



Math 5605


# Algebraic Topology

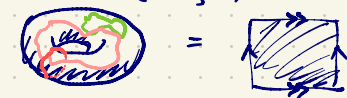
Book 1


If  $X, Y$  are top. spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if  $f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$  is open whenever  $U \subseteq Y$  is open.  
 $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism if  $f$  is bijective and  $f, f^{-1}$  are continuous.

$X \cong Y$  are homeomorphic if there exists a homeomorphism  $X \xrightarrow{\cong} Y$ .

$\mathbb{R}^2 \not\cong S^1$  since  $S^2$  is compact;  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is not.

$S^2 \cong \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \} =$  

$S^2 \not\cong T^2 = \coprod_{S^1} S^1 =$    $S^2, T^2$  are compact surfaces. They are locally homeomorphic but not globally homeomorphic.

$T^1 = S^1 =$    $=$  circle  $\cong \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1 \}$

$S^2 \not\cong T^2$  because  $S^2$  is simply connected whereas  $T^2$  is not.

In  $S^2$ , every closed path can be "continuously shrink" to a point (homotopic to a point, i.e. null-homotopic)



although both surfaces are compact, connected, not simply connected

These two surfaces have different fundamental group:  $\pi_1(X)$  is nonabelian,  $\pi_1(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$  is a (nontrivial) abelian group.

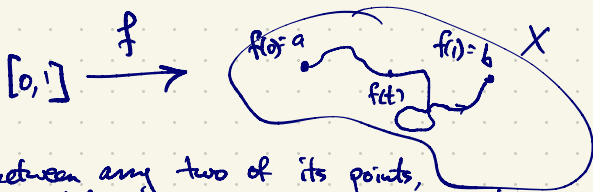
If  $X \cong Y$  (homeomorphic) then  $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(Y)$ .

For much of alg. top., the algebraic invariants that we define are actually invariant under the weaker equivalence relation of homotopy equivalence.

Eg. For every  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}^0 = \{ \bullet \}$ .



Given points  $a, b \in X$  (a topological space), a path from  $a$  to  $b$  is a <sup>(continuous)</sup> function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that  $f(0) = a, f(1) = b$ .



All maps (unless indicated otherwise) are assumed to be continuous.

If  $X$  has a path between any two of its points, then  $X$  is path-connected. For the time being, we'll assume  $X$  is path-connected. (In general, we instead define the fundamental groupoid of  $X$ .) If  $\varphi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  (recall: continuous) such that  $\varphi(0) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1$  then  $f \circ \varphi: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is just a reparameterization of the same path and we don't distinguish it from  $f$ .

If  $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  are paths such that  $f(1) = g(0)$  then we can concatenate them to form a new path from  $f(0)$  to  $g(1)$ :



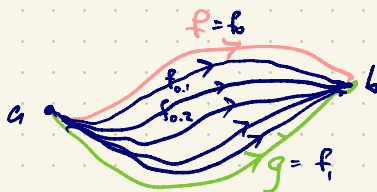
$(fg)h$  is the same path as  $f(gh)$  after reparameterization:

$$((fg)h)(t) = \begin{cases} f(4t) & t \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \\ g(4t-1) & t \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}] \\ h(2t-1) & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

$$(f(gh))(t) = \begin{cases} f(2t) & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ g(4t-2) & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}] \\ h(4t-3) & t \in [\frac{3}{4}, 1] \end{cases}$$



$f, g$  are homotopic  
but  $h$  is not homotopic to  $f, g$



More precisely, we require a map  $[0, 1]^2 \rightarrow X$

$$(s, t) \mapsto f(s, t) = f_s(t)$$

such that  $f_0 = f$  i.e.  $f_0(t) = f(t)$   
 $f_1 = g$  i.e.  $f_1(t) = g(t)$   
 $f_s(0) = a$   
 $f_s(1) = b$  for all  $s \in [0, 1]$

This is a homotopy from  $f$  to  $g$ .

We say  $f, g$  are homotopic if there is a continuous family of paths from  $a$  to  $b$  in  $X$ ,  $f_s$  ( $s \in [0, 1]$ ) with  $f_0 = f, f_1 = g$ .

If  $\varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is a map with  $\varphi(0)=0$ ,  $\varphi(1)=1$  then the reparameterized path  $f \circ \varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow X$  is homotopic to  $f$ . A homotopy from  $f$  to  $f \circ \varphi$  is

$$[0,1]^2 \rightarrow X$$

$$(s,t) \mapsto f(\underbrace{(1-s)t + s\varphi(t)}_{\uparrow [0,1]}) = f_s(t)$$

$$f_0(t) = f(t)$$

$$f_s(t) = f(\varphi(t))$$

$$f_s(0) = f((1-s) \cdot 0 + s \cdot \varphi(0)) = f(0)$$

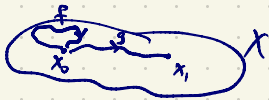
$$f_s(1) = f((1-s) \cdot 1 + s \cdot \varphi(1)) = f(1)$$

Fix  $x_0 \in X$ . Assume  $X$  is path-connected.  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  is the group of all homotopy classes of paths from  $x_0$  to  $x_0$  in  $X$  under concatenation. It turns out  $\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong \pi_1(X, x_1)$  for all  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ .

This gives the fundamental group  $\pi_1(X)$ .

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n) = 1 \quad (\text{trivial group}).$$

$$\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{free group on one generator})$$



Fix  $g$  path in  $X$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ .

An isomorphism  $\phi: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_1)$

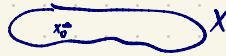
$$f \xrightarrow{\phi} \bar{g}fg$$

$$gf\bar{g} \xleftarrow{\phi^{-1}} h$$

$$\phi(f_1 f_2) = \bar{g} f_1 f_2 g = (\bar{g} f_1 g)(\bar{g} f_2 g)$$

$$f_1, f_2 \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$\gamma$ : Identity in  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$



$$\gamma(t) = x_0 \quad \text{for } t \in [0,1]$$

$$\gamma f = f \gamma = f \quad \text{for all } f \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

The inverse of  $f \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$  is

$$\bar{f}(t) = f(1-t), \quad t \in [0,1]$$

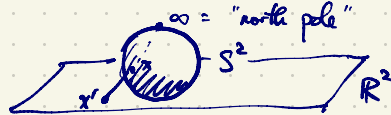
(same path in the reverse direction)



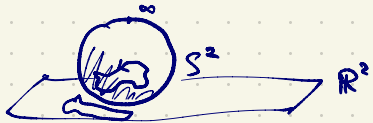
$$f \bar{f} = \bar{f} f = \gamma = \text{null path}$$

$\pi_1(S^2) = 1$  (trivial group: all closed paths in  $S^2$  are null-homotopic)

$S^2 \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \cup \{\infty\}$  (one-point compactification)



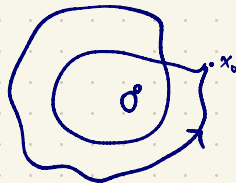
$x \mapsto x'$  is stereographic projection from the north pole  $\infty$



See Hatcher for general case including possibly space-filling curves.

$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2) = 1$

$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$   
punctured plane



follows from the fact that

$\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$  and  $S^1$  have the same homotopy type

$\mathbb{R}^3 - (x\text{-axis}) \simeq \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \simeq S^1$

$\mathbb{R}^3 - \{0\} \simeq S^2$

$X \simeq Y$ :  $X, Y$  are homotopic / have the same homotopy type / are homotopy equivalent

Note: this is weaker than  $X \cong Y$  (homeomorphic)

Hatcher writes  $X \approx Y$  for homeomorphic

- retraction
- deformation retraction

"def. retraction in the weak sense"

- strong deformation retraction

"def. retraction"

- homotopy
- relative homotopy
- homotopy equivalence

Let  $A \subseteq X$  (subspace of a top. space).

A retraction  $f: X \rightarrow A$  is a <sup>(continuous)</sup> map such that  $f|_A = id_A = 1_A$  i.e.  $f(a) = a$  for all  $a \in A$ .

If such a map exists then  $A$  is a retract of  $X$ .

Eg.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a retraction to any one of its points. If  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then the constant map  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{a\}$ ,  $x \mapsto a$  is a retraction.

$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow x\text{-axis}$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, 0)$ .

If  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is the unit circle, then there is no retraction  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^1$ .  
(But this may not be obvious.)

A deformation retraction is (a homotopy from  $\text{id}_X$  to a retraction),  $A \subseteq X$ .

i.e.  $f: [0,1] \times X \rightarrow X$

$$f(t, x) = f_t(x)$$

$$f_0(x) = x$$

i.e.  $f_0 = \text{id}_X$

$$f_1(x) \in A$$

$f_1$  is a retraction  $X \rightarrow A$

$$f_t(a) = a \text{ for all } a \in A.$$

If a def. retraction exists from  $X$  to  $A \subseteq X$ , we say  $A$  is a deformation retract of  $X$ .

(This is stronger than retract)

Ex.  $f: [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$f_t(x) = (1-t)x \text{ is a def. retraction to } \{0\}.$$

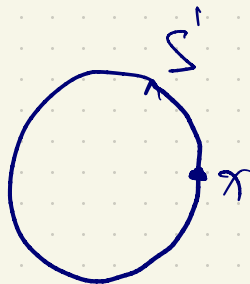
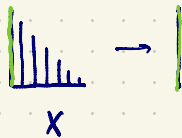
Ex.  $x \in S^1$   $x$  is a retract of  $S^1$  but not a def. retract of  $S^1$ .

A strong def. retract  $f: [0,1] \times X \rightarrow X$  :

$$f_0(x) = x \text{ i.e. } f_0 = \text{id}_X$$

$f_t$  is a retraction  $X \rightarrow A$

$$f_t|_A = \text{id}_A \text{ for all } t \in [0,1]$$



def. retract  
but not strong def. retract.

$$X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

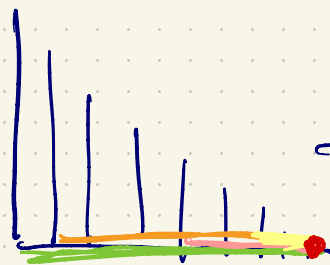
$$X = ([0,1] \times \{0\}) \cup \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0,1]} (\{r\} \times [0,1-r])$$



This is a def. retract, but not a strong def. retract.

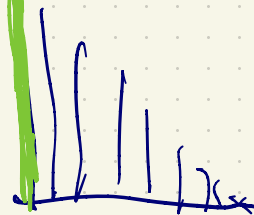
There is no strong def. retract  $X \rightarrow A$ .

$X$  has a def. ret. to  $A = \{0\} \times [0,1]$ .



$$0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1$$



Let  $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  be maps. A homotopy from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$  is a map  $f: [0,1] \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(0,x) = f_0(x)$  and  $f(1,x) = f_1(x)$ . ("continuous deformation")

If  $A \subseteq X$  is any subspace, a homotopy relative to  $A$  from  $f_0$  to  $f_1$  is a homotopy  $f: [0,1] \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f_t(a)$  is independent of  $t \in [0,1]$  for all  $a \in A$ . (constant)

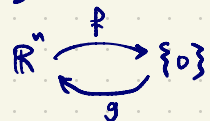
A path from  $a$  to  $b$  in  $X$  is a homotopy from  $a$  to  $b$ .

Given two paths  $f_0, f_1$  in  $X$  from  $a$  to  $b$  ( $a, b \in X$ ) is a homotopy relative to  $\{0,1\}$ .



A homotopy equivalence from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a pair of maps  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$  such that  $f \circ g : Y \rightarrow Y$  and  $g \circ f : X \rightarrow X$  are homotopic to  $\text{id}_Y$  and  $\text{id}_X$  respectively.

Eg.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}^0 = \{0\}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^n \simeq \{0\}$ )



$$f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$g(0) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x \mapsto 0$$

$$f \circ g : \{0\} \rightarrow \{0\}$$

$$0 \mapsto 0$$

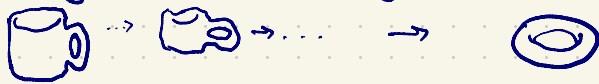
A homotopy from  $g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $h_t(x) = tx$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Not relative to any subspace necessarily.

