

# TOPOLOGY PRELIM

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- I. Show that  $S^2 \times \mathbb{P}^3$  and  $S^3 \times \mathbb{P}^2$  have the same universal cover and the same fundamental group, but that they are not homotopically equivalent.
- II. State and prove the Tietze extension theorem.
- III. Give an example of: (Of course you are to prove the example has the relevant properties)
- 1) A finite complex  $X$  with  $\pi_1 X = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_2(X) = H_3(X) = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H_n(X) = 0$  for  $n > 3$ .
  - 2) A contractible subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that is not a retract of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- IV. State The Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence theorem, and Van-Kampens theorem. Outline the proof of one of these.
- V. Let  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  be the quotient of  $S^3$  by the antipodal map. Give a cell decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  and compute its fundamental group and its homology groups. Is  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  orientable?
- VI. Let  $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x > 0$ , and let  $S$  be the union of the graph of  $f$  and the segment  $\{0, y \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1\}$ .
- Prove that  $S$  is connected, but not path connected.
- VII. Prove: If  $A$  is a compact subset of the metric space  $X$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  in an open covering of  $A$ , then there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $p \in A$ ,  $N_\delta(p) \subset U$  for some  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .