

FOR WHICH $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$ "INTERESTING" MAPS $S^k \rightarrow S^m$?

$k < m$: ALL CONT MAPS $S^k \rightarrow S^m$ ARE HOMOTOPIC TO A CONST MAP (E.G. $\tilde{\pi}_1(S^2) = \{0\}$)

(CAN BE PROVEN USING SIMPLICIAL APPROXIMATION.)

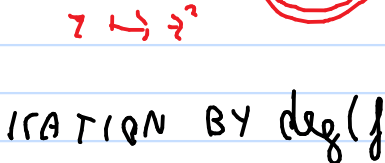
$k = m$: INTERESTING INVARIANT: DEGREE

$f: S^m \rightarrow S^m$ CONT, THEN

$$f_*: H_m(S^m; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_m(S^m; \mathbb{Z})$$

IS MULTIPLICATION BY $\deg(f)$, BY DEFINITION OF $\deg(f)$

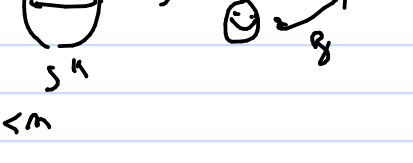
$-\deg(\text{CONST}) = 0, \deg(\text{id}) = 1, \deg(\text{REFL}) = -1$

EXAMPLE OF DEGREE 2: 

FACT: f^* IS ALSO MULTIPLICATION BY $\deg(f)$

$k > m$: IT VARIES A LOT

DEFN. HOMOTOPY GP $\tilde{\pi}_k(S^m)$ HAS ELEMENTS. HOMOT. CLASSES OF POINTED MAPS $S^k \rightarrow S^m$

OPERATION = $f \circ g =$ 

E.G. $\tilde{\pi}_k(S^m) = \{0\}$ IF $k < m$

THM: $\tilde{\pi}_m(S^m) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, ISOMORPHISM GIVEN BY DEGREE

$\tilde{\pi}_k(S^m)$ TABLE

HOFF MAP (S)

LET $h: S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} S^2$ BE $h(x) = [x]$

(COMPLEX HOFF MAP)

CAN ALSO THINK: $x \mapsto$ COMPLEX LINE THROUGH x

NOTE: $\forall p \in \mathbb{C}P^1$, SAY $p = [x], |x|=1$, WE HAVE $h^{-1}(p) = \{wx : w \in S^1\} \cong S^1$

IN FACT, h^{-1} (NORTH/SOUTH HEMISPHERE) $\cong D^2 \times S^1$

SO S^3 DECOMPOSES AS A UNION OF SOLID TORI

THM: h IS NOT HOMOTOPIC TO CONST MAP

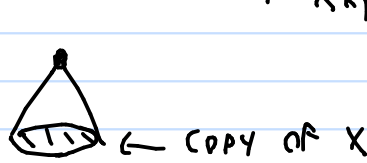
NOTE: ALL MAPS $S^3 \rightarrow S^2$ INDUCE SAME MAPS

$$H_i(S^3) \rightarrow H_i(S^2) \text{ AND } H^i(S^2; \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^i(S^3; \mathbb{R})!$$

USEFUL CONSTRUCTIONS:

X TOP SPACE:

CONE OVER X $CX = X \times [0,1] / X \times \{0\}$



SUSPENSION OF X $SX = X \times \{0,1\} / \{X \times \{0\}, X \times \{1\}\}$



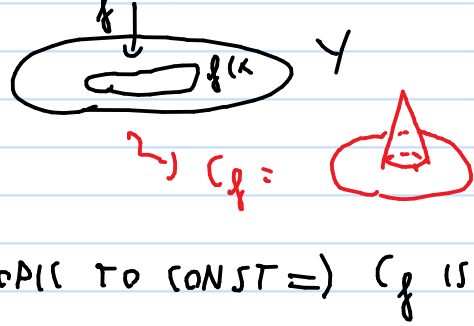
E.G. $CS^m \cong D^{m+1}$

$S(S^m) \cong S^{m+1}$

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ MAPPING CONE $C_f = CX \cup_f Y$

