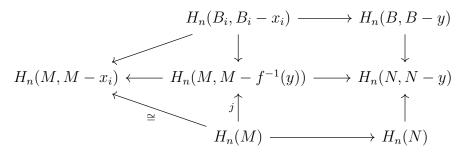
MATH 612 HOMEWORK 6

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Exercise. (Exercise 3.3.8) Let $y \in B$ and x_i denote the point in B_i such that $f(x_i) = y$ for each i. Let μ_i denote the local orientation at x_i induced by the orientation of M. For each i, we have the following diagrams using excisions, exact sequences of pairs and maps induced by f, inclusions and projections:



using the idea for the proof of Proposition 2.30.

 $H_n(B_i, B_i - x_i) \to H_n(M, M - x_i), H_n(B, B - y) \to H_n(N, N - y)$ and $H_n(N) \to H_n(N, N - y)$ are all isomorphisms. Since this diagram commutes for each i, $H_n(M, M - f^{-1}(y)) = \bigoplus_i H_n(B_i, B_i - x_i) = \bigoplus_i \mathbb{Z}$. Since 1 = [M] gets mapped to 1 in $H_n(M, M - x_i), j([M]) = \sum_i k_i(\mu_i)$ where k_i is the map $H_n(B_i, B_i - x_i) \to H_n(M, M - f^{-1}(y))$. Furthermore, $f_*(\mu_i) = \epsilon_i$, so $f_*(k_i(\mu_i)) = \epsilon_i$. Therefore, $f_*([M]) = f_*(\sum_i k_i(\mu_i)) = \sum_i f_*(k_i(\mu_i)) = \sum_i \epsilon_i$.

Exercise. (Exercise 3.3.11) We know that $H^0(M_g) = H^2(M_g) = \mathbb{Z}$ and $H^1(M_g)$ is generated by α_i, β_j with $i, j = 1, \dots, g$ with some relations as discussed on P.208 of the textbook. Suppose g < h. Suppose that a degree 1 map exists. Then for each $i = 1, \dots, h$, $\gamma = f^*(\gamma) = f^*(\alpha_i \smile \beta_i) = f^*(\alpha_i) \smile f^*(\beta_i)$. Thus there must exist j such that $f^*(\alpha_i) = \alpha_j$ and $f^*(\beta_i) = \beta_j$. For simplicity, we say i gets mapped to j in this case. Since g < h, there must exist $i_1 \neq i_2$ such that they both get mapped to the same number j by the pigeon hole principle. However, this implies $0 = f^*(0) = f^*(\alpha_{i_1} \smile \beta_{i_2}) = f^*(\alpha_{i_1}) \smile f^*(\beta_{i_2}) = \alpha_j \smile \beta_j = \gamma$. This is a contradiction, so such a map cannot exist.

If $g \ge h$, then M_g is the connected sum of M_{g-h} and M_h . The map f that contracts the g-h holes to a point has degree 1.