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Abstract

The structure that we shall describe here is a dual version of the Leray spectral sequence of a covering (Cf. [4], p. 212) but is not extensive enough to satisfy the precise definition of "spectral sequence." Yet, it does enable one to derive a functorial spectral sequence that relates the (generalized) homology sheaf of a space to the homology of the space. (Cf. [2] for an earlier attempt to obtain such a spectral sequence.)

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Let X be a space with base point $*$ $\in X$. For some finite set J let $\mathcal{I} = \{X_i \mid i \in J\}$ be a family of subspaces of X , each containing $*$. Assume that X is covariant, i.e. that an inclusion $s \subset s'$ implies an inclusion $X_s \subset X_{s'}$. We then have the notion of an alternating non-degenerate n -cochain ξ ($n \geq 0$) of X with coefficients in \mathbb{R} ($q \geq 2$): such a ξ is any family $\{\xi^{i_*} \mid i_* = (i_0, \dots, i_n) \in J^{n+1}\}$ such that (i) each $\xi^{i_*} \in \mathbb{R}^{C_{cl, i_*}}$, (ii) the condition $\xi^{i_*} = 0$ holds if $i_* = (i_0, \dots, i_n)$ contains a repetition, (iii) the condition $\xi^{i_*} = (\text{sign } \sigma) \xi^{i_* \circ \sigma}$ holds if σ is any permutation map $\{0, 1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ and $i_* \circ \sigma = (i_{\sigma(0)}, \dots, i_{\sigma(n)})$. We have also the coboundary $\delta \xi$ of ξ , which is defined as the $(n+1)$ -cochain such that

$$(\delta \xi)^{i_*} = \sum_{t=0}^n (-1)^t \xi^{i_* \circ \tau_t},$$

where $i_* \in J^{n+2}$ and $\tau_t = (i_0, \dots, i_{t-1}, i_{t+1}, \dots, i_{n+1})$.

Denote the function group of all n -cochains as $C^n(X; \mathbb{R})$.

In the linear space $\bigoplus_{i \in J} \mathbb{R}^{C_{cl, i_*}} = \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{C}}$ denote the standard basis somehow, say as $\{e_i \mid i \in \mathcal{C}\}$, and for each subset $s \subset \mathcal{C}$ denote the

convex hull of the corresponding set $(e_i | i \in S)$ as Δ_S . Regard \mathcal{A}^c as a simplicial complex with vertex set $(e_i | i \in C)$. Each pair (K, L) of subcomplexes of \mathcal{A}^c provides a function space

$$3S(K, L) = \{ \langle p : K \rightarrow X \mid \langle p|_L = *; \text{ for each } \Delta_S \subset K \setminus L \text{ } \langle p|_{\Delta_S} \subset X \rangle \}.$$

We consider the groups $\pi_1^s 3S(K, L)$ ($s \geq 1$).

Proposition 1. If (K, L, M) is a triple of subcomplexes of \mathcal{A}^c , then $3(K, M)$ is a fibre space over $3(L, M)$ with fibre $3S(K, L)$.

Proof. The assertion is that the transformation

$$\theta : 3(K, M) \rightarrow 3(L, M)$$

of each $\langle p \in 3(K, M)$ to its restriction $\langle p|_L \in 3(L, M)$ is a map with the homotopy lifting property, while the kernel of θ is $3(K, L)$. The latter is obvious, as is continuity of θ . Now since $3S(K, L)$ is finite, θ is the composite of the maps

$$\theta_n : 3(K_n \cup L, M) \rightarrow 3(K_{n-1} \cup L, M).$$

Each has the homotopy lifting property, according to the following argument: Suppose Y is any space, together with a map $H_0 : Y \rightarrow 3(K_n \cup L, M)$ and a homotopy $h_t : Y \rightarrow 3(K^{j^*} \cup L^* \cup M) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$ such that $h_0 = \theta_n H_0$. Regard these, respectively, as a map $H^* : Y \times (K_n \cup L) \rightarrow X$ and homotopy $h^* : Y \times (K_{n-1} \cup L) \rightarrow X \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$. For each n -simplex Δ_S of K not in L there are $H^*|_{\Delta_S}$ and $h^*|_{\Delta_S} : (Q^* \times \Delta_S) \rightarrow X$, which take values in at most X_S , so by the Homotopy Extension Property for $(Y \times \Delta_S, Y \times \Delta_S)$ they extend to form a homotopy

$$H_t^s : Y \times \Delta_S \rightarrow X \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1).$$

