Math 651 - Topology II Homework X Spring 2014

1. Recall that the **rank** of an abelian group is the maximal number of linearly independent elements in the group. If $A \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \times B$, where *B* is a finite group, then rank A = r.

A chain complex is said to be **exact** if all homology groups are zero. An exact chain complex of the form

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \longrightarrow 0$$

is called a **short exact sequence**.

- (*a*) What does exactness at *A* tell you about the map *f*? What does exactness at *C* tell you about *g*?
- (*b*) Show that if *A*, *B*, and *C* are all finitely generated, then

$$\operatorname{rank}(B) = \operatorname{rank}(A) + \operatorname{rank}(C).$$

2. If C_* and D_* are chain complexes, then a map of complexes $f_* : C_* \longrightarrow D_*$ is a sequence of homomorphisms $g_n : C_n \longrightarrow D_n$ commuting with the differentials:

(*a*) Show that a map of complexes gives rise to homomorphisms

$$H_*(f_*):H_*(C_*)\longrightarrow H_*(D_*).$$

- (*b*) Given a cellular map $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ of CW complexes, use this to define a map of chain complexes $f_* : C_*(X) \longrightarrow C_*(Y)$.
- 3. Show that $S^1 \vee S^1 \vee S^2$ has the same homology as T^2 .