

Algebraic Topology II

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Topics:

- CW-complexes
- cellular homology
- natural transformations
- universal coefficients for homology
- Künneth formula
- cohomology
 - cohomology groups
 - universal coefficients
 - cohomology rings
 - applications

Notation:

\mathbb{Z} = integers

\mathbb{Q} = rational numbers

\mathbb{R} = real numbers

\mathbb{C} = complex numbers

$I = [0, 1]$, the closed unit interval

$\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } i\}$

$I^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in I \text{ for all } i\}$

$x \in \mathbb{R}$: the absolute value of x is $|x|$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$: the norm of x is $\|x\| = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{1/2}$, where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

$S^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \|x\| = 1\}$, the unit sphere, also called the n -sphere of radius 1 and center the origin.

$S^0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |x| = 1\} = \{-1, 1\}$

$D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$, the closed n -disk, also called the closed n -ball.

$D^0 = \{0\}$

1. Quotient Spaces and Attaching Cells

Let X be a topological space and let \sim be an equivalence relation on X . Let $[x]$ denote the equivalence class of $x \in X$, and let X/\sim denote the set of equivalence classes. Let $\nu: X \rightarrow X/\sim, x \mapsto [x]$. Then ν is a surjection. Define a topology on X/\sim by requiring the following: A subset U of X/\sim is open if and only if the inverse image $\nu^{-1}(U)$ is open in X . Then ν becomes a continuous map. The space X/\sim is called a quotient space and the topology on X/\sim is called the quotient topology defined by ν .

Let $A \subset X$. Identifying all points in A with each other, and no other points, defines an equivalence relation on X . The quotient space obtained is denoted by X/A .

Example 1.1. Let $X = I = [0, 1]$ and let $A = [0, 1)$. Let $\nu: X \rightarrow X/A$ be the quotient map. The quotient space X/A has two elements: $[0]$ and $[1]$. The inverse image $\nu^{-1}([1]) = \{1\}$ is not open in X . Thus $\{[1]\}$ is not open in X/A . Therefore, $\{[0]\} = (X/A) - \{[1]\}$ is not closed in X/A . Thus X/A is not a Hausdorff space.

Example 1.1. shows that a quotient space of a Hausdorff space does not need to be Hausdorff.

Let \sim be an equivalence relation on a topological space X . The graph of \sim is

$$G = \{(x_1, x_2) \in X \times X \mid x_1 \sim x_2\}.$$

Let $\nu: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ be the quotient map and let

$$D = \{([x], [x]) \in X/\sim \times X/\sim \mid x \in X\}$$

denote the diagonal of X/\sim . The diagonal D is a closed subset of $X/\sim \times X/\sim$, if and only if X/\sim is a Hausdorff space. Assume X/\sim is a Hausdorff space. Then the graph

$$G = (\nu \times \nu)^{-1}(D),$$

where $\nu \times \nu: X \times X \rightarrow X/\sim \times X/\sim$, $(x, y) \mapsto ([x], [y])$.

Since $\nu \times \nu$ is continuous, it follows that the graph G is closed in $X \times X$.

Lemma 1.2. Let W and Z be topological spaces, and let $\nu: W \rightarrow Z$ be a closed map. Let $S \subset Z$ and let U be an open subset of W with $\nu^{-1}(S) \subset U$. Then there is an open subset V of Z with

$$S \subset V \quad \text{and} \quad \nu^{-1}(V) \subset U.$$

Proof. Let $V = Z - \nu(W - U)$. Then U open in W
 $\Rightarrow W - U$ closed, and ν closed $\Rightarrow \nu(W - U)$
 closed $\Rightarrow V = Z - \nu(W - U)$ open. Since $\nu^{-1}(S) \subset U$,
 it follows that $S \cap \nu(W - U) = \emptyset$. Then $S \subset Z - \nu(W - U) = V$.
 Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu^{-1}(V) &= \nu^{-1}(Z - \nu(W - U)) = W - \nu^{-1}(\nu(W - U)) \\ &\subset W - (W - U) = U. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space, and let \sim be an equivalence relation on X . Assume the graph G of \sim is closed in $X \times X$. Then the quotient space X/\sim is a compact Hausdorff space.

Proof. Let $\nu: X \rightarrow X/\sim$ be the quotient map. Since X is compact and ν is continuous, it follows that X/\sim is compact.