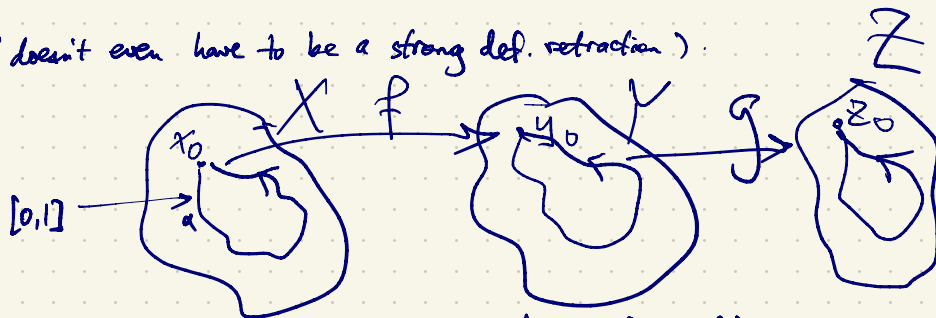
$$h_0 = g \circ f$$

$$h_1 = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

The same argument works for any def. retraction (doesn't even have to be a strong def. retraction).



$S^1$  is not homotopic to a point.  
( $S^1$  is not null homotopic; not contractible)



If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  where both  $X, Y$  are path-connected then  $f$  induces a homomorphism  $f_* : \pi_1(X) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y)$

$$\alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow X \text{ gives } f_* \alpha = f \circ \alpha : [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$$

$$(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$$

If  $X \simeq Y$  then  $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(Y)$

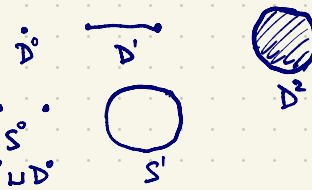
$D^n$  = closed ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
disk

$S^n = \partial D^{n+1}$  = n-sphere

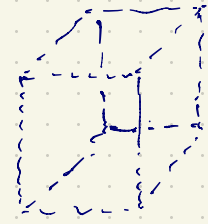
A CW complex is formed

from  $X = X^0 \cup X^1 \cup X^2 \cup X^3 \cup \dots$

$X^n$  is a union of copies of  $D^n$  with the boundaries of  $D^n$  attached to  $X^{n-1}$  via attaching maps.



Eg. Torus  $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1 =$

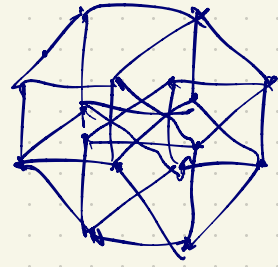


$X^0 = \bullet = D^0$

$X^1 =$    $\cong S^1 \vee S^1$



$X^2$

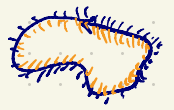


$\pi_1(T^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

Möbius strip

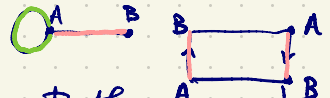


not orientable



not homeomorphic to cylinder  $S^1 \times [0, 1]$

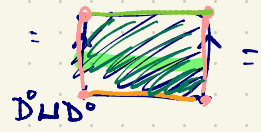
$X^0 =$   
 $X^1 =$   
 $X^2 =$



Both are homotopy equivalent  
 Both have  $\mathbb{Z}$  as fund. gp.

Cylinder:

$X^0 =$   
 $X^1 =$   
 $X^2 =$



orientable

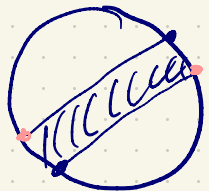
(def. retract to  $S^1$ )

$\mathbb{P}^2 \mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^2$ ) is the real projective plane is obtained from a disk  $D^2$  with opposite boundary points identified



(non-orientable surface)

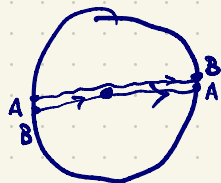
$\mathbb{P}^2 \mathbb{R} = D^2$  glued to a Möbius strip



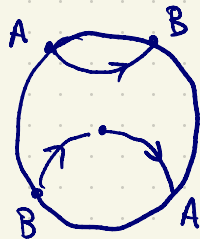
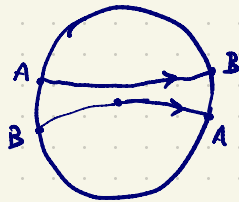
$$\pi_1(\mathbb{P}^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$



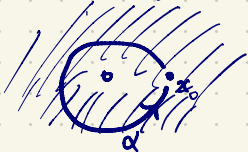
$\alpha$  is not homotopic to the null path  $\gamma$ .  $\alpha^2$  is homotopic to  $\gamma$ .



$\alpha^2$



$$\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \cong S^1$$



A homotopy equivalence

$$\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \xrightarrow{f_t} S^1$$

$$f_t(x,y) = \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right)$$

$$f_t(v) = (1-t)v + t \frac{v}{|v|}$$

$$f_t(v) = \frac{v}{|v|}$$

$$f_t: \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$$

$$f_0 = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}}$$

$f_1$  is a retraction to  $S^1$

strong def. retraction since

$$f_t|_{S^1} = \text{id}_{S^1} \text{ for all } t \in [0,1].$$

$$\{\alpha^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

free group on one generator

$$\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Given a closed path  $\alpha$  in  $S^1$  with base point  $1 \in S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$

$$\text{define } w(\beta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\beta} \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\beta(0)}^{\beta(1)} \frac{dz}{z}$$

$$\beta: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$$

$$\beta(0) = 1$$

$$\beta(e^{2\pi i \theta}) = \theta + n$$



$$w(\alpha) = 1$$

$$w(\alpha^n) = n$$

$w$  is an isomorphism from  $\pi_1(S^1)$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

In  $\mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  the same argument works

$$\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\} \quad 0 = (0,0)$$

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}) = \langle \alpha \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$



distinct

$$k\text{-punctured plane } X = \mathbb{R}^2 - \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$$

$$\pi_1(X) = F_k = \text{Free}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$$

$$X \simeq \underbrace{S^1 \vee S^1 \vee \dots \vee S^1}_k$$



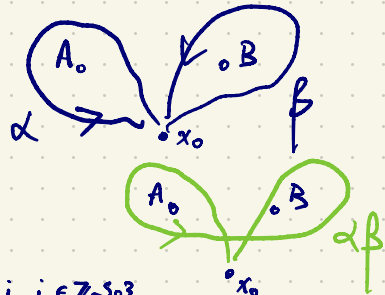
$$X = \mathbb{R}^2 - \{A, B\}$$

$$\pi_1(X) = \langle \alpha^i \beta^j \alpha^k \beta^l \dots \alpha^m \beta^n \alpha^p \beta^q \dots \alpha^r \beta^s \alpha^t \beta^u \dots \alpha^v \beta^w \alpha^x \beta^y \dots \alpha^z \beta^{\dots} \rangle$$

$\pi_1(X)$  is the free group on two generators i.e.  $k \geq 0$

$$F_2 = \text{Free}(\alpha, \beta) = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \langle \alpha \rangle * \langle \beta \rangle = \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\int \frac{dz}{z} = \ln|z| + 2\pi i \arg z$$





The Van Kampen Theorem gives a presentation for  $\pi_1(X)$  when  $X$  is suitably described in terms of smaller pieces.

