

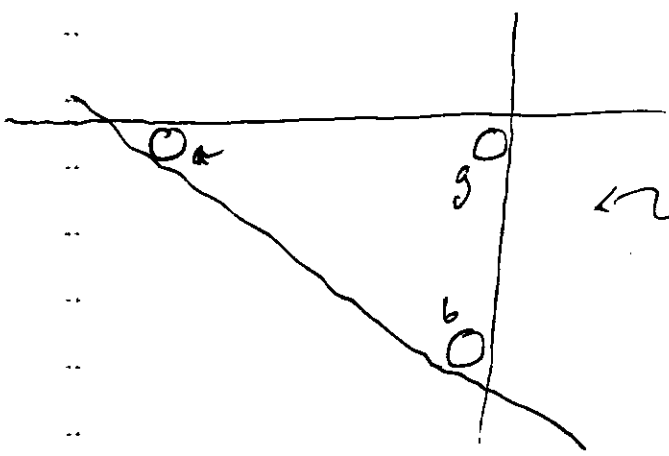
Taking cvx's into account:

- we have  $K$  cvx's, each has  $n$  faces.
- each face is a "point"
- particularly interesting cases

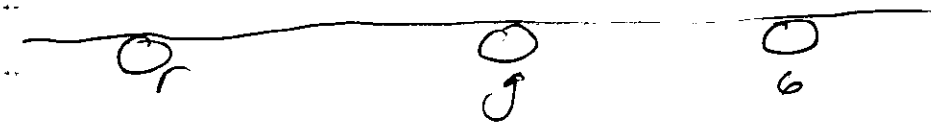
I - faces that are tangent (ish) to many convexes

II - faces that are "far" from other faces

examples of I, 2D

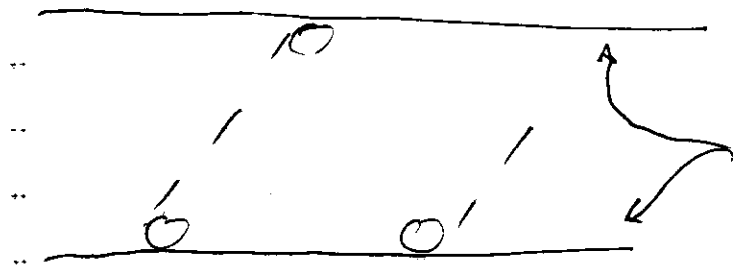


○ - are the convexes  
 / - are bitangent places



notice that for the first geometry, no face tangent to 3; second, there is one. This difference is worth knowing about.

examples of II

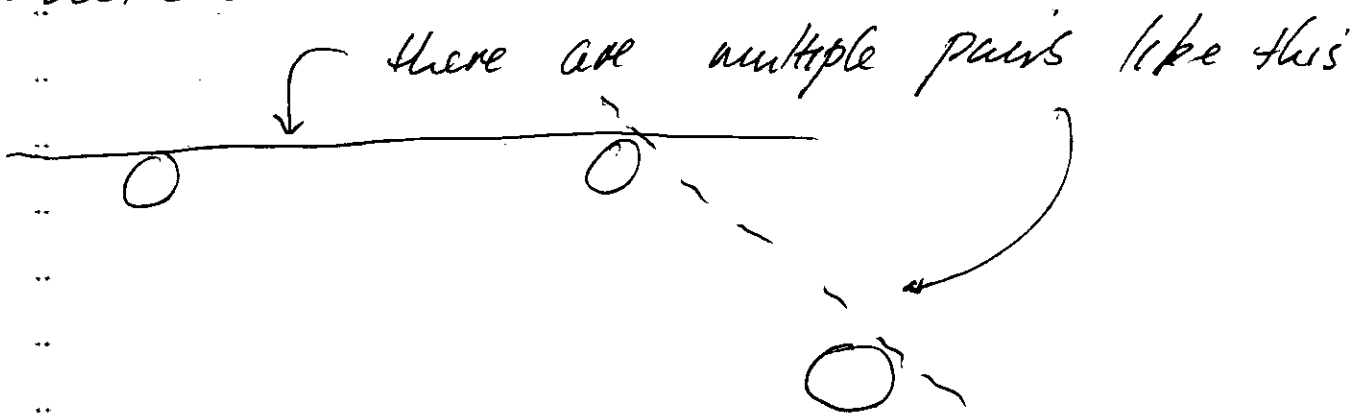


this pair of planes is interesting

as is this

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we need to extend the graph construction



there is one example construction

- Think of each convex as a "bag" of points (= planes)
- each convex has a different color
- ~~we~~ choose a distance  $d$ .

