

# Some generalizations of Cohen-Macaulay simplicial complexes

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## Abstract

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Let  $\Delta$  be a simplicial complex on a vertex set  $V$ .

a) Following Terai and Yanagawa, for an integer  $r \geq 2$ ,  $\Delta$  is said to be  $S_r$  if  $k[\Delta]$ , the Stanley-Reisner ring of  $\Delta$ , satisfies the  $S_r$  condition of Serre. We say that  $\Delta$  is sequentially  $S_r$  if  $k[\Delta]$  is sequentially  $S_r$  in the sense of Stanley. It appears that  $\Delta$  is sequentially  $S_r$  if and only if its pure skeletons are  $S_r$ . This generalizes a result of Duval on sequentially Cohen-Macaulay complexes. On the other hand,  $\Delta$  is sequentially  $S_r$  if and only if the ideal of the Alexander dual of  $\Delta$  is componentwise linear in the first  $r$  steps. This generalizes a result of Terai and Yanagawa on  $S_r$  complexes, and a result of Herzog and Hibi on sequentially Cohen-Macaulay complexes.

b) For a nonnegative integer  $t$ , we say that  $\Delta$  is  $\text{CM}_t$  if for  $\sigma \in \Delta$  with  $\#\sigma \geq t$ ,  $\text{lk}_\Delta(\sigma)$  is Cohen-Macaulay. For positive integer  $k$ ,  $\Delta$  is called  $k\text{-CM}_t$  if for and  $W \subset V$  with  $\#W < k$ , the complex  $\Delta_{V \setminus W}$  is  $\text{CM}_t$ . A  $\text{CM}_0$  complex is the same as a Cohen-Macaulay complex and a  $\text{CM}_1$  complex is the same as a Buchsbaum complex. We give some homological characterization for  $\text{CM}_t$  and  $k\text{-CM}_t$  complexes. We show that  $\Delta$  is  $k\text{-CM}_t$  if  $k\text{-CM}_{t-1}$  for any nonempty  $\sigma \in \Delta$ . Furthermore, if  $\Delta$  is  $k\text{-CM}_t$ , then the submaximal skeleton of  $\Delta$  is  $(k+1)\text{-CM}_t$ . This generalizes a result of Hibi on Cohen-Macaulay complexes and a result of Miyazaki on Buchsbaum complexes.