

Discrete Vector Fields and Fundamental Algebraic Topology

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Semantics of colours:

Blue = “Standard” Mathematics

Red = Constructive, effective,
algorithm, machine object, . . .

Violet = Problem, difficulty,
obstacle, disadvantage, . . .

Green = Solution, essential point,
mathematicians, . . .

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- • Introduction.
 - Discrete vector fields.
 - Homological Reductions.
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Introduction.

Algebraic Topology is a translator:



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Serre (1950): Up to homotopy

any map can be transformed into a fibration.

Fibration = Twisted Product

Topology	→	Algebra
Product	→	Eilenberg-Zilber Theorem
Twisted product	→	Serre Spectral Sequence

Discrete vector fields

- ⇒ New understanding of the Eilenberg-Zilber Theorem
- ⇒ An effective version of the Serre Spectral Sequence as a direct consequence of this version of Eilenberg-Zilber.

Example: Rubio-Morace homotopy for Eilenberg-Zilber:

$$\textcolor{red}{RM} : C_*(X \times Y) \rightarrow C_{*+1}(X \times Y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcolor{red}{RM}(x_p \times y_p) = & \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r \leq p-1 \\ 0 \leq s \leq p-r-1 \\ (\eta, \eta') \in \text{Sh}(s+1, r)}} (-1)^{p-r-s} \varepsilon(\eta, \eta') \dots \\
 & \dots (\uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta') \eta_{p-r-s-1} \partial_{p-r+1} \cdots \partial_p x_p \times \uparrow^{p-r-s}(\eta) \partial_{p-r-s} \cdots \partial_{p-r-1} y_p)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\text{Sh}(p, q) = \{(p, q)\text{-shuffles}\} = \{(\eta_{i_{p-1}} \cdots \eta_{i_0}, \eta_{j_{q-1}} \cdots \eta_{j_0})\}$

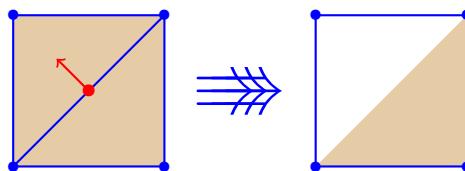
for $0 \leq i_0 < \cdots < i_{p-1} \leq p + q - 1$

and $0 \leq j_0 < \cdots < j_{q-1} \leq p + q - 1$

and $\{i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}\} \cap \{j_0, \dots, j_{q-1}\} = \emptyset$.

and $\uparrow^k (\eta_\alpha \eta_\beta \cdots) = \eta_{\alpha+k} \eta_{\beta+k} \cdots$ (\uparrow^k = k -shift operator.)

Simpler:



once the notion of **discrete vector field** is understood.

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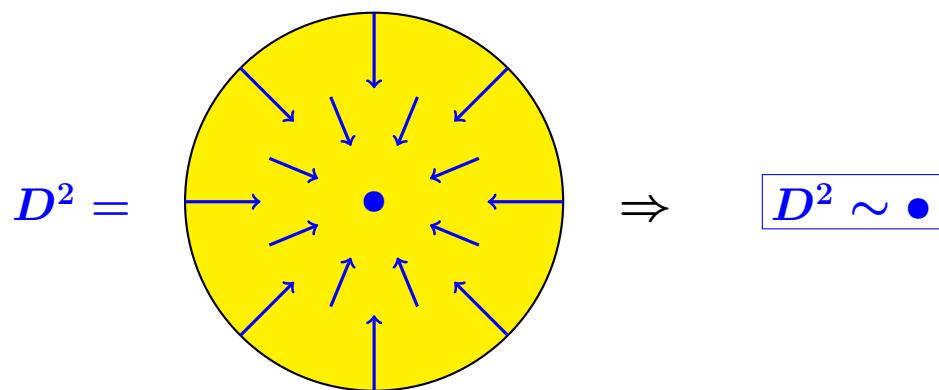
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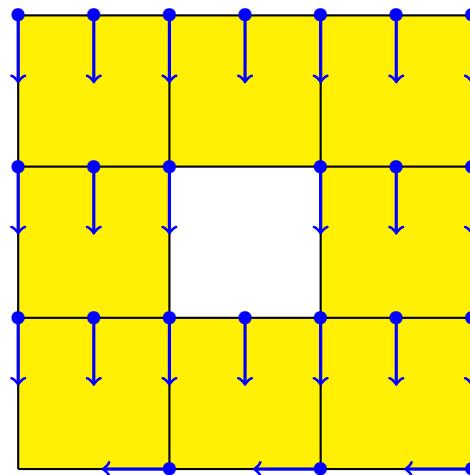
Algebraic vector fields

Ordinary vector field:



Discrete vector field in a cellular complex.

