

# M205 Topology and Groups Notes

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## Books

Pointset topology - Munkres

Intro - Massey good for covering spaces.

## Crashcourse in pointset topology

### Review of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Definition: A subset  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is open if  $\forall x \in U, \exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U$ , where  $B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y : d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$

Definition A map  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous at  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. if  $d(x, y) < \delta$  then  $d(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$ .  
 $f$  is continuous if it is continuous  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Same definitions for  $f: X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Collection of all open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called the metric topology

### Features:

- 1)  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is open
- 2)  $\emptyset$  is open
- 3) Arbitrary unions of open sets are open
- 4) Finite intersections of open sets are open

Exercise:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is continuous iff for all open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^m, U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m, f^{-1}(U)$  is open

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Definition: A basis for a topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  is a family of open sets  $\mathcal{B}$  s.t. any element of  $\tau$  is a union of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$

E.g.  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , metric topology,  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_\epsilon(x)\}$

Note: A basis "generates" a topology.

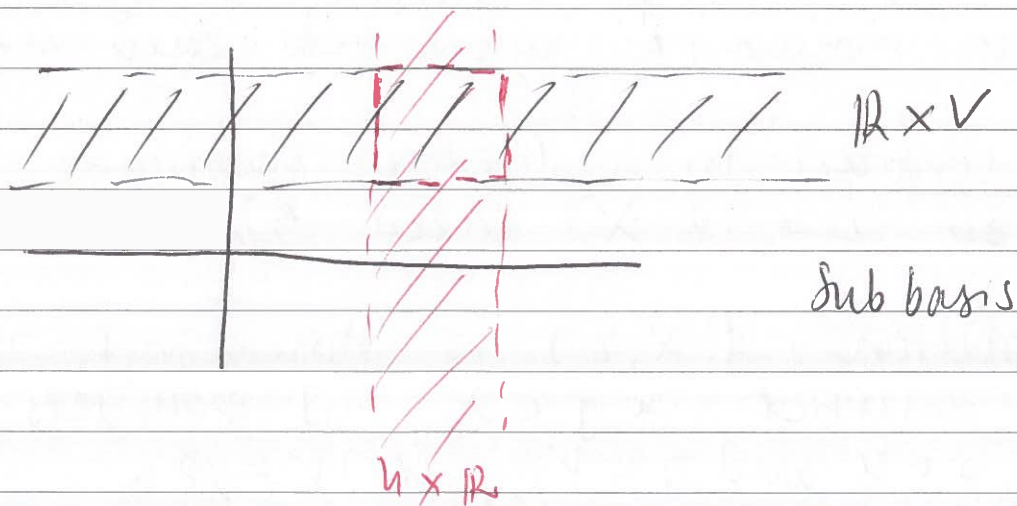
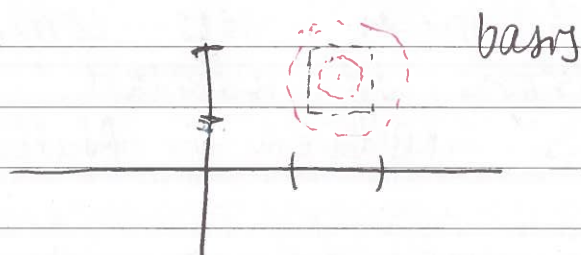
Definition: A subbasis for a topology  $\tau$  is a collection of open sets  $\mathcal{S}$  s.t. the collection of finite intersections of elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  forms a basis

Example

$\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\{B_\epsilon(x)\}$  and  $\{U_1 \times \dots \times U_n \mid U_i \text{ open interval in } \mathbb{R}\}$

are basis. Subbasis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

$\{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \times U_i \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} \mid U_i \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ open}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$





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Definition \* A map  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous if  $\forall U \subseteq Y$  open,  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$ .

Example:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$  continuous iff  $f$  is continuous w.r.t. definition \*

## New spaces from old spaces

Definition (Subspace topology)  
Given  $(X, \tau)$  and  $Y \subseteq X$  the subspace topology on  $Y$  is  $\sigma = \{U \cap Y \mid U \in \tau\}$

Note: The subspace topology on  $Y$  is the smallest topology on  $Y$  s.t. the inclusion map  $i: Y \rightarrow X$  is continuous i.e.  
 $i^{-1}(U) = U \cap Y$ .

Example:  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $m < n$  differentiable  
 $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  a regular value  $M = f^{-1}(y) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
is a manifold, give  $M$  the subspace topology which agrees with metric topology

Q: What does  $M$  look like?

$$S^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum x_i^2 = 1\}$$

Definition  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(Y, \sigma)$  are topological spaces. The product topology on  $X \times Y$  is the smallest topology s.t. both projections  $\pi_X: X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_Y: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  are continuous.

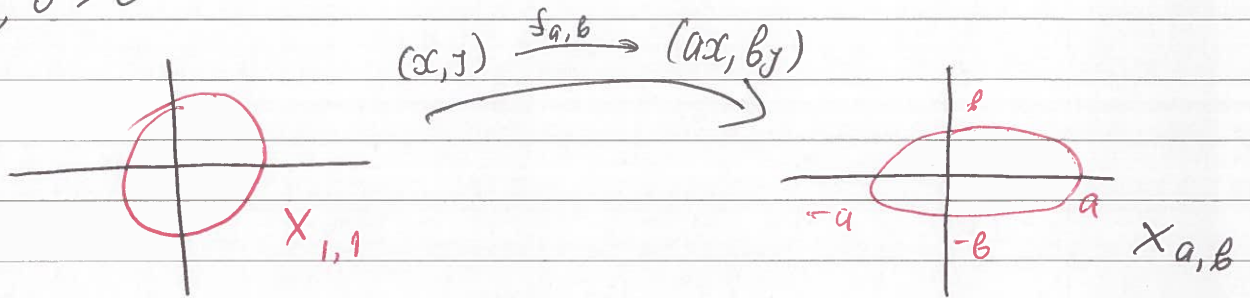


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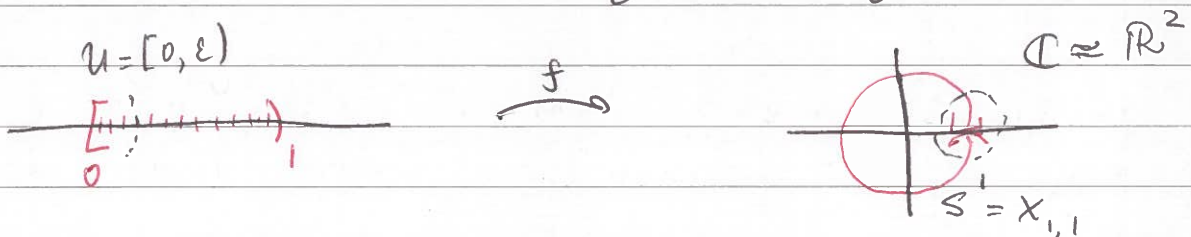
- 2)  $f$  is bijective
- 3)  $f^{-1}$  is continuous.

Example :  $\{(x, y) \mid \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1\} = X_{a,b}$   
 $a, b > 0$



$f_{a,b} : X_{1,1} \longrightarrow X_{a,b}$  is a homeomorphism

Example  $f : [0, 1) \longrightarrow S^1$  not homeo.  
 $t \longmapsto e^{2\pi i t}$



$f$  is continuous and bijective but  $f^{-1}$  is not continuous.  $\equiv \exists U \in [0, 1)$  open s.t.  $f(U)$  is not open

Observation : Any neighbourhood of  $(1, 0)$  contains a point on  $S^1$  below the  $x$ -axis  $f([0, \epsilon])$  is in the upper half so it can't be open since any open set containing  $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has points in the lower half of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Remark : We have shown that  $f$  is not a homeo, but we haven't shown that there is no homeo between them.

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## Compactness

This is the analogue of finiteness.

Definition: Let  $X$  be a topological space.

A family  $\mathcal{U}$  of open subsets of  $X$  is an open cover if  $X = \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U$ .

If  $Y \subseteq X$  say that a family  $\mathcal{U}$  of open subsets of  $X$  is an open cover if  $Y \subseteq \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{U}} U$ .

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is an open cover of  $X$  then  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  is a subcover if  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{U \in \mathcal{V}} U$ .

Definition:  $X$  is compact if every open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

Note:  $Y \subseteq X$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is an open cover of  $Y$ .  $\mathcal{U} = \{ \text{open subsets of } Y \}$   
if  $Y$  is compact  $\Rightarrow \exists$  finite subcover

Sometimes cover  $Y$  by open subsets of  $X$ ,  
 $\leadsto$  find a finite subcover.

Note: open in  $Y$  isn't necessarily open in  $X$  but it is relatively open.  
if  $U$  open in  $Y \Rightarrow \exists U' \subseteq X$  s.t.  $U = X \cap U'$

Example  $X$  with the finite complement topology is always compact

$\mathcal{U} = \{ U_i \}_{i \in I} \ni U_0 = X \setminus F$ , where  $F$  is finite



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$V = \bigcap_{i=1}^n V_{y_i} \ni x_0$  is open, disjoint from

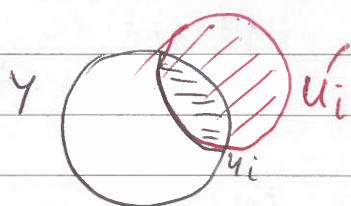
$U_{y_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{y_n} \Rightarrow x_0 \in V, V \cap Y = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow Y$  is closed since it doesn't depend on the point  $x_0 \in X \setminus Y$  ■

Lemma:  $X$  is compact,  $Y$  closed,  $Y \subseteq X$ , then  $Y$  is compact.

Proof:  $\mathcal{C}$  open cover of  $Y$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \{U_i \subseteq Y\}_{i \in I}$

let  $\mathcal{C}' = \{U'_i \subseteq X\}_{i \in I}$  s.t.  $U_i = Y \cap U'_i$



$\mathcal{C}' \cup \{X \setminus Y\}$  is an open cover of  $X$   
open

and it has a finite subcover by compactness of  $X$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists i_1, \dots, i_n$  s.t.  $\{U'_{i_1}, \dots, U'_{i_n}, X \setminus Y\}$  covers  $X$   
 $\Rightarrow \{U_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n}\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$

$U_{ij} = U'_{ij} \cap Y$  is a finite subcover. ■

## Heine - Borel Thm

$X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  compact iff  $X$  is closed & bdd

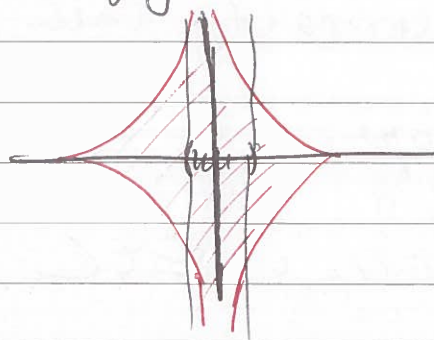
$\Rightarrow$  we have done in example \*

$\Leftarrow$  By rescaling we can assume  $X \subseteq [0, 1]^n$



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$\mathbb{R}^2, \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$U = \{ (x, y) \mid |x| < e^{-|y|} \}$$

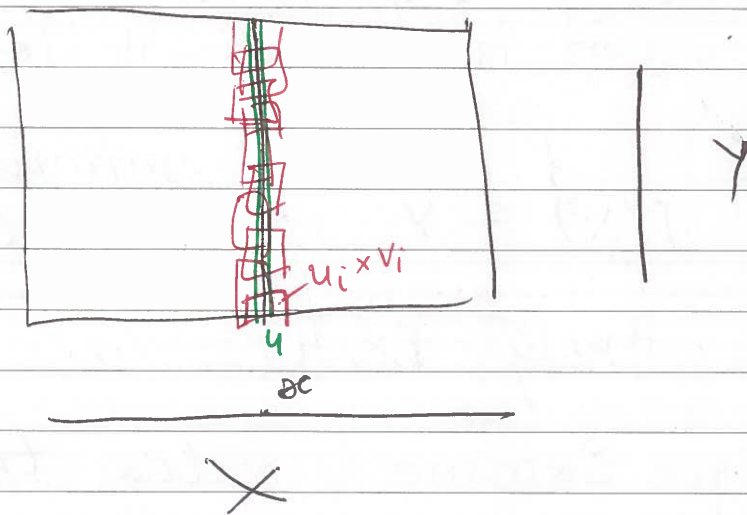
$$\{0\} \times \mathbb{R} \subseteq U$$

The tube lemma fails because  $\mathbb{R}$  is not compact.

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Lemma  $X$  arbitrary,  $Y$  compact,  $\mathcal{U}_x = \{U_i \times V_i\}_{i \in I}$  open cover of  $\{x\} \times Y$   $x \in X$   $x \in U_i$ .  
Then  $\exists \mathcal{U}_x \subseteq \mathcal{U}_x$  finite subcover and  $U_x \subseteq X$  s.t.  $U_x \times Y \subseteq \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{U}_x} W$ .

Proof:  $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an open cover of  $Y$



$Y$  compact  $\Rightarrow \exists i_1, \dots, i_n$  s.t.  $\{V_{i_1}, \dots, V_{i_n}\}$  is an open cover of  $Y$ . Then  $\{U_{i_1} \times V_{i_1}, \dots, U_{i_n} \times V_{i_n}\}$  is an open cover of  $\{x\} \times Y$ .

$$\text{Let } U = \bigcap_{j=1, \dots, n} U_{i_j} = \bigcup_{W \in \mathcal{U}_x} W \supseteq U \times Y \quad \square$$

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Ex. 1  $\{0, 1\}$  discrete topology, not connected  
Ex. 2  $[0, 1]$  standard topology, connected

Definition:  $X$  is disconnected if  $\exists U, V \subseteq X$   
s.t.  $U \neq \emptyset \neq V$  and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ ,  $U \cup V \stackrel{\text{open}}{=} X$

in Ex 1 take  $U = \{0\}$  and  $V = \{1\}$

$X$  is connected if it is not disconnected.

Definition  $(X_1, \tau_1)$  and  $(X_2, \tau_2)$  be topological spaces, then the disjoint union of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ ,  $X_1 \sqcup X_2$  is topologised that  $U$  is open in  $X_1 \sqcup X_2$  iff  $U \cap X_1$  and  $U \cap X_2$  are open

Remark:  $X_1$  and  $X_2 \subseteq X$ ,  $X_1 \sqcup X_2$  disconnect  $X_1 \sqcup X_2$

Remark:  $(X_i, \tau_i)_{i \in I}$  denote the disjoint union  $\bigsqcup_{i \in I} X_i$

Ex  $X_i \sim \text{point}$   $\bigsqcup_{i \in I} X_i$  has discrete topology

Lemma  $X$  connected,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  continuous and  $f(X) \subseteq Y$  is connected

Proof homework



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## Intermediate Value Thm

$X$  connected  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous and  $f(a) < c < f(b)$  then  $\exists d \in X$  s.t.  $f(d) = c$

Proof:  $f(X)$  is in interval  
Use lemma about  $f(\text{connected})$  is connected.  $\square$

## Path Connectedness

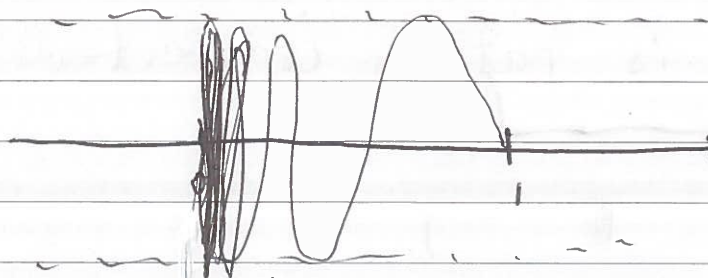
Definition:  $X$  is path connected if  $\forall x, y \in X$   
 $\exists$  continuous map  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.  
 $f(0) = x$  and  $f(1) = y$

Lemma  $X$  path connected then  $X$  is connected.

Proof: Suppose not, i.e.  $U$  and  $V$  disconnect  $X$  s.t.  $x \in U$  and  $y \in V$   
and  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is a path from  $x$  to  $y$ .  
then  $f^{-1}(U)$  and  $f^{-1}(V)$  disconnect  $[0, 1]$   $\times$   $\square$

Example Topologists sine curve.

$$\{(0, 0)\} \cup \{(x, \sin \frac{1}{x}) \mid x \in (0, 1]\}$$



is connected but not path connected



## Quotient Spaces

Question:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $X$  set,  $Y$  topological space. How can we topologise  $X$  so that  $f$  is continuous?

Ans:  
 • Silly option - give  $X$  discrete topology  
 • Define  $\tau = \{f^{-1}(U) \mid U \subseteq Y \text{ open}\}$   
 check axioms.  
 This is the smallest topology making  $f$  continuous.

Reverse:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $X$  topological space,  $Y$  set. How can we topologise  $Y$  to make  $f$  continuous?

1.  $Y$  indiscrete topology  $\{\emptyset, Y\}$
2.  $\sigma = \{U \subseteq Y \mid f^{-1}(U) \text{ open}\}$   
 check axioms.

Definition:  $\sigma$  is called the quotient topology on  $Y$

Definition  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  continuous is a quotient map if  $f^{-1}(U)$  open iff  $U$  is open.

Note:  $Y$  has the quotient topology. This is the largest topology making  $f$  continuous.

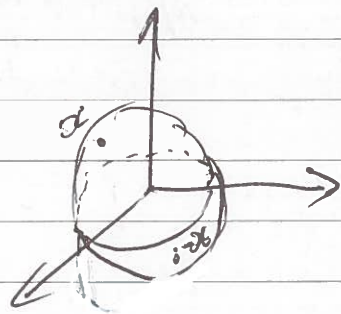
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Example  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ , real projective spaces

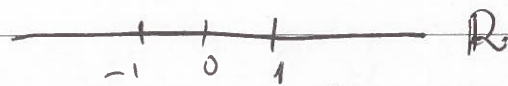
$$S^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, S^n = \{ (x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mid \sum x_i^2 = 1 \}$$

Define an equivalence relation by  $x \sim -x$ .



As a set  $\mathbb{R}P^n = \{ [x] \}$  pairs of antipodal pts. which we topologise by the quotient topology.

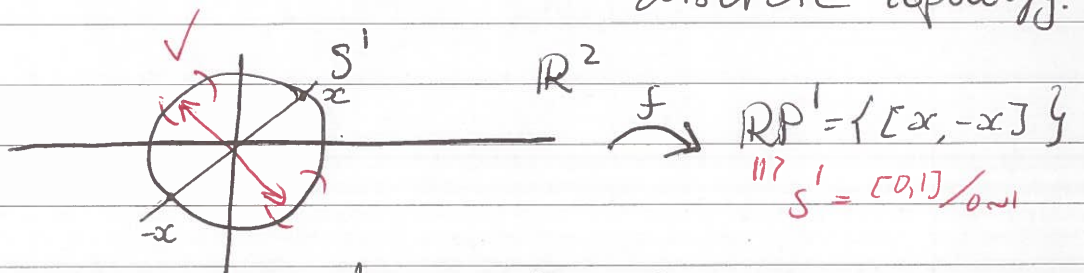
$n=0$



$$S^0 = \{-1, 1\} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}P^0 = \{ [-1, 1] \}$$

$f^{-1}([-1, 1]) = \{-1, 1\}$  so  $\mathbb{R}P^0$  has the discrete topology.

$n=1$



Space of lines through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

An open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}P^n$  is a set s.t.  $f^{-1}(U)$  is open,  $U = \{ [x, -x] \mid \text{some collection} \}$

$$f^{-1}(U) = \{ x, -x \mid \text{s.t. } [x] \in U \}$$

Every open  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}P^1 \xleftrightarrow{\text{bijective}}$  with some open  $V \subset S^1$  s.t.  $V = -V$



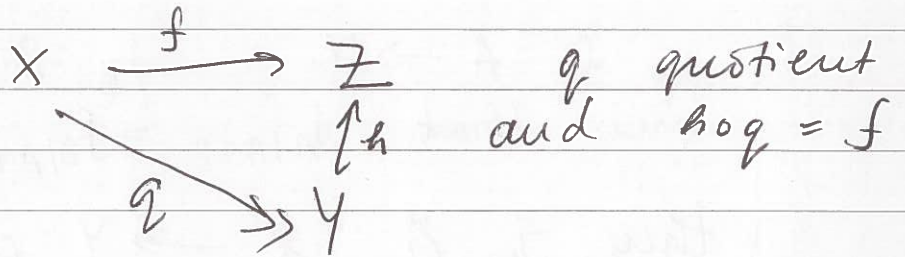
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More on quotient maps:

Definition: A map  $q: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $X$  space,  $Y$  subspace is a quotient map if  $q(U)$  open iff  $U$  is open.

Proposition



Then  $h$  is continuous iff  $f$  continuous

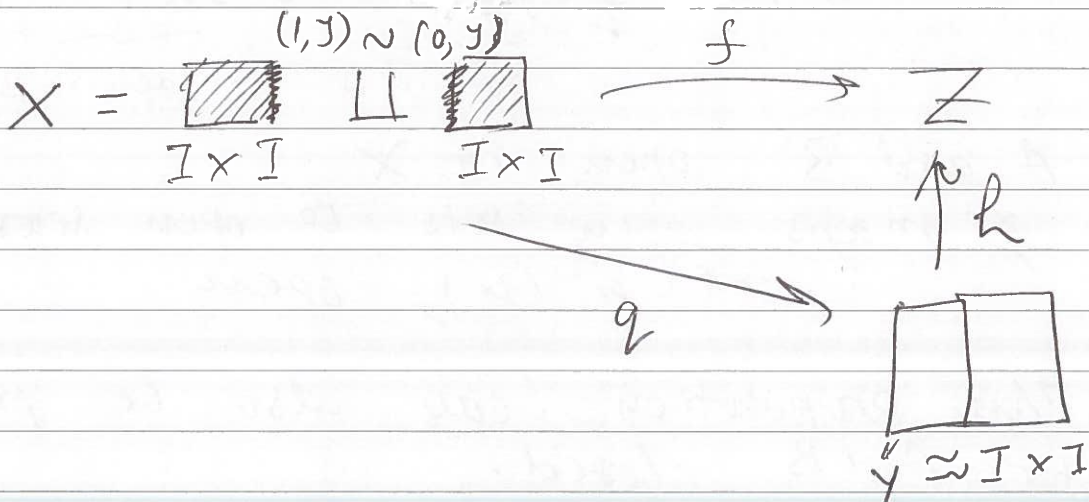
Proof:

$\Rightarrow$  compositions of continuous maps are continuous

$\Leftarrow$  Show  $h$  is continuous if  $f$  continuous

$U \subseteq Z$  open,  $f^{-1}(U) = q^{-1}(h^{-1}(U))$   
 $f$  continuous  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(U)$  is open and  
 $q$  quotient  $\Rightarrow h^{-1}(U)$  open

Ex Columns continuous means





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Definition: A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is open if  $U$  open  $\rightarrow f(U)$  open. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is closed if  $C$  closed  $\rightarrow f(C)$  closed

Proposition  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  continuous s.t. open or closed then  $f$  is a quotient map

## Saturated Open sets

$X$  space,  $\sim$  an equivalence relation on  $X$

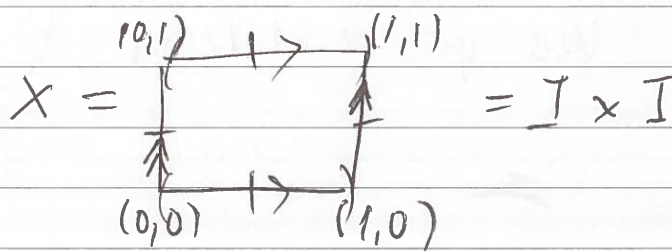
Definition. An open set  $U \subseteq X$  is called saturated if  $U \cap [x] \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow [x] \subseteq U$

$X/\sim = \{[x] \mid [x] \text{ is an equivalence class}\}$

We give this the quotient topology.

There is a bijection between open sets in  $X/\sim$  and saturated open sets in  $X \iff q: X \rightarrow X/\sim$  is a quotient topology

Ex



Let  $\sim$  be generated by  $(x, 0) \sim (x, 1)$   
and  $(0, y) \sim (1, y)$

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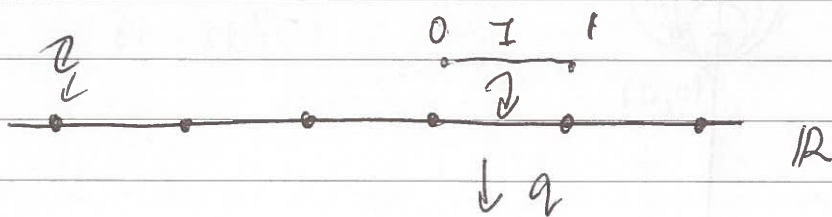
## Construction

Let  $X$  be a space,  $Y \subseteq X$  a subspace  
 $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be a continuous map and let  
 $\sim$  be the equivalence relation generated  
by  $Y \sim f(Y)$ .

Let  $X \cup_f Y = X/\sim$  with the quotient topology

Ex:  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}$   $f: Y \rightarrow X$   
 $f(x) = x + 1$

then  $X \sim Y$  iff  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$



$$I \xrightarrow{q'} \mathbb{R} \cup_f \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

except  
at 0 and 1

$q': I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  is a quotient map

$$\Rightarrow I/\sim \cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

"  $s'$

Ex:  $X = \left( \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} X_i \right) \amalg \{*\}$   $X_i \cong I$

$$Y = \{0_i, 1_i\} \quad X_i = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ 0_i \quad 1_i \end{array} \right]$$

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$$X^{(n)} = \left( X^{(n-1)} \amalg \coprod_{i \in I_n} D_i^n \right) \cup_{\psi_n}$$

where  $\psi_n: \coprod_{i \in I_n} \partial D_i^n \rightarrow X^{(n-1)}$



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## CW complexes

$X$  is a CW complex if  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X^{(n)}$ ,

$X^{(n)}$  is  $n$ -skeleton s.t.  $X^{(0)}$  = discrete set of pts

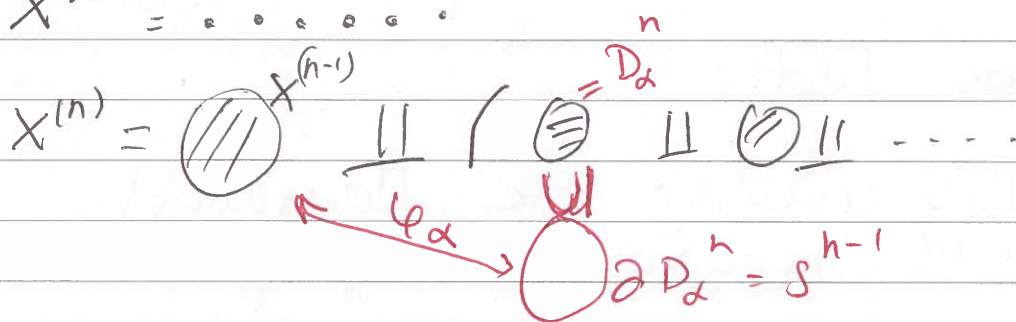
$$X^{(n)} = \left( X^{(n-1)} \amalg \left( \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in J} D_{\alpha}^n \right) \right) / \sim$$

for each  $\alpha$ ,  $\exists \varphi_{\alpha}: \underbrace{\partial D_{\alpha}^n}_{S^{n-1}} \rightarrow X^{(n-1)}$

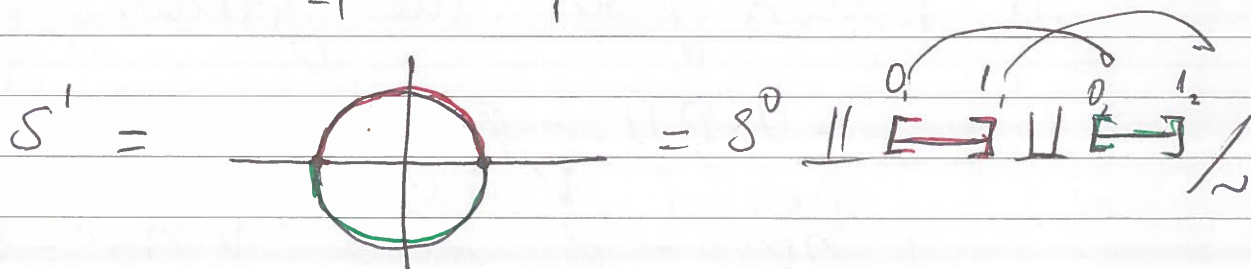
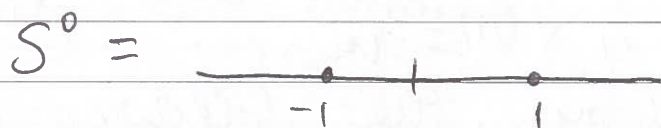
continuous. For each  $x \in \partial D_{\alpha}^n$ ,  $x \sim \varphi_{\alpha}(x)$

$U$  open in  $X$  iff  $U \cap X^{(n)}$  open for each  $n$

$$X^{(0)} = \dots \dots \dots$$



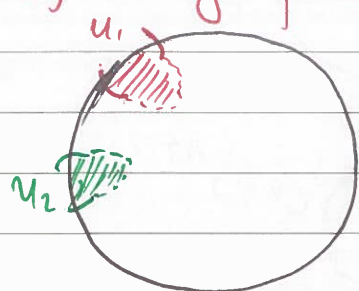
Example  $S^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$



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Proof by picture of lemma 2



$$S^n \subseteq D^{n+1}$$

$$V_i = (1-\epsilon, 1] * U_i \subseteq D^n$$

Proof of Lemma 1<sub>v</sub>

$$X^{(n+1)} = X^{(n)} \amalg D^{n+1} / x \sim \psi(x)$$

$$\psi: \partial D^{n+1} \rightarrow X^{(n)} \text{ continuous}$$

$U_1, U_2 \subseteq X^{(n)}$ , disjoint, open

$\psi^{-1}(U_1), \psi^{-1}(U_2)$  disjoint open subsets of  $\partial D^{n+1} = S^n$

by the lemma 2 we can find

$W_1$  and  $W_2$  open and disjoint subsets of  $D^{n+1}$  s.t.  $W_i \cap S^n = \psi^{-1}(U_i)$ .

$$\text{Now } U_1 \cup W_1 \subseteq X^{(n)} \amalg D^{n+1}$$

$$U_2 \cup W_2 \subseteq X^{(n)} \amalg D^{n+1}$$

open, are unions of equivalence classes and disjoint

$\Rightarrow$  descend to open disjoint  $V_1$  and  $V_2 \subseteq X^{(n+1)}$

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Given two spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ :

1. How to show that  $X \approx Y$ ? (Alg. Topology)
2. Given a group  $G$ , build space  $X$  s.t.  $\pi_1(X) = G$ , study the group  $G$  by way of the topology of  $X$

## Homotopy

$f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  continuous maps are homotopic if  $\exists F: X \times I \rightarrow Y$  <sup>continuous</sup> s.t.  
 $F(x, 0) = f_0(x)$  and  $F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$ .

Write  $F(x, t) = f_t(x)$

$F(x, t)$  is a 1-parameter family of maps from  $X$  to  $Y$

Ex:  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is homotopic to the continuous map  $0: X \rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$F(x, t) = t \cdot f(x), \quad F(x, 0) = 0 \\ F(x, 1) = f(x)$$

Ex:  $F(x, t): \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$   
 $F(x, t) = \frac{x}{\|x\|^t}$

$$F(x, 0) = x = \text{id}(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$F(x, 1) = \frac{x}{\|x\|} = r(x) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$$

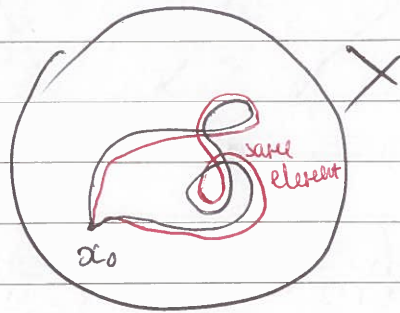


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Ex:  $\mathcal{C} = \{ \gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X \mid \gamma(0) = x_0, \gamma(1) = x_1 \}$   
with the compact open topology  
 $F$  is a path in  $\mathcal{C}$  from  $\gamma_0$  to  $\gamma_1$ .

Definition The fundamental group of  $X$  based at  $x_0 \in X$  is the set of path homotopy classes of paths beginning and ending at  $x_0$ . Denote it by  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$



We need to:

1. Define the group law

2. Show it's well-defined

3.  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ ,  $f_* : \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, f(x_0))$

and if  $X$  and  $Y$  are homotopy equiv.

i.e.  $X \xrightleftharpoons[f]{g} Y$ , then  $f_*$  is an iso.

Notation:  $\alpha$  is a path based at  $x_0$ , then  $[\alpha] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$  for the associated element of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$

The group law is concatenation  $\alpha \cdot \beta$   
First for paths:

If  $\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  and  $\beta : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$   
paths with  $\alpha(1) = \beta(0)$  then

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1.  $id \leftarrow$  constant path
2. inverse  $\leftarrow$  the same path backwards
3. associativity  $\leftarrow$  we use reparametrisation

Lemma:  $f_0, f_1: I \rightarrow I$  continuous s.t.  
 $f_0(0) = f_1(0)$  and  $f_0(1) = f_1(1)$ , then  $f_0 \sim f_1$

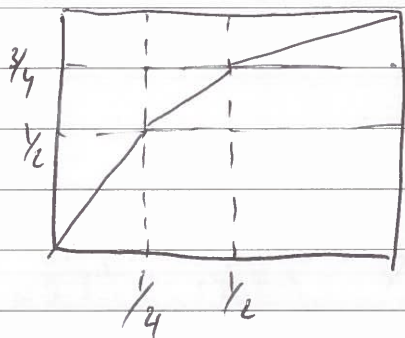
"straight line homotopy"

$$F(x, t) = (1-t)f_0(x) + tf_1(x)$$

$$F(x, 0) = f_0(x)$$

$$F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$$

I) Associativity:



graph of  $f$

We want  $(\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma \sim \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)$

$$\alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma) \circ f = (\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma$$

but  $f \sim id$  by straight line homotopy

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma) \circ f \sim \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma) \circ id = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma \sim \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)$$

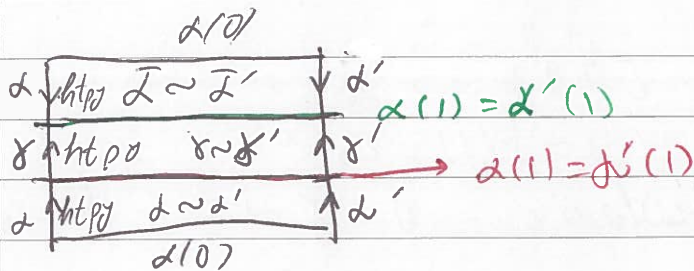
II) Identity: constant path at  $x_0$  is denoted by  $X_0$   
Need  $X_0 \cdot \alpha \sim \alpha \sim \alpha \cdot X_0$

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If  $d \sim d'$  and  $f \sim f'$

then  $d \cdot f \cdot \bar{d} \sim d' \cdot f' \cdot \bar{d}'$



$d_*$  is a homomorphism

$$d_*([\gamma_1]) \cdot d_*([\gamma_2]) = d_*([\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2])$$

$$d \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot \bar{d} \cdot d \cdot \gamma_2 \cdot \bar{d} \sim d \cdot \gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 \cdot \bar{d}$$

Inverse of  $d_*$  is  $(\bar{d})_* : \pi_1(X, d(0)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, d(1))$

$$d_* \circ (\bar{d})_*([\gamma]) = [d \cdot \bar{d} \cdot \gamma \cdot d \cdot \bar{d}] = [\gamma] \text{ } d_* \text{ onto}$$

$$(\bar{d})_* \circ d_*([\gamma]) = [\bar{d} \cdot d \cdot \gamma \cdot \bar{d} \cdot d] = [\gamma] \text{ } d_* \text{ into}$$

$\Rightarrow d_*$  is an isomorphism

Ex:  $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n, 0) = 1$

$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \times I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$(x, t) \longrightarrow xt$$

Fixes 0,  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$

$F(\gamma(s), t)$  is a homotopy



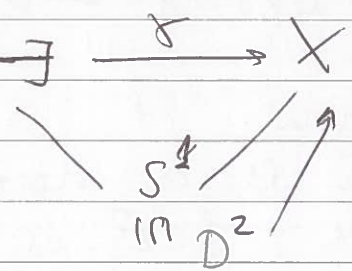
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Last time:

1.  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ ,  $x_0 \in X$   
 (equiv. classes of loops based at  $x_0$ )

2.  $\alpha: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$   
 $\exists$  iso  $\alpha_*: \pi_1(X, \alpha(1)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, \alpha(0))$   
 given by  $\alpha_*([\gamma]) = [\alpha \cdot \gamma \cdot \bar{\alpha}]$

3.  $[\gamma] = x_0 \equiv \square \xrightarrow{\gamma} X \ni x_0$   
 trivial iff bound of disk  


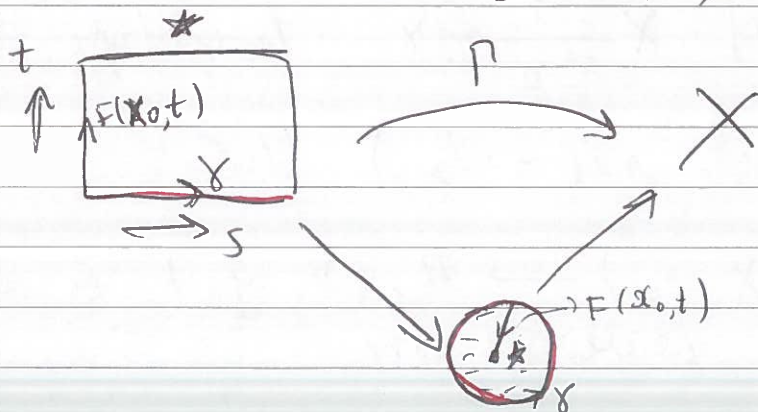
Definition:  $X$  is contractible if  $\exists F: X \times I \rightarrow X$   
 $F(-, 0) = id_X(-)$   
 $F(-, 1) = * \in X$

Example:  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $F(x, t) = (1-t)x$

Lemma:  $X$  is contractible then  $\pi_1(X, x_0) = 1$

Proof: Let  $F$  be a homotopy between  $id_X$  and  $*$ -constant map. s.t.

$\gamma \in [\gamma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ . Define  
 $\Gamma(s, t) = F(\gamma(s), t)$   
 $\Gamma: I \times I \rightarrow X$



This diagram commutes  
 $\gamma$  bounds a disk  
 $\Rightarrow [\gamma] = x_0$

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Lemma:  $X \xrightarrow[f_1]{f_0} Y$ ,  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are

continuous homotopic maps by  $F(-, 0) = f_0(-)$  and  $F(-, 1) = f_1(-)$ .

