Homework exercises Algebraic topology, hand in before class on 17-10-2018

Exercise 1.

Make every step in the computation of the homology of spheres from chapter 3 of the lecture notes explicit by giving chains that represent generators for each of the spaces written there. You only have to do this for $H_0(S^0)$ and $H_1(S^1)$ and the (pairs of) spaces used to compute those. Use your explicit generators to compute the degree of the map $S^1 \ni z \mapsto z^n \in S^1$, where we identified \mathbb{R}^2 with the complex plane. Throughout you may work with coefficient group $A = \mathbb{Z}$.

Exercise 2.

State and prove the two out of three property mentioned in the proof of the exicision theorem in the lecture notes.