

Thm: Every <sup>compact</sup> manifold of ~~dimension~~  $d \neq 4$  is homeomorphic to a cell complex  
 (Radó)  $d=2$  (Moise, Bing)  $d=3$ ,  
 (Kirby-Siebenmann)  $d \geq 5$ .  
 Open in  $d=4$ . ~~there~~ (break)

But: Thm (Milnor): Every manifold is homotopy equivalent to a CW complex. (break) | 2021-10-14

~~Last time: Complexes: Spaces~~

Homotopy: Said before; One of the main goals of topology: classify spaces, up to  $\approx$   
 Q: How can you tell if two  $X, Y$  are homeomorphic? <sup>in CW complexes</sup>  
 Here's another, possibly more important: ~~Determines the set of spaces~~ up to  $\approx$

Q: When is there a cts map  $X \rightarrow Y$  with given properties.

Q(alt): ~~What is the space~~ Describe the set of cts maps  $X \rightarrow Y$ . (Given  $X, Y$ , class. for the maps)

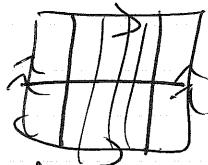
But there are too many! We need an equiv relation - homotopy.

Def: If  $f, g: X \rightarrow Y$  (cts) we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are homotopic if  $\exists$  a family of maps  $h_t: X \rightarrow Y, t \in [0, 1], s.t.$   
 $h_0 = f, h_1 = g, \text{ and } H(t, x) = h_t(x)$  is a cts map  $X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$

We call this family (interchangeable,  $H$ ) a homotopy from  $f$  to  $g$ , and write  $f \approx g$ .

Prop: This is an equivalence relation (Exer).

Ex:



Q: What are the classes of this relation?  
 Start by looking at simple cases:  $X = S^1$

Ex:  $\forall$  if  $Y = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f, g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  then  $f \approx g$

Pf: Let  $h_t(x) = (1-t)f(x) + tg(x)$ . Is a htpy from  $f$  to  $g$ .

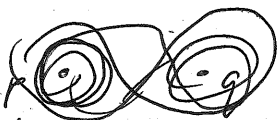
Ex:  ~~$X = S^1$~~   $X = S^1, Y = \mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}$



$f \approx g \Leftrightarrow f$  and  $g$  have same winding number.

~~every map is htpy to~~

Ex:  $X = S^1$ ,  $Y = \mathbb{R}^2 - \{p, q\}$



So even when  $X$  is just ~~topology~~ a circle, this can be complex.

~~But it turns out that~~

But one reason to focus on this case is that it turns out that the classes form a group.

### The Fundamental Group:

Def: A path from  $x$  to  $y$  is a map  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$

s.t.  $f(0) = x$ ,  $f(1) = y$ .

A homotopy of paths is a family of paths  $h_t: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $h_t(0) = x$ ,  $h_t(1) = y$  and  $H(t, x) = h_t(x)$  is continuous.

We say ~~if~~ We say  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  are homotopic,  $h_0 \approx h_1$ .

(Slightly different from before because endpoints fixed. Otherwise,  $x \circlearrowleft y$ )

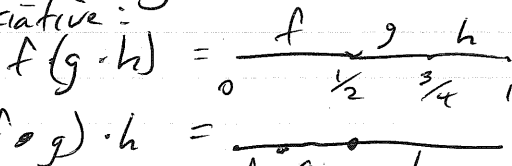
Let  $[\gamma] =$  set of paths htpic to  $\gamma$ .

If  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  is a path and  $p: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a path from 0 to 1, we call  $f \circ p$  a reparametrization of  $f$ . Then  $f \approx f \circ p$ .

(Pf:  $h_t(s) = f((1-t)s + tp(s))$ )

If  $f$  is a path from  $x$  to  $y$ ,  
 $g$  " " "  $y$  to  $z$ , let  $f \circ g$  be the concatenation  
 $f \circ g(s) = \begin{cases} f(2s) & \text{if } s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(2s-1) & \text{if } s \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

This is not associative:



But it's assoc upto homotopy!

$(f \circ g) \circ h$  is a reparam of  $f \circ (g \circ h)$ .

And if  $f \approx f'$ ,  $g \approx g'$ , then  $f \circ g \approx f' \circ g'$ .

We will use it to define ~~fundamental group~~  $\pi_1$ . Thus  $\pi_1$  is a well-defined assoc operation on htpy classes.

$$[\lambda] \cdot [\gamma] = [\lambda \cdot \gamma] \text{ is an}$$

Thus: ~~is~~ an assoc. operation on homotopy classes.

We then ~~def~~

Def: Let  $X$  be a top. space,  $x_0 \in X$ . The fundamental group of  $X$  with basepoint  $x_0$  is

$\pi_1(X, x_0) = \{ \text{htpy classes of paths from } x_0 \text{ to } x_0 \}$   
 (loops based at  $x_0$ )  
 with group operation concatenation.