- represent the env's with a collection of sets.

$$K_\alpha = \{ \{c_{a_1}, \dots, c_{a_r}\}, \{c_{b_1}, \dots, c_{b_s}\}, \dots \}$$

where  $S = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r\}$  is in  $K_\alpha$

iff  $\min_{P_a \in c_i, P_b \in c_j} d(P_a, P_b) \leq \alpha$  for all  $i, j \in S$ .

↪ equivalently,  $c_1, \dots, c_r$  are in  $S$  if they "almost" share a plane.

Q: what is the resulting object?

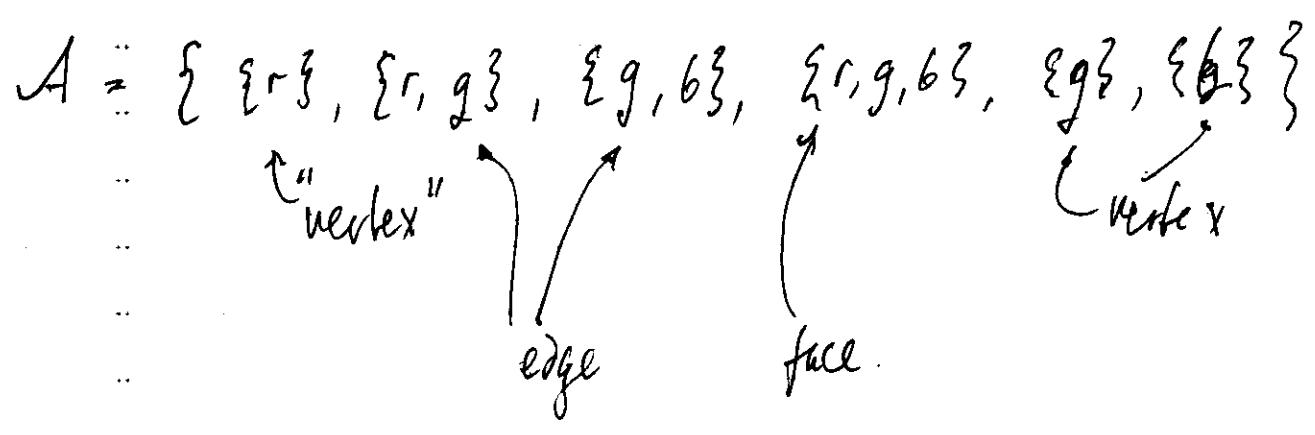
Q: how to represent it?

# Abstract simplicial complexes

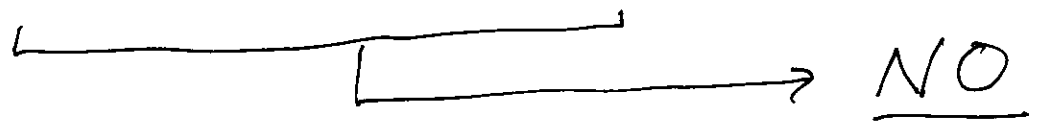
A collection  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of a set  $A$  is an abstract simplicial complex if every  $\sigma \in \mathcal{A}$  has all subsets  $\sigma' \subseteq \sigma \in \mathcal{A}$ . The elements of  $A$  are the vertices of  $A$ .

Each set in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a simplex whose dimension is its cardinality.

eg:  $A = \{r, g, b, c, m, y\}$



$\{ \{rs\}, \{g\}, \{r, g, b\} \}$

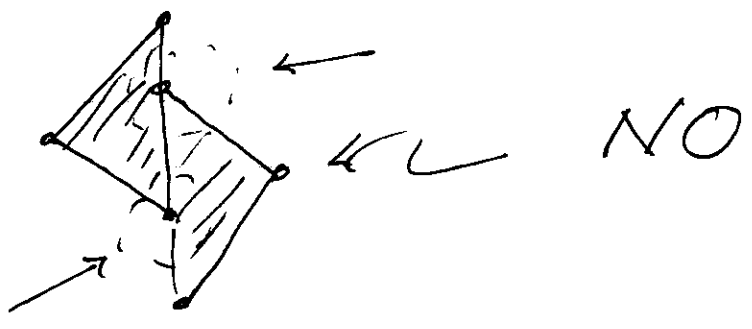
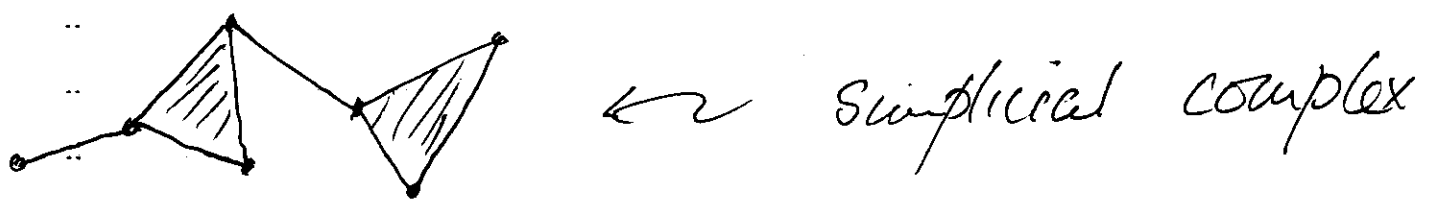


