

Problem 1 (3.2.15). For a fixed coefficient field F , define the **Poincaré series** of a space X to be the formal power series $p(t) = \sum_i a_i t^i$ where a_i is the dimension of $H^i(X; F)$ as a vector space over F , assuming this dimension is finite for all i . Show that $p(X \times Y) = p(X)p(Y)$. Compute the Poincaré series for S^n , $\mathbb{R}P^n$, $\mathbb{R}P^\infty$, $\mathbb{C}P^n$, and $\mathbb{C}P^\infty$.

Proof.

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Problem 2 (3.2.16). Show that if X and Y are finite CW complexes such that $H^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$ and $H^*(Y; \mathbb{Z})$ contain no elements of order a power of a given prime p , then the same is true for $X \times Y$. [Apply Theorem 3.15 with coefficients in various fields.]

Proof.

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Problem 3 (3.3.3). Show that every covering space of an orientable manifold is an orientable manifold.

Proof.

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