Computation of the Godement Resolution for Sheaves over Finite Spaces





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- August 25 and 26, 2015 (already occurred)
- American University, Washington, DC and online
- Websites:

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What is a finite space?



Some (mostly) topological spaces



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Topology

If X is a set, then a *topology* T on X is a collection of subsets of X satisfying four axioms:

- 1. The empty set is in T
- 2. X is in T
- 3. If U is in T and V is in T then $U \cap V$ is in T
- 4. All unions of elements of T are in T

The elements of *T* are called the *open sets* for the topology

The pair (X,T) is called a *topological space*



























Alexandrov spaces

- A topological space in which **arbitrary** intersections of open sets are still open is called *Alexandrov*
- <u>Proposition</u>: All topological spaces over a finite set are Alexandrov

- All topological spaces have *closures*...
- ...but Alexandrov spaces also have *stars*



Closures





(All topological spaces can form the closure of any subset)

Stars



Don't confuse this with the *interior* of *A*: the **largest** open set contained **within** *A*



(Some topological spaces cannot form stars)

• A simplicial complex is a collection of *vertices* and ...



• ... edges (pairs of vertices) and ...





- ... higher dimensional *simplices* (tuples of vertices)
- Whenever you have a simplex, you have all subsets, called *faces*, too. v_2





Stars over simplices

• The *star* over a simplex is that simplex along with all higher dimensional ones containing it





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Stars over simplices

Abstract simplicial complexes have a canonical partial order on faces, just given by subset



Simplicial complex

Partial order

• <u>Proposition</u>: The collection of all possible stars and all possible unions of stars forms a topology for the set of simplices

.... and so the word *star* has the same meaning in both contexts



What is a sheaf?





Sheaves: a definition

- A sheaf on a topological space X consists of
- A contravariant functor *F* from **Open**(*X*) to some subcategory of **Vec**; this is a "sheaf of vector spaces" F(U) for open *U* is called the *space of sections* over *U* Each inclusion map $U \subset V$ is sent to a linear *restriction map* $F(V) \rightarrow F(U)$.
 - Given a point $p \in X$, the colimit of $F(U_{\alpha})$, for all U_{α} satisfying $p \in U_{\alpha}$ is called the *stalk* at *p*. It's a generalization of the germ of a smooth function
- And a gluing rule...



Sheaves: a definition





Heterogeneous fusion among homogeneous sensors







"Physical" sensor footprints

Sensor data space

Heterogeneous fusion among homogeneous sensors



Heterogeneous fusion among homogeneous sensors



Extending to collections of faces



Simplicial complex



Sheaf assigns data spaces to stars over each simplex



Extending to collections of faces



The data spaces sew together by the gluing rule just described



(And many more not shown)



Note: this process is canonical, so we merely need to specify data on a base for the topology and let gluing fill out the rest!

• ... higher dimensional *simplices* (tuples of vertices)





• The *attachment diagram* shows how simplices fit together





A sheaf is ...

• A set assigned to each simplex and ...



Each such set is called the *stalk* over its simplex

 \mathbb{R}^{3}

 \mathbb{R}

This is a sheaf **of** vector spaces **on** a simplicial complex



A sheaf is ...

• ... a function assigned to each simplex inclusion





A sheaf is ...

• ... so the diagram commutes.




A global section is ...

• An assignment of values from each of the stalks that is consistent with the restrictions





Some sections are only local

• They might not be defined on all simplices or disagree with restrictions





A sheaf morphism ...

• ... takes data in the stalks of two sheaves ...







A sheaf morphism ...

• ... and relates them through linear maps ...



A sheaf morphism ...

• ... so the diagram commutes!



An algebraic interlude



The dimension theorem

<u>Theorem</u>: Linear maps between vector spaces are characterized by four fundamental subspaces





Exactness of a sequence

Exactness of a sequence of maps, $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$

means that image $f = \ker g$





Example: exact sequence





Properties of exact sequences

Exactness encodes useful properties of maps

• Injectivity

$$0 \to A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

• Surjectivity

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \to 0$$

• Isomorphism

$$0 \to A \xrightarrow{f} B \to 0$$

• Quotient

$$0 \to A \to B \to B / A \to 0$$



Chain complexes

Exactness is special and delicate. Usually our sequences satisfy a weaker condition:

A chain complex

$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$

satisfies image $f \subseteq \ker g$ or equivalently $g \circ f = 0$

Exact sequences are chain complexes, but not conversely *Homology* measures the difference



Homology of a chain complex

Starting with a *chain complex*



Homology is trivial if and only if the chain complex is exact



Exact sequences of sheaves

- Similar to vector spaces, we can also have sequences of sheaves with sheaf morphisms between them
- Such a sequence is *exact* if it's exact on **stalks**





What is **cellular** sheaf cohomology?



