

# Exercise Sheet for *Topology II*, 18

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Sheet 7

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**Exercise 27** Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are open subset of  $X$  and  $C \subset A \cap B$ . Show that there are two relative versions of the long exact Mayer-Vietoris sequences:

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_k(X, A \cap B) \rightarrow H_k(X, A) \oplus H_k(X, B) \rightarrow H_k(X, A \cup B) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(X, A \cap B) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_k(A \cap B, C) \rightarrow H_k(A, C) \oplus H_k(B, C) \rightarrow H_k(A \cup B, C) \rightarrow H_{k-1}(A \cap B, C) \rightarrow \cdots$$

**Exercise 28** Let  $\sigma: \Delta^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $\sigma(t_0, t_1) = 1 - 2t_0$ . Show that this represents a generator of  $H_1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$  (which we know to be isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

**Exercise 29** (Checking the requirements of Mayer-Vietoris) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the (non-continuous) function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(\frac{1}{x}), & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Let further  $X_- = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | y \leq f(x)\}$  and  $X_+ = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | y > f(x)\}$ .

Show that the pair  $X_-, X_+$  does not induce a Mayer-Vietoris sequence.

**Exercise 30** Let  $h_*$  be a homology theory satisfying axioms (1)–(5) and let  $(X_i, x_i)_{i \in I}$  be a collection of pointed spaces, where points are closed, such that each  $x_i$  has an open neighborhood  $U_i$  such that  $h_k(U_i, \{x_i\}) \rightarrow h_k(X_i, \{x_i\})$  is the zero map for all  $k$

1. Show that  $\bigvee_{i \in I}$ , the one-point union is the sum in the category of pointed spaces.
2. Show that for every  $k$  there is a natural isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I} h_k(X_i, \{x_i\}) \xrightarrow{\cong} h_k(\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i, \{x\}),$$

where  $x$  is the base point of the wedge.