

VII.6 Relative Homology and Excision

정의 1 $A \xhookrightarrow{i} X$, a subspace of a topological space $X \Rightarrow S_p(A) \xhookrightarrow{i_\#} S_p(X)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Rightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & S_p(A) & \xrightarrow{i} & S_p(X) & \xrightarrow{q} & S_p(X)/S_p(A) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \partial & & \downarrow \bar{\partial} & & \\ & & & 0 & \longrightarrow & S_{p-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & S_{p-1}(X) & \longrightarrow & S_{p-1}(X)/S_{p-1}(A) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

, where $\bar{\partial}$ is an induced boundary homomorphism s.t. $\bar{\partial}^2 = \bar{\partial} \circ \partial = 0$.
 $\Rightarrow \{S_p(X, A), \partial\} = S(X, A)$: relative chain complex or singular chain complex for a pair (X, A) .
 $\Rightarrow H_p(S(X, A)) =: H_p(X, A)$: singular homology for a pair (X, A) (or relative homology $X \text{ mod } A$).

Remark 1. This is a general construction for \forall chain complexes $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C}$, and hence can talk about $H_p(K, A)$ for a simplicial pair $A < K$.

Remark 2. (geometric interpretation)

$S_p(X, A)$ can be viewed as a free group generated by p -simplices not contained in A .

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{Z}_p(X, A) &:= q^{-1}(\ker \bar{\partial}) = \partial^{-1}(S_{p-1}(A)) = \{c \in S_p(X) \mid \partial c \in S_{p-1}(A)\}. \\ \widetilde{B}_p(X, A) &:= q^{-1}(\text{im } \bar{\partial}) = \partial S_{p+1}(X) + S_p(A) \\ &= \{c \in S_p(X) : \exists a \in S_{p+1}(X) \text{ s.t. } c \equiv \partial a \text{ mod } S_p(A)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $H_p(X, A) \cong \widetilde{Z}_p(X, A) / \widetilde{B}_p(X, A)$.

(by an isomorphism theorem, $M/p/N/p \cong M/N$)

1. Functorial Property

$$f : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Rightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & S_p(A) & \longrightarrow & S_p(X) & \longrightarrow & S_p(X)/S_p(A) & \longrightarrow & 0 & \text{and } "f_{\#}" \text{ is a chain map.} \\ & & & \downarrow f_{\#|} & & \downarrow f_{\#} & & \downarrow \bar{f}_{\#} = "f_{\#}" & & & \\ & & & 0 & \longrightarrow & S_p(B) & \longrightarrow & S_p(Y) & \longrightarrow & S_p(Y)/S_p(B) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_* : H_p(X, A) \rightarrow H_p(Y, B). \\ \{c\} \mapsto \{f \circ c\}$$

$$(i) id : (X, A) \circlearrowright \Rightarrow id_* = id.$$

$$(ii) (X, A) \xrightarrow{f} (Y, B) \xrightarrow{g} (Z, C) \Rightarrow (g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$$

Example.

$$(i) \{X_\alpha\} : \text{path-components of } X \text{ and } A_\alpha = A \cap X_\alpha \Rightarrow H_p(X, A) = \bigoplus_\alpha H_p(X_\alpha, A_\alpha)$$

$$(ii) X : \text{path-connected and } A \neq \phi \Rightarrow H_0(X, A) = 0.$$

2. Homotopy Invariance

$$f \underset{F}{\simeq} g : (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B) \quad (F(A \times I) \subseteq B) \Rightarrow f_* = g_*.$$

증명 Let $i_0, i_1 : (X, A) \rightarrow (X \times I, A \times I)$ be level maps as before.

Need a chain homotopy $D_{X,A} : S_p(X, A) \rightarrow S_{p+1}(X \times I, A \times I)$

between $i_{0\#}$ and $i_{1\#}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & S_p(A) & \longrightarrow & S_p(X) & \longrightarrow & S_p(X, A) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow D_A = D_X| & & \downarrow D_X & & \downarrow \bar{D}_X = D_{X,A} & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & S_{p+1}(A \times I) & \longrightarrow & S_{p+1}(X \times I) & \longrightarrow & S_{p+1}(X \times I, A \times I) & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Check $\bar{\partial} \bar{D} \bar{\sigma} + \bar{D} \bar{\partial} \bar{\sigma} = i_{0\#}^- \bar{\sigma} - i_{1\#}^- \bar{\sigma}$: trivial.