Doing this for each n -simplex Δ_s in K and not in L , and extending to agree with $\{h'_t\}$, we define a homotopy

$$H'_t : Y \times (K_n \cup L) \rightarrow X \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1),$$

which is the same as the required

$$H_t : Y \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(K_n \cup L, M) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1).$$

So, θ_n , and therefore θ , has the homotopy lifting property. \square

Corollary 1.1. For each such triple (K, L, M) there is an exact sequence of base-pointed sets

$$\cdots \pi_{q+1} \mathfrak{F}(L, M) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(K, L) \rightarrow \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(K, M) \cdots \rightarrow \pi_0 \mathfrak{F}(L, M).$$

Corollary 1.2. There is essentially a spectral sequence $\{E_{r;q}^n; d_{r;q}^n : E_{r;q}^n \rightarrow E_{r;q-1}^{n+r}\}$ with $E_{r;q}^n$ defined for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, all $r \geq 1$, all $q \geq 2$, and with $d_{r;q}^n$ defined for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, all $r \geq 1$, all $q \geq 3$. The formulas are:

(i) $E_{r;q}^n$ = the homology subquotient of the half-exact sequence

$$\pi_{q+1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{n-1}^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_{n-r}^{\mathcal{J}}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_n^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_{n-1}^{\mathcal{J}}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{q-1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{n+r-1}^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_n^{\mathcal{J}});$$

(ii) $d_{r;q}^n$ is induced by the additive relation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_n^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_{n-1}^{\mathcal{J}}) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{q-1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{n+r}^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_n^{\mathcal{J}}) \\ & \searrow \text{dashed} & \uparrow \\ & & \pi_{q-1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{n+r}^{\mathcal{J}}, \Delta_{n+r-1}^{\mathcal{J}}). \end{array}$$

Corollary 1.3. The spectral sequence converges to the set of homology subquotients $E_{\infty; q}^n$ of the half-exact sequences

$$\pi_{q+1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_{n-1}, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_n, \Delta^J_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{q-1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \Delta^J_n) ,$$

and these in turn are isomorphic to the subquotients

$$\frac{F_{\pi_q}^n \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \emptyset)}{F_{\pi_q}^{n+1} \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \emptyset)}$$

of $\text{ir } \mathfrak{F}(A \langle \mathfrak{S}, 0 \rangle)$, where

$$F_{\pi_q}^n \text{ir } \mathfrak{F}(A \langle \mathfrak{S}, 0 \rangle) = \text{Im}[\text{Tr}_{\mathbb{Q}}^3(A \langle \mathfrak{S}, A \langle \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{S}_{n-1} \rangle) \rightarrow \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \emptyset)] .$$

The isomorphism in question is induced by the additive relation

$$\pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_n, \Delta^J_{n-1}) \leftarrow \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \Delta^J_n) \rightarrow \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \emptyset) .$$

(The Corollaries 1.2-1.3 assume familiarity with the often-referred-to section in [3], p.333.)

Proposition 2. There is a natural isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{F}_{1; q}^n \cong \mathfrak{F}_{q+n}^n(\mathfrak{X}) \quad (2) \quad \text{such that } \mathfrak{F}_{1; q}^n = \delta \mathfrak{F}_{q \geq 3}^n .$$

Proof. First, $E_{-, q}^n = \text{IT } \mathfrak{F}^n(A \langle \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{S}_{n-1} \rangle)$, by definition. But $\mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_n, A \langle \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{S}_{n-1} \rangle) \cong \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_n, A \langle \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{S}_{n-1} \rangle)$ by restriction of the members of $\dim AS = n$

$\mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J_n, A \langle \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{S}_{n-1} \rangle)$ to each n-simplex. This means $E_{1; q}^n \cong \mathfrak{F}_{\dim AS = n}^n(\text{IT } \mathfrak{F}^n(AS, \partial AS))$

(naturally). Sticking momentarily to one n-simplex AS, and putting its indices into a sequence $i = (i_0, \dots, i_n)$, we form next an isomorphism

$\phi^{i_*}: \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta s, \partial \Delta s) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_{q+n}(X_s)$: Its formula entails the set $s(t) = \{i_t, i_{t+1}, \dots, i_n\}$ ($0 \leq t \leq n$) via the diagram

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta s, \partial \Delta s) \\
 \parallel \\
 \pi_q \text{Top}_o(\Delta s(0), \partial \Delta s(0); X_s) \\
 \uparrow \partial \\
 \vdots \\
 \pi_{q+k} \text{Top}_o(\Delta s(k), \partial \Delta s(k); X_s) \\
 \uparrow \partial \cong \\
 \pi_{q+k+1} \text{Top}_o(\partial \Delta s(k), \partial \Delta s(k) - \text{int } \Delta s(k+1); X_s) \\
 \downarrow \cong \\
 \pi_{q+k+1} \text{Top}_o(\Delta s(k+1), \partial \Delta s(k+1); X_s) \\
 \vdots \\
 \pi_{q+n} \text{Top}_o(\Delta s(n), \emptyset; X_s) \\
 \parallel \\
 \pi_{q+n}(X_s).
 \end{array}$$

(Top_o stands for function space, with base point of X_s understood.)

The rest of the proof is exactly as presented in [1], Lemma 2.5. \square

Thus, the groups $\pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset)$ for $q \geq 2$ are related to the groups $\pi_j(X_s)$ for $j \geq 2$ and $s \subset \mathcal{J}$: we have

$$\frac{F^n \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset)}{F^{n+1} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset)} \cong \text{a subquotient of } \prod_{\dim \Delta s = n} \pi_{q+n}(X_s)$$

(where this isomorphism entails both Corollary 1.3 and Proposition 2). To approximate this subquotient, one forms subquotients $E_{r;q}^n$ ($r \geq 2$) by reference to differentials, with the exception of the case $q = 2$. (The $d_{r;2}^n$'s are missing, since the corresponding $E_{r;1}^{n+r}$'s are not available to serve as their codomains).

Application to general homology. Before going any further we note that there is a map $b : \prod_{s \subset J} X_s \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(\Delta^J, \emptyset)$ which sends each $x \in \prod_{s \subset J} X_s$ into the constant map which has value x . The map b is obviously natural.

Now let $h = \{h_q, \partial_q \mid q \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be any general homology theory (Cf. [5]). If h^* is its polar general cohomology theory, there is an S -module (syn:spectrum) $\tilde{W} = \{W(k) \mid k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ of base-pointed spaces that classifies h^* . For compact polyhedral pairs (X, A) we must then have $h_q(X, A) \cong \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{q+k}(W(k) \wedge X, W(k) \wedge A)$ for all $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ (where for any base-pointed space M one defines $M \wedge X$ to be $(M \times X) / ((* \times X))$).

Let X be any compact polyhedron without base point and $\{(X_i, A_i) \mid i \in J\}$ a finite family of pairs of subpolyhedra of X . For each $k = 0, 1, \dots$ define $Y(k-1) = \Omega(W(k) \wedge X, W(k) \wedge X)$, $Y_s(k-1) = \Omega(W(k) \wedge X_s, W(k) \wedge A_s)$ ($s \subset J$), where $(X_s, A_s) = (\bigcup_{i \in s} X_i, \bigcup_{i \in s} A_i)$. It follows that $\tilde{Y} = \{Y(k)\}$ and $\tilde{Y}_s = \{Y_s(k)\}$ are S -modules, with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{q+k}(Y_s(k))$ (henceforth denoted $\pi_q(\tilde{Y}_s)$) = $h_q(X_s, A_s)$. The

