HOMEWORK 2

Due to President's day, I believe this Monday's class is rescheduled to Tuesday.

1. Verify the following isomorphisms:

(a) For $X \in \mathrm{Top}_*$, show that there is an isomorphism

$$\pi_{n-1}(\Omega X) \cong \pi_n(X).$$

(b) Let X be an unbased space. The unreduced suspension $\mathrm{Susp}(X)$ is the space obtained from $X \times I$ by identifying all of the points in $X \times \{0\}$ and all of the points in $X \times \{1\}$. We do not identify points in $X \times \{0\}$ with points in $X \times \{1\}$. Show that there is an isomorphism

$$H_{n+1}(\mathrm{Susp}X) \cong H_n(X)$$

for n greater than or equal to 1.

2. *Hopf fibration.* The purpose of this problem is to verify that there exists a non-trivial element of $\pi_3(S^2)$. The Hopf fibration is a map $\eta : S^3 \to S^2$. It is defined by viewing S^2 as $\mathbb{C}P^1$, and S^3 as the unit sphere in $\mathbb{C}^2$. The map η is then defined by

$$\eta(x, y) = [x : y].$$

(Here, $[x : y]$ denotes the complex line in $\mathbb{C}^2$ spanned by the vector (x, y).)

(a) Let X be the CW complex given by attaching a 4-disk along η.

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\begin{array}{ccc}
S^3 & \xrightarrow{\ \eta\ } & \mathbb{C}P^1 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
D^4 & \longrightarrow & X.
\end{array}
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Show that X is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{C}P^2$.

(b) Show that if η is null homotopic, then X is homotopy equivalent to $S^2 \vee S^4$.

(c) Deduce that η cannot be null homotopic by computing the cup product structure on $H^*(X)$.

3. Problem 3 on p358 of Hatcher.

4. **Prob**lem 1 on p79 of May.