

## Reminder on topology

$X$  topological space

- set together with a collection of "open sets"  
such that

- $\emptyset, X$  open
- $U, V$  open  $\Rightarrow U \cap V$  open
- $U_i, i \in I, \text{ open} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \text{ open}$
- A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  between topological spaces is continuous if  
 $U \subseteq Y \text{ open} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X \text{ open}$

- $f$  is a homeomorphism if it is bijective and  $f^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$  is continuous.  
 $X \cong Y$     $X, Y$  are "homeomorphic"

Subspaces  $X$  top-space,  $A \subseteq X$  subset  
 w<sub>s</sub> subspace topology on  $A$ :  $U \subseteq A$  open ( $\Rightarrow \exists V \subseteq X$  open  
 $U = A \cap V$ )

Disjoint union  $X, Y$  top-spaces

$X \sqcup Y$  disjoint union of  $X, Y$

$U \subseteq X \sqcup Y$  open ( $\Leftrightarrow U \cap X \subseteq X$  open and  
 $U \cap Y \subseteq Y$  open.)

Product  $X, Y$  top-spaces

$U \subseteq X \times Y$  open ( $\Leftrightarrow \forall (x, y) \in X \times Y \exists$  open sets  $w \subseteq X$   
 $(x, y) \in w \times v \subseteq U \subseteq Y$ )

Quotient spaces  $\times$  top. space

$\sim$  an equivalence relation on  $X$

$[x] = \{y \in X \mid x \sim y\}$  equivalence class of  $x \in X$ .

$$X/\sim = \{[x] \mid x \in X\}$$

$$q: X \rightarrow X/\sim, \quad q(x) = [x]$$

$$U \subseteq X/\sim \text{ open} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{\iff} q^{-1}(U) \subseteq X \text{ open}$$

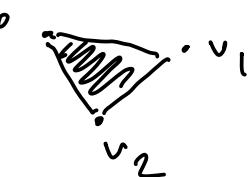
Simplices

$$v_0, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Assume they are in general position, i.e.,

$v_1 - v_0, v_2 - v_0, \dots, v_n - v_0$  are linearly independent

Ex:



general position



not in general position

the  $n$ -simplex spanned by  $v_0, \dots, v_n$  is the space

$$[v_0, \dots, v_n] = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n t_i v_i \mid 0 \leq t_i \leq 1, \sum_{i=0}^n t_i = 1 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

convex hull of  $v_0, \dots, v_n$ .

$t_i$  "barycentric coordinates".

0 - simplex

$v_0$

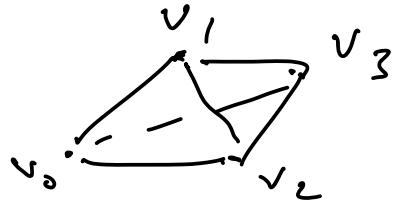
1 - simplex



2 - simplex



3 - simplex



The standard  $n$ -simplex

$$\Delta^n = [e_0, \dots, e_n] = \left\{ (t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq t_i \leq 1 \\ \sum t_i = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$e_0, \dots, e_n$  standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$d^i: \underline{\Delta}^{n-1} \rightarrow \underline{\Delta}^n$$

$$d^i(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) = (t_0, \dots, t_{i-1}, 0, t_i, \dots, t_{n-1})$$

(image of  $d^i$ ) =:  $d_i(\Delta^n)$ .

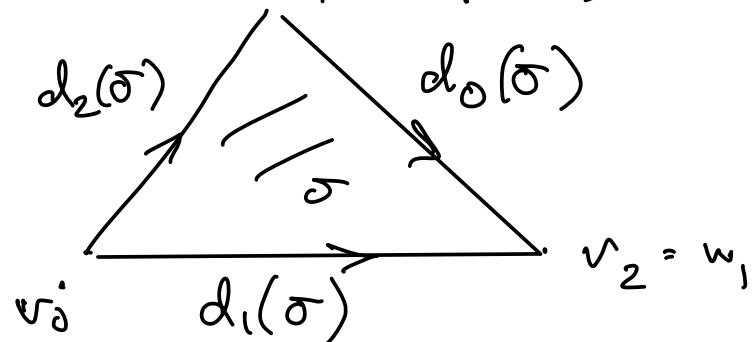
- The  $i^{th}$  face of  $[v_0, \dots, v_n] = \sigma$

$$d_i(\sigma) = [v_0, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_n]$$

$$= [v_0, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n] \quad d_i d_j = d_{j-i}$$

$$d_0 d_2(\sigma) = v_1 = d_1 d_0(\sigma)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \overset{\sigma}{\longrightarrow} & \\ v_0 & \xrightarrow{d_1(\sigma)} & v_1 \\ & \xrightarrow{d_0(\sigma)} & \end{array}$$