Example for a **cubical complex**.

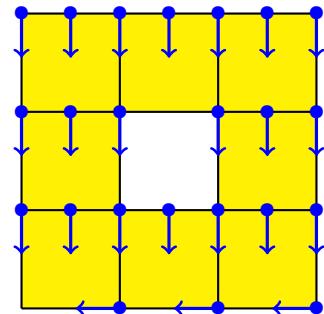


Definition:

A Discrete Vector Field is a pairing:

$$V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in v}$$

satisfying:



- $\forall i \in v$, τ_i = some k_i -cell and σ_i = some $(k_i - 1)$ -cell.
- $\forall i \in v$, σ_i is a **regular** face of τ_i .
- $\forall i \neq j \in v$, $\sigma_i \neq \sigma_j \neq \tau_i \neq \tau_j$.
- The vector field V is **admissible**.

Definition: A(n algebraic) cellular chain complex C_*

is a triple $C_* = \{C_p, \beta_p, d_p\}_{p \in \mathbb{Z}}$ satisfying:

- β_p is a distinguished basis
of the free \mathbb{Z} -module $C_p = \mathbb{Z}[\beta_p]$.
- $d_p : C_p \rightarrow C_{p-1}$ is a differential ($d^2 = 0$).

Examples: Chain complexes coming from:

- Simplicial complexes, cubical complexes,
simplicial sets, CW-complexes...
- Digital images.
- Chain complex defining some Koszul homology ($\mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathfrak{k}$).
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$C_* = \{C_p, \beta_p, d_p\}_{p \in \mathbb{Z}}$ = Cellular chain complex.

Definition: A p -cell is an element of β_p .

Definition: If $\tau \in \beta_p$ and $\sigma \in \beta_{p-1}$,

then $\varepsilon(\sigma, \tau) :=$ coefficient of σ in $d\tau$

is called the incidence number between σ and τ .

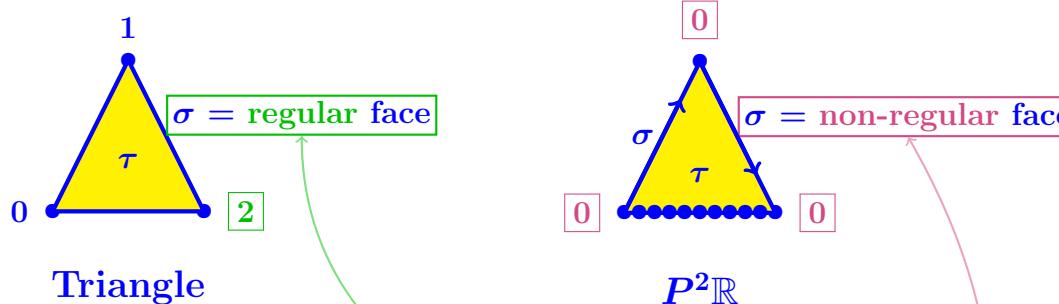
Definition: σ is a face of τ if $\varepsilon(\sigma, \tau) \neq 0$.

Definition: σ is a regular face of τ if $\varepsilon(\sigma, \tau) = \pm 1$.

[More generally if $\mathbb{Z} \mapsto R$,

regular face $\Leftrightarrow \varepsilon(\sigma, \tau)$ invertible]

Geometrical example of non-regular face:



$$C_*(\text{Triangle}) = \{0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}^3 \xleftarrow{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{Z}^3 \xleftarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow 0\}$$

$$C_*(P^2\mathbb{R}) = \{0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{Z} \leftarrow 0\}$$

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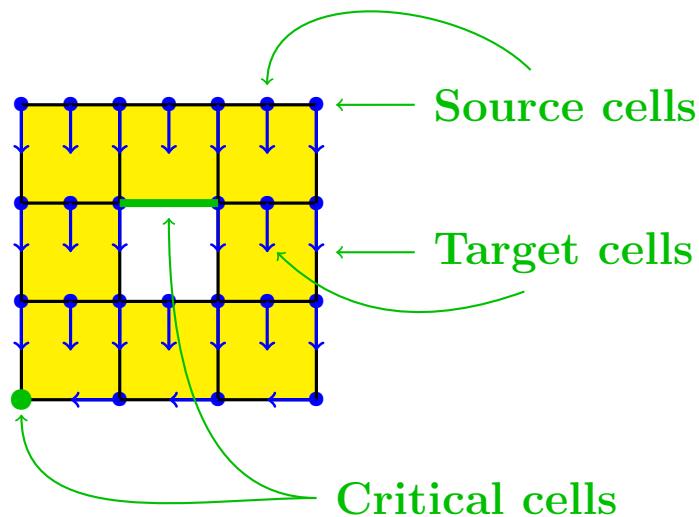
$V = \{(\sigma_i, \tau_i)\}_{i \in v}$ = Vector field.

