

Last time: Covering spaces:

Def: $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a covering space if $\forall x \in X, \exists$ a nbhd U of x s.t. $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times E$, where E is a discrete set, and p and if $(u, e) \in p^{-1}(U)$, then $p(u, e) = u \forall (u, e) \in p^{-1}(U)$

This is exactly the cond you need to lift —

Prop: If $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ is a cover and

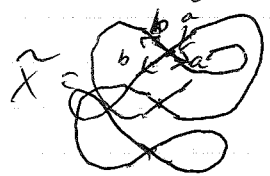
$f: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow X$ is a map s.t. $f(0) = x_0, \exists!$ lift $\tilde{f}: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ s.t. $\tilde{f}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$ and $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$.

Pf: Enough to ~~construct~~ show:

~~Lemma: Let $A \subset [0, 1]^n$ be \dots Let U be a nbhd s.t. $p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times E$. Then $\tilde{f}: A \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ is a lift of f on A . Then \tilde{f} extends uniquely to a lift on $[0, 1]^n$.~~

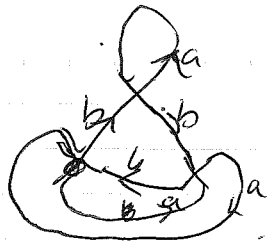
Pf: Since A is connected, $\tilde{f}(A) \subset p^{-1}(U) \cong U \times E, \exists e_0$ s.t. $\tilde{f}(a) = (f(a), e_0) \forall a \in A$. The unique extension is $\tilde{f}(y) = (f(y), e_2)$

Ex: $X \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ ~~Construct~~ What are the three-sheeted covers?



x_0 has a nbhd that has a three-sheet preimage. Further, the ~~proj~~ on each of these is a ~~disjoint~~ ~~the~~ cones of ~~proj~~ to X .

Now, what about the edges. Lift \bar{a} has to end up somewhere. And the other two ~~why can't two of these end up at the~~ Why is this a permutation? 1) Make a topological argument 2) Lift \bar{a} ~~it~~ ~~the~~ lifts would violate uniqueness of lifts. So, lifting \bar{a} permutes the sheets. Likewise, lifting \bar{b} permutes the sheets. This is ~~complicated~~ diagram is complicated & really,



(So there are generally a ~~lot~~ ^{a lot} of n -sheeted covers of \mathbb{C})

Other spaces? In fact, close relation betw covers, subgroups of π_1 . Further, prop: injective induced groups of q sheets

Classification
Thm (Fundamental Theorem of Covering Spaces): Let X be ~~locally path-connected~~ ^{locally path-connected} ~~and simply connected~~ ^{locally simply connected}. Then there is a bijection
 \downarrow based covers of (X, x_0) \longleftrightarrow \downarrow subgroups of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$
 \uparrow isomorphism

$$(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \longmapsto p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0))$$

(We say, \tilde{X}_1 and \tilde{X}_2 are isomorphic if $\exists f: \tilde{X}_1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{X}_2$ s.t. $f \circ p_1 = p_2 \circ f$)

Ex: $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. Subgroups: $\mathbb{Z}, n\mathbb{Z}, 0$

$$n\mathbb{Z}: S^1 \rightarrow S^1 \quad 0: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$$

$$e^{i\theta} \mapsto e^{in\theta} \quad q \mapsto e^{i\theta}$$

Ex: Covers of $\pi_1(\mathbb{C}) = \langle a, b \rangle$ — three-sheeted cover corresponds to $G = \langle b^3, bab^{-1}ba, ab, a^2 \rangle$

$0 \in \langle a, b \rangle$: — infinite tree

~~Let's stop here~~ (break)

Let (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)
 Prop: If (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) key to the proof. To prove this, we need the following extension of lift: Fund Thm of Covering Spaces: If $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ is a cover, $f: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$, and X, \tilde{X}, Y are path-connected, \tilde{X} is locally pc, then \exists a lift $\tilde{f}: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$ iff $f_*(\pi_1(Y)) \subset p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}))$. If \tilde{f} exists, it is unique.

$$Pf: (\Rightarrow) f = p \circ \tilde{f} \Rightarrow f_*(\pi_1(Y)) = p_*(\tilde{f}_*(\pi_1(Y))) \subset p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}))$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $f_*(\pi_1(Y)) \subset p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}))$. For all $y \in Y$, let γ_y be a path from y_0 to y . Then $f \circ \gamma_y$ is a path from x_0 to $f(y)$. Therefore, we must have $\tilde{f}(y) = \tilde{f} \circ \gamma_y(1)$. Claim: this is well-defined, etc, and so, if this is well-defined, etc, it's the unique lift we want.

