

Quiz 2

Course: Algebraic Topology II (KSM4E02)

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Total marks: 20

Attempt any question. You can get maximum **15 marks**.

You may use the homology groups / cohomology rings (with \mathbb{Z} or \mathbb{Z}_2 coefficients) of standard spaces like S^n , $\mathbb{R}P^n$, T^n , etc without showing the computation. If you are using UCT or Künneth theorem, mention them clearly. If any Tor/Ext module vanishes, mention with justification.

- Q1. Given an R -module M , suppose $\text{Tor}_1^R(M, N) = 0$ for any R -module N . Show that $\text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) = 0$ for any R -module N , and for any $n \geq 2$. [4]
- Q2. Suppose $n > m$. Show that there are no maps $\mathbb{R}P^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^m$ inducing a nontrivial map in the 1st cohomology with \mathbb{Z}_2 -coefficients. [4]
- Q3. Prove or disprove : $\mathbb{R}P^3$ is homotopy equivalent to $\mathbb{R}P^2 \vee S^3$. [4]
- Q4. Assuming $k, l > 0$, show that there *does not* exist a map $f : S^{k+l} \rightarrow S^k \times S^l$ which induces a nontrivial map in the $(k+l)$ th-homology with \mathbb{Z} coefficients. [4]
- Q5. A based space X is called a *co-H space* if there is a map $\mu : X \rightarrow X \vee X$ such that the diagram commutes up to homotopy

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & X \times X \\
 \searrow \mu & \circlearrowleft \sigma & \nearrow j \\
 & X \vee X &
 \end{array}$$

Show that the cup product in the cohomology ring of X (with coefficients in any ring) is trivial in every positive degree. [4]