HOMEWORK #6

1. Show that:

(1) S^n and S^m do not have the same homotopy type if $n \neq m$.
(2) S^n, for $n > 1$, is a simply-connected space which is not contractible.

2. Calculate the homology of the 2-torus T^2.

3. A pair (X, A) with X a space and A a nonempty closed subspace that is a deformation retract of some neighborhood in X is called a **good pair**. Show that for a good pair (X, A), the quotient map $q : (X, A) \to (X/A, A/A)$ obtained by collapsing A to a point, induces isomorphisms $q_* : H_n(X, A) \to H_n(X/A, A/A) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X/A)$, for all n.

4. For a wedge sum $\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha$, the inclusions $i_\alpha : X_\alpha \hookrightarrow \bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha$ induce an isomorphism

$$\oplus_\alpha i_{\alpha *} : \oplus_\alpha \tilde{H}_n(X_\alpha) \to \tilde{H}_n(\bigvee_\alpha X_\alpha),$$

provided that the wedge sum is formed at basepoints $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ such that the pairs (X_α, x_α) are good.

5. Show that $S^1 \times S^1$ and $S^1 \vee S^1 \vee S^2$ have isomorphic homology groups in all dimensions. Are these spaces homeomorphic?

6. Show that the quotient map $S^1 \times S^1 \to S^2$ collapsing the subspace $S^1 \vee S^1$ to a point is not nullhomotopic by showing that it induces an isomorphism on H_2. On the other hand, show that any map $S^2 \to S^1 \times S^1$ is nullhomotopic.

7. For ΣX the suspension of X, show by a Meyer-Vietoris argument that there are isomorphisms $\tilde{H}_{n+1}(\Sigma X) \cong \tilde{H}_n(X)$ for all n.

8. For the case of the inclusion $f : (D^n, S^{n-1}) \hookrightarrow (D^n, D^n - \{0\})$, show that f is not a homotopy equivalence of pairs, i.e., there is no $g : (D^n, D^n - \{0\}) \to (D^n, S^{n-1})$ so that $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$ are homotopic to the identity through maps of pairs.