

LECTURE 22: HOMOTOPY

(Chapter 10, Manetti)

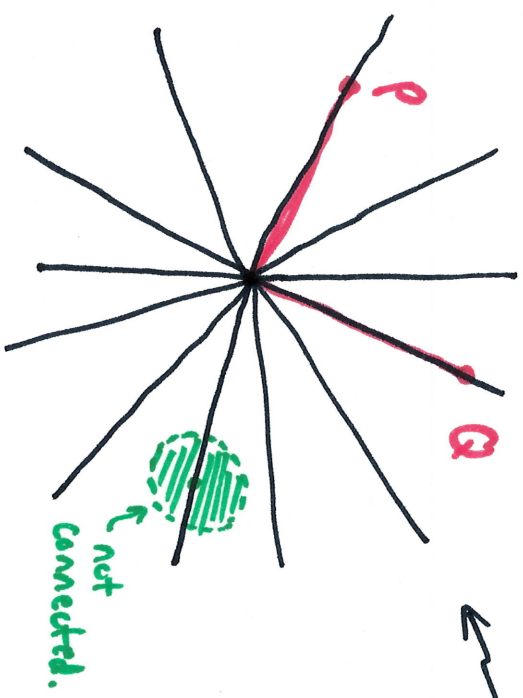
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We tend to sell topology to non-technical audiences with homotopy. In particular, a homotopy is roughly a formal method of implementing one shape flexing into another. It has to do with the deformation of one shape (like a donut) and another (like a coffee mug). I'll follow Manetti, so it will be a few minutes until we get to the deformation...

Defⁿ A space is locally connected if every point has local basis of connected neighbourhoods

Connected components of locally connected space are open, In general connected spaces may fail to be locally connected

Ex) $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ formed by union of all lines $ax = by$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
not both zero forms a path connected, but not locally path connected space. (Ex 10.1 in Manetti, p. 168)



Σ contains all lines through $(0,0)$ with rational slope, it's dense in \mathbb{R}^2 . I'm fairly certain. Anyway, it's path-connected
 $\Rightarrow \Sigma$ connected. YET, does not have local basis of connected nbhd.

Def¹/ Let X be a topological space. Denote $\pi_0(X) = X/\sim$
 The quotient space w.r.t. relation \sim which is defined
 by $x \sim y$ iff there exists path in X from x to y .

The equivalence classes of \sim are the connected components of X .

Def²/ $\Sigma_2(X, x, y) = \{ \alpha: [0, 1] \rightarrow X \mid \alpha \text{ continuous, } \alpha(0) = x, \alpha(1) = y \}$
 is the set of paths from x to y in X .

Let's pause to reflect on details of \sim , this sets-up notation for future work with paths, note $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow \Sigma_2(X, x, y) \neq \emptyset$.

- Reflexive: to see $x \sim x$ notice $I_x: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ by $I_x(t) = x \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$ is continuous map thus $\Sigma_2(X, x, x) \ni I_x$ and $x \sim x$ is clear.

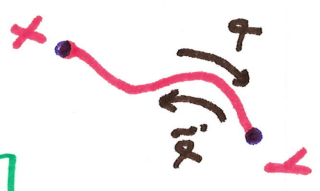
- Symmetry: for every $x, y \in X$ for which $x \sim y$ we have

$\exists \alpha: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ with $\alpha(0) = x$ and $\alpha(1) = y$. Notice

$\gamma(t) = \alpha(1-t)$ defines $\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ continuous with

starting point $y = \gamma(0) = \alpha(1)$ and ending or terminal pt. $x = \gamma(1) = \alpha(0)$.

Thus $\gamma \in \Sigma_2(X, y, x) \therefore y \sim x$.



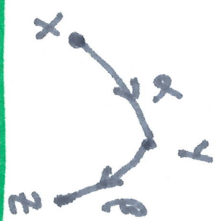
Def³/ $i: \Sigma_2(X, x, y) \rightarrow \Sigma_2(X, y, x)$ is the path-reversal operator

• TRANSITIVITY: $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$ is true by the following

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Defⁿ/product of paths $*$: $\Omega(\mathcal{X}, x, y) \times \Omega(\mathcal{X}, y, z) \rightarrow \Omega(\mathcal{X}, x, z)$
denoted by $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto \alpha * \beta$ where we define

$$(\alpha * \beta)(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha(2t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \beta(2t-1) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