A presentation for a group  $G$  expresses  $G$  as a homomorphic image of a free group  $F$  i.e.  $G \cong F/N$ ,  $N \triangleleft F$ .

Let  $X$  be a set of generators of  $G$  ( $X \subseteq G$ ,  $\langle X \rangle = G$ ).

$\text{Free}(X) \longrightarrow G$  is a surjective homomorphism;  $N$  is its kernel.

$G = \langle x_1, \dots, x_k : \underbrace{r_1, \dots, r_m}_{\in F} \rangle$  is a presentation for  $G$  if  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  is a set of  $k$  symbols,  $F = \text{Free}(X)$  (the free group on  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ ).

Let  $N$  be the smallest normal subgp of  $F$  containing  $r_1, \dots, r_m$  i.e.

the normal closure of  $\langle r_1, \dots, r_m \rangle \leq F$

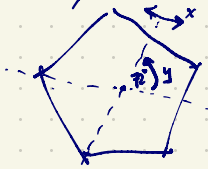
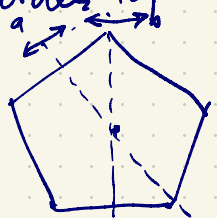
i.e. the subgp. of  $F$  generated by  $r_1, \dots, r_m$  and their conjugates in  $F$

$N = \langle h r_i h^{-1} : i=1, \dots, m; h \in F \rangle$ . (When there are  $k$  generators and  $m$  relators,

we say  $G$  is finitely presented.)

eg. the dihedral group of order 10 is

$$D_{10} \cong \langle a, b : a^2, b^2, (ab)^5 \rangle \cong \langle x, y : x^2, y^5, xyx^{-1}y \rangle$$



$$\begin{aligned} xyx^{-1}y &= 1 \\ xy &= yx \\ xyx^{-1} &= y \end{aligned}$$

$$D_{10} \cong \langle a, b : a^2, b^2, (ab)^5 \rangle \cong \langle x, y : x^2, y^5, xyx^{-1}y \rangle$$

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$$x = a \\ y = ab$$

$$x^2 = a^2 = 1 \\ y^5 = (ab)^5 = 1 \\ xyx^{-1} = a \cdot ab \cdot a^{-1} = ba \\ \text{whereas } y^{-1} = (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = ba$$

←  
check

A free product  $G * H$  is the set of all words from elements in  $G$  and  $H$  having no relations between elements in  $G$  and elements in  $H$  (except if one of these elements is the identity).

$$\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z} = \langle a \rangle * \langle b \rangle = \text{Free} \{a, b\} = \langle a, b \rangle = \{a^i b^j a^k b^l \dots a^m b^n, \dots\}$$

infinite cyclic      infinite cyclic

$$= \langle a, b : a^2, b^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle a : a^2 \rangle * \langle b : b^2 \rangle = \{1, a, b, ab, ba, aba, bab, abab, baba, ababa, babab, \dots\} = D_{10}$$

$$\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) * (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = \langle x, y : x^2, \underbrace{xyx^{-1} = y^{-1}}_{xyx^{-1}y = 1} \rangle = \text{group of all automorphisms of}$$



ie.  $\langle X : R \rangle = \langle x_1, \dots, x_m : r_1, \dots, r_k \rangle$

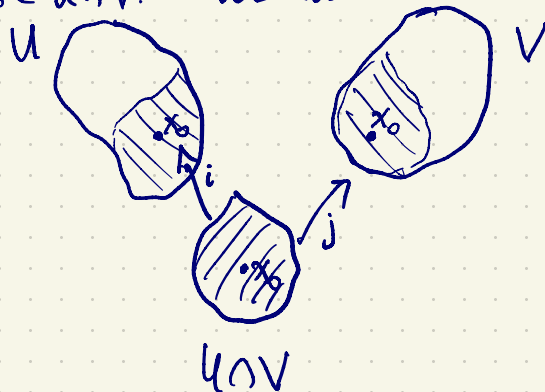
$$\langle Y : S \rangle = \langle y_1, \dots, y_n : s_1, \dots, s_l \rangle$$

$$\langle X : R \rangle * \langle Y : S \rangle = \langle XY : R \cup S \rangle = \langle x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n : r_1, \dots, r_k, s_1, \dots, s_l \rangle$$

Free products with amalgamation: add more relations involving  $x_i$ 's and  $y_j$ 's e.g.

$$D_{10} = \langle a, b : a^2, b^2, (ab)^5 \rangle = \underbrace{\langle a : a^2 \rangle}_{\text{cyclic of order 2}} *_{(ab)^5} \underbrace{\langle b : b^2 \rangle}_{\text{cyclic of order 2}} = D_{10} / \text{Normal closure of } \langle (ab)^5 \rangle$$

Let  $X$  be a path-connected top. space covered by two open sets  $U, V$ . Since  $X$  is connected,  $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $x_0 \in U \cap V$ . We also assume  $U \cap V$  is path-connected.

