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Geometry/Topology Qualifying Exam

Fall 2013

Solve all SEVEN problems. Partial credit will be given to partial solutions.

1. (15 pts) Let X denote S^2 with the north and south poles identified.

(a) (5 pts) Describe a cell decomposition of X and use it to compute $H_i(X)$ for all $i \geq 0$.

(b) (5 pts) Compute $\pi_1(X)$.

(c) (5 pts) Describe (i.e., draw a picture of) the universal cover of X and all other connected covering spaces of X .

2. (10 pts) Show that if M is compact and N is connected, then every submersion $f : M \rightarrow N$ is surjective.

3. (10 pts) Show that the orthogonal group $O(n) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid AA^T = id\}$ is a smooth manifold. Here $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the set of $n \times n$ real matrices.

4. (10 pts) Compute the de Rham cohomology of $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ from the definition.

5. (10 pts) Let X, Y be topological spaces and $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ two continuous maps. Consider the space Z obtained from the disjoint union $(X \times [0, 1]) \sqcup Y$ by identifying $(x, 0) \sim f(x)$ and $(x, 1) \sim g(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Show that there is a long exact sequence of the form:

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(Y) \rightarrow H_n(Z) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(X) \rightarrow \cdots$$

6. (10 pts) A lens space $L(p, q)$ is the quotient of $S^3 \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ by the $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ -action generated by $(z_1, z_2) \mapsto (e^{2\pi i/p} z_1, e^{2\pi i q/p} z_2)$ for coprime p, q .

(a) (5 pts) Compute $\pi_1(L(p, q))$.

(b) (5 pts) Show that any continuous map $L(p, q) \rightarrow T^2$ is null-homotopic.

7. (10 pts) Consider the space of all straight lines in $\mathbb{R}^2$ (not necessarily those passing through the origin). Explain how to give it the structure of a smooth manifold. Is it orientable?

① $X = S^2 / \sim$ north pole $\sim$ s. pole.

(a) Describe a cell decomposition of X & compute $H_i(X)$ $\forall i \geq 0$.

(b) $\pi_1(X)$

(c) Draw univ. cover of X & all other connected covering spaces.

Pf a) $X \simeq$  $\simeq S^2 \vee S^1$ 

so $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_0 &= 1 \text{ zero cell} = \langle v \rangle \\ \Delta_1 &= 1 \text{ one cell} \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle - \text{glued along } v \\ \Delta_2 &= 1 \text{ two cell} \Rightarrow \langle B \rangle - \text{glued along } S^1 \end{aligned}$$

so $0 \xrightarrow{\partial_3} \Delta_2 \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \Delta_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \Delta_0 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} 0$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \ker \partial_0 = \langle v \rangle & \ker \partial_1 = \langle a \rangle & \ker \partial_2 = \langle B \rangle & \ker \partial_3 = 0 \\ \dim \partial_0 = 0 & \dim \partial_1 = 0 & \dim \partial_2 = 0 & \dim \partial_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

so $H_0 = \frac{\ker \partial_0}{\dim \partial_1} = \mathbb{Z}$ $H_1 = \frac{\ker \partial_1}{\dim \partial_2} = \frac{\langle a \rangle}{0} = \mathbb{Z}$

$$H_2 = \frac{\ker \partial_2}{\dim \partial_3} = \frac{\langle B \rangle}{0} = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow H_k(X) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{for } k=0,1,2 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

(b) $\pi_1(X) = \pi_1(S^2) * \pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$

(c) the universal cover is an n -fold wedge of S^2 & $\mathbb{R}$



all other connected subspaces must be compact $\Rightarrow$ bouquets of S^2 & $\mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow$  n shaded $\Rightarrow n$ times since all correspond to $n\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z} = \pi_1(X)$.

(2) M compact, N is connected then $f: M \rightarrow N$ is surjective for f -submersions.