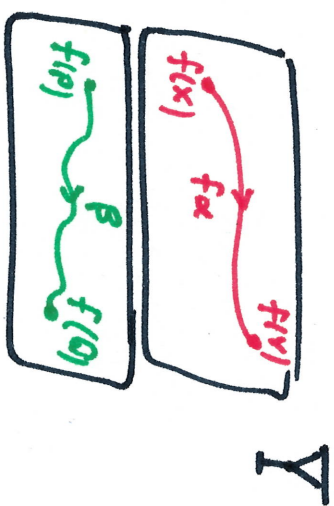
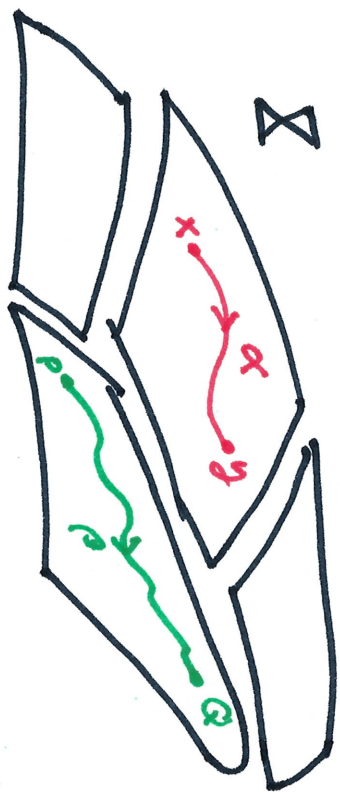


Remark: given path $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ we can reparametrize to $\tilde{\alpha} \in \Omega(\mathcal{X}, x, y)$ where $x = \alpha(a)$ and $y = \alpha(b)$ by $\tilde{\alpha}(t) = \alpha((1-t)a + tb)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

Equivalence classes for \sim are path components of \mathcal{X} . A space is called locally path connected if any point has local basis of path connected neighbourhoods. For example, $B(x, t)$, $0 < t < r$ give local path connected basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

Proposition: Suppose \mathcal{X} is locally path connected. Then the path components of \mathcal{X} coincide with the connected components of \mathcal{X} .

Next we discuss how to transport paths via a map $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

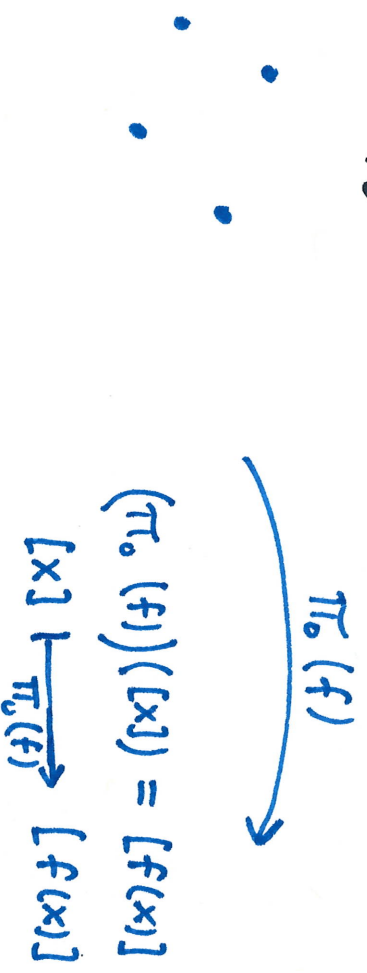


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$$\pi_0(X) = \frac{X}{\sim}$$

$$(\pi_0(f))([\alpha]) = [f \circ \alpha]$$

$$\pi_0(Y) = \frac{Y}{\sim}$$



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$$[\alpha] \xrightarrow{\pi_0(f)} [f \circ \alpha]$$

π_0 is a functor from the category of topological spaces to the category of sets. It sends identity to identity and interfaces with composition in the sense if

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ and } g: Y \rightarrow Z \text{ are continuous and } g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$$

