

Math 651 - Topology II

Homework VIII

Spring 2018

1. Recall from class that if f_* and g_* are chain maps $C_* \rightarrow D_*$, then a **chain-homotopy** between f_* and g_* is a sequence of homomorphisms $h_n : C_n \rightarrow D_{n+1}$ such that

$$\partial_{n+1}^D(h_n(c)) + h_{n-1}(\partial_n^C c) = g(c) - f(c).$$

- (a) Given a chain complex C_* , define a new chain complex $C_* \otimes I_*$ as follows:

$$(C_* \otimes I_*)_n := C_n\{v_0\} \oplus C_n\{v_1\} \oplus C_{n-1}\{e\},$$

and

$$\partial \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial(c_0) + (-1)^n c_2 \\ \partial(c_1) + (-1)^{n+1} c_2 \\ \partial(c_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Check that this really defines a chain complex, meaning that $\partial^2 = 0$.

- (b) Define two chain maps $C_* \rightarrow C_* \otimes I_*$, playing the role of ι_0 and ι_1 .
- (c) Check that a chain map $h : C_* \otimes I_* \rightarrow D_*$ corresponds to a chain homotopy between $h \circ \iota_0$ and $h \circ \iota_1$.
- (d) Show that if f_* and g_* are chain-homotopic, then f_* and g_* induce the same map on homology.

2. Find an example of a chain map that induces an isomorphism on homology but is **not** a chain-homotopy equivalence.

3. A **short exact sequence** is a sequence of homomorphisms

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{i} B \xrightarrow{p} C \longrightarrow 0$$

which is exact (has trivial homology) at each spot. A short exact sequence is called **split exact** if $B \cong A \oplus C$. Show that the following are equivalent for the (solid arrow) sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightleftharpoons[r]{i} B \xrightleftharpoons[s]{p} C \longrightarrow 0$$

- (a) The sequence is split exact
- (b) There exists a homomorphism s such that $p \circ s = \text{id}_C$ (s is called a splitting)
- (c) There exists a homomorphism r such that $r \circ i = \text{id}_A$ (r is called a retraction or splitting)