Let  $\alpha(t) = F(x_0, t)$ . Then

$$\alpha_* \circ f_{1*} = f_{0*}$$

Proof: Need to show that

$$\alpha_* \circ (f_1)_* ([\gamma]) = (f_0)_* ([\gamma])$$

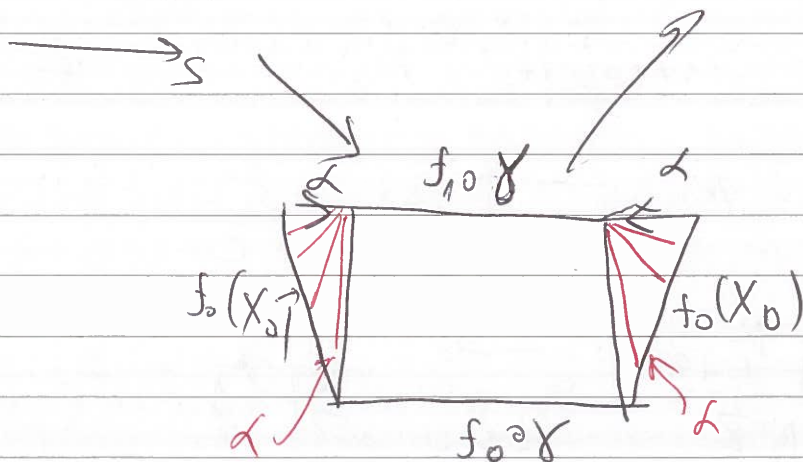
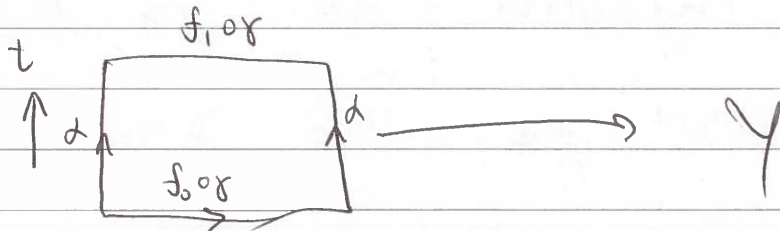
$\Downarrow$

$\alpha \cdot (f_1 \circ \gamma) \cdot \bar{\alpha}$  to show this is homotopic to  $f_0 \circ \gamma$

Consider  $F(\gamma(s), t)$

$$F(\gamma(s), 0) = f_0 \circ \gamma$$

$$F(\gamma(s), 1) = f_1 \circ \gamma$$



$$\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot (f_1 \circ \gamma) \cdot \bar{\alpha} \sim f_0 \circ \gamma$$

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Claim  $\exists \tilde{f}: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (lift of  $f$ )  
 s.t.  $e^{2\pi i \tilde{f}(t)} = f(t)$  s.t.  
 $\tilde{f}(0), \tilde{f}(1) \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $w(f) = \tilde{f}(1) - \tilde{f}(0)$  called the winding number.

1. If  $f' \sim f$  then they have the same winding number  
 i.e.  $w(f') = w(f)$

2.  $w: \pi_1(S^1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   
 $w(\tilde{f}) = w(f)$  is an iso

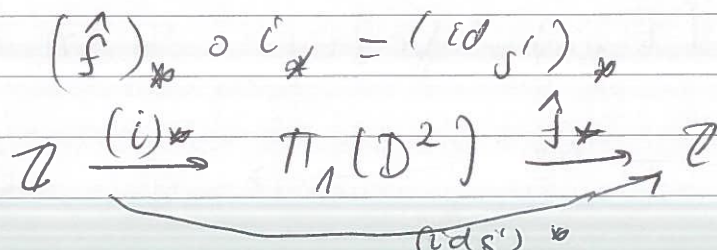
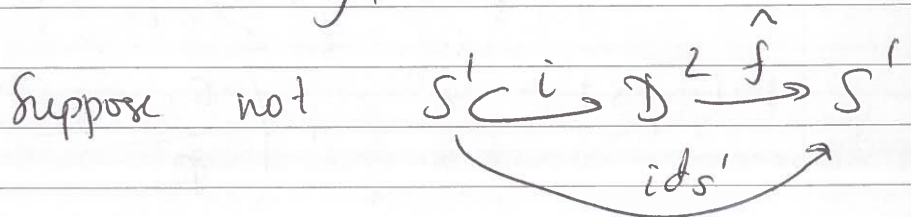
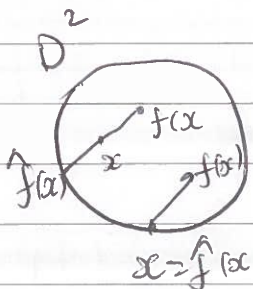
We will prove if  $X$  is "nice",  $\tilde{X}$ -universal cover of  $X$ ,  $\tilde{X} \rtimes G$ ,  $\tilde{X}/G = X$  and  $\pi_1(X) = G$

Note  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$   
 $\mathbb{Z} \triangleleft \mathbb{R}$  translations,  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = S^1$ ,  $\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$

## Application:

Brouwer's Fixed Point Thm

$f: D^2 \rightarrow D^2$  closed disk,  $f$  cont.  
 Then  $\exists x$  s.t.  $f(x) = x$

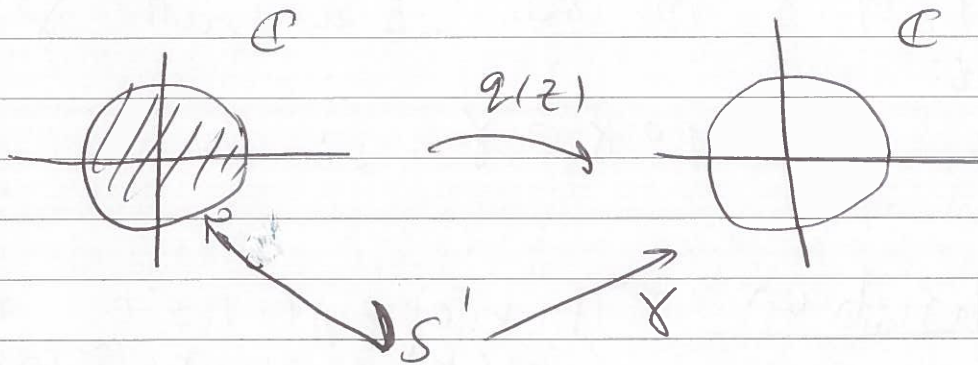




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$F(s,t)$  is a homotopy between  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $q(z)$  doesn't have a root then  $q(0) \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \Rightarrow \gamma$  bounds a disk

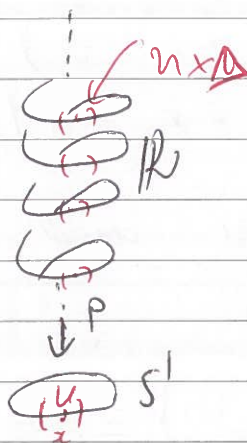


$\gamma$  bounds a disk  $\Rightarrow \gamma \sim \gamma'$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$   
 $\Rightarrow [\gamma'] = 0 = n \in \pi_1(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, 1)$   
 $\cong \pi_1(S', 1)$

$\Rightarrow n = 0$   $\boxtimes$

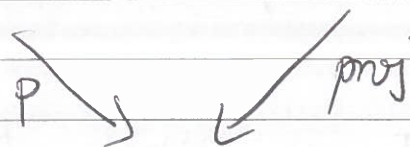
Goal  $\pi_1(S', 1) = \mathbb{Z}$

Map  $p: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong S^1$   
 $t \longmapsto e^{2\pi i t}$



$p$  has "covering map property"  
 For every  $x \in S^1$  there exist an open neighbourhood  $U \ni x$  s.t.  $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is a discrete set.

$$p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \Delta$$

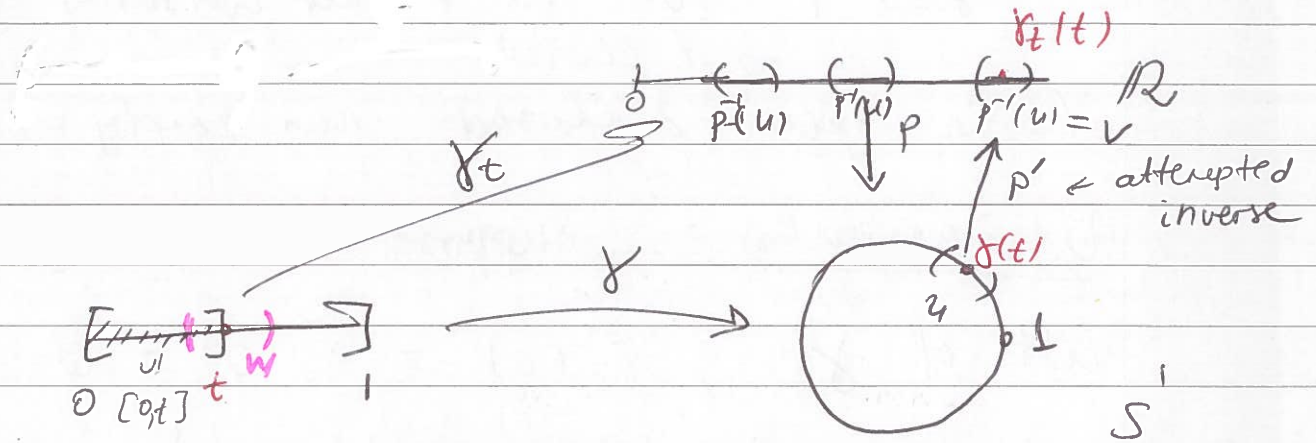


$U$  - covering neighbourhood

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$U$  be a covering neighbourhood of  $\gamma(t)$ ,  
 $(p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \Delta)$ . Let  $V$  be the component  
of  $U \times \Delta$  which contains  $\gamma_t(t)$



Let  $p' : U \rightarrow V$  be a homeomorphism s.t.  
 $p \circ p' = \text{id}_U$

Now let  $W \subseteq \gamma^{-1}(U)$  open, connected  
with  $t \in W$ . Now define

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \gamma_t & \text{on } [0, t] \\ p' \circ \gamma & \text{on } [t, 1] \cap W \end{cases}$$

$$p \circ \alpha = \gamma \Big|_{[0, t] \cup ([t, 1] \cap W)}$$

$\Rightarrow T$  contains a neighbourhood of  $t$

3.  $T$  closed: Suppose not. Then  $T = [0, \tau)$   
Choose a covering neighbourhood of  $\tau$

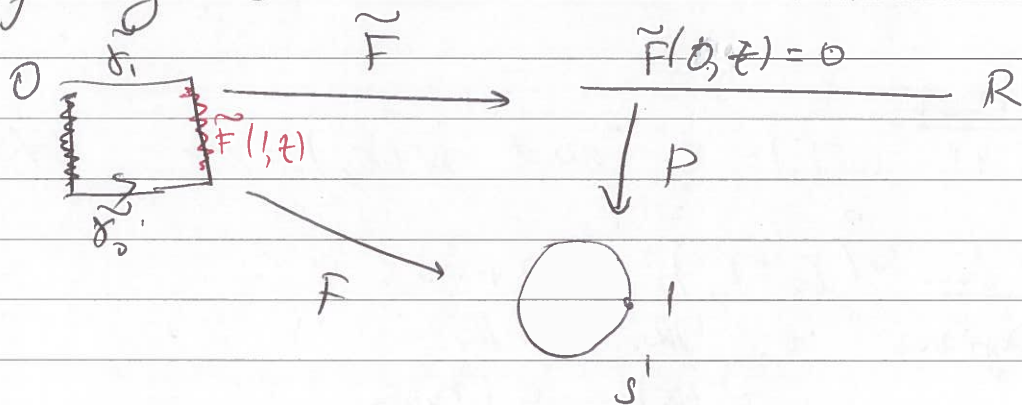
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Lemma: The winding number is well-defined

Proof:  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$  closed loops based at 1,  $F$  a homotopy between them i.e. from  $\gamma_0$  to  $\gamma_1$ .

Let  $\tilde{F}$  be the lift of the homotopy  $F$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  given by the Homotopy Lifting Lemma. s.t.  $\tilde{F}(0, t) = 0$



Observe that  $p \circ \tilde{F}(1, t) = F(1, t) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}(1, t) \in p^{-1}(1) = \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$$

Now consider  $\{(1, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]\} \cong I$  is connected  
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{F}(1, t)$  is constant.

But  $\tilde{\gamma}_0(1) \in \mathbb{Z} = \tilde{F}(1, 0) \neq$  since const.

$$\tilde{\gamma}_1(1) \in \mathbb{Z} = \tilde{F}(1, 1)$$

$$\tilde{F}(1, 0) = \tilde{F}(1, 1)$$

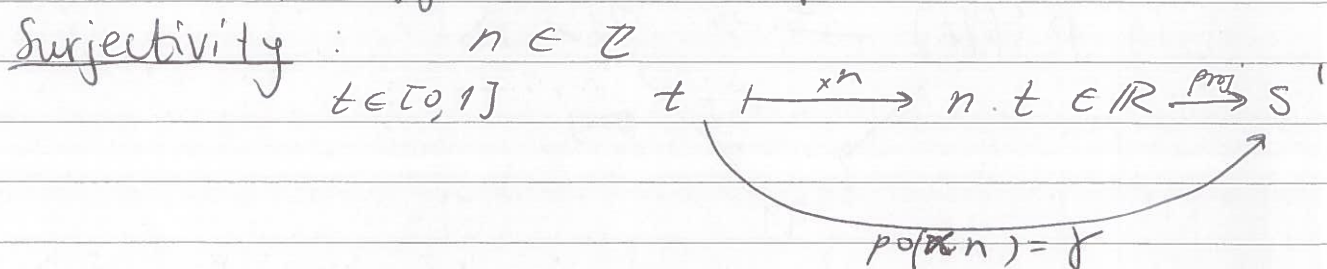
$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}_1(1) = \tilde{\gamma}_0(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow w(\gamma_0) = w(\gamma_1) \quad \square$$



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then  $w(\gamma) = n \Rightarrow$  surj.

## Remarks

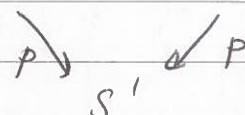
1. Path-lifting lemma

Homotopy-lifting lemma

only use  $\exists$  of covering neighbourhoods

2.  $t_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{t_n} \mathbb{R}$



$$p \circ t_n = p$$

There is a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \{\text{homeomorphisms of } \mathbb{R}\} \\ n & \longmapsto & t_n \end{array}$$

This map is a group homomorphism gives an action of  $\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}$ . And the quotient map  $\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = S^1$

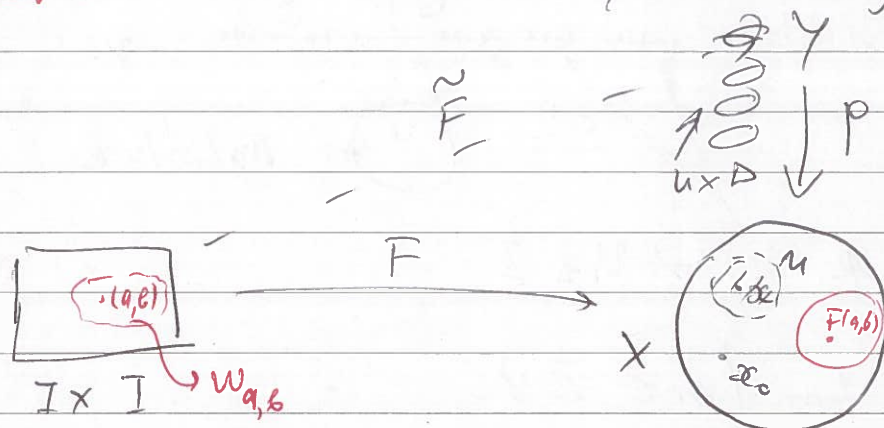
## Covering Space Theory:

Definition :  $X$  is path connected topological space and  $Y$  is a topological space with map  $p: Y \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $\forall x \in X$  there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $X$  and a homeomorphism  $p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times \Delta$  s.t. the obvious diagram commutes.

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Proof: Similar to path-lifting lemma



For each  $x \in X$ , let  $U_x$  be a covering neighbourhood of  $X$ . For each  $(a, b) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  let  $W_{a,b} \subseteq F^{-1}(U_{F(a,b)})$  be

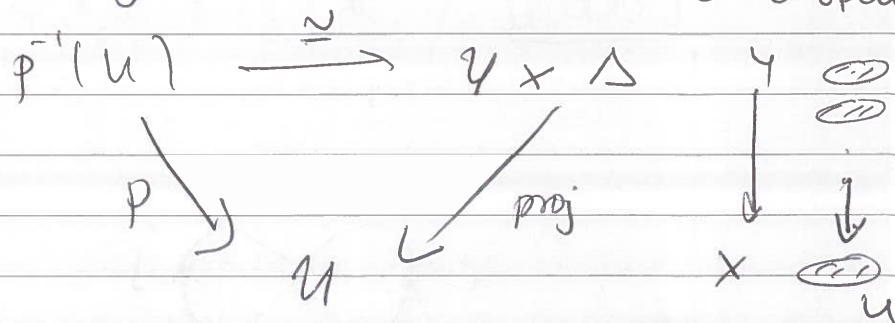
a connected neighbourhood of  $(a, b)$  contained in  $F^{-1}(U_{F(a,b)})$

$\mathcal{W} = \{W_{a,b}\}$  is an open cover of the square  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . Let  $\varepsilon$  be the Lebesgue # of  $\mathcal{W}$

Lebesgue # lemma:  $\mathcal{U}$  open cover of  $[0, 1]$  then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in [0, 1] \exists U \in \mathcal{U}$  s.t.  $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq U$ .

