

Configuration Spaces

Problem Set 7
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Exercise 1

Show that the fibre bundle

$$p_1 : F_{k-1}(\mathbb{R}_1^{n+1}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_1^{n+1}$$

with fibre $F_{k-2}(\mathbb{R}_2^{n+1})$ is trivial if $n = 3, 7$.

Exercise 2

Use 8.2 to show that the fibre bundle p_1 is not fibre homotopy trivial if $n \geq 2$ and $n \neq 3, 7$.

Exercise 3

Mimic the proof of 8.2 to show that for $1 \leq r < k - 1$, the fibre bundle

$$p_r : F_{k-r}(\mathbb{R}_r^{n+1}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_r^{n+1}$$

with fibre $F_{k-r-1}(\mathbb{R}_{r+1}^{n+1})$ is fibre homotopy trivial if and only if $r = 1$ and $n = 3$ or 7 .