

Exercise sheet 10

Question 10.1

Check that the swap map $\tau : a \otimes b \mapsto (-1)^{|a||b|} b \otimes a$ is a chain map $V \otimes W \to W \otimes V$, but the 'naive' swap $a \otimes b \mapsto b \otimes a$ is not.

Question 10.2

Show that the short exact sequence in the universal coefficient theorem for cohomology is split.

Question 10.3

The Mayer Vietoris formula is missing from the axioms of a (co)homology theory. In this exercise you will deduce it from excision.

- a) Let X be a topological space with open subspaces U, V satisfying $X = U \cup V$. Show that $H_n(U, U \cap V) \cong H_n(X, V)$ for all n.
- b) Consider the following diagram with exact rows

where all h_n are isomorphisms. Then defining $\delta = d_n \circ (h_n)^{-1} \circ p'_n$ there is an exact sequence

$$\cdots \to A_n \xrightarrow{(i_n, f_n)} B_n \oplus A'_n \xrightarrow{g_n - i'_n} B_n \xrightarrow{\delta} A_{n-1} \dots$$

Check that this sequence is exact at A_n .

c) Deduce the Mayer-Vietoris sequence for homology.

Question 10.4

Compute the cohomology ring of the *n*-torus $T^n \cong (S^1)^n$.

These questions will be discussed in the class on 20/6/2023. You may hand in your solutions the day before.

Questions with an asterisk are more challenging.