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Common mistakes / confusions on P58

① Difference between free homotopy and ^{homotopy of paths} based homotopy

• $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic if $\exists H : X \times I \xrightarrow{[0,1]} Y$ s.t.

$$H(-, 0) = f \quad ; \quad H(-, 1) = g.$$

↳ two paths $\gamma, \delta : I \rightarrow X$ are (freely) homotopic if

$$\exists H : I \times I \rightarrow X \text{ s.t. } H(-, 0) = \gamma \quad H(-, 1) = \delta.$$

• $\gamma, \delta : I \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\gamma(0) = \delta(0) \quad \gamma(1) = \delta(1)$.



They are homotopic as paths / homotopic relative to their endpoints

if $\exists H : I \times I \rightarrow X$ s.t.

- 1) $H(-, 0) = \gamma \quad ; \quad H(-, 1) = \delta$
- 2) $H(0, -) = \gamma(0) = \delta(0)$
 $H(1, -) = \gamma(1) = \delta(1)$

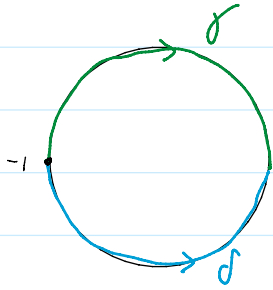
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Then γ is freely homotopic to δ
 (both homotopic to $c_{-1}: I \rightarrow S^1$)

But not homotopic rel. to their endpoints.

Indeed $\gamma \simeq \delta \Rightarrow [\gamma * \delta^{-1}] = \text{id} \in \pi_1(S^1)$

However $\gamma * \delta^{-1}$ is a generator of $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

② Homotopy of constant maps

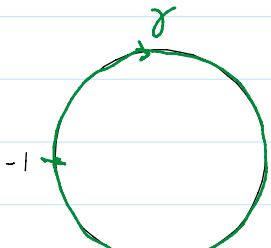
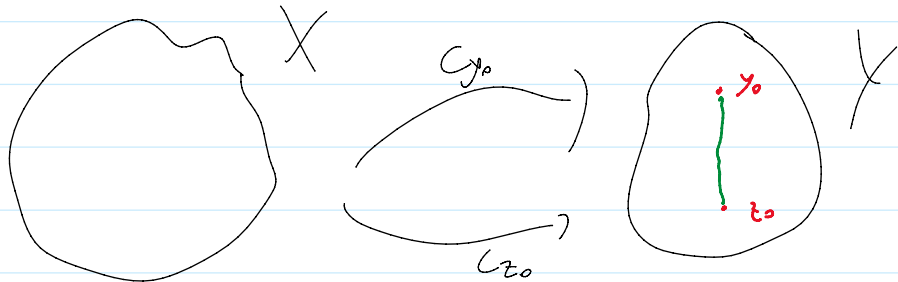
Suggestion: When talking about a constant map $X \rightarrow Y: x \mapsto y_0$.

Write $\boxed{c_{y_0}}$ not y_0 .

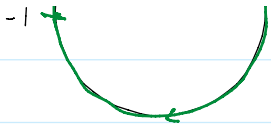
I have seen the following mistakes: $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \quad \not\Rightarrow \quad f \simeq g$$

In a path-connected space Y , all constant maps $X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic.



$\gamma \not\simeq c_{-1}$, but δ' is
 path-connected, so $\gamma \simeq \delta$



path-connected, so $\forall t$

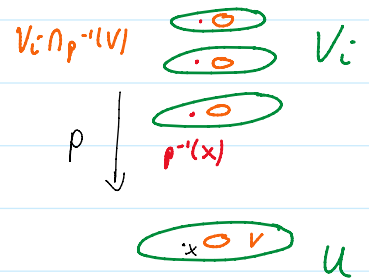
$$c_Y(t) \simeq c_{-1}$$

Reminders on covering maps

$p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ continuous.

Def: $U \subseteq X$ is evenly covered if $p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} V_i$ s.t.

$p|_{V_i}: V_i \rightarrow U$ is a homeo.



