

# Appendix.

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**Definition 0.0.1.** (Diameter) For any subset  $U \subset X$  of an  $n$ -dimensional normed space  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  define its **diameter** as  $\text{diam}(U) = \sup\{\|x - y\| : x, y \in U\}$ .

**Definition 0.0.2.** (Hausdorff measure) Let  $S$  be any subset of an  $n$ -dimensional normed space  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  and let  $\delta > 0$  be a real number. For an integer  $m$  such that  $1 \leq m \leq n$  we define

$$\mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^{m,\delta}(S) := \alpha_m \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\text{diam}(U_i)}{2} \right)^m : U_i \subset X \text{ are Borelian, } \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i \supset S, \text{diam}(U_i) \leq \delta \right\},$$

where  $\alpha_m := \frac{\pi^{\frac{m}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2}+1)}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^{m,\delta}(S)$  is monotone decreasing in  $\delta$ . Hence we are allowed to define

$$\mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^m(S) := \sup_{\delta > 0} \mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^{m,\delta}(S) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^{m,\delta}(S).$$

We call  $\mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^m(S)$  the  $m$ -dimensional **Hausdorff measure** of  $S$ .

**Definition 0.0.3.** (Polyhedral chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and let  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. We define  $\mathcal{P}_m(X, G)$ , the Abelian group of  $m$  **polyhedral chains**, as the group of equivalence classes of formal sums of the elements of type

$$P = \sum_{j=1}^N g_j [\sigma_j],$$

where  $g_j \in G$  and  $\sigma_j$  are oriented  $m$ -simplexes.

**Definition 0.0.4.** (Top dimensional chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and let  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. The group  $\mathcal{P}_n(X, G)$  is called the group of **top dimensional polyhedral chains** in  $X$ .

We adopt the following conventions: if  $[\sigma]$  is a simplex endowed with the canonical orientation then we endow  $-[\sigma]$  with the opposite orientation. Moreover  $g(-[\sigma]) = (-g)[\sigma] = -g[\sigma]$ ; finally any summand whose coefficient is the neutral element of  $G$  may be omitted since it gives null contribution. It follows that  $P = \sum g_i [\sigma_i]$  is the identity element if and only if every  $g_i$  is the neutral element of  $G$ , and the inverse element is obtained by  $-P = \sum -g_i [\sigma_i]$ , thus the group is well defined.

We say that two simplexes  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are non overlapping if  $\text{int}(\sigma_1) \cap \text{int}(\sigma_2) = \emptyset$ . We define the support  $\text{spt}(P)$  of  $P$  as  $\text{spt}(P) = \bigcup_j \sigma_j$ , once  $\sigma_i$  are non overlapping and the corresponding elements  $g_i \neq 0$ .

**Definition 0.0.5.** (Boundary of polyhedral chains) Define a group homeomorphism  $\partial : \mathcal{P}_m(X, G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{m-1}(X, G)$  called **boundary** as follows. Let  $P = \sum_j g_j [\sigma_j]$ . We first define its value on the basis elements i.e. on simplexes  $\sigma_j$  and then extend it by the formula

$$\partial P = \sum_j g_j \partial[\sigma_j].$$

We require  $\partial[\sigma]$  to be the sum of all faces of  $\sigma$  each one endowed with an orientation compatible to the exterior normal vector of  $\sigma$ .

**Definition 0.0.6.** (Mass of polyhedral chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}_m(X, G)$  be a polyhedral  $m$  chain such that  $P = \sum_{j=1}^N g_j[\sigma_j]$ , where  $\sigma_j$  are non overlapping. We define **the mass**  $\mathbb{M}_{\|\dots\|}$  of  $P$ , as

$$\mathbb{M}_{\|\dots\|}(P) = \sum_{j=1}^N |g_j| \mathcal{H}_{\|\dots\|}^m(\sigma_j).$$

**Remark 1.** We shall often drop the sign  $\|\dots\|$  and simply write  $\mathbb{M}$  for the mass instead of  $\mathbb{M}_{\|\dots\|}$ .

**Remark 2.** The mass  $\mathbb{M}$  is well defined.

**Definition 0.0.7.** (Flat norm) Define flat norm  $\mathcal{F}(P)$  of a polyhedral chain  $P \in \mathcal{P}_m(X, G)$  as follows

$$\mathcal{F}(P) = \inf\{\mathbb{M}(Q) + \mathbb{M}(R) : Q \in \mathcal{P}_m(X, G), R \in \mathcal{P}_{m+1}(X, G), P = Q + \partial R\}.$$

**Definition 0.0.8.** (Flat chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. Define the group of the  $m$ -dimensional flat chains denoted by  $\mathcal{F}_m(X, G)$ , as the  $\mathcal{F}$  completion of  $\mathcal{P}_m(X, G)$ .

**Definition 0.0.9.** (Lipschitz chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. We define  $\mathcal{L}_m(X, G)$ , the Abelian group of  $m$ -**Lipschitz chains**, as the subgroup of  $\mathcal{F}_m(X, G)$  formed by the elements of type

$$P = \sum_{j=1}^N g_j \gamma_{j\#}[\sigma_j],$$

where  $g_j \in G, \sigma_j \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are oriented  $m$ -simplexes and  $\gamma_j : \sigma_j \rightarrow X$  are Lipschitz mappings.

**Definition 0.0.10.** (Rectifiable chains) Let  $(X, \|\dots\|)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional normed space and  $G$  be a complete normed Abelian group. Define the group of the  $m$ -dimensional rectifiable chains denoted by  $\mathcal{R}_m(X, G)$ , as the  $\mathbb{M}$  completion of  $\mathcal{L}_m(X, G)$ .