Let

$$p_i: X \times X \rightarrow X, (x_1, x_2) \mapsto x_i, \text{ for } i=1,2,$$

be the projections. Let $C \subset X$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_2(p_1^{-1}(C) \cap \Theta) &= p_2((C \times X) \cap \Theta) \\ &= \{y \in X \mid y \sim x \text{ for some } x \in C\} \\ &= \nu^{-1}(\nu(C)). \end{aligned}$$

Assume then that C is closed in X . Then:

$$p_1 \text{ continuous} \Rightarrow p_1^{-1}(C) \text{ is closed in } X \times X,$$

$$\Theta \text{ closed} \Rightarrow p_1^{-1}(C) \cap \Theta \text{ is closed in } X \times X,$$

$$X \text{ compact Hausdorff} \Rightarrow p_2: X \times X \rightarrow X \text{ is a closed map.}$$

Then $\nu^{-1}(\nu(C))$ is closed in X . Hence

$$\nu^{-1}(X/\sim - \nu(C)) = X - \nu^{-1}(\nu(C))$$

is open in X and, consequently, $X/\sim - \nu(C)$ is open in X/\sim . Therefore $\nu(C)$ is closed in X/\sim . It follows that ν is a closed map.

It follows that every point in X/\sim is closed.

Assume $[x], [y] \in X/\sim$, $[x] \neq [y]$. Then $\nu^{-1}([x])$ and $\nu^{-1}([y])$ are closed in X , $\nu^{-1}([x]) \cap \nu^{-1}([y]) = \emptyset$. Now, X compact Hausdorff $\Rightarrow X$ is normal. Then \exists open subsets U_x and U_y of X : $\nu^{-1}([x]) \subset U_x$, $\nu^{-1}([y]) \subset U_y$, $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$. Lemma 1.2 $\Rightarrow \exists$ open subsets V_x and V_y of X/\sim : $[x] \in V_x$, $[y] \in V_y$, $\nu^{-1}(V_x) \subset U_x$, $\nu^{-1}(V_y) \subset U_y$. Then $V_x \cap V_y = \emptyset$, which implies that X/\sim is a Hausdorff space. \square

Corollary 1.4. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space, and let A be a closed subset of X . Then X/A is a compact Hausdorff space.

Proof. Let \sim be the corresponding equivalence relation on X . Let D be the diagonal of X . The graph of \sim is then

$$G = (A \times A) \cup D.$$

Since X is Hausdorff, D is closed in $X \times X$. Also, $A \times A$ is closed in $X \times X$. Thus G is closed in $X \times X$. The claim now follows from Theorem 1.3. \square

Let \mathbb{H} denote the set of quaternions. Then \mathbb{H} is a four-dimensional real vector space with basis $\{1, i, j, k\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}i^2 &= j^2 = k^2 = -1, \\ij &= -ji = k \\jk &= -kj = i \\ki &= -ik = j.\end{aligned}$$

The vector-space \mathbb{H} has a norm $\|\cdot\|$: The norm of $w = a + bi + cj + dk \in \mathbb{H}$ is

$$\|w\| = \|a + bi + cj + dk\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}.$$

Let $\bar{w} = a - bi - cj - dk$. Then

$$w\bar{w} = \|w\|^2.$$

Thus, for $w \neq 0$, we define

$$w^{-1} = \frac{1}{\|w\|^2} \bar{w}.$$

It follows that \mathbb{H} is a division ring. Notice that multiplication on \mathbb{H} is not commutative, since for example $ij \neq ji$.

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Definition 1.5. Let F be either \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} or \mathbb{H} . Let $n \geq 0$. Let F^{n+1} consist of all $(n+1)$ -tuples (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) , where $x_i \in F$ for all i . Define an equivalence relation \sim on $F^{n+1} - \{0\}$ by $x \sim y$ if there exists $\lambda \in F - \{0\}$ with $x = \lambda y$. The quotient space

$$FP^n = (F^{n+1} - \{0\}) / \sim$$

is called F -projective n -space. Then

$\mathbb{R}P^n$ = real projective n -space
 $\mathbb{C}P^n$ = complex projective n -space
 $\mathbb{H}P^n$ = quaternionic projective n -space.

Denote the equivalence class of $x = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$ by $[x]$. For every $n \geq 0$, there is an embedding

$$FP^n \rightarrow FP^{n+1}, [x_0, \dots, x_n] \mapsto [x_0, \dots, x_n, 0].$$

Some exercises:

Exercise 1.6. For each $n \geq 0$, define an equivalence relation on S^n by $x \sim y$ if $x = \pm y$. Prove that S^n / \sim is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}P^n$.