Definition: A critical p -cell is an element of β_p

which does not occur in V .

Other cells divided in source cells and target cells.

Example:



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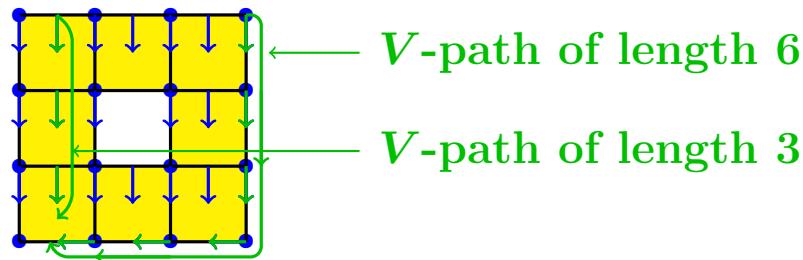
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Definition: V -path = sequence $(\sigma_{i_1}, \tau_{i_1}, \sigma_{i_2}, \tau_{i_2}, \dots, \sigma_{i_n}, \tau_{i_n})$

- satisfying:
1. $(\sigma_{i_j}, \tau_{i_j}) \in V$.
 2. σ_{i_j} face of $\tau_{i_{j-1}}$.
 3. $\sigma_{i_j} \neq \sigma_{i_{j-1}}$.

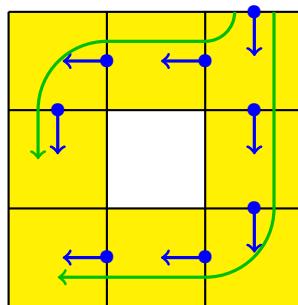
Remark: σ_{i_j} not necessarily regular face of $\tau_{i_{j-1}}$.

Examples:



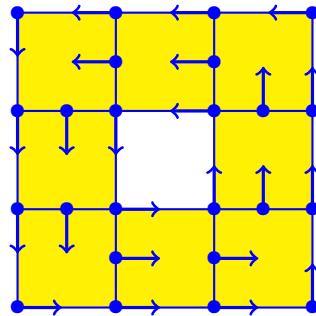
Definition: A **vector field** is **admissible** if
 for every source cell σ ,
 the length of any path starting from σ
 is bounded by a fixed integer $\lambda(\sigma)$.

Example of two different paths with the same starting cell.



Remark: The paths from a starting cell
 are not necessarily organized as a tree.

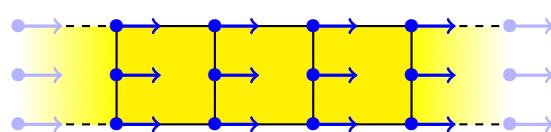
Typical examples of non-admissible vector fields.



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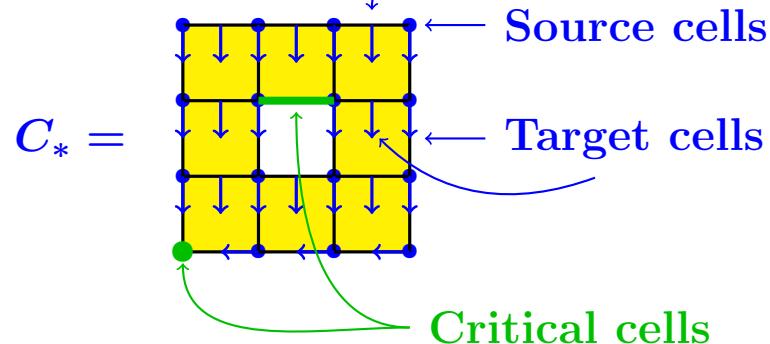
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Main motivation.



Fundamental Reduction Theorem \Rightarrow

$$\rho : C_* \not\rightarrow C_*^c =$$
 $= \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{d_1^c=0} \mathbb{Z} = \text{Circle}$

