# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Faculty of Arts and Sciences APRIL/MAY EXAMINATIONS 2006 Math 1300YY / 427H1S Topology — Final Exam

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Math 1300Y Students: Make sure to write "1300Y" in the course field on the exam notebook. Solve 2 of the 3 problems in part A and 4 of the 6 problems in part B. Each problem is worth 17 points, to a maximal total grade of 102. If you solve more than the required 2 in 3 and 4 in 6, indicate very clearly which problems you want graded; otherwise random ones will be left out at grading and they may be your best ones!

Math 427S Students: Make sure to write "427S" in the course field on the exam notebook. Solve 5 of the 6 problems in part B, do not solve anything in part A. Each problem is worth 20 points. If you solve more than the required 5 in 6, indicate very clearly which problems you want graded; otherwise random ones will be left out at grading and they may be your best ones!

Duration. You have 3 hours to write this exam.

Allowed Material. None.

**Special Request.** While it is not *required*, it will be immensely helpful if you could stay after the exam for a post mortem class discussion.

# Good Luck!

#### Part A

**Problem 1.** Let *X* be a topological space.

- 1. Define the product topology on  $X \times X$ .
- 2. Prove that if X is connected, so is  $X \times X$ .

**Problem 2.** Let X be a topological space, let C(X, I) be the set of all continuous functions on X with values in the unit interval I = [0, 1], and let  $\iota : X \to I^{C(X,I)}$  be defined by  $\iota(x)_f := f(x)$  for  $x \in X$  and for  $f \in C(X, I)$ .

- 1. Prove that  $\iota$  is continuos.
- 2. Define the phrase "X is completely regular  $(T_{3.5})$ ".
- 3. Prove that if X is completely regular then  $\iota$  is one to one.
- 4. Prove that if X is completely regular then  $\iota$  is a homeomorphism of X to  $\iota(X)$ .

## Problem 3.

- 1. Define the phrase "G is a topological group".
- 2. Prove that if G is a topological group then  $\pi_1(G)$  is Abelian.

#### Part B

## Problem 4.

- 1. Let  $p: X \to B$  be covering map and let  $f: Y \to B$  be a continuous map. State in full the lifting theorem, which gives necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of a lift of f to a map  $\tilde{f}: Y \to X$  such that  $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$ .
- 2. Let  $p : \mathbb{R} \to S^1$  be given by  $p(t) = e^{it}$ . Is it true that every map  $f : \mathbb{RP}^2 \to S^1$  can be lifted to a map  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{RP}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$ ? Justify your answer.

**Problem 5.** Let X be a topological space and let A be a subspace of X that has a neighborhood V that deformation retracts back to A. Prove that  $\tilde{H}_{\star}(X/A) \simeq H_{\star}(X,A)$ . Feel free to use excision, the exact sequences associated with pairs and triples of topological spaces and/or any other result proven in class prior to this particular isomorphism.

**Problem 6.** A  $\Delta$ -space X is given by  $S_2 = \{A, B\} \xrightarrow{\partial_{0,1,2}} S_1 = \{a, b, c\} \xrightarrow{\partial_{0,1}} S_0 = \{P, Q\}$ , where  $\partial_{0,1,2}(A) = (c, b, a)$ ,  $\partial_{0,1,2}(B) = (c, a, b)$ ,  $\partial_{0,1}(a) = (Q, P)$ ,  $\partial_{0,1}(b) = (Q, P)$  and  $\partial_{0,1}(c) = (Q, Q)$ .

- 1. Write down the complex  $C^{\Delta}_{\star}(X)$  (including the boundary maps).
- 2. Calculate the homology of X. (I.e., calculate  $H_k^{\Delta}(X)$  for all k).
- 3. Can you identify the topological space |X|?

**Problem 7.** Let  $\gamma$  be an embedding of the "figure 8 space"  $S^1 \vee S^1$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Prove that  $H_1(\mathbb{R}^3 - \gamma(S^1 \vee S^1)) \simeq \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Problem 8.** Let  $f: S^n \to S^n$  be a continuous map and let  $y \in S^n$  be so that  $f^{-1}(y)$  is finite.

- 1. Define "the degree  $\deg(f)$  of f".
- 2. For  $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ , define "the local degree  $\deg_x(f)$  of f at x".
- 3. What is the "local degree formula"?
- 4. If it is also given that f is even (i.e., f(x) = f(-x) for all  $x \in S^n$ ), show that deg(f) is also even. Be careful to separate the cases where n is even and where n is odd.

**Problem 9.** Let A, B and C be chain complexes, let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be chain-complex morphisms from A to B and let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be chain-complex morphisms from B to C.

- 1. Define " $f_1$  is homotopic to  $f_2$ ".
- 2. Prove that if  $f_1$  is homotopic to  $f_2$  and if  $g_1$  is homotopic to  $g_2$ , then  $g_1 \circ f_1$  is homotopic to  $g_2 \circ f_2$ .

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