

1. Show that there is no retraction from:
 - (a) the solid torus $S^1 \times D^2$ to its boundary torus $S^1 \times S^1$;
 - (b) the annulus $S^1 \times I$ to its boundary;
 - (c) the Möbius band to its boundary.

2. Recall that a space X is contractible if the identity map on X is nullhomotopic. Show that X is contractible if and only if X has the homotopy type of a one-point space.

3. Let S be a set. A free group on S is a group F together with a map $i: S \rightarrow F$ such that for any other map $j: S \rightarrow G$ to a group G , there is a unique homomorphism $f: F \rightarrow G$ such that $j = f \circ i$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{i} & F \\ & \searrow j & \downarrow f \\ & & G \end{array}$$

- (i) Show that i must be injective.
- (ii) Show that if F and F' are free groups on S , then $F \cong F'$.