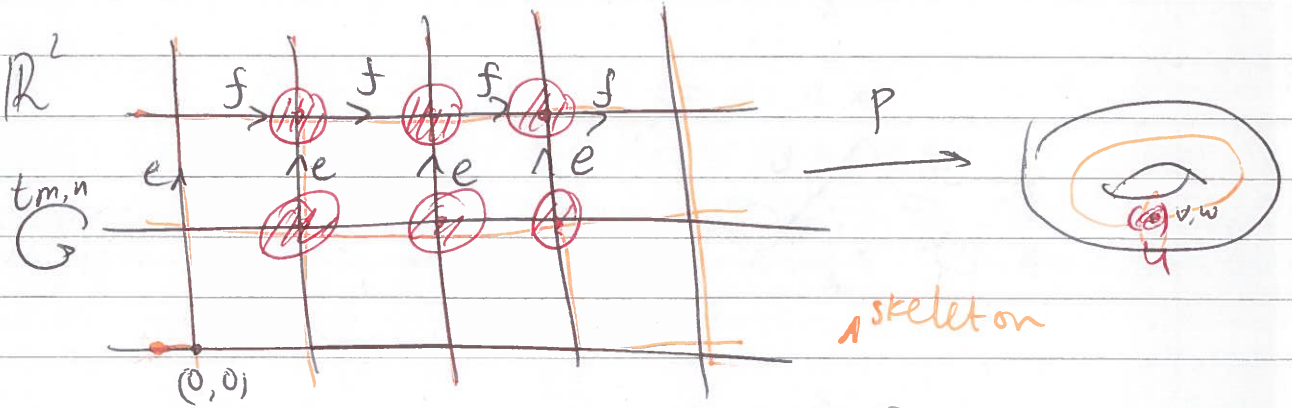
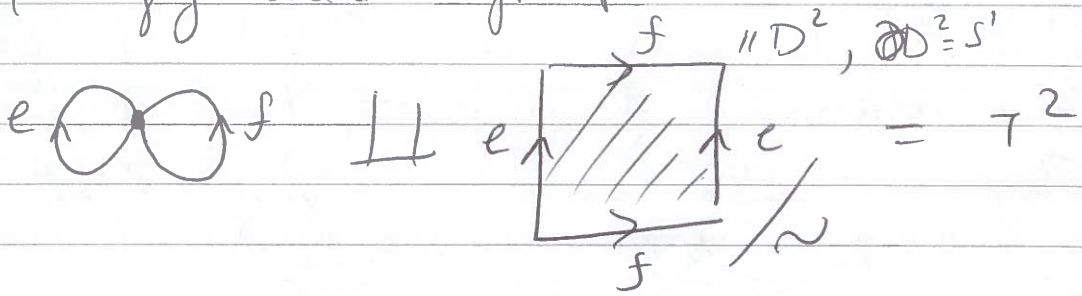
Recall :

Definition: A map  $p: Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map if  $\forall x \in X \exists U = \cup \text{open}$



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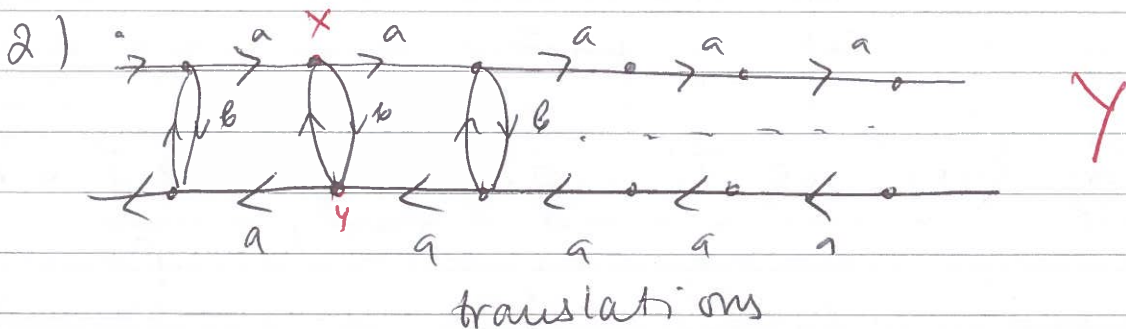
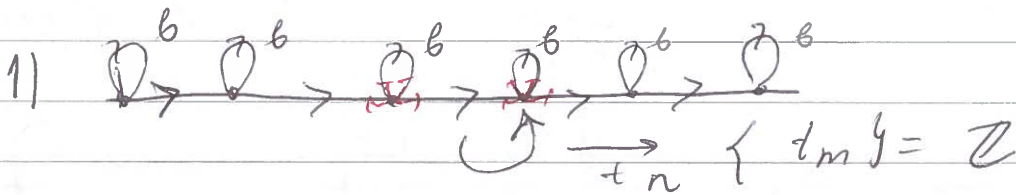
$$\pi_1(S^1 \times S^1) = \mathbb{Z}^2 = \{ t_{m,n}(x,y) \mapsto (x+m, y+n) \} = \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$$p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$$p \circ t_{m,n} = p$$

Examples of Friezes

$$a \circ b = X$$



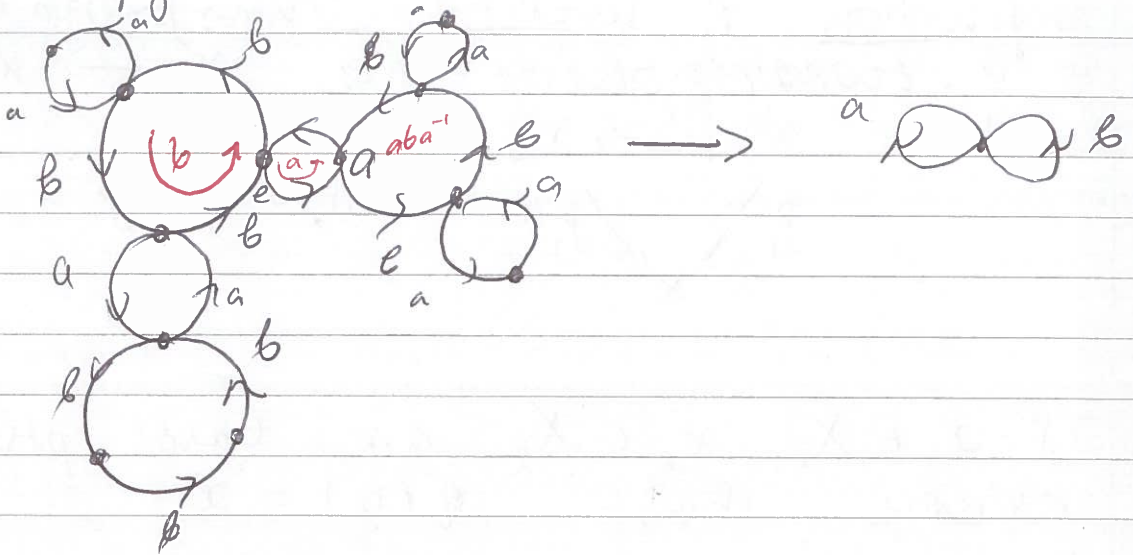
$$t: Y \rightarrow Y$$

$$t(x) = y$$



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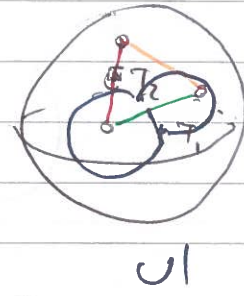
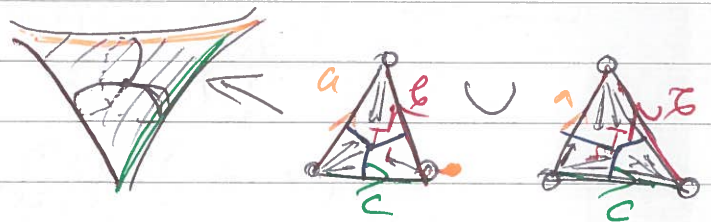
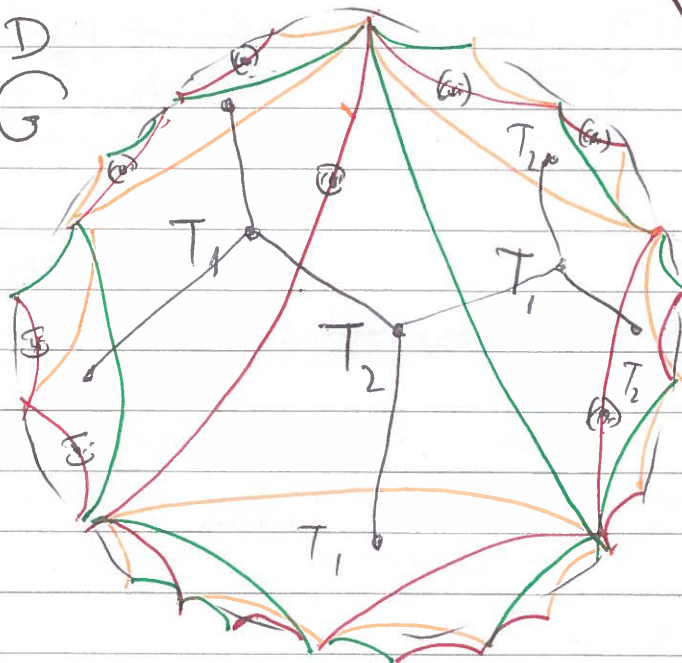
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The group of symmetries i.e. Deck group is  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) / \{\pm I\}$

$X = S^2 \setminus \{3 \text{ points}\}$

$D$   
 $G$



$$T/D = \mathbb{D} \cong \text{torus with two generators } a, b$$

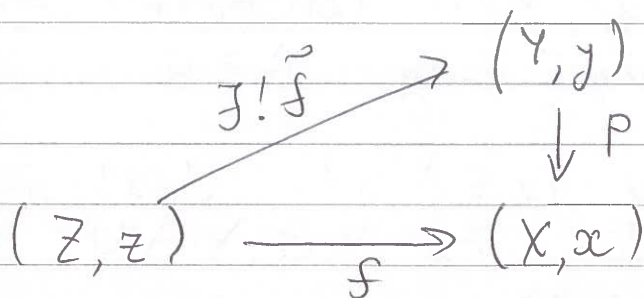
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## Basic Lifting Lemma

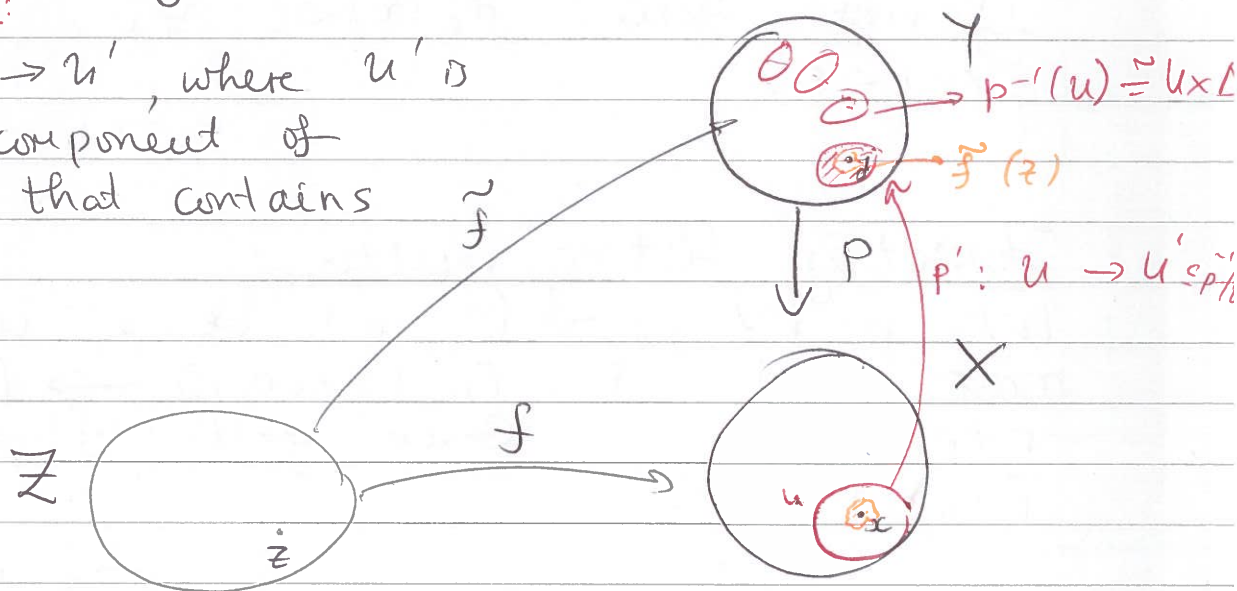


Suppose  $f(Z) \subseteq U$  open covering neighbourhood and  $Z$  is connected. Then  $\exists! \tilde{f}$  s.t.

$$\tilde{f}(z) = y$$

Proof:

$p': U \rightarrow U'$ , where  $U'$  is the component of  $p^{-1}(U)$  that contains  $y$



We can define  $\tilde{f} = p' \circ f$ .  $Z$  is connected  $\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$  is unique  $\nabla$

Lebesgue number lemma:  $X$  compact metric space,  $\{U_1, \dots, U_n\}$  finite open cover. Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x \in X, B_\epsilon(x) \subseteq U_i$  for some  $i$

Proof: For each  $i$  let  $d_i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function  $\inf_{y \in X \setminus U_i} d(x, y)$

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Proof: The collection of  $F^{-1}(U)$  is a covering neighbourhood of  $x$  is an open cover of  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$ , which is compact  $\rightarrow$   $\exists$  finite subcover  $\{W_1, \dots, W_n\}$  with  $W_i = F^{-1}(U_i)$ ,  $U_i$  is some covering neighbourhood.

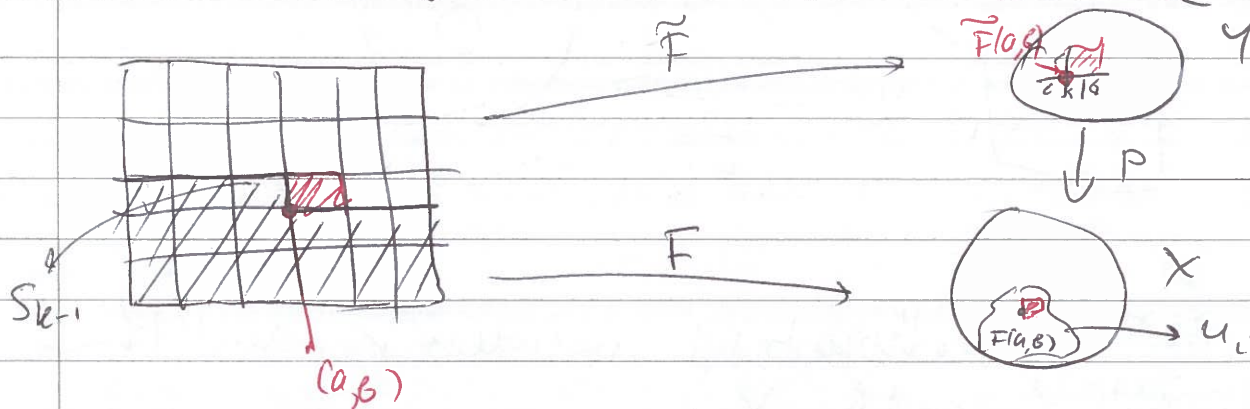
By the Lebesgue number lemma  $\exists$  subdivision of  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$  into subsquares  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ , s.t.  $S_j \subseteq W_i$  for some  $i$ . Diameter of each square  $< \frac{\epsilon}{10}$ . Order them

$S_i$  from left to right, bottom to top.

Define  $\tilde{F}$  inductively: On each square we use the basic lifting lemma to produce a lift.

Suppose  $\tilde{F}$  has been defined on  $S_1, \dots, S_{k-1}$ .

want to define  $\tilde{F}$  on  $S_1, \dots, S_{k-1}, S_k$



Define  $\tilde{F}|_{S_k}$  to be the lift of  $F|_{S_k}$  to  $Y$  given by basic lifting lemma.



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So far:  $(Y, y_0) \xrightarrow{P} (X, x_0)$ ,  $P$  is a cover map -  $Y, X$  path connected.

$$(Y, y_0) \xrightarrow{\text{bijection}} P_* (\pi_1(Y, y_0)) \subset \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

We show  $(Y', y_1) \xrightarrow{P'} (X, x_0)$

$$\text{If } P_* (\pi_1(Y', y_1)) = P_* (\pi_1(Y, y_0)) \Rightarrow (Y', y_1) \cong (Y, y_0)$$

Surjectivity: Given  $H < \pi_1(X, x_0)$  need to build a covering space

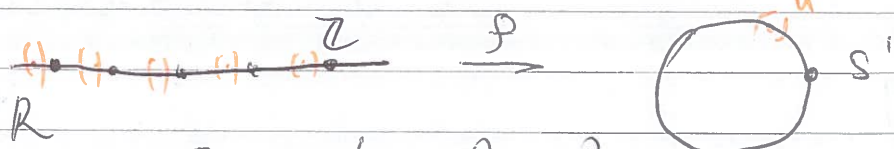
$$(Y_H, y_H) \xrightarrow{P} (X, x_0) \text{ s.t. } P_* (\pi_1(Y_H, y_H)) = H$$

If  $H \triangleleft \pi_1(X, x_0)$  then  $\{ \text{covering transformations of } (Y_H, y_H) \} \cong \pi_1(X, x_0) / H$   
Deck group

If  $H = 1$  then Deck group  $\cong \pi_1(X, x_0)$

Definition The covering space associated to 1 is called the "universal cover"

Example



$$m \in \mathbb{Z} \sim t_m: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

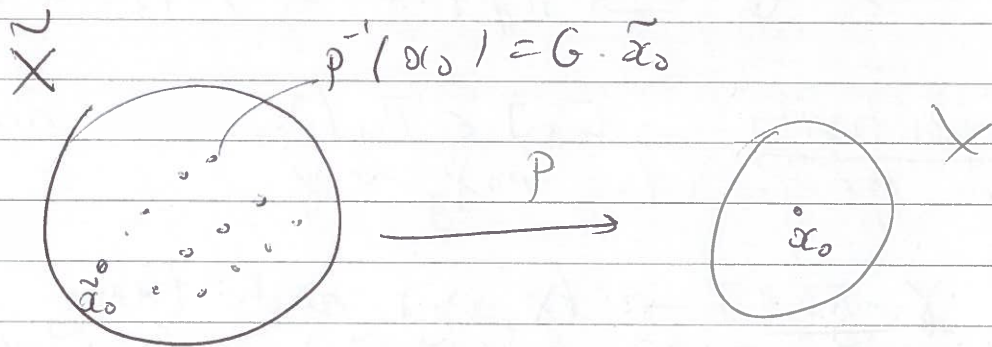
$$t_m(x) \rightarrow x + m$$

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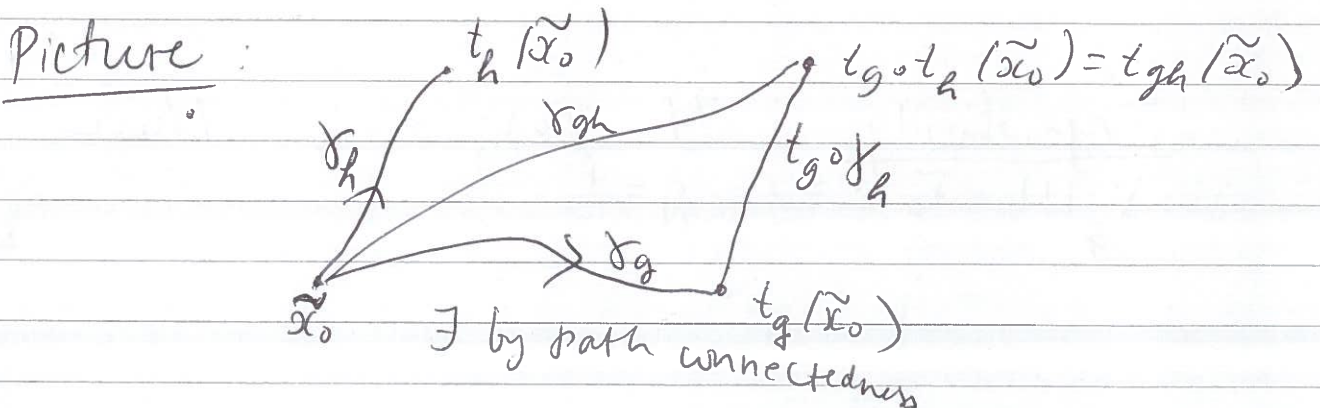
Proposition: If  $G \curvearrowright \tilde{X}$  f.d.  $\tilde{X}$  path connected and simply connected then  $\pi_1(\tilde{X}/G) \cong G$

Proof:  $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}/G = X$ . Choose  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $\tilde{x}_0 \in p^{-1}(x_0)$