## $\Delta$ - complexes

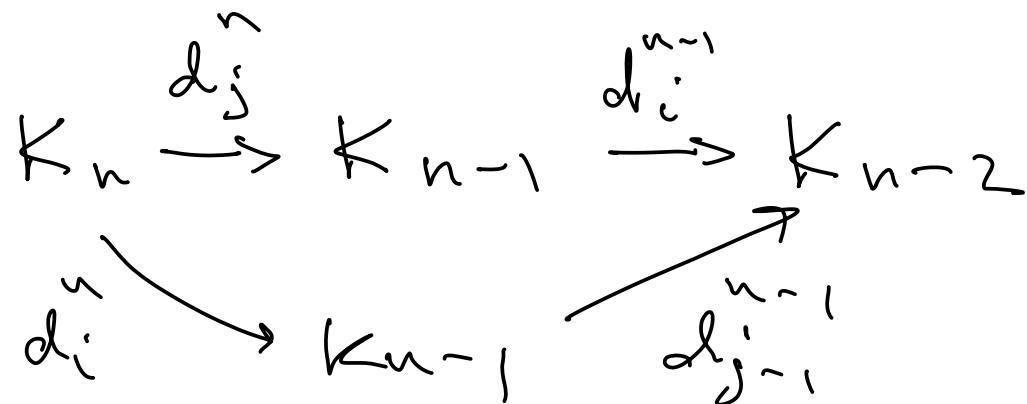
An (abstract)  $\Delta$ -complex is a collection of sets

$K_0, K_1, K_2, \dots$  together with functions

$$d_i : K_n \rightarrow K_{n-1} \quad 0 \leq i \leq n$$

such that

$$d_i d_j = d_{j-1}^{n-1} d_i^n \quad \text{if } i < j$$



The geometric realization of  $K$  is the topological space

$$|K| = \coprod_{n \geq 0} K_n \times \Delta^n / \sim$$

where  $(d_i(\sigma), t) \sim (\sigma, d^i(t))$

$$\sigma \in K_n, t = (t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) \in \Delta^{n-1}$$

A  $\Delta$ -complex structure on a top. space  $X$  is an abstract  $\Delta$ -complex  $K$  with a homeomorphism  $X \cong |K|$ .

## Examples

$$(1) \quad K_0 = \{v\} \quad d_0(e) = d_1(e) = v$$

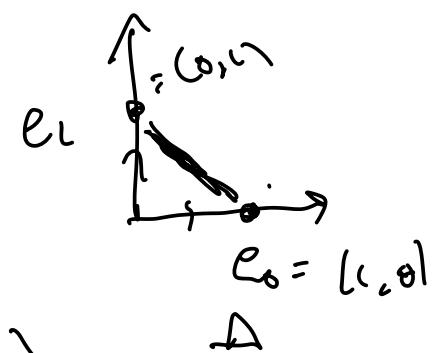
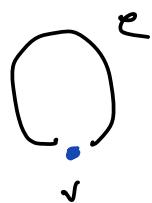
$$K_1 = \{e\}$$

$$K_n = \emptyset, n > 1$$

$$|K| \cong S^1 \text{ circle}$$

$$\{v\} \times \Delta^0 \sqcup \{e\} \times \Delta^1 / \sim$$

$\sim = d_0(e) \qquad d_1(e) \sim v$



$$d^0(\Delta^0) = \{1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$$d^0(1) = (0, 1)$$

$$d^1(\Delta^1) = \{(t_0, t_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid t_0 + t_1 = 1, 0 \leq t_i \leq 1\}$$