Remk: If $U \subseteq X$ is evenly covered, and $V \subseteq U$, then V is also evenly covered:

$$p^{-1}(V) = p^{-1}(V) \cap p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (p^{-1}(V) \cap V_i)$$

$p: V_i \rightarrow U$ is a homeo $\Rightarrow p: V_i \cap p^{-1}(V) \rightarrow V$ is also a homeo.

Def: $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a covering map if any $x \in X$ has an evenly covered nbh.

$p^{-1}(x) \subseteq \tilde{X}$ is the fiber of x . $\# p^{-1}(x)$ is the degree of p at x .

Def: $f: Y \rightarrow Z$ is a local homeo if $\forall y \in Y \exists U \ni y$ open, $V \ni f(y)$ open s.t. $f: U \rightarrow V$ is a homeo.

Lemma (lecture 18): X is connected, $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ cont.

(1) If p is a covering map, then it is a local homeo and the degree of p is constant.

(2) If p is a local homeo, and $p^{-1}(x)$ is finite $\forall x$, then p is a covering map.


First exercises

9.3: $p: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$, $z \mapsto z^n$. This is a covering map of degree n .

Pf: $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*$ $\#p^{-1}(z) = \#\{ \zeta : \zeta^n - z = 0 \} = n$.
 \hookrightarrow exactly n distinct roots ($z \neq 0$).

By lemma (2), left to show: p is a local homeo:

$p: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$, $z \mapsto z^n$ is holomorphic, $p'(z) = nz^{n-1} \neq 0 \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*$.

Inverse function thm, p has a local holomorphic inverse $\Rightarrow p$ is a local homeo 

9.4: $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ cont.

(i) p is a covering map $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ an open cover of X by ev. cov. sets.

(ii) p is a covering map $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a basis of X by ev. cov. sets.

(ii) p is a covering map $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a basis of X by ev. cov. sets.

(iii) covering maps are open.

(i) By definition...

(ii) " \Leftarrow " A basis is an open cover.

" \Rightarrow " $\mathcal{B} := \{ \text{evenly covered open sets } \subseteq X \}$ is a basis

$$\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B = X \quad \text{by (i).}$$

$B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$, $B_1 \cap B_2$ is open and evenly covered ($\subseteq B_1$)
 $\Rightarrow \in \mathcal{B}$.


(iii) Let \mathcal{B} be as above.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{p} & X \\ \cup & & \cup \\ \tilde{U} & \longrightarrow & p(\tilde{U}) \end{array}$$

$$p(\tilde{U}) = p(\tilde{U}) \cap \left(\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B \right) =$$

$$= \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \underbrace{p(\tilde{U}) \cap B}_{\text{to show: this is open}}$$

$$p^{-1}(B) = \bigsqcup V_i \quad p(\tilde{U}) \cap B = p(\tilde{U} \cap \bigsqcup V_i) = \bigcup p(\tilde{U} \cap V_i)$$

But $\tilde{U} \cap V_i \subseteq V_i$ is open, $p|_{V_i}$ is a homeo $\Rightarrow p(\tilde{U} \cap V_i)$ is open. 

Discrete subsets, ex. 9.7

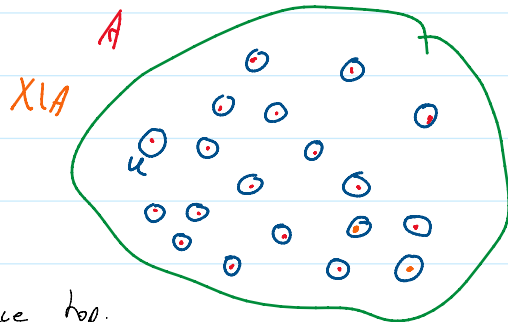
Def. X any top. space, $A \subseteq X$ is a discrete subset if
 $\forall x \in X \exists$ a nbh $U \ni x$ s.t. $(U \setminus \{x\}) \cap A = \emptyset$.

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In other words:

(a) $\forall x \in A \exists U \ni x : U \cap A = \{x\}$

(b) $\forall x \notin A \exists U \ni x : U \cap A = \emptyset$.

