

Introduction to Stable Homotopy Theory
5. Übungsblatt

Aufgabe 1

Calculate the geometric realization of the simplicial set $\Delta[n]$ represented by the finite ordinal $[n] = \{0 < 1 < \dots < n - 1 < n\}$.

Aufgabe 2

Let X be any nonempty topological space and consider the simplicial space $\Pi(X)$ obtained as the nerve of the covering $X \rightarrow *$ of the point by X (i.e., in degree n , $\Pi(X)$ is the the product X^{n+1} of $n + 1$ copies of X , with the face and degeneracy maps given by partial diagonals and projections, respectively). Show that the geometric realization $|\Pi(X)|$ of $\Pi(X)$ is contractible.

Aufgabe 3

Let (G, e) be a topological group with identity element e such that the underlying pair of spaces (G, e) is a relative CW complex (in other words, e is a 0-cell of G). Let X and Y be CW complexes, let $q : Q \rightarrow Y$ be a principal G -bundle on Y , and consider the principal G -bundles $p_0 : f_0^*Q \rightarrow X$ and $p_1 : f_1^*Q \rightarrow X$ on X associated to a pair of homotopic maps $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$. Show that f_0^*Q and f_1^*Q are isomorphic as principal G -bundles on X . [Hint: a homotopy $h : I \times X \rightarrow Y$ defines a bundle h^*Q over $I \times X$; show that h^*Q must trivialize on a cover of $I \times X$ of the form $\{I \times U_\alpha\}$ for $\{U_\alpha\}$ a numerable open cover of X , and use the resulting trivializations to produce an isomorphism of bundles $f_0^*Q \cong f_1^*Q$.]

Aufgabe 4

Let (G, e) be a topological group with identity element e such that the underlying pair of spaces (G, e) is a relative CW complex. Suppose that X is a finite CW complex (that is, X has is a CW complex with only a finite number of cells). Show that the function

$$[X, BG] \longrightarrow \text{Bun}_G(X),$$

which sends a homotopy class of map $f : X \rightarrow BG$ to the isomorphism class of the principal G -bundle $f^*EG \rightarrow X$, is an isomorphism. [Hint: one can define a map back by noting that, for any principal G -bundle $P \rightarrow X$, there is a unique-up-to-homotopy G -equivariant map $P \rightarrow EG$.]

Due: 22.6.2011 in the exercise session.