$$(X, A) \xrightarrow{i_0} (X \times I, A \times I) \xrightarrow{F} (Y, B) \text{ s.t. } f = F \circ i_0 \text{ and } g = F \circ i_1.$$

$$\bar{D} : i_{0\#} \cong i_{1\#} \Rightarrow i_{0*} = i_{1*} : H(X, A) \rightarrow H(X \times I, A \times I)$$

$$\therefore f_* = (F \circ i_0)_* = F_* \circ i_{0*} = F_* \circ i_{1*} = (F \circ i_1)_* = g_*$$

□

3. $0 \rightarrow S(A) \rightarrow S(X) \rightarrow S(X, A) \rightarrow 0$
 $\xRightarrow{\text{snake}} \exists$ a functorial long exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \longrightarrow H_p(A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_p(X) \xrightarrow{q_*} H_p(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{p-1}(A) \longrightarrow \cdots \\ \{c\} \mapsto \{\partial c\} \end{aligned}$$

Remark. If $A \neq \phi$, define $\tilde{H}(X, A) = H(X, A)$. Then 3 holds for reduced case also.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & S_0(A) & \rightarrow & S_0(X) & \rightarrow & S_0(X, A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \epsilon & & \downarrow \epsilon & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{id} & \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & 0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

Example. $H_p(B^n, \partial B^n)$

$$\cdots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_p(\partial B^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_p(B^n) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_p(B^n, \partial B^n) \xrightarrow{\partial} \tilde{H}_{p-1}(\partial B^{n-1}) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_p(B^n) = 0, \forall p \Rightarrow \partial : \cong \Rightarrow \\ H_p(B^n, \partial B^n) = \tilde{H}_p(B^n, \partial B^n) \cong \tilde{H}_{p-1}(S^{n-1}) = \mathbb{Z} \quad p = n \\ = 0 \quad p \neq n \end{aligned}$$

4. Long Exact Sequence for Triple

Let $A \subset B \subset X$. Then we have a functorial long exact sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_p(B, A) \rightarrow H_p(X, A) \rightarrow H_p(X, B) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{p-1}(B, A) \rightarrow \cdots$$

증명

$$0 \rightarrow S(B)/S(A) \rightarrow S(X)/S(A) \rightarrow S(X)/S(B) \rightarrow 0 \quad : \text{s.e.s.}$$

and apply snake lemma. □

5. Five Lemma

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A_1 & \rightarrow & A_2 & \rightarrow & A_3 & \rightarrow & A_4 & \rightarrow & A_5 & & \text{:exact} \\
 \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow f_3 & & \downarrow f_4 & & \downarrow f_5 & & \text{all } \simeq \\
 B_1 & \rightarrow & B_2 & \rightarrow & B_3 & \rightarrow & B_4 & \rightarrow & B_5 & & \text{:exact}
 \end{array}$$

f_1 : onto, f_5 : 1-1 and $f_2, f_4 : \cong \Rightarrow f_3 : \cong$.
(In particular, $f_i : \cong \quad i = 1, 2, 4, 5. \Rightarrow f_3 : \cong$.)

증명 by diagram chasing. □

Example. Show $j : (B^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (B^n, B^n \setminus 0)$ induces an isomorphism
 $j_* : H(B^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow H(B^n, B^n \setminus 0)$.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 \cdots & \rightarrow & H_p(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_p(B^n) & \rightarrow & H_p(B^n, S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(B^n) & \rightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow j_* : \cong & & \downarrow j_* := & & \downarrow \text{five lem.에 의해 } j_* : \cong & & \downarrow j_* := & & \downarrow j_* := & & \\
 \cdots & \rightarrow & H_p(B^n \setminus 0) & \rightarrow & H_p(B^n) & \rightarrow & H_p(B^n, B^n \setminus 0) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(B^n \setminus 0) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(B^n) & \rightarrow & \cdots
 \end{array}$$

6. Split Short Exact Sequence

Given short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{p} C \rightarrow 0$, TFAE :

(i) $\exists A \xleftarrow{j} B$ s.t. $j \circ i = id$.

(ii) $\exists B \xleftarrow{s} C$ s.t. $p \circ s = id$.

In this case, $B = A \oplus C$ and the short exact sequence is said to be split.

증명 (i) \Rightarrow (ii):

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{j} B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow B = i(A) \oplus \ker(j) : b = ij(b) + (b - ij(b)) \\
 (\because j(b) - j(ij(b)) = 0 \Rightarrow b - ij(b) \in \ker(j) \text{ and } ji(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \Rightarrow i(a) = 0.)
 \end{array}$$

$$p|_{\ker(j)} : \ker(j) \rightarrow C \cong \text{ since } \ker(p) = i(A) \Rightarrow \exists s = (p|)^{-1} \text{ s.t. } p \circ s = id.$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) : exactly same. □

Example. $A \xrightleftharpoons[r]{i} X$, a retract $\Rightarrow H_p(X) = H_p(A) \oplus H_p(X, A)$.

