

## ON THE PROJECTIVE HOMOLOGY GROUPS

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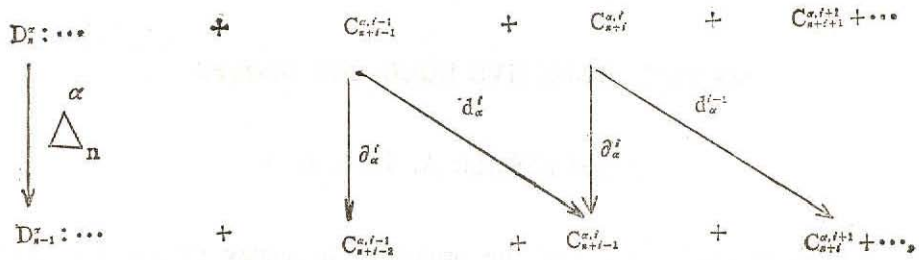
In [1] it is proposed the idea of the projective homology groups of compact spaces, which is a generalization of the interesting homology groups of Steenrod, [9]. These groups depend on a new type of cycle. In essence it is an infinite cycle (in a compact space  $X$ ) with the (regularity) requirement that the successive simplexes are contained in any finite open covering of the space  $X$ , [4]. In [1] and [2] it is proved that the projective homology groups satisfies the first five axioms of the seven axioms of Eilenberg-Steenrod, [5].

The main objective of the present paper is to present a proof of the excision axiom (The sixth one of Eilenberg-Steenrod's axioms) for the projective homology groups defined over a chain complex as a coefficient group.

### 1. Projective homology groups over a chain complex

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the category of pairs of countably locally finite simplicial complexes and their inclusion maps,  $\mathcal{Q}$  the category of pairs of compact spaces and their continuous maps, and  $G = \{G^i, d^i\}$  be a chain complex of commutative groups, where  $d^i : G^i \rightarrow G^{i+1}$  for each integer  $i$ . For every object  $(X, A)$  of  $\mathcal{Q}$  consider the set  $w(X, A)$  of the triples  $\alpha = (K, L; f)$ , where  $(K, L)$  is an object of the category  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $f : (K, L) \rightarrow (X, A)$  is a regular map, i.e., for every finite open covering  $O$  of the space  $X$  almost  $f$ -images of the simplexes of  $K$  are contained in the members of  $O$ . If  $\beta = (K_1, L_1; f_1) \in w(X, A)$  then we consider  $\alpha < \beta$  if in  $K$  there exists

$\pi_{\alpha\beta} : (K, L) \rightarrow (K_1, L_1)$  such that  $f_1 \pi_{\alpha\beta} = f$ , [4]; and we say  $\alpha < \beta$  in virtue of  $\pi_{\alpha\beta}$ . Let  $C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  be the group  $C_{n+i}(K, L; G^i)$  of the chains of  $(K, L)$  over the coefficient group  $G^i$ , and  $D_n^\alpha = \prod_i C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$ . The boundary map  $\Delta_n^\alpha : D_n^\alpha \rightarrow D_{n-1}^\alpha$  is defined as shown in the following diagram:



i.e., if  $X_n \in D_n^\alpha$  and its  $i^{th}$  coordinate is  $X^i \in C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$ , then  $\Delta_n^\alpha X^i = \partial_\alpha^i X^i + (-1)^{n+i} d_\alpha^i X^i$ , where  $\partial_\alpha^i$  is a boundary homomorphism and  $d_\alpha^i$  is the homomorphism induced by  $d^i$ . The homology groups of the chain complex  $\{D_n^\alpha, \Delta_n^\alpha\}$  is denoted by  $\{H_n^\alpha\}$ . If  $\alpha < \beta$  then  $\pi_{\alpha\beta}$  defines, consequently, the homomorphisms  $\pi_{\alpha\beta} : D_n^\alpha \rightarrow D_n^\beta$  and  $\pi_{\alpha\beta*} : H_n^\alpha \rightarrow H_n^\beta$ , [6].

