

Math 8306, Algebraic Topology  
Homework 2  
Due in-class on **Monday, September 15**

Numbered exercises are from Hatcher's "Algebraic Topology."

1. Suppose we have a  $\Delta$ -set  $X$  with

$$\begin{aligned}X_0 &= \{p\} \\X_1 &= \{a, b, c\} \\X_2 &= \{u, v\}\end{aligned}$$

and face maps

$$\begin{array}{lll}\partial^i(a) = p & \partial^i(b) = p & \partial^i(c) = p \\ \partial^0(u) = a & \partial^1(u) = c & \partial^2(u) = b \\ \partial^0(v) = b & \partial^1(v) = c & \partial^2(v) = a\end{array}$$

What is the resulting space?

2. Construct a  $\Delta$ -set whose geometric realization is the 2-sphere  $S^2$ .
3. Compute the simplicial homology groups  $H_n(\mathbb{RP}^2; \mathbb{Z})$  using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure given in class.
4. Hatcher, exercise 4 on page 131.
5. Suppose  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are homomorphisms of abelian groups. Show that there is an exact sequence
$$0 \rightarrow \ker(f) \rightarrow \ker(gf) \rightarrow \ker(g) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(f) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(gf) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(g) \rightarrow 0.$$