## 清华大学考试试题专用纸

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Everyone need to solve Problem 1, 2, 3, 4 (10 points each). Please select four problems in the following table and solve them (15 points each).

Problem 5	Problem 6	Problem 7	Problem 8	Problem 9	Problem 10

**Notations:**  $S^n$  means the sphere of dimension n.  $\mathbb{RP}^n$  means the real projective space of dimension n.  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  means the complex projective space of **complex** dimension n.

- 1. Solve the following problems.
  - (A) What's the fundamental group of SO(3)?
  - (B) Does SO(3) admit a smooth Riemannian metric with constant Ricci curvature?
- 2. Solve the following problems.
  - (A) Is it true that every continuous map  $f: \mathbf{S}^{2024} \to \mathbf{RP}^{2024}$  is null-homotopic?
  - (B) Is it true that every continuous map  $g: \mathbf{S}^{2024} \to \mathbf{CP}^{1012}$  is null-homotopic?
- 3. Let (M, g) be a connected Riemannian manifold of dimension n. Suppose that there exists some  $f \in C^{\infty}(M, \mathbf{R})$  such that

$$\operatorname{Ric}(g) = (n-1)fg.$$

- (A) If n = 2, is f necessarily a constant?
- (B) If n = 2024, is f necessarily a constant?
- 4. Consider the quotient space  $X = ([0,1] \times \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1) / \sim$ , where the equivalence relation  $\sim$  is generated by

$$(0, x, y) \sim (0, z, w)$$
 if  $xy = zw$ ,

and

$$(1, x, y) \sim (1, z, w)$$
 if  $x^2 y^6 = z^2 w^6$ .

Here we treat  $\mathbf{S}^1$  as the space of unit complex numbers. Compute  $H_n(X; \mathbf{Z})$  for all n.

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5. Recall a space X is called an **H-space** if there exists a point  $e \in X$  and a continuous map  $\mu: X \times X \to X$  such that the map

$$X \to X$$
 defined by  $x \mapsto \mu(e, x)$ 

and the map

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 defined by  $x \mapsto \mu(x, e)$ 

are both homotopic to the identity map. Show that  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  is **not** an *H*-space for any  $1 \le n < \infty$ .

6. Let (M, g) be a Cartan-Hadamard manifold. Given  $p \in M$ , let

$$f: M \to [0, +\infty)$$

be the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}d(x,p)^2$ . Show that f is strictly geodesically convex, i.e. for any (nontrivial) geodesic  $\gamma : [0,1] \to M$ , the following inequality holds for all  $t \in (0,1)$ 

$$f(\gamma(t)) < (1-t)f(\gamma(0)) + tf(\gamma(1)).$$

- 7. Let M be an oriented, connected, closed manifold of dimension  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $f : \mathbf{S}^n \to M$  be a continuous map of mapping degree  $\deg(f) = 1$ . Show that f must be a homotopy equivalence.
- 8. Let (M, g) be a smooth Riemannian manifold of dimension n and  $p \in M$ . Show that when r is small enough,

$$Vol(B(p,r)) = \omega_n r^n \left( 1 - \frac{s(p)}{6(n+2)} r^2 + O(r^3) \right)$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and s(p) is the scalar curvature of (M, g) at point p.

- 9. Let M be a smooth, closed manifold of dimension  $\geq 1$ . And let  $f : M \to M$  be a smooth map such that  $f \circ f(x) = x$  for any  $x \in M$ . Show that the set  $\{x \in M \mid f(x) = x\}$  can **not** be a single point.
- 10. Solve the following problems.
  - (A) Does  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1$  admit a Riemannian metric with conjugate radius =  $+\infty$ ?
  - (B) Does  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1$  admit a Riemannian metric with conjugate radius  $< +\infty$ ?
  - (C) Does  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^1$  admit a Riemannian metric with conjugate radius =  $+\infty$ ?

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