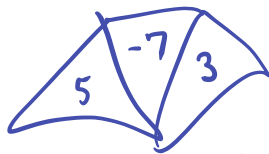


# COHOMOLOGY

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$i=2$



$\Delta^i(X)$  = functions from  $i$ -simplices of  $X$  to  $G$ .

= homoms  $\Delta_i(X) \rightarrow G$

$$\delta: \Delta^i(X, G) \rightarrow \Delta^{i+1}(X, G)$$

$$f \mapsto \delta f$$

for  $f \in \Delta^i$ ,  $\sigma = (i+1)$ -simplex

$$\delta f(\sigma) = \sum (-1)^k f(\partial_k \sigma) \quad (*) \quad \leftarrow \text{Same}$$

Claims:  $\delta^2 = 0$ .  $c = i+1$  chain  $f = i$  cochain

$$\text{Check: } \delta f(c) = f(\partial c) \quad (*)$$

$$\delta \delta f(c) = \delta(f \partial c) = f \partial^2 c$$

$= f(\partial^2 c) = 0$

$c = i+2$ -chain

Claim  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta^i$  form a chain complex:  
 $\text{im } \delta_{i-1} \subseteq \text{ker } \delta_i$

$H^*(X, G)$  = homology of this chain complex.

$$H^i(X, G) = \frac{\text{ker } \delta_i}{\text{im } \delta_{i-1}}$$

## Two dimensions

$X = 2\text{-dim } \Delta\text{-complex}$

$$\delta: \Delta^1(X, G) \rightarrow \Delta^2(X, G)$$

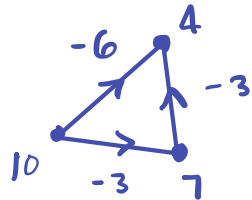
$$\delta f([v_0, v_1, v_2]) = f(v_1, v_2) - f(v_0, v_2) + f(v_0, v_1)$$

Check that  $\delta f$   
 $0 \xrightarrow{f} \Delta^0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} \Delta^1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \Delta^2 \rightarrow 0$  is

a chain complex:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \delta f([v_0, v_1, v_2]) &= (f(v_2) - f(v_1)) - \\ &\quad (f(v_2) - f(v_0)) + (f(v_1) - f(v_0)) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

If you hike/ski a loop, elevation change is 0.



What is a 1-cocycle? ( $\ker \delta_1$ )

$$\delta f = 0 \Leftrightarrow f(v_0, v_2) = f(v_0, v_1) + f(v_1, v_2)$$

so:  $f$  is locally a deriv.

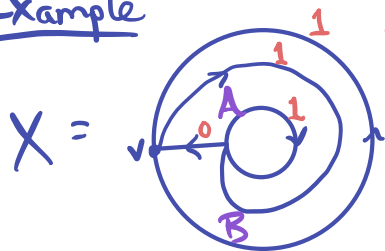
↑ on any triangle.

When is  $f$  a 1-coboundary? ( $\text{Im } \delta_0$ )

When it's a deriv.

So a nontrivial elt of  $H^1(X)$  is a fn on edges that is locally, but not globally an a deriv.

## Example



Check  $f$  is a 1-cocycle

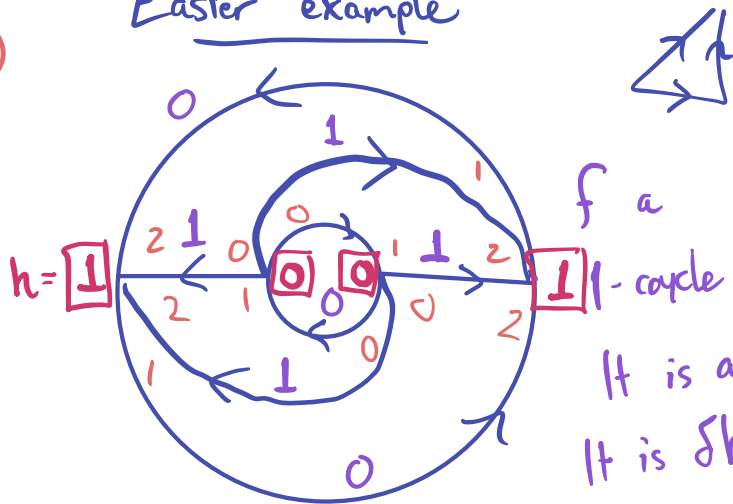
i.e.  $\delta f = 0$ .

$$\delta f(A) = 0$$

$$\delta f(B) = 0$$

But  $f$  is not in  $\text{im } \delta_0$ :  
Any value of  $f(v)$   
fails.

## Easter example

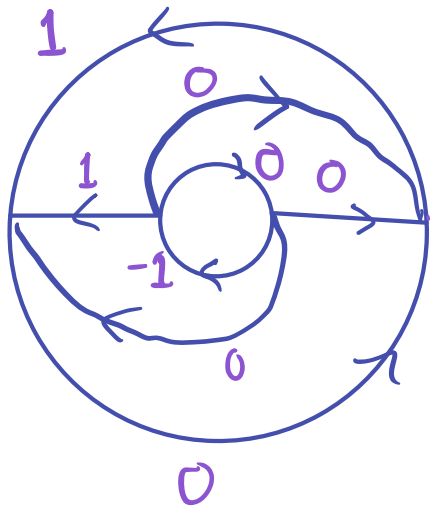


It is a cobound.

It is  $\delta h$

So: trivial elt of  $H^1(X)$ .

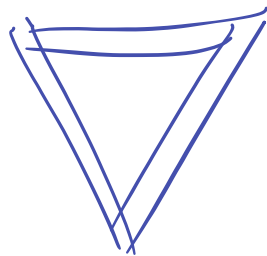
Another try.



f a  
1-cycle  
It is **not** a cobound.  
because the outside  
(and inside loops  
are nonzero).

So: nontrivial elt  
of  $H^1$ .

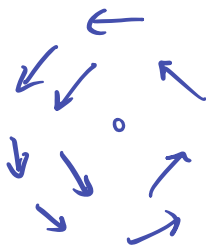
Think about



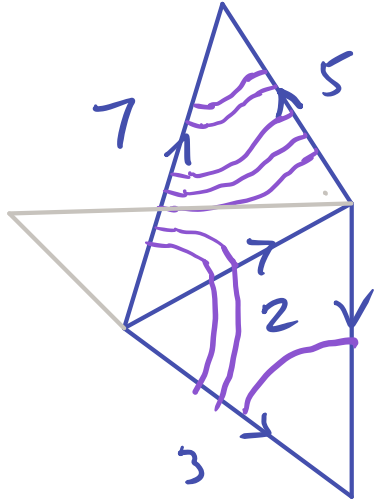
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# Geometric interpretation of 1-cocycles.



Cocycle condition  
( $2+5=7$ )

→ collection of  
arcs in each  
triangle

→ "curves"  
in  $X$ .