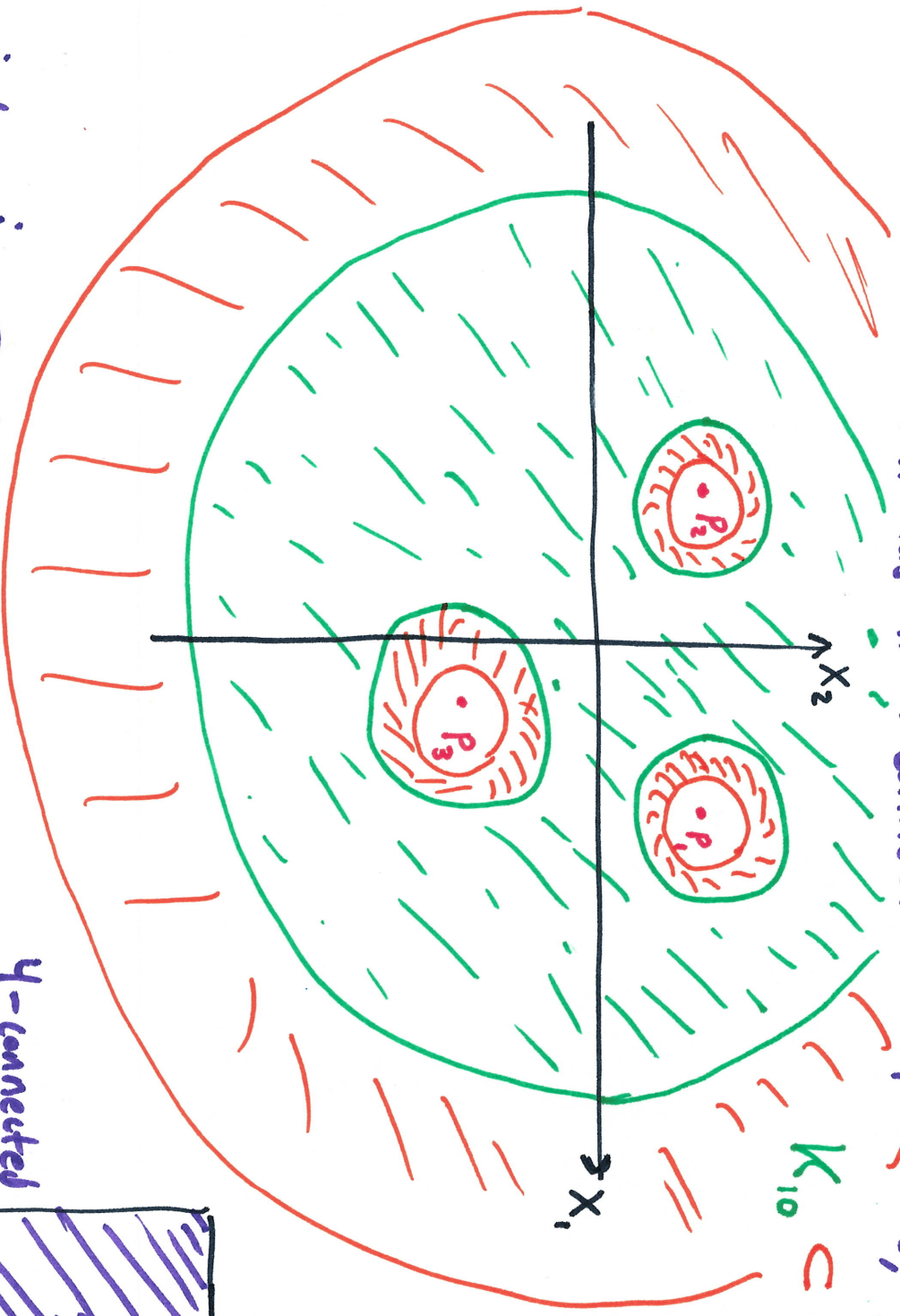
$$\text{Then } \pi_0(g \circ f) = \pi_0(g) \circ \pi_0(f).$$

(Mandati, complete this)
 discuss in §10.4

[E2] $K_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \|x\| \leq n, \|x - P_i\| \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$

Consider $\Sigma = \mathbb{R}^m - \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_t\}$. When $n \gg 0$ we

can see $\Sigma - K_n$ has $t+1$ connected components,



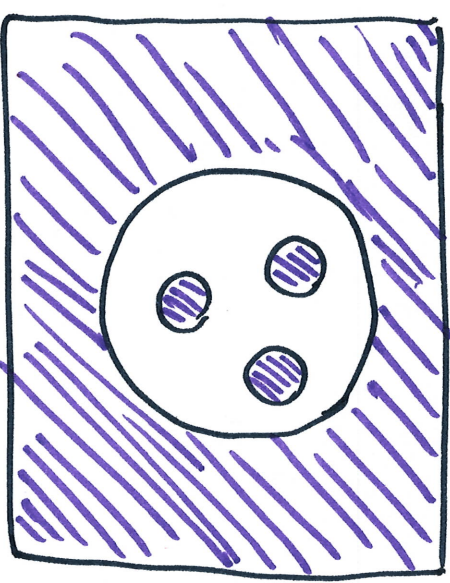
$K_{10} \subset K_{20}$

inclusion map is injective & induces bijection $\pi_0(K_{10}) \rightarrow \pi_0(K_{20})$ etc..

inclusion $i : \Sigma - K_{n+1} \rightarrow \Sigma - K_n$ induces bijection of $\pi_0(\Sigma - K_{n+1})$ and $\pi_0(\Sigma - K_n) \Rightarrow$ cardinality of $\pi_0(\Sigma - K_n)$ is a topological invariant of Σ (by Example 10.6)

4-connected components

$\Sigma - K_n$



Remark: we can see $\mathbb{R}-S$ and $\mathbb{R}-T$ for finite sets $S \neq T$ are not homeomorphic if $|S| \neq |T|$. \square generalizes that problem on your Final Exam to $\mathbb{R}^m - S$ where $S = \{R_1, \dots, R_k\}$. Since $k+1$ is topological invariant of $\mathbb{R}^m - S$ it follows that $\mathbb{R}^m - T$ homeomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^m - S$ must also have $k+1$ connected comp. for the compact exhaustion, and that fails if $|S| \neq |T|$. (Example 10.6 shows cardinality of $\pi_0(\mathbb{R} - K_n)$ is topological invariant)

