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1 Suppose M is a compact connected 3-manifold and  $\omega$  is a nowhere zero 1-form defined on M. Suppose that the distribution  $\ker \omega$  is integrable, and  $\ker \omega = T\mathcal{F}$  for a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- 1.1 Show that  $\omega \wedge d\omega = 0$
- 1.2 Use a partition of unity to show that there is a 1-form  $\alpha$  such that  $d\omega = \alpha \wedge \omega$ .
- **1.3** Show  $d\alpha \wedge \omega = 0$ .
- 1.4 Suppose that  $\alpha'$  is some other 1-form satisfying  $d\omega = \alpha' \wedge \omega$ . Show that  $\alpha' = \alpha + g\omega$  for some function g, and that  $\alpha \wedge d\alpha = \alpha' \wedge d\alpha'$ .
- 1.5 Suppose that  $\omega'$  is a nowhere zero 1-form and  $\ker \omega = \ker \omega'$ . If  $d\omega' = \gamma \wedge \omega$ , show that  $\alpha \wedge d\alpha \gamma \wedge d\gamma$  is exact.
- On the compact connected manifold M, suppose  $\alpha$  is a p-form and  $\beta$  is an (n-p-1)-form. Suppose  $\partial M$  has two components:  $\partial_0 M$  and  $\partial_1 M$ . Let  $i_0$  and  $i_1$  be the inclusions of  $\partial_0 M$  and  $\partial_1 M$  into M. Given that  $i_0^*\alpha = 0$  and  $i_1^*\beta = 0$ , show that

$$\int_{M} d\alpha \wedge \beta = (-1)^{p+1} \int_{M} \alpha \wedge d\beta$$

3 Suppose  $f: S^1 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $g: S^1 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  are smooth embeddings. Let

$$M = \{(a, b, \vec{v}) \in S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 : f(a) - q(b) = \vec{v}\}.$$

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Show that M is a compact submanifold of  $S^1 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $\pi: M \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the projection  $\pi(a,b,\vec{v}) = \vec{v}$ . Apply Sard's Theorem to  $\pi$  and deduce that for almost every  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(S^1)$  is transverse to  $g(S^1) + \vec{v}$ .

- 4 Suppose that  $f: M \to N$  is a  $C^{\infty}$  map, M and N are connected n-manifolds, and  $\operatorname{rank}(df) = n$ . Show that f is a covering map.
- 5 Let X be a polyhedron, A a subpolyhedron,  $p: \tilde{X} \to X$  the universal covering space of X and  $\overline{A}$  the path component of  $p^{-1}(A)$  containing the equivalence class of the constant path at  $x_0 \in A$ .
- 5.1 Give an example in which  $\overline{p}: \overline{A} \to A$  (where  $\overline{p}$  is the restriction of p) is not the universal covering space of A.
- 5.2 Prove that  $\overline{p}: \overline{A} \to A$  is the covering space of the kernel of  $i_*: \pi_1(A, x_0) \to \pi_1(X, x_0)$  where i is inclusion.
- 6 Let  $D^n$  be the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $S^{n-1}$  its boundary, and  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the origin.
- **6.1** Prove that the inclusion  $i:(D^n,S^{n-1})\to (D^n,D^n-0)$  induces an isomorphism  $i_*:H_n(D^n,S^{n-1})\to H_n(D^n,D^n-0)$ .
- 6.2 Prove that i is not a homotopy equivalence of pairs, that is, there is no map  $g:(D^n,D^n-0)\to (D^n,S^{n-1})$  such that gi and ig are homotopic, as maps of pairs, to identity maps.
- 7 Given a map  $f: X \to X$  of a polyhedron, there is an exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H_k(X) \stackrel{1-f_*}{\rightarrow} H_k(X) \rightarrow H_k(T_f) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(X) \rightarrow$$

where  $T_f$  is the mapping torus of f. Use the sequence to calculate the homology of the 3-manifold M obtained from  $S^2 \times I$  by identifying (x,0) to (-x,1) for all  $x \in S^2$ .

8 Let  $A \subseteq X \subseteq Q$  and consider

$$H_k(Q,A) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_k(Q,X) \xrightarrow{\partial} H_{k-1}(X,A)$$

where i is inclusion and  $\partial[z] = [\partial_k[z]]$  for  $\partial_k : H_k(Q, X) \to H_{k-1}(X)$  that comes from the exact sequence of (Q, X).

- 8.1 Prove that  $\partial$  is well-defined.
- 8.2 Prove that the image of  $i_*$  equals the kernel of  $\partial$ .
- 9 Let  $J(X,x_0) \subseteq \pi_1(X,x_0)$  be the subgroup of cyclic classes, where a class  $\alpha$  is *cyclic* if there is a homotopy  $\{h_t: X \to X\}$  with  $h_0 = h_1 =$  identity such that  $[h_t(x_0)] = \alpha$ .
- 9.1 Prove that  $J(X, x_0)$  is contained in the center of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ .
- 9.2 Prove that if X is a topological group, then  $J(X, x_0) = \pi_1(X, x_0)$ .