

$$\check{H}^*(M, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(\underline{U}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(K, \mathbb{Z}).$$

The de Rham Theorem.

M real C^∞ -manifold.

We say that a singular p -chain σ on M , given as a formal linear combination $\sum a_i f_i$ of maps $\Delta \xrightarrow{f_i} M$ of the standard p -simplex $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ to M , is piecewise smooth if the maps f_i extend to C^∞ maps of a nbd of Δ to M .

$C_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) =$ Space of piecewise smooth integral p -chains

Clearly the boundary of a piecewise smooth chain is again piecewise smooth, so that $C_*^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z})$ forms a subcomplex of $C_*(M, \mathbb{Z})$.

$$\text{Set } Z_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) = \ker \partial : C_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C_{p-1}^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$H_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) = \frac{Z_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z})}{\partial C_{p+1}^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z})}.$$

\Rightarrow By a foundational result from differential topology, the inclusion map $C_*^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow C_*(M, \mathbb{Z})$ induces an isomorphism

$$H_p^{PS}(M, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H_p(M, \mathbb{Z}). \quad (\text{See Massey p. 53. } \text{Singular H.T. Th. 2.1})$$

in other words, every homology class in $H_p(M, \mathbb{Z})$ can be represented by a piecewise smooth p -cycle, and if a piecewise smooth p -cycle σ is homologous to 0 in the usual sense, \exists a piecewise smooth $(p+1)$ -chain τ with $\partial \tau = \sigma$.