DEFINITION 1. The projective homology group of a pair  $(X, A)$  over the chain complex  $G$  is the limit of the direct system  $\{H_n^\alpha, \pi_{\alpha\beta*}\}$  over the directed set  $w(X, A)$ ; it is denoted by  $H_n(X, A; G)$ ; or, briefly  $H_n$ , i.e.,  $H_n(X, A; G) = H_n = \varinjlim_\alpha \{H_n^\alpha, \pi_{\alpha\beta*}\}$ .

If  $G$  is a trivial chain complex, [6], the  $H_n$  is isomorphic to the projective homology group defined in [2].

If  $g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is in the category  $Q$  and  $\alpha = (K, L; f) \in w(X, A)$  then  $g(\alpha) = (K, L; gf)$  is in the set  $w(Y, B)$ . The induced homomorphism  $g_* : H_n(X, A; G) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B; G)$  is defined as follows: if  $A_n \in H_n(X, A; G)$  with representative  $h \in H_n^\alpha$  then  $h \in H_n^{g(\alpha)}$  and it is a representative of  $g_*(A_n)$ .

If the boundary homomorphism  $\partial_*$  of the groups  $\{H_n\}$  (compare with [3]) then it is easy to show that the triple  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_n, g_*, \partial_*\}$ , which is called the projective homology construction over the chain complex  $G$ , is naturally equivalent to the construction  $H$  defined in [3]. Moreover, we can prove that the triple  $\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the first five axioms of Eilenberg-Steenrod list of axioms, [3].

### 2. The excision axiom

The object of this section is to verify the sixth one of the Eilenberg-Steenrod's

axioms for the construction  $\mathcal{H}_n$ . The proof depends on the following notions.

DEFINITION 2. If  $(X, A) \in Q$  and  $\alpha = (K; f)$  is in  $w(X)$ , then an element  $x^i$  of the group  $C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i} = C_{n+i}(K; G^i)$  is said to be a *regular chain* of  $X$  relative to  $A$  if, for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $A$ ,  $f(t) \subset V$  for almost all simplexes  $t$  of the carrier  $|x^i|$  of  $x^i$ .

The subset  $\bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  of  $C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  consisting of the regular chains of  $X$  relative to  $A$  is a subgroup; for if  $x_1^i$  and  $x_2^i$  are in  $\bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  then  $|x_1^i - x_2^i| \subset |x_1^i| \cup |x_2^i|$ , [6]. The factor group  $C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i} / \bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  is denoted by  $\bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$ . Note that if  $f(K) \subset A$  then  $\bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i} = C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$ .

Let  $\{\bar{H}_n^\alpha\}$ ,  $\{\bar{H}_n^\alpha\}$  be the homology groups of the corresponding chain complexes  $\{\bar{D}_n^\alpha, \bar{\Delta}_n^\alpha\}$ ,  $\{\bar{D}_n^\alpha, \bar{\Delta}_n^\alpha\}$  where  $\bar{D}_n^\alpha = \prod_i C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$ ,  $\bar{D}_n^\alpha = \prod_i \bar{C}_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  and  $\bar{\Delta}_n^\alpha, \bar{\Delta}_n^\alpha$  are the restrictions of  $\Delta_n^\alpha$ .

DEFINITION 3. The projective homology group of the space  $X$  (pair  $(X, A)$ ) relative to  $A$  over the chain complex  $G$  is the direct limit  $\varinjlim_\alpha \{\bar{H}_n^\alpha, \bar{\pi}_{\alpha\beta*}\} (\varinjlim_\alpha \{\bar{H}_n^\alpha, \bar{\pi}_{\alpha\beta*}\})$ , where  $\alpha \in w(X)$ ; it is denoted by  $\bar{H}_n(X; G)$  ( $\bar{H}_n(X, A; G)$ ).