Excision

정리 1 (X, A) : a pair of spaces and let $U \subset X$ be s.t. $\bar{U} \subset \mathring{A}$.
 Then the inclusion $i : (X - U, A - U) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ induces an isomorphism
 $i_* : H_*(X - U, A - U) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_*(X, A)$. (i.e., U may be excised without altering
 relative homology.)

증명 Let $\mathcal{U} = \{X - U, A\}$ so that $\{(X - U)^\circ, \mathring{A}\}$ covers X . (See the footnote.¹)
 Then $i : S^{\mathcal{U}}(X) \hookrightarrow S(X)$ induces an isomorphism on homology.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & S(A) & \rightarrow & S^{\mathcal{U}}(X) & \rightarrow & S^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/S(A) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow i=i| & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow j \\ 0 & \rightarrow & S(A) & \rightarrow & S(X) & \rightarrow & S(X)/S(A) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where j is induced as quotient map and becomes a chain map as before.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \Rightarrow & \cdots & \rightarrow & H_p(A) & \rightarrow & H_p(S^{\mathcal{U}}(X)) & \rightarrow & H_p(S^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/S(A)) & \rightarrow & H_{p-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \cdots \\ & & & \downarrow i_*=id & & \downarrow i_* \cong & & \downarrow j_*: \cong \text{ by five lem.} & & \downarrow = & \\ & \cdots & \rightarrow & H_p(A) & \longrightarrow & H_p(X) & \longrightarrow & H_p(X, A) & \longrightarrow & H_{p-1}(A) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \cdots \end{array}$$

Now consider $S^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/S(A) : S_p^{\mathcal{U}} = S_p(X - U) + S_p(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S_p^{\mathcal{U}}/S_p(A) &= \frac{S_p(X-U) + S_p(A)}{S_p(A)} \cong S_p(X - U) / (S_p(X - U) \cap S_p(A)) \\ &\xleftarrow{i} \\ &= S_p(X - U) / S_p(A - U) = S_p(X - U, A - U) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_p(X - U, A - U) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_p(S^{\mathcal{U}}(X)/S(A)) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_p(X, A) \quad \square$$

Remark. Recall $X_1, X_2 \subset X, X = X_1 \cup X_2$.

$\{X_1, X_2\}$: an excisive couple if $S(X_1) + S(X_2) \hookrightarrow S(X_1 \cup X_2 = X)$ induces an isomorphism on homology.

¹ $(X - U)^\circ = (U^C)^\circ = \bar{U}^C$

숙제 24. $\{X_1, X_2\}$ is an excisive couple. $\Leftrightarrow (X_1, X_1 \cap X_2) \hookrightarrow (X_1 \cup X_2, X_2)$ is an excision map, i.e., induces an isomorphism on homology.

증명 Hint: Consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S(X_1)/S(X_1 \cap X_2) & \xrightarrow{j} & S(X_1 \cup X_2)/S(X_2) \\
 \searrow i & & \nearrow k \\
 & S(X_1) + S(X_2)/S(X_2) &
 \end{array}$$

□

Example.



$X = S^n, E_+^n$: 북반구, $E_-^n = A$: 남반구, $U = \dot{A}$ 라 두면 U 는 excision theorem 을 이용하여 X 에서 바로 excise 할 수 없다. ($\because \bar{U} \not\subseteq \dot{A}$) 그렇지만 V 를 그림과 같이 잡아서 V 를 excision theorem 에 의해 excise 한 다음 deformation retract 를 이용하여 U 를 "excise" 할 수 있다.

$$H_p(S^n, E_-^n) \cong H_p(S^n - V, E_-^n - V)$$

Note $j : (E_+^n, S^{n-1}) \hookrightarrow (S^n - V, E_-^n - V)$ where r is a deformation retraction

$$(i.e., rj = id, jr \simeq id) \Rightarrow j_* \cong H_p(S^n, E_-^n) \cong H_p(E_+^n, S^{n-1})$$

$\therefore \{E_+^n, E_-^n\}$: excisive couple and hence can apply Mayer-Vietori sequence directly.

In general, $V \subset U \subset A$ and suppose that V can be excised. If $(X - U, A - U)$ is a deformation retract of $(X - V, A - V)$, then U can be excised by the exactly same argument as above. Hence in this case, $\{X - U, A\}$ is an excisive couple.

