

Thus this short exact sequence induces a long exact sequence:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H_n(A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} H_n(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{n-1}(A) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

If $[\sigma] \in \underline{H_n(X, A)}$, then $\sigma \in C_n(X)$ and $\partial\sigma \in C_{n-1}(A)$

$$\text{That is } \underline{\partial_*([\sigma])} = \partial_X(\sigma) \in C_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \xrightarrow{\quad} \xrightarrow{\quad} [\sigma] \xrightarrow{\quad} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_n} C_n(X, A)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \partial_X \downarrow & \\ C_{n-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & C_{n-1}(X) \\ \partial\sigma & \xrightarrow{i_{n-1}} & \partial\sigma \end{array}$$

Ex:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & H_1(\{0, 1\}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_1(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & H_1(\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \widetilde{H}_0(\{0, 1\}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \widetilde{H}_0(\mathbb{R}) & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & 0 & \xrightarrow{i_*} & 0 & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & H_1(\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\}) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{i_*} & 0 & \longrightarrow & \cdots \end{array}$$

Thus $H_1(\mathbb{R}, \{0, 1\}) = \mathbb{Z}$

The following diagram does NOT commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \cdots & \rightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n+1}} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} & C_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow f_{n+1} \parallel g_{n+1} & & \downarrow f_n \parallel g_n & & \downarrow f_{n-1} \parallel g_{n-1} & & \\
 \cdots & \rightarrow & D_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\delta_{n+1}} & D_n & \xrightarrow{\delta_n} & D_{n-1} & \rightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

The chain maps $f_n, g_n : C_n \rightarrow D_n$ are chain homotopic if $\exists K_n : C_n \rightarrow D_n$ such that

$$\delta_{n+1}K_n + K_{n-1}\partial_n = f_n - g_n$$

Claim: $f_* = g_* : H_\bullet^C \rightarrow H_\bullet^D$

Proof: If $\alpha \in Z_n^C$, then $\partial\alpha = 0$.

$$\delta_{n+1}K_n(\alpha) + K_{n-1}\partial_n(\alpha) = f_n(\alpha) - g_n(\alpha)$$

$$f_n(\alpha) = \delta_{n+1}K_n(\alpha) + g_n(\alpha)$$

$$[f_n(\alpha)] = [\delta_{n+1}K_n(\alpha) + g_n(\alpha)] = [g_n(\alpha)]$$

Thus $f_*(\alpha) = g_*(\alpha)$