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1 Let M be an (abstract) compact smooth manifold. Prove that there exists some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that M can be smoothly embedded in Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- 2 Prove that the real projective space  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  is a smooth manifold of dimension n.
- 3 Let M be a compact, simply connected smooth manifold of dimension n. Prove that there is no smooth immersion  $f: M \to T^n$ , where  $T^n = S^1 \times \cdots \times S^1$  is the n-torus.
- 4 Give a topological proof of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: any nonconstant single-variable polynomial with complex coefficients has at least one complex root.
- 5 Let  $f: M \to N$  be a smooth map between two manifolds M and N. Let  $\alpha$  be a p-form on N. Show that  $d(f^*\alpha) = f^*(d\alpha)$ .
- 6.1 What are the de Rham cohomology groups of a smooth manifold?
- 6.2 State de Rham's Theorem.
- 7 Consider the form

$$\omega = (x^2 + x + y)dy \wedge dz$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $S^2=\{x^2+y^2+z^2=1\}\subset\mathbb{R}^3$  be the unit sphere, and  $i:S^2\to\mathbb{R}^3$  the inclusion.

- 7.1 Calculate  $\int_{S^2} \omega$ .
- 7.2 Construct a closed form  $\alpha$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $i^*\alpha = o^*\omega$ , or show that such a form  $\alpha$  does not exist.
- 8.1 Let M be a Möbius band. Using homology, show that there is no retraction from M to  $\partial M$ .
- 8.2 Let K be a Klein bottle. Show that there exist homotopically nontrivial simple closed curves  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  on K such that K retracts to  $\gamma_1$ , but does not retract to  $\gamma_2$ .
- 9 Let X be the topological space obtained from a pentagon by identifying its edges as in the picture:

Calculate the homology and cohomology groups of X with integer coefficients.

10 Let X,Y be topological spaces and  $f,g:X\to Y$  two continuous maps. Consider the space Z obtained from the disjoint union  $Y\amalg(X\times[0,1])$  by identifying  $(x,0)\sim f(x)$  and  $(x,1)\sim g(x)$  for all  $x\in X$ . Show that there is a long exact sequence of the form:

$$\cdots \to H_n(X) \to H_n(Y) \to H_n(Z) \to H_{n-1}(X) \to \cdots$$