$\text{Rank}(C_*) = (16, 24, 8)$	vs	$\text{Rank}(C_*^c) = (1, 1, 0)$
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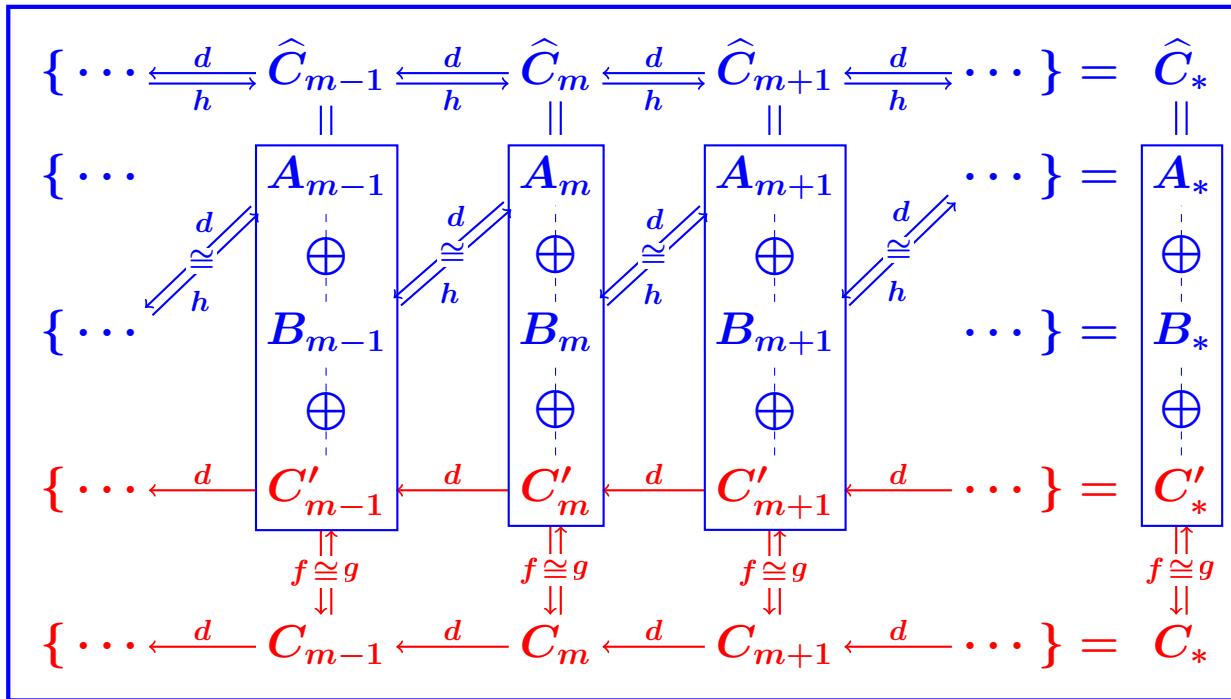
Homological Reductions.

Definition: A (homological) reduction is a diagram:

$$\rho: \boxed{h \hookrightarrow \widehat{C}_* \xleftarrow{\quad g \quad} C_* \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad}}$$

with:

1. \widehat{C}_* and C_* = chain complexes.
2. f and g = chain complex morphisms.
3. h = homotopy operator (degree +1).
4. $fg = \text{id}_{C_*}$ and $d_{\widehat{C}}h + hd_{\widehat{C}} + gf = \text{id}_{\widehat{C}_*}$.
5. $fh = 0$, $hg = 0$ and $hh = 0$.



$$A_* = \ker f \cap \ker h \quad B_* = \ker f \cap \ker d \quad C'_* = \text{im}(g)$$

$$\hat{C}_* = [A_* \oplus B_* \text{exact}] \oplus [C'_* \cong C_*]$$

Fundamental Theorem:

Given: $C_* = (C_p, \beta_p, d_p)_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} =$ Cellular chain complex.

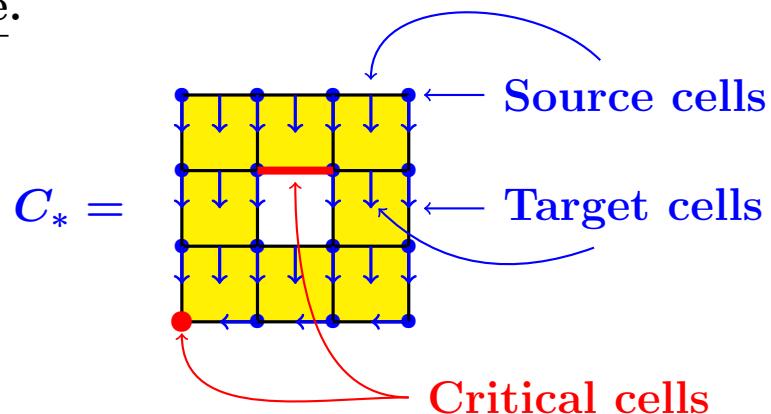
$V = (\sigma_i, \tau_i)_{i \in v} =$ Admissible Discrete Vector Field.

⇒ Canonical Reduction:

$$\rho_V = \boxed{h \circlearrowleft (C_p, \beta_p, d_p)_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \xrightleftharpoons[f]{g} (C_p^c, \beta_p^c, d_p^c)_{p \in \mathbb{Z}}}$$

$$\text{Initial Complex} \xrightarrow{\rho_V} \text{Critical complex}$$

Toy Example.



