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**Toric Topology-homotopy theoretical
aspects**

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Combinatorics

SIMPLICIAL COMPLEXES

$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\} = [m]$ set of vertices

$K := \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s \mid \sigma_i \subset V\}$ ($\emptyset \in K$) – abstract simplicial complex
closed under formation of subsets

$\sigma \in K$ – simplex $\dim \sigma = |\sigma| - 1$ $\dim(K) = \max_{\sigma \in K} \{\dim \sigma\}$

Algebra

STANLEY-REISNER FACE RING

\mathbf{k} – commutative ring with unit (interested in \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , or finite field);

$\deg(v_i) = 2$ – topological grading

$\mathbf{k}[V] = \mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ graded polynomial algebra on V over \mathbf{k}

For $\sigma = \{i_1, \dots, i_r\} \subset [m]$, set

$$v^\sigma = v_{i_1} \dots v_{i_r} \quad \text{–square free monomial}$$

The **Stanley-Reisner algebra (or face ring) of K** is

$$\mathbf{k}[K] := \mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m] / I_K$$

where $I_K = (v^\sigma \mid \sigma \notin K)$ -Stanley-Reisner ideal of K .

Definition. Let K_1, K_2 be simplicial complexes on $[m_1]$ and $[m_2]$,
and $\phi: K_1 \rightarrow K_2$ a simplicial map.

Define $\phi^*: \mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_{m_2}] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[w_1, \dots, w_{m_1}]$ by

$$\phi^*(v_j) := \sum_{w_i \in \phi^{-1}(v_j)} w_i.$$

Then ϕ^* induces a homomorphism $\phi^*: \mathbf{k}[K_2] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[K_1]$.

RESOLUTIONS AND TOR-ALGEBRA

Let M be a finitely generated $\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ -module. The **free resolution** of M over $\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ is an exact sequence

$$\dots \longrightarrow R^{-i} \longrightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{d} R^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} R^0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow 0$$

where R^{-i} are finitely generated free $\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ -modules.

Consider it as a bigraded differential $\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$ -module $[R, d]$, where $R = \bigoplus R^{-i,j}$, $R^{-i,j} = (R^{-i})^j$ $d: R^{-i,j} \longrightarrow R^{-i+1,j}$.

If $[M, 0]$ is the bigraded module $M^{-i,k} = 0$ for $i > 0$, $M^{0,k} = M^k$ with the trivial differential, then $[R, d] \longrightarrow [M, 0]$ is a bigraded quasi-isomorphism.

Let N be another module, applying the functor $\otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N$ to $[R, d]$, we get a homomorphism of differential modules

$$[R \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N, d] \longrightarrow [M \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N, d].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i}(M, N) &= H^{-i}([R \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N, d]) \\ &= \frac{\text{Ker}[d: R^i \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N \longrightarrow R^{i+1} \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N]}{d(R^{i-1} \otimes_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]} N)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since all R^{-i} and N are graded modules

$$\text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(M, N) = \bigoplus_{i,j} \text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i,j}(M, N)$$

is a bigraded \mathbf{k} -module.

Letting $M = \mathbf{k}[K]$ and $N = \mathbf{k}$, and recalling $|v_i| = 2$,

$$\mathrm{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k}) = \bigoplus_{i, j=0}^m \mathrm{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i, 2j}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k}).$$

Definition. The **bigraded Betti numbers** of $\mathbf{k}[K]$ are

$$\beta^{-i, 2j}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = \dim_{\mathbf{k}} \mathrm{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i, 2j}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k}) \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq m$$

$$\beta^{-i}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = \dim_{\mathbf{k}} \mathrm{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k}) = \sum_j \beta^{-i, 2j}(\mathbf{k}[K]).$$

Example. Let K be the boundary of a square. Then $\mathbf{k}[K] = \frac{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}{(v_1 v_3, v_2 v_4)}$.

R^0 has 1 generator of degree 0

$R^0 \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{k}[K]$ is the quotient projection and $\mathrm{Ker} d = (v_1 v_3, v_2 v_4)$

R^{-1} is the free module on 2 generators of degree 4, denoted by v_{13}, v_{24} .

$R^{-1} \xrightarrow{d} R^0$ is given by $v_{13} \mapsto v_1 v_3, v_{24} \mapsto v_2 v_4$, and therefore $\mathrm{Ker} d = (v_2 v_4 v_{13} - v_1 v_3 v_{24})$

R^{-2} is the free module on 1 generator of degree 8, denoted by a

$R^{-2} \xrightarrow{d} R^{-1}$ is given by $a \mapsto v_2 v_4 v_{13} - v_1 v_3 v_{24}$ and thus it is injective.