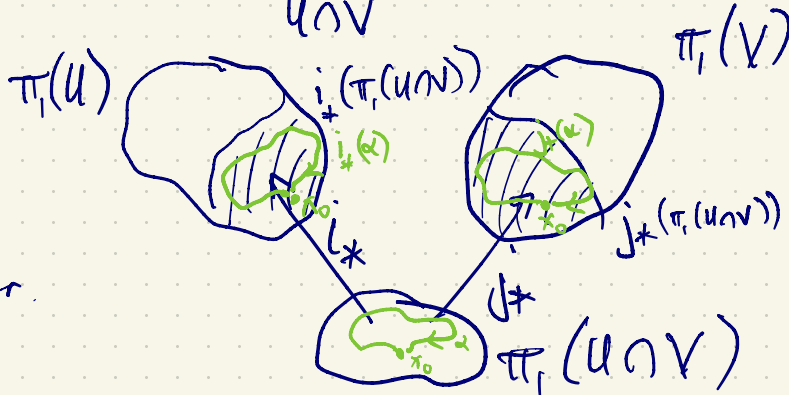


$i, j$  inclusion maps as shown (injective, continuous)

Theorem (Van Kampen, special case)

$$\pi_1(X) = \pi_1(U) *_{\pi_1(U \cap V)} \pi_1(V)$$

where the amalgamation over  $\pi_1(U \cap V)$  is given by: for all  $\alpha \in \pi_1(U \cap V)$ , identify  $i_* \alpha$  with  $j_* \alpha$  i.e.  $i_* \alpha \sim j_* \alpha$  is a new relation.



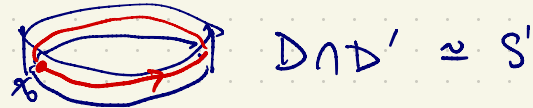
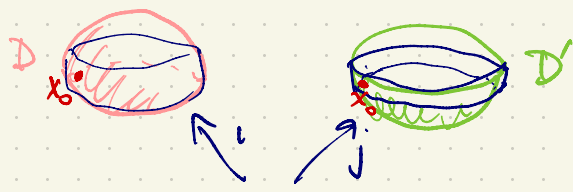
This induces group homomorphisms  $i_*, j_*$  as shown.

Eg.  $X = S^2 = D \cup D'$



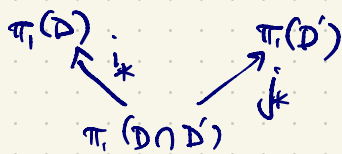
$$\pi_1(S^2) = \pi_1(D) * \pi_1(D') = 1$$

X



$$\pi_1(D) \cong \pi_1(D') = 1 \quad \text{trivial}$$

$$\pi_1(D \cap D') = \langle \alpha \rangle$$



$i_*$ ,  $j_*$   
not one-to-one

$$i_*(\alpha) = 1$$

$$j_*(\alpha) = 1.$$

trivial

$$= \underbrace{\pi_1(D) * \pi_1(D')}_{\text{amalgamation}} = 1.$$

$$T^2 = S' \times S' =$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(U) * \pi_1(V) \\ = 1 * \langle a, b \rangle \\ = \langle a, b \rangle \end{aligned}$$

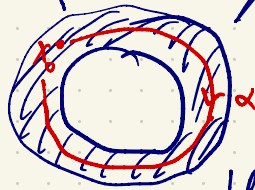
$$U \quad \pi_1(U) = 1$$



$$V \simeq S' \vee S'$$

$$\pi_1(V) = \langle a, b \rangle$$

Free group on two generators



$$U \cap V \cong S^1 \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$$

$$\pi_1(U \cap V) = \langle a \rangle$$

Then identify  $a$  with  $1$  due to the inclusion  $U \cap V \subset U$ .

In  $V$ ,  $\alpha$  is homotopic to  $c \alpha_1 \alpha_0^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \alpha_0^{-1} c^{-1}$ .

Then identify  $c \alpha_1 \alpha_0^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \alpha_0^{-1} c^{-1}$  with  $a$ .

So identify  $ab$  with  $ba$ .

$$\pi_1(T^2) = \langle a, b \rangle / \langle ab = ba \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

So we identify  $c \alpha_1 \alpha_0^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \alpha_0^{-1} c^{-1}$  with  $1$ .

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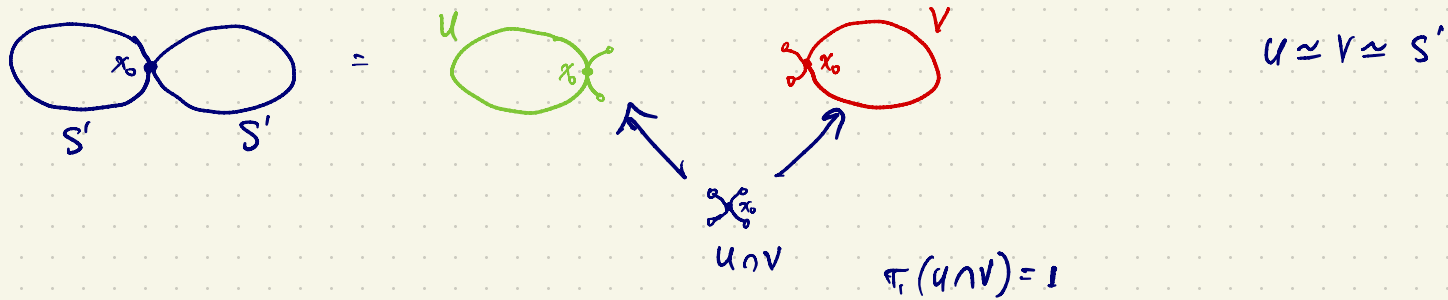
Identify  $\alpha_1 \alpha_0^{-1}$  with  $\alpha_0^{-1} \alpha_1$ ;  $\alpha_0 \alpha_1$  with  $\alpha_1 \alpha_0$ .

$= \langle a, b \rangle / \text{Normal closure of } ab a^{-1} b^{-1}$   
 $= \text{the abelianization of } \langle a, b \rangle$



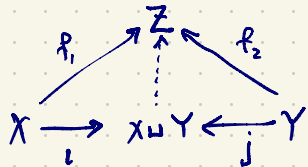
$\pi_1(S' \vee S') = \pi_1(S') * \pi_1(S')$  also follows from Van Kampen's Theorem.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are path-connected top. spaces then  $\pi_1(X \vee Y) = \pi_1(X) * \pi_1(Y)$ .



$$\pi_1(S_1 \vee S_1) = \pi_1(U) * \pi_1(V) = \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z} = \text{free group on two generators.}$$

In  $\mathcal{Top}$ , the category of top. spaces, the coproduct of  $X$  and  $Y$  is  $X \sqcup Y =$  disjoint union; product is  $X \times Y$ .