Fundamental Reduction Theorem \Rightarrow

$$\rho : C_* \not\rightarrow C_*^c = \boxed{\text{Diagram of a circle}} = \mathbb{Z} \xleftarrow{d_1^c=0} \mathbb{Z} = \text{Circle}$$

The diagram shows a circle with a red dot at its center. Two red arcs are drawn on the circle, each labeled d_1^c . A red arrow points from the center to the left side of the circle.

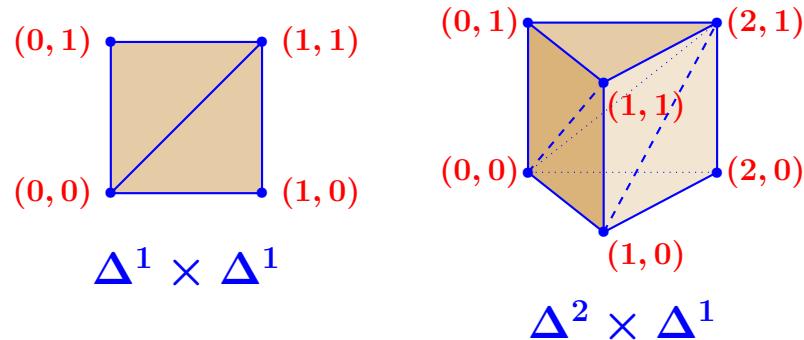
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Product problem in Combinatorial Topology.

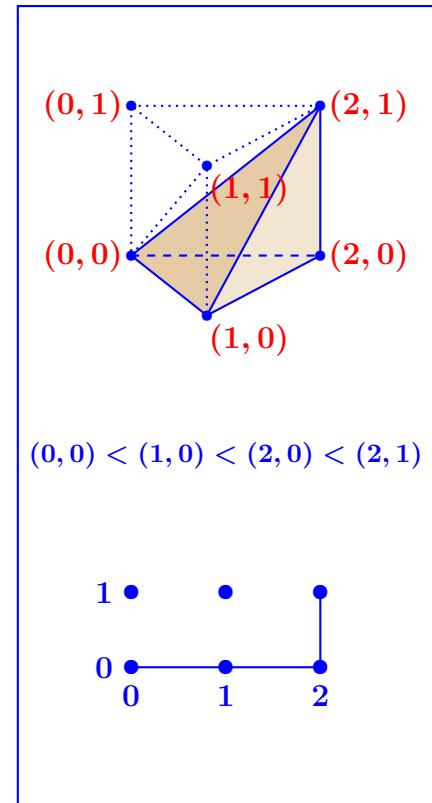
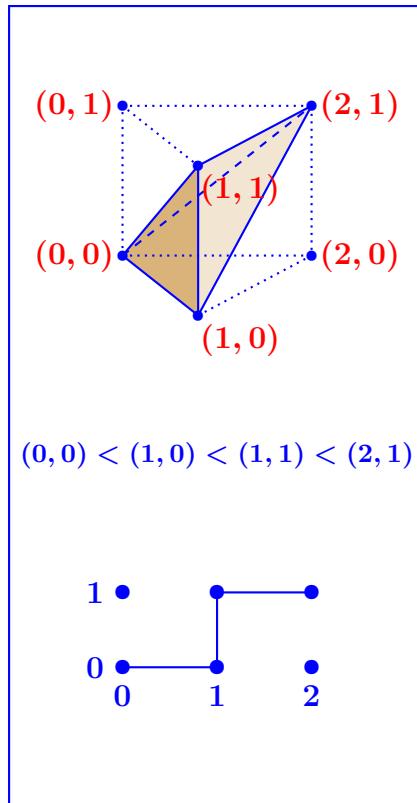
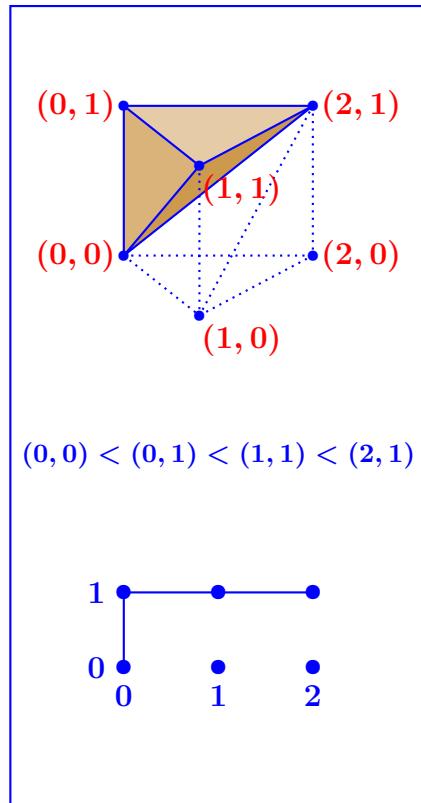
1. Simplicial organisation necessary
for example for Eilenberg-MacLane spaces.
2. \Rightarrow Elementary models = Δ^n for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
3. Fact:
No direct simplicial structure for a product $\Delta^p \times \Delta^q$.
4. What about twisted products = Fibrations ??
5. Classical solution = Eilenberg-Zilber + Kan + RM
+ Serre and Eilenberg-Moore Spectral sequences.
6. Other solution = Discrete Vector Fields.



