

4. COMPLEXES AND CELL HOMOLOGY

**Problem 1** (5-lemma). Consider a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C & \xrightarrow{h} & D & \xrightarrow{i} & E \\
 p\downarrow & & q\downarrow & & r\downarrow & & s\downarrow & & t\downarrow \\
 A' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' & \xrightarrow{g'} & C' & \xrightarrow{h'} & D' & \xrightarrow{i'} & E'
 \end{array}$$

The lines of the diagram are exact,  $q$  and  $s$  are isomorphisms,  $p$  is an epimorphism, and  $t$  is a monomorphism. Prove that  $r$  is an isomorphism.

**Problem 2** (Bockstein's construction). Let  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{p} B \xrightarrow{q} C \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence of complexes with the differentials  $\partial_A, \partial_B$  and  $\partial_C$ , respectively. Let  $c \in C_i$  be such that  $\partial_C c = 0$ . The map  $q : B_i \rightarrow C_i$  is onto, so take  $b \in B_i$  such that  $q(b) = c$ . Denote  $\beta = \partial_B b \in B_{i-1}$ ; then  $q(\beta) = p(\partial_C c) = 0$ ; hence, there exists  $\alpha \in A_{i-1}$  such that  $p(\alpha) = \beta$ . (a) Prove that  $\partial_A \alpha = 0$ . (b) Prove that the homology class  $[\alpha] \in H_{i-1}(A)$  is well-defined, that is, does not depend on the choice of  $b$  (which is not unique). (c) Prove that  $[\alpha]$  depends only on  $[c] \in H_i(C)$ ; this defines a map  $\delta_i : H_i(C) \rightarrow H_{i-1}(A)$ . (d) Prove that the sequence  $\dots \rightarrow H_i(A) \xrightarrow{p_*} H_i(B) \xrightarrow{q_*} H_i(C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H_{i-1}(A) \rightarrow \dots$  is exact.

**Problem 3.** Let  $A \xrightarrow{p} B \xrightarrow{q} C \rightarrow 0$  be an exact sequence of Abelian groups. Prove that for any Abelian group  $G$  the sequence  $A \otimes G \xrightarrow{p \otimes \text{id}} B \otimes G \xrightarrow{q \otimes \text{id}} C \otimes G \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Show that the similar statement for an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{p} B \xrightarrow{q} C$  may be not true.

**Problem 4.** Let  $\dots \xrightarrow{\partial_{i+1}} C_i \xrightarrow{\partial_i} C_{i-1} \xrightarrow{\partial_{i-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\partial_1} C_0 \rightarrow 0$  be a chain complex of free Abelian groups. Consider a sequence  $\dots \xleftarrow{\partial_{i+1}^*} C_i^* \xleftarrow{\partial_i^*} C_{i-1}^* \xleftarrow{\partial_{i-1}^*} \dots \xleftarrow{\partial_1^*} C_0^* \leftarrow 0$  where  $C_i^* = \text{Hom}(C_i, \mathbb{Z})$ . (a) Prove that this is a cochain complex. (b) Prove that if  $H_i(C) = \mathbb{Z}^{\beta_i} \oplus G_i$  where  $G_i$  is finite, then  $H^i(C^*) = \mathbb{Z}^{\beta_i} \oplus G'_i$  where  $G'_i$  is finite, too. Show that  $G_i$  and  $G'_i$  may be not isomorphic.

**Problem 5.** For the following spaces find CW-complexes homeomorphic to them and compute their homology with the coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ . If two spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  and a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  are given then do this for both spaces and compute the homomorphism  $f_* : H_*(X) \rightarrow H_*(Y)$ . (a)  $X$  is a sphere with  $g$  handles; (b)  $X$  is the Klein bottle with  $g$  handles; (c)  $X$  is  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  with  $g$  handles; (d)  $X$  is the sphere with  $g$  handles and  $n$  holes;  $Y$  is the sphere with  $g$  handles,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is the natural embedding. (e)  $X = S^n, Y = \mathbb{R}P^n, f : X \rightarrow Y$  is the universal cover. (f)  $X = S^{2n+1} = \{(z_0, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |z_0|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2 = 1\}, Y = \mathbb{C}P^n, f : S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$  is  $f(z_0, \dots, z_n) = [z_0 : \dots : z_n]$  (the generalized Hopf bundle). (g)  $X = S^3 = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z|^2 + |w|^2 = 1\}$ ; the group  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \{\zeta^m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{2\pi im/p} \mid m = 0, \dots, p-1\}$  is acting on  $X$  by the maps  $\zeta^m(z, w) = (\zeta^m z, \zeta^{qm} w)$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are coprime;  $Y$  is the orbit space for this action (called the  $(p, q)$ -lens,  $L(p, q)$ ), and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is the map sending every point to its orbit. (h)  $X = S^\infty$  is the set of sequences  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots)$ , such that in every sequence there are finitely many nonzero elements, and the sum of their squares is 1;  $Y = \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  (what is it?),  $f : S^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  is the infinity-dimensional analog of the Hopf bundle. (i)  $Y = G(2, 4, \mathbb{R})$  (the set of 2-dimensional subspaces in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ),  $X = G_+(2, 4, \mathbb{R})$  (the set of oriented 2-dimensional subspaces in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ),  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is forgetting the orientation.