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§ 5. CUBICAL CARRIERS. CATEGORY CH.

We will state and prove the cubical carrier theorem based on (4.8). Let $G = \{g_t : (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0) ; t \in T\}$ be a family of cubical morphisms admitting a common carrier (see [2], Definition 1.1). We define the acyclic cubical carrier $E(G)$ of G as follows:

(5.1) Let F_β be a face of V .

$$E(G)(F_\beta) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} C(\text{carr}(\bigcup_t f_{g_t}(F_\beta))).$$

[Note that by (4.8) $\text{carr}(\bigcup_t f_{g_t}(F_\beta))$ is acyclic and that $E(G)(F_\beta) \subset C(W_0)$ for $F_\beta \subset V_0$].

(5.2) DEFINITION. A chain homomorphism $h : C(V) \rightarrow C(W)$ is said to be carried by $E(G)$ iff $h(F_\beta) \in E(G)(F_\beta)$ for each $F_\beta \subset V$.

[Note that $h(C(V_0)) \subset C(W_0)$].

(5.3) THEOREM. Let $G = \{g_t : (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0) ; t \in T\}$ be a family of cubical morphisms admitting a common cubical carrier. Then there exists a chain homomorphism $h : C(V) \rightarrow C(W)$ carried by $E(G)$.

Proof. We define $h_{-1} = \text{Id}_Z : Z \rightarrow Z$. The proof proceeds by induction. Suppose that h has been extended over all of $C_k(V)$. Assume that $F_\beta \in C_{k+1}(V)$. $\gamma = h(\delta F_\beta)$ is a cycle in $C_k(E(G))(F_\beta)$. Thus, there exists $\tilde{\gamma} \in C_{k+1}(E(G))(F_\beta)$ such that $\delta \tilde{\gamma} = \gamma$. We define $h(F_\beta) = \tilde{\gamma}$.

(5.4) THEOREM. The map h given by the theorem (5.3) is unique up to a chain homotopy carried by $E(G)$.

Suppose that h^1 and h^2 are two chain homomorphisms carried by $E(G)$. Let $h = h^1 - h^2$. We will show that h is chain homotopic to zero. Note that

$$h_{-1} = h_{-1}^1 - h_{-1}^2 = 0.$$

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We will inductively construct a chain homotopy Δ carried by $E(G)$. We define $\Delta_0 = 0$. Suppose that Δ has been extended over all of $C_k(V)$ and that Δ is carried by $E(G)$. Let $F_\beta \in C_{k+1}(V)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= (\Delta\delta)(F_\beta) - h(F_\beta) \quad \text{is a cycle in} \\ C_{k+1}(E(G)(F_\beta)), \quad & \text{for:} \\ \delta\gamma &= \delta\Delta\delta(F_\beta) - \delta h(F_\beta) = (h - \Delta\delta)\delta(F_\beta) - \delta h(F_\beta) = \\ &= h\delta(F_\beta) - \delta h(F_\beta) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exists $\tilde{\gamma} \in C_{k+2}(E(G)(F_\beta))$ such that $\delta\tilde{\gamma} = -\gamma$. We define $\Delta(F_\beta) = \tilde{\gamma}$. This concludes our construction.

As an immediate corollary we have the following:

(5.5) THEOREM. *Let $q: A_1 \rightarrow A$ be a cubical morphism of $(V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)$. Then there exists a chain map $h: C(V, V_0) \rightarrow C(W, W_0)$ such that $h(F_\beta) \subset C(\text{carr } f_q(F_\beta))$ and h is uniquely determined up to chain homotopy.*

Proof. Apply (5.3) and (5.4) to $G = \{q\}$.

We will denote the chain homotopy class of h by $C(q)$.

(5.6) COROLLARY. *If $G = \{g_t: (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)\}$ is a family of cubical morphisms admitting a common carrier, then $C(q_{t_1}) = C(q_{t_2})$ for every $t_1, t_2 \in T$.*

Proof. Apply (5.4) to $C(q_{t_1})$ and $C(q_{t_2})$.

(5.7) COROLLARY. *If cubical morphisms $p, q: (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)$ are contiguous then $C(p) = C(q)$.*

(5.8) COROLLARY. *Let $q: (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)$ and $q_1: (W, W_0) \rightarrow (U, U_0)$ be cubical morphisms. Then:*

$$a) \quad C(q_1 \circ q) = C(q_1) \circ C(q)$$

$$b) \quad \text{if } q = \text{Id}_A: A \rightarrow A \text{ then } C(q): (V, V_0) \rightarrow (V, V_0) = \text{Id}_{C(V, V_0)}.$$

Let Ch denote the category of chain complexes and chain homotopy classes of chain maps. Thus we have obtained a functor C from the category QP_0 of finite cubical pairs into Ch :

$$\begin{aligned} (5.9) \quad (V, V_0) &\mapsto C(V, V_0) \\ [q: (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)] &\mapsto C(q). \end{aligned}$$

By (5.7) there is a factorization of the functor C :

$$(5.10) \quad C = \tilde{C} \circ Cg.$$

The functor $\tilde{C}: \text{CQ}_0 \rightarrow \text{Ch}$ is unique.

