# Computing Spectral Sequences with Kenzo

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Since  $E_{p,q}^{r+1} \subseteq E_{p,q}^r$  for each  $r \ge 1$ , one can define the *final groups* of the spectral sequence as  $E_{p,q}^{\infty} = \bigcap_{r \ge 1} E_{p,q}^r$ .

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If we think of a spectral sequence as a black box, then the input is a differential bigraded module, usually  $E^1_{*,*}$ , and, with each turn of the handle, the machine computes a successive homology according to a sequence of differentials. If some differential is unknown, then some other (any other) principle is needed to proceed. [...] In the nontrivial cases, it is often a deep geometric idea that is caught up in the knowledge of a differential.

John McCleary, User's guide to spectral sequences (Publish or Perish, 1985)

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We obtain a short exact sequence:

$$0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_6 \leftarrow H_6(E) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \leftarrow 0$$

but now there are two possible extensions: the trivial one  $\mathbb{Z}_2\oplus\mathbb{Z}_6$  and the twisted one  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}.$ 

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#### Example:

$$\begin{split} X &= \Omega(\Omega(\Omega(P^{\infty}\mathbb{R}/P^{3}\mathbb{R})\cup_{4}D^{4})\cup_{2}D^{2})\\ H_{5}(X) &= \mathbb{Z}_{2}^{23}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{8}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{16}\\ H_{6}(X) &= \mathbb{Z}_{2}^{52}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{4}^{3}\oplus\mathbb{Z}^{3}\\ H_{7}(X) &= \mathbb{Z}_{2}^{113}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{4}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{8}^{3}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{16}\oplus\mathbb{Z}_{32}\oplus\mathbb{Z} \end{split}$$

Spectral sequences of filtered complexes Formal definition

#### Spectral sequences of filtered complexes

#### Theorem

Let F be a filtration of a chain complex  $C_* = (C_n, d_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . There exists a spectral sequence  $E = E(C_*, F) = (E^r, d^r)_{r \ge 1}$ , defined by

$$E_{p,q}^{r} = \frac{Z_{p,q}^{r} \cup F_{p-1}C_{p+q}}{d_{p+q+1}(Z_{p+r-1,q-r+2}^{r-1}) \cup F_{p-1}C_{p+q}}$$

where  $Z_{p,q}^r = \{a \in F_pC_{p+q} | d_{p+q}(a) \in F_{p-r}C_{p+q-1}\} \subseteq F_pC_{p+q}$ , and  $d_{p,q}^r : E_{p,q}^r \to E_{p-r,q+r-1}^r$  is the morphism induced on these subquotients by the differential map  $d_{p+q} : C_{p+q} \to C_{p+q-1}$ .

If F is bounded, then  $E^1 \Rightarrow H_*(C_*)$ .

Saunders MacLane, Homology (Springer, 1963)

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This algorithm has been implemented as a set of programs (about 2500 lines) enhancing the Kenzo system, that determine the groups  $E_{p,q}^r$  and also the differential maps  $d_{p,q}^r$  for every level r.

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- If the filtered chain complex  $(C_*, F_C)$  is not effective, but with effective homology  $C_* \ll D_* \Rightarrow HC_*$ , then appropriate filtrations of  $D_*$  and  $HC_*$  can also produce the spectral sequence.

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First of all, we construct the object  $X = K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) \times_{\tau} S^2$ 

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>(setf s2 (sphere 2))
[K208 Simplicial-Set]
>(setf kz1 (k-z 1))
[K1 Abelian-Simplicial-Group]
> (setf tau (build-smmr
:sorc s2
:trgt kz1
:degr -1
:sintr #'(lambda (dmns gmsm) (absm 0 '(1)))
:orgn '(kz1-tw-s2)))
[K213 Fibration K208 -> K1]
> (setf X (fibration-total tau))
[K219 Simplicial-Set]
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> (change-chcm-to-flcc X crpr-flin '(crpr-flin))
[K219 Filtered-Simplicial-Set]
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The differential maps can also be obtained

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> (spsq-dffr X 2 2 0 '(1))
(1)
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>(spsq-cnvg X 1)
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And finally, we can determine the filtration of the homology groups

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> (hmlg-fltr X 3 1)
Filtration F_1 H_3
nil
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Mikhailov and Wu say that: Theorem 5.4: Let  $A_4$  be the 4-th alternating group. Then  $\pi_4(\Sigma K(A_4, 1)) = \mathbb{Z}_4$ but we have obtained  $\pi_4(\Sigma K(A_4, 1)) = \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ 

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