

# Algebraic Topology Homework

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Hatcher Section 2.1: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10a, 23, 24.

### §1.1 Question 1

**Problem.** What familiar space is the quotient  $\Delta$ -complex of a 2-simplex  $[v_0, v_1, v_2]$  obtained by identifying the edges  $[v_0, v_1]$  and  $[v_1, v_2]$ , preserving the ordering of vertices?

### §1.2 Question 2

**Problem.** Show that the  $\Delta$ -complex obtained from  $\Delta^3$  by performing the order preserving edge identifications  $[v_0, v_1] \sim [v_1, v_3]$  and  $[v_0, v_2] \sim [v_2, v_3]$  deformation retracts onto a Klein bottle. Also, find other pairs of identifications of edges that product  $\Delta$ -complexes deformation retracting onto a torus, a 2-sphere, and  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ .

### §1.3 Question 3

**Problem.** Construct a  $\Delta$ -complex structure on  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  as a quotient of  $\Delta$ -complex structure on  $S^n$  having vertices the two vectors of length 1 along each coordinate axis in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

### §1.4 Question 5

**Problem.** Compute the simplicial homology groups of the Klein bottle using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure described at the beginning of this section.

### §1.5 Question 10a

**Problem.** Show the quotient space of a finite collection of disjoint 2-simplices obtained by identifying pairs of edges is always a surface, locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

### §1.6 Question 23

**Problem.** Show that the second barycentric subdivision of a  $\Delta$ -complex is a simplicial complex. Namely, show that the first barycentric subdivision produces a  $\Delta$ -complex with the property that each simplex has all its vertices distinct, then show that for a  $\Delta$ -complex with this property, barycentric subdivision produces a simplicial complex.

### §1.7 Question 24

**Problem.** Show that each  $n$ -simplex in the barycentric subdivision of  $\Delta^n$  is defined by  $n$  inequalities  $t_{i_0} \leq t_{i_1} \leq \cdots \leq t_{i_n}$  in its barycentric coordinates, where  $(i_0, \dots, i_n)$  is a permutation of  $(0, \dots, n)$ .