MA3H6 Exercise sheet 10.

Please let me know if any of the problems are unclear or have typos.

Exercise 10.1. [Hatcher page 157, problem 27.] Suppose that (X, A) is a pair. Prove the short exact sequence $0 \to C_n(A) \to C_n(X) \to C_n(X, A) \to 0$ splits. Does this imply $H_n(X) \cong H_n(A) \oplus H_n(X, A)$? Explain.

Exercise 10.2. Recall that $S_g = \#^g T^2$ is the closed (compact without boundary), connected, orientable surface of genus g. Prove that S_g is homeomorphic to the CW–complex discussed in class – namely the complex with a single vertex, edges $\{a_i, b_i\}$, and a single 2–cell attached via the path $a_1b_1\bar{a}_1\bar{b}_1a_2b_2\bar{a}_2\bar{b}_2\dots a_gb_g\bar{a}_g\bar{b}_g$.

Exercise 10.3. [Medium.] Prove S^{∞} is contractible.

Exercise 10.4. Compute the homology groups of P^{∞} , of $T^n = \times^n S^1$, and of $S^{\ell} \times S^m$.

Exercise 10.5. [Hatcher page 157, problems 20–23.] Suppose that X and Y are finite CW–complexes. Prove any one of the following.

- $\chi(X \times Y) = \chi(X) \cdot \chi(Y)$.
- If X is the union of subcomplexes A and B then $\chi(X) = \chi(A) + \chi(B) \chi(A \cap B)$.
- If $p: Y \to X$ is an n-fold covering map then $\chi(Y) = n \cdot \chi(X)$.
- If $p: S_h \to S_g$ is an n-fold covering map (of surfaces) then h = n(g-1) + 1. Show this is the only restriction.

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