function space $\mathfrak{F}(K,L)$ for $(Y(k); \mathcal{J}; \{Y_s(k) | s \subset \mathcal{J}\})$ will be denoted $\mathfrak{F}(K,L)(k)$. The structure of S -module for \underline{Y} carries over, so that there is an S -module $\mathfrak{F}(K,L) = \{\mathfrak{F}(K,L)(k) | k = 0,1,\dots\}$. Returning now to b , we see that we have a map

$$b(k) : \bigcap_{s \subset \mathcal{J}} Y_s(k) \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset)(k)$$

which commutes with the S -module structure, so that there is an S -module transformation $b : \bigcap_{\sim} Y_{\sim} \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset)$.

Proposition 3. $\pi_q(b)$ is an isomorphism

$$h_q\left(\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{J}} X_i, \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{J}} A_i\right) = \pi_q\left(\bigcap_{s \subset \mathcal{J}} Y_s\right) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}, \emptyset).$$

Proof. Assume first that $A_i = \{*\}$ for all $i \in \mathcal{J}$, because the general case will follow from this case (see below). Write $Z_s(k)$ for $W(k) \wedge X_s$, to define an S -module Z_{\sim} such that $\pi_{q \sim} Z_{\sim} \cong \pi_{q \sim} Y_{\sim} \cong h_q(X_{\sim})$. We shall denote $\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{J}} X_i$ as X^S .

Consider the following commutative diagram for some 1-simplex Δ_{ij} of $\Delta \mathcal{J}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \cdots & \pi_q \Omega(Z_{\sim i}, Z_{\sim}^{ij}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Z_{\sim}^{ij}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Z_{\sim i}) & \cdots \\ & \downarrow e & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong & \\ & \pi_q \Omega(Z_{\sim ij}, Z_{\sim j}) & & ? & & & \\ & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ \cdots & \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{ij}, e_i) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta_{ij}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(e_i) & \cdots \end{array}$$

The indicated isomorphisms are simply the renaming of a parameter, while e is induced by inclusion and $?$ is given by the same formula as b . But e is actually the map $h_{q+1}(X_i, X^{ij}) \rightarrow h_{q+1}(X_{ij}, X_j)$, which is an isomorphism by the general homology excision property for compact polyhedra. By the diagrammatic 5-lemma it follows that $?$ is an isomorphism.

Now let Δ_s be any simplex of Δ^J and e_i some vertex not in Δ_s . Assume that $\pi_q(\tilde{Z}^S) \cong \pi_q\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta_s)$ holds. Form the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \cdots & \pi_q \Omega(\tilde{Z}_i, \tilde{Z}_i \cap \tilde{Z}^S) & \rightarrow & \pi_q(\tilde{Z}_i \cap \tilde{Z}^S) & \rightarrow & \pi_q(\tilde{Z}_i) & \cdots \\
 & \downarrow e & & \downarrow ?' & & \downarrow \cong & \\
 & \pi_q \Omega(\tilde{Z}_i \cup \tilde{Z}^S, \tilde{Z}^S) & & & & & \\
 & \downarrow ?'' & & & & & \\
 & \pi_q \Omega(\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^*(\Delta_s), \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta_s)) & & & & & \\
 & \downarrow \cong & & & & & \\
 \cdots & \pi_q \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta(sU_i), e_i) & \rightarrow & \pi_q \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta(sU_i)) & \rightarrow & \pi_q \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(e_i) & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

where $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^*(\Delta_s)$ is the same as $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta_s)$ but for the system $(X; J; \{X_i \cup X_s \mid s \subset J\})$. (Thus, $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\Delta_s)$ are subspaces of $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^*(\Delta_s)$.)

