## **EXAMPLE SHEET 2**

- 1. Let Y be an orientable 3-manifold with boundary, and let m be the rank of  $H_1(\partial Y)$ . Use Poincare duality and the long exact sequence of the pair  $(Y, \partial Y)$  to show that the kernel of the map  $H_1(\partial Y) \to H_1(Y)$  has rank m/2.
- 2. Suppose K is a null-homologous knot in a three-manifold Y. Show that  $H_1(Y K) \cong H_1(Y) \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 3. Suppose  $C_*$  is a finitely generated chain complex defined over the ring  $\mathbb{Q}[U]$ , where U has homological degree -2.
  - (a) Consider  $C_*$  as an (infinitely generated) complex defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Show that the dual (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) of  $C_*$  is  $C^+$ .
  - (b) Show that  $H_*(C)$  is a direct sum of copies of  $\mathbb{Q}[U]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[U]/(U^{n_i})$ . (Use the structure theorem for modules over a PID.)
  - (c) Give an example of a chain complex C with homology  $\mathbb{Q}[U]/(U^n)$ . Compute the homology of the chain complexes  $\widehat{C}$ ,  $C^-$ ,  $C^+$ , and  $C^{\infty}$ . Write out the long exact sequences discussed in class relating these homology groups.
  - (d) Explain how this is formally similar to the homology of the Hopf bundle over  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ .
- 4. Let C be the complex defined over  $\mathbb{Q}[T,T^{-1}]$  and generated by two elements x and y, with dx = (T-1)y and dy = 0. Compute the homology of C as a  $\mathbb{Q}[T]$  module. Let  $M_a = \mathbb{Q}[T,T^{-1}]/(T-a)$ . Compute the homology of the complex  $C \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}[T]} M_a$  both directly and by using the universal coefficient theorem. (If you've only seen the universal coefficient theorem for complexes defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , note that  $\mathbb{Q}[T,T^{-1}]$ , like  $\mathbb{Z}$ , is a PID. The statement works (with obvious changes) over any PID.)
- 5. Let  $K \subset Y$  be a knot, and let  $K(\lambda)$  be the result of integer surgery on K along a longitude  $\lambda$ , and let m be a meridian of K, pushed out far enough so that it is on the boundary of the solid torus we remove to do the surgery. Thus we can view m as a curve on  $K(\lambda)$ .
  - (a) Let  $K' = S^1 \times 0 \subset S^1 \times D^2$  be the core of the new torus we glued in to make K(n). Show that m is isotopic to K'. Explain why this is not the case if we replace  $K(\lambda)$  with an arbitrary, nonintegral surgery  $K(\alpha)$ .

- (b) Let m' and  $\ell'$  be the meridian and longitude of m in K. ( $\ell'$  is the boundary of a little disk intersecting K.) If we identify  $K(\lambda) m$  with Y K in the obvious way, show that  $m' = \lambda$ ,  $\ell' = -m$ .
- (c) Now suppose that K is null-homologous. If we do n-surgery on K, followed by p/q surgery on m (with respect to the basis  $m', \ell'$ ), show that the resulting three-manifold is  $K_{n-\frac{q}{2}}$ .
- 6. The result of p/q surgery on the unknot is called the lens space L(p, -q).
  - (a) Show that  $L(p, -q) = S^1 \times D^2 \cup_f S^1 \times D^2$ , where the diffeomorphism f takes  $\partial D^2$  in the second solid torus to  $p[S^1] + q\partial[D^2]$  on the boundary of the first torus.
  - (b) Compute  $\pi_1(L(p,q))$  and  $H_*(L(p,-q))$ . Show that the universal cover of L(p,-q) is  $S^3$ . (Unless p/q = 0/q. What happens then?)
  - (c) Draw a Heegaard diagram of L(p-q). What is  $\widehat{HF}(L(p,-q))$ ?
  - (d) Show that the manifold obtained by surgery on a chain of spheres (as in Figure 2) is a lens space. What are p and q for the chain shown in the figure?
- 7. Write down the complex  $CF^-(H, z_i) \otimes (\mathbb{Z}/2)$  for the Heegaard splitting H shown in Figure 1 and for i = 1, 2, 3. In each case, check that  $d^2 = 0$  and that the homology is  $HF^-(S^3)$ .
- 8. Assuming the existence of handle decompositions for manifolds, give a proof of Poincare duality, as follows.
  - (a) Suppose the manifold  $W^m$  is built out of  $n_i$  m-dimensional i-handles ( $1 \le i \le m$ .) Show that W is homotopy equivalent to a CW complex built out of  $n_i$  m-dimensional cells.
  - (b) If  $X = D^i \times D^{m-i}$  is an *i*-handle, let  $S_A(X) = \partial D^i \times 0$  and  $S_B(X) = 0 \times \partial D^{m-i}$  be its *attaching* and *belt* spheres. Suppose  $X_i$  and  $X_{i+1}$  are an *i*-handle and an i+1-handle, and let  $Y_i$  and  $Y_{i+1}$  are the associated cells in the CW decomposition. Show that in the cellular chain complex, the coefficient of  $Y_i$  in  $dY_{i+1}$  is given by  $\pm S_A(X_{i+1}) \cdot S_B(X_i)$ . (Hint: how do we compute the degree of a map  $S^n \to S^n$ ?)
  - (c) By reversing the roles of  $\partial_1$  and  $\partial_2$ , show that W has a handle decomposition with  $n_{m-i}$  i-handles.
  - (d) Show that the complex associated to this decomposition is the dual of the original cellular complex.
  - (e) Explain how the same principle can be used to prove Poincare duality for manifolds with boundary.
- 9. More about the Kummer surface

- (a) Let  $\iota: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  be the involution which sends x to -x. Show that  $\iota$  descends to a map  $T^2 \to T^2$ . How many fixed points does this map have? Show that  $T^2/(\iota(x) \sim x)$  is homeomorphic to  $S^2$ .
- (b) Show that the Kummer surface (as defined in class) has a map to  $S^2$  whose generic fibre is  $T^2$ .
- (c) Show that there are four special fibres, each of which is consists of 5 spheres  $F_1, F_2, \ldots F_5$  of self intersection -2, and that  $F_i \cdot F_j = 1$  if i = 1, j > 1 and is 0 if i, j > 1. Express the homology class of the generic fibre in terms of these spheres.
- (d) Use this to compute explicitly compute the intersection form on the Kummer surface.

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