Exercises in Algebraic Topology (master)

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Exercise sheet no 3

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9 (Spheres?)

a) Can you express $H_*(\mathbb{R}P^2 \setminus pt)$ as the homology groups of a sphere for a nice point $pt \in \mathbb{R}P^2$? b) What about $H_*(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ and $H_*(\mathbb{C}P^2 \setminus pt)$?

10 (Wishful thinking?)

Let $n \ge 0$ be any natural number. Can you find a pair of spaces (X, A) such that A is not the empty set and

 $H_0(X,A) \cong H_0(X \setminus A) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n$?

11 (Too ugly?)

What can you say about $H_1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q})$? Is it free abelian? Does it have torsion?

12 (Linear algebra again)

Compare the homology groups of $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ and O(n). What about $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ and U(n)?