

# Math 456: Topology and Its Applications

## Homework 5

Due Friday, October 6th

1. Prove the following lemma from the lecture notes.

**Lemma.** *Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, then  $\ker(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $\text{im}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$ .*

2. Prove the following lemma from the lecture notes.

**Lemma.** *Let  $\Sigma$  be a simplicial complex with chain complex  $C_\bullet(\Sigma)$ . For any  $k$ ,  $d_{k-1} \circ d_k = 0$ .*

3. Prove the so-called “First Isomorphism Theorem”.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Then  $V/\ker(T) \cong \text{im}(T)$ .*

Please write a direct proof – don’t appeal to the Rank-Nullity theorem. Instead, apply the same sort of tools used in the proof of the Rank-Nullity theorem.

4. Let

- $\Sigma_1 = (\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{12, 14, 23, 34, 235\})$ ,
- $\Sigma_2 = (\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 34\})$ ,
- $\Sigma_3 = (\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{123, 124, 134, 234\})$  (c.f. Homework 4, Problem 3),
- $\Sigma_4 = (\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1234\})$ , and
- $\Sigma_5 = (\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \{123, 125, 134, 145, 236, 256, 346, 456\})$ . (from Homework 4, Problem 4)

For each  $i$ ,

- (a) draw a geometric realization of  $\Sigma$ ,
- (b) write down the chain complex  $C_\bullet(\Sigma_i)$ ,
- (c) compute a basis for the kernel and image of each differential in the chain complex  $C_\bullet(\Sigma_i)$  (please do this by hand for these small examples – soon, we’ll move to big ones and start letting computers run the show),
- (d) compute  $H_*(\Sigma_i)$  and  $\beta_*(\Sigma_i)$ , and
- (e) write down and draw a representative for each non-trivial homology class, and count the number of elements in each such class.

5. Let  $X = S^1 \vee S^1$  (see Homework 3, Problem 7). Draw a good open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  for  $X$  and compute  $H_*(N(\mathcal{U}))$ . Draw representatives for each non-trivial homology class / on pictures of  $S^1 \vee S^1$ .

6. Use the  $\Delta$ -complex structure you created for the torus in Homework 4, Problem 6 to compute  $H_*(T^2)$ . (Details on computing homology for  $\Delta$  complexes are available in the notes.) Draw representatives for each non-trivial homology class on a picture of  $T^2$ .