We obtain a resolution of $\mathbf{k}[K]$

$$0 \longrightarrow R^{-2} \longrightarrow R^{-1} \longrightarrow R^0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{k}[K]$$

and $\beta^{0,0}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = 1, \beta^{-1,4}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = 2, \beta^{-2,8}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = 1$.

HOCHSTER THEOREM

For $\omega \subset [m]$, the **full subcomplex** $K_\omega = \{\sigma \in K \mid \sigma \subset \omega\}$ of K .

Theorem. (Hochster)

$$\beta^{-i,2j}(\mathbf{k}[K]) = \sum_{\omega \subset [m] \mid |\omega|=j} \dim_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{H}^{j-i-1}(K_\omega; \mathbf{k})$$

assuming $\tilde{H}^{-1}(\emptyset) = \mathbf{k}$.

KOSZUL RESOLUTION

is the free differential bigraded algebra

$$R = \Lambda(u_1, \dots, u_m) \otimes_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$$

where $\text{bideg } u_i = (-1, 2)$, $\text{bideg } v_j = (0, 2)$, $du_i = v_i$, $dv_i = 0$ considered as a free resolution of \mathbf{k} over $\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]$.

Proposition. *There is an isomorphism of bigraded modules*

$$\text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k}) \cong H(\Lambda(v_1, \dots, v_m] \otimes \mathbf{k}[K], d)$$

which endows $\text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k})$ with a bigraded algebra structure in a canonical way.

Definition. The bigraded algebra $\text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbf{k}[K], \mathbf{k})$ is called the **Tor-algebra** of a simplicial complex K .

Lemma. *A simplicial map $\phi: K_1 \longrightarrow K_2$ induces a homomorphism*

$$\phi^*: \text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[w_1, \dots, w_n]}(\mathbf{k}[K_2], \mathbf{k}) \longrightarrow \text{Tor}_{\mathbf{k}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbf{k}[K_1], \mathbf{k})$$

of Tor-algebras.

TOPOLOGY

MOMENT-ANGLE COMPLEX \mathcal{Z}_K

Torus $T^m \subset (D^2)^m = \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m : |z_i| \leq 1, \forall i\}$

For $\sigma \subset [m]$, define

$$B_\sigma := \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in (D^2)^m \mid |z_i| = 1 \quad i \notin \sigma\}.$$

Notice

$$B_\sigma \cong (D^2)^{|\sigma|} \times T^{m-|\sigma|}$$

Given a simplicial complex K on $[m]$, define the **moment-angle complex \mathcal{Z}_K** by

$$\mathcal{Z}_K := \bigcup_{\sigma \in K} B_\sigma \subset (D^2)^m.$$

T^m acts on $(D^2)^m$ coordinatewise, thus B_σ is invariant under the action of $T^m \rightsquigarrow T^m$ acts on \mathcal{Z}_K

$$(D^2)^m / T^m \cong I^m = \{(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid 0 \leq y_i \leq 1 \quad i = 1, \dots, m\}$$

thus

$$B_\sigma / T^m = C_\sigma := \{(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in I^m \mid y_i = 1 \quad i \notin \sigma\} \text{ } |\sigma|\text{-dim face of } I^m$$

Lemma.

$$\mathcal{Z}_K / T^m \cong \text{Cone}K' \quad K' \text{- barycentric subdivision of } K.$$

Proposition. *If K is a triangulation of an $(n - 1)$ -sphere, then \mathcal{Z}_K is a closed $(m + n)$ -manifold.*

Example. Let $K = \partial\Delta^{m-1}$, then $\mathcal{Z}_K = \partial((D^2)^m) \cong S^{2m-1}$

If $m = 2$, and $K = \{v_1, v_2\}$, then

$$\mathcal{Z}_K \cong S^3 \cong D^2 \times S^1 \cup S^1 \times D^2 \subset D^2 \times D^2.$$

Using the isotropy subgroups $T(x)$ of points in the orbit space $\text{Cone}K'$

$$\mathcal{Z}_K = T^m \times |\text{Cone}K'| / \sim \quad \begin{array}{l} (t_1, x) \sim (t_2, y) \\ x = y \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{iff} \\ t_1 t_2 \in T(x). \end{array}$$

(Thus \mathcal{Z}_K coincides with the Davis-Januszkiewicz T^m -manifold when $K = P^*$, P -simple polytope.)