[CQ_0 denotes here contiguous category restricted to finite polyhedra].

(5.10) *Remark.* We will show that up to isomorphism $C(V, V_0)$ does not depend on the orientation. Let or' be another orientation of the cube I^A . We define a natural transformation

$$\Gamma : C(V, V_0; or) \rightarrow C(V, V_0; or')$$

as follows:

$$\Gamma([F_\beta, or F_\beta]) = [or F_\beta : or' \cdot F_\beta] \cdot [F_\beta, or' F_\beta].$$

It is easy to notice that

$$\Gamma' : C(V, V_0; or') \rightarrow C(V, V_0; or)$$

given by

$$\Gamma'([F_\beta, or' F_\beta]) = [or' F_\beta : or F_\beta] \cdot [F_\beta, or F_\beta]$$

is the inverse of Γ . Thus up to the natural equivalence C does not depend on the orientation.

§ 6. COMBINATORIAL HOMOLOGY OF CUBICAL POLYHEDRA

We are now in a position to define homology for cubical polyhedra.

(6.1) **DEFINITION.** Let G be a group.

$$H_k(V, V_0; G) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} H_k(C(V, V_0); G)$$

$$H^k(V, V_0; G) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} H^k(C(V, V_0); G).$$

$H_k(V, V_0)$ will be used to denote $H_k(V, V_0; Z)$.

We will now show that our homology satisfies a set of axioms that may be considered as the combinatorial equivalent of the Eilenberg-Steenrod's axioms for homology.

(6.2) **LEMMA.** Let $V_0 \subset V \subset I^A$ be a pair of cubical polyhedra. Let $i : C(V_0) \rightarrow C(V)$ be the canonical injection. Then

$$C(\text{Id}_A : V_0 \rightarrow V) = [i].$$

Proof. Put $G = \{\text{Id}_A : V_0 \rightarrow V\}$. i is carried by $E(G)$. Hence by (5.4) $[i] = C(\text{Id}_A)$.

(6.3) **LEMMA.** Let $V_0 \subset V \subset I^A$ be a pair of cubical polyhedra. Let $j : C(V) \rightarrow C(V, V_0)$ be the canonical projection. Then $C(\text{Id}_A : (V, \emptyset) \rightarrow (V, V_0)) = [j]$.

Thus the algebraic homomorphisms i and j are induced by the respective cubical morphisms. From the definition of $C(V, V_0)$ we have an exact sequence

$$(6.4) \quad 0 \rightarrow C(V_0) \xrightarrow{i} C(V) \xrightarrow{j} C(V, V_0) \rightarrow 0$$

for every pair of cubical polyhedra (V, V_0) .

From (6.2) and (6.3) we have $H([i]) = H(C(\text{Id}_A : V_0 \rightarrow V))$ and $H([j]) = H(\text{Id}_A : (V, \emptyset) \rightarrow (V, V_0))$. It is a standard conclusion in homological algebra that (6.4) gives us an exact sequence:

$$\rightarrow H_k(V_0) \rightarrow H_k(V) \rightarrow H_k(V, V_0) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{k-1}(V_0) \rightarrow \dots$$

We now establish an excision axiom. Let $(V, V_0) \subset I^A$ be a pair of cubical polyhedra. Notice that $V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0 \subset I^A$ is a polyhedron (if $x \in V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0$ then $\text{carr}(x)$ is a face in $V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0$). By considering generators, we obtain the canonical chain isomorphism

$$C(V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0; V_0 \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0) \simeq C(V, V_0).$$

Hence, we have

(6.5) If (V, V_0) is a polyhedral pair in I^A then

$$H(V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0; V_0 \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0) \simeq H_k(V, V_0),$$

and this isomorphism is induced by the inclusion

$$(V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0, V_0 \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0) \rightarrow (V, V_0).$$

§ 7. EILENBERG-STEENROD AXIOMS FOR FINITE CUBICAL COMPLEXES

There is a sequence of functors $\{H_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ from the category of finite cubical pairs into the category of groups and a function $\delta = \delta(k, V, V_0) : H_k(V, V_0) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(V_0)$ such that

