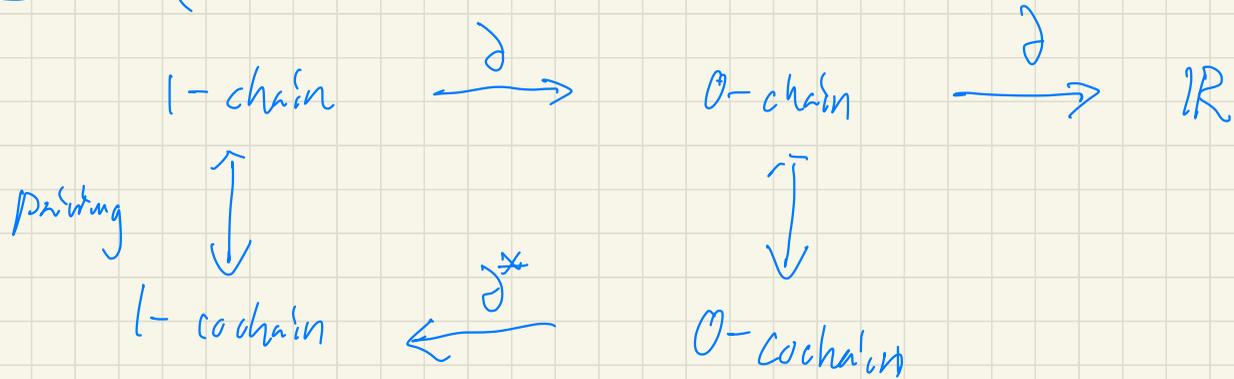


# Lecture 3 (21 March 2022)



Ex 1  $(\partial i)_x = \sum_{y \in V(x)} i(x, y)$

②  $(\partial^* u)_{xy} = u_y - u_x$

③  $\partial^* u \equiv 0 \iff u \text{ is constant}$

Proposition

1-cochain  $\bar{E}$  is coboundary i.e.  $\exists u$  s.t.  $\bar{\partial}u = \bar{E}$

$(\Rightarrow)$   $\langle \bar{E}, z \rangle = 0$  for all first cycle 1-chain  $z$   
(i.e.  $\partial z = 0$ ).

Prf  $(\Rightarrow)$  Assume  $\bar{E}$  is coboundary, i.e.  $\exists u$  s.t.  $\bar{\partial}u = \bar{E}$

For any cycle  $z$ ,

$$\langle \bar{E}, z \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial}u, z \rangle = \langle u, \partial z \rangle = \langle u, 0 \rangle = 0$$

$(\Leftarrow)$  Ex.

Another way to say:  $\omega$ -exact 1-form  $\perp$  closed 1-form

Def.  $R: \{1\text{-chain}\} \rightarrow \{1\text{-cochain}\}$   
 $i \mapsto r \cdot i$

$r(x,y) = r(y,x)$  is the resistance

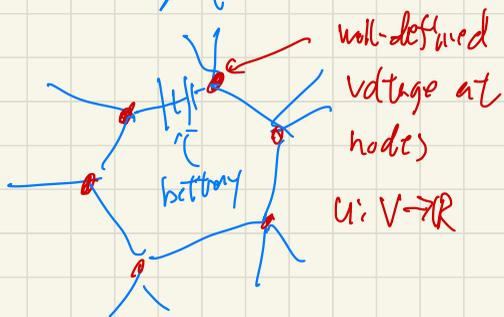
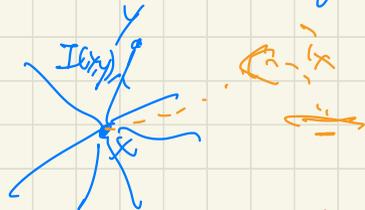
(currents  $\leftrightarrow$  difference of voltage)

Kirchoff's equations: Let  $I$  1-chain.

Conservation of charges

$$\partial I + i = 0$$

where  $i$  0-chain represent external currents.



$u_y - u_x =$  voltage difference

$$= r(x,y) I(x,y) + F$$

where  $F$  is 1-cochain

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle R(I) + F, z \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all finite cycles } z.$$

$$(*) \begin{cases} \partial I + i = 0 \\ \langle R(I) + F, z \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

Define  $\tilde{I} := R^{-1}(R(I) + F) \quad (\Rightarrow \quad I = \tilde{I} - R^{-1}(F))$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \partial \tilde{I} + (i - \partial R^{-1}(F)) = 0 \\ \langle R(\tilde{I}), z \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (**) \begin{cases} \partial \tilde{I} + \tilde{i} = 0 & \text{--- (I) where } \tilde{i} = i - \partial R^{-1}(F), \\ \langle R(\tilde{I}), z \rangle = 0 & \text{--- (II)} \end{cases}$$

Express ~~(\*\*)~~ in terms of voltage

$$(II) \Rightarrow \exists u : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad u_y - u_x = r(x,y) I(x,y)$$

Sub  $I(x,y) = \frac{1}{r(x,y)} (u_y - u_x)$  into (1)

$$\sum_{y \in V(x)} \frac{1}{r(x,y)} (u_y - u_x) = -\tilde{I}_x$$

for  $x \in V$ .

$$\left( c(x,y) = \frac{1}{r(x,y)} \right)$$

$$\sum_{y \in V(x)} c(x,y) (u_y - u_x)$$

discrete Poisson's eq.