DAVIS–JANUSZKIEWICZ SPACE DJ_K

– homotopy quotient of \mathcal{Z}_K by the T^m -action.

Davis–Januszkiewicz $DJ_K = ET^m \times_{T^m} \mathcal{Z}_K = ET^m \times \mathcal{Z}_K / \sim$
 where $(e, z) \sim (et^{-1}, tz)$.

Thus there is a fibration

$$\mathcal{Z}_K \longrightarrow DJ_K \longrightarrow BT^m.$$

Theorem. *The Davis-Januszkiewicz space is a topological realisation of the Stanley–Reisner ring $\mathbf{k}[K]$, that is,*

$$H^*(DJ_K; \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{k}[K] \quad (\text{for } \mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Z} \text{ or } \mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Z}/2).$$

Buchstaber–Panov through a simple colimit of nice blocks

Assume $k = \mathbb{Z}$. Denote $\mathbb{C}P^\infty = BS^1$, thus $BT^n = (\mathbb{C}P^\infty)^m$.

For $\omega \subset [m]$, define

$$BT^\omega := \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in BT^m \mid x_i = * \text{ if } i \notin \omega\}.$$

For K on $[m]$, the **Davis-Januszkiewicz space of K** is given by

$$DJ_K := \bigcup_{\sigma \in K} BT^\sigma \subset BT^m.$$

The inclusion of the cellular complexes $i: \bigcup_{\sigma \in K} BT^\sigma \longrightarrow BT^m$ induces the quotient epimorphism

$$i^*: \mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[K] = \mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m]/I_K$$

in cohomology.

COORDINATE SUBSPACE ARRANGEMENT

is a finite set $\mathcal{CA} = \{L_1, \dots, L_r\} \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ of coordinate subspaces, that is,

$$L_\omega = \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m : z_{i_1} = \dots = z_{i_k} = 0\}$$

where $\omega = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\} \subset [m]$ and its complement $U(\mathcal{CA})$ is defined as

$$U(\mathcal{CA}) := \mathbb{C}^m \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^r L_i.$$

There are one-to-one correspondences

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{simp. complex} & & \text{coord. subspace arrang.} & & \text{complement} \\ K & \Leftrightarrow & \{L_\omega \mid \omega \notin K\} & \Leftrightarrow & U(K) = \mathbb{C}^m \setminus \bigcup_{\omega \notin K} L_\omega \end{array}$$

If $L \subset K$ is a subcomplex, then $U(L) \subset U(K)$.

Proposition. *There is a T^m equivariant deformation retraction*

$$U(K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{Z}_K$$

Proof. $U(K) = \bigcup_{\sigma \in K} U_\sigma$, $U_\sigma = \{(z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m \mid z_i \neq 0 \text{ for } i \notin \sigma\}$

Thus $U_\sigma \cong \mathbb{C}^\sigma \times (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})^{m-|\sigma|} \xrightarrow{\sim} B_\sigma = (D^2)^\sigma \times T^{m-|\sigma|}$ □

Example. i) $K = \partial\Delta^{m-1}$, $\mathcal{Z}_K = S^{2m-1}$, $U(K) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

ii) $K = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$, $U(K) = \mathbb{C}^m \setminus \bigcup_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \{z_i = z_j = 0\}$
– complement of the codim 2 coordinate subspaces.

COHOMOLOGY OF \mathcal{Z}_K

Studying the Eilenberg-Moore ss of the fibration $\mathcal{Z}_K \longrightarrow DJ_K \longrightarrow BT^m$, we get

$$H^*(\mathcal{Z}_K; \mathbb{Q}) \cong \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Q}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbb{Q}[K], \mathbb{Q}).$$

For integral calculation, we will exploit a cellular decomposition of \mathcal{Z}_K and a special *cellular approximation* of the diagonal map

$$\Delta : \mathcal{Z}_K \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_K \times \mathcal{Z}_K.$$

Recall: Cellular chains do not admit a functional associative multiplication as a proper cellular diagonal approximation does not exist in general.

Consider the moment–angle complex as a functor

$$\mathcal{Z} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K - \text{simpl complexes} \\ \text{simplicial maps} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{Z}_K - \text{toric spaces} \\ \text{equivariant maps} \end{array} \right\}$$

The cellular approximation of the diagonal is functorial with respect to maps of moment–angle complexes which are induced by simplicial maps.

CELLULAR DECOMPOSITION OF \mathcal{Z}_K

D^2 consists of one 0-dim cell 1, one 1-dim cell T , and one 2-dim cell D .