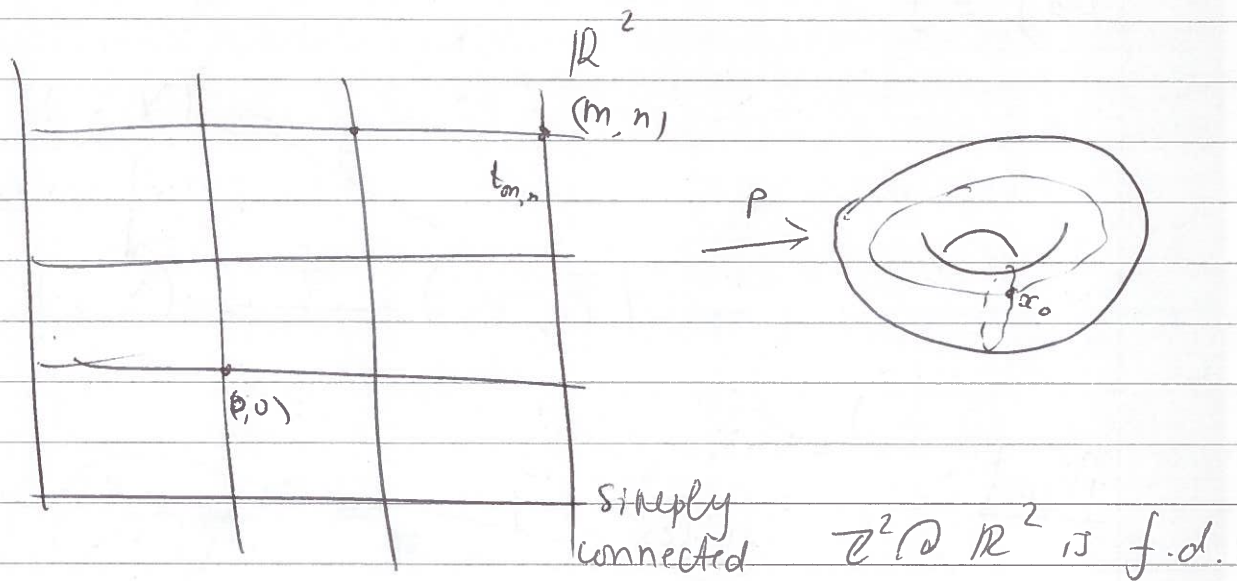
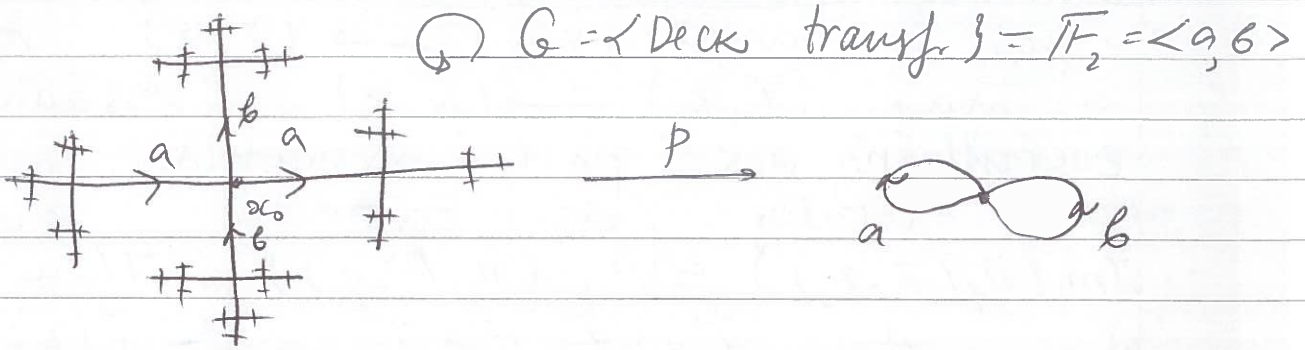
For each  $g \in G$ , let  $t_g: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is an associative map and let  $\gamma_g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  be a path s.t.  $\gamma_g(0) = \tilde{x}_0$  and  $\gamma_g(1) = t_g(\tilde{x}_0)$

Define:  $G \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$  by  $g \rightarrow p \circ \gamma_g$



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$$\{t_{m,n}\} \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_1(T, x_0)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$

Example  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2 = S^2 / x \sim -x$

$$f: S^2 \rightarrow S^2 \quad x \rightarrow -x$$

$$\text{id}_{S^2}: S^2 \rightarrow S^2 \quad x \rightarrow x$$

$$\langle f, \text{id}_{S^2} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = G$$

$$\pi_1(S^2) = 1, \quad G @ S^2 \text{ is f.d.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \text{ true } \forall n \geq 2$$



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## Continuity

$\tilde{f}$  is defined locally by a local inverse of  $p$ .

Pick a covering neighbourhood  $U$  of  $f(z)$ .  
Then look at  $U' \subset Y$ ,  $U' \subseteq U \times \Delta$

And look at  $f^{-1}(U)$ . So  $\exists$  a path connected neighbourhood  $V$  of  $z$  contained in  $f^{-1}(U)$ . Then  $V \subseteq \tilde{f}^{-1}(U')$

so  $\tilde{f} = p' \circ f$  on  $V$ , where  $p' : U \rightarrow U'$   
 $U'$  contains  $y$ , i.e. the component of  $U'$  that contains  $y$ .

What if we have a different path  $\gamma' : [0, 1] \rightarrow Z$  s.t.  $\gamma'(0) = z_0$   
 $\gamma'(1) = z$

$\gamma \circ \bar{\gamma}'$  is a closed path in  $Z \Rightarrow$   
 $[\gamma \circ \bar{\gamma}'] \in \pi_1(Z, z_0)$

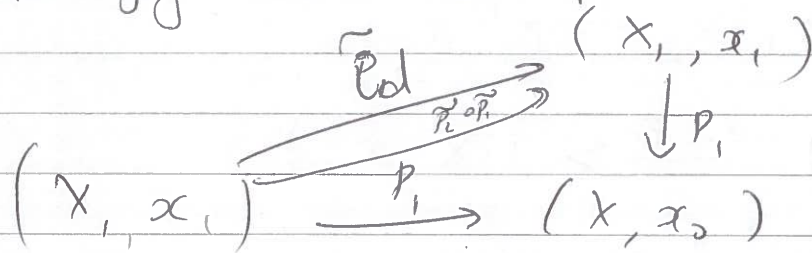
$$f_*([\gamma \circ \bar{\gamma}']) \in p_*([\pi_1(Y, y_0)])$$

$\Rightarrow (f \circ \gamma) \circ f \circ \bar{\gamma}'$  lifts to a closed path in  $Y$

By uniqueness  $\uparrow$  of paths,  $f \circ \gamma'$  should end up at the same point  $y$  as  $f \circ \gamma$ .

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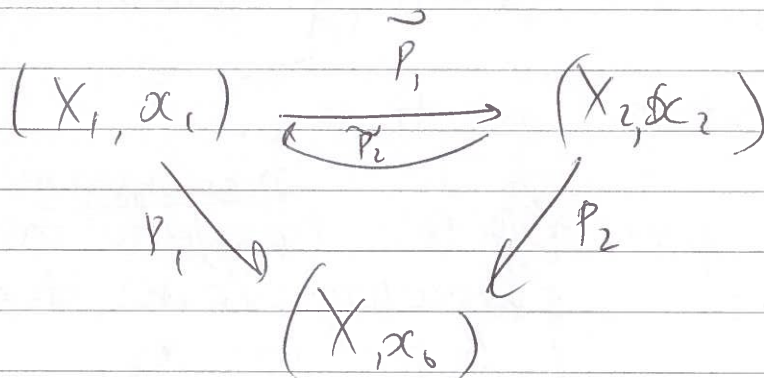
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By uniqueness of lifts  $\tilde{P}_2 \circ \tilde{P}_1 = id_{x_1}$

Symmetrically  $\tilde{P}_1 \circ \tilde{P}_2 = id_{x_2}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{P}_1 \& \tilde{P}_2$  are homeomorphisms



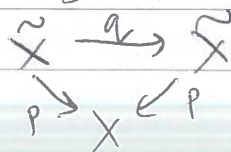
Two connected covering spaces corresponding to the same subgroup of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  are equivalent.

The subgroup determines the covering space.

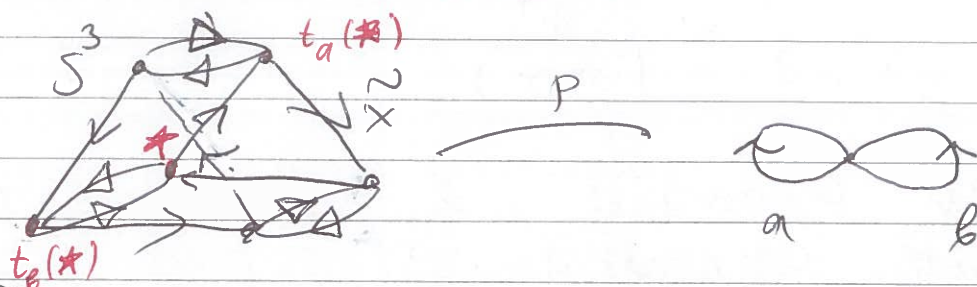
2.  $(X, x_0)$  path and locally path connected. Assume  $X$  has a universal cover  $\tilde{X}$ . i.e.  $\tilde{X}$  simply connected,  $\tilde{X}$  connected.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{q} & X \\
 \downarrow p & & \downarrow p \\
 X & & X
 \end{array}$$

Recall Deck transformation is a homo.



## Illustrative examples



Deck group acts transitively

Symmetry :  $t_a$  clockwise rotation

$t_b$  order 2

$t_a \circ t_b(*) = \text{endpoints of the path } ab$

$$p_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X})) \triangleleft \pi_1(\infty)$$

Deck group  $\cong \pi_1(\infty) / H$

$$S^3 = \langle a, b \mid a^3, b^2, (ab)^2 \rangle.$$

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## Classification Theorem

$X$  "nice". We want to provide a bijection

connected covering spaces  $\sim \longleftrightarrow$  subgroups of  $\pi_1(X)$

Deck group  $\longleftrightarrow H < \pi_1(X)$   
 D.G =  $N(H) / H$

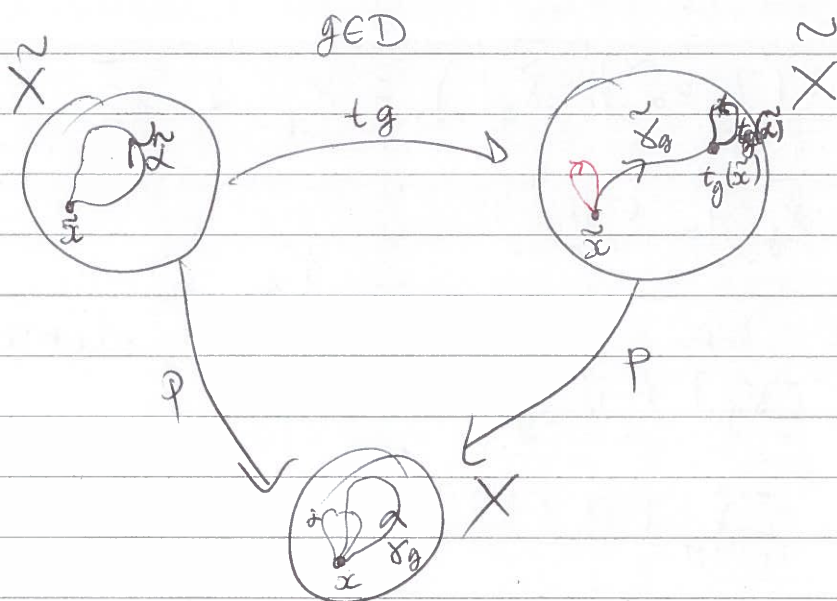


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I. Given an element of  $D$  we want to produce an element of  $N(P_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})))$

let  $H = P_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}))$



Define  $\tilde{\gamma}_g$  to be a path  $\tilde{X}$  to  $tg(\tilde{x})$

and  $\gamma_g = p \circ \tilde{\gamma}_g$ ,  $\gamma_g$  is a closed path in  $X$

Since  $p \circ tg(\tilde{x}) = p(\tilde{x})$  for the diagram to commute so the start and end point of  $\tilde{\gamma}_g$  becomes one in  $\gamma_g$ .

Need to show  $[\gamma_g] \in N(H)$

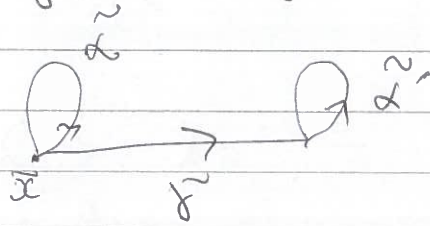
Observe:  $\gamma_g$  is only undefined up to prepending by elements of  $H$ .

Consider an element  $[\alpha] \in H$ , and a lift  $\tilde{\alpha}$  to  $\tilde{X}$  starting and ending at  $\tilde{x}$ . Then  $tg \circ \tilde{\alpha}$  is a closed

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choose  $[\gamma] \in N(H)$ ,  $[\alpha] \in H$ . Then  
 $[\gamma][\alpha][\gamma]^{-1} \in H$



$\gamma$  lifts to a closed path  $\tilde{\gamma}\tilde{\alpha}'\tilde{\gamma}$  where  $\tilde{\alpha}'$  starts at  $\tilde{\gamma}(1)$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$  lifts to a closed path  $\tilde{\alpha}'$  based at  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) \Rightarrow p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{\gamma}(1))) \leq p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})) = H$

Likewise  $p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})) \leq p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{\gamma}(1)))$

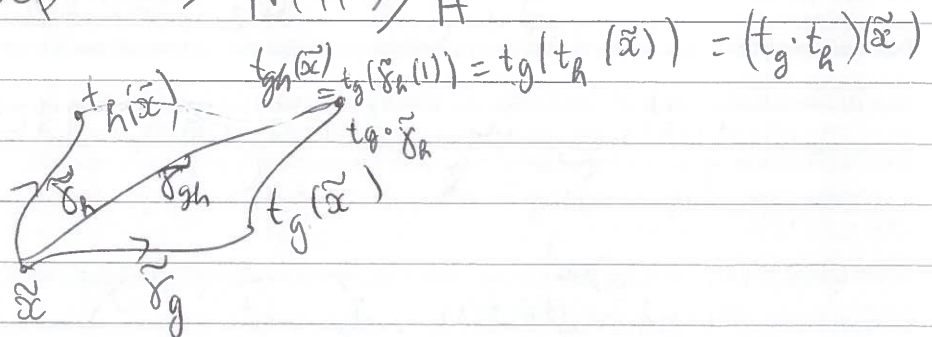
By the lifting lemma

$\exists p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{\gamma}(1))$  which is

a deck transformation. The only ambiguity is up to an element of  $H$

III Deck group  $\rightarrow N(H)/H$

In  $\tilde{X}$ :  
 $g, h \in D$



$\tilde{\gamma}_g \cdot (t_g \tilde{\gamma}_h) \cdot \tilde{\gamma}_{gh}$  loop based at  $\tilde{x}$

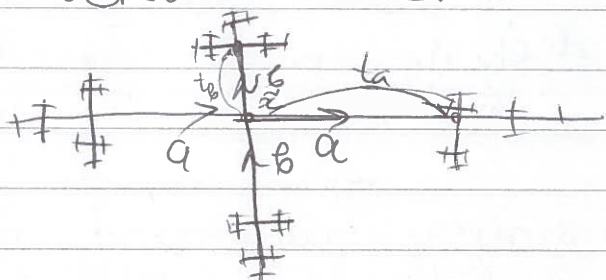
$$p_*(\tilde{\gamma}_g \cdot (t_g \tilde{\gamma}_h) \cdot \tilde{\gamma}_{gh}) = \gamma_g \cdot \gamma_h \cdot \gamma_{gh}$$

$$[\gamma_g \cdot \gamma_h \cdot \gamma_{gh}] = [\gamma_g][\gamma_h][\gamma_{gh}]^{-1} \in H$$

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$\tilde{X}$ : Universal cover



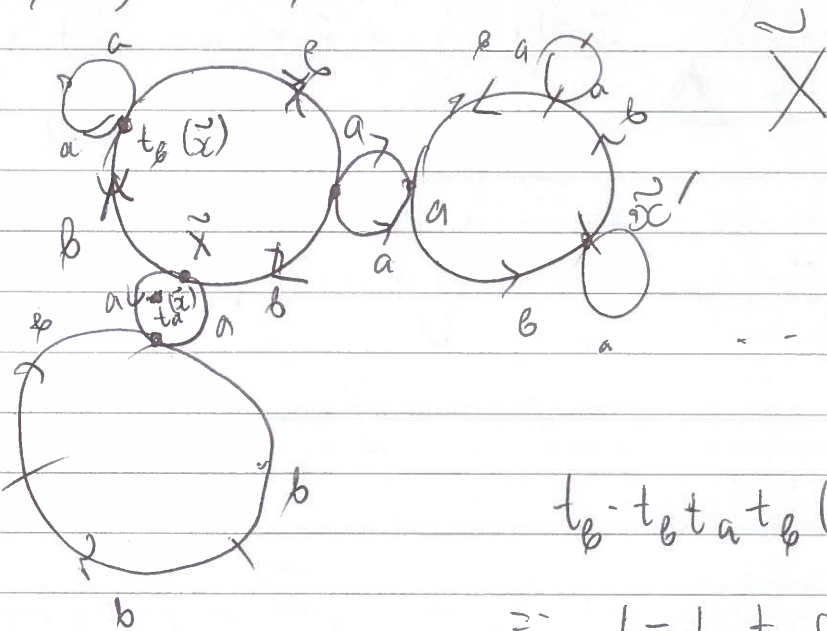
$$\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}) = 1$$

$\tilde{X}$  is path connected and locally path connected

$$D = \pi_1(\mathbb{T}^2) \cong \pi_1(\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1)$$

$$D = \langle t_a, t_b \rangle = \mathbb{F}_2$$

$D$  is generated by  $t_a$  and  $t_b$ . Elements of  $\pi_1(\mathbb{T}^2)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{bijection}}$  vertices in  $\tilde{X}$  and every element in  $\pi_1(\mathbb{T}^2)$  can be associated in a unique way with a sequence of letters in the alphabet  $a, b, \bar{a}, \bar{b}$



$$t_b^{-1} t_b t_a t_b(x) = x'$$

$$\cong t_{\bar{b}} t_a t_b(x) = x'$$

Observations:

$$t_b^3 = 1, \quad t_a^2 = 1$$

$$t_b t_b t_a t_b = t_{\bar{b}} t_b t_b t_b t_a t_b = t_{\bar{b}} t_a t_b = \text{id}$$

$D$  is generated by  $t_a$  and  $t_b$  and the relations  $(t_a)^2 = \text{id}$  and  $(t_b)^3 = \text{id}$



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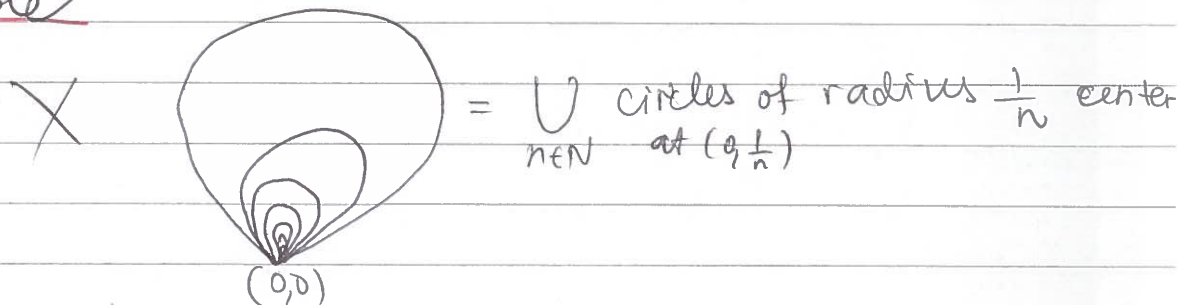
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$\Rightarrow$  If  $X$  has a universal cover then  $\forall x \in X$   
 $\exists U \ni x$  s.t.  $\pi_1(U) \rightarrow \pi_1(X)$  is trivial.  
path connected

The above means semi-locally simply connected.

The  $\exists$  conditions are necessary but also sufficient.

