

Matematiikan laitos  
Algebrallinen topologia I  
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1. Let  $X$  be a non-empty path connected space. Show that  $H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .
2. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map between topological spaces. Show that  $f$  induces a chain map  $f_{\#}$ , and that  $f_{\#}$  induces a homomorphism  $f_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$ , for every  $n \geq 0$ .
3. Let  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{\alpha} L \xrightarrow{\beta} M \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of chain complexes. Prove that the sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(M) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_n(K) \xrightarrow{\alpha_{\#}} H_n(L) \xrightarrow{\beta_{\#}} H_n(M) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_{n-1}(K) \rightarrow \cdots$$

is exact at  $H_n(L)$ .

4. Prove that the euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  are homeomorphic if and only if  $n = m$ .
5. Let  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , be a map without fixed points. Prove that  $\deg(f) = (-1)^{n+1}$ .

1. a) Let  $X$  be a topological space. Describe the construction of the  $n$ :th singular homology group  $H_n(X)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .  
 b) Determine the homology groups  $H_n(\{p\})$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

2. Let

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 A_1 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} & A_3 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_3} & A_4 & \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} & A_5 \\
 \downarrow f_1 & & \downarrow f_2 & & \downarrow f_3 & & \downarrow f_4 & & \downarrow f_5 \\
 B_1 & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & B_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & B_3 & \xrightarrow{\beta_3} & B_4 & \xrightarrow{\beta_4} & B_5
 \end{array}$$

be a commutative diagram of abelian groups and homomorphisms, where the horizontal sequences are exact. Assume that  $f_1, f_2, f_4$  and  $f_5$  are isomorphisms. Prove that  $f_3$  is an isomorphism.

3. Let  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  be a continuous map such that both  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f|_A: A \rightarrow B$  are homotopy equivalences. Show that

$$f_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$$

are isomorphisms, for all  $n \geq 0$ .

4. Let  $A$  be a subset of a topological space  $X$ , and suppose that  $A$  is a retract of  $X$ . Show that  $H_n(A)$  is a direct summand of  $H_n(X)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . That is, show that there exists an isomorphism

$$H_n(A) \oplus G \xrightarrow{\cong} H_n(X), \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $G$  denotes some abelian group.

5. Prove that there does not exist a continuous map  $f: S^{2n} \rightarrow S^{2n}$  such that  $f(x)$  is orthogonal to  $x$  for all  $x \in S^{2n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

Matematiikan ja tilatieteen laitos  
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1. Prove the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.
2. Give a precise statement of the theorem concerning the existence of the long exact Mayer–Vietoris sequence. Describe the main steps in the proof of this theorem.
3. State and prove the Jordan–Brouwer separation theorem.
4. Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and let  $f: V \rightarrow S^n$  be a continuous map. Let  $y \in S^n$  be such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact.
  - a) Give a precise definition of  $\deg_y f$ , i.e., of the local degree of  $f$  over  $y$ . For example, explain where the assumption that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact is used.
  - b) Prove that if  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is a continuous map, then  $\deg_y f$  is defined for every  $y \in S^n$ , and moreover

$$\deg_y f = \deg(f), \text{ for all } y \in S^n.$$

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1. Prove the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.
2. Give the main parts of the proof of the following result. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be subsets of a topological space  $X$ . Then the couple  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  is excisive if and only if the inclusion  $i_1: (X_1, X_1 \cap X_2) \rightarrow (X_1 \cup X_2, X_2)$  induces isomorphisms

$$(i_1)_*: (X_1, X_1 \cap X_2) \rightarrow H_n(X_1 \cup X_2, X_2), \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

3. Prove the following result. Let  $B \subset S^n$  be a subset of  $S^n$  such that  $B$  is homeomorphic to  $S^k$ , where  $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ . Then

$$\tilde{H}_j(S^n - B) \cong \begin{cases} 0, & j \neq n - k - 1, \\ \mathbb{Z}, & j = n - k - 1. \end{cases}$$