Exercise 1.7. For each $n \geq 0$, define an equivalence relation on S^{2n+1} by $x \sim y$ if $x = \lambda y$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $|\lambda| = 1$. Prove that S^{2n+1} / \sim is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{C}P^n$. (Hint: Write $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n+2}) \in S^{2n+1}$ as an n -tuple of complex numbers: $x = (z_1, \dots, z_{n+1})$; then $x = \lambda y$ implies $|\lambda| = |\lambda| |y|$ and $|\lambda| = 1$.)

Exercise 1.8. For each $n \geq 0$, define an equivalence relation on S^{4n+3} by $x \sim y$ if $x = \lambda y$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{H}$ s.t. $|\lambda| = 1$. Prove that S^{4n+3} / \sim is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{H}P^n$. (Hint: If $x, y \in S^{4n+3} \subset \mathbb{H} - \{0\}$, then $x = \lambda y$ implies $|\lambda| = 1$.)

Disjoint Union of topological spaces

Disjoint union of sets:

Let $X_j, j \in J$, be sets, where J is an indexing set. Assume $J \neq \emptyset, X_j \neq \emptyset \forall j \in J$. The disjoint union of the $X_j, j \in J$, is

$$\bigsqcup_{j \in J} X_j = \bigcup_{j \in J} U_j,$$

where $U_j = X_j \times \{j\} \quad \forall j \in J$.

Disjoint union of topological spaces:

Let $X_j, j \in J$, be topological spaces. Assume $J \neq \emptyset$ and $X_j \neq \emptyset \forall j \in J$. Let

$$X = \bigsqcup_{j \in J} X_j.$$

Define the canonical injection

$$\varphi_j: X_j \rightarrow X, \quad x \mapsto (x, j).$$

We topologize X as follows: Let $O \subset X$. Then O is open in X if and only if $\varphi_j^{-1}(O)$ is open in X_j for every $j \in J$. This topology is called the disjoint union topology on X .

Let $i \in J$ and let U be open in X_i . Then $\varphi_i(U) = U \times \{i\}$, $\varphi_i^{-1}(\varphi_i(U)) = U$ and $\varphi_j^{-1}(\varphi_i(U)) = \varphi_j^{-1}(U \times \{i\}) = \emptyset \forall j \in J - \{i\}$. Then $\varphi_i(U)$ is open in X . It follows that φ_j is a homeomorphism from X_j to $\varphi_j(X_j) \forall j$. Thus we may identify X_j with the image $\varphi_j(X_j) = X_j \times \{j\}$ in X .

Theorem Let $X_j, j \in J$, and Y be topological spaces. Let

$$f: \coprod_{j \in J} X_j \rightarrow Y$$

be a function. Then f is continuous if and only if $f \circ \varphi_j$ is continuous for every $j \in J$, where

$$\varphi_j: X_j \rightarrow \coprod_{j \in J} X_j, \quad x \mapsto (x, j).$$

proof: Assume f is continuous. Let O be open in Y . Then $f^{-1}(O)$ is open in $\coprod_{j \in J} X_j$.

Then

$$(f \circ \varphi_j)^{-1}(O) = \varphi_j^{-1}(f^{-1}(O))$$

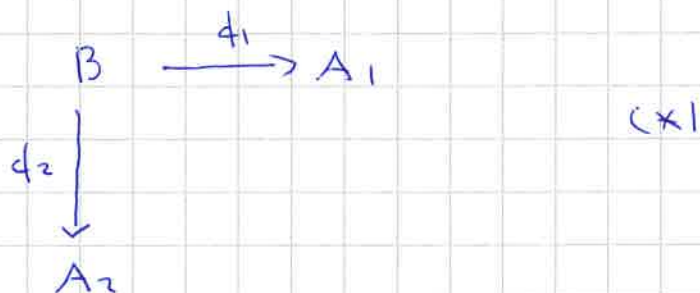
is open in X_j , for all $j \in J$. Therefore $f \circ \varphi_j$ is continuous for all $j \in J$.

