HOMEWORK 4

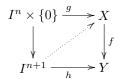
DUE: TUESDAY, MARCH 2

1. Show that if $f: X \to Y$ is a fibration, and Y is based, then the canonical map

$$f^{-1}(*) \to F(f)$$

is a homotopy equivalence.

2. A Serre fibration is a map $f: X \to Y$ satisfying a restricted form of the homotopy lifting property For all $n \ge 0$ and all g, h making the outer square commute



there exists a dotted arrow as above making the diagram commute. The notion of Serre fibration is often times more convenient than the notion of fibration.

Suppose that Y is pointed. Show that the canonical map $f^{-1}(*) \to F(f)$ is a weak equivalence. Deduce that Serre fibrations have long exact sequences of homotopy groups.

- 3. (Path-loop fibration) Let X be a pointed space.
- (a) Show that the evaluation map

$$ev_1: \operatorname{Map}_{\cdot}(I,X) \to X$$

is a Serre fibration, with fiber ΩX . (Note: it is actually a fibration.) This fiber sequence is called the path-loop fibration.

- (b) Show that if $p:E\to X$ is a Serre fibration with contractible total space E, and fiber F, then there is a weak equivalence $F\to \Omega X$. (Hint: one approach is to compare with the LES of the path-loop fibration.)
- 4. Show that all locally trivial bundles are Serre fibrations.
- 5. Let H be a closed sub-Lie group of a compact Lie group G. Show that $G \to G/H$ is a locally trivial bundle with fiber H. (Note: I think that the assumption that G is compact is not necessary, but might make the problem easier.)

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