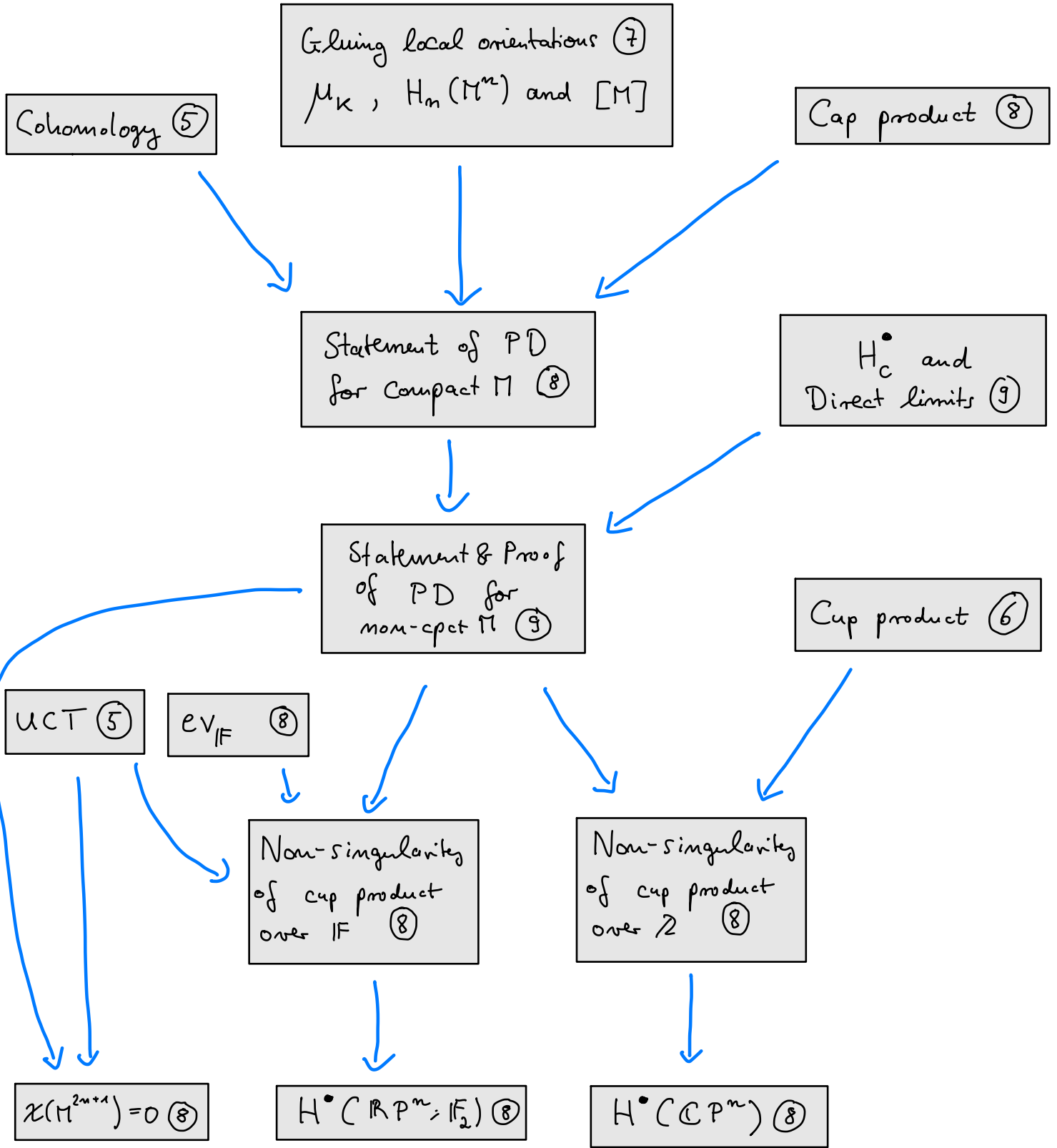
(4)  $M$  with finite atlas, ie  $M = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k$  with  $V_i$  open and  $\cong \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Proceed as in (2), using (3) on  $U \cap V_{k+1}$ , which is homeo to an open set  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

(5) General  $M$  has a countable atlas (using 2nd countability), ie

$M = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$  with  $V_i$  open and  $\cong \mathbb{R}^n$ , Proceed as in (4). □

Logical structure of Ch. 5-9 (ie Cohomology)



### 10 Alexander Duality

**Theorem 1 (Alexander Duality)** Let  $n \geq 0$  and  $K \subseteq S^n$  be a locally contractible, compact subspace,  $K \neq \emptyset$ ,  $K \neq S^n$ .

Then for all  $i$

$$\tilde{H}_i(S^n \setminus K; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \tilde{H}^{n-i-1}(K; \mathbb{Z})$$

**Remark 2** This means: if a compact top. space  $K$  is locally "tame" (ie locally contractible, eg a manifold), and you embed  $K$  into a sphere  $S^n$ , then the homology of the complement  $S^n \setminus K$  does not depend on the choice of embedding!