Two Δ^2 in $\Delta^1 \times \Delta^1$: $(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 1)$
 $(0, 0) < (1, 0) < (1, 1)$

Three Δ^3 in $\Delta^2 \times \Delta^1$: $(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 1) < (2, 1)$
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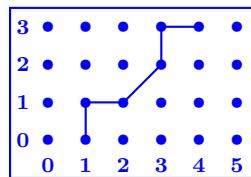
Rewriting the triangulation of $\Delta^2 \times \Delta^1$.



Increasing chain in the lattice \longleftrightarrow Simplex in the Product

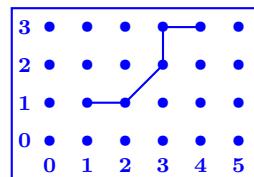
“Seeing” the triangulation of $\Delta^5 \times \Delta^3$.

Example of 5-simplex :

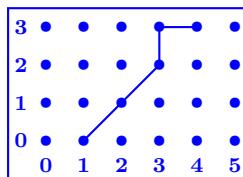


$$= \sigma \in (\Delta^5 \times \Delta^3)_5$$

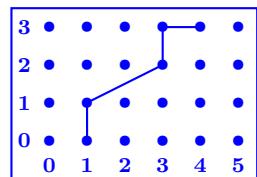
$\Rightarrow 6$ faces:



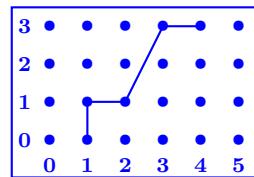
$$\partial_0 \sigma$$



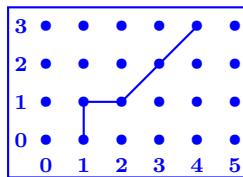
$$\partial_1 \sigma$$



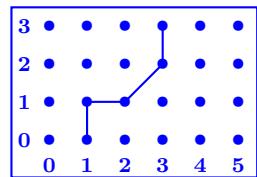
$$\partial_2 \sigma$$



$$\partial_3 \sigma$$



$$\partial_4 \sigma$$

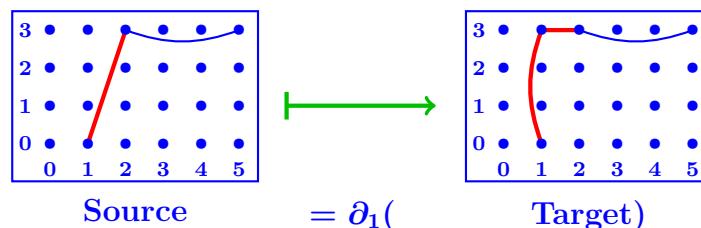
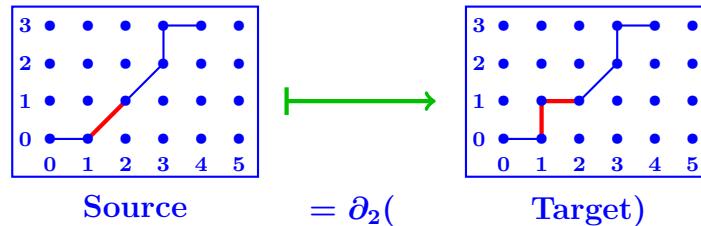


$$\partial_5 \sigma$$

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\Rightarrow Canonical discrete vector field for $\Delta^5 \times \Delta^3$.



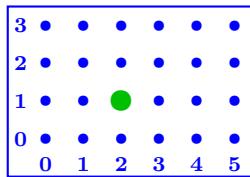
Recipe: First “event” = Diagonal step = \Rightarrow Source cell.
 $= (-90^\circ)\text{-bend}$ = \Rightarrow Target cell.

Critical cells ??

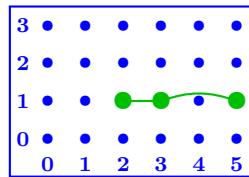
Critical cell = cell without any “event”

= without any diagonal or -90° -bend.