Conversely, assume that $f \circ \varphi_j: X_j \rightarrow Y$ is continuous for every $j \in J$. Let O be open in Y . Then

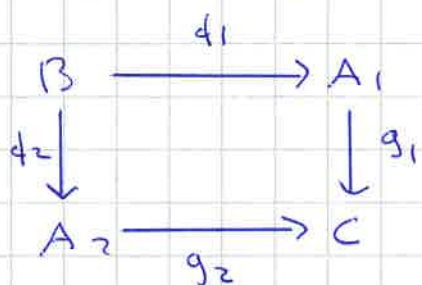
$$\varphi_j^{-1}(f^{-1}(O)) = (f \circ \varphi_j)^{-1}(O)$$

is open in X_j , for all $j \in J$. By the definition of the disjoint union topology, $f^{-1}(O)$ is open in $\coprod_{j \in J} X_j$. Thus f is continuous. \square

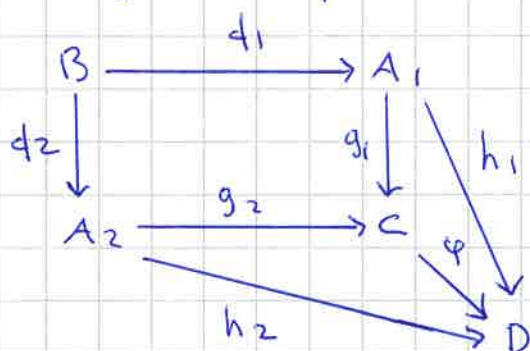
Let A_1, A_2, B be topological spaces and let $f_1: B \rightarrow A_1$ and $f_2: B \rightarrow A_2$ be continuous functions.



A solution of the diagram (*) is a topological space C and continuous functions g_1 and g_2 such that the following diagram commutes:



A pushout of the diagram (*) is a solution (C, g_1, g_2) such that for any other solution (D, h_1, h_2) of (*) there exist a unique continuous function $\varphi: C \rightarrow D$ making the following diagram commute:



Exercise Show that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Y \\ \downarrow i & & \downarrow \phi_Y \\ X & \xrightarrow{\phi_X} & X \sqcup_{\phi} Y \end{array}$$

is a pushout. (Here X and Y are topological spaces, A is a closed subset of Y , $\phi: A \rightarrow Y$ is continuous, $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ is the inclusion and ϕ_X and ϕ_Y are characteristic maps.)

Theorem 1.9. For every $n \geq 0$, the projective spaces $\mathbb{R}P^n$, $\mathbb{C}P^n$ and $\mathbb{H}P^n$ are compact and Hausdorff.

Proof.

$\mathbb{R}P^n$: Ex. 1.6 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n \approx S^n / \sim$. Here $x, y \in S^n$, $x \sim y$ if $x = \pm y$. Thus the graph of \sim is

$$G = D \cup \{(x, -x) \mid x \in S^n\}$$

is closed in $S^n \times S^n$. Theorem 1.3 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ is compact Hausdorff.

$\mathbb{C}P^n$: Ex. 1.7 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n \approx S^{2n+1} / \sim$. Here $x \sim y$ if $x = \lambda y$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $|\lambda| = 1$. Then the graph of \sim is

$$G = \{(x, \lambda x) \mid x \in S^{2n+1}, \lambda \in S^1\}.$$

Let $\phi: S^{2n+1} \times S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n+1} \times S^{2n+1}$, $(x, \lambda) \mapsto (x, \lambda x)$.

Then $G = \phi(S^{2n+1} \times S^1)$ is compact, which implies that it is also closed. Theorem 1.3 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ is compact Hausdorff.

$\mathbb{H}P^n$: Similarly, by using Ex. 1.8. \square

2. Attaching Cells

Let X_1 and X_2 be topological spaces. The disjoint union of X_1 and X_2 is denoted by

$$X_1 \amalg X_2$$

and called the coproduct of X_1 and X_2 .

Then X_1 and X_2 are open subsets of $X_1 \sqcup X_2$.
 Let Y be a topological space, and let $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y$
 be continuous, for $i=1,2$. Then the map

$$f_1 \sqcup f_2: X_1 \sqcup X_2 \rightarrow Y,$$

$(f_1 \sqcup f_2)(x) = f_i(x)$ for $x \in X_i$, is continuous.

Definition 2.1. Let X and Y be topological spaces,
 let A be a closed subset of X ,
 and let $f: A \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Identifying
 a with $f(a)$, for all $a \in A$, and no other points,
 defines an equivalence relation \sim on $X \sqcup Y$.
 The quotient

$$X \sqcup_f Y = (X \sqcup Y) / \sim$$

is called an adjunction space (also an attaching space) and the map f is called an attaching map.