- 1) If $g : A_1 \rightarrow A$ is a cubical morphism of (V, V_0) into (W, W_0) then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_k(V, V_0) & \xrightarrow{H_k(g)} & H_k(W, W_0) \\ \delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta \\ H_{k-1}(V_0) & \xrightarrow{H_{k-1}(g)} & H_{k-1}(W_0) \end{array}$$

- 2) *Strong excision axiom.*

If $(V, V_0) \subset I^A$ is a cubical pair and $\text{Id}_A : A \rightarrow A$ is an inclusion morphism of $(V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0, V_0 \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0) \rightarrow (V, V_0)$, then

$$H(\text{Id}_A) : H(V \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0, V_0 \setminus \text{Int}_V V_0) \rightarrow H(V, V_0)$$

is an isomorphism.

3) *Exactness axiom.*

If $(V, V_0) \subset I^A$ is a cubical pair and $\text{Id}_A: A \rightarrow A$ is a morphism of V_0 into V , and of V into (V, V_0) then the sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H_k(V_0) \xrightarrow{H_k(\text{Id}_A)} H_k(V) \xrightarrow{H_k(\text{Id}_A)} H_k(V, V_0) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{k-1}(V_0) \rightarrow$$

is exact.

4) *Homotopy axiom.*

If two cubical morphisms $p, q: (V, V_0) \rightarrow (W, W_0)$ are contiguous then $H(p) = H(q): H(V, V_0) \rightarrow H(W, W_0)$.

5) *Dimension axiom.*

If $P = F_\beta \subset I^A$ is a vertex of I^A then

$$H_k(P) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \neq 0.$$

§ 8. CUBICAL HOMOLOGY OF COMPACT PAIRS

Using results and definitions of preceeding sections we will define the homology of a pair of compact topological spaces. Throughout this chapter all spaces will be compact. Let us recall ([I], Property 3.8) that

$$Q(X, X_0) = \varprojlim (N_B^A(X, X_0), i_B^A: B \subset A \in \text{Fin } A(X)).$$

We define the cubical homology of a compact pair.

(8.1) DEFINITION. Let G be a group.

$$H_k(X, X_0; G) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \varprojlim (H_k(N_B^A(X, X_0); G), H_k(i_B^A): B \subset A \in \text{Fin } A(X))$$

$$H^k(X, X_0; G) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \varinjlim (H^k(N_B^A(X, X_0); G), H^k(i_B^A): B \subset A \in \text{Fin } A(X)).$$

$H_k(X, X_0)$ will be used to denote $H_k(V, V_0; Z)$.

Let $g: (X, X_0) \rightarrow (Y, Y_0)$ be a continuous map. Let us recall ([I], 3.9) that:

$$Q(g) = \varprojlim (N_B^A g; g^{-1}(B) \subset A \in \text{Fin } A(X); B \in \text{Fin } A(Y)).$$

(8.2) DEFINITION.

$$H(g) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \varprojlim (H(N_B^A g; g^{-1}(B) \subset A \in \text{Fin } A(X); B \in \text{Fin } A(Y))$$

(in cohomological case there should be direct limit). Note that H is a functor ([I], 3.4).

§ 9. BOUNDARY OPERATOR, EXACTNESS, DIMENSION AXIOM

Let us now consider the boundary operator and exactness. Assume that (X, X_0) is a compact pair. Let $A \in \text{Fin } A(X)$. Let $i: X_0 \rightarrow X$ and $j: X \rightarrow (X, X_0)$ be the canonical inclusion. Let $A \in \text{Fin } A(X)$.

From the exactness of the combinatorial cubical homology we have an exact sequence:

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_k(N_{X_0} A; G) \rightarrow H_k(NA; G) \rightarrow H(NA, N_{X_0} A; G) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(NA; G) \rightarrow$$

Assume that $A_1 \in \text{Fin } A(X)$ and that $A \subset A_1$. Then the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots \rightarrow & H_k(N_{X_0} A_1; G) & \rightarrow & H_k(NA_1; G) & \rightarrow & H_k(NA_1, N_{X_0} A_1; G) & \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{k-1}(NA_1; G) \rightarrow \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \cdots \rightarrow & H_k(N_{X_0} A; G) & \rightarrow & H_k(NA; G) & \rightarrow & H_k(NA, N_{X_0} A; G) & \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{k-1}(NA; G) \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Passing to the limit we obtain the sequence:

$$(9.1) \quad \cdots \rightarrow H_k(X_0; G) \xrightarrow{H_k(i)} H_k(X; G) \xrightarrow{H_k(j)} H_k(X, X_0; G) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{k-1}(X_0; G) \rightarrow$$

which is in general half-exact, in the sense that the composition of any two maps is zero. But if G is a compact topological group, or a vector space over a field then (9.1) is exact. [Look Eilenberg-Steenrod, "Foundations of algebraic topology", VIII, 5.6].

