

\mathbb{Q} -linearity:

Recall that \mathbb{Q} is a field. So we can talk abt vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} . It also makes sense to talk abt \mathbb{Q} -linear maps btwn vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} .

V is a vector space over \mathbb{Q}

i.e. a set V w/ operations
 • $V \times V \xrightarrow{+} V$ rendering V an abelian group w/ addition
 • $\mathbb{Q} \times V \rightarrow V$
 $(a, v) \mapsto av$
 s.t. $a(u+v) = au + av$

Defn: Fix V, W vector spaces over \mathbb{K} .

a gp homom. $f: V \rightarrow W$ is

\mathbb{K} -linear if $f(av) = af(v) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{K}, v \in V$

"respects scaling over \mathbb{K} "

Fact: spose abelian gp A is isomorphic to a direct sum of the abelian gp \mathbb{Q} to some set "fancy A ":

$A \cong \mathbb{Q}^{\oplus A} \Rightarrow$ vector space. Then A has a unique

data/structure.

Slogan: Being \mathbb{Q} -linear, is a property, not data/structure.

• More over, any abelian gp homom $\mathbb{Q}^{\oplus A} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^{\oplus B}$ is automatically \mathbb{Q} -linear.

• Anti-example: \mathbb{R} is a \mathbb{Q} -vector space. Why?

1) $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}, (u, v) \mapsto u+v$
 which renders the real line an abelian gp.

2) $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, (\frac{a}{b}, u) \mapsto \frac{au}{b}$

Theorem: \mathbb{R} admits a basis as a \mathbb{Q} -vector space,

$\{t_i\}_{i \in I}$, then any permutation σ of I induces

a \mathbb{Q} -linear map, $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, t_i \mapsto t_{\sigma(i)}$

"any bijection from I to itself"

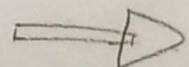
* unless $\sigma = id_I$. This is NOT \mathbb{Q} -linear.

ex: $\mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}$

$(1, 0) \mapsto (0, 1)$

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} permutations!



Upshot: Spse \exists a chain complex A (of abelian gps)

s.t. $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$ A_i is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Q}^{\oplus A_i}$

Then each A_i is a \mathbb{Q} -vector space and each differential d_i is a \mathbb{Q} -linear map.

- In particular \mathbb{Q} -vec. space

$\frac{\ker(d_i)}{\text{im}(d_{i+1})}$ } is a vector space

(it's also the homology of a chain complex)

i.e. $H_i(A)$ are all \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces.

Defn: Let A be a chain complex over \mathbb{Q} . A is called

"Perfect" if $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_i(A) < \infty$.

- All integers are pos. in sum.
- most must be zero.

Defn: Let A be a perfect complex over \mathbb{Q} .

The Euler characteristic of A is (the following integer):

• $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_i(A)$, where the (-1) is odd and $(+1)$ is even

Exercise: spse A is a \mathbb{Q} -linear ch. complex. s.t.

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_i < \infty.$$

show that the following are equivalent.

(i) Euler char. of A

(Need to know dimensions of homology gps to compute)
(do not need to know homology of the gps)

(ii) $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_i$

* hint: Given $f: V \rightarrow W$,

$$\dim(V) = \dim(\ker(f)) + \dim(\text{Im}(f))$$

Euler char of A

$$= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_i(A)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \overset{\dim}{H_2(A)} - \overset{\dim}{H_1(A)} + \overset{\dim}{H_0(A)} - \overset{\dim}{H_1(A)} + \overset{\dim}{H_2(A)} - \overset{\dim}{H_3(A)} + 0 \dots$$

$$= -\dim(H_{-1}(A)) + \dim H_0(A) - \dim H_1(A) + \dots$$

$$= \dots - (\dim \ker(\partial_{11}) + (\dim \ker(\partial_{10}) - \dim \operatorname{Im}(\partial_{11})) - (\dim \ker(\partial_9) - \dim \operatorname{Im}(\partial_{10}))$$

$$= 0 - (\dim \ker(\partial_{11}) + \dim \operatorname{Im}(\partial_{11})) + (\dim \ker(\partial_{10}) + \dim \operatorname{Im}(\partial_{10})) - (\dim \ker(\partial_9) + \dim \operatorname{Im}(\partial_9)) +$$

$$= 0 + (-1)^{-11} \dim A_{-11} + (-1)^{-10} \dim A_{-10} + (-1)^{-7} \dim A_{-7} + (-1)^{-8} \dim A_{-8} + 0$$

$$= \sum (-1)^i \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} A_i$$

Post-exercise topology:

Fact: For spaces X , $H_i(X; \mathbb{Q})$ is a vector space.

Pf: $C_k(X; \mathbb{Q}) := \mathbb{Q} \oplus_{\text{sing } \sigma} \mathbb{Q} \sigma$ by our discussion of \mathbb{Q} -linearity, $H_k(X; \mathbb{Q})$ are \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces.

Defn: Spse $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H_i(X; \mathbb{Q}) < \infty$, coeff in \mathbb{Q} .

Then the Euler char. of X is

$$\chi(X) := \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \dim H_i(X; \mathbb{Q}).$$

greek letter
"kai"?

Ummm how do we compute this thing?

