

MAGIT Exercises, Series 4

Exercise 1.

Let X be a topological space. Prove that the sequence of maps

$$\dots \rightarrow S_2(X) \rightarrow S_1(X) \rightarrow S_0(X) \rightarrow 0$$

defined in lecture IV is a complex.

Exercise 2.

Compute the singular homology groups of a point.

Exercise 3.

Prove that if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map of topological spaces then we have an induced map of singular chain complexes $S_\bullet(X) \rightarrow S_\bullet(Y)$. Prove that this induces a homomorphism of the corresponding singular homology modules. Check that in this way we get a functor $H_n(\cdot, R) : Top \rightarrow Mod-R$.

Exercise 4.

Show that the inverse limit functor \varprojlim on diagrams $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow Ab$ is not right exact.

Exercise 5.

Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category. Show that the category of short exact sequences in \mathcal{A} need not be abelian. Is the category of chain complexes in \mathcal{A} that are zero in degrees < 0 abelian? Is the category of chain complexes in \mathcal{A} that are zero in large negative degrees abelian?