

Exercise sheet for Algebraic Topology II

Week6

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Exercise 1. Go through the proof of Theorem 1.11 to show that for two reduced cohomology theories \tilde{h} and \tilde{k} a natural transformation φ between them (i.e. a collection of natural transformations $\varphi_n: \tilde{h}^n \rightarrow \tilde{k}^n$ that are compatible with the suspension isomorphisms) is a natural isomorphism if and only if $\varphi_n(S^0)$ is an isomorphism for all n .

Exercise 2 (Homework). Show that for a pointed map $f: A \rightarrow X$, the inclusion $i: X \hookrightarrow Cf$ is a based cofibration in the following sense: Let $h: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ be a *pointed* homotopy (i.e. $h(\{x_0\} \times I) = \{y_0\}$ if $x_0 \in X$ and $y_0 \in Y$ are the basepoints) and $f: Cf \times \{0\} \rightarrow Y$ be another pointed map agreeing with h on the overlap. Then there exists a pointed map $H: Cf \times I \rightarrow Y$ extending h and f .

Exercise 3. Show that if X is compact and Y a metric space, then the compact-open topology on $\text{Map}(X, Y)$ coincides with that induced by the metric $d(f, g) = \sup_{x \in X} d(f(x), g(x))$.

Exercise 4. Let X and Y be locally compact and Z be arbitrary. Then there is a homeomorphism between $\text{Map}(X, \text{Map}(Y, Z))$ and $\text{Map}(X \times Y, Z)$.

Exercise 5 (Homework). (a) Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map and Z be a space. Show that the induced map $f^*: \text{Map}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Map}(X, Z)$ is continuous. Repeat this with the pointed mapping spaces for pointed spaces and maps.

(b) Conclude that the multiplication map $\Omega Z \times \Omega Z \rightarrow \Omega Z$ is continuous. Similarly show that the “inverse of loop” map $\Omega Z \rightarrow \Omega Z$ is continuous as well.

(c) If X is an H -space, the usual product on $\pi_n(X)$ (for $n \geq 1$) agrees with that induced by X and this is abelian, even for $n = 1$.