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- Explain your work (efficiently); partial credit is available.
- No notes, books, calculators, or other electronic devices are permitted.
- Please sign below to indicate you accept the following statement: "I will not give, receive, or use any unauthorized assistance."

Problem	Total Points	Score
1	10	
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1 Directly from the definitions, compute the simplicial cohomology groups of  $\mathbb{R}P^2$  with  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \coloneqq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients, using the  $\Delta$ -complex structure given below.



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2 Compute the simplicial cohomology groups of the  $\Delta$ -complex X below, with  $\mathbb{Z}$  coefficients. (Note the orientation of the three edges carefully.)



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- 3 Let X be a space and let R be a ring.
  - (a) Define the cup product  $\cup: C^k(X; R) \times C^l(X; R) \to C^{k+l}(X; R)$  at the level of singular cochains.
  - (b) Recall that for  $\phi \in C^k(X; R)$  and  $\psi \in C^l(X; R)$ , we have

$$\delta(\phi \cup \psi) = (\delta \phi \cup \psi) + (-1)^k (\phi \cup \delta \psi).$$

Prove the cup product of a cocycle and a coboundary is a coboundary, and similarly prove the cup product of a coboundary and a cocycle is a coboundary.

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- 4 Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a continuous map between two topological spaces X and Y. Let  $n \ge 0$ .
  - (a) (3 points) Use f to define a map  $f^{\#} \colon C^n(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \to C^n(X; \mathbb{Z})$  from the *n*-cochains on Y to the *n*-cochains on X (note this map is contravariant).
  - (b) (4 points) Verify the map in (a) satisfies  $\delta f^{\#} = f^{\#}\delta$ .
  - (c) (3 points) Deduce that  $f^{\#}$  induces a map  $f^* \colon H^n(Y; \mathbb{Z}) \to H^n(X; \mathbb{Z})$ .

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- 5 Just say "True" or "False". No justification is required; no partial credit is available.
  - (a) Let K and L be simplicial complexes. If  $f, g: K \to L$  are two simplicial maps that agree on the vertices of K, then f = g.

(b) If the spaces X and Y have isomorphic cohomology rings, meaning there is a ring isomorphism  $H^*(X;\mathbb{Z}) \cong H^*(Y;\mathbb{Z})$ , then X and Y are homotopy equivalent.

(c) For *n* even, every map  $f \colon \mathbb{R}P^n \to \mathbb{R}P^n$  has a fixed point.

(d) If M is an orientable surface, then  $\alpha \cup \alpha = 0$  for any  $\alpha \in H^1(M; \mathbb{Z})$ .

(e) If G is an abelian group and A is a free abelian group, then Ext(A, G) = 0.

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