Cellular Homology

Cellular Complexes

Def: A cell complex is a Hausdorff space X with a partition $X = \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in A} e_\alpha$ where each e_α is an open n-ball for some n, called the dimension of e_α, and such that for each n-ball e_α there is a map $\varphi_\alpha : \overline{B^n} \to X$ which is a homeomorphism $B^n \to e_\alpha$ and sends ∂B^n to a finite union of cells of dimension $< n$.

Ex: S^1 has a cell structure with one 0-cell and one 1-cell.

Ex: S^2 has a cell structure with one 0-cell and one 2-cell.

Ex: S^n has a cell structure with one 0-cell and one n-cell.

Ex: $\mathbb{R}P^n$ has a cell structure with one cell in each dimension $0, 1, \dots, n$.

Ex: $\mathbb{C}P^n$ has a cell structure with one cell in each even dimension $0, 2, \dots, 2n$.

Ex: The 1-skeleton of a cell complex is a graph. Any graph is homotopy equivalent to a wedge sum of circles.

Ex: The 2-skeleton of a cell complex is a surface. Any surface is homotopy equivalent to a wedge sum of circles and spheres.

Ex: The 2-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^1 = S^2$.

Ex: The 3-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^2$.

Ex: The 4-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^3$.

Ex: The 5-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^4$.

Ex: The 6-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^5$.

Ex: The 7-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^6$.

Ex: The 8-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^7$.

Ex: The 9-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^8$.

Ex: The 10-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^9$.

Ex: The 11-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^{10}$.

Ex: The 12-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^{11}$.

Ex: The 13-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^{12}$.

Ex: The 14-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^{13}$.

Ex: The 15-skeleton of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ is $\mathbb{C}P^{14}$.

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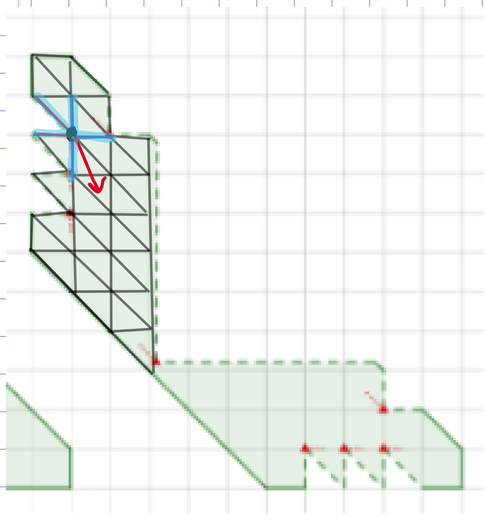

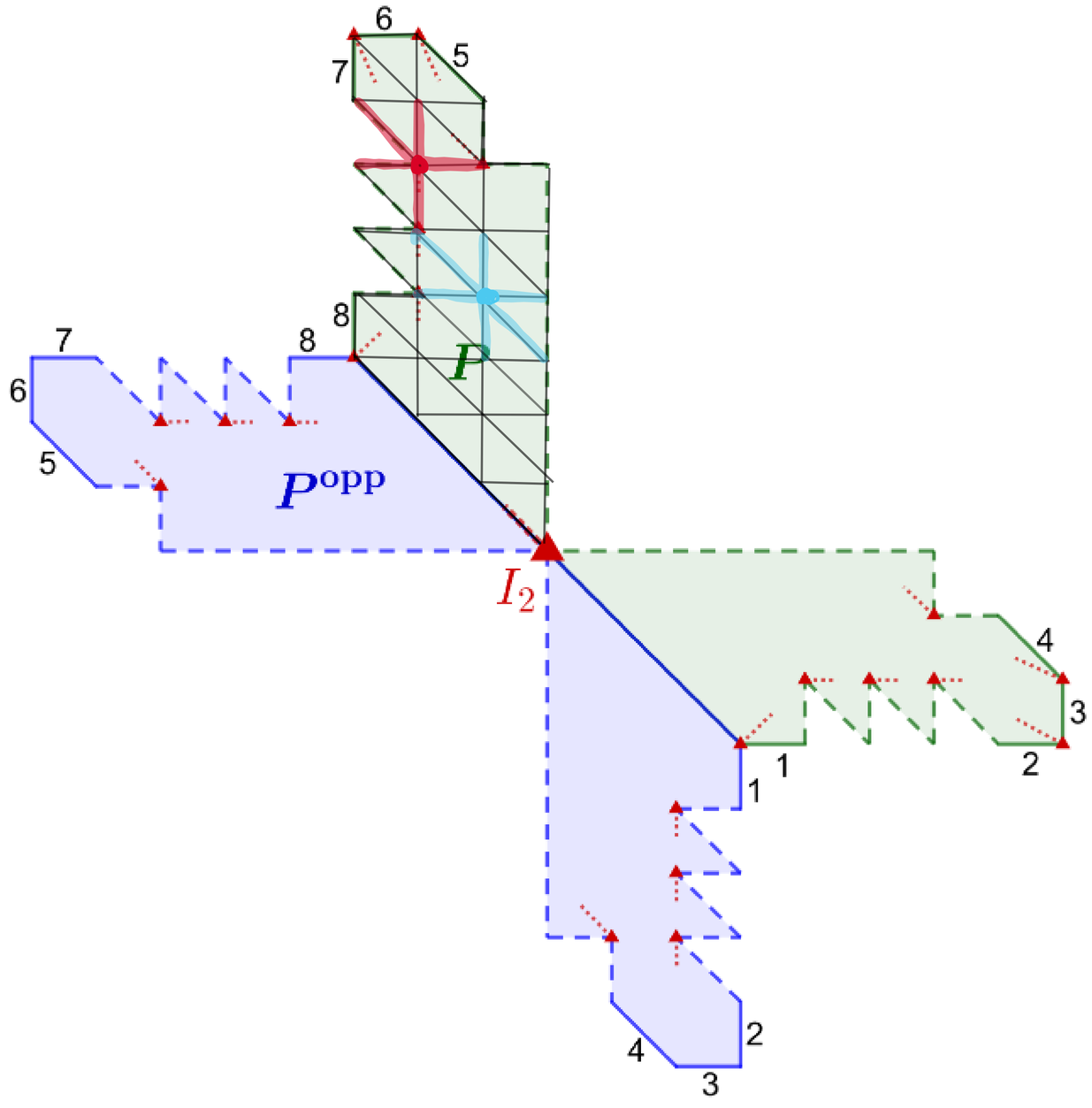
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