If f is a submersion $\Rightarrow f_*: T_p M \rightarrow T_q N$ is surjective.

so then all points in M are regular points so then $f_{*,p} \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$ by the inverse function theorem $\forall p \in M \exists$ nbd $\ni f$ is a

local diffeomorphism. But then let U_p be such nbds $\ni$

$f(U_p) \simeq U_p$. Then M is compact so $f(M)$ is compact

$\Rightarrow$ closed. However by compactness $\exists$ finite subcover of

points $p_i \Rightarrow M = \bigcup U_i \Rightarrow f(M) = \bigcup f(U_i)$ is open in

N since $f(U_i) \simeq U_i$ for each i . $\Rightarrow f(M)$ is both open & closed

in N . Since N is connected $\Rightarrow f(M) = \emptyset$ or $f(M) = N$.

Since $M \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow f(M) = N \Rightarrow f$ is surjective.

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④ Compute de Rham Cohomology of S^1 from defn:

of Recall $S^1 \sim \mathbb{R}^2 - \{pt\}$

$$\text{so then } H_{dR}^k(S^1) = \frac{\ker d: \Omega^k \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}}{\text{Im } d: \Omega^{k-1} \rightarrow \Omega^k}$$

$$\text{so } \Omega^0 = \{f \in C^\infty(S^1)\} \Rightarrow \ker d: \Omega^0 \rightarrow \Omega^1 = \{f, df=0\}.$$

But locally $S^1 \sim \mathbb{R}$ so $\Rightarrow f'=0 \Rightarrow f$ is constant.

$$\text{Thus } \ker d_0 = \{c; c \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}. \Rightarrow H_{dR}^0(S^1) = \mathbb{R}.$$

Now, let $\omega \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{p\})$. Then on S^1 $\omega|_{S^1} = d\theta$ is an orientation form so that $\int_{S^1} \omega = \int_{S^1} d\theta = 2\pi$.

so then if $\eta \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{p\})$ then if $\eta \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ let $c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S^1} \eta$.

$$\text{then } \int_{S^1} \eta - c\omega = 0 \Rightarrow [\eta - c\omega] = 0 \Rightarrow [\eta] = c[\omega]$$

i.e. $[\omega]$ generates $H_{dR}^1(S^1) \Rightarrow H_{dR}^1(S^1) = \mathbb{R}$.

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(7) Consider all lines in $\mathbb{R}^2$

Explain how to give it the structure of a smooth manifold.

Is it orientable?

~~If~~ any line has the form $ax+by+c=0$ for $a,b,c \in \mathbb{R}$.

since $\lambda(ax+by+c)=0$ represents the same line $\exists$ natural

map from this set: $S \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$
 $ax+by+c \mapsto [a,b,c]$

In particular, we can consider $U_a = \{[a,b,c]; a \neq 0\}$

$U_b = \{[a,b,c]; b \neq 0\}$ & $U_c = \{[a,b,c]; c \neq 0\}$.

then $U_a = \{[1, b/a, c/a]; a \neq 0\}$

Now, $U_a^c = \{[0,b,c]\}$ which is closed in $\mathbb{RP}^2$ by quotient topology.

So U_a is open.

Now let $\varphi_a: U_a \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ w/ inverse $\varphi_a^{-1}(b,c) \rightarrow [1,b,c]$
 $[1, b/a, c/a] \rightarrow [b/a, c/a]$

then $\{(\varphi_i, U_i)\}$ are a chart for S , hence S is a smooth manifold. (Clearly 2nd countable & Hausdorff as inherited from $\mathbb{R}^2$ or $\mathbb{RP}^2$)

$$\text{Now } \varphi_a^{-1} \varphi_b([1,1,c]) = \varphi_a^{-1}([1,c]) = [1,1,c]$$

$$\varphi_a^{-1} \varphi_c([1,b,1]) = \varphi_a^{-1}([1,b]) = [1,1,b]$$

$$\varphi_c^{-1} \varphi_a([1,b,1]) = \varphi_c^{-1}([b,1]) = [b,1,1]$$

so ^{not} orientable? $\rightarrow$ compute transition matrices & find determinant...