

Math 601 – Spring 2014
Homework #4

1. (a) Given handlebody decompositions of surfaces S and S' , each admitting a single 0– and 2–handle, determine a handlebody decomposition of the connect sum $S\sharp S'$, again admitting a single 0– and 2–handle.
(b) Show that every closed, orientable surface is diffeomorphic to S^2 or $\sharp_k T^2$, where T^2 is the torus.
(c) Show that every closed, unorientable surface can be decomposed as $\mathbb{R}P^2\sharp S'$.
(d) Prove that $T^2\sharp\mathbb{R}P^2$ is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}P^2\sharp\mathbb{R}P^2\sharp\mathbb{R}P^2$.
(e) List all closed surfaces.
2. Prove that every finitely presented group is the fundamental group of some closed, orientable smooth 4-manifold (fun fact: $\mathbb{Z}\rtimes\mathbb{Z}$ does not arise as the fundamental group of any 3-manifold).
3. Let Y_g be the double of the genus g handlebody. Determine $\pi_1(Y_g)$ and $H_k(Y_g)$. What is the manifold Y_g ?
4. Prove that $\text{Hom}(-, G)$ is left-exact. Conclude that $\text{Ext}^0(H, G) \cong \text{Hom}(H, G)$.
5. (Hatcher, number 2.2.21) If a finite CW complex X is the union of subcomplexes A and B , show that $\chi(X) = \chi(A) + \chi(B) - \chi(A \cap B)$.
6. (Hatcher, number 2.2.22) For X a finite CW complex and $p : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ an n -sheeted covering space, show that $\chi(\tilde{X}) = n\chi(X)$.
7. (Hatcher, number 3.1.3) Regarding \mathbb{Z}_2 as a module over the ring \mathbb{Z}_4 , construct a resolution of \mathbb{Z}_2 by free \mathbb{Z}_4 -modules. Use this to show that $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{Z}_4}^n(\mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ is nonzero for all n .
8. (Hatcher, number 3.1.10) For the Lens space $L_m(l_1, \dots, l_n)$ defined in Example 2.43, compute the cohomology groups using the cellular cochain complex and taking coefficients in \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{Z}_m , and \mathbb{Z}_p for p prime. Verify that the answers agree with those given by the universal coefficient theorem.