Exercise 2.2. Let X and Y be Hausdorff spaces,
 and let A be a compact nonempty
 subset of X . Let $f: A \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Let
 $p: X \sqcup Y \rightarrow X \sqcup_f Y$ be the quotient map.

a) Show that p is a closed map.

b) Show that $p^{-1}(z)$ is a compact nonempty
 subset of $X \sqcup Y$ for all $z \in X \sqcup_f Y$.

Definition 2.3. The map $\phi: X \rightarrow X \sqcup_f Y$, which
 is the composite $X \hookrightarrow X \sqcup Y \rightarrow X \sqcup_f Y$,
 is called the characteristic map.

Theorem 2.4. Let X and Y be Hausdorff spaces, and let A be a compact subset of X . Let $f: A \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Then $X \sqcup_f Y$ is Hausdorff.

proof. Let $z_1, z_2 \in X \sqcup_f Y$, $z_1 \neq z_2$. Then $p^{-1}(z_1) \cap p^{-1}(z_2) = \emptyset$, where $p: X \sqcup_f Y \rightarrow X \sqcup_f Y$ is the quotient map. Ex 2.2 b $\Rightarrow p^{-1}(z_1)$ and $p^{-1}(z_2)$ are compact. Since $X \sqcup_f Y$ is Hausdorff, $p^{-1}(z_1)$ and $p^{-1}(z_2)$ have open neighborhoods U_1 and U_2 , respectively, with $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$. Ex 2.2 a $\Rightarrow p$ is a closed map. Lemma 1.2 \Rightarrow for $i=1,2$, z_i has a neighborhood V_i with $p^{-1}(V_i) \subset U_i$. Since $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$, it follows that $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$. \square

Recall the following from the fall semester: Let X and Y be topological spaces and let $h: X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. Then $\ker h$ is an equivalence relation on X defined by $x \sim x'$ if $h(x) = h(x')$. The corresponding quotient space is denoted by $X/\ker h$. There exists an injection $\varphi: X/\ker h \rightarrow Y$ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h} & Y \\ \downarrow p & & \uparrow \varphi \\ X/\ker h & & \end{array}$$

Proposition 2.5. Let X and Y be topological spaces, and let $h: X \rightarrow Y$ be an identification (i.e., $h^{-1}(U)$ is open in X if and only if U is open in Y). Then the map $\varphi: X/\ker h \rightarrow Y$, $[x] \mapsto h(x)$, is a homeomorphism.

proof. See the lecture notes of "Introduction to Algebraic Topology", fall 2015, Corollary 3.10. \square

Lemma 2.6. Let X and Y be compact Hausdorff spaces, and let A be a closed subset of X . Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. Let W be a compact Hausdorff space. Assume there is a continuous surjection $h: X \amalg Y \rightarrow W$ with the following property: For $u, v \in X \amalg Y$, $u \sim v$ if and only if $h(u) = h(v)$. Then the map

$$\varphi: X \amalg_{\varphi} Y \rightarrow W, [u] \mapsto h(u),$$

Equiv. rel. defined by \sim .

is a homeomorphism.

Proof. Let $p: X \amalg Y \rightarrow X \amalg_{\varphi} Y$ be the quotient map. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \amalg Y & \xrightarrow{h} & W \\ p \searrow & & \nearrow \varphi \\ & X \amalg_{\varphi} Y & \end{array} \quad \varphi: [u] \mapsto h(u)$$

The property of h implies that $X \amalg_{\varphi} Y$ equals $(X \amalg Y) / \ker h$. Then the diagram commutes. Since $X \amalg Y$ is compact and since W is Hausdorff, it follows that h is a closed map. Thus h is an identification. Proposition 2.5 \Rightarrow φ is a homeomorphism. \square

Let $D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$
and $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x\| = 1\}$.

Then $D^n - S^{n-1}$ is the ~~closed~~ open disk with center 0.

Definition 2.7. An n -cell e^n (sometimes denoted by e) is a homeomorphic copy of $D^n - S^{n-1}$.

Here: $D^0 = \{0\}$
 $S^{-1} = \emptyset$ } e^0 is a point

Definition 2.8. Let Y be a Hausdorff space and let $\phi: S^{n-1} \rightarrow Y$ be continuous. We say that the space

$$Y_{\phi} = D^n \amalg_{\phi} Y$$

is obtained from Y by attaching an n -cell via ϕ .

