

Please let me (Saul) know if any of the problems are unclear or have typos. Please turn in a solution to one of Exercises 9.1, 9.2, or 9.3 by 14:00 on 2017-12-07 in front of the undergraduate office. If you collaborate with other students, please include their names.

**Exercise 9.1.** Show that a CW complex  $X$  is path-connected if and only if it is connected.

**Exercise 9.2.** List all surjective homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$ , the free group of rank two, to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , the finite group with two elements. Prove your list is complete.

**Exercise 9.3.** Let  $X = S^1 \times I$ . Let  $A = S^1 \times [0, 3/4)$  and  $B = S^1 \times (1/4, 1]$ . Let  $\Gamma = \pi_1(A) * \pi_1(B)$ . Compute  $\pi_1(X)$  using the Seifert–van Kampen theorem applied to the open cover  $\{A, B\}$ . Let  $N \triangleleft \Gamma$  be the resulting normal subgroup. Give a useful description of the elements of  $N$ . (For example, it should allow you to decide whether or not a given reduced word  $f \in \Gamma$  lies in  $N$ . This is called the *membership problem*.)

**Exercise 9.4.** Let  $P^2$  be the real projective plane. Compute the fundamental group of  $P^2 \vee P^2$  directly from the Seifert–van Kampen theorem.

**Exercise 9.5.** For any non-zero integers  $p$  and  $q$  we define topological spaces  $B_{p,q}$  and  $T_{p,q}$  as follows.

$$B_{p,q} = (S^1 \times I) \sqcup S^1 / (z, 0) \sim z^p, (z, 1) \sim z^q$$

$$T_{p,q} = S^1 \times I / (z, 0) \sim (e^{2\pi i/p} z, 0), (z, 1) \sim (e^{2\pi i/q} z, 1)$$

For  $p = q = 1$ , check that  $B_{1,1} \cong T^2$  and  $T_{1,1} \cong S^1 \times I$ . For general  $p$  and  $q$ , find CW complex structures on  $B_{p,q}$  and  $T_{p,q}$ . Give presentations of their fundamental groups. Provide illustrative figures. (For the completist: Suppose  $p$  or  $q$  is zero. What is  $B_{p,q}$ ? What is the correct definition of  $T_{p,q}$ ?)