The map e has again the form of an excision isomorphism

$h_{q+1}(X_i, X_i \cap X^S) \rightarrow h_{q+1}(X_i \cup X^S, X^S)$. To prove that $?$ is an isomorphism, we apply the diagrammatic 5-lemma to the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\dots \pi_q \Omega(Z_i \cup Z^S) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \Omega(Z_i \cup Z^S, Z^S) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Z^S) \dots \\
\downarrow \cong & & \downarrow ?'' & & \downarrow \cong \\
\dots \pi_q \Omega(\mathfrak{F}^*(\Delta S)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \Omega(\mathfrak{F}^*(\Delta S), \mathfrak{F}(\Delta S)) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(\mathfrak{F}(\Delta S)) \dots
\end{array}$$

where the isomorphism at the left is of the same type as the one at the right. Now that $?''$ is seen to be an isomorphism, the earlier diagram similarly shows that $?'$ is an isomorphism. This completes the inductive proof in case $A_i = \{*\}$ for all $i \in \mathcal{J}$.

For the general case recall that

$$Y_S(k-1) = \Omega(Z_S^1(k), Z_S^0(k)),$$

where $Z_S^1(k) = W(k) \wedge X_S$ and $Z_S^0(k) = W(k) \wedge A_S$. Write

$$\mathfrak{F}_{\mathcal{J}}(K, L)(k) = \{\varphi : K \rightarrow Z(k) \mid \varphi(L) = *, \text{ and for each } \Delta S \subset K \varphi(\Delta S) \subset Z_S^V\},$$

($V=0,1$). From the definition of $\mathfrak{F}(K, L)$ it is evident that

$$\mathfrak{F}(K, L)(k-1) \cong \Omega(\mathfrak{F}_1(K, L)(k), \mathfrak{F}_0(K, L)(k))$$

by rearranging the priority of variables. So, we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\dots \pi_q \Omega(Z^{1\mathcal{J}}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \Omega(Z^{1\mathcal{J}}, Z^{0\mathcal{J}}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q(Z^{0\mathcal{J}}) \dots \\
\downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \pi_q(b) & & \downarrow \cong \\
\dots \pi_q \Omega \mathfrak{F}_1(\Delta \mathcal{J}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \mathfrak{F}(\Delta \mathcal{J}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_q \mathfrak{F}_0(\Delta \mathcal{J}) \dots
\end{array}$$

in which the left and right isomorphisms have just been established, so that the map $\pi_q(b)$ is an isomorphism by the diagrammatic 5-lemma. \square

Corollary 3.1. For any general homology theory h and finite family $X = \{X_i, A_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of pairs of subpolyhedra of a compact polyhedron X , there is a corresponding spectral sequence

$\{E_r^{n,q}, d_r^{n,q} : E_r^{n,q} \rightarrow E_{r-1}^{n+q,q}\}_{r \geq 2, n, q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $E_\infty^{n,q} \cong C^n(X; h_{q+n})$. Under this isomorphism $d_r^{n,q}$ corresponds to the cochain coboundary operator, and $E_\infty^{n,q}$ is isomorphic to $\frac{F^n h_q(X, A)}{F^{n+1} h_q(X, V)}$ for some filtration

$$\dots \rightarrow F^0 h_q(X, A) \rightarrow F^1 h_q(X, A) \rightarrow \dots$$

of $h_q(X, A)$ (containing both $h_q(X, A)$ and $\{0\}$), where

$(X, A) = (i_0^{-1} X, i_0^{-1} A)$. Moreover, the entire structure is functorial in $(X; \mathcal{C}; I)$.

Corollary 3.2. If X is a compact polyhedron and h a general homology theory there is a spectral sequence

$\{E_r^{n,q}, d_r^{n,q} : E_r^{n,q} \rightarrow E_{r-1}^{n+q,q}\}_{r \geq 2, n, q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ with $E_\infty^{n,q} \cong H^n(X; S_{q+n})$,

where S_{q+n} stands for the induced sheaf of the general homology presheaf $U \rightarrow h_q(X, X-U)$. The group $E_\infty^{n,q}$ is isomorphic to

$\frac{F^n h_q(X)}{F^{n+1} h_q(X)}$ for a suitable filtration

$$\dots \rightarrow F^n h_q(X) \rightarrow F^{n+1} h_q(X) \rightarrow \dots$$

of $h_q(X)$ (containing both $h_q(X)$ and $\{0\}$).

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