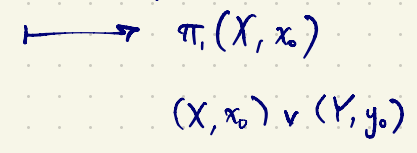
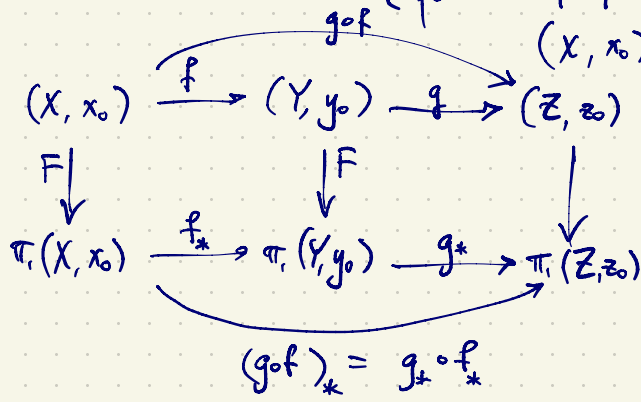


The category of pointed top. spaces i.e. pairs  $(X, x_0)$ ,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $X$  nonempty top. space

The coproduct  $(X, x_0) \sqcup (Y, y_0) =$  disjoint union  $X \sqcup Y$  with  $x_0, y_0$  identified  
denoted as  $(X, x_0) \vee (Y, y_0) = (X \sqcup Y, x=y_0)$

A morphism  $(X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  is a (continuous) map  $X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying  $x_0 \mapsto y_0$ .

We have a functor  $\{\text{pointed top. spaces}\} \rightarrow \text{Grp} = \{\text{groups}\}$

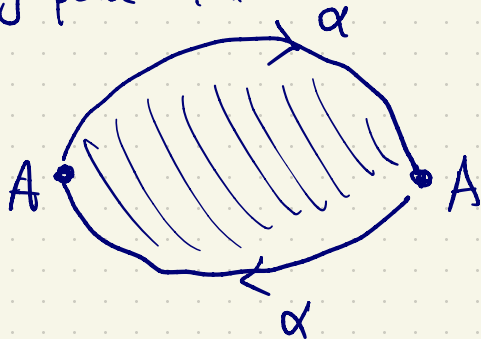


$F((X, x_0) \vee (Y, y_0)) = F((X, x_0)) * F((Y, y_0))$

$\uparrow$   
 Coproduct in pointed  
 top. spaces  
 is  
 wedge sum.
 

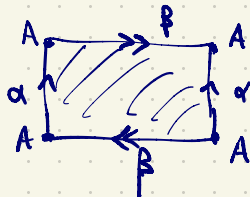
 $\uparrow$   
 Coproduct in Grp  
 is just free product

Proj. plane  $P^2\mathbb{R}$



$$\pi_1(P^2\mathbb{R}) = \langle \alpha : \alpha^2 \rangle = \langle \alpha \rangle / \langle \alpha^2 \rangle = \text{group of order 2} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

Klein Bottle  $K$



$$\pi_1(K) = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta \rangle = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle / N$$

Force  $\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta = 1$  in the quotient gp.

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha\beta\alpha^{-1} = \beta^{-1}$$

$$\text{So } \pi_1(K) = \mathbb{Z} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}$$

where  $N$  is the subgp of  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  generated by  $\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta$  and its conjugates

$$(k, l)(r, s) = \begin{cases} (k+r, l+s) & \text{if } r \text{ is even} \\ (k+r, -l+s) & \text{if } r \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Every element can be uniquely expressed as  $\alpha^k \beta^l$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$(\alpha^k \beta^l)(\alpha^r \beta^s) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{r+k} \beta^{l+s} & \text{if } r \text{ is even;} \\ \alpha^{r+k} \beta^{-l+s} & \text{if } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1} = \alpha\beta\beta\alpha^{-1} = (\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1})(\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1})(\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}) = \beta^{-1}\beta^{-1}\beta^{-1} = \beta^{-3} \quad \text{so } \alpha\beta = \beta^{-3}\alpha$$

$$\alpha\beta^k\alpha^{-1} = \beta^{-k}$$

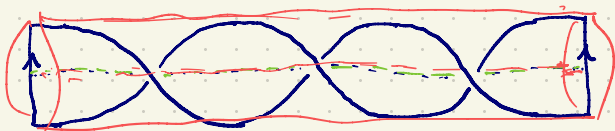
$$\beta^k = \alpha^{1-k}\beta\alpha$$

$$\{\alpha^k \beta^l : k, l \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \pi_1(K) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

The elements with  $k$  even form an abelian subgroup  $\langle \alpha^2, \beta \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  (free abelian of rank 2).  
 and the quotient  $\pi_1(K) / \langle \alpha^2, \beta \rangle$  is order 2.

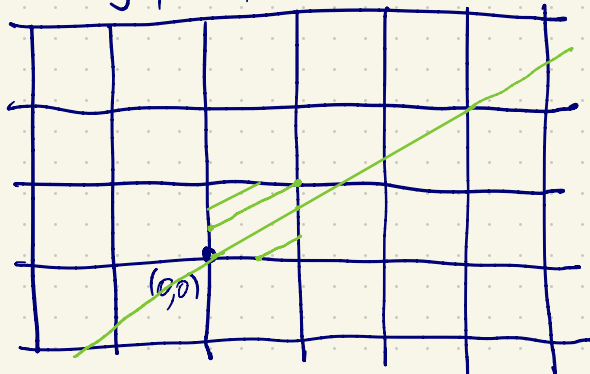
Leading up to trefoil:

$T^2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \subset S^3$  This surface partitions  $\mathbb{R}^3$  into two solid tori