Analogy with simplicial complex

- $k$  simplex is hull ( $k+1$  affine indep points).
- $0$  simplex  $\equiv$  vertex
- $1$  simplex  $\equiv$  edge
- $2$  simplex  $\equiv$  triangle.
- a face of a simplex is conv hull of a non-empty subset of pts
- a simplicial complex  $K$  is a finite set of simplices such that

•  $K$  contains every face of every simplex of  $K$

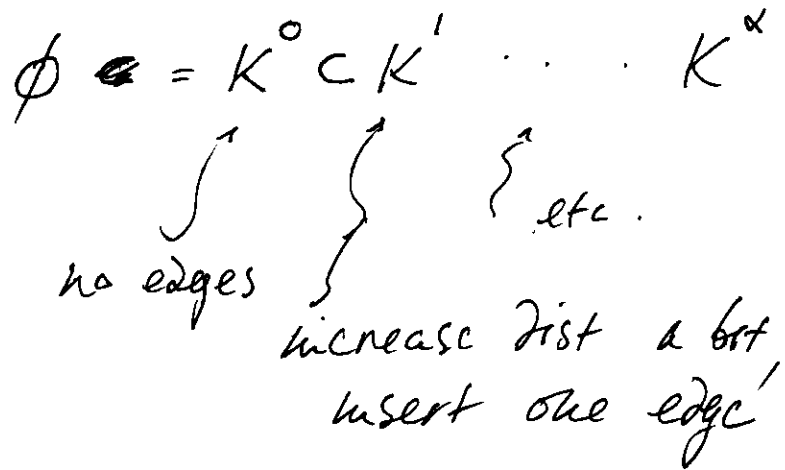
• for  $\sigma, \tau \in K$ , ~~or~~  
either  $\sigma \cap \tau = \emptyset$  or  
 $\sigma \cap \tau$  is a face of  $\sigma$   
and of  $\tau$



the graph construction (above) was a family of simplicial complexes

→ assume vertices go in only when connected to an edge.

Then:

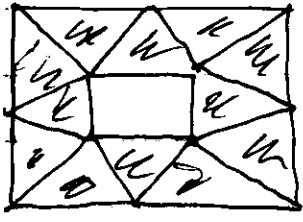


Q: how can we describe such a complex?

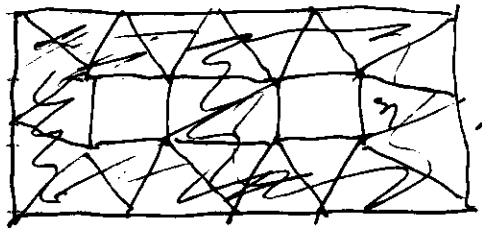


~~Simple~~ + Topological reps.

cf. graphs.



↪ This complex has  
a cycle that is  
not a boundary



↪ this has at least  
two

3D pix, too

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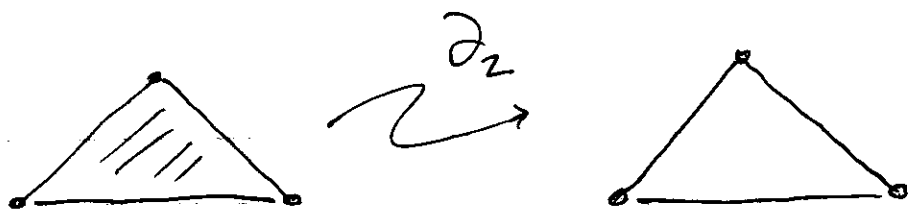
• an  $n$ -chain is a weighted sum of  $n$ -simplexes. We will use mod 2 weights (but others are possible).

• The boundary of a  $k$ -simplex is the sum of all  $k-1$  faces.

