

$$\sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p} \in \mathbb{Z}(\cap St(U_{\alpha_i})) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & , \text{ if } U_{\alpha_i} \text{ span a } p\text{-simplex} \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Given $\sigma \in C^p(\underline{U}, \mathbb{Z})$, we can define a simplicial p -cochain σ' as follows:

For $\Delta = \langle U_{\alpha_0}, \dots, U_{\alpha_p} \rangle$ a p -simplex with vertices $U_{\alpha_0}, \dots, U_{\alpha_p}$,

$$\sigma'(\Delta) = \sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p}.$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma \longmapsto \sigma'$ gives an isomorphism of Abelian groups

$$C^p(\underline{U}, \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\phi} C^p(K, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{simplicial } p\text{-cochain group}$$

$$\phi(\sigma) = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi \text{ is mono.}$$

Given a simplicial p -cochain τ ,

$$\tau(\Delta) \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \Delta = \langle U_{\alpha_0}, \dots, U_{\alpha_p} \rangle.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p} = \tau(\Delta) \Rightarrow \phi(\sigma) = \tau \quad \sigma = (\sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_p}) \in \prod_{U_{\alpha_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{\alpha_p}} \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow \phi$ is onto.

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta\sigma')(\langle \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{p+1} \rangle) &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \sigma'(\langle \alpha_0, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_i, \dots, \alpha_{p+1} \rangle) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{p+1} (-1)^i \sigma_{\alpha_0, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_i, \dots, \alpha_{p+1}} = (\delta\sigma)_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{p+1}} = (\delta\sigma)(\langle \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{p+1} \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

so that we have an isomorphism of chain complexes

$$C^*(\underline{U}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow C^*(K, \mathbb{Z}).$$

\Rightarrow Hence an isomorphism $H^*(\underline{U}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^*(K, \mathbb{Z})$.
Since we can ~~divide~~ subdivide the complex K to make the cover \underline{U} of M arbitrarily fine without changing $H^*(K, \mathbb{Z})$, we finally obtain