## Example



$X$  does not have a universal cover.  
 $\therefore$  Any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $(0,0)$  has the feature that  $\pi_1(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

There is a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X}_H & & \\ \downarrow & \longleftrightarrow & H < \pi_1(X) \\ X/\sim & & \end{array}$$

if  $X$  has a universal cover

$$\begin{array}{c} G \curvearrowright \tilde{X} \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array}$$

$G = \pi_1(X)$  is the deck group.  
 The deck group acts freely and discontinuously. In particular if  $H < G$  it also acts freely and discontinuously

## Normalizers

$$\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X} \quad H = p_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})) \subset G = \pi_1(X, x)$$

$$\downarrow p$$

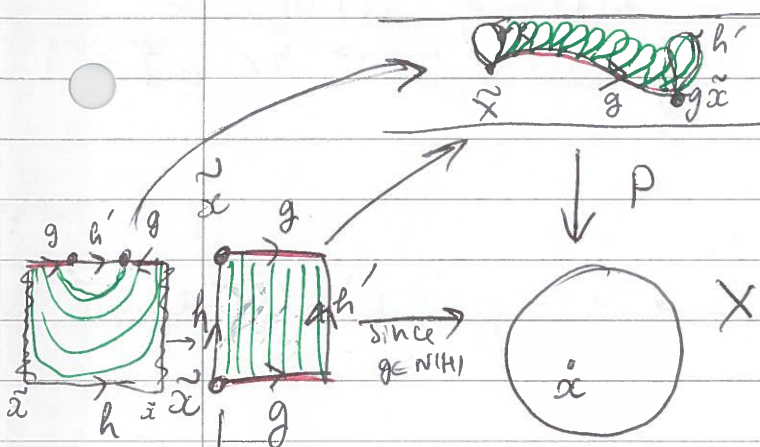
$$x \in X$$

$$H \triangleleft N(H)$$

$$\text{for } g \in N(H), \quad gHg^{-1} = H$$

$$gH = Hg'$$

Given  $h \in H \quad \exists h' \in H \text{ s.t. } gh' = hg$



$$\tilde{X} \cong N(H)/H$$

This picture doesn't depend on  $h$

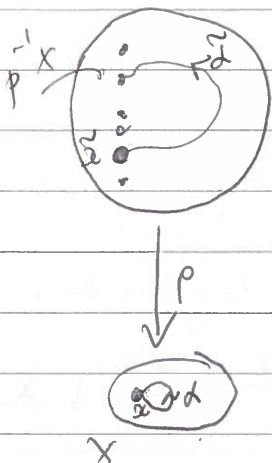
homotopy of paths representing  $hg$  and  $h'g$

## Cosets

$$\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X} \quad H$$

$$\downarrow p$$

$$x \in X \quad G$$



$$\tilde{X}$$

Given  $g \in G$   
Represent  $g = [\alpha]$   
and take the lift of  $\alpha$

$$\tilde{\alpha} \text{ s.t. } \tilde{\alpha}(0) = \tilde{x}$$

$$C: G \rightarrow p^{-1}(X) \text{ by } g \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}(1)$$

1. well defined? If  $\alpha \sim \alpha'$  then  $\tilde{\alpha}(1) = \tilde{\alpha}'(1)$   
by homotopy lifting lemma

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Theorem: The degree of  $p$  (# of sheets)  
 $= [G : H]$

Corollary: If  $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{p} X$ ,  $\pi_1(\tilde{X}) = 1$   
Then  $|\pi_1(x)| = |p^{-1}(x)|$

## Products

$A, B, C$  topological spaces

$$A \times B \xrightarrow{p_B} B$$

$$p_A \downarrow \quad \swarrow \exists! h \quad \uparrow g$$

$$A \xleftarrow{f} C$$

Given  $f: C \rightarrow A$

$$g: C \rightarrow B$$

are continuous maps

then  $\exists!$  continuous

map  $h: C \rightarrow A \times B$

s.t.  $p_A h = f$  and

$$p_B h = g$$

The product topology  $A \times B$  was designed so that the above statement is true.

$$h(x) = (f(x), g(x))$$

Why is  $h$  continuous?

Need to check on sets of the form  $U \times B, A \times V$  where  $U \subseteq A, V \subseteq B$  open.

$$h^{-1}(U \times B) = f^{-1}(U) \text{ which is open} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\{x \mid (f(x), g(x)) \in U \times B\} = \{x \mid f(x) \in U\}$$

Pullbacks

Given  $f: A \rightarrow C$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$   
continuous

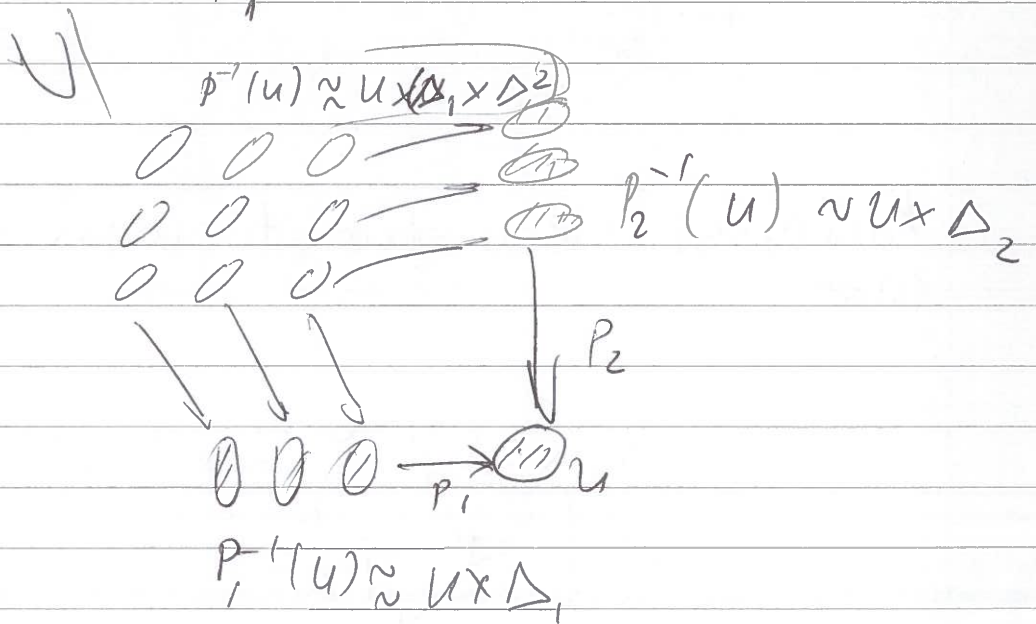
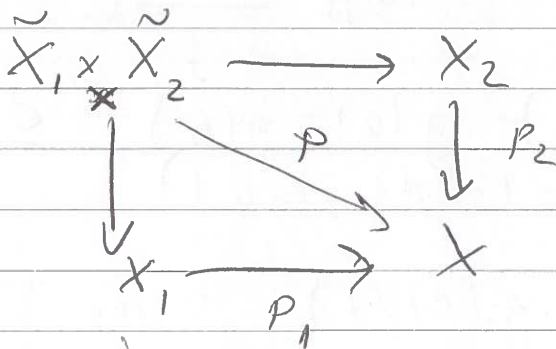


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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U \cong \underbrace{U \times U}_{\mathcal{U}} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \times U & \longrightarrow & U \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 U & \longrightarrow & U
 \end{array}$$

## Apply to Covering Spaces

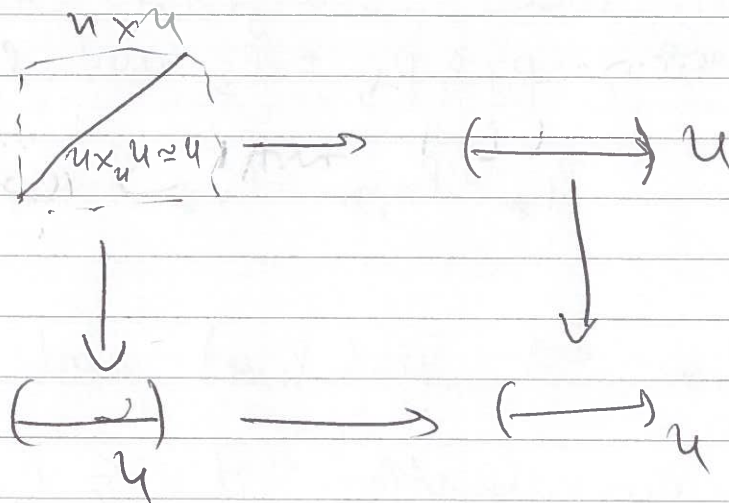


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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 U \times (\Delta_1 \times \Delta_2) = U \times U \times (\Delta_1 \times \Delta_2) & \rightarrow & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 X_1 \times X_2 & & 0 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow p_2 \\
 0 & \xrightarrow{p_1} & 0 \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{U \times \Delta_1} & & 
 \end{array}$$

E.g



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{x}_3 = (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2) \in \tilde{X}_3 & \xrightarrow{p_{x_2}} & \tilde{X}_2 \ni \tilde{x}_2 \\
 \downarrow p_{x_1} & \swarrow p_3 & \downarrow p_2 \\
 \tilde{x}_1 \in \tilde{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{p_1} & \tilde{X} \ni x
 \end{array}$$

(\*)

where  $\tilde{X}_3$  is the connected component of  $\tilde{X}_1 \times \tilde{X}_2$  containing  $(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2)$

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such that  $P_{\tilde{\alpha}_i} \circ \tilde{\gamma}_3 = \tilde{\gamma}_i$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_3(0) = (\tilde{\gamma}_1(0), \tilde{\gamma}_2(0)) = (\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\alpha}_2) = \tilde{\alpha}_3$$

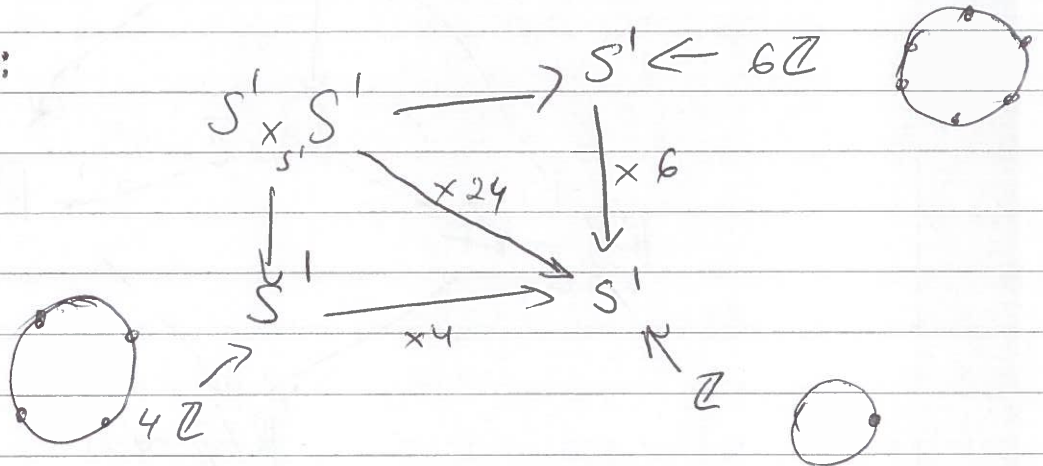
$$\text{and } \tilde{\gamma}_3(1) = (\tilde{\gamma}_1(1), \tilde{\gamma}_2(1)) = (\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\alpha}_2) = \tilde{\alpha}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow [\gamma] \in P_3^*(\tilde{X}_3, \tilde{\alpha}_3) = H_3$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1 \wedge H_2 \subseteq H_3$$

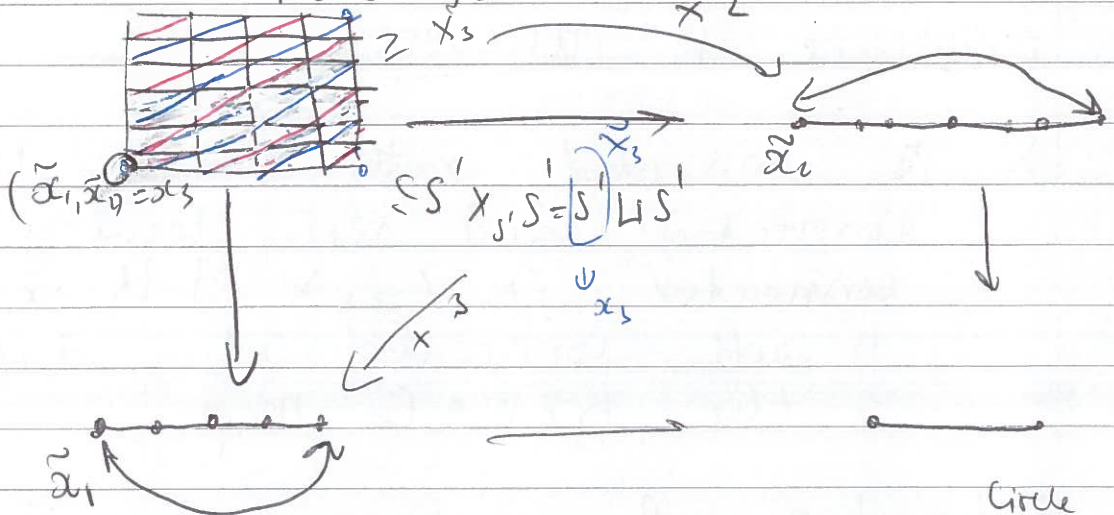
$$\Rightarrow H_1 \wedge H_2 = H_3$$

Example :



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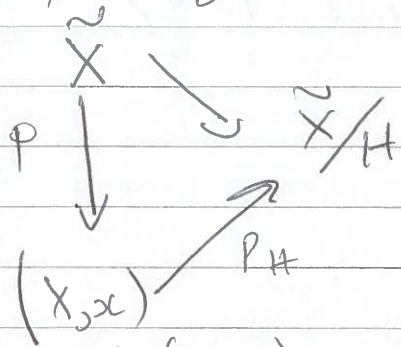
$$4\mathbb{Z} \wedge 6\mathbb{Z} = 12\mathbb{Z}$$





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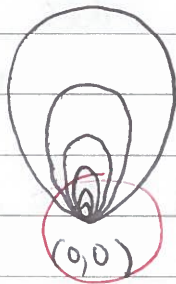
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$$\pi_1(X, x) = G > H$$

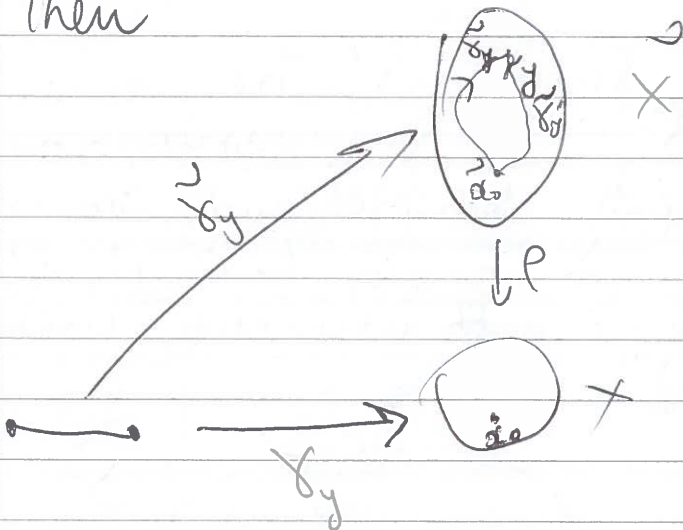
$G \triangleleft \tilde{X}$  by deck transform  
 $H < G$   
 $\tilde{X}$  covers every other covering space.

## Example



Any neighbourhood of  $(0,0)$  doesn't induce the trivial map  $\pi_1(U) \rightarrow \pi_1(X)$   
 So no universal cover exists.

Suppose  $X$  has universal cover  $\tilde{X}$ .  
 Then



Let  $y \in X$ . Construct  $\tilde{\gamma}_y$  a path in  $\tilde{X}$  from  $\tilde{x}_0$  to  $y$ .

There is a map from paths in  $\tilde{X}$  starting

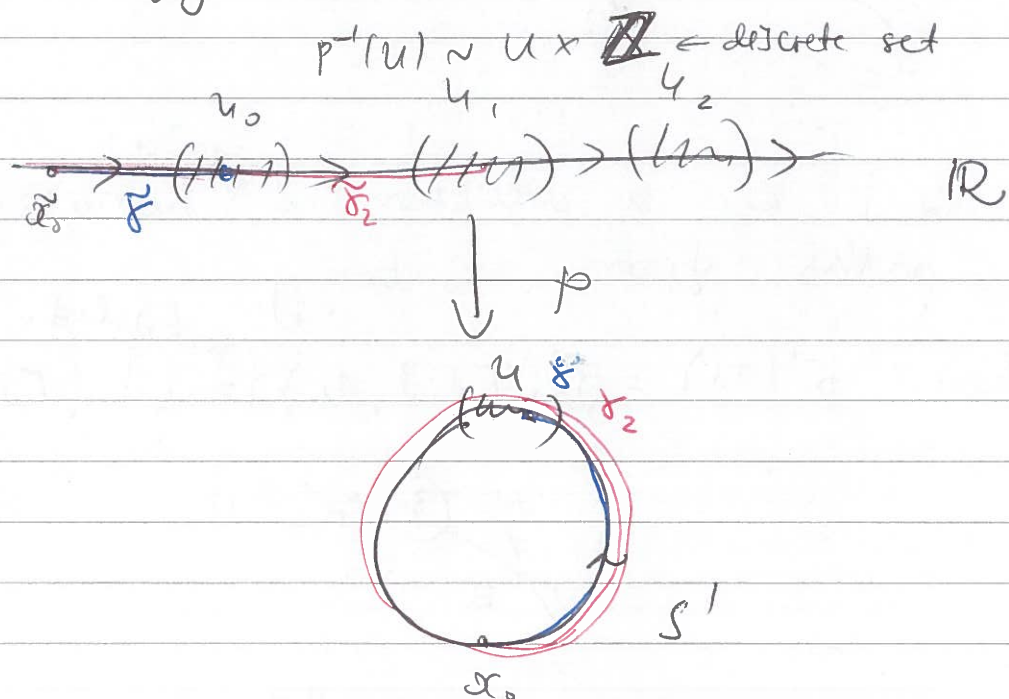
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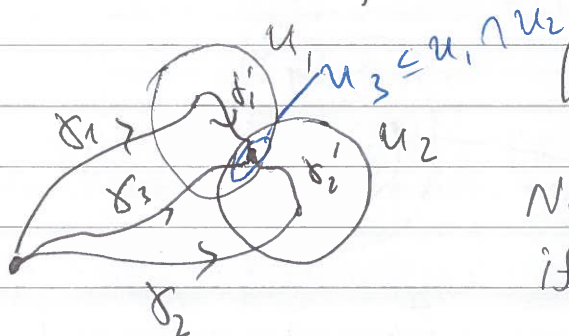
In  $\tilde{X}$ , we have a basis of ~~the~~ open sets of the form  $U \times \{\delta\}$ ,  $\delta \in \Delta$

Define  $([\gamma], U) = \{ [\beta] \in X \mid \exists \text{ path } \gamma' \text{ in } U \text{ s.t. } \beta \sim \gamma \cdot \gamma' \}$

Take  $\{ ([\gamma], U) \}$  to be a basis for a topology on  $\tilde{X}$ .



Why is  $\{ ([\gamma], U) \}$  a basis of open sets?



$$([\gamma_1], U_1) \cap ([\gamma_2], U_2) \in \mathcal{B}$$

Need to show if  $[\gamma_3] \in ([\gamma_1], U_1) \cap ([\gamma_2], U_2)$

Then  $\exists U_3$  of  $\gamma_3(1)$  s.t.

$$([\gamma_3], U_3) \subseteq ([\gamma_1], U_1) \cap ([\gamma_2], U_2)$$

so it forms a topology.

