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1. Consider the covering space  $X$  of the torus  $T^2$  corresponding to the subgroup  $pZ \times qZ$  of  $\pi_1$ . Compute the homomorphism  $f_* : H_k(X, Z) \rightarrow H_k(T^2, Z)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

2. The rationals  $Q$  are a subgroup of the additive group of the reals  $R$ . Is  $R/Q$  Hausdorff? Prove your answer.

3. Suppose a CW complex  $X$  is constructed with a finite number of cells. Prove that  $X$  is compact

4. Describe the lens space  $L(p, q)$  as surgery on a knot, and as a CW complex. Then calculate its homology groups with  $Z$  coefficients.

5. Calculate  $\pi_1(X \times Y, (x_0, y_0))$  for two path connected topological spaces  $X, x_0$  and  $Y, y_0$ .

6. Show that  $\pi_1(X * Y, (x_0, 1/2, y_0)) = 0$  for two path connected spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and their join  $X * Y$ .

7. Compute the Euler characteristic of  $P^n$ ,  $n$ -dimensional projective space.

8. Describe the closed, orientable surfact of genus  $g$  as a CW complex. Then compute its homology groups with  $Z$  coefficients.

9. Compute the first homology group with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients of the topological space which is the complement of the Borromean rings.
10. Given a topological space  $X, x_0$  with base point, and given a subgroup  $H$  of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ , define the covering space of  $X$  corresponding to  $H$ . How many points in a fiber? What can you say about the covering transformations?