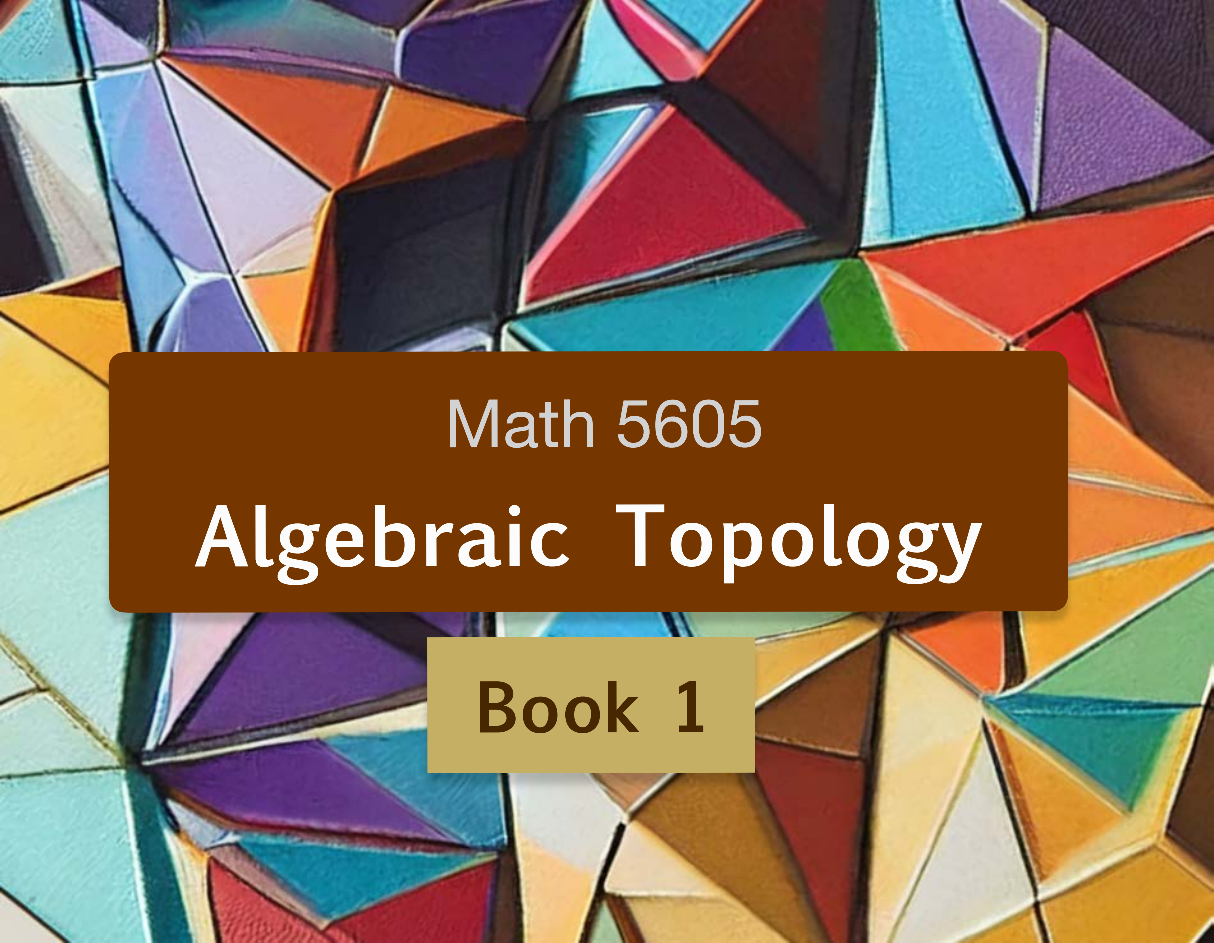


Math 5605

Algebraic Topology

Book 1

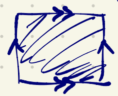
If X, Y are top. spaces, $f: X \to Y$ is <u>continuous</u> if $f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$ is open whenever $U \subseteq Y$ is open.

$f: X \to Y$ is a <u>homeomorphism</u> if f is bijective and f, f^{-1} are continuous.

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

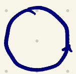
$\mathbb{R}^2 \not\cong S^2$ since S^2 is compact; $\mathbb{R}^2$ is not.

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

$S^2 \not\cong T^2 = S^1 \times S^1 =$  $=$ 

$S^1 = S$

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 shrunk" to a point (homotopic to a point, i.e. null-homotopic)

X $\qquad$ $T = T^2$

 $\not\cong$  although both surfaces are compact, connected, not simply connected

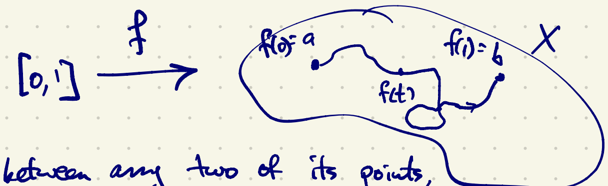
These two surfaces have different fundamental group: $\pi_1(X)$ is nonabelian, $\pi_1(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2$ is a (nontrivial) abelian group.

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 <u>homotopy equivalence</u>.

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

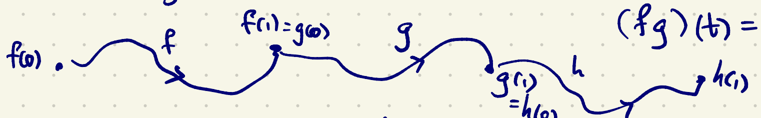
Given points $a, b \in X$ (a topological space), a *path* from a to b is a (continuous) function $f : [0,1] \to X$ such that $f(0) = a$, $f(1) = b$.



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 $\varphi : [0,1] \to [0,1]$ (recall: continuous) such that $\varphi(0) = 0$, $\varphi(1) = 1$ then $f \circ \varphi : [0,1] \to X$ is just a reparameterization of the same path and we don't distinguish it from f.

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



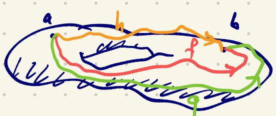
$$(fg)(t) = \begin{cases} f(2t), & 0 \le t \le \frac{1}{2} \\ g(2t-1), & \frac{1}{2} \le t \le 1. \end{cases}$$

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

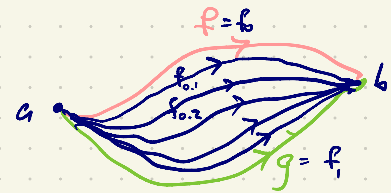
$$((fg)h)(t) = \begin{cases} f(4t), & t \in [0, \frac{1}{4}] \\ g(4t-1), & t \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}] \\ h(2t-1), & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases} \qquad (f(gh))(t) = \begin{cases} f(2t), & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ g(4t-2), & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}] \\ h(4t-3), & t \in [\frac{3}{4},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

More precisely, we require a map $[0,1]^2 \to X$
$(s,t) \mapsto f(s,t) = f_s(t)$
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.



f, g are homotopic but h is not homotopic to f, 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 $\varphi : [0,1] \to [0,1]$ is a map with $\varphi(0)=0$, $\varphi(1)=1$ then the reparameterized path $f\circ\varphi : [0,1] \to X$ is homotopic to f. A homotopy from f to $f\circ\varphi$ is

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

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

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

$$f_1(t) = f(\varphi(t))$$

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

$$f_s(1) = f((1-s)\cdot 1 + s\cdot\underbrace{\varphi(1)}_{1}) = f(1)$$

Fix $x_0 \in X$. Assume X is <u>path-connected</u>. $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ 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 $\pi_1(X)$.

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

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