§10.2 Homotopy

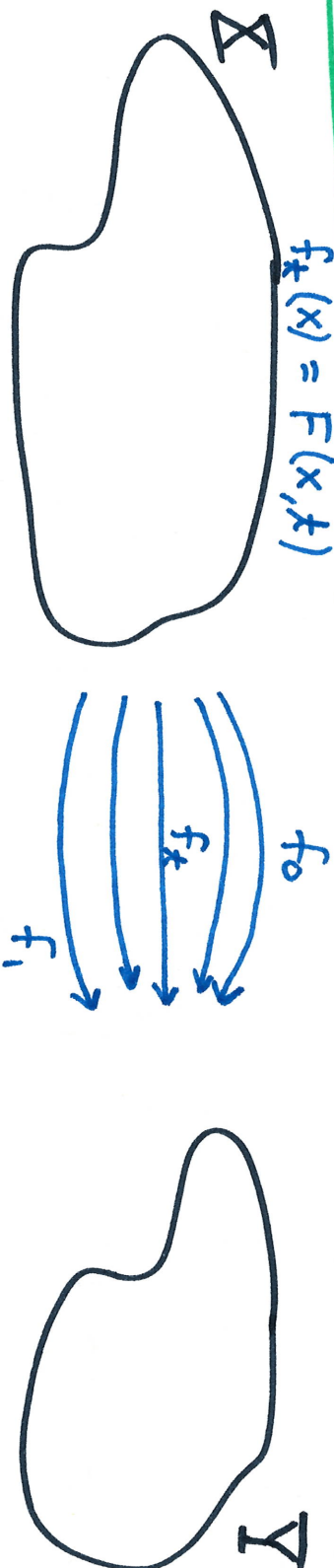
Defⁿ / Two continuous maps $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic if \exists continuous $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$(1.) F(x, 0) = f_0(x)$$

$$(2.) F(x, 1) = f_1(x)$$

for every $x \in X$. Such an F is called a homotopy between f_0 & f_1 .

$$f_x(x) = F(x, t)$$

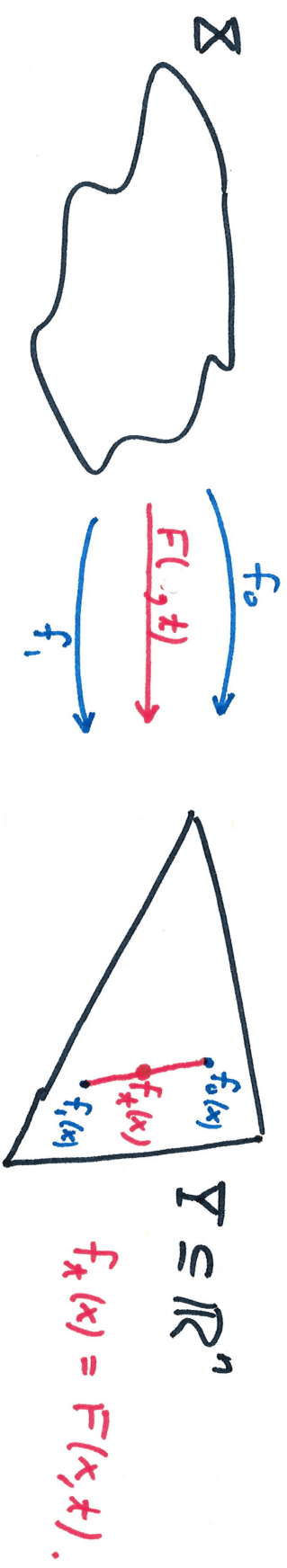


[E3] A convex subset $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ has, for any topological space X (7)

maps $f_0, f_1 : X \rightarrow Y$ homotopic via:

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

where $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map.



[E4] $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ where $\|f(x) - g(x)\| < \|f(x)\|$ for each $x \in X$.

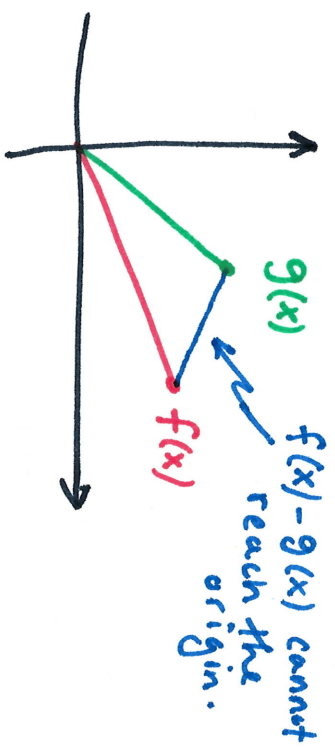
Then we can show f and g homotopic via the homotopy

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, t) &= (1-t)f(x) + tg(x) \\ &= f(x) - t(f(x) - g(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $f(x) - t(f(x) - g(x)) = 0 \implies f(x) = t[f(x) - g(x)]$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \|f(x)\| &= t\|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq \|f(x) - g(x)\| \\ &\implies \|f(x)\| \leq t\|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq \|f(x)\| \end{aligned}$$

if $0 \leq t \leq 1$



Lemma: Homotopy provides an equivalence relation on $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$.
 The set of continuous maps from topological space \mathbb{R} to top space \mathbb{Y}

