MA3H6 Exercise sheet 6.

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

Exercise 6.1.

- Show if (X, A) is a good pair then so is (X/A, A/A). [Harder] What about the converse?
- Suppose H is the Hawaiian earring and 0 is the origin. Show $(H, \{0\})$ is not a good pair.

Exercise 6.2. Prove the inclusions $(B^n, S^{n-1}) \subset (B^n, B^n - \{0\}) \subset (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\})$ induce isomorphisms of relative homologies. (We used this in our proof of invariance of domain.)

Exercise 6.3. [Medium. See Hatcher page 133, problem 27, for definitions.] Show the inclusion $i: (B^n, S^{n-1}) \to (B^n, B^n - \{0\})$ is not a homotopy equivalence of pairs. (This rules out one possible approach to Exercise 6.2.)

Exercise 6.4. Suppose $f: B^n \to B^n$ is a fixed-point-free map. For any $x \in B^n$, let L_x be the straight line through x and f(x), oriented from x towards f(x). For points $y, z \in L_x$ we write y < z if y is before z according to the orientation on L_x . Let g(x) and h(x) be the two points of $L_x \cap S^{n-1}$, where $g(x) \le x < f(x) \le h(x)$. Prove $g: B^n \to S^{n-1}$ is continuous; prove g is a retraction. (This is a step of the proof of the Brouwer fixed point theorem.)

Exercise 6.5. [Hard. Hatcher page 133, problems 20 and 21.] Define CX, the *cone* of X, to be $X \times I/X \times \{1\}$. Define SX, the *suspension* of X, to be the space obtained by doubling CX across its base. That is, SX is obtained from $X \times [-1, 1]$ by crushing $X \times \{-1\}$ and $X \times \{1\}$ to points.

- Prove SS^n is homeomorphic to S^{n+1} .
- Find chain maps $s_n: C_n(X) \to C_{n+1}(SX)$ that induce isomorphisms $s_{n*}: H_n(X) \to H_{n+1}(SX)$.

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