$$(v, 1) = (d_0(e), 1) \sim (e, d^0(1)) = (e, (0, 1))$$

$$(v, 1) = (d_1(e), 1) \sim (e, d^1(1)) = (e, (1, 0))$$

$$(2) K_0 = \{v\}$$

$$K_1 = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$K_2 = \{v, L\}$$

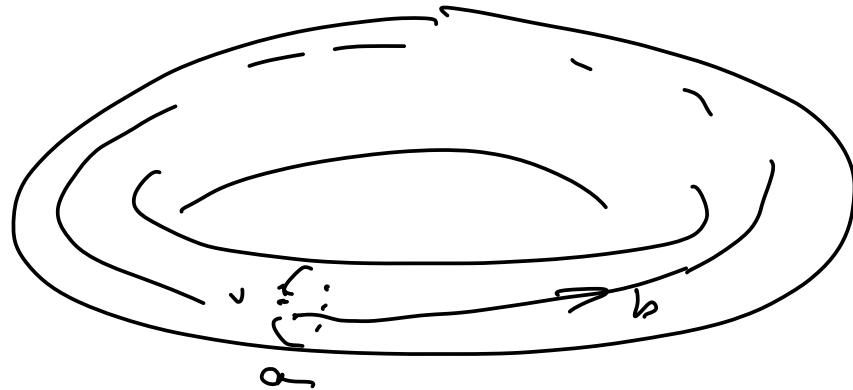
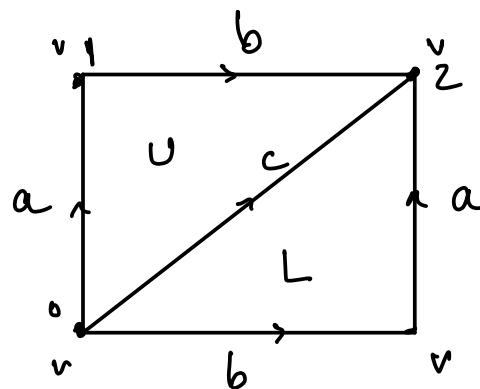
$$K_n = \emptyset \quad n \geq 2$$

$$d_0(a) = d_1(a) = v$$

$$d_0(b) = d_1(b) = v$$

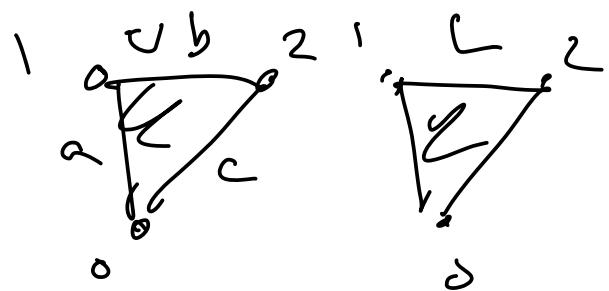
$$d_0(c) = d_1(c) = v$$

$\sigma$	$d_0$	$d_1$	$d_2$
U	b	c	a
L	a	c	b



$$|K| \cong T^2$$

torus



$$\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$$

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## Simplicial homology

$K$  abstract  $\Delta$ -complex

$\Delta_n(K) = \mathbb{Z} K_n$  free abelian group  
with basis  $K_n$

thus, elements of  $\Delta_n(K)$  are formal linear combinations

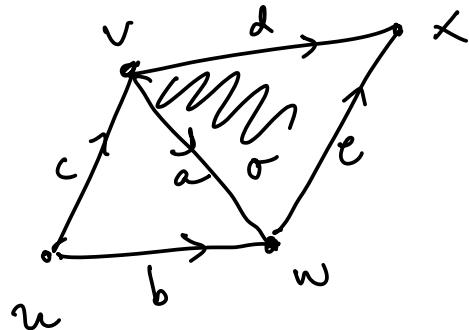
$$c = \sum_{\sigma \in K_n} n_\sigma \cdot \sigma , \quad n_\sigma \in \mathbb{Z},$$

The boundary homomorphism

$$\partial_n: \Delta_n(K) \rightarrow \Delta_{n-1}(K)$$

$$\partial(\sigma) = \partial_n(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i d_i(\sigma)$$

Ex:  $K$



$$a+e \in \Delta_+(K)$$

$$107 \cdot b - 16d \in \Delta_+(K)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial(a+e) &= \partial(a) + \partial(e) = (w-v) + (x-w) \\ &= x - v\end{aligned}$$

$C$  is called a cycle if  $\partial(C) = 0$

Ex:  $a+e-d$  is a cycle:

$$\partial(a+e-d) = \underbrace{\partial(a) + \partial(e)}_{x-v} - \partial(d) = (x-v) - (x-v) = 0$$

$a - b + c$  is also a cycle

$C$  is called a boundary if  $C = \partial(D)$   
for some  $D$

Ex:  $\partial(\sigma) = d_s(\sigma) - d_r(\sigma) + d_z(\sigma)$   
 $= e - d + o = a + e - d$   
so  $a + e - d$  is a boundary

but  $a - b + c$  is not a boundary.