Global sections, revisited

- The space of global sections is combinatorially difficult to compute
- It's based on the idea that we can rewrite the basic condition(s) for a global section *s* of a sheaf \mathscr{S}



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 $-\mathscr{G}(v_1 \rightarrow e) s(v_1) + \mathscr{G}(v_2 \rightarrow e) s(v_2) = 0$

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A queue as a sheaf

- Contents of the shift register at each timestep
- N = 3 shown





A single timestep

- Contents of the shift register at each timestep
- N = 3 shown

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(9,2) \leftarrow (1,9,2) \leftarrow (1,9) \leftarrow (1,1,9) \leftarrow (1,1) \leftarrow (5,1,1) \leftarrow (5,1) \leftarrow (2,5)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Rewriting using matrices

• Same section, but the condition for verifying that it's a section is now written linear algebraically





The *cellular cochain complex*

- <u>Motivation</u>: Sections being in the kernel of matrix suggests a higher dimensional construction exists!
- Goal: the *cellular cochain complex* for a sheaf \mathscr{S}

$$(\mathcal{G}; \mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{k-1}} \check{C}^{k}(X; \mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{k}} \check{C}^{k+1}(X; \mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{k+1}} \check{C}^{k+2}(X; \mathscr{G})$$

• *Cellular sheaf cohomology* will be defined as $\check{H}^{k}(X; \mathscr{S}) = \ker d^{k} / \operatorname{image} d^{k-1}$

much the same as homology (but the chain complex goes up in dimension instead of down)



Generalizing up in dimension

- Global sections lie in the kernel of a particular matrix
- We gather the domain and range from stalks over vertices and edges... These are the *cochain spaces*

$$\check{C}^{k}(X;\mathscr{S}) = \bigoplus \mathscr{S}(a)$$

a is a *k*-simplex

Note: Ignore any *k*-simplices that are missing faces in *X*

• An element of $\check{C}^k(X; \mathscr{S})$ is called a *cochain*, and specifies a datum from the stalk at each *k*-simplex

(The *direct sum* operator \bigoplus forms a new vector space by concatenating the bases of its operands)



The cellular cochain complex

• The *coboundary map* $d^k : \check{C}^k(X; \mathscr{S}) \to \check{C}^{k+1}(X; \mathscr{S})$ is given by the block matrix



The cellular cochain complex

• We've obtained the *cellular cochain complex*

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (\mathcal{G}) & \stackrel{d^{k-1}}{\longrightarrow} \check{C}^{k}(X; \mathcal{G}) & \stackrel{d^{k}}{\longrightarrow} \check{C}^{k+1}(X; \mathcal{G}) & \stackrel{d^{k+1}}{\longrightarrow} \check{C}^{k+2}(X) \\ \bullet & Cellular \ sheaf \ cohomology \ is \ defined \ as \\ & \check{H}^{k}(X; \mathcal{G}) = \ker \ d^{k} \ / \ image \ d^{k-1} \\ & & \\ & \text{All the cochains that are consistent in } \\ & & \\$$

... that we ren't already present in dimension k - 1



Cohomology facts

- $\check{H}^0(X;\mathscr{S})$ is the space of global sections of \mathscr{S}
- $\check{H}^1(X; \mathscr{S})$ usually has to do with oriented, non-collapsible **data** loops



H^k(X; *S*) is a functor: sheaf morphisms
 induce linear maps between cohomology
 spaces



What is (actual) sheaf cohomology? (which works even if your space isn't a simplicial complex)



Čech resolution

- The cellular cochain complex can also be viewed as an exact sequence of sheaves: the $\check{C}ech$ resolution
- Lemma: If U is a star over a point (simplex), then

$0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \longrightarrow \check{C}^{0}(U;\mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow \check{C}^{1}(U;\mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow \check{C}^{2}(U;\mathscr{G})$

is an exact sequence (of vector spaces)

Proof: (sketch) Note: stars make this much easier than the usual proof!





