

**TORSORS  
HOMEWORK 2**

**Due on Friday August 31, 2012.**

All references are to the notes posted for August 20-26 on moodle (Descent and Čech complexes)

- (1) Prove Proposition 1.2.3 of the notes.
- (2) Show that the sequence of maps in (2.1.1) of the notes forms a complex. In other words, show that  $d^r \circ d^{r-1} = 0$  for  $r \geq 0$ , where  $d^{-1} = \alpha_M$ .
- (3) Show that the sequence  $\{k_r\}_{r \geq -2}$  introduced in the proof of Proposition 2.1.2 is a contracting homotopy, i.e.,  $k_r d^r + k_{r-1} d^{r-1} = 0$  for  $r \geq -1$ .