It is easy to show that each of the pairs  $\{\bar{H}_n(X; G), \bar{g}_*\}$  and  $\{\bar{H}_n(X, A; G), \bar{g}_*\}$  is a covariant functor, where  $\bar{g}_*$ ,  $\bar{g}_*$  are the induced, by the map  $g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  of the category  $Q$ , homomorphisms.

Along the following part denote by  $X$  the bouquet  $X_1 \vee X_2$  of the two compact spaces  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , [7], and by  $A$  the subset  $X_2$ . Also, let  $1: A \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion map and  $r: X \rightarrow A$  the retraction, [5].

THEOREM 1. *The projective homology group of  $X$  relative to  $A$  over  $G$  is isomorphic to the projective homology group of the space  $X$  over  $G$ .*

PROOF. Define the homomorphism

$$T_n: H_n(A; G) \rightarrow \bar{H}_n(X; G)$$

by: if  $A_n \in H_n(A; G)$  and its representative is  $h \in H_n^\alpha$ , where  $\alpha = (K; f) \in w(A)$ , then  $h \in H_n^{1(\alpha)}$  defines the element  $T_n(A_n)$ , where  $1(\alpha) = (K; 1f) \in w(X)$ .

It is easy to prove that  $T_n$  is a monomorphism. In order to prove that  $T_n$  is an epimorphism, consider that  $B_n \in \bar{H}_n(X; G)$  and  $h \in \bar{H}_n^\beta$  such that  $h$  is a

representative of  $B_n$ , where  $\beta = (K_1; f_1) \in w(X)$ . Assume that  $Z_n \in \bar{D}_n^\beta$  belongs to the homology class  $h$ ; i.e.,  $h = [Z_n]$ . Let  $K'_1 = \bigcup_i K_i$ , where  $K_i = |Z^i|$  and  $Z^i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $Z_n$ . Thus we obtain such an element  $\beta' = (K'_1; f_1\pi)$  of the set  $w(X)$  that  $\beta' < \beta$  in virtue of the map  $\pi$ . Since  $Z_n \in \bar{D}_n^{\beta'}$  it follows that  $h' = [Z_n] \in \bar{H}_n^{\beta'}$ . Moreover,  $h'$  is a representative of  $B_n$ .

On the other side,  $h' \in H_n^{r(\beta')}$  and it defines an element  $A_n$  of the group  $H_n(A; G)$ , where  $r(\beta') = (K'_1; rf_1\pi)$  belongs to  $w(A)$ . It remains to show that  $T_n(A_n) = B_n$ . Denote by  $\hat{K}'_1$  the standard subdivision of  $K'_1 \times I$ , where  $I = [0, 1]$ . Define the map  $g: K'_1 \rightarrow X$  by:  $g\theta_0 = f_1$  and  $g\theta_1 = 1r f_1\pi$ , where  $\theta_s(a) = (a, s)$  for every vertex  $a$  of  $K'_1$  and  $s = 0, 1$ . It easy to show that  $g$  is a regular and  $\tilde{o} = (\hat{K}'_1; g) \in w(X)$ . This follows, essentially, from the regularity of each  $Z^i$  relative to  $A$  (Definition 1). If the two pairs  $\beta', 1r(\beta')$  are identified with the corresponding pairs  $(K'_1 \times 0; g), (K'_1 \times 1; g)$  then  $\beta' < \tilde{o}$  and  $1r(\beta') < \tilde{o}$  in virtue of  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$ , respectively. Also we have  $\theta_{0*}(h') = \theta_{1*}(h')$ , i.e.,  $B_n = T_n(A_n)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *The projective homology group of the pair  $(X, A)$  relative to  $A$  over  $G$  is isomorphic to the projective homology group of the pair  $(X, A)$  over  $G$ .*

PROOF. Define the map

$$T_n^* : H_n(X, A; G) \longrightarrow \bar{\bar{H}}_n(X, A; G)$$

as follows. Let  $A_n \in H_n(X, A; G)$  and  $h \in H_n^\alpha$  such that  $h \in A_n$ , where  $\alpha = (K, L; f) \in w(X, A)$ . If  $1_K$  is the identity map of the simplicial complex  $K$  onto itself then it induces a homomorphism  $1_* : H_n^\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\bar{H}}_n^{\alpha'}$ , where  $\alpha' = (K; f) \in w(X)$ . The element  $1_*(h)$  is a representative of  $T_n(A_n)$ .

