

Algebraic Topology – Homework 10

Due date : June 19th in class.

Exercise 36. (10 Points)

Let A, B and C be abelian groups, and $A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{j} C \rightarrow 0$ an exact sequence. Prove that the ‘dual sequence’

$$\mathrm{Hom}(A; G) \xleftarrow{i^*} \mathrm{Hom}(B; G) \xleftarrow{j^*} \mathrm{Hom}(C; G) \leftarrow 0$$

is exact.

Exercise 37. (5+5+5 Points)

Let Σ be a compact surface endowed with its standard CW structure and $(C_{\bullet}^{\mathrm{CW}}(\Sigma), \partial_{\bullet})$ be its corresponding cellular chain complex.

- (i) Compute the cellular homology groups of Σ with \mathbb{Z}_2 coefficients using the chain complex $(C_{\bullet}^{\mathrm{CW}}(\Sigma) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2, \partial_{\bullet} \otimes \mathrm{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})$.
- (ii) Compute the homology groups of Σ with \mathbb{Z}_2 coefficients using the Universal Coefficient Theorem.
- (iii) Compute the cohomology groups of the cellular chain complex $(C_{\bullet}^{\mathrm{CW}}(\Sigma), \partial_{\bullet})$ with coefficients in \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Note : You need to use the classification theorem of compact surfaces and make a distinction between the orientable and non-orientable case, for every genus g .

Exercise 38. (10 Points)

Compute the cohomology groups of the (standard) cellular chain complex of $\mathbb{R}P^n$ with coefficients in \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z}_2 , for every $n \geq 1$. Verify your answer by using the Universal Coefficient Theorem for cohomology.

Exercise 39. (5+5+5 Points)

Consider the real projective space $\mathbb{R}P^2$ endowed with the usual CW structure, with one cell in dimension 0, 1 and 2, so that the one skeleton X^1 is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}P^1$ and the (only) two cell e^2 is attached to X^1 via a map of degree 2. Let $p: \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2/X^1 \simeq S^2$ be the projection map obtained by collapsing X^1 in $\mathbb{R}P^2$. Compute the following maps :

- (i) $(p_{\#} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})_*: H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)$;
- (ii) $p_*: H_i(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_i(S^2; \mathbb{Z})$ for all i .

Consider now the following commutative diagram involving the *Universal Coefficient Theorem* for $H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and $H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and the homomorphisms induced by the map $p: \mathbb{R}P^2 \rightarrow S^2$ defined above :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & \text{Tor}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}_2) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow p_* \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2} & & \downarrow (p_{\#} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})_* & & \downarrow \text{Tor}(p_*, \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}) & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & H_2(S^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} & H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & \text{Tor}(H_1(S^2), \mathbb{Z}_2) & \longrightarrow & 0
 \end{array}$$

The Universal Coefficient Theorem states that the horizontal arrows in the diagram are splitting exact sequences, meaning that there exist morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1: H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) &\rightarrow H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \\
 p_2: H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) &\rightarrow H_2(S^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$p_1 \circ \alpha_1 = \text{Id}_{H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2}, \quad p_2 \circ \alpha_2 = \text{Id}_{H_2(S^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2} .$$

- (iii) Does the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \xrightarrow{p_1 \oplus \beta_1} & (H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus \text{Tor}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}_2) \\
 \downarrow (p_{\#} \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})_* & & \downarrow (p_* \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2}, \text{Tor}(p_*, \text{Id}_{\mathbb{Z}_2})) \\
 H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \xrightarrow{p_2 \oplus \beta_2} & (H_2(S^2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus \text{Tor}(H_1(\mathbb{R}P^2), \mathbb{Z}_2)
 \end{array}$$

commute? Can the map in (i) be recovered from the maps in (ii) and the *Universal Coefficient Theorem* for homology?