Proof: Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ be continuous then $F: \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ defined by $F(x, t) = f(x) \forall (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times I$ shows $f \sim f$ that is f is homotopic to f thus homotopy is reflexive. Suppose $f \sim g$ by $F: \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ where $F(x, 0) = f(x)$ & $F(x, 1) = g(x)$. Then $G(x, t) = F(x, 1-t)$ gives homotopy for $g \sim f$ $\therefore \sim$ symmetric. Finally, if $f \sim g$ by F and $g \sim h$ by G we construct homotopy H for $f \sim h$ via $H: \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ by

$$H(x, t) = \begin{cases} F(x, 2t) & : 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ G(x, 2t-1) & : \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

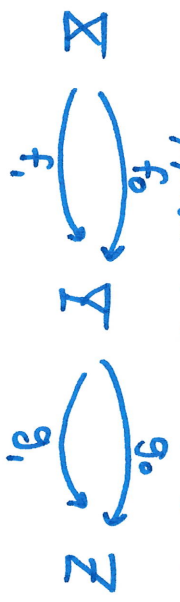
ES The map $f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ given by $f(x) = -x$ is the antipodal map.

If $n = 2k-1$ then $S^n = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^k \mid \|z\| = 1\}$ and consequently

$F: S^n \times I \rightarrow S^n$ where $F(x, t) = \exp(\pi i t)x$ gives $F(x, 0) = x = \text{Id}(x)$ and $F(x, 1) = e^{\pi i}x = -x = f(x)$ thus $f \sim \text{Id}$.

Remark: The homotopy seen in ES is not possible when n is even. Manetti mentions this is beyond the text on p. 170.

Lemma: Suppose we have continuous f_0, g_0, f_1, g_1 as



If $f_0 \sim f_1$ and $g_0 \sim g_1$, then $g_0 \circ f_0 \sim g_1 \circ f_1$.

Defⁿ A continuous map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence if there exists a continuous map $g: Y \rightarrow X$ such that $f \circ g \sim Id_Y$ and $g \circ f \sim Id_X$. In this case we say $X \approx Y$ are homotopy equivalent.

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism then $f \circ f^{-1} = Id_Y \sim Id_Y$ and $f^{-1} \circ f = Id_X \sim Id_X \therefore X$ and Y are homotopic. The converse fails: X and Y may be homotopic and yet not homeomorphic.

[E6] Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ are convex subsets where $n \neq m$ then $f: X \rightarrow Y$ given by $f(x) = y_0 \forall x \in X$ for some $y_0 \in Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow X$ given by $g(y) = x_0 \forall y \in Y$ for some $x_0 \in X$ Then applying the homotopy of **[E3]** note $f \circ g \sim Id_Y$ and $g \circ f \sim Id_X$ thus X and Y are homotopic.

(But, $\mathbb{R} \cong \mathbb{R}^n \not\cong \mathbb{R}^m \cong \mathbb{R}$)

Lemma: If two continuous maps $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic, then $\pi_0(f) = \pi_0(g): \pi_0(X) \rightarrow \pi_0(Y)$. Moreover, $\pi_0(f)$ is a bijection if $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence.

Proof: recall $\pi_0(f): \underline{X} \rightarrow \underline{Y} = \pi_0(Y)$ was the map $[x] \mapsto [f(x)]$ and $(\pi_0(g))[x] = [g(x)]$. But, $f \sim g$ gives $H: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ where $H(x, 0) = f(x)$ & $H(x, 1) = g(x)$ and we note H allows us to form a path from $f(x)$ to $g(x)$ via $\alpha(t) = H(x, t)$. Thus $[f(x)] = [g(x)] \Rightarrow \pi_0(f) = \pi_0(g)$. Next, if $\exists \gamma: Y \rightarrow X$ continuous and serving as homotopy inverse for f ; $f \circ \gamma \sim Id_Y$ and $\gamma \circ f \sim Id_X$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_0(f) \pi_0(\gamma) &= \pi_0(Id_Y) = 1_{\pi_0(Y)} \\ \pi_0(\gamma) \pi_0(f) &= \pi_0(Id_X) = 1_{\pi_0(X)} \end{aligned}$$

Defⁿ A space X is contractible if X is homotopic to a point.

If X homotopic to $\{p\}$ then $\exists f: X \rightarrow \{p\}$ and $g: \{p\} \rightarrow X$ for which $f \circ g \sim Id_{\{p\}}$ and $g \circ f \sim Id_X$. Notice $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = p$ thus $g \circ f$ is a constant map \Rightarrow constant map homotopic to identity map on X

(Ex. 10.6#1 on p. 172 is half solved here)

E3 All convex subsets of \mathbb{R}^n are contractible following argument like that in E3



$\cdot p$ contractible \Rightarrow path connected

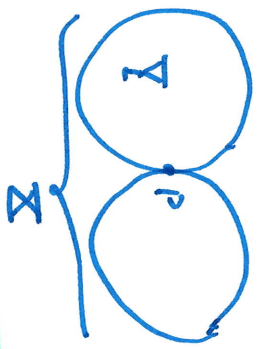
However, path connected $\not\Rightarrow$ contractible (see S^1)

Defⁿ A subspace $Y \subseteq X$ is a retract of X if there is a continuous map $r: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $r(y) = y \quad \forall y \in Y$

[E8] $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ where $X_1 \cap X_2 = \{p\}$ then if

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in X_1 \\ p & \text{if } x \in X_2 \end{cases}$$

is continuous then X_1 is retract of $X_1 \cup X_2$.



