

**Algebraic Topology – Homework 11**

Due date : January 14th in class

**Exercise 1.**

Let  $G$  be an abelian group. Prove carefully the following statements (made in class in the lecture of the 18th of December) :

- (a) The homology groups of a point  $p$  with coefficients in  $G$  are :  $H_0(p; G) = G$  and  $H_i(p; G) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$ .
- (b) The reduced homology groups of an  $n$ -dimensional sphere  $S^n$  with coefficients in  $G$  are  $\tilde{H}_k(S^n; G) = G$  for  $k = n$  and 0 otherwise, for all  $n \geq 0$ .
- (c) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map, and  $f_\#: C_n(X) \rightarrow C_n(Y)$  the induced maps on the groups of singular chains. Then  $f_\# \otimes Id_G: C_n(X; G) \rightarrow C_n(Y; G)$  is a chain map, and it induces a well-defined homomorphism  $(f \otimes Id_G)_*: H_n(X; G) \rightarrow H_n(Y; G)$ .
- (d) Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be abelian groups, and  $\Phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a group homomorphism. Then the map  $Id_{C_n(X)} \otimes \Phi: C_n(X; G_1) \rightarrow C_n(X; G_2)$  is a chain map, so it induces a homomorphism  $(Id_{C_n(X)} \otimes \Phi)_*: H_n(X; G_1) \rightarrow H_n(X; G_2)$ .

Moreover the following diagram commutes :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_n(X; G_1) & \xrightarrow{(f \otimes Id_{G_1})_*} & H_n(Y; G_1) \\
 (Id_{C_n(X)} \otimes \Phi)_* \downarrow & & \downarrow (Id_{C_n(Y)} \otimes \Phi)_* \\
 H_n(X; G_2) & \xrightarrow{(f \otimes Id_{G_2})_*} & H_n(Y; G_2)
 \end{array}$$

**Exercise 2.**

Let  $X$  be a topological space endowed with the structure of a CW complex, and let  $G$  be an abelian group. Prove that the cellular homology groups with coefficients in  $G$ , denoted by  $H_i^{CW}(X; G)$ , are isomorphic to the homology groups with  $G$  coefficients  $H_i(X; G)$  for every  $i \geq 0$ . (Hint : follow the proof of the analogous fact with  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ , justifying each step.)

**Exercise 3.**

Compute the homology groups with  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  coefficients of all compact surfaces. (Hint : use cellular homology and the previous exercise, or the *Universal Coefficient Theorem* for homology. It would be instructive to compute at least some of these groups in both ways.)

**Exercise 4.**

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  $p: \mathbb{R}P^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2/X^1 \simeq S^2$  be the projection map obtained by collapsing  $X^1$  in  $\mathbb{R}P^2$ . Compute the following maps :

$$(1) (p_{\#} \otimes Id_{\mathbb{Z}_2})_* : H_2(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) \longrightarrow H_2(S^2; \mathbb{Z}_2);$$

$$(2) p_* : H_i(\mathbb{R}P^2; \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H_i(S^2; \mathbb{Z}) \text{ for all } i.$$

Deduce that the map in (1) **cannot** be recovered from the maps in (2) and the *Universal Coefficient Theorem* for homology.