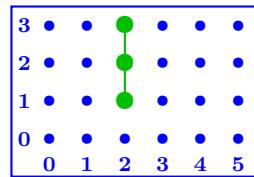
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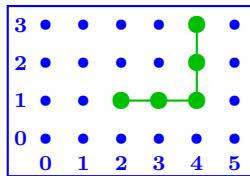
$$\Delta_2^0 \otimes \Delta_1^0$$



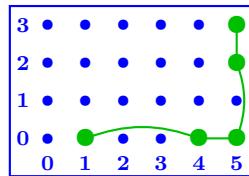
$$\Delta_{2,3,5}^2 \otimes \Delta_1^0$$



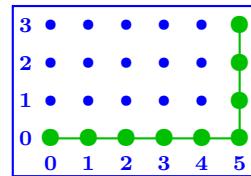
$$\Delta_2^0 \otimes \Delta_{1,2,3}^2$$



$$\Delta_{2,3,4}^2 \otimes \Delta_{1,2,3}^2$$



$$\Delta_{1,4,5}^2 \otimes \Delta_{0,2,3}^2$$



$$\Delta_{0,1,2,3,4,5}^5 \otimes \Delta_{0,1,2,3}^3$$

Conclusion:

$$C_*^c = C_*(\Delta^5) \otimes C_*(\Delta^3)$$

Fundamental theorem of vector fields \Rightarrow

Canonical Homological Reductions:

$$\rho : C_*(\Delta^5 \times \Delta^3) \not\cong C_*(\Delta^5) \otimes C_*(\Delta^3)$$

$$\rho : C_*(\Delta^p \times \Delta^q) \not\cong C_*(\Delta^p) \otimes C_*(\Delta^q)$$

$$p = q = 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 16,583,583,743 \text{ vs } 4,190,209$$

More generally: X and $Y =$ simplicial sets.

An admissible discrete vector field

is canonically defined on $C_*(X \times Y)$.

\Rightarrow Critical chain complex $C_*^c(X \times Y) = C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$.

Eilenberg-Zilber Theorem: Canon. homological reduction:

$$\rho_{EZ} : C_*(X \times Y) \cong C_*^c(X \times Y) = C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y)$$

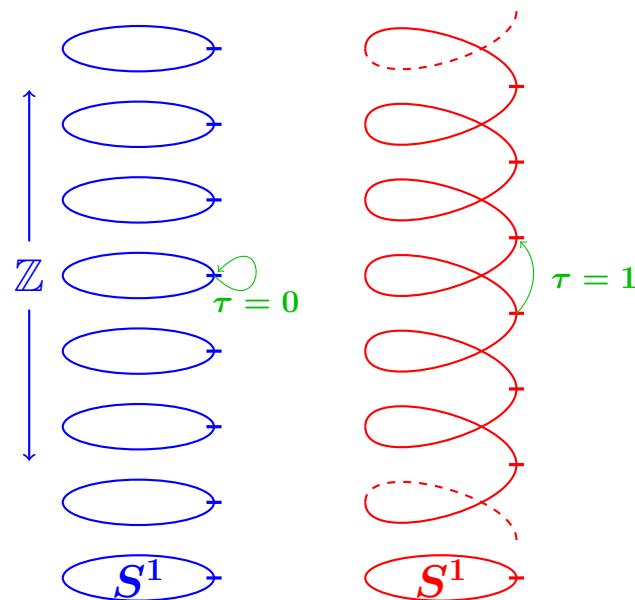
\Rightarrow Künneth theorem to compute $H_*(X \times Y)$.

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Notion of twisted product.

Simplest example: $\mathbb{Z} \times S^1$ vs $\mathbb{Z} \times_{\tau} S^1 = \mathbb{R}$:



General notion of twisted product: B = base space.

F = fibre space.

G = structural group.

Action $G \times F \rightarrow F$.

$\tau : B \rightarrow G$ = Twisting function.

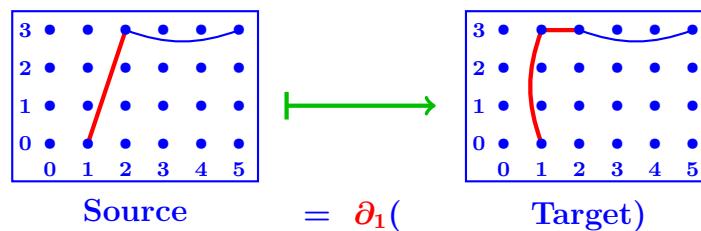
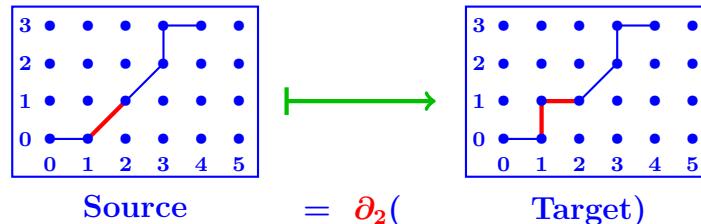
Structure of $F \times_{\tau} B$:

$$\partial_i(\sigma_f, \sigma_b) = (\partial_i \sigma_f, \partial_i \sigma_b) \text{ for } i > 0$$

$$\partial_0(\sigma_f, \sigma_b) = (\tau(\sigma_b) \cdot \partial_0 \sigma_f, \partial_0 \sigma_b)$$

\Rightarrow Only the **0-face** is modified in the twisted product.