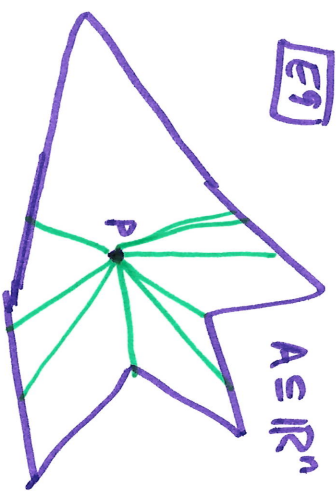
has $Y \subseteq X$ where Y is retract of X .

Defⁿ A subspace $Y \subseteq X$ is called a deformation retract of X if there is a continuous map $R: X \times [0,1] \rightarrow X$ called a deformation of X into Y such that

(1.) $R(x,0) \in Y$ and $R(x,1) = x$ for all $x \in X$,

(2.) $R(y,t) = y$ for every $y \in Y$ and $t \in [0,1]$.

[E9] $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ star-shaped with star center p



$$R: A \times [0,1] \rightarrow A$$

$$R(x,t) = tx + (1-t)p$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(x,0) &= p \\ R(y,t) &= ty + (1-t)p \\ &= tp + p - tp \\ &= p \end{aligned}$$

($Y = p$ only (check here))

Proposition: A deformation retract $Y \subseteq X$ is a retract of X and the inclusion $i: Y \hookrightarrow X$ is a homotopy equivalence

Proof: Suppose $R: X \times [0,1] \rightarrow X$ gives the deformation of X to Y then $r: X \rightarrow Y$ defined by $R(x,0) = i(r(x))$, and R serves as homotopy between $i \circ r$ and Id_X . Note $r \circ i = Id_Y$ thus i and r are homotopy equivalences.

Defn (1.) $R(x,0) \in Y$ and $R(x,1) = x \quad \forall x \in X$ $Y \subseteq X$
(2.) $R(y,t) = y \quad \forall y \in Y, t \in I$. \uparrow deformation retract of X

E10 S^n is deformation retract of $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ via the deformation $R: (\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}) \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{0\}$ given by

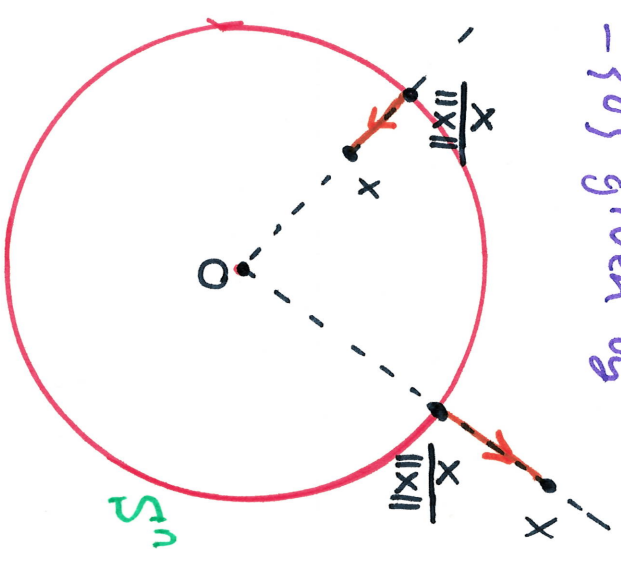
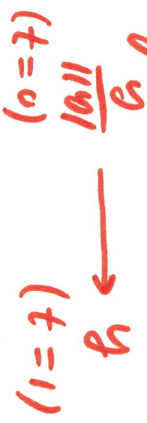
$$R(x,t) = tx + (1-t) \frac{x}{\|x\|}$$

$$R(x,0) = \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in S^n \text{ for all } x \neq 0$$

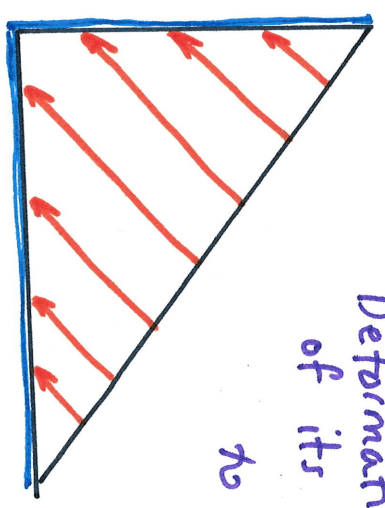
$$R(x,1) = x \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

$$R(y,t) = ty + (1-t) \frac{y}{\|y\|}$$

for fixed y this parameterizes line-segment path from



Deformation of triangle to two of its sides, Munkres generalizes to any non-degenerate simplex $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ deforms to m of its faces for every $1 \leq m \leq n$.