Now the following sequence is exact, [8] :

$$N^{\alpha'} : \dots \longrightarrow \bar{H}_n^{\alpha'} \longrightarrow H_n^{\alpha'} \longrightarrow \bar{\bar{H}}_n^{\alpha'} \longrightarrow \bar{\bar{H}}_{n-1}^{\alpha'} \longrightarrow \dots$$

Consider the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} H_n(A; G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X; G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X, A; G) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(A; G) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X; G) \\ \downarrow T_n & & \parallel & & \downarrow T_n^* & & \downarrow T_{n-1} & & \parallel \\ \bar{H}_n(X; G) & \longrightarrow & H_n(X; G) & \longrightarrow & \bar{\bar{H}}_n(X, A; G) & \longrightarrow & \bar{\bar{H}}_{n-1}(X; G) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-1}(X; G), \end{array}$$

where the first row is the exact sequence of the projective homology groups

over  $G$  (The fourth axiom of the triple  $(\mathcal{H})$ , the second row is the direct limit of the direct system  $\{N^{\alpha'}\}$  over the set  $w(X)$ , [5], and  $T_n$  is the isomorphism of the theorem 1. It can be proved that this diagram is commutative and therefore, the five lemma of homomorphisms, [5], suffice to prove the theorem.

*The main result is the following theorem.*

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $U$  is an open subset of the space  $X$  (the bouquet of  $X_1$  and  $X$ ) such that its closure  $\bar{U}$  is contained in the interior of  $A=X_2$ , i.e.,  $\bar{U} \subset A^0$ , the inclusion map  $g : (X-U, A-U) \rightarrow (X, A)$  induces the isomorphism  $g_* : H_n(X-U, A-U; G) \rightarrow H_n(X, A; G)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $X' = X - U$ ,  $A' = A - U$  and  $O$  be the open covering of  $X$  consisting of  $A^0$  and  $X - \bar{U}$ . We mention that  $\bar{g}_* T_n^* = T_n^* g_*$ , where  $T_n^*$  is the isomorphism given in the theorem 2. Therefore, it is sufficient to prove that the map  $\bar{g}_* : \bar{H}_n(X', A'; G) \rightarrow \bar{H}_n(X, A; G)$  is an isomorphism.

Firstly, we show that  $\bar{g}_*$  is an epimorphism. Let  $B_n$  be an element of the group  $\bar{H}_n(X, A; G)$  with a representative  $h \in \bar{H}_n^\alpha$ , where  $\alpha = (K; f) \in w(X)$ . If the cycle  $Z_n \in \bar{D}_n^\alpha$  is belonging to the homology class  $h$  then it is not difficult to show that the  $i^{th}$  coordinate  $Z^i$  (for each  $i$ ) of  $Z_n$  has such a representative  $z^i \in C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  that all  $f$ -images of the simplexes of  $z^i$  are contained in the covering  $O$  of  $X$ , i.e., they are contained in either  $A^0$  or  $X - U$ . Consider that  $z^i = z_1^i + z_2^i$ , where  $z_1^i, z_2^i$  are the restrictions of the chain  $z^i$  on those simplexes  $t$  of  $|z^i|$  for which  $f(t) \subset A^0$ ,  $f(t) \subset (X - \bar{U}) - (A^0 \cap (X - \bar{U}))$ , respectively. Assume that  $K' = \{t \in K : f(t) \subset X - \bar{U}\}$  and  $\alpha' = (K; f|_{K'}) \in w(X')$ . It is clear that  $z_2^i \in C_{n+i}^{\alpha', i}$  and  $\partial_{\alpha'}^i(z_2^i) \in \bar{C}_{n+i-1}^{\alpha', i}$ . Thus we obtain such an element  $\bar{h} = [Z_n] \in \bar{H}_n^{\alpha'}$  that  $z_2^i$  is a representative of the  $i^{th}$  coordinate of  $Z_n$ . Moreover,  $\bar{h}$  defines an element  $A_n$  of the group  $\bar{H}_n(X', A'; G)$  for which  $\bar{g}_*(A_n) = B_n$ .