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~~Key point:~~

Lemma: If γ is a loop in X , then $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a loop $\Leftrightarrow [\tilde{\gamma}] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$.

Pf: (\Rightarrow) $[\tilde{\gamma}] = p_*[\gamma]$.

(\Leftarrow) Use lift: Suppose $\tilde{\gamma} \approx p \circ \lambda$ for some $\lambda \in \pi_1(X)$.

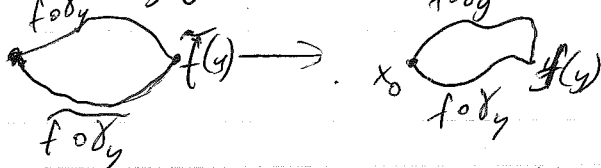
Then there's a homotopy h from $\tilde{\gamma}$ to $p \circ \lambda$.

Let \tilde{h} be the lift of h . Then there is a homotopy from $\tilde{\gamma}$ to λ - so \tilde{h} fixes endpoints, so $\tilde{h}(\tilde{\gamma}(1)) = \lambda(1) = \tilde{x}_0$ //

Well-defined: Let γ, γ' be two paths from y_0 to y . Then

$$[\gamma, \gamma'] \in \pi_1(Y) \Rightarrow [f \circ \gamma, f \circ \gamma'] \in p_* \pi_1(\pi, X)$$

$\Rightarrow f \circ \gamma, f \circ \gamma'$ is a loop. - so $f \circ \gamma(1) = f \circ \gamma'(1)$.



Continuity: Let $y \in Y$, let $U \subset X$ a nbhd of $f(y)$. Let V be the copy of U containing $\tilde{f}(y)$.

st. $p^{-1}(U) = U \times E$

Let $V = U \times E_0 \subset \tilde{X}$

First coord. of lift is cts - need to describe second coord.

~~By lift path connected nbhd~~

~~Then $f^{-1}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ for all $U \subset X$.~~

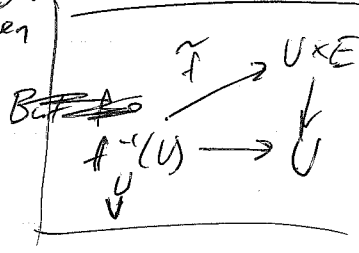
~~Any path λ from $\tilde{f}(y)$ to $\tilde{f}(y)$ is in V .~~

~~Then $\exists S$ that \exists a nbhd U of $y \in Y$ st. $f(U) \subset V$.~~

Let $V \subset f^{-1}(U)$ be a path-connected nbhd of y . Let $v \in V$.

For $v \in V$, let λ_v be a path from y to v . Then

$$f \circ \lambda_v = \tilde{f}(v) = f \circ \gamma_v(1) = f \circ \gamma_y \lambda_v(1)$$

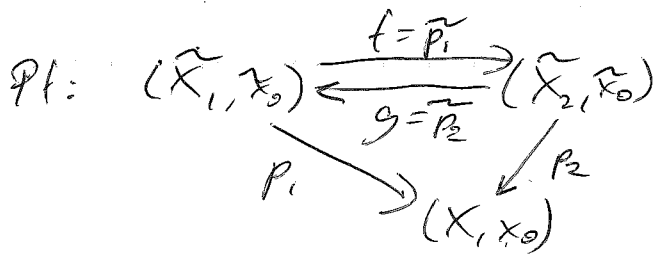


Applications:

Let $p_i: (X_i, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ be covers, $i=1,2$.

Then \tilde{X}_1 and \tilde{X}_2 are isomorphic.

Pf: are isomorphic. $\tilde{f}(p_1)_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{x}_0)) = (p_2)_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{x}_0))$, then \tilde{X}_1 and \tilde{X}_2 are isomorphic.



~~p~~ $p_2 \circ f = p_1$
 $p_1 \circ g = p_2$

~~f \circ g~~ $g \circ f: \tilde{X}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X}_1$