The cohomological analogue of (9.1) is always exact.

Let $f: (X, X_0) \rightarrow (Y, Y_0)$ be a continuous map. Let $A \in \text{Fin } A(X)$, $B \in \text{Fin } A(Y)$ and $f^{-1}(B) \subset A$. Axiom 3 of the combinatorial theory shows that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H(NA(X, X_0)) & \xrightarrow{H(N_B^A f)} & H(NB(Y, Y_0)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ H_{k-1}(N_{X_0} A) & \xrightarrow{H(N_B^A f)} & H_{k-1}(N_{Y_0} B) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Passing to the limit we have the commutative diagram:

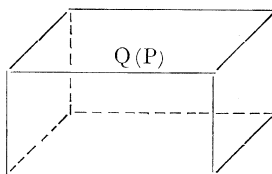
$$(9.2) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H_k(X, X_0) & \xrightarrow{H_k(f)} & H_k(Y, Y_0) \\ \delta_k \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_k \\ H_{k-1}(X_0) & \xrightarrow{H_{k-1}(f)} & H_{k-1}(Y_0) \end{array}$$

(9.2) is the third Eilenberg-Steenrod axiom.

We will now discuss the dimension axiom. Let P be a point. Then $A(P)$ consists of three elements:

$$A_1 = (P, P) \quad ; \quad A_2 = (P, \emptyset) \quad \text{and} \quad A_3 = (\emptyset, P).$$

$$Q(P) = NA(P) \subset I^3$$



$NA(P)$ has one one-dimensional face given by:

$$\beta: \{A_2, A_3\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$$

$$\beta(A_2) = -1$$

$$\beta(A_3) = 1$$

and two vertices: $(-1, -1, 1)$ and $(1, -1, 1)$. By (4.8)

$$(9.3) \quad H_k(P) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \neq 0.$$

(9.3) is the Eilenberg-Steenrod dimension axiom.

§ 10. HOMOTOPY AXIOM. EXCISION AXIOM

(10.1) LEMMA. If $f, g: (X, X_0) \rightarrow (Y, Y_0)$ are continuous maps such that $Q(f)$ and $Q(g)$ are contiguous then $H(f) = H(g)$.

Proof. It is a consequence of (II., 1.2').

(10.2) THEOREM (Homotopy axiom). Let f and g be a pair of homotopic maps from $(X, X_0) \rightarrow (Y, Y_0)$. Then $H(f) = H(g): H(X, X_0) \rightarrow H(Y, Y_0)$.

Proof. By the Theorem 3.9 in [2] $Q(f)$ and $Q(g)$ are contiguous.

Let (X, X_0) be a compact pair. Let $U \subset X$ be an open subset of X such that $\bar{U} \subset \text{Int } X_0$. We have the canonical inclusion map $i: (X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \rightarrow (X, X_0)$. Notice that there exists $G = (G_{-1}, G_1) \in A(X)$ such that $G_{-1} \subseteq \text{Int } X_0$ and $G_1 \subseteq X \setminus \bar{U}$. Note that finite subsets $A(X)$ containing G are cofinal in $\text{Fin } A(X)$. Furthermore, the family of all subsets of $A(X \setminus U)$ of the form $i^{-1}(A)$, where $G \in A \in \text{Fin } A(X)$ are cofinal in $\text{Fin } A(X \setminus U)$. Thus to show that

$$H(i): H(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \rightarrow H(X, X_0)$$

is an isomorphism we need only to show that:

$$(10.3) \quad C_g(N_A^{i^{-1}(A)} i) : N_i^{-1}(A)(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \rightarrow NA(X, X_0)$$

is an isomorphism for finite subsets A of $A(X)$ containing G . Let $\alpha : A \rightarrow i^{-1}(A)$ be the canonical map. Let us recall ([2], Theorem 2.6) that the following diagram commutes

$$(10.4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} N_i^{-1}(A)(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & N_\alpha(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Id}_A \\ & \longrightarrow & NA(X, X_0) \end{array}$$

(10.5) LEMMA. *If G is an element of A then*

$$C(\text{Id}_A) : C(N_\alpha(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U)) \rightarrow C(NA(X, X_0))$$

is an isomorphism in the category Ch.

