

ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY II LECTURE NOTES

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1. POINCARÉ DUALITY

Since $H^*(T^n) \cong \wedge_{\mathbb{Z}} M$ where $M = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$, we have

k	0	1	2	\dots	$n-1$	n
$\text{rank } H^k(T^n; \mathbb{Z})$	$\binom{n}{0}$	$\binom{n}{1}$	$\binom{n}{2}$	\dots	$\binom{n}{n-1}$	$\binom{n}{n}$

This symmetry phenomenon is true in general and very useful. Another example: The cellular complex for \mathbb{CP}^n is $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. Thus

k	0	1	2	\dots	$2n-1$	$2n$
$\text{rank } H^k(\mathbb{CP}^n; \mathbb{Z})$	1	0	1	\dots	0	1