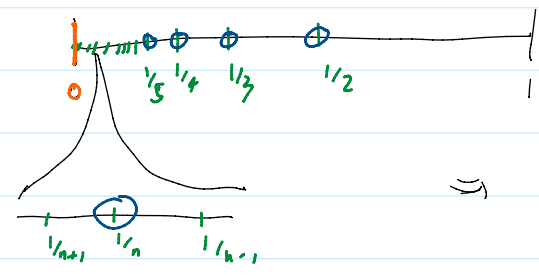


(a) \Leftrightarrow A is a discrete topological space w/ subspace top.

\hookrightarrow (a) $\Leftrightarrow \{x\}$ is open in $(A, \mathcal{T}_A) \forall x \in A \Leftrightarrow (A, \mathcal{T}_A)$ is discrete.

(b) \Leftrightarrow A is closed in X .

\hookrightarrow (b) $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \notin A \exists U \ni x : x \in U \subseteq X \setminus A \Leftrightarrow X \setminus A$ is open.

EX:  $A = \{ \frac{1}{n} : n \geq 1 \}$.

$\Rightarrow A$ satisfies (a), but

A does not satisfy (b)!

COR. A discrete subset of a compact space X is finite.

PF. $A \subseteq X$ discrete. A is closed (b), so (A, \mathcal{T}_A) is compact.

$A \subseteq_b (A, \mathcal{T}_A)$ is discrete (a), so A is finite. 

Ex 9.7: $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ covering map, X Hausdorff, Then $\forall x \in X,$

$p^{-1}(x) \subseteq \tilde{X}$ is a discrete subset. In particular, \tilde{X} compact $\Rightarrow p^{-1}(x)$ finite.


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Pf: (a): $y \in p^{-1}(x)$. Want: $\forall \epsilon y$ s.t. $V \cap p^{-1}(x) = \{y\}$.

Let $U \ni x$ open, evenly covered. $p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} V_i$. $p|_{V_i}: V_i \rightarrow U$

is a homeo $\Rightarrow \exists! i_0 \in I$ s.t. $y \in V_{i_0}$ open.

$V_{i_0} \cap p^{-1}(x) = \{y\}$ b/c $p: V_{i_0} \rightarrow U$ is injective.

(b): X is Hausdorff $\Rightarrow \{x\}$ is closed $\stackrel{p \text{ cont.}}{\Rightarrow} p^{-1}(x)$ is closed. 

Challenge problem

$$Y = \{x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = 0\}$$

$$L = \{x = y = 0\}$$

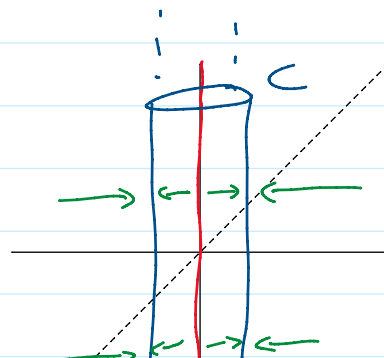
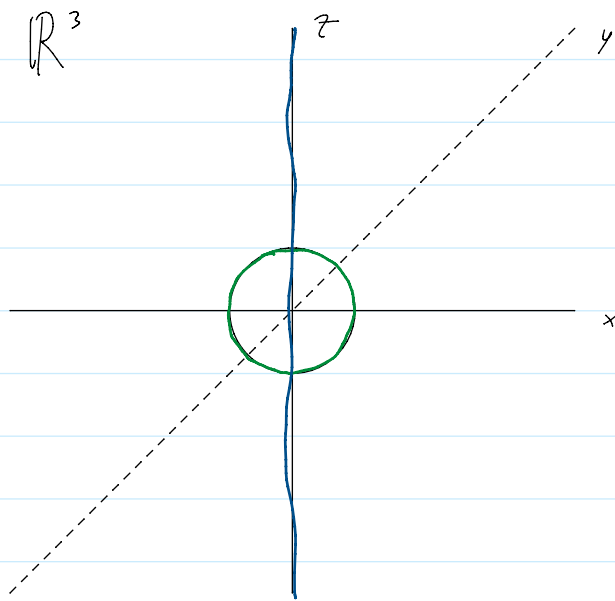
Q: Show that $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus Y \neq \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (Y \cup L)$.

Idea: show that π_1 's are different.

