

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] / \alpha^{n+1} = 0, \quad H^*(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha] / \alpha^{n+1} = 0$$

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deg 2
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deg 1

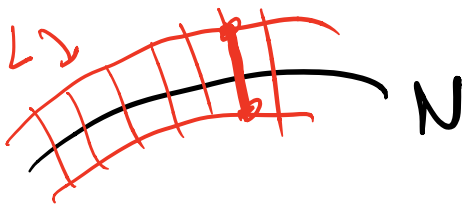
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Recall  $M$  closed smooth  $n$ -mfd  
 oriented,  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ ; otherwise  $R = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

$N \subset M$  closed smooth submanifold of codim  $k$ .

$R = \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow N$  oriented normal bundle.

$\tau \in H^k(L, \partial L)$  Thom class,  $L =$  tubular nbhd on  $N$



$$H^k(L, \partial L) \rightarrow H^k(B^k, \partial B^k) = \mathbb{Z}$$

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fiber

$\tau \mapsto$  generator

$$H^k(L, \partial L) \xleftarrow[\cong]{\text{exc}} H^k(M, M-L) \rightarrow H^k(M)$$

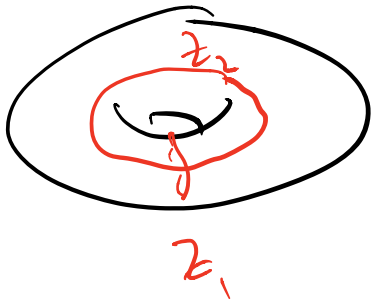
$$\tau \mapsto \text{PD}(N)$$

Poincaré dual of  $N$ .

Then If  $Z_1, Z_2 \subset M^n$  are two submanifolds as above of codim  $n_1, n_2$  s.t.  $Z_1 \cap Z_2 = 1$  pt, and intersection is transverse. Then

$\text{PD}(Z_1) \cup \text{PD}(Z_2) \in H^n(M)$  ( $n_1 + n_2 = n$ )  
 generates  $H^n(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  (or  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ )

Ex.



$$\mathbb{C}P^i \cap \mathbb{C}P^{n-i} \in \mathbb{C}P^n$$

one point

$$\mathbb{R}P^i \cap \mathbb{R}P^{n-i} \subset \mathbb{R}P^n$$

Pf.  $N_i = \text{reg. nbhd of } Z_i$

$$H^{n_1}(I^{n_1}, \partial I^{n_1}) \otimes H^{n_2}(I^{n_2}, \partial I^{n_2}) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\times} H^n(I^{n_1} \times I^{n_2}, \partial)$$

*Thom isomorphism*  
 $\cong \uparrow_{\text{rest. b fiber}}$   
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$$Z_1 \in H^{n_1}(N_1, \partial N_1) \otimes H^{n_2}(N_2, \partial N_2) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^n(N_1 \times N_2, \partial)$$

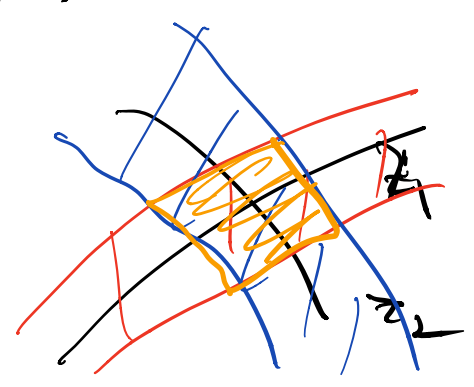
$\cong \uparrow_{\text{exc}}$

$$H^{n_1}(M, \overline{M-N_1}) \otimes H^{n_2}(M, \overline{M-N_2}) \rightarrow H^n(M, \overline{M - I^{n_1} \times I^{n_2}})$$

$$H_{\mathbb{C}}^{n_1}(M) \otimes H_{\mathbb{R}}^{n_2}(M) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^n(M)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{P}D(N_2)$

$\cong$  general fact, true for  $\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{R}P^n$  by cellular cohomology