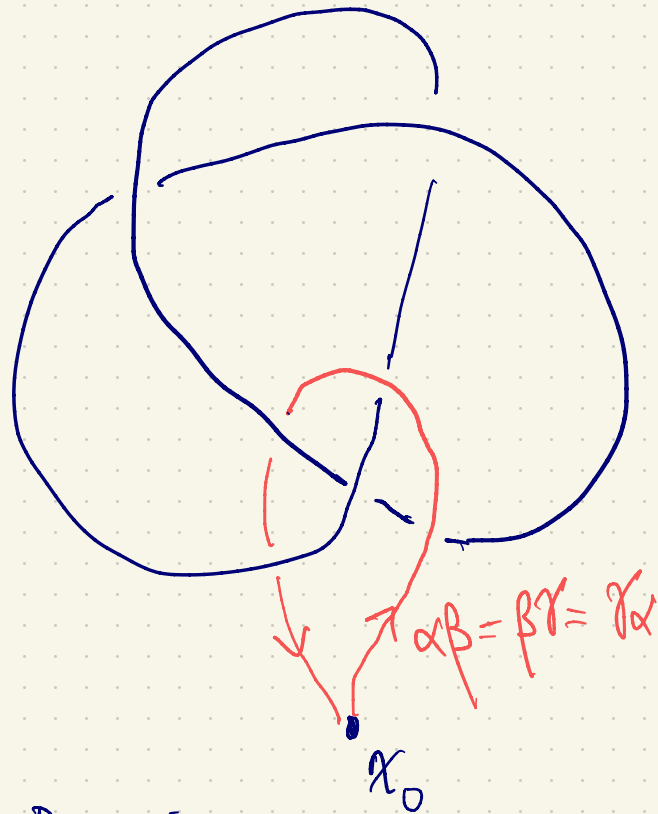
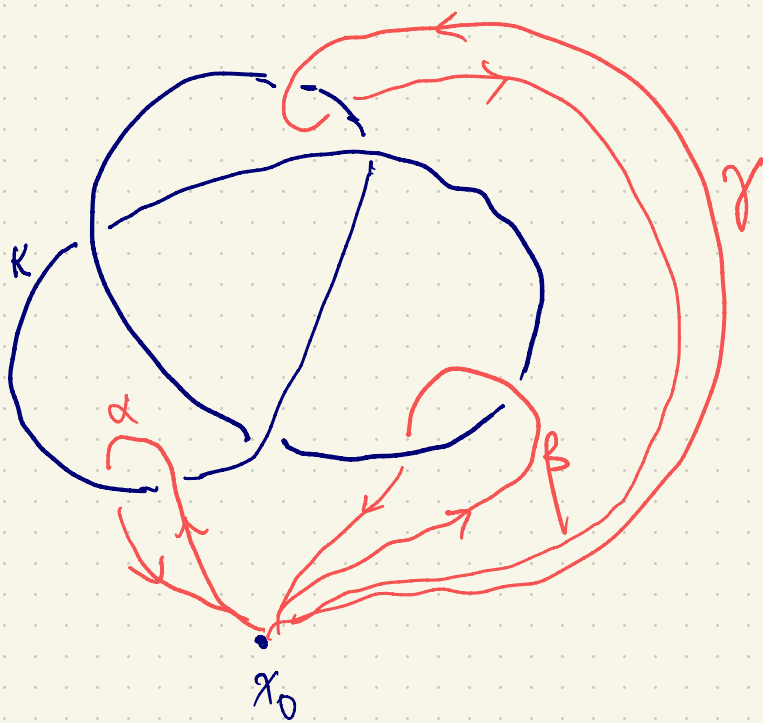
For any  $m, n > 1$  relatively prime, we have an  $(m, n)$  torus knot embedded in the torus

$$T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$$



Take the line  $y = \frac{n}{m}x$

The trefoil is the  $(3, 2)$  torus knot.  
 or  $(2, 3)$



$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 - K) = \langle \alpha, \beta, \gamma : \alpha\beta = \beta\gamma = \gamma\alpha \rangle = \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha\beta\alpha = \beta\alpha\beta \rangle ?$$

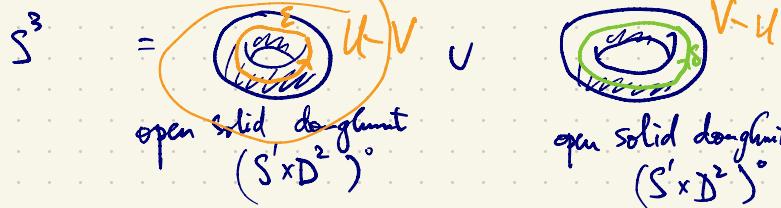
$$\gamma = \beta^{-1}\alpha\beta = \alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}$$

Prove using  
Van Kampen's Theorem

$$S^3 - K = U \cup V$$

↑  
trefoil knot

U, V open path-connected  
 $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$



$$\pi_1(U) = \langle \varepsilon \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\pi_1(V) = \langle \delta \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\varepsilon^2 = \gamma = \delta^3$$

(exterior)  
 $S^3 - K =$  open solid doughnut

V open nbhd of torus



(interior)

open solid doughnut

$$\pi_1(\underbrace{S^3 - K}_{U \cup V}) =$$

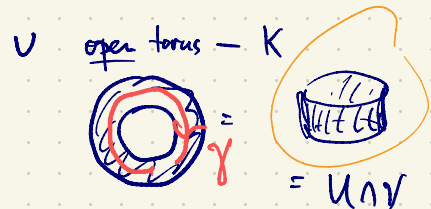
$$\pi_1(U) * \pi_1(V) = \langle \varepsilon \rangle * \langle \delta \rangle$$

Normal closure  
of  $\langle \varepsilon, \delta \rangle$

$$= \langle \varepsilon, \delta : \varepsilon^2 = \delta^3 \rangle$$

$$\cong \langle \alpha, \beta : \alpha\beta\alpha = \beta\alpha\beta \rangle \leftarrow \text{No torsion}$$

$$\varepsilon = \alpha\beta\alpha, \quad \delta = \alpha\beta \Rightarrow \delta^3 = \underbrace{\alpha\beta\alpha\beta\alpha\beta}_{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon^2$$



$$\pi_1(U \cap V) = \langle \gamma \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

If  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , when can  $\pi_1(X)$  have torsion (nontrivial elements of finite order)?  
 Eg.  $P^1\mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\pi_1(P^2\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$   
 For  $n=2$ , no torsion in  $\pi_1(X)$ .  
 For  $n=3$ , conjecturally  $\pi_1(X)$  has no torsion.

Where do torus knots arise "in nature"?

The  $(m, n)$ -torus knot for  $m, n \geq 2$  rel. prime.