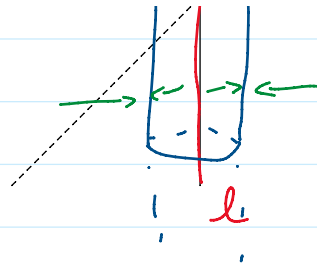
① $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus L$

- Retract everything to an ∞ cylinder.

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus L = \{(\theta, r, z) : r > 0\}$$



$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell = \{ \underbrace{(0, r, z)}_{\text{cylindrical coordinates}} : r > 0 \}$$



The retraction is: $(0, r, z) \mapsto (0, 1, z)$

Def.: $A \subseteq X$ is a deformation retract of X if $\exists H: X \times I \rightarrow X$

$$H(-, 0) = \text{id}_X, \quad H(X, 1) \subseteq A, \quad H(a, t) = a \quad \forall a \in A.$$

Note.: A and X are homotopic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\text{incl.}} & X \\ & \xleftarrow{H(-,1)} & X \\ & & A \end{array}$$

$H: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell$
is a def. retr. onto C

$$H((0, r, z), t) = (0, r(1-t) + t, z).$$

$\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell \overset{\text{homotopic}}{\cong} C \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell) \cong \pi_1(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}) \cong \pi_1(S^1) \times \pi_1(\mathbb{R}) \overset{= \mathbb{Z}}{\cong} \mathbb{Z}.$$

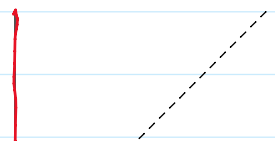
• let H be an open half-plane $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell \cong H \times S^1}$$

$$\underline{\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \ell) \cong \pi_1(H \times S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}.$$



② $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (\ell \cup \gamma)$

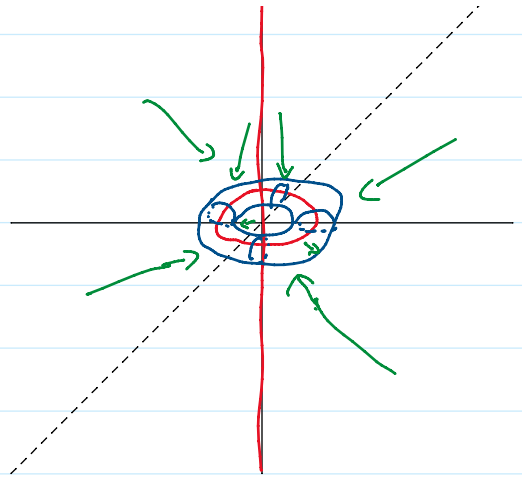


② $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \gamma)$

• Retract on a torus.

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \gamma) \simeq \mathbb{T}^2 \cong S^1 \times S^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \gamma)) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$



$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \gamma) \cong H \setminus \{pt\} \times S^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \gamma)) \cong \pi_1(H \setminus \{pt\}) \times \pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore:

$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus L \cup \gamma \neq \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus L$$

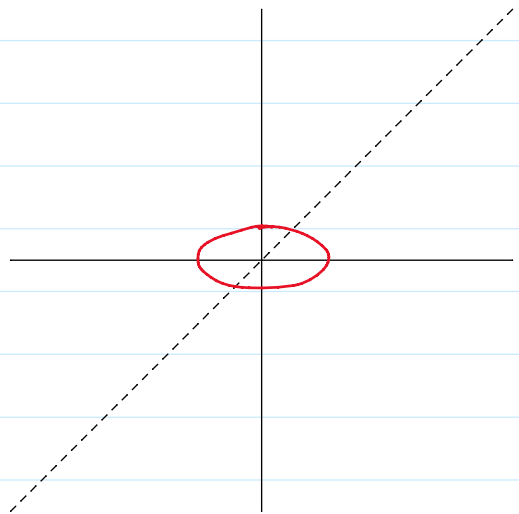
③ $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \gamma$:

$$r: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$$

$$x = r \cdot v \mapsto r^{-1}v$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \quad S^2$

r (circle touching 0) = (infinite line not touching 0)



$$\Rightarrow r: \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \gamma \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus (L \cup \{0\})$$