- What if you don't know how to organize the stalks by dimension?
- Well, you basically have to lump everything together

If you have a simplicial complex...

$$0 \to \mathscr{G}(U) \to \check{C}^{0}(U;\mathscr{G}) \to \check{C}^{1}(U;\mathscr{G}) \to \check{C}^{2}(U;\mathscr{G})$$

... and if you don't

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \longrightarrow C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) = \bigoplus \mathscr{G}(a)$$

a is a star over a single point in *U*

Projecting out stars over simplices of different dimensions



• Assuming *U* is a star over a single point, we have only one step of an exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \\ & & & \\$$



• We have only one step of an exact sequence, so construct another **via** exactness!

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \xrightarrow{e} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow Z^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow 0$$

All the stalks of \mathscr{G}
over points in U Cokernel of e
Basically all the stuff in $C^{0}(U;$
that aren't sections over U
This is a sheaf $Z^{1}(\mathscr{G})$



• But $Z^{1}(\mathscr{S})$ is also a sheaf, so we can reuse our trick!

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \xrightarrow{e} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow Z^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow 0$ $0 \longrightarrow Z^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{0}(U; Z^{1}(\mathscr{G}))$ $=: C^{1}(U; \mathscr{S})$

All the stalks of $Z^{1}(U; \mathscr{S})$ over points in U



• Giving us another step in our sequence!

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \xrightarrow{e} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{1}(U; \mathscr{G})$ $C^{0}(U; Z^{1}(\mathscr{S}))$ =: $C^{1}(U; \mathscr{S})$

All the stalks of $Z^{1}(U; \mathscr{S})$ over points in U



• And repeat!

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \xrightarrow{e} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow Z^{2}(U; \mathscr{G})$ $0 \longrightarrow Z^{2}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{0}(U; Z^{2}(\mathscr{G}))$ $=: C^2(U; \mathscr{S})$

All the stalks of $Z^2(U; \mathscr{S})$ over points in U



• And repeat!

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \xrightarrow{e} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{2}(U; \mathscr{G})$

• We obtain an exact sequence of sheaves



General sheaf cohomology

• If *U* isn't a star over a single point, this probably isn't an exact sequence...

 $0 \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}(U) \stackrel{e}{\longrightarrow} C^{0}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{1}(U; \mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow C^{2}(U; \mathscr{G})$

- <u>Theorem</u>: The homology of this resolution is the same as the cellular sheaf cohomology we computed for the simplicial complex!
- But it works even if the base space isn't a simplicial complex



General sheaf cohomology ≅ cellular sheaf cohomology

<u>Proof</u>: We build what's called a *chain morphism* between the two resolutions.

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<u>Claim</u>: The C^{0} sheaf is *injective*, which allows us to construct another map...


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$C^{0}(\mathscr{S})$ is injective

• What this means is that starting with a diagram of **black** sheaf morphisms like the one below, you can construct the **red** sheaf morphism





$C^{0}(\mathscr{S})$ is injective

• This basically amounts to being able to extend a diagram like so, which is the prototypical sheaf with a projection for a restriction map



<u>Task</u>: check commutativity of the 2 triangles and one square with **red** edges You're given commutativity of the two squares with **black** and **blue** edges



• Consider the sheaf \mathscr{S} over a single edge:



• Its cellular cochain complex is

$$\check{C}^{0}(X;\mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{0}} \check{C}^{1}(X;\mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{1}} \check{C}^{2}(X;\mathscr{G}) \xrightarrow{d^{2}} \check{C}^{2}(X;\mathscr{G})$$



• Here's the Godement resolution ... complicated, but doable! $\begin{array}{c|c} & \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & \mathbb{R}^2 & 0 & \mathbb{R}^2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbb{R}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix}$ \mathbb{R}^2 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\frown}{\uparrow} \\ \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{O}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 0 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 0 $\rightarrow C^0(\mathscr{G}) \longrightarrow Z^1(\mathscr{G}) \rightarrow C^1(\mathscr{G}) \rightarrow C^2(\mathscr{G})$



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Conclusion!

- It's possible to compute the cohomology of sheaves over general finite topological spaces
- You can use the Godement resolution, which might be involved, but it's actually a finite calculation
- But if your space is a simplicial complex, then the cellular sheaf cohomology is much easier to compute



For more information

Take MATH 496/696-001 Computational Algebraic Topology Next semester!

(lots more diagrams will ensue!!!)

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