A knot is an embedding of  $S^1$  in  $S^3$  (or in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

The unit sphere in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is  $\{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |z|^2 + |w|^2 = 1\} \cong S^3$

Consider the algebraic variety  $\{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : z^m = w^n\}$  intersected with  $S^3$  is the  $(m, n)$ -torus knot.

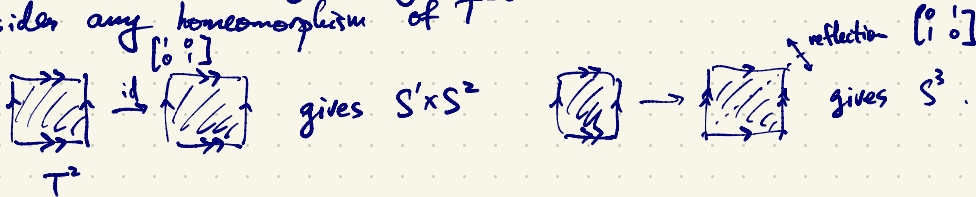
Recall:  $S^3$  can be constructed by pasting together two solid tori  $S^1 \times D^2$  (second torus having its meridian and longitude "reversed" as happens when turning it "inside out")



What if we instead glue together without this reversal? (i.e. boundary points on first torus are pasted to the identical point on the second torus)?  $S^1 \times S^2$ .  $\pi_1(S^1 \times S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

In fact there are many ways to glue together two solid tori along their boundaries!

Consider any homeomorphism of  $T^2$



Apply any  $A \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, ad - bc = \pm 1 \right\}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow \bar{A} = \pm \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

det  $A = \pm 1$

$A$  preserves  $\mathbb{Z}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  so  $A$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 \cong T^2$ .

$A$  maps the "unit" paths in  $x, y$  directions to certain torus knots. But the real thing is what happens to the construction above (gluing together two solid tori). This gives a lens space. Even this construction generalizes quite far.

This leads to Dehn surgery: Start with a knot  $K$  in  $S^3$



$\varepsilon$ -nbhd of  $K$  has boundary  $R \cong T^2$  embedded strangely in  $S^3$ .

$(S^3 - R)$  glued to  $(S^3 - R')$  along their boundaries  $R \cong R' \cong T^2$ .



$$G = \langle x, y : xy^2x^{-1}y, xy^4x \rangle$$

Construct  $X$  having  $\pi_1(X) \cong G$ :



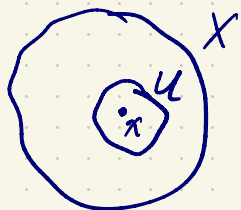
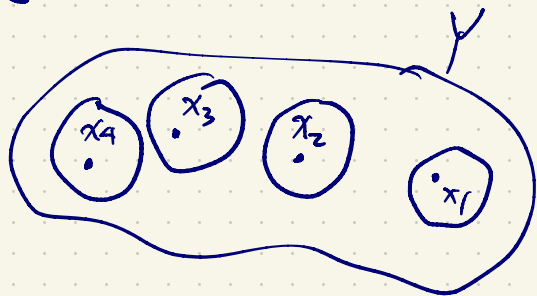
with two closed disks  glued on to the 1-skeleton  $S^1 \vee S^1$

Covering Spaces Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be a map. The fibre over  $x \in X$  is  $f^{-1}(x) = \{y \in Y : f(y) = x\}$ .

Given  $A \subseteq X$ , its preimage is  $f^{-1}(A) = \{y \in Y : f(y) \in A\}$ . (Hatcher instead writes  $f^{-1}[A]$ .)

I'm being more casual.

The map  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map if every point  $x \in X$  has an open nbhd  $U$  such that  $f^{-1}(U)$  is a disjoint union of open sets in  $Y$ , each of which is mapped homeomorphically to  $U$  by  $f$ .



$$f^{-1}(x) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$$

In particular, this requires  $f^{-1}(x) \subset Y$  is a discrete subset.



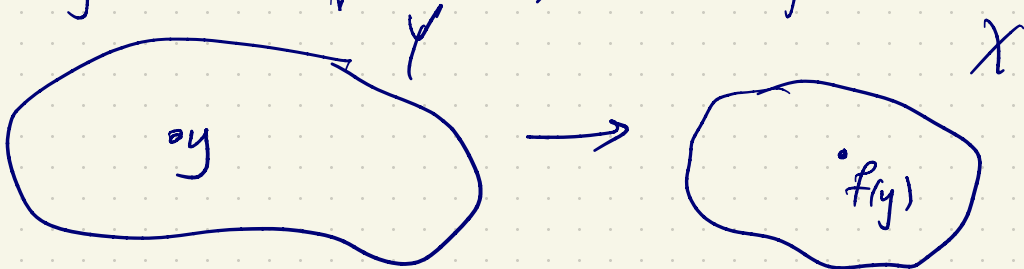
Eg.  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \mapsto \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0; \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$



$$f^{-1}(0) = \left\{ 0, \pm \frac{1}{\pi}, \pm \frac{1}{2\pi}, \pm \frac{1}{3\pi}, \dots \right\}$$

$f$  is not a covering map

If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  is a covering map then  $f$  is locally a homeomorphism: for every  $y \in Y$ , there is an open nbhd  $V$  of  $y$  such that  $f|_V: V \rightarrow f(V)$  is a homeomorphism.

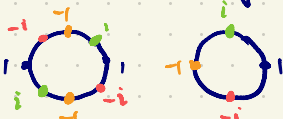


But the converse is not true: not every locally injective/homeomorphic map is a covering map.

Eg. Covers of  $S^1$ : There are many covering maps of  $S^1$ , some of which are connected; let's start with these.

Think  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . For every non-zero integer  $n$ ,  $f_n(z) = z^n$ ,  $f_n: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  is a covering map.

Eg.  $f_2: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ ,  $z \mapsto z^2$



$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(1) &= \{1, -1\} \\ f^{-1}(-1) &= \{i, -i\} \\ f^{-1}(i) &= \left\{ \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \\ &\text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

All fibres have size 2:

this is a 2-to-1 covering map  
 (double cover or map of degree 2 or a 2-sheeted cover)

$\ell: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S'$ ,  $t \mapsto e^{2\pi i t}$  is a cover of infinite degree ( $\infty$ -to-1)

If  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Z \rightarrow Y$  are covering maps then  $f \circ g: Z \rightarrow X$  is also a covering map.