Equivalence of simplicial and singular homology

Let K be a simplicial complex. Recall that we have 3 homology theories.

- (1) $C(K) \rightsquigarrow H(K)$; simplicial homology
- (2) $\Delta(K) \rightsquigarrow H^\Delta(K)$; ordered simplicial homology
- (3) $S(|K|) \rightsquigarrow H(|K|)$; singular homology

And we showed $\mu : \Delta(K) \rightarrow C(K)$ is a natural chain equivalence,

$$(v_0, \dots, v_p) \mapsto [v_0, \dots, v_p]$$

so that $\mu_* : H^\Delta(K) \rightarrow H(K)$ is a natural isomorphism.

이제 (2)와 (3)을 비교해 보자.

Let $\theta : \Delta(K) \rightarrow S(|K|)$

$$(v_0, \dots, v_p) \mapsto l$$

where $l : \Delta^p \rightarrow |K|$ is an affine map determined by $l(e_i) = v_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, p$.

$\Rightarrow \theta$ is a natural (augmentation-preserving) chain map so that $\theta_* : H^\Delta(K) \rightarrow H(|K|)$ is a natural transformation.

If $K_0 < K$, a subcomplex, then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \Delta(K_0) & \xrightarrow{i} & \Delta(K) & \rightarrow & \Delta(K)/\Delta(K_0) \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \theta| & & \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \bar{\theta} = \theta_* \\ 0 & \rightarrow & S(|K_0|) & \rightarrow & S(|K|) & \rightarrow & S(|K|)/S(|K_0|) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \theta_* : H^\Delta(K, K_0) \rightarrow H(|K|, |K_0|)$ is naturally well-defined.

$\theta_* : \widetilde{H}^\Delta(K) \rightarrow \widetilde{H}(|K|)$ is a natural isomorphism. (Hence so is $\theta_* : H^\Delta(K) \rightarrow H(|K|)$ and $H_* : H^\Delta(K, K_0) \rightarrow H(|K|, |K_0|)$ if $K_0 < K$ by 5-lemma.)

step 1 Assume that K is finite.

Prove by induction on n (the number of simplices in K).

$$n=1 \quad K = \{v\} \Rightarrow \widetilde{H}^\Delta(K) = \widetilde{H}(|K|) = 0.$$

$n > 1$

Let σ be a simplex of K of maximal dimension so that $K_1 := K - \{\sigma\}$ is a subcomplex of K .

$\underline{\sigma} := \sigma$ as a subcomplex of K

$bd\underline{\sigma} :=$ subcomplex of $\underline{\sigma}$ consisting of proper faces of σ

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\widetilde{H}_p^\Delta(K) & \xrightarrow{\theta_*} & \widetilde{H}_p(|K|) \\
\downarrow i_* & & \downarrow i_* \\
H_p^\Delta(K, \underline{\sigma}) & \xrightarrow{\theta_*} & H_p(|K|, \sigma) \\
j_* \uparrow & & j_* \uparrow \\
H_p^\Delta(K_1, bd\underline{\sigma}) & \xrightarrow{\theta_*} & H_p(|K_1|, bd\sigma)
\end{array}$$

위의 diagram에서 j_* 는 excision theorem에 의해서 isomorphism이고, 가장 아래의 θ_* 는 induction hypothesis에 의해 isomorphism이다. 마지막으로 i_* 는 각각 $(|K|, \sigma), (K, \underline{\sigma})$ pair에 대한 long exact sequence에 의해서 isomorphism이다. ($\because \sigma$ 에 대한 homology는 항상 0 이므로) 따라서,

$$\widetilde{H}_p^\Delta(K) \cong \widetilde{H}_p(|K|)$$

step2 Assume that K is infinite.

(1) θ_* is onto.

Given $\{z\} \in \widetilde{H}_p(|K|), |z| :=$ support of z . Then $|z|$ is compact, and hence is contained in $|L|$, a finite subcomplex of K .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\widetilde{H}_p^\Delta(L) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \widetilde{H}_p(|L|) \ni \{z\} \\
\downarrow i_* & & \downarrow i_* \quad \downarrow \\
\widetilde{H}_p^\Delta(K) & \xrightarrow{\theta_*} & \widetilde{H}_p(|K|) \ni \{z\}
\end{array}$$

step 1 으로 부터 L 에 대한 θ_* 가 \cong 이고 diagram이 commute하므로 K 에 대한 θ_* 는 onto이다.

(2) θ_* is 1-1.

