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Lefschetz hyperplane theorem (LHT)

Sec 1.4

$X = \text{smooth proj. var}$, $\dim X = n$

$D \geq 0$ ample divisor on X

Thm (LHT, version 1)

$$H^k(X, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^k(D, \mathbb{Z})$$

this is isom for $k < n-1$

injective for $k = n-1$

Remark. A C^∞ -mfd of real dim $2n$ has the homotopy type of a CW complex of real dim $\leq 2n$. The following says that complex affine manifolds have only half as much topology:

Thm (Andreotti - Frankel)

$Y \subseteq \mathbb{C}^N$ closed n -dim submanifold. Then Y has

the homotopy type of a CW complex of real dim $\leq n$

Hence $H^k(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ & $H_n^1(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$

for $k > n$.

c.f. Milnor, "Morse Theory".

Pf of LHT version 1 :

Since D ample, mD is very ample for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$
and \exists embedding $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$ and a hyperplane H
s.t. $mD = X \cap H$.

Then $Y \triangleq X \setminus D = X \setminus mD$ is a smooth complex
affine variety of $\dim n$.

By the A-F, $H_k(Y, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $k > n$.

Using Alexander-Lefschetz duality :

$$H_k(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^{2n-k}(X, D; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\Rightarrow H^k(X, D; \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \text{ for } k < n.$$

Now the result follows from

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & H^k(X, D; \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^k(X; \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & & & & & \\ & & H^k(D; \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & H^{k+1}(X, D; \mathbb{Z}) & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

□

Thm (LHT2). $H_k(D; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(X; \mathbb{Z})$

is \cong for $k < n-1$

surjective for $k = n-1$. □

Cor 1. $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+c}$ smooth complete intersection, $\dim X = n$.

• $H_k(X, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(\mathbb{P}^{n+c}, \mathbb{Z})$

is an isom for $k < n$.

surjective for $k = n$.

• $H^k(\mathbb{P}^{n+c}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathbb{Z})$

is an isom for $k < n$

injective for $k = n$.

Pf. Do induction on c .

When $c = 1$, this is LHT.

Need to show

$$X' = \mathbb{V}(f_1, \dots, f_{c-1})$$

is smooth, where $X = \mathbb{V}(f_1, \dots, f_c) \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+c}$.

Can replace f_1, \dots, f_{c-1} by general forms

$$f'_1, \dots, f'_{c-1}$$

of the same degrees resp.

By Bertini, $\exists X' = V(f_1, \dots, f_{c-1})$ is smooth

Since X is a complete intersection in X' , any singular pt of X' lying on X is a sing. pt of X .

So can take X' to be smooth.

Proceed by induction.

□

Cor 2. $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$ sm. complete int. of codim n .

$Z \subseteq X$ subvar. of codim $k < \frac{n}{2}$.

Then $\deg X \mid \deg Z$

Pf. By cor 1, $[Z] \in H^{2k}(X, \mathbb{Z})$

$$[Z] = (\alpha \cdot s^k) \mid_X \text{ where } \alpha \in \mathbb{Z},$$

s is the class of $X \cap H$, $H \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ hyperplane

$$\Rightarrow \deg Z = \deg([Z] \cdot s^{n-k}) = \alpha \cdot \deg X$$

□

Cor 3. $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$ sm. complete int. of dim $n \geq 3$.
 $Z \subseteq X$. subvar. of codim 1.

Then $Z = X \cap H$ for a hypersurface $H \subseteq \mathbb{P}^N$.

Pf. Since $n \geq 3$, by LHT.

$$H^2(\mathbb{P}^N, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

Every line bundle on X is determined by its First Chern class in $H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$. so every l.b. is of the form $\mathcal{O}_X(m)$ for some m .

Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ is a hypersurface $\deg X = d$.

By sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(m-d) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(m) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(m) \longrightarrow 0$$

and the fact $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(m-d)) = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(m)) \longrightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(m))$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(Z) = \mathcal{O}_X(m) \text{ for some } m.$$

and a global section vanishing on Z is the restriction to X of a homog. poly. of degree m .

Th (LHT 3).

$$\pi_k(D) \longrightarrow \pi_k(X) \quad \text{is} \quad \begin{cases} \text{isom} & \text{for } k < n-1 \\ \text{surj.} & \text{for } k = n-1 \end{cases}$$

Th (LHT 4). $\text{if } \dim X \geq 4$.

$$\text{Pic}(X) \cong \text{Pic}(D)$$

Prop (Larsen, 1973).

$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^{n+c}$ sm. subvar. codim $X = c$. Then

$$H^k(\mathbb{P}^{n+c}, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^k(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

isom for $k < n-c$

injective for $k = n-c+1$.