Reminder about the EZ-vector field of $\Delta^5 \times \Delta^3$.



The vector field is concerned by faces ∂_i only if $i > 0$.

1. The twisting function τ modifies only $\boxed{0}$ -faces.

2. The EZ-vector field V_{EZ} of $X \times Y$

uses only \boxed{i} -faces with $i \geq 1$.

$\Rightarrow V_{EZ}$ is defined and admissible as well on $X \times_{\boxed{\tau}} Y$.

Fundamental theorem of admissible vector fields \Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_*(X \times Y) & & C_*(X \times_{\boxed{\tau}} Y) \\ V_{EZ} \Rightarrow \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} & & V_{EZ} \Rightarrow \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \\ C_*(X) \otimes C_*(Y) & & C_*(X) \otimes_{\boxed{t}} C_*(Y) \end{array}$$

Known as the twisted Eilenberg-Zilber Theorem.

Corollary: Base B 1-reduced \Rightarrow Algorithm:

$$[(F, C_*(F), EC_*^F, \varepsilon_F) + (B, C_*(B), EC_*^B, \varepsilon_B) + G + \tau] \\ \longmapsto (F \times_\tau B, C_*(F \times_\tau B), EC_*^{F \times_\tau B}, \varepsilon_{F \times_\tau B}).$$

Version of F with effective homology
 + Version of B with effective homology
 + $G + \tau$ describing the fibration $F \hookrightarrow F \times_\tau B \rightarrow B$
 \Rightarrow Version with effective homology of the total space $F \times_\tau B$.
 = Version with effective homology
 of the Serre Spectral Sequence

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Analogous result for the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence.

Key results:

G = Simplicial group $\Rightarrow BG$ = classifying space.

$$BG = \dots (((SG \times_{\tau} SG) \times_{\tau} SG) \times_{\tau} SG) \times_{\tau} \dots \dots$$

X = Simplicial set $\Rightarrow KX$ = Kan loop space.

$$KX = \dots (((S^{-1}X \times_{\tau} S^{-1}X) \times_{\tau} S^{-1}X) \times_{\tau} S^{-1}X) \times_{\tau} \dots$$

Analogous process \Rightarrow Algorithms:

$$(G, C_*G, EC_*^G, \varepsilon_G) \mapsto (BG, C_*BG, EC_*^{BG}, \varepsilon_{BG})$$

$$(X, C_*X, EC_*^X, \varepsilon_X) \mapsto (KX, C_*KX, EC_*^{KX}, \varepsilon_{KX})$$

More generally:

$$[\alpha : E \rightarrow B] + [\alpha' : E' \rightarrow B] + [\alpha \text{ fibration}]$$

\Rightarrow algorithm: $(B_{EH}, E_{EH}, E'_{EH}, \alpha, \alpha') \mapsto (E \times_B E')_{EH}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E' \times_B E & \longrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ E' & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & B \end{array}$$

= Version with effective homology

of Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence I.

Also:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [G \text{ simplicial group}] + [\alpha : G \times E \rightarrow E] + \\
 & [\alpha' : E' \times G \rightarrow E'] + [\alpha \text{ principal fibration}] \\
 \Rightarrow \text{algorithm: } & (G_{EH}, E_{EH}, E'_{EH}, \alpha, \alpha') \mapsto (E' \times_G E)_{EH}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & E \\
 \alpha' \times & & \downarrow \\
 E' & \longrightarrow & E' \times_G E
 \end{array}$$

= Version with effective homology
of Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence II.

Integrating the Vector Field technology in the Kenzo program

⇒ Faster program!

Example: $\pi_5(\Omega(S^3) \cup_2 D^3) = ??$

On the same machine:

Old version ⇒ 1h32m

New version ⇒ 0h05m

with the same result !

Computing time divided by 18.

The END

```
;; Clock  
Computing  
<TnPr <Tn  
End of computing.  
  
;; Clock -> 2002-01-17, 19h 25m 36s.  
Computing the boundary of the generator 19 (dimension 7) :  
<TnPr <TnPr <TnPr S3 <<Abar[2 $1][2 $1]>>> <<Abar>>>  
End of computing.  
  
Homology in dimension 6 :  
  
Component 2/122  
  
---done---  
;; Clock -> 2002-01-17, 19h 27m 15s
```

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