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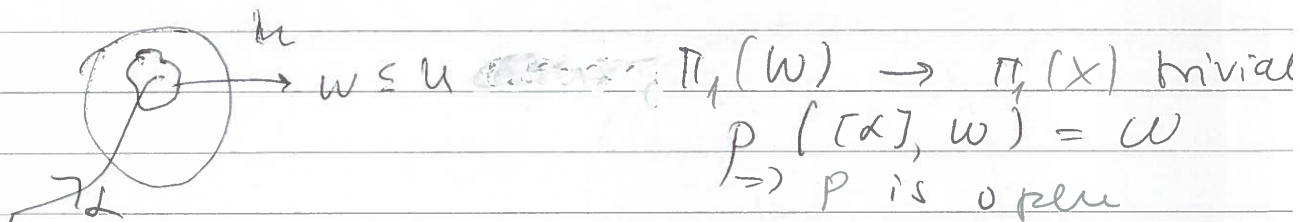
$$\Rightarrow \alpha' \sim \alpha''$$

$$\Rightarrow d_i \circ \alpha' \sim d_i \circ \alpha''$$

$$\Rightarrow [d_i \circ \alpha'] = [d_i \circ \alpha''] \in ([d_i], U)$$

$([d_i], U) \rightarrow U$  continuous bijection

Why is the inverse continuous



And since it is also cont. bijection

$\Rightarrow p|_{([ \alpha ], U)}$  is a homeo.

$\Rightarrow$  it is a covering map

2. Why is  $\tilde{X}$  path connected?

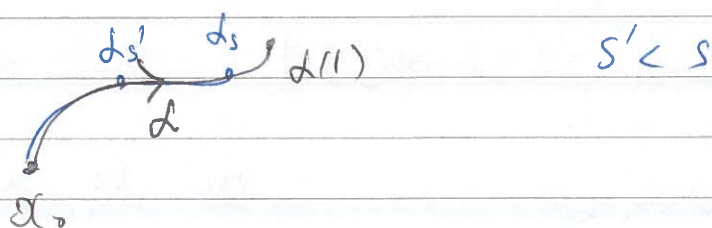
$[ \alpha ] \in \tilde{X}$ ,  $\alpha(0) = x_0$  want a path from  $[ \alpha ]$  to  $[ x_0 ]$

Define  $d_s = \{ t \rightarrow \alpha(st) \}$

$d_0 = \text{constant path} = x_0$

$d_1 = \alpha$

path:  $s \rightarrow [d_s]$





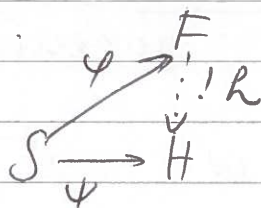
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i.e.  $[\alpha] = [\alpha_0] \Rightarrow \pi_1(\tilde{X}) = 1$  ■

## Free Groups and graphs

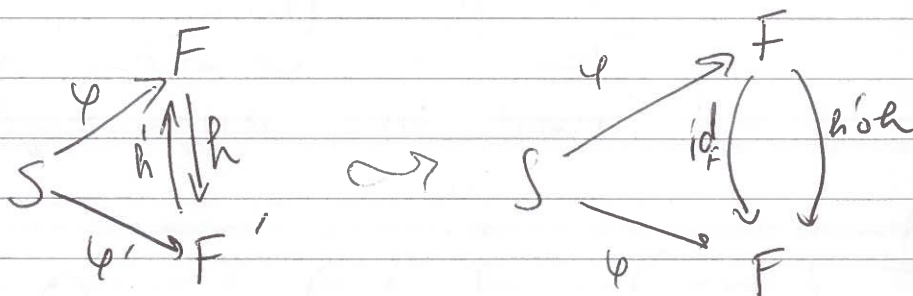
Definition:  $S$  set, a free group on  $S$  is a group  $F$  with a map  $\psi: S \rightarrow F$  s.t. if  $\Psi: S \rightarrow H$ -group then  $\exists!$   $h: F \rightarrow H$  s.t.



$$\text{Hom}_{\text{set}}(S, H^{\text{set}}) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Group}}(F_{F_S}, H)$$

Lemma If  $F'$  is free on  $S$ ,  $\psi': S \rightarrow F'$  Then  $\exists!$   $h: F \rightarrow F'$  s.t.  $h \circ \psi = \psi'$

Proof:



Uniqueness  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{id}_F = h' \circ h$  similarly  
 $\text{id}_F = h \circ h'$

$\Rightarrow h$  is an isomorphism ■

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These arcs only connect the top to the bottom

There is a map  $\Phi: S^* \rightarrow F = \{ \text{reduced words} \}$   
 $\in \Phi$

Group law on  $F$ : given  $w, w'$  reduced words group law is concatenate  $w \in w'$  and reduce.  $w \cdot w'$  is  $\overline{ww'}$

Identity element:  $\emptyset$

Inverses: Read a word in reverse and reverse the signs

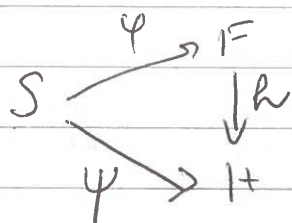
$$(a_1 a_2 a_1 a_2^{-1})^{-1} = a_2 a_1^{-1} a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$$

The lemma  $\Rightarrow$  multiplication is well defined and associative

$$\overline{w_1 (w_2 w_3)} \xrightarrow{\text{by the lemma}} \overline{(w_1 w_2) w_3}$$

$w_1 w_2 w_3$

$\varphi: S \rightarrow F$      $a_i \rightarrow$  word with one letter  $a_i$



$$h(w(a_i^{\pm})) = w(\varphi(a_i^{\pm}))$$

$$a_i \rightarrow h(a_i)$$

$$a_i^{-1} \rightarrow h(a_i^{-1})$$

$$h(ww') \stackrel{?}{=} h(w)h(w')$$

Uniqueness follows from everything is completely determined by  $\varphi(a_i)$

$$L: \text{Sym}^p(V) \otimes \text{Sym}^q(V) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^{p+q} V$$

$$L(R^{\otimes(p+q)}(g) V) = R^{\otimes(p+q)}(g) L(V)$$

$$L(R^{\otimes p}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p) \otimes R^{\otimes q}(\alpha_{p+1}, \dots, \alpha_{p+q})) =$$

$$= L(R\alpha_1, \dots, R\alpha_p \otimes R\alpha_{p+1}, \dots, R\alpha_{p+q}) =$$

$$= R\alpha_1, \dots, R\alpha_{p+q} = R$$

$$\text{RHS } R^{\otimes(p+q)}(g) L(V) =$$

$$= R^{\otimes(p+q)}(g)(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{p+q}) =$$

$$= R\alpha_1, \dots, R\alpha_{p+q}$$

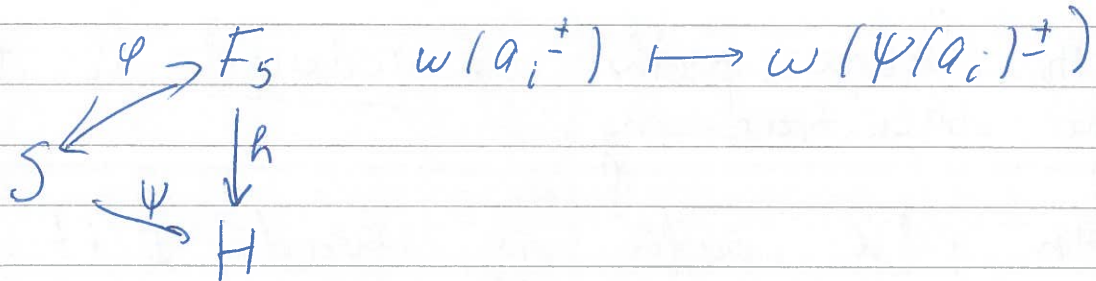


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## Free groups

$S, F_S = \langle \text{reduced words in } S^\pm \rangle$




$$G : F_G \xrightarrow{h} G \quad (\text{e.g. } GL_n(\mathbb{R})) \\
 f \mapsto g$$

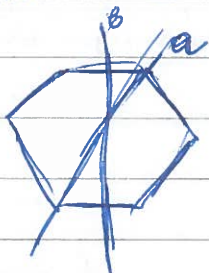
$K_h = \text{Ker}(h)$  encodes all relations in  $G$ .

Goals:  $F = F_{\{a,b\}} = \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, p)$  free on  $\{a, b\}$

$K < F$  and there is a cover  $\tilde{K}$  of

$\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  that corresponds to  $K$ .  
 if  $G = D_6 = \langle a, b \mid a^2, b^2, (ab)^6 \rangle$

In the cover we have 



$K \triangleleft F \Rightarrow$  the deck group  
 $F/K \cong D_6$

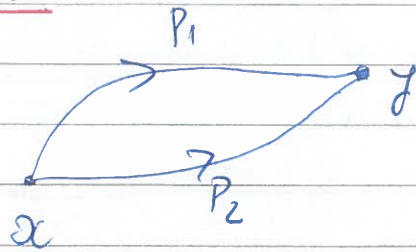
Graphs: 1-d. C-W complex  
 $X = X^{(0)} \amalg I / \sim$

Lemma: Graph is locally contractible.

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## Proof of 1:



consider  $P_1 \bar{P}_2$  if it is reduced then we have ~~X~~ since we are in a tree.

Hence  $P_1 \bar{P}_2$  is not reduced

$$\text{let } P_1 = P_1' \cdot e \quad \text{and} \quad P_2 = P_2' \cdot e$$

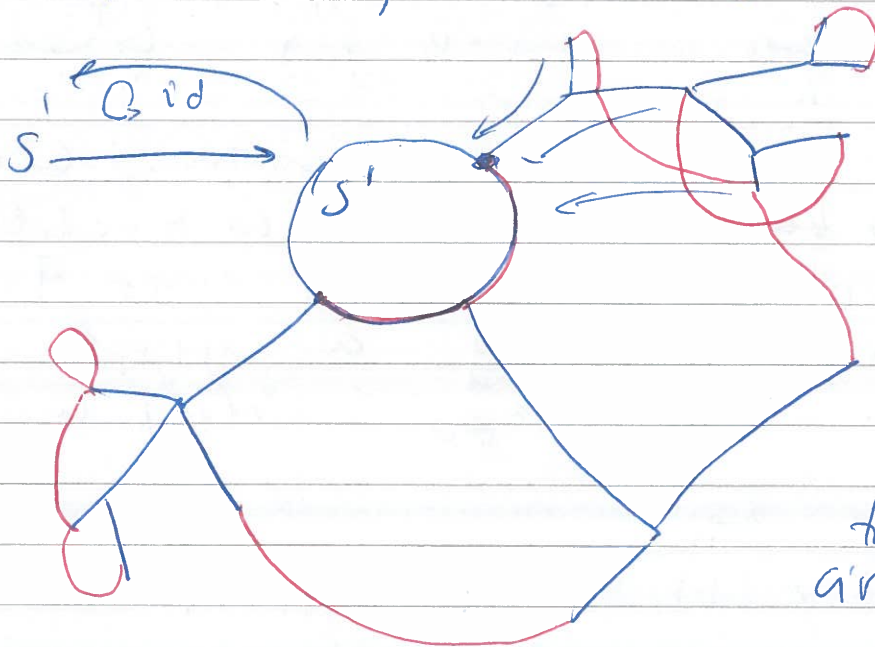
$$\Rightarrow P_1 \bar{P}_2 = P_1' \cdot e \cdot \bar{e} \cdot \bar{P}_2' = P_1' \bar{P}_2' \quad \square$$

from a tree is contractible & contr.  $\rightarrow$  path conn.  $\Rightarrow$  simply connect

Not tree  $\Rightarrow$  not simply connect.

If you are not a tree then you contain an embedded circle  $S^1$

$$X \supseteq S^1, \quad X = S^1 \cup T \cup \text{edges}$$



$T_i \cap T_j = \emptyset$   
No more loops.

Mapping all  $P_i$  on tree to the point of the circle and edges ~~to~~ to edges on the circle connecting the points  $\Rightarrow T_i(x) \neq$

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Let  $w_g$  = reduced edge path from  $\tilde{b}$  to  $g(\tilde{b})$

Think of  $w_g$  as a reduced word in  $\langle a_1^{\pm}, \dots, a_n^{\pm} \rangle$

Since for every reduced edge paths  $\tilde{f}$  reduced words and every element of  $\pi_1(K_n, \tilde{b})$  is can be written in terms of reduced edge paths  $\square$



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Example  $abab^{-1}$   
 $bwb^{-1} = \underline{babbab}$

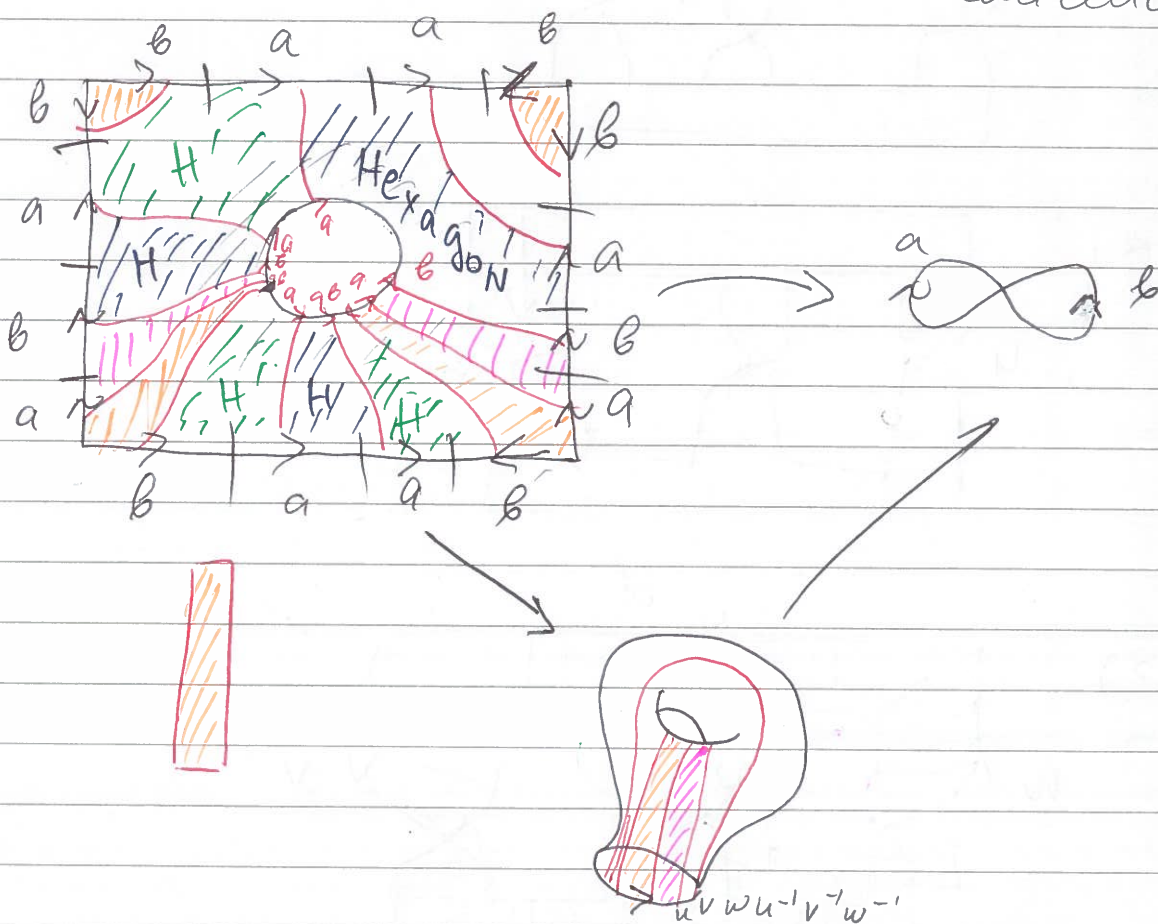
Example  $[abab^{-1}, baab^{-1}] = \gamma$

$$abab^{-1}baab^{-1}ba^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1} =$$

$$= abaaab^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

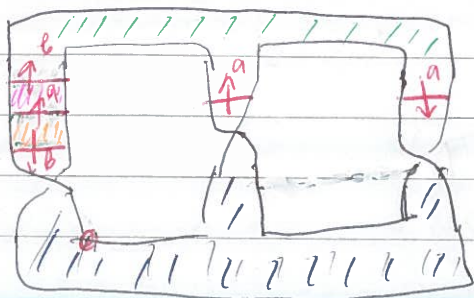
$$b^{-1}\gamma b = \underbrace{b^{-1}abaa}_{u} \underbrace{b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}}_{v} \underbrace{b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}}_{w} \underbrace{b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}}_{u^{-1}} \underbrace{b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}}_{v^{-1}w^{-1}} = uvwu^{-1}v^{-1}w^{-1}$$

without cancellation



↑ Torus with boundary

Torus with boundary



$$\underbrace{b^{-1}ap}_{u} \underbrace{aa}_{vw} \underbrace{b^{-1}a^{-1}ba^{-1}}_{u^{-1}} \underbrace{a^{-1}}_{v^{-1}w^{-1}}$$

$$[uv, wu^{-1}]$$

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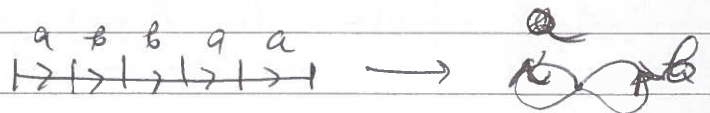
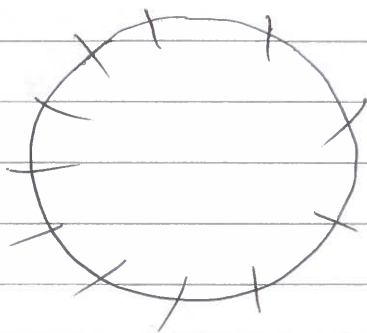
## Lyndon's Theorem

A commutator in a free group is not a proper power

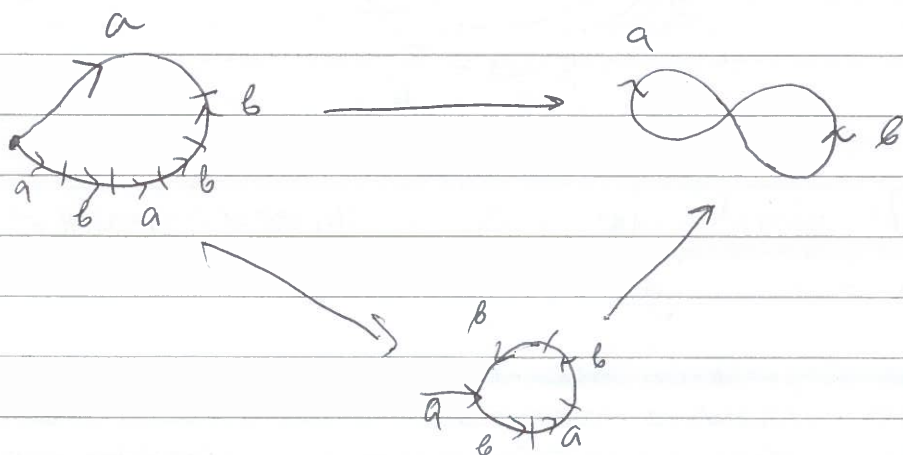
Definition: A commutator is an element of the form  $[u, v] = uvu^{-1}v^{-1}$ ,  $u, v \in F = \langle a, b \rangle$

Definition: A cyclically reduced word is a reduced word which doesn't look like  $a \underline{\quad} a^{-1}$  or  $a^{-1} \underline{\quad} a$   
 $b \underline{\quad} b^{-1}$  or  $b^{-1} \underline{\quad} b$

