ENS de Lyon

Homology with coefficients, Cohomology

Exercice 1.

Let M be an abelian group. Let n and g be non-negative integers. Compute the (co)homology groups of the following spaces with coefficients in M.

- 1. $\mathbb{C}P^n$.
- 2. $\mathbb{R}P^n$.
- 3. The orientable surface Σ_g of genus g.
- 4. The non-orientable surface Σ'_g of genus g.

You can use the following facts without proving them.

- If X is a CW complex, the complex $C^{CW}_*(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M$ computes the homology groups of X with coefficients in M.
- If X is a CW complex, the dual complex of the complex $C^{CW}_*(X)$ computes the cohomology groups of X with coefficients in M.

Exercice 2. Let n be a positive integer. Let $f: S^n \to S^n$ be a map of degree d. Show that the map induced by f in cohomology is the multiplication by d. You can use the Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence and proceed by induction.

Exercice 3.(*) Let X be a finite connected graph of genus g (*i.e.* g is the rank of the abelian group $H_1(X;\mathbb{Z})$) with no vertex of degree 1.

- 1. Show that $H_1(X;\mathbb{Z})$ is free of rank g. Its automorphism group is therefore $GL_g(\mathbb{Z})$.
- 2. Let G be a finite group of homeomorphisms of X. Show that the map

$$\Psi: \begin{cases} G & \to & GL_g(\mathbb{Z}) \\ f & \mapsto & H_1(f) \end{cases}$$

is one to one. You may start with the case where X is a wedge sum of circles.

3. Show that this result still holds when \mathbb{Z} is replaced by $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ with m > 2. What happens if m = 2?

Exercice 4.

Let X be a topological space. Deduce from the short exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \to C_*(X) \stackrel{\times n}{\to} C_*(X) \to C_*(X; \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \to 0$$

a short exact sequence of abelian groups

$$0 \to H_i(X)/n \to H_i(X, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \to n - \operatorname{torsion}(H_{i-1}(X)) \to 0.$$