Remark: reading §10.4 is a good idea. Category theory is likely part of your graduate school education.

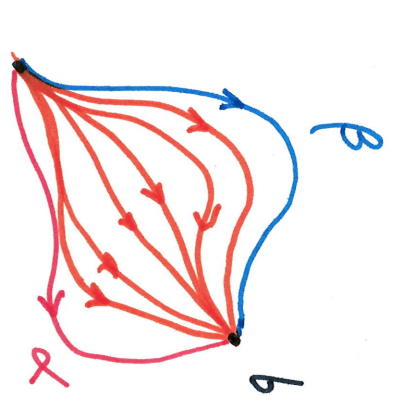
PATH HOMOTOPY (§11.1)

Defⁿ Two paths $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega(X, a, b)$ are path homotopic if there exists a continuous map $F: I \times I \rightarrow X$ such that

(1.) $F(t, 0) = \alpha(t), F(t, 1) = \beta(t)$
 (2.) $F(0, s) = a, F(1, s) = b \forall s \in I$

and such a map as F is called a path homotopy between α and β

We write $\alpha \sim \beta$ when α & β are path homotopic. gives equivalence relation as before.



$\gamma_s(t) = F(t, s)$
 $\gamma_s(0) = F(0, s) = a$
 $\gamma_s(1) = F(1, s) = b$

[E12] Suppose $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex and $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega(X, a, b)$

then $F(t, s) = s\beta(t) + (1-s)\alpha(t)$ shows $\alpha \sim \beta$

$$F(t, 0) = \alpha(t) \quad F(0, s) = s\beta(0) + (1-s)\alpha(0) = sa + (1-s)a = a$$

$$F(t, 1) = \beta(t) \quad F(1, s) = s\beta(1) + (1-s)\alpha(1) = sb + (1-s)b = b$$

path homotopy is a little boring in convex space

Th^m/ Composition and inversion of paths commute with path equivalence.

(1.) For $\alpha, \alpha' \in \Omega(X, a, b)$ and $\beta, \beta' \in \Omega(X, b, c)$ if $\alpha \sim \alpha'$ and $\beta \sim \beta'$ then $\alpha * \beta \sim \alpha' * \beta'$

(2.) For $\alpha, \alpha' \in \Omega(X, a, b)$ and $\alpha \sim \alpha'$ we find $i(\alpha) \sim i(\alpha')$

inverse, or reversal of path.

Lemma 11.3: Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow X$ be a path

and $\phi: I \rightarrow I$ any continuous map s.t. $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 1$
 then $\alpha(\phi(t))$ is path equivalent to $\beta(t) = \alpha(\phi(t))$

Proof: $F(t, s) = \alpha(s\phi(t) + (1-s)t)$ has $F(t, 0) = \alpha(t)$

$$F(t, 1) = \alpha(\phi(t))$$

$$F(0, s) =$$

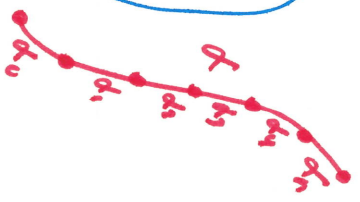
$$F(1, s) = \alpha(s\phi(1) + (1-s)1) = \alpha(1)$$

PROPOSITION 11.4: $\alpha * (\beta * \gamma) \sim (\alpha * \beta) * \gamma$
 for any $\alpha \in \Omega(X, a, b)$, $\beta \in \Omega(X, b, c)$ and $\gamma \in \Omega(X, c, d)$
 thus the homotopy class $\alpha * \beta * \gamma$ is well-defined.

PROOF: $((\alpha * \beta) * \gamma)(t) = (\alpha * (\beta * \gamma))(i \circ \phi(t))$ where $\phi(t) = \begin{cases} 2t & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ t + \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{t+1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$

PROPOSITION 11.6: For any path $\alpha \in \Omega(X, a, b)$
 (1.) $1_a * \alpha \sim \alpha * 1_b \sim \alpha$
 (2.) $\alpha * i(\alpha) \sim 1_a$
 where 1_a and 1_b are constant paths a & b respectively

COROLLARY 11.8: Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow X$ be a path and $P_0, \dots, P_n \in [0, 1]$
 a given set of points. Setting $P_0 = 0$, $P_{n+1} = 1$ and letting α_i
 α_i be standard parametrization of restriction of α to $[P_i, P_{i+1}]$
 (that is $\alpha_i(t) = \alpha((1-t)P_i + tP_{i+1})$) then $\alpha \sim \alpha_0 * \alpha_1 * \dots * \alpha_n$



Prop. 11.9: Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous mapping
 (1.) $\alpha, \beta \in \Omega(X, a, b)$, if $\alpha \sim \beta$ then $f \circ \alpha \sim f \circ \beta$
 (2.) $\alpha \in \Omega(X, a, b)$ and $\beta \in \Omega(X, b, c)$. Then $f(\alpha * \beta) = (f \circ \alpha) * (f \circ \beta)$
 and $i(f \circ \alpha) = f(i(\alpha))$.