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Def.  $u$  is potential of current  $\tilde{I}$ .



$$p^n(x, y) := (P^n)(x, y) = \sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \in V} p(x, x_1) p(x_1, x_2) \dots p(x_{n-1}, y) \\ \neq (p(x, y))^n$$

(3).

$d(x, y) :=$  min # edges connecting  $x, y \in V$ .  
= combinatorial distance.

$$p^n(x, y) > 0 \iff n \geq d(x, y).$$

$$p^n(x, y) = P(X_{m+n} = y \mid X_m = x)$$

(4)  $u: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  regarded as a column vector

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(Pu)_x = \sum_{y \in V} p(x,y) u(y) = \sum_{y \in V(x)} p(x,y) u(y)$$

$$\sum_{y \in V(x)} c_{xy} (u_y - u_x) = f(x) \Leftrightarrow (Id - P)u = \tilde{f}$$

$$\hat{f}_x = \frac{1}{\sum_{y \in V(x)} c(x,y)} f_x$$

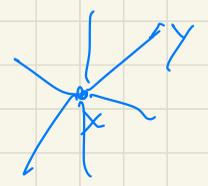
Remark: (5)

$$\partial R^1(\partial^* u) = -\bar{1}$$

Smooth:  $\Delta = \partial^* \partial$

$$(6) \quad \sum_{y \in V(x)} p(x,y) = \sum_{y \in V(x)} \left( \frac{c(x,y)}{\sum_{\tilde{y} \in V(x)} c(x,\tilde{y})} \right) = 1$$

But  $\sum_x p(x,y) \neq 1$



# Green's Function

$p^n(x, y)$  = probability for a path of length  $n$   
starting at  $x$  and ending at  $y$ .

$$\sum_{\substack{x_1, x_2, \dots \\ x_n \in V}} p(x, x_1) p(x_1, x_2) \dots p(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

Expected number of visits for a path of length  $n$  starting at  $x$ , ~~ending at  $y$~~

$$= \sum_{\substack{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in V \\ x_n = y}} (\delta_{x, x_1} + \delta_{x, x_2} + \dots + \delta_{x, x_n}) p(x, x_1) p(x_1, x_2) \dots p(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$



$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{k-1} \in V} \delta_{x_k, y} p(x, x_1) p(x_1, x_2) \dots p(x_{k-1}, x_k) p(x_k, x_{k+1}) \dots p(x_{n-1}, x_n)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n \in V} p(x, x_1) \dots p(x_{k-1}, y) \left( p(y, x_{k+1}) \dots p(x_{n-1}, x_n) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}} p(x, x_1) \dots p(x_{k-1}, y) \cdot 1$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (P^k)(x, y)$$

$$= (\text{Id} + P + P^2 + \dots + P^n)(x, y)$$

Green's function

$$G(x, y) := \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P^k \right) (x, y)$$

= expected number of visits to  $y$  for paths starting at  $x$ .

$$G \in [0, \infty]$$

Prop.  $G(x, y) = \infty$  for some  $x, y \in V \Leftrightarrow G(x, y) = \infty$  for any  $x, y$

↑ reversible is important.

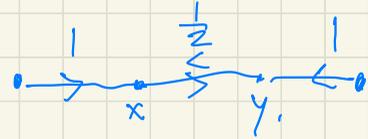
(parabolic)

Definition  $(\Gamma, c)$  is recurrent if  $G(x, y) = \infty$  for some vertices  $x, y$

$(\Gamma, c)$  is <sup>(hyperbolic)</sup> transient if  $G(x, y) < \infty$  for any vertex  $x, y \in V$ .

Assume  $(\Gamma, c)$  is transient.

$$G = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n$$



$$PG = GP = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p^n = G - \text{Id}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Id} - P)G &= G - PG \\ &= G - (G - \text{Id}) \\ &= \text{Id} \end{aligned}$$

↑  
identity matrix

$$G(\text{Id} - P) = G - GP = \text{Id}$$

Rmk:  $(\Gamma, c) \Leftrightarrow$  reversible Markov chain  $p(x, y)$

i.e.  $\exists c: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} c(x, y) &:= c(x) p(x, y) = c(y) p(y, x), \\ \text{"} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{"} \\ c(y, x) & \qquad \qquad \qquad c(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow G = (\text{Id} - P)^{-1}$$

Be careful :

Solve for  $u$  in

$$(I - P) u = f$$

$$u := G(f)$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - P) u = (I - P) G(f) = \text{Id}(f) = f$$

Need to check :  $u$  has finite values.

Assume transient.

Prop: Let  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $G(|f|)(x) < \infty$  for all  $x \in V$ . Then  $u := G(f)$  solves

$$(1-P)u = f.$$

Exg.  $f$  is finitely support.

$$|f|(y) = |f(y)|$$

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$$0 \leq p(x, y) \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq p^n(x, y) \leq 1$$

$p^n$  is well defined.

If  $\Gamma$  is finite,  $\Rightarrow G(x, y)$  is infinite  
 $\Rightarrow$  recurrent.