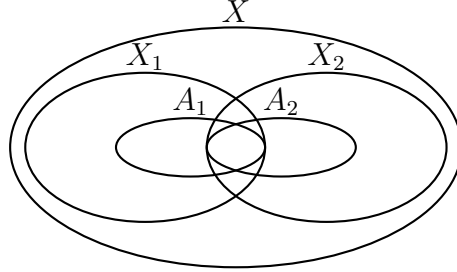
Suppose $\{z\} \in \widetilde{H}_p^\Delta(K)$ and $\theta_*\{z\} = \{\theta(z)\} = 0$. Then $\exists c \in \widetilde{S}_{p+1}(|K|)$ such that $\partial c = \theta(z)$. $|c|$ is compact, hence contained in L , a finite subcomplex of K . By above diagram, θ_* is 1-1.

Note Given a continuous map $f : |K| \rightarrow |L|$, let $g : K' \rightarrow L$ be a simplicial approximation of f . 그러면

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
H^\Delta(K') & \xrightarrow{g_*} & H^\Delta(L) \\
\mu_*(\cong) \swarrow & \downarrow \theta_*(\cong) & \swarrow \mu_*(\cong) \\
H(K') & \xrightarrow{g_*} & H(L) \\
\eta_* = \theta_* \circ \mu_*^{-1} \swarrow & \downarrow & \swarrow \eta_* \\
H(|K'|) & \xrightarrow{g_* = f_*} & H(|L|)
\end{array}$$

위의 그림에서 모든 diagram이 commute하고, μ_* , θ_* 가 natural isomorphism이므로 η_* 도 natural isomorphism이 된다.

Relative Mayer-Vietoris sequence



위와 같은 경우 아래와 같은 sequence들을 생각할 수 있다.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \rightarrow & S(A_1 \cap A_2) & \xrightarrow{\phi|} & S(A_1) \oplus S(A_2) & \xrightarrow{\psi|} & S(A_1) + S(A_2) \rightarrow 0 & \text{s.e.s} \\
 & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow i_1 \oplus i_2 & & \downarrow j \\
 0 & \rightarrow & S(X_1 \cap X_2) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & S(X_1) \oplus S(X_2) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & S(X_1) + S(X_2) \rightarrow 0 & \text{s.e.s} \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \rightarrow & \frac{S(X_1 \cap X_2)}{S(A_1 \cap A_2)} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\phi}} & \frac{S(X_1)}{S(A_1)} \oplus \frac{S(X_2)}{S(A_2)} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\psi}} & \frac{S(X_1) + S(X_2)}{S(A_1) + S(A_2)} \rightarrow 0 & (*) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

- (1) $\bar{\phi}$ and $\bar{\psi}$ are chain maps. (\because chain map의 quotient는 chain map)
- (2) (*) is exact by 9-lemma.

Suppose $\{X_1, X_2\}$ is an excisive couple of $X_1 \cup X_2$ and $\{A_1, A_2\}$ is an excisive couple of $A_1 \cup A_2$. Then (*) induces an long exact sequence

$$(*) \cdots \rightarrow H_p(X_1 \cap X_2, A_1 \cap A_2) \rightarrow H_p(X_1, A_1) \oplus H_p(X_2, A_2) \rightarrow H_p(X_1 \cup X_2, A_1 \cup A_2) \rightarrow \cdots$$

여기서 $H_p(X_1 \cup X_2, A_1 \cup A_2)$ 이 되는 이유는

$S(X_1) + S(X_2) \xrightarrow{i} S(X_1 \cup X_2)$ 와 $S(A_1) + S(A_2) \xrightarrow{i} S(A_1 \cup A_2)$ 이 homology에서 isomorphism을 induce하고, 5-lemma 에 의해서 $\frac{S(X_1) + S(X_2)}{S(A_1) + S(A_2)} \hookrightarrow \frac{S(X_1 \cup X_2)}{S(A_1 \cup A_2)}$ 도 homology에서 isomorphism을 induce하기 때문이다.

(*)를 **Relative Mayer-Vietoris sequence** 라고 부른다.

Special cases

(1) $X = X_1 \cup X_2 \Rightarrow H_p(X_1 \cup X_2, A_1 \cup A_2) = H_p(X, A_1 \cup A_2)$

(2) Furthermore, if $X_1 = X_2 = X$, then

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_p(X, A_1 \cap A_2) \rightarrow H_p(X, A_1) \oplus H_p(X, A_2) \rightarrow H_p(X, A_1 \cup A_2) \rightarrow \cdots$$

(3) If $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ and $A_1 = A_2 = A$, then

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_p(X_1 \cap X_2, A) \rightarrow H_p(X_1, A) \oplus H_p(X_2, A) \rightarrow H_p(X, A) \rightarrow \cdots$$