# Application to $\mathbb{C}P^n$

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^n, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] / \alpha^{n+1} = 0 = \langle \underset{\text{deg } 0}{1}, \underset{\text{deg } 2}{\alpha}, \underset{\text{deg } 4}{\alpha^2}, \dots, \underset{\text{deg } 2n}{\alpha^n} \rangle$$

Pf by induction on n

$$n=1, \quad H^*(S^2, \mathbb{Z}) = \langle \underset{\text{deg } 2}{\alpha} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] / \alpha^2 = 0$$

Consider inclusion  $\mathbb{C}P^n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n+1}$

By cellular cohomology,  $H^i(\mathbb{C}P^n) \cong H^i(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1})$   
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2n.$

Denote by  $\alpha \in H^2(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1})$  a generator.

Then by induction  $1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^n$  generate

$$H^0(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1}), H^2(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1}), \dots, H^{2n}(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1}).$$

We need to show that  $\alpha^{n+1}$  generates  $H^{2n+2}(\mathbb{C}P^{n+1})$ .

$$\parallel$$
$$\alpha \cup \alpha^n$$

By the theorem, there is a class in  $H^2$  and a class in  $H^{2n}$  whose cup product generates  $H^{2n+2}$ .

It follows that these classes are  $\pm \alpha$  and  $\pm \alpha^n$ .

so  $\alpha \cup \alpha^n$  generates  $H^{2n+2}$ .

□.

-  $\alpha$  is really PD( $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ )  
 $\alpha^i = PD(\mathbb{C}P^{n-i})$

Pf for  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  is similar.

Application:

Borsuk-Ulam Theorem There is no map  
 $\mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$  which is nontrivial in  $\pi_1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Pf.  $n=2$   $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^1)$   
"  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  ✓

$n > 2$  Then  $f: \mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$  is an isomorphism  
in  $\pi_1$ , hence in  $H_1(\mathbb{Z})$ , hence in  
 $H_1(\mathbb{Z}_2) = \text{Hom}(H_1, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ .

Let  $\alpha_n \in H^1(\mathbb{R}P^n; \mathbb{Z}_2)$ ,  $\alpha_{n-1} \in H^1(\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}; \mathbb{Z}_2)$   
be the generators,

$$\text{Then } f^*(\alpha_{n-1}) = \alpha_n$$

$$f^*(\alpha_{n-1}^n) = \alpha_n^n \neq 0 \quad *$$

Another version There is no  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant map  
 $S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ , wrt antipodal action.

Yet another version For every map  $f: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\exists x \in S^n$  s.t.  $f(x) = f(-x)$ .

Pf. Otherwise  $h: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$   
 $x \mapsto \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{\|f(x) - f(-x)\|}$

violates the previous version.

## The Mayer-Vietoris method

Def. A cohomology theory is a sequence  
of contravariant functors  $h^n: \{CW \text{ pairs}\} \rightarrow \{\text{abelian groups}\}$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and functorial homomorphisms

$$\delta: h^n(A) \rightarrow h^{n+1}(X, A)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$(A, \emptyset)$$

s.t.

$$(1) f \simeq g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B) \Rightarrow f^* \simeq g^*: h^n(Y, B) \rightarrow h^n(X, A)$$

(2) (excision) If  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  induces a

homeo  $X/A \rightarrow Y/B$  then  $f^*: h^n(Y, B) \xrightarrow{\cong} h^n(X, A)$

(3) LES

$$\dots \rightarrow h^n(X, A) \rightarrow h^n(X) \rightarrow h^n(A) \xrightarrow{\partial} h^{n+1}(X, A) \rightarrow \dots$$

↑ induced by inclusion.

is exact.

(4)  $X = \bigsqcup_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}$ ,  $i_{\alpha}: X_{\alpha} \hookrightarrow X$  inclusion.

$$\text{Then } \prod_{\alpha} i_{\alpha}^* : h^n(X) \xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{\alpha} h^n(X_{\alpha})$$

Thus let  $h^n, k^n$  be two cohomology theories and  $\mu: h^*(X, A) \rightarrow k^*(X, A)$  a natural transformation. If  $\mu$  is an isomorphism for  $(X, A) = (\text{pt}, \emptyset)$ , then it is an isomorphism  $\forall (X, A)$ .