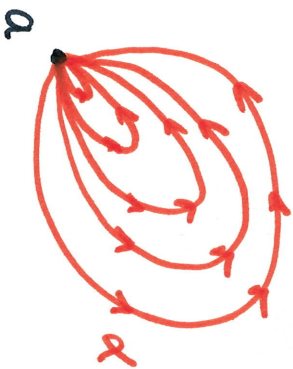
THE FUNDAMENTAL GROUP (§11.2)

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Defⁿ Given a space X and a point $a \in X$ we define the fundamental group or first homotopy group of X with base pt. a as $\underbrace{\Omega(X, a, a)}_{\sim} = \{[\alpha] \mid \alpha \in \Omega(X, a, a)\} = \pi_1(X, a)$ where $[\alpha] = \{\alpha' \mid \alpha \sim \alpha', \text{ for some } \alpha' \in \Omega(X, a, a)\}$. We call $\Omega(X, a, a)$ the set of loops based at a . The group structure of $\Omega(X, a, a)_{\sim}$ is denoted by juxtaposition,

$$[\alpha][\beta] = [\alpha * \beta]$$
$$[\alpha]^{-1} = [i(\alpha)]$$

E13 Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be convex subspace then for any $a \in X$ we find $\pi_1(X, a) = 0$. Observe, for loop $\alpha \in \Omega(X, a, a)$ we have path homotopy $F(t, s) = sa + (1-s)\alpha(t)$

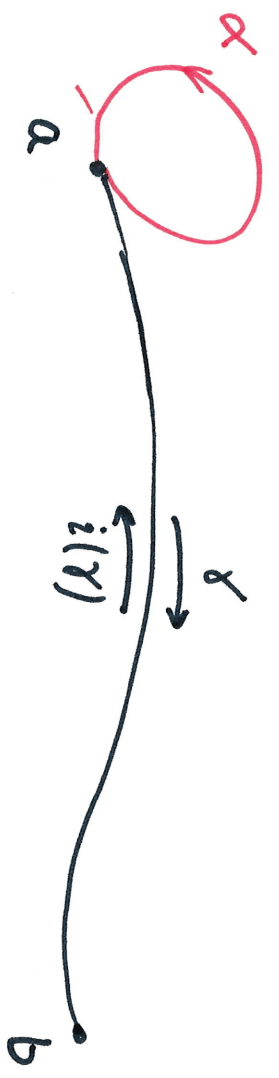


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$$F(0, s) = sa + (1-s)\alpha(0) = sa + (1-s)a = a$$
$$F(1, s) = sa + (1-s)\alpha(1) = sa + (1-s)a = a.$$

Lemma 11.13: Take $\gamma \in \Sigma(\Sigma, a, b)$ and define

$$\gamma_{\#} : \pi_1(\Sigma, a) \longrightarrow \pi_1(\Sigma, b)$$

by $\gamma_{\#}[\alpha] = [i(\gamma) * \alpha * \gamma]$. Then $\gamma_{\#}$ is a group homomorphism



Remark: The fundamental group at any two pts in a path

component will match.

Thus, if Σ is path connected then,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\#}[\alpha] \gamma_{\#}[\beta] &= [i(\gamma) * \alpha * \gamma][i(\gamma) * \beta * \gamma] \\ &= [i(\gamma) * \alpha * \underbrace{\gamma * i(\gamma)}_{1_a} * \beta * \gamma] \\ &= [i(\gamma) * \alpha * \beta * \gamma] \\ &= \gamma_{\#}[\alpha * \beta]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i(\gamma)_{\#})(\gamma_{\#}[\alpha]) &= [\gamma * i(i(\gamma)) * \alpha * i(\gamma)] \\ &= [\gamma * 1_a * \alpha * 1_a] \\ &= [\alpha] \quad \therefore (i(\gamma)_{\#})^{-1} = (i(\gamma))_{\#}. \end{aligned}$$

Defn $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ is isomorphism class of its fundamental group w.r.t. any base point

Defⁿ A space is simply connected if it is path connected and has trivial fundamental group ($\pi_1(X) = 0$)

[E14] Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be convex then $\pi_1(X, a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in X$
Thus $\pi_1(X) = 0$ (X is path connected)
 $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n) = 0$

[E15] Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\alpha_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$ be path
 $\alpha_n(t) = \exp(i\pi n t) = \cos(\pi n t) + i \sin(\pi n t)$. Then
we can prove $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\psi} \pi_1(S^1, 1)$ given
by $\psi(n) = [\alpha_n]$ is a group homomorphism,
well, later Munkres prove it's an isomorphism.
 $[\alpha_0] = [1,]$, $i \alpha_n = \alpha_{-n}$, $\alpha_{nm} \sim \alpha_n * \alpha_m$
 $\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$

Proposition 11.17: The fundamental group of a product of two spaces is isomorphic to the product of the fund. groups;
 $\pi_1(X \times Y, (a, b)) = \pi_1(X, a) \times \pi_1(Y, b)$

[E16] $\pi_1(S^1 \times S^1) = \pi_1(S^1) \times \pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.