

Math 215a Homework #4, Due Friday 10/6 at 9:10 AM

- (a) Show that chain homotopy of chain maps is an equivalence relation.
(b) Show that composition of chain maps induces a well-defined map on equivalence classes.
- Hatcher, section 2.1, exercise 8.
- Show that if

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^k \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, then $B \simeq A \oplus \mathbb{Z}^k$.

For the next three problems, use the Mayer-Vietoris sequence.

- Compute the homology of the space obtained by taking three copies of D^n and identifying their boundaries with each other.
- Compute the homology of the nonorientable surface obtained by taking the connect sum¹ of a genus g surface with a projective plane.
- Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2 \mathbb{Z}$; this induces a self-homeomorphism ϕ_A of $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 = S^1 \times S^1$. Let Y be the 3-manifold² obtained by taking two copies of $S^1 \times D^2$ and identifying the boundary tori via ϕ_A . Compute the homology of Y , in terms of A .

¹The *connect sum* of two surfaces is defined by cutting an open disc out of each surface, and then gluing the boundary circles together.

²For example, if A is the identity matrix, then $Y \simeq S^1 \times S^2$; if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ then $Y \simeq S^3$. Can you see why?