Fundamental equation  $\partial^2 = 0$   
(i.e.,  $\partial_n \circ \partial_{n+1} = 0$ ), in other words  
every boundary is a cycle,

$$\text{im } \partial_{n+1} \subseteq \ker \partial_n$$

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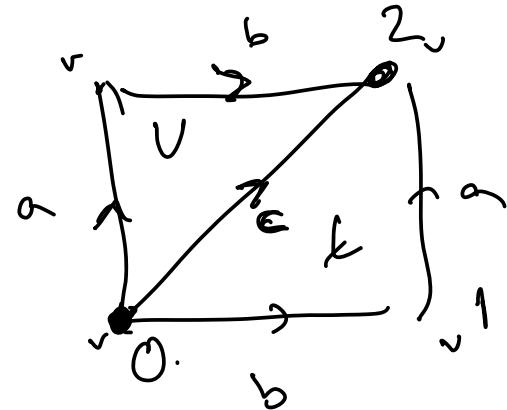
boundaries                    cycles  
in  $\Delta_{n+1}(K)$         in  $\Delta_n(K)$

Def. The  $n^{\text{th}}$  homology group of  $K$  is the abelian group

$$H_n(K) = \ker \partial_n / \text{im } \partial_{n+1}$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned}d_0(v) &= b \\d_1(v) &= c \\d_2(v) &= a\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}K_0 &= \{v\} \\K_1 &= \{a, b, c\} \\K_2 &= \{U, L\}\end{aligned}$$

$d_0(a) = \text{end point}$   
 $d_1(a) = \text{starting point}$

$$\partial_3 = 0 \rightarrow \Delta_2(K) \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \Delta_1(k) \xrightarrow{\partial_1 = 0} \Delta_0(k) \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z}\{U, L\} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\} \xrightarrow{\partial} \mathbb{Z}\{v\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial(U) = a - c + b \\ \partial(L) = b - c + a \end{array} \right\} \partial(U - L) = 0$$

$$\partial(a) = v - v = 0 = \partial(c) = \partial(b)$$

$$H_0(K) = \ker \partial_0 / \text{im} \partial_1 = \mathbb{Z}\{v\}/\langle 0 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(K) = \ker \partial_1 / \text{im} \partial_2 = \mathbb{Z}\{a, b, c\} / \langle a - c + b \rangle$$

$c \equiv a + b \pmod{\text{im} \partial_2}$

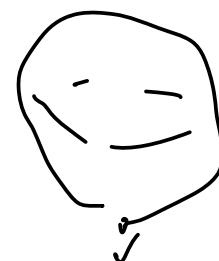
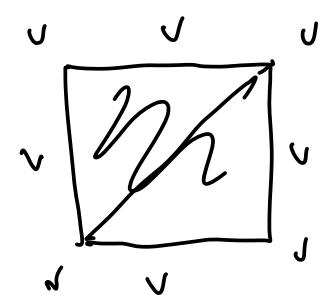
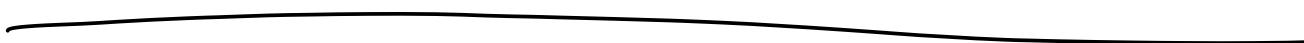
$$\cong \mathbb{Z}\{a, b\}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

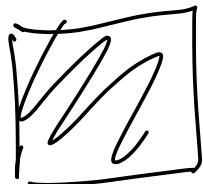
$$H_2(K) = \ker \partial_2 / \text{im} \partial_3 = \ker \partial_2 = \mathbb{Z}(v - l)$$

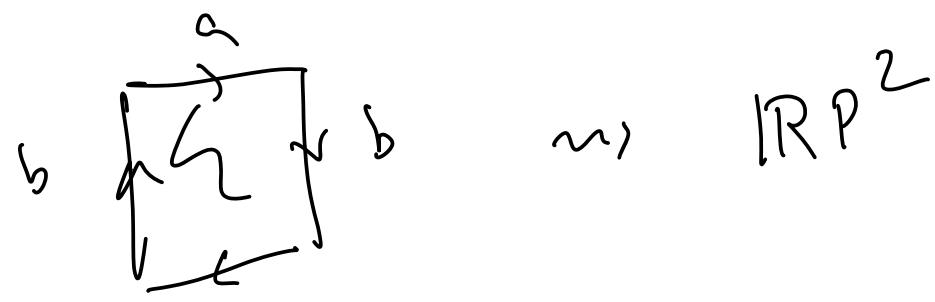
$$\cong \mathbb{Z}$$

\$H_0\$	\$H_1\$	\$H_2\$
$\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}^2$	$\mathbb{Z}$