4. a) Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $S^n$ , and let  $f: V \rightarrow S^n$  be a continuous map,  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $y \in S^n$  be such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact. Define the local degree of  $f$  over  $y$ .  
b) Let  $f: V \rightarrow S^n$  be as above, and suppose that  $W$  is a connected, open subset of  $S^n$  such that  $f|_W: f^{-1}(W) \rightarrow W$  is a proper map. Show that then  $\deg_y f$  is defined for every  $y \in W$ , and that

$$\deg_{y'} f = \deg_{y''} f, \text{ for any } y', y'' \in W.$$

1. Let  $X$  be a topological space.
  - a) Define and describe the singular chain complex  $S(X)$  of  $X$ .
  - b) Define the  $n$ :th singular homology group  $H_n(X)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .
2. Let

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 \end{array}$$

be a commutative diagram of abelian groups and homomorphisms, where the horizontal sequences are exact. Assume that  $f_1, f_2, f_4$  and  $f_5$  are isomorphisms. Prove that  $f_3$  is an isomorphism.

3. Let  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  be a continuous map such that both  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f|_A: A \rightarrow B$  are homotopy equivalences. Show that

$$f_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$$

are isomorphisms, for all  $n \geq 0$ .

4. Prove that the euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  are homomorphic if and only if  $n = m$ .
5. Prove that there does not exist a continuous map  $f: S^{2n} \rightarrow S^{2n}$  such that  $f(x)$  is orthogonal to  $x$  for all  $x \in S^{2n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

1. Let  $0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{\alpha} L \xrightarrow{\beta} M \rightarrow 0$  be a short exact sequence of chain complexes. Consider the sequence of homology groups

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_{n+1}(L) \xrightarrow{\beta_*} H_{n+1}(M) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_n(K) \xrightarrow{\alpha_*} H_n(L) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where  $\Delta$  denotes a connecting homomorphism, for the above short exact sequence of chain complexes. Prove that the above sequence of homology groups is exact at  $H_n(K)$ .

2. a) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a homotopy equivalence between two topological spaces. Prove that

$$f_*: H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y)$$

is an isomorphism, for every  $n \geq 0$ .

- b) Then prove that if  $f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$  is a map of pairs, such that  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $f|_A: A \rightarrow B$  are homotopy equivalences, then the induced homomorphisms

$$f_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_n(Y, B)$$

are isomorphisms, for every  $n \geq 0$ .

3. a) Show that the inclusion  $i: S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is a homotopy equivalence.  
 b) Prove that two euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $m \geq 0$ , are homeomorphic if and only if  $n = m$ .
4. a) Define the degree  $\deg(f)$  of a map  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and establish the following properties:  
 (i)  $\deg(\text{id}) = 1$ .  
 (ii) If  $f, g: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ , then  $\deg(g \circ f) = \deg(g)\deg(f)$ .  
 (iii)  $\deg(c) = 0$ , if  $c: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  is a constant map.  
 (iv) If the two maps  $f, g: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  are homotopic, then  $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$ .  
 (v) If  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  is a homotopy equivalence, then  $\deg(f) = \pm 1$ .  
 b) Let  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$  be a map which is not surjective. Show that  $\deg(f) = 0$ .

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1. Prove the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.
2. State and prove the Jordan–Brouwer separation theorem.
3. State and prove the Invariance of domain theorem. (You may choose either one of the two versions.)
4. Let  $V$  be an open subset of  $S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and let  $f: V \rightarrow S^n$  be a continuous map. Let  $y \in S^n$  be such that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is compact.
  - a) Give a precise definition of  $\deg_y f$ , i.e., of the local degree of  $f$  over  $y$ .
  - b) Prove that if  $f: V \rightarrow S^n$ , is injective, then  $\deg_y f = \pm 1$ , for every  $y \in f(V)$ .
  - c) Prove that if  $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is a continuous map, then  $\deg_y f$  is defined for every  $y \in S^n$ , and moreover  $\deg_y f = \deg(f)$ , for all  $y \in S^n$ .