

Induced homomorphisms

Suppose $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$ is a map such that $\varphi(x_0) = y_0$.
Then φ induces a homomorphism

$$\varphi_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0).$$

for any loop f in X with basepoint x_0 .

$$\varphi_*[f] = [\varphi f].$$

① φ_* is well-defined

Since a homotopy f_t of loops based at x_0 yields a composed homotopy φf_t of loops based at y_0 . So $\varphi_*[f_0] = [\varphi f_0] = [\varphi f_1] = \varphi_*[f_1]$.

② φ_* is a homomorphism.

Since $\varphi(f \cdot g) = (\varphi f) \cdot (\varphi g)$

both functions having values

$$\begin{cases} \varphi f(2s), & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \varphi g(2s-1), & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_*[f] \varphi_*[g] &= [(\varphi \circ f) \cdot (\varphi \circ g)] = [\varphi \circ (f \cdot g)] = \varphi_*[f \cdot g] \\ &= \varphi_*([f][g]). \end{aligned}$$

③ φ_* is functorial.

$$(1) \quad (\varphi \circ \psi)_* = \varphi_* \psi_*$$

$$\because (\varphi \circ \psi)_*[f] = [\varphi \circ \psi \circ f] = \varphi_*[\psi \circ f] = \varphi_* \psi_*[f].$$

(2) $\text{Id}_* = \text{Id}$. i.e. $\text{Id}: X \rightarrow X \rightsquigarrow \text{Id}: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$
obvious.

• If φ is a homeomorphism with inverse ψ , then φ_* is an isomorphism with inverse ψ_* .

$$\text{since } \varphi_* \psi_* = (\varphi \psi)_* = \text{Id}_* = \text{Id}.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \psi_* \varphi_* = \text{Id}$$

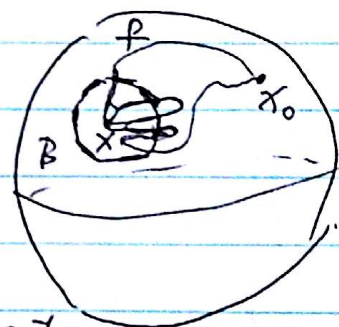
Proposition 1.14 $\pi_1(S^n) = 0$ if $n \geq 2$.

Pf: ① Let $f: I \rightarrow S^n$ be a loop with basepoint x_0 .
 If $x \notin f(I)$, then f is nullhomotopic
 $\because S^n - \{x\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n
 which is simply-connected.

② Consider a small open ball B in S^n
 about $x \neq x_0$.

$f^{-1}(B)$ is open in $(0,1)$ and is a (possibly
 infinite) union of disjoint open intervals (a_i, b_i)

$f^{-1}(x)$ is compact and is contained
 in the union of these intervals
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x)$ is contained in the union
 of finitely many of them.



Consider one of them (a_i, b_i) meet $f^{-1}(x)$.

$f_i = f|_{[a_i, b_i]} \subset \bar{B}$ and $f(a_i), f(b_i) \in \partial B$.

If $n \geq 2$, choose a path g_i from $f(a_i)$ to $f(b_i)$
 in \bar{B} but disjoint from x .

Since \bar{B} is homeomorphic to a convex set in \mathbb{R}^n
 hence simply-connected.

f_i is homotopic to g_i by proposition 1.6.

After repeating this process for each of (a_i, b_i)
 that meet $f^{-1}(x)$, we obtain a loop g homotopic
 to original f and $g(I) \cap \{x\} = \emptyset$.

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Example 1.15 For a point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}$ is homeomorphic to $S^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$y \longmapsto \left(\frac{y-x}{\|y-x\|}, \ln \|y-x\| \right)$$

By proposition 1.12, $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) \cong \pi_1(S^{n-1}) \times \pi_1(\mathbb{R})$

But $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}) = 0$.

\therefore Define $h: \mathbb{R} \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$h_t(s) = h(s, t) = (1-t)s$$

h_t : a homotopy from id to constant map at 0.

For a loop $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at 0

$$h_t(s) = h(s, t) = h(f(s), t)$$

h_t : a homotopy from f to the constant map at 0.

$$\text{Hence } \pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n - \{x\}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } n=2 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Corollary 1.16 \mathbb{R}^2 is not homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n if $n \neq 2$.

Pf: ① $n=1$ is easy.

suppose $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a homeomorphism.

$\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$ is path-connected.

but $\mathbb{R}^n - \{f(0)\}$ is not path-connected when $n=1$.

② $n \geq 2$. $\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ is homeomorphic to $S^{n-1} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n=2 \\ 0 & n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

So the spaces cannot be homeomorphic. $\#$

Remark: To prove that \mathbb{R}^n is homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^m if and only if $m = n$. we need to use homology.

Proposition 1.17 ① if X retracts onto a subspace A , then the homomorphism $i_*: \pi_1(A, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$ induced by the inclusion $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ is injective.
② if A is a deformation retract of X , then i_* is an isomorphism.

Prf: ① if $r: X \rightarrow A$ is a retraction, then $r_* = \text{Id}$.
 $\Rightarrow r_* i_* = \text{Id} \Rightarrow i_*$ is injective.

② if $r_t: X \rightarrow A$ is a deformation retraction of X onto A , then $r_0 = \text{Id}$, $r_t|_A = \text{Id}$, $r_t(X) \subseteq A$.
if $f: I \rightarrow X$ is any loop in X based at x_0 then $r_t \circ f$ is a homotopy of f to a loop in A so i_* is also surjective.

Remark: we have shown earlier in the proof of the Brouwer fixed point theorem that S^1 is not a retract of D^2 .

Any way to prove it:

$i: S^1 \hookrightarrow D^2$
 $i_*: \pi_1(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_1(D^2)$ is a homomorphism from $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$ that cannot be injective.

Proposition 1.18 If $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy equivalence, then the induced homomorphism $\varphi_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, \varphi(x_0))$ is an isomorphism for all $x_0 \in X$.

Lemma 1.19 If $\varphi_t: X \rightarrow Y$ is a homotopy and α is the path $t \rightarrow \varphi_t(x_0)$, then $(\varphi_0)_* = \beta_\alpha(\varphi_1)_*$.

Pf: Let $h_t(s) = h(st)$ for $s \in [0, 1]$ so that h_t is the restriction of h to $[0, t]$ and the reparametrizing to a path on $[0, 1]$

If f is a loop in X based at x_0 , $h_t \circ (\varphi_t \circ f) \circ h_t$ gives a homotopy of loops at $\varphi_0(x_0)$.

Restricting this homotopy to $t=0$ and $t=1$,
 $\Rightarrow (\varphi_0)_*([f]) = \beta_\alpha((\varphi_1)_*([f]))$ #

Pf of Proposition 1.18

Let $\psi: Y \rightarrow X$ be a homotopy inverse for φ , $\varphi\psi \simeq Id$, $\psi\varphi \simeq Id$.

Consider $\pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} \pi_1(Y, \varphi(x_0)) \xrightarrow{\psi_*} \pi_1(X, \psi\varphi(x_0)) \xrightarrow{\varphi_*} \pi_1(Y, \varphi\psi\varphi(x_0))$

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① since $\psi\varphi \simeq Id$, $\psi_*\varphi_*$ is an isomorphism. $\Rightarrow \psi_*\varphi_* = \beta_\alpha$ for some α , by the lemma.

Since $\psi_*\varphi_*$ is an isomorphism, φ_* is injective.

② Similarly, ψ_* is injective.

Since φ_* and ψ_* are both injective and their composition is an isomorphism. \Rightarrow Both are isomorphisms. #