Let

$$\phi: D^n \hookrightarrow D^n \amalg Y \rightarrow D^n \amalg_{\phi} Y = Y_{\phi}$$

be the characteristic map. Identify Y with its image in Y_{ϕ} via $y \mapsto [y]$. Then

- 1) Y_{ϕ} is Hausdorff (Thm 2.4).
- 2) Y_{ϕ} is compact if Y is compact.
- 3) ϕ can be considered as a function of pairs $(D^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (Y_{\phi}, Y)$. Thus $\phi|_{S^{n-1}}$ can be considered as the attaching map ϕ .
- 4) $\phi(D^n - S^{n-1})$ is an n -cell, which is an open subset of Y_{ϕ} .

Definition 2.9. A continuous map

$$g: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$$

is called a relative homeomorphism, if the restriction $g|_{(X-A)}: X-A \rightarrow Y-B$ is a homeomorphism.

Example 2.10.

- 1) The characteristic map $\phi: (D^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (Y_{\phi}, Y)$ is a relative homeomorphism.

2) Let X be a topological space, and let U and A be subspaces of X . Assume $\bar{U} \subset A^\circ$, where A° denotes the interior of A . Then the inclusion

$$i: (X-U, A-U) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$$

is a relative homeomorphism. Notice that i is just the excision map inducing isomorphisms

$$i_*: H_n(X-U, A-U) \rightarrow H_n(X, A), \quad \text{for all } n.$$

3) Let X be a compact Hausdorff space, and let A be a closed subset of X . Let $p: (X, A) \rightarrow (X/A, p(A))$ be the quotient map. Then p is a relative homeomorphism.

Theorem 2.11. Let Z be a compact Hausdorff space, let Y be a closed subset of Z , and let e be an n -cell in Z with $e \cap Y = \emptyset$. Assume there is a relative homeomorphism

$$\phi: (D^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (e \cup Y, Y).$$

Let $\phi|_S: S^{n-1} \rightarrow Y$. Then the map

$$g: Y \sqcup D^n \rightarrow e \cup Y, \quad [0, 1] \mapsto (\phi \sqcup \text{id}_Y)(0),$$

is a homeomorphism.

proof. We will use Lemma 2.6 to prove the claim. Let

$$h = \phi \sqcup \text{id}_Y: D^n \sqcup Y \rightarrow e \cup Y.$$

Then h is a continuous surjection. Thus $D^n \sqcup Y$ compact $\Rightarrow e \cup Y = h(D^n \sqcup Y)$ is compact. We must show that h satisfies the condition of Lemma 2.6.

Thus, we must show that for $u, v \in D^n \sqcup Y$, $u \sim v$ if and only if $h(u) = h(v)$. Assume $u \sim v$. We may assume that $u \in S^{n-1}$. Then

1) $v \in Y$ and $v = \phi(u)$, or

2) $v \in S^{n-1}$ and $\phi(v) = \phi(u)$.

In both cases, $h(u) = h(v)$. Assume then that $h(u) = h(v)$. Then, either $u, v \in D^n$, $u, v \in Y$, or $u \in D^n$ and $v \in Y$ (similarly, $v \in D^n$ and $u \in Y$). If $u, v \in Y$, then $u = h(u) = h(v) = v$. Hence $u \sim v$. If $u \in D^n$ and $v \in Y$, then $\phi(u) = h(u) = h(v) = v$. Hence $u \sim v$. Assume $u, v \in D^n$. Since, by assumption, the restriction $\phi|_{D^n - S^{n-1}} : D^n - S^{n-1} \rightarrow (eU Y) - Y = e$ is a homeomorphism, it follows that $u, v \in S^{n-1}$ and $\phi(u) = \phi(v) = \phi(v)$. Thus $u \sim v$. It now follows from Lemma 2.6, that the map

$$g: Y \rightarrow eU Y, [u] \mapsto (\phi \perp ; d_Y)(u) = h(u),$$

is a homeomorphism. \square

The relative homeomorphism

$$\phi: (D^n, S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (eU Y, Y)$$

is also called a characteristic map.

3. Homology and Attaching Cells

Definition 3.1. Let X be a Hausdorff space. We call X locally compact, if for every $x \in X$ and for every open neighborhood U of x , there is an open subset W of X such that $x \in W \subset \bar{W} \subset U$ and \bar{W} is compact.