

Spring 2021, Math 621: Problem Set 13
Due: Thursday, May 6th, 2021
The Long Exact Sequence of Homology

(D1) *Using the long exact sequence of homology.*

- (a) Let $X = S^1 \amalg S^1$, and let $A \subset X$ denote a 2-element set with one point on each circle. Use the long exact sequence of the good pair (X, A) to find $\tilde{H}_0(S^1 \vee S^1; \mathbb{Z})$ and $\tilde{H}_1(S^1 \vee S^1; \mathbb{Z})$.
- (b) More generally, express $\tilde{H}_n(X \vee Y; \mathbb{Z})$ in terms of $\tilde{H}_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$ and $\tilde{H}_n(Y; \mathbb{Z})$.

(D2) *The snake lemma.* The goal of this problem is to prove that, given a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow A_\bullet \xrightarrow{f} B_\bullet \xrightarrow{g} C_\bullet \longrightarrow 0$$

of complexes, there is a long exact sequence

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H_n(A_\bullet) \xrightarrow{f_*} H_n(B_\bullet) \xrightarrow{g_*} H_n(C_\bullet) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{n-1}(A_\bullet) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

where the map ∂ is as defined in the lecture preceding this problem.

- (a) Prove that $g_* \circ f_* = 0$, ensuring that $\text{Im } f_* \subseteq \ker g_*$.
- (b) Prove that $\partial \circ g_* = 0$, ensuring that $\text{Im } g_* \subseteq \ker \partial$.
- (c) Prove that $f_* \circ \partial = 0$, ensuring that $\text{Im } \partial \subseteq \ker f_*$.
- (d) Prove that $\text{Im } f_* \supseteq \ker g_*$.
- (e) Prove that $\text{Im } g_* \supseteq \ker \partial$.
- (f) Prove that $\text{Im } \partial \supseteq \ker f_*$.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & A_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & A_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & A_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & A_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & B_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & B_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
 & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow g & & \\
 \cdots & \longrightarrow & C_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_n & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-1} & \xrightarrow{\partial} & C_{n-2} & \longrightarrow & \cdots \\
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 \end{array}$$

Homework problems. You must submit *all* homework problems in order to receive full credit.

- (H1) (a) Let $X = S^1 \times S^1$ denote the torus, presented as a square with sides identified in the usual way, and let $A = S^1 \vee S^1 \subset X$ denote the border of the square. Use the long exact sequence of the good pair (X, A) to find $\tilde{H}_1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ and $\tilde{H}_2(X; \mathbb{Z})$.
- (b) Let X denote the Klein bottle, presented as a square with sides identified in the usual way, and let $A = S^1 \vee S^1 \subset X$ denote the border of the square. Use the long exact sequence of the good pair (X, A) to find $\tilde{H}_1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ and $\tilde{H}_2(X; \mathbb{Z})$.
- (H2) Find the relative homology groups $H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})$ where $X = S^1 \times S^1$ and A is any finite subset of X containing k points.
- (H3) Suppose X is a d -dimensional cell complex (that is, all cells have dimension at most d).
- (a) Prove that $H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ for $n > d$.
- (b) Prove that $H_d(X; \mathbb{Z})$ is free.