

Problem 1 (12). Show that the quotient map $S^1 \times S^1 \rightarrow S^2$ collapsing the subspace $S^1 \vee S^1$ to a point is not nullhomotopic by showing that it induces an isomorphism on H_2 . On the other hand, show via covering spaces that any map $S^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$ is nullhomotopic.

Proof.

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Problem 2 (14). A map $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$ satisfying $f(x) = f(-x)$ for all x is called an even map. Show that an even map $S^n \rightarrow S^n$ must have even degree, and that the degree must in fact be zero when n is even. When n is odd, show that there exist even maps of any given even degree. [Hints: If f is even, it factors as a composition $S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow S^n$. Using the calculation of $H_n(\mathbb{R}P^n)$ in the text, show that the induced map $H_n(S^n) \rightarrow H_n(\mathbb{R}P^n)$ sends a generator to twice a generator when n is odd. It may be helpful to show that the quotient map $\mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n/\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ induces an isomorphism on H_n when n is odd.]

Proof.

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Problem 3 (20). For finite CW complexes X and Y , show that $\chi(X \times Y) = \chi(X)\chi(Y)$.

Proof.

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