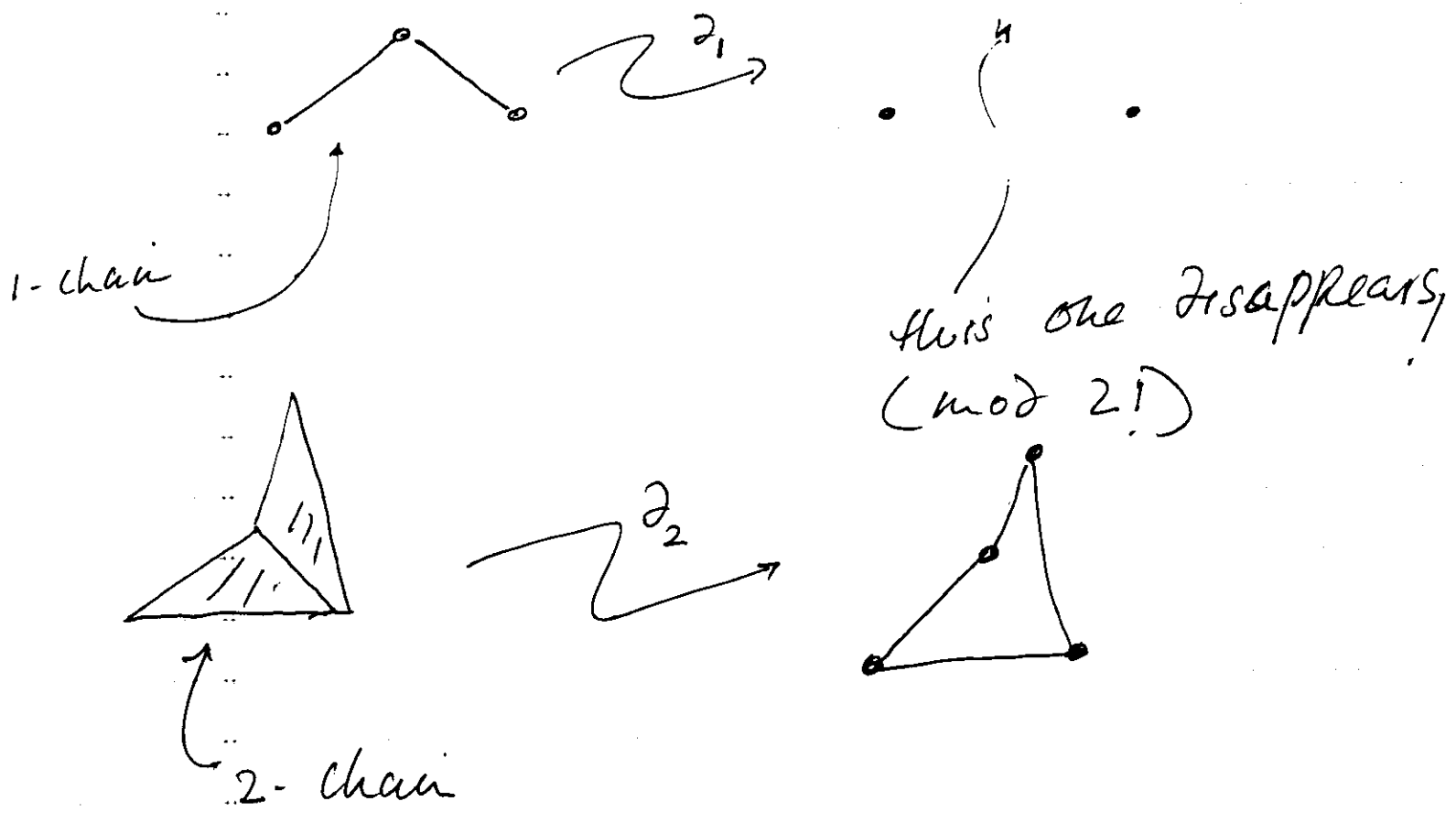
[ need to adjust this for ]  
[ weights not mod 2 ]

Examples:





The boundary operator is linear  
 (mod 2 helps here!)



Notice that

$\partial_k$  takes  $k$ -chains to  $(k-1)$  chains

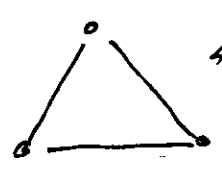
AND

$$\partial_{k-1} \circ \partial_k = 0$$

(The boundary of a boundary is empty)

CHECK THIS:

Now consider:



← This has  $\partial_1 = 0$

BUT it isn't ~~itself~~ itself a boundary.

We define

$$H_k = \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{space of } k\text{-chains } \sigma \\ \text{s.t. } \partial_k(\sigma) = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

image( $\partial_{k+1}$ )

This is  $k$ th simplicial Homology group  
(over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \text{ - mod } 2$ ).

$$B_k = \dim(H_k) = \# \text{ of linearly indep generators}$$

↑  $k$ 'th Betti number

we have already seen  $B_0, B_1$  in  
action.

## Examples in Figures

~~There is~~

## Repr of CVX net objects

- compute Abstract Simplicial complex  
as above
- compute  $B_0 \dots B_k$  for  
various dists
- construct barcode.