Proof. Let $h \in C(\text{Id}_A)$.

i) Clearly h is an injection.

ii) Let F_β be a face of $NA(X, X_0)$ such that $F_\beta \neq \emptyset \circ C(NA(X, X_0))$. Let $B \subset A$ be the domain of B . Note that $G \in B$ and $\beta(G) = 1$. [Otherwise, F_β would be zero in $C(NA(X, X_0))$, because $G_{-1} \cap G_1 \subset G_{-1} \subset X_0$]. For similar reasons

$$\cap \{G_{(a, \varepsilon)} : \varepsilon = \beta(a) \text{ or } a \in A \setminus N\} \cap X_0 \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence F_β is also a non-zero chain in $C(N_\alpha(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U))$.

Passing to the contiguous level we obtain the commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_g(N_i^{-1}(A)(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U)) & \xrightarrow{C_g(\alpha)} & C_g(N_\alpha(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U)) \\ C_g(N_A^{i^{-1}(A)} i) \downarrow & & \downarrow C_g(\text{Id}_A) \\ & \longrightarrow & C_g(NA(X, X_0)) \end{array}$$

By ([2], Theorem 2.4) $C_g(\alpha)$ is an isomorphism. By (10.5) $C_g(\text{Id}_A)$ is an isomorphism. Hence $C_g(N_A^{i^{-1}(A)} i)$ is an isomorphism. This concludes the proof of (10.4). Thus we have:

(10.6) THEOREM (*Excision axiom*). *Let (X, X_0) be a compact pair and let U be an open subset of X such that $\bar{U} \subset \text{int } X_0$. Let $i : (X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \rightarrow (X, X_0)$ be the canonical inclusion. Then $H(i) : H(X \setminus U, X_0 \setminus U) \rightarrow H(X, X_0)$ is an isomorphism.*

§ 11. CONTINUITY OF CUBICAL HOMOLOGY

Throughout this section $(X, p_t; t \in T)$ is a representation of a compact space X as limit of an inverse system $(X_t, p_t^s: t < s \in T)$ of compact spaces X_t , $t \in T$.

The proofs of the following lemmas are standard in the point set topology.

(11.1) LEMMA. *For every finite $A \subseteq A(X)$ there exists $t \in T$ and a function $f: A \rightarrow A(X_t)$ such that $p_t^{-1}(f(G)) \subseteq G$ for every $G \in A$.*

(11.2) LEMMA. *For every finite $A \subseteq A(X_t)$ there exists $s > t$ and a function $f: A \rightarrow A(X_s)$ such that*

- i) $f(G) \subseteq (p_t^s)^{-1}(G)$
- ii) $\cap \{\pi_\varepsilon(G): (G, \varepsilon) \in Z\} = \emptyset$ iff $\cap \{\pi_\varepsilon(p_t^{-1}(G)): (G, \varepsilon) \in Z\} = \emptyset$
for every $Z \subseteq f(A) \times \{-1, 1\}$.

(11.3) Remark. (ii) shows that p_s induces cubical isomorphism

$$N_{f(A)(p_s)}^{-1(f(A))} : N_{p_s^{-1}(f(A))} \rightarrow Nf(A).$$

Assertions (11.1), (11.2), (11.3) and ([2], Theorem 3.4) imply:

(11.4) COROLLARY. *For every finite $A' \subseteq A(X)$ there exist $t \in T$, $A \subseteq A(X_t)$ and a function $f: A' \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} A$ such that:*

- i) $p_t^{-1}(f(G)) \subseteq G$ for every $G \in A$.

- ii) *Morphism*

$$N_{A(p_t)}^{-1(A)} : N_{p_t^{-1}(A)} \rightarrow NA \text{ is a contiguous equivalence.}$$

- iii) *For $A_1 = A' \cup p_t^{-1}(A)$ a morphism $i_{A_1}^{-1(A)} : NA_1 \rightarrow N_{p_t^{-1}(A)}$ is a contiguous equivalence.*

Thus we have the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & H(NA') & & & \\
 & \uparrow & & & \\
 & H(NA_1) & \nearrow^{1-1} & H(N_{p_t^{-1}(A)}) & \xrightarrow{1-1} & H(NA) \\
 & \uparrow & & & & \uparrow \\
 H(X) & \xrightarrow{H(p_t)} & & & & H(X_t)
 \end{array}$$

$H(NA')$, $H(NA)$, $H(NA_1)$ and $H(Np_t^{-1}(A))$ denote combinatorial homology of respective polyhedra.

As a corollary we have:

(11.5) THEOREM (*continuity*). *Cubical homology (and cohomology) theory is continuous.*

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