There is the following correspondence

$$\text{cell in } (D^2)^m \iff \tau \in \{D, T, 1\}^m$$

Notation: For $\sigma, \omega \subset [m]$ such that $\sigma \cap \omega = \emptyset$, the word $\tau(\sigma, \omega)$ has the letter D on the positions indexed by σ , T on the positions indexed by ω .

Lemma. \mathcal{Z}_K is a cellular subcomplex of $(D^2)^m$.

$\tau(\sigma, \omega) \subset (D^2)^m$ belongs to \mathcal{Z}_K iff $\sigma \in K$. □

The cellular cochain complex $C^*(\mathcal{Z}_K)$, which has an additive basis consisting of the cochains $\tau(\sigma, \omega)^*$, has natural bigrading defined by

$$\text{bideg } \tau(\sigma, \omega)^* = (-|\omega|, 2|\sigma| + 2|\omega|).$$

Note: $C^*(\mathcal{Z}_K) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^m C^{*, 2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$

The cohomology of \mathcal{Z}_K thereby acquires an additional grading.

Define the **bigraded Betti numbers** by

$$b^{-i, 2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K) := \text{rank } H^{-i, 2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K), \quad b^k(\mathcal{Z}_K) = \sum_{2j-1=k} b^{-i, 2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$$

Theorem. There is an isomorphism, functorial in K , of bigraded algebras

$$H^{*,*}(\mathcal{Z}_K; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}(\mathbb{Z}[K]; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H[\wedge(u_1, \dots, u_m) \otimes \mathbb{Z}[K], d].$$

Example. 1) Let $K = \partial\Delta^{m-1}$.

Then $\mathbb{Z}[K] = \mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m]/(v_1 \dots v_m)$.

The fundamental class of $\mathcal{Z}_K = S^{2m-1}$ is represented by the bidegree $(-1, 2m)$ cocycle $u_1 v_2 \dots v_m \in \Lambda(u_1, \dots, u_m) \otimes \mathbb{Z}$.

2) Let $K = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$.

Then $\mathbb{Z}[K] = \mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m]/(v_i v_j, | i \neq j)$.

The subspace of cocycles is generated by

$$v_{i_1} u_{i_2} \dots u_{i_k} \text{ for } k \geq 2 \text{ and } i_p \neq i_q \text{ for } p \neq q$$

and has dimension $m \binom{m-1}{k-1}$.

The subspace of coboundaries is generated by the elements of the form $d(u_{i_1} \dots u_{i_k})$ and is $\binom{m}{k}$ -dimensional.

Thus

$$\dim H^0(\mathcal{Z}_K) = 1,$$

$$\dim H^1(\mathcal{Z}_K) = H^2(\mathcal{Z}_K) = 0,$$

$$\dim H^{k+1}(\mathcal{Z}_K) = (k-1) \binom{m}{k} \text{ for } 2 \leq k \leq m.$$

A MULTIPLICATIVE VERSION OF HOCHSTER'S THEOREM

The bigraded structure in the cellular cochains of \mathcal{Z}_K can be further refined to

$$C^*(\mathcal{Z}_K) = \bigoplus_{\omega \subset [m]} C^{*,2\omega}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$$

where $C^{*,2\omega}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$ is the subcomplex generated by the cochains $\tau(\sigma, \omega \setminus \sigma)^*$ with $\sigma \subset \omega$, $\sigma \in K$.

Thus $C^*(\mathcal{Z}_K)$ now becomes $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}^m$ -graded module and the bi-graded cohomology groups decompose accordingly as

$$H^{-i,2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K) = \bigoplus_{\substack{\omega \subset [m] \\ |\omega| = j}} H^{-i,2\omega}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$$

Theorem. (Baskakov) *There are isomorphisms*

$$\tilde{H}^p(K_\omega) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^{p+1-|\omega|,2\omega}(\mathcal{Z}_K)$$

which are functorial with respect to simplicial maps and induce a ring isomorphism

$$r: \bigoplus_{\substack{p \geq -1 \\ \omega \subset [m]}} H^p(K_\omega) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^*(\mathcal{Z}_K).$$

Corollary. *There is an iso $H^{-i,2j}(\mathcal{Z}_K) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{\omega \subset [m] \\ |\omega| = j}} \tilde{H}^{j-i-1}(K_\omega)$.*

Corollary. $\text{Tor}_{\mathbb{Z}[v_1, \dots, v_m]}^{-i,*}(\mathbb{Z}[K], \mathbb{Z}) \cong \bigoplus_{\omega \subset [m]} \tilde{H}^{|\omega|-i-1}(K_\omega)$