A cyclically reduced word looks like a circle



Example  $ababba^{-1} \sim babbb$



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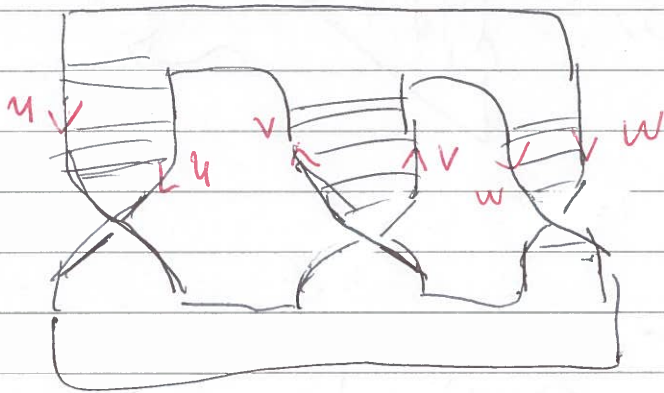
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$[p, q] \neq z^k, k > 1$  for  $p, q \in F$   
 Wick's forms

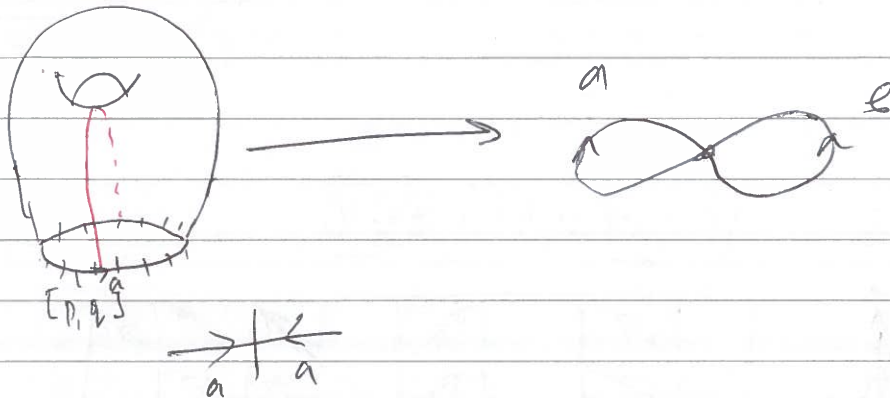
$[p, q] = uvu^{-1}v^{-1}$  conjugates to a word of this form  
 or  $= uvwu^{-1}v^{-1}w^{-1}$   
 or  $= uvdvd^{-1}u^{-1}d^{-1}v^{-1}d^{-1}$

As a reduced product

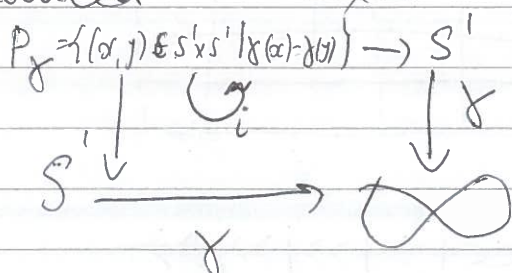


Torus

$u, v, w$  pieces



If we have a word  $\gamma \in F$  cyclically reduced  $(a \gamma a^{-1})$

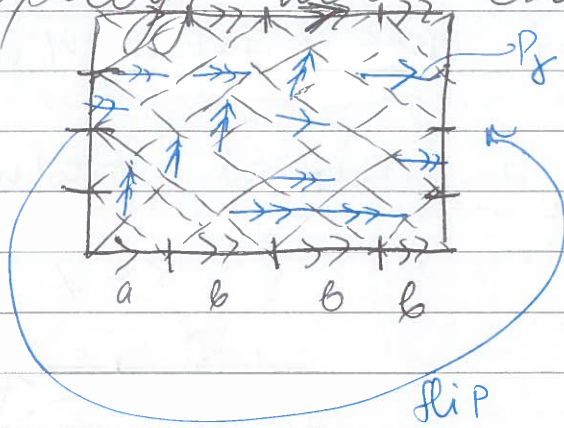


$\gamma$  exchanges the factors.

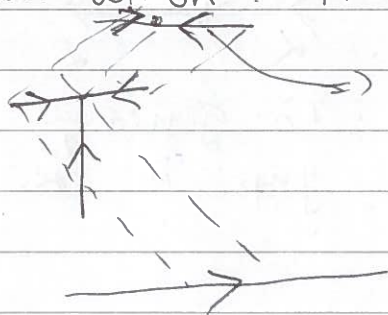


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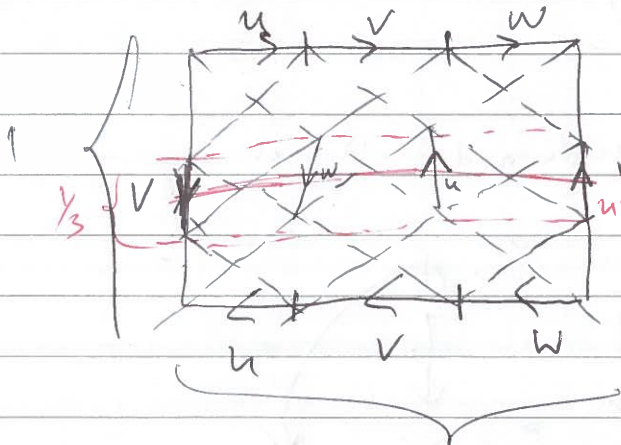
Observation: Never see a TEE



Cancellation i.e. if not reduced

Apply to Wick's form of a commutator

$n v w u^{-1} v^{-1} w^{-1}$  as a reduced product  
lengths are not accurate

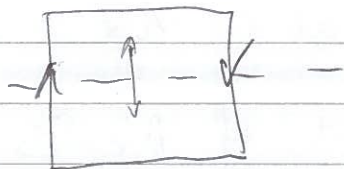


$P_x$  contains a subset that looks like

$n v w u^{-1} v^{-1} w^{-1} = d^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists \text{ TEE}^*$   
 $\text{if } n v w u^{-1} v^{-1} w^{-1} = d^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \exists \text{ TEE}^*$

Observe: 1)  $|u| + |v| + |w| = 1$

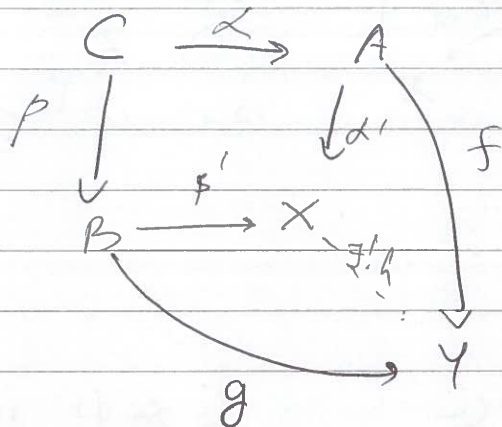
2) Symmetric with arrow flips through the horizontal axis.



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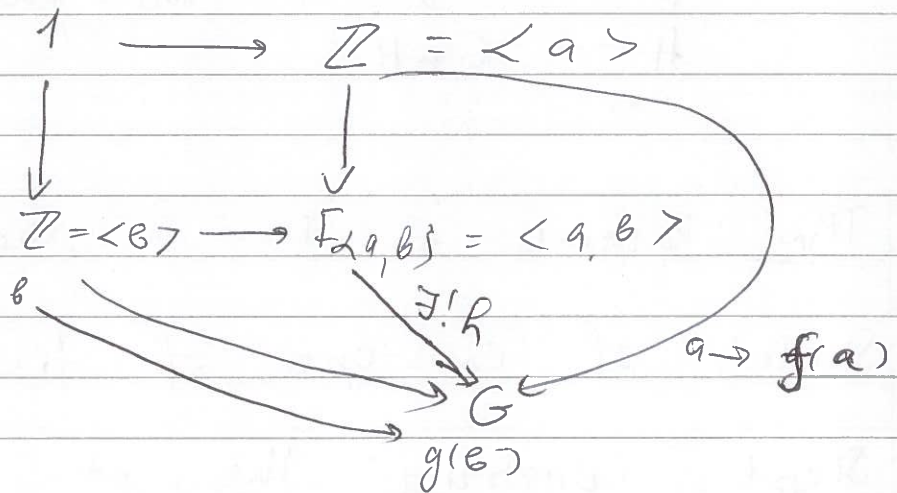
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Ex: Top. spaces:  $X = A \cup_c B$ ,  $A \cap B = C$



$\exists!$  continuous map  
 $h: X \rightarrow Y$   
 s.t.  $h \circ \beta' = h \circ \alpha'$

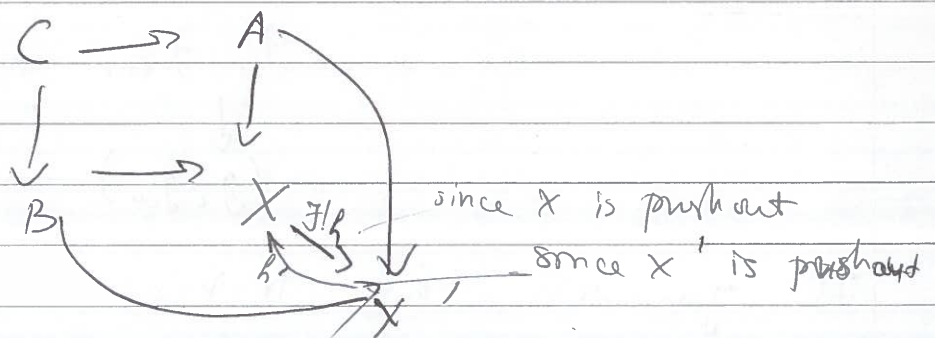
Ex: Groups



Q: When do they exist? tricky  
 Are they unique? easy

Proof of uniqueness

Suppose  $X, X'$  are a pushout



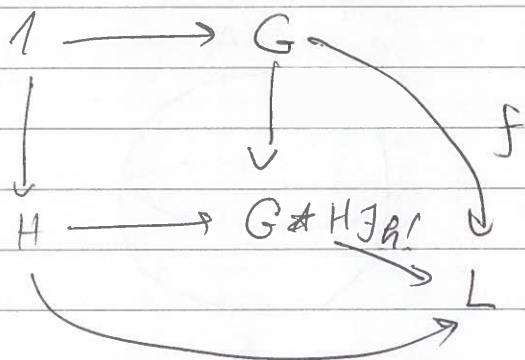
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Lemma: Any word is equivalent to a unique reduced word.

$G * H = \{ \text{reduced words in } G \cup H \}$

$w = g_1 h_1 g_2 h_2 \dots g_n h_n$  with  
 $g_i \neq 1$  for  $i > 1$  i.e.  $g_1 = 1$  can be  
 $h_i \neq 1$  for  $i < n$  or  $h_n = 1$  can be 1

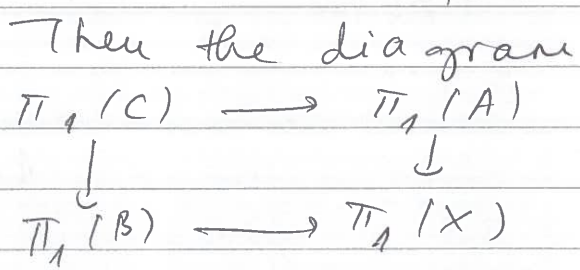
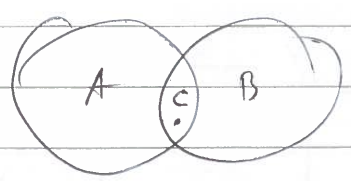


$w = g_1 h_1 \dots g_n h_n$

Define  $h$  by  $h(w) = f(g_1) g(h_1) \dots f(g_n) g(h_n)$

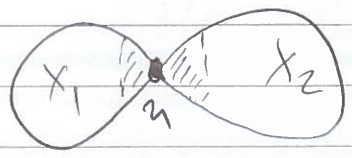
## Van Kampen

$X = A \cup_c B$  and  $A \cap B = c$ ,  $A, B, C$  are path connected & open.



is a pushout.

$X = X_1 \cup_b X_2$  connected complexes



$b$  has a contractible neighbourhood  $U$ .  
 $A = X_1 \cup U \leftarrow \text{open}$



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Definition:  $R \subseteq G$  then  $\langle\langle R \rangle\rangle = \bigcap H$

$H \triangleleft G, R \subseteq H$

The normal closure

Definition: A presentation of a group  $G$  is: 1) surj map  $\mathbb{F}_{\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle} \xrightarrow{f} G$

2) A list of elements  $\langle r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m \rangle = R$  such that  $\langle\langle R \rangle\rangle = \ker(f)$

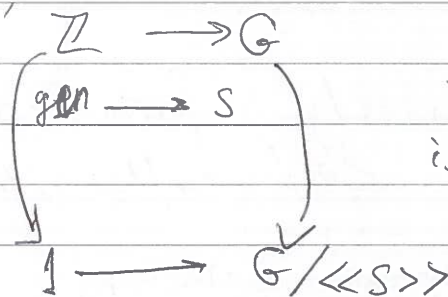
write  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$

Definition:  $G$  is finitely presented if  $\exists$

$G \cong \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$

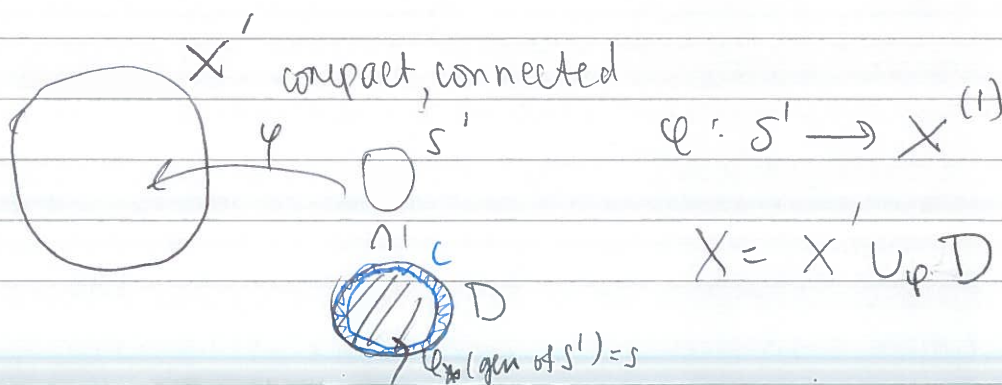
Theorem  $G$  is finitely presented iff  $G = \pi_1(X)$  where  $X$  is 2-dim compact CW complex.

Suppose  $G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle$  and  $s \in G$ . Then:



This diagram is a pushout.

$G$  finite presentable then find a compact 2 complex with  $\pi_1(X) = G$ .  $X$  is compact connected CW complex, show that  $\pi_1(X)$  is finitely presentable



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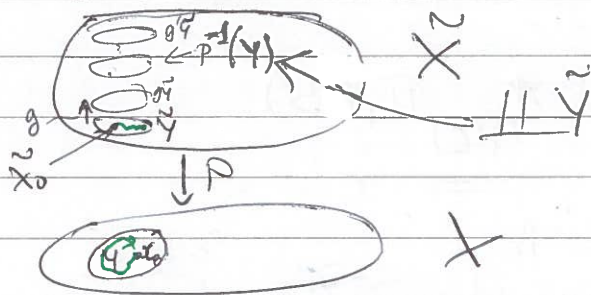
## Non-Examinable

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### Bass - Serre Theory

$x_0 \in Y \subseteq X$  connected, path connected,  $Y$  open  
 $\pi_1(Y, x_0) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$  inj.

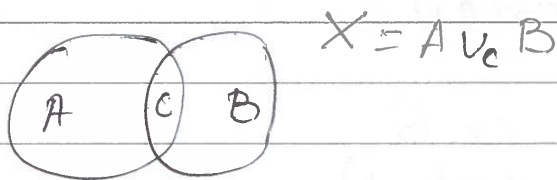
$X$  has universal cover  $\tilde{X}$ .



Observation:  $\text{Stab}(\tilde{Y}) = \pi_1(Y) < \pi_1(X)$

$\text{Stab}(g\tilde{Y}) = g\pi_1(Y)g^{-1}$   $g$  is a Deck Transf.

SVK:



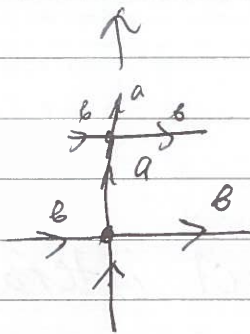
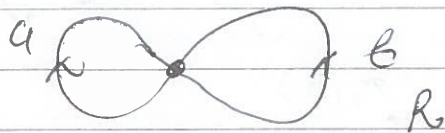
$C$  path connected

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(C) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(A) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{push out} \\ \pi_1(B) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(X) \end{array}$$

Assumption:  $\pi_1(C) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(A)$  injective  
 $\pi_1(C) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(B)$

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$$z_i \subseteq z_{i+1}$$

$$\tilde{R} = U z_i$$

There is a tree  $T$ :

vertices of  $T$  are

1. translates of  $\tilde{A}$  ✓
2. translates of  $\tilde{B}$  ✓

Edges of  $T$ :

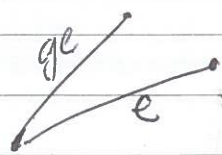
put an edge between

$g\tilde{A}$  and  $h\tilde{B}$  if they're connected by a copy of  $\tilde{C} \times I$

There is a  $G$ -equivariant map  $\tilde{X}' \rightarrow T$

In  $\tilde{X}$ ,  $\text{stab}$  of  $g\tilde{A}$  is  $g\pi_1(A)g^{-1}$   
 $\leftrightarrow$  vertex stabilizers are conjugates of  $\pi_1(A)$  &  $\pi_1(B)$ .

Edge stabilizers of  $T$  are conjugates of  $\pi_1(C)$

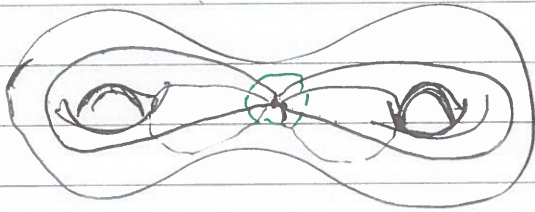


$\text{stab}(e) \hookrightarrow \text{stab}(v)$

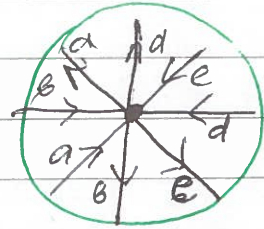
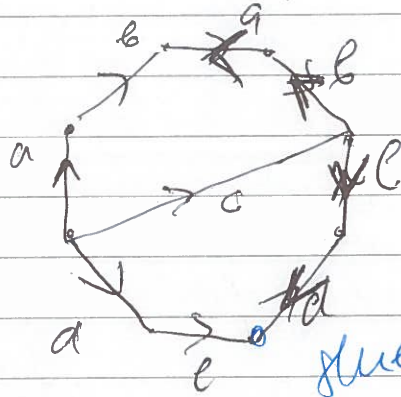


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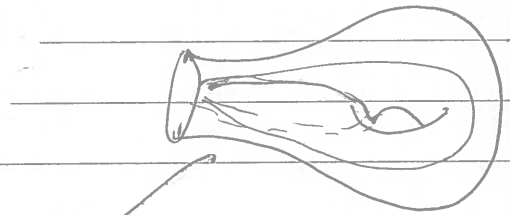
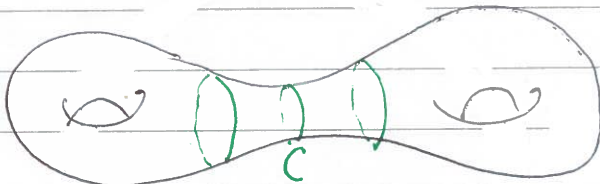
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= ? open disk



like 8 octagons around a vertex



Copy of tree

