

Please let me know if any of the problems are unclear, have typos, or have mistakes. Please turn in your solution to Exercise 3.4 on Friday (2022-02-18) by noon, on Moodle. Below, if coefficients are not given, they are assumed to be \mathbb{Z} .

Exercise 3.1. Suppose that F is a vector space, over \mathbb{R} . Suppose that $\pi: E \rightarrow B$ is a *vector bundle* with fibre F . Compute the (co)homology groups of E in terms of those of B .

Exercise 3.2. [Challenge] Here is a hands-on definition of $\text{UT}(S^n)$, the unit tangent bundle to the n -sphere.

$$\text{UT}(S^n) = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : |u| = |v| = 1, \langle u, v \rangle = 0\}$$

Here $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the usual inner product on \mathbb{R}^{n+1} . Compute the homology groups $H_*(\text{UT}(S^n))$.

Exercise 3.3. A natural transformation $\delta: F \rightarrow G$ is called a *natural isomorphism* if there is another natural transformation $\epsilon: G \rightarrow F$ so that both $\delta \circ \epsilon$ and $\epsilon \circ \delta$ are identities. Now suppose that (X, Y) is a pair of spaces and Q is an R -module. Fix $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that there is a natural isomorphism between the functors C and D where

$$(X, Y) \xrightarrow{C} C^k(X, Y; Q) = \text{Hom}_R(C_k(X, Y); Q)$$

and

$$(X, Y) \xrightarrow{D} D^k(X, Y; Q) = \ker(C^k(X; Q) \rightarrow C^k(Y; Q))$$

Exercise 3.4. Suppose that X is a space and R is a commutative ring with unit. Let $\epsilon \in C^0(X; R)$ be the *augmentation homomorphism*: for all singular zero-simplices σ^0 we have $\epsilon(\sigma^0) = 1_R$. Now prove that the cup product at the level of cochains is:

- R -linear in both coordinates,
- associative, and
- has $\epsilon \in C^0(X; R)$ as its identity element.

Show, by means of an example, that the cup product at the level of cochains is not graded commutative.

Exercise 3.5.

- Prove that $H_2(S^1; \mathbb{Z}) \cong 0$.
- Let $\omega \in H^1(S^1; \mathbb{R})$ be the (class of the) winding cocycle. Prove that $\omega \cup \omega = 0$.
- [Challenge] Give *direct* proofs of the above: that is, from the definitions.
- [Challenge] More generally, give a direct proof that $H_k(S^1, \mathbb{Z})$ vanishes for $k > 1$.

Exercise 3.6. Suppose that $(A, C), (B, D) \subset (X, Y)$ are pairs of spaces. Suppose that X is contained in the union of the interiors of A and B ; similarly suppose that Y is contained in the union of the interiors of C and D . We call $\mathcal{U} = \{(A, C), (B, D)\}$ an *excisive cover* of the pair (X, Y) . We define $C_k^{\mathcal{U}}(\cdot)$ to be the R -module of (relative) singular chains in the given (pair of) space(s) *subordinate* to the cover \mathcal{U} . We define $C_k^{\mathcal{U}}(X, Y)$ to be the cokernel of the inclusion $C_k^{\mathcal{U}}(Y) \rightarrow C_k^{\mathcal{U}}(X)$.

Fix Q , an R -module. Define $C_{\mathcal{U}}^k(\cdot) = \text{Hom}_R(C_k^{\mathcal{U}}(\cdot); Q)$.

- Show that $C_{\mathcal{U}}^k(X, Y; Q)$ is naturally isomorphic to $D_{\mathcal{U}}^k(X, Y; Q) = \ker(C_{\mathcal{U}}^k(X; Q) \rightarrow C_{\mathcal{U}}^k(Y; Q))$.
- Show that $H_{\mathcal{U}}^*(X, Y; Q) \cong H^*(X, Y; Q)$.
- Prove the relative version of Meyer-Vietoris; that is, the following sequence is exact:

$$\dots H^k(X, Y; Q) \rightarrow H^k(A, C; Q) \oplus H^k(B, D; Q) \rightarrow H^k(A \cap B, C \cap D; Q) \rightarrow H^{k+1}(X, Y; Q) \dots$$