Secondly, in order to prove that  $\bar{g}_*$  is a monomorphism, assume that  $A_n \in \bar{H}_n(X', A'; G)$  and  $h \in \bar{H}_n^\alpha$  such that  $h$  is a representative of  $A_n$ , where  $\alpha = (K; f) \in w(X')$ . Consider that  $Z_n \in \bar{D}_n^\alpha$  belongs to the homology class  $h$ . Let  $z^i \in C_{n+i}^{\alpha, i}$  be a representative of  $Z^i$  such that all  $gf$ -images of the simplexes of  $|z^i|$  are contained in the covering  $O$  of  $X$ . Moreover, consider that  $\bar{g}_*(A_n) = 0$ .

This means that there exist a pair  $\beta = (K_1; f_1)$  in the set  $w(X)$  and an element  $X_{n+1}$  of the group  $\overline{D}_{n+1}^\beta$  such that  $g(\alpha) < \beta$  in virtue of the inclusion  $\pi : K \subset K_1$ , and

$$\partial_{\beta}^i x^i + (-1)^{n+i} d_{\beta}^{i-1} x^{i-1} = \pi z^i + \bar{y}^i, \quad \dots (1)$$

(see [6]), where  $x^i \in C_{n+i}^{\beta, i}$  is a representative of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $X_{n+1}$  and  $\bar{y}^i \in C_{n+i}^{\beta, i}$ . Let  $K'_1 = \{t \in K_1 : f_1(t) \subset X'\}$ . It follows that the pair  $\beta' = (K'_1; f_1|_{K'_1})$  belongs to  $w(X')$  and  $\alpha < \beta'$  in virtue of  $\pi' : K \subset K'_1$ . Write

$$x^i = \sum_{k=1}^3 x_k^i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{y}^i = \sum_{k=1}^3 y_k^i$$

where  $x_2^i, x_3^i$  ( $y_2^i, y_3^i$ ) are the restrictions of the chain  $x^i$  ( $\bar{y}^i$ ) on those simplexes of  $x^i$  ( $\bar{y}^i$ ) for which  $f_1(t)$  are contained in the covering  $O$  of  $X$ ,  $f_1(t) \subset A^0$ , respectively; but  $x_1^i$  ( $y_1^i$ ) denotes the restriction of  $x^i$  ( $\bar{y}^i$ ) on the remain simplexes. The equality (1) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\partial_{\beta'}^i x_1^i + (-1)^{n+i} d_{\beta'}^{i-1} x_1^{i-1} = \pi' z^i + \bar{y}_1^i + c^i, \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{where } c^i = \sum_{k=2}^3 [\bar{y}_k^i - \partial_{\beta'}^i x_k^i + (-1)^{n+i+1} d_{\beta'}^{i-1} x_k^{i-1}].$$

It is clear that  $\bar{y}_1^i + c^i \in \overline{C}_{n+i}^{\beta', i}$ . If  $x_1^i$  is considered as a representative of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of an element  $\overline{X}_{n+1}^{\beta'}$  of the group  $\overline{D}_{n+1}^{\beta'}$  then the equality (2) implies that  $\overline{\Delta}_{n+1}^{\beta'} \overline{X}_{n+1}^{\beta'} = \pi' Z_n$ , i.e.,  $A_n = O$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

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