

Topology

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Problem Set 12

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Exercise 76.

4 points

Let \mathcal{S} be an abstract simplicial complex.

- (a) Let $A \subset |\mathcal{S}|$ such that for every $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}$ the set $\chi_\sigma^{-1}[A]$ is finite. Show that A is closed in $|\mathcal{S}|$ and discrete.
- (b) Let $K \subset |\mathcal{S}|$ be quasi-compact. Show that there is a finite subcomplex \mathcal{T} of \mathcal{S} such that $K \subset |\mathcal{T}|$.

Exercise 77.

6 points

Consider the following simplicial complex on the set $\{1, \dots, 6\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} = & \{ S \subset \{1, \dots, 6\} \mid |S| \leq 2 \} \cup \\ & \{ \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 6\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 5\}, \{1, 5, 6\}, \\ & \{2, 3, 5\}, \{2, 3, 6\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 6\}, \{4, 5, 6\} \} \end{aligned}$$

Use Theorem 12.20 to compute the fundamental group of $|\mathcal{S}|$. Do you recognise the space $|\mathcal{S}|$?

Exercise 78.

6 points

For $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, the (m, n) -chessboard complex $\Delta_{m,n}$ is the abstract simplicial complex

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ S \subset \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \mid \\ & (r, s), (r', s') \in S \implies (r, s) = (r', s') \vee (r \neq r' \wedge s \neq s') \}. \end{aligned}$$

Compute the fundamental group of the chessboard complex $\Delta_{4,3}$.

Hint: You can either draw a figure of $|\Delta_{4,3}|$ and recognise it or use the method from the lectures to compute the fundamental group.

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Exercise 79.

(Tutorial)

- (a) Give a triangulation of the Klein bottle and use Theorem 12.20 to compute its fundamental group.
- (b) Show that the two spaces in Exercises 70 and 72 are homeomorphic and give an isomorphism between the different presentations of the fundamental group you obtained in the exercises.

Exercise 80.

(Tutorial)

Let \mathcal{S} be an abstract simplicial complex, Y a space, and $(f_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}}$ a system of continuous maps $f_\sigma : \Delta^\sigma \rightarrow Y$. Show that there is a continuous map $f : |\mathcal{S}| \rightarrow Y$ such that $f \circ \chi_\sigma = f_\sigma$ for all $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}$ if and only if $f_\tau = f_\sigma \circ i_\tau^\sigma$ for all $\tau \subset \sigma \in \mathcal{F}$.

