



Topology I

Sheet 5

Exercise 1. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a topological space. To X we can associate a new topological space X^+ as follows: The underlying set of X^+ is $X \cup \{\infty\}$, where ∞ is a new point not previously in X , and the topology on X^+ is defined by

$$\mathcal{O}_{X^+} = \mathcal{O}_X \cup \{(X \setminus K) \cup \{\infty\} \mid K \subseteq X \text{ compact and closed}\}.$$

If X is locally compact, non-compact, and Hausdorff, then $X \hookrightarrow X^+$ is usually called the one-point compactification of X .

- Show that \mathcal{O}_{X^+} is a topology on X^+ .
- Show that X^+ is compact, and that X^+ is Hausdorff if X is locally compact and Hausdorff (does weakly locally compact suffice?)
- Show that $(X \times Y)^+ \cong X^+ \wedge Y^+$ for all locally compact Hausdorff spaces X and Y .
- Show that $(\mathbb{R}^n)^+ \cong S^n$ for all $n \geq 0$. Conclude that $S^n \wedge S^m \cong S^{n+m}$ for all $n, m \geq 0$.

Exercise 2. Show that the space

$$S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y = xm \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

is contractible, but does not deformation retract onto $(1, 0)$. [Hint: Show that if a space X deformation retracts onto a point $x_0 \in X$, then for each neighbourhood V of x_0 there is a neighbourhood $U \subseteq V$ of x_0 such that the inclusion $U \hookrightarrow V$ is homotopic to the constant map at x_0 .]

Exercise 3. Let \mathcal{C} be a category with finite products. In particular, \mathcal{C} has a terminal object $1_{\mathcal{C}} \in \mathcal{C}$ and there are canonical isomorphisms $M \times 1_{\mathcal{C}} \cong M \cong 1_{\mathcal{C}} \times M$. A *monoid in \mathcal{C}* is a triple (M, μ, η) consisting of an object $M \in \mathcal{C}$ and morphisms $\mu: M \times M \rightarrow M$ and $\eta: 1_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow M$ such that the following diagrams commute:

(Unitality)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1_{\mathcal{C}} \times M & \xrightarrow{\eta \times id} & M \times M & \xleftarrow{id \times \eta} & M \times 1_{\mathcal{C}} \\ & \searrow \cong & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow \cong & \\ & & M & & \end{array}$$

(Associativity)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 (M \times M) \times M & \xrightarrow{\cong} & M \times (M \times M) & \xrightarrow{id \times \mu} & M \times M \\
 \downarrow \mu \times id & & & & \downarrow \mu \\
 M \times M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & & & M
 \end{array}$$

Here the isomorphisms are the canonical ones. We say that (M, μ, η) is a *group in \mathcal{C}* if there is a morphism $inv: M \rightarrow M$ such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & M \times M \xrightarrow{inv \times id} M \times M \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\
 1_{\mathcal{C}} & \xrightarrow{\eta} & M
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{ccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & M \times M \xrightarrow{id \times inv} M \times M \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\
 1_{\mathcal{C}} & \xrightarrow{\eta} & M
 \end{array}$$

Here $\Delta = (id, id): M \rightarrow M \times M$ is the diagonal.

- Show that a monoid or group in Set is a monoid respectively group in the usual sense.
- Let $pr_1: M \times M \rightarrow M$ be the projection onto the first factor. Show that a monoid (M, μ, η) in \mathcal{C} is a group if and only if the morphism $(pr_1, \mu): M \times M \rightarrow M \times M$ is an isomorphism.
- Show that a monoid (M, μ, η) in \mathcal{C} is a group if and only if for all $X \in \mathcal{C}$ the set $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M)$ together with the maps

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M \times M) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \mu)} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M)$$

and $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \eta): \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, 1_{\mathcal{C}}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, M)$ is a group, natural in X .

- Prove the following categorical version of the Eckman-Hilton argument: Suppose that $M \in \mathcal{C}$ carries two monoid structures (M, \star, η_{\star}) and (M, \circ, η_{\circ}) which make the following diagram commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 M \times M \times M \times M & \xrightarrow{id \times \tau \times id} & M \times M \times M \times M \xrightarrow{\circ \times \circ} M \times M \\
 \downarrow \star \times \star & & \downarrow \star \\
 M \times M & \xrightarrow{\circ} & M
 \end{array}$$

Here $\tau = (pr_2, pr_1): M \times M \rightarrow M \times M$ is the morphism swapping the two factors. Show that $\star = \circ$ and both products are commutative.