

Thm 3.26: Let  $M$  be a closed connected  $n$ -manifold. Then

(a) If  $M$  is  $R$ -orientable, the map

$$H_n(M; R) \rightarrow H_n(M, M - \{x\}; R) \cong R$$

is an isomorphism for all  $x \in M$ .

(b) If  $M$  is not  $R$ -orientable, the map

$$H_n(M; R) \rightarrow H_n(M, M - \{x\}; R) \cong R$$

is injective with image  $\{r \in R \mid 2r = 0\}$  for all  $x \in M$ .

(c)  $H_n(M; R) = 0$ .

$$\text{Cor: } H_n(M^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & M^n \text{ orientable} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Cor: } H_n(M^n, \mathbb{Z}_2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

If  $H_n(M; R) \cong R \cong \langle [M] \rangle$ , then  $[M]$  is a fundamental class for  $M$  (with coefficients in  $R$ ).

Lemma: A fundamental class exists iff  $M$  is closed and  $R$ -orientable.

Proof: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $H_n(M; R) \cong R \cong \langle [M] \rangle$  where

$p_{x*} : H_n(M; R) \rightarrow H_n(M, M - \{x\}; R) \cong R$  is an isomorphism for all  $x$ .

Define a function  $x \in M \rightarrow \mu_x = p_{x*}([M]) \in H_n(M, M - \{x\}; R)$

Sums are finite implies  $M$  compact.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Thm 3.26 implies that if  $M$  is  $R$ -orientable, then a fundamental class  $[M]$  exists.

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# Poincaré Duality

**Definition 1.** Let  $X$  be a space. The cap product is a pairing between certain homology groups and cohomology groups of  $X$ . For  $k \geq \ell$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \frown : C_k(X; R) \times C^\ell(X; R) &\rightarrow C_{k-\ell}(X; R) \\ \sigma \frown \phi &= \phi(\sigma|_{[v_0 \cdots v_\ell]})\sigma|_{[v_\ell \cdots v_k]}. \end{aligned}$$


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Example (using simplicial instead of singular notation):

Suppose  $\sigma = [v_0 \cdots v_k] \in C_k$  and  $\phi : C_\ell \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  (i.e.,  $\phi \in C^\ell(X; \mathbb{Z})$ )

If, for example,  $\phi[v_0, \dots, v_\ell] = 5$ , then

$$\sigma \frown \phi = \phi([v_0 \cdots v_\ell])[v_\ell \cdots v_k] = 5[v_\ell \cdots v_k] \in C_{k-\ell}(X; \mathbb{Z}).$$


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It is easy to check the following properties:

- $\frown$  is bilinear (by definition)
- $\partial(\sigma \frown \phi) = (-1)^\ell(\partial\sigma \frown \phi - \sigma \frown \delta\phi)$
- $\frown(Z_k \times Z^\ell) \subseteq Z_{k-\ell}$ , i.e. cycle  $\frown$  cocycle = cycle
- $\frown(B_k \times Z^\ell) \subseteq B_{k-\ell}$ , i.e. boundary  $\frown$  cocycle = boundary
- $\delta(\phi) = 0$  implies  $\partial(\sigma \frown \phi) = (-1)^\ell(\partial\sigma \frown \phi)$
- $\frown(Z_k \times B^\ell) \subseteq Z_{k-\ell}$ , i.e. cycle  $\frown$  coboundary = boundary
- $\partial(\sigma) = 0$  implies  $\partial(\sigma \frown \phi) = (-1)^{\ell+1}(\sigma \frown \delta\phi)$

These facts imply that the cap product descends to a bilinear map

$$\frown : H_k(X) \times H^\ell(X) \rightarrow H_{k-\ell}(X).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial(\sigma \frown \phi) &= \partial(\phi([v_0 \cdots v_\ell])[v_\ell \cdots v_k]) = \phi([v_0 \cdots v_\ell])\partial([v_\ell \cdots v_k]) \\
&= \phi([v_0, \dots, v_\ell]) \sum_{i=\ell}^k (-1)^{i-\ell} [v_\ell, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_k] \\
&= \sum_{i=\ell}^k (-1)^{i-\ell} \phi([v_0, \dots, v_\ell])[v_\ell, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_k]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial\sigma \frown \phi &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i [v_0, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_k] \frown \phi = \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i \phi([v_0, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_{\ell+1}])[v_{\ell+1}, \dots, v_k] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^k (-1)^i \phi([v_0, \dots, v_\ell])[v_\ell, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_k]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma \cap \delta\phi &= \delta\phi([v_0 \cdots v_{\ell+1}])[v_{\ell+1} \cdots v_k] = \phi\partial([v_0 \cdots v_{\ell+1}])[v_{\ell+1} \cdots v_k] \\
&= \phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell+1} (-1)^i [v_0, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_{\ell+1}]\right)[v_{\ell+1} \cdots v_k] \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell+1} (-1)^i \phi([v_0, \dots, \widehat{v}_i, \dots, v_{\ell+1}])[v_{\ell+1} \cdots v_k]
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1** (Poincaré Duality). *Let  $M$  be a closed,  $R$ -orientable  $n$ -manifold with fundamental class  $[M] \in H_n(M; R)$ . Then the map  $D_M : H^i(M) \rightarrow H_{n-i}(M)$  is an isomorphism, where  $D_M$  is defined by*

$$D_M([\phi]) = [M] \frown [\phi].$$

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $M$  be a closed, connected,  $R$ -orientable  $n$ -manifold. The top homology group  $H_n(M)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $[M]$  is a generator.*