

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

Exercise 1.1. Suppose that $X = S^2 \times S^4$ and $Y = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^3$.

1. Check that X and Y are compact, connected, oriented manifolds without boundary (of the same dimension).
2. Prove that $\pi_1(X)$ and $\pi_1(Y)$ are both trivial.
3. Give a CW-complex structure on each of X and Y .
4. Using this, or otherwise, compute the homology groups of X and of Y .

Exercise 1.2. [Harder.] Repeat Exercise 1.1 with $X = S^2 \times S^2$ and $Y = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^2}$. Here $\#$ is the oriented connect sum operation.

Exercise 1.3. For each of the following chain complexes C_* : decide if it is exact, compute the homology groups $H_*(C)$, and compute the cohomology groups $H^*(C; \mathbb{Z})$. If it is short exact, decide if it splits.

1. $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$
2. $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$
3. $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$
4. $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{2} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{0} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$
5. $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{u} \mathbb{Z}^2 \xrightarrow{v} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ — where u is the column vector $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$, where v is the row vector $(q, -p)$, and where $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

For the next two problems we fix an abelian group G and we define $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, G)$.

Exercise 1.4. Suppose that $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is an exact sequence of abelian groups. Prove that $A^* \leftarrow B^* \leftarrow C^* \leftarrow 0$ is also exact. [Thus we say that the functor $\text{Hom}(\cdot, G)$ is *right exact*.]

Exercise 1.5. Suppose that $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow 0$ is a split short exact sequence of abelian groups. Prove that $0 \leftarrow A^* \leftarrow B^* \leftarrow C^* \leftarrow 0$ is again a split short exact sequence.