$$= (CX \cup Y) / [k,1] \sim f(x)$$

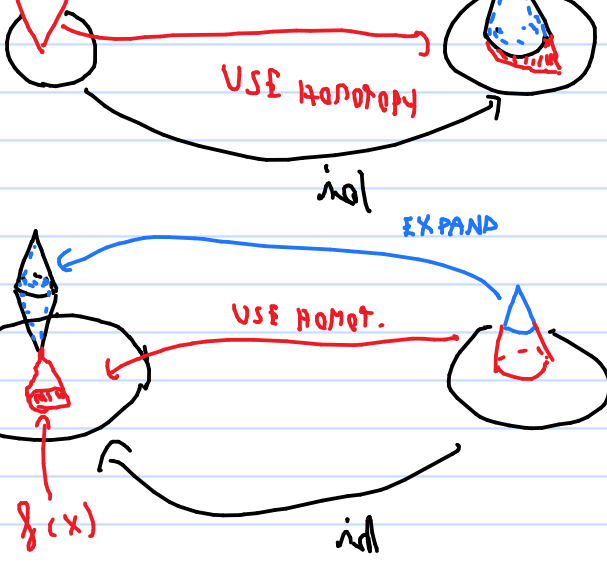
PICTURE:



LEMMA: f HOMOTOPIC TO CONST $\Rightarrow C_f$ IS HOMOTOPY

EQUIV TO $SX \vee Y$

PICTURES:



LEMMA: h HOFF MAP $\Rightarrow C_h$ HOMO TO $\mathbb{C}P^2$

PROOF: LET US START WITH REVIEWING THE STANDARD CW-STRUCTURE ON $\mathbb{C}P^2$

$$\mathbb{C}P^2 = \{ [x:y:z] : x,y,z \in \mathbb{C}, (x,y,z) \neq (0,0,0) \}$$

$\mathbb{C}P^2$ HAS A 0-CELL σ_0 , A 2-CELL σ_2 , A 4-CELL σ_4

$$[0:0:1] \xrightarrow{\text{IMAGE}} [0:x:y] \cong \mathbb{C}P^1$$

CHARACTERISTIC MAPS

$$f_{\sigma_2}: D^2 \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} \mathbb{C}P^2$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{p.v} & \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} & [0: \frac{1}{2} : 1 : v] \\ \text{p} \in [0,1] & & \\ \text{v} \in S^1 & & \end{matrix}$$

$$f_{\sigma_4}: D^4 \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} \mathbb{C}P^2$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{p.v} & \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} & [\frac{1}{2} : 1 : x : y] \\ \text{p} \in [0,1] & & \\ \text{v} \in S^3 & & \end{matrix}$$

ATTACHING MAP $f_{\partial\sigma_4}: \partial D^4 = S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} \mathbb{C}P^1 \subseteq \mathbb{C}P^2$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{IT'S } h! \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \times & \xrightarrow{\text{IP}} & [x] \end{matrix}$$

SUMMARY: h IS ATTACHING MAP OF THE 4-CELL OF $\mathbb{C}P^2$

SO, BACK TO C_h :

$$C_h = CS^3 \cup_h \mathbb{C}P^1 \cong D^4 \cup_h \mathbb{C}P^1 \cong \mathbb{C}P^2 \cup$$

RECALL: f HOMOTOPIC TO CONST $\Rightarrow C_f \cong SX \vee Y$

WE HAVE:

$$H^*(\mathbb{C}P^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha] / (\alpha^3), |\alpha|=2$$

$$H^*(S^4 \vee S^2; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\alpha, \beta] / (\alpha^2, \beta^2) \quad \left. \begin{matrix} |\alpha|=2, |\beta|=2 \\ \text{NOT ISOMORPHIC} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

SO $C_h \not\cong S(S^3) \vee S^2 \Rightarrow h \not\equiv \text{CONST}$.

THERE ARE ALSO:

- QUATERNIONIC HOFF MAP $S^7 \rightarrow S^4$

- OCTONIONIC " $S^{15} \rightarrow S^8$