Thm: This is a group.

Assoc? Ident? Inverses?  $[\gamma][\bar{\gamma}] = ~~1~~ 1$

And this is a ~~good~~ way to tell spaces apart:

Ex:  ~~$\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$~~   $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, x_0) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ ,  
 $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{a, b\}, x_0) \cong \text{free group of rank 2.}$

(we'll have to prove this)

Further, if  $X$  is path-connected, we can talk about the f.g of a space.

write  $\pi_1(X)$

Prop: Suppose  $\gamma$  is a path from  $x_0$  to  $y_0$ . Then  $\pi_1(X, y_0) \cong \pi_1(X, x_0)$ .

Pf: by the iso  $f: [\alpha] \mapsto [\gamma \cdot \alpha \cdot \bar{\gamma}]$   
 $[ \gamma \cdot \alpha \cdot \bar{\gamma} ] [ \gamma \cdot \beta \cdot \bar{\gamma} ] = [ \gamma \cdot \alpha \cdot \beta \cdot \bar{\gamma} ]$ ,

so this is a homeomorphism.

Further,  $f^{-1}: \pi_1(X, y_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$  is the inverse,  
 so it's an isomorphism //

~~Ex~~ Let's try computations:

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

Pf: Let  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ ,  $p(t) = (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t)$

We say that a map  $f: X \rightarrow S^1$  ~~lifts to a map~~ <sup>has a lift</sup>  
 $\tilde{f}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if  $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$ . (and  $\tilde{f}$  is continuous).



Not every map lifts:  $\xrightarrow{\text{id}}$

But: ~~be~~

Lemma: Let  $x_0 = (1, 0)$ . If  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$ ,  $f(0) = x_0$ ,  
 then  $\exists!$  lift  $\tilde{f}: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\tilde{f}(0) = 0$ .

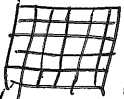
Pf: Choose  $n$  s.t.  $f([0, \frac{1}{n}]) \subset S' \setminus \{(0,0)\}$  or  
 let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , ~~for~~  $n$  large enough, let  $I_k = [\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}]$   
 If  $n$  is large enough, s.t.  $f(I_k) \subset J_k$ , where  $J_k$   
 is an interval of length  $l$  in  $S'$ .

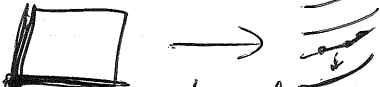
For each  $n$ , construct the lift inductively. Suppose  
 $f$  is defined on  $[0, \frac{k}{n}]$ . Then  $p^{-1}(J_k) \in \mathcal{P}(J_k)$   
 and  $p^{-1}(J_k) \cong J_k \times \mathbb{Z}$ . ~~say~~  $f(\frac{k}{n}) = (f(\frac{k}{n}), i)$   
 Define  $f$  on  $I_k$  by mapping each copy of  $J_k$  to  
 $f(I_k)$  in  $S'$ . Send  $I_k$  to its lift in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 Send  $I_k$  to the appropriate copy of  $J_k$ .

Conversely, And this is unique: If  $\tilde{g}$  is another lift,  
 then  $\tilde{g}(I_k) \subset p^{-1}(J_k) = J_k \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $I_k$  is connected,  
 $\tilde{g}|_{I_k} = f$  on  $[0, \frac{k}{n}]$ , then  $\tilde{g}(I_k) \subset p^{-1}(J_k) = J_k \times \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 Since  $I_k$  is connected,  $\tilde{g}(I_k)$  lies in one of the copies  
 of  $J_k$ , the same copy of  $J_k$  as  $f(\frac{k}{n}) = f(\frac{k}{n})$ . So  
 $f = \tilde{g}$  on  $I_k$ .

Likewise: Lemma: If  $f: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow S'$ ,  $f(0,0) = x_0$ , then  $\exists!$

$\tilde{f}: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $\tilde{f}(0,0) = 0$ .

Pf: Same idea:  s.t. each square maps to an interval.  
 Lift square by square, starting at  $(0,0)$ .

What does that mean? 

Lemma: If  $f: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow S'$  and  $A \subset [0,1]^2$   
 is a nonempty connected subset, and  $\tilde{f}_0: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a lift of  
 $f|_A$ , then  $\tilde{f}_0$  extends uniquely to a lift of  $f$ .

Ex: Use this lemma to prove

Then:  $\pi_1(S', x_0) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

Pf: Let's construct the map: Let  $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow S'$  be a loop  
 based at  $x_0$ . Define  $w([\gamma]) = \tilde{\gamma}(1)$ . Let  $\tilde{\gamma}$  be the lift  
 of  $\gamma$  s.t.  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = 0$ . Define  $w([\gamma]) = \tilde{\gamma}(1)$ .

Claim: This is a well-defined isomorphism from  $\pi_1(S', x_0)$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Pf: Well-defined, homomorphism, surjective, injective.  