Exercise: Say that a CW cplx X is finite if X has finitely many cells. prove that the Euler char of X ,

$$\chi(X) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^i \# A_i.$$

prove at home bc we only have 8 class mins left

Examples:

(5) (0) $X = \emptyset$

$$\chi(\emptyset) = 0$$

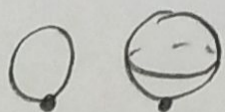
(1) $X = \text{pt}$

$$\chi(\text{pt}) = (-1)^0 \cdot 1 = 1$$

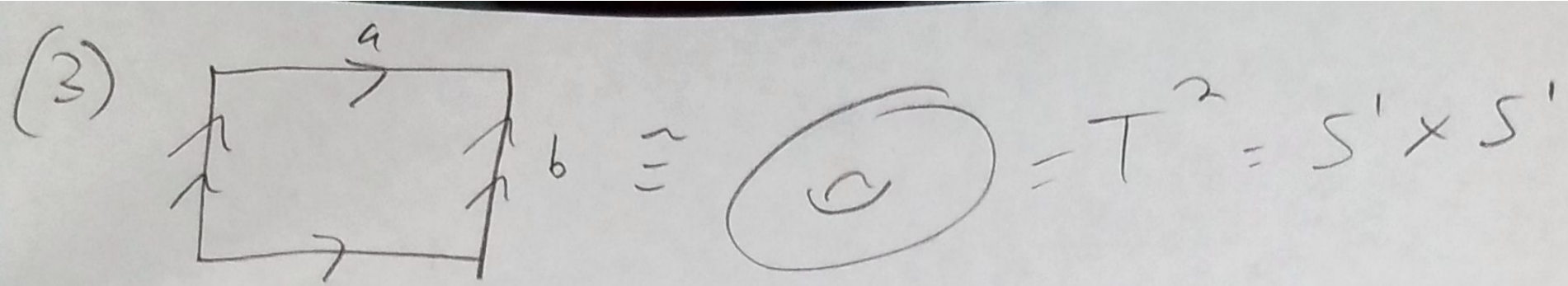
(2) $X = S^n$

$$\chi(S^n) = \underbrace{(-1)^0 \cdot 1}_{1 \text{ 0-cell}} + \underbrace{(-1)^n \cdot 1}_{1 \text{ n-cell}}$$

can't tell difference b/w \emptyset and S^n ?

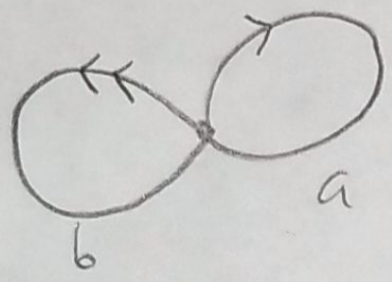


$$= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ 1-1=0 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

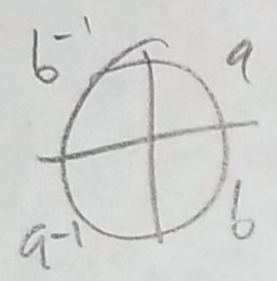


$$\chi(T^2) = (-1)^0 \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\text{1 cells}} + (-1)^1 \cdot \underbrace{2}_{\text{2 cells}} + (-1)^2 \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\text{2 cells}}$$

n-skeleton $= 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$



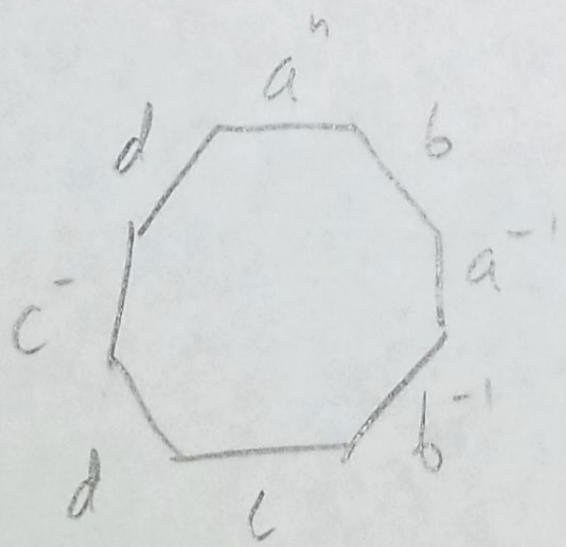
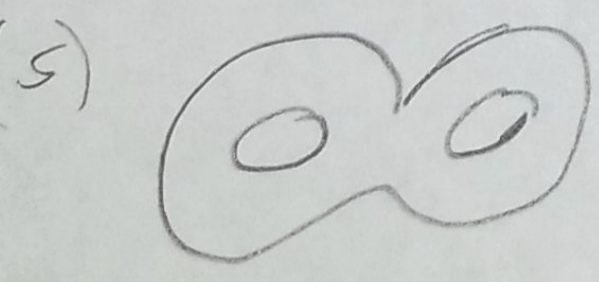
$$= \underbrace{\chi(S^1)}_0 \cdot \underbrace{\chi(S^1)}_0$$



(4) $\chi(\mathbb{R}P^n) = (-1)^0 \cdot 1 + (-1)^1 \cdot 1 + (-1)^2 \cdot 1 + \dots + (-1)^n \cdot 1$

if n is odd things cancel pairwise

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ 1 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$



do on your own