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Exercise sheet 6  
10 points  
1 point for every problem

**Ex1.** Show that the  $\Delta$ -complex obtained from  $\Delta^3$  by performing the edge identifications  $[v_0, v_1] \sim [v_1, v_3]$  and  $[v_0, v_2] \sim [v_2, v_3]$  deformation retracts onto a Klein bottle. Find other pairs of identifications of edges that produce  $\Delta$ -complexes deformation retracting onto a torus, a 2-sphere, and  $\mathbb{R}P^2$ .

**Ex2.** Construct a  $\Delta$ -complex structure on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  as a quotient of a  $\Delta$ -complex structure on  $S^n$  having vertices the two vectors of length 1 along each coordinate axis in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

**Ex3.** Compute the simplicial homology groups of the Klein bottle using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure described at the beginning of this section.

**Ex4.** Compute the simplicial homology groups of the  $\Delta$ -complex obtained from  $n + 1$  2-simplices  $\Delta_0^2, \dots, \Delta_n^2$  by identifying all three edges of  $\Delta_0^2$  to a single edge, and for  $i > 0$  identifying the edges  $[v_0, v_1]$  and  $[v_1, v_2]$  of  $\Delta_i^2$  to a single edge and the edge  $[v_0, v_2]$  to the edge  $[v_0, v_1]$  of  $\Delta_{i-1}^2$ .

**Ex5.** Find a way of identifying pairs of faces of  $\Delta^3$  to produce a  $\Delta$ -complex structure on  $S^3$  having a single 3-simplex, and compute the simplicial homology groups of this  $\Delta$ -complex.

**Ex6.** Compute the homology groups of the  $\Delta$ -complex  $X$  obtained from  $\Delta^n$  by identifying all faces of the same dimension. Thus  $X$  has a single  $k$ -simplex for each  $k \leq n$ .

**Ex7.** (a) Show the quotient space of a finite collection of disjoint 2 simplices obtained by identifying pairs of edges is always a surface, locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) Show the edges can always be oriented so as to define a  $\Delta$ -complex structure on the quotient surface.

**Ex8.** Show that if  $A$  is a retract of  $X$  then the map  $H^n(A) \rightarrow H^n(X)$  induced by the inclusion  $A \subset X$  is injective.

**Ex9.** Show that chain homotopy of chain maps is an equivalence relation.

**Ex10.** Verify that  $f \simeq g$  implies  $f_* = g_*$  for induced homomorphisms of reduced homology groups.

*Please hand in this homework on 14th Nov. 2018.*