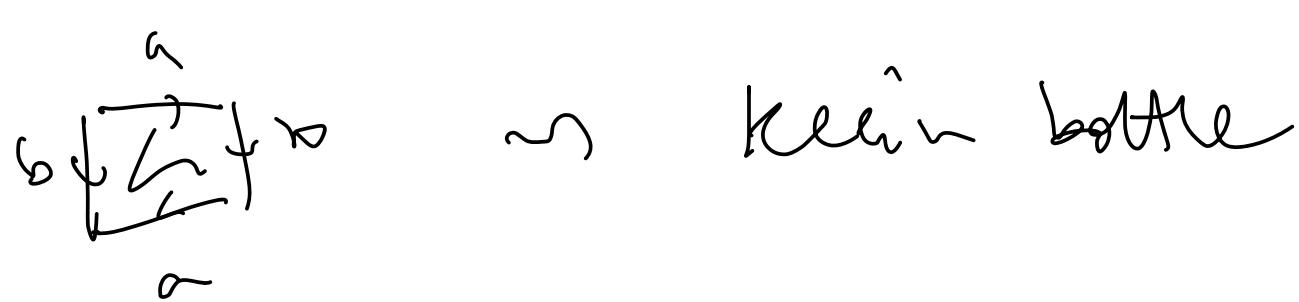


$\approx S^2$





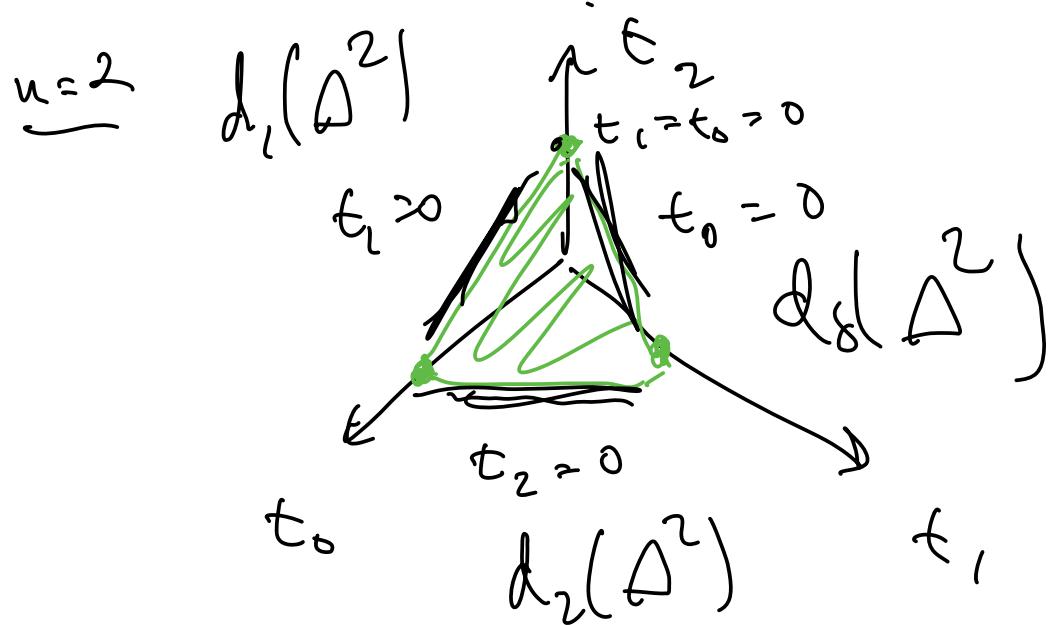
$$\sim \mathbb{R}P^2$$



Klein bottle

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$$\Delta^n = \{(t_0, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \begin{cases} 0 \leq t_i \leq 1 \\ \sum t_i = 1 \end{cases}\}$$



$$d': \Delta^1 \longrightarrow \Delta^2$$

$$(t_0, t_1) \mapsto (t_0, 0, t_1)$$

$$\pi_1(X)^{ab} \cong H_1(X)$$

$$\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\pi_1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

Harnack theorem