

5.0.1: Define the map $x \xrightarrow{f} \frac{x}{\|x\|+1}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $g: (B^n)^\circ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ the inclusion. Then $H: \mathbb{R}^n \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$$H(x, t) = tf(x) + (1 - t)x$$

gives the homotopy $g \circ f \simeq \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ since $H(x, 0) = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ while $H(x, 1) = g \circ f$, and H is continuous as \mathbb{R}^n is convex.

Similarly, let $G: B^{n^\circ} \times I \rightarrow B^{n^\circ}$ be given by

$$G(x, t) = tf(x) + (1 - t)x.$$

This is also a homotopy since $G(x, 0) = \mathbb{1}_{B^{n^\circ}}$ and $G(x, 1) = f \circ g$, and it is continuous since the set B^{n° is convex and at all times

$$\|G(x, t)\| < 1$$

and is the linear homotopy connecting x and $f(x)$.

5.0.2: We have that $\mathbb{R}P^n$ is the quotient of S^n by the antipodal map. This is equivalent to taking a hemisphere D^n and identifying the antipodal points of ∂D^n . But since ∂D^n with antipodal points identified is $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$, we have that $\mathbb{R}P^n$ is just $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ with an n -cell attached. By induction, we find that $\mathbb{R}P^n$ has a cell complex structure $e^0 \cup e^1 \cup \dots \cup e^n$.

