

Algebraic Topology – Homework 7

Due date : December 3rd in class

Exercise 1.

Complete (without looking at the book!) the proof of the ‘Snake Lemma’ done in class, namely prove that $\text{Im } \delta = \text{Ker } i_*$.

Exercise 2.

- Exercise number 15 on page 132 of Hatcher’s book.
- For exercise 17 (b) on page 132 of Hatcher’s book, compute $H_i(X, A)$ and $H_i(X, B)$ only for $i = 0, 1$.
- Assume that $H_n(S^1) = 0$ for all $n \geq 2$. Compute the relative homology groups $H_n(X, \partial X)$ for all $n \geq 0$, where $X = [0, 1] \times S^1$ and $\partial X = (\{0\} \times S^1) \cup (\{1\} \times S^1)$

Exercise 3.

In this exercise you will prove the so called ‘**Five Lemma**’. Suppose that the following diagram of abelian groups commutes :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B & \xrightarrow{\beta} & C & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & D & \xrightarrow{\delta} & E \\ f \downarrow & & g \downarrow & & h \downarrow & & i \downarrow & & j \downarrow \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & B' & \xrightarrow{\beta'} & C' & \xrightarrow{\gamma'} & D' & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & E' \end{array}$$

The Five Lemma asserts that if the rows are exact, and f, g, i, j are isomorphisms of groups, then h is as well.

- (i) Prove the Five Lemma (without looking at the book!)
- (ii) What are the *minimal* conditions needed on f, g, i, j that ensure h to be surjective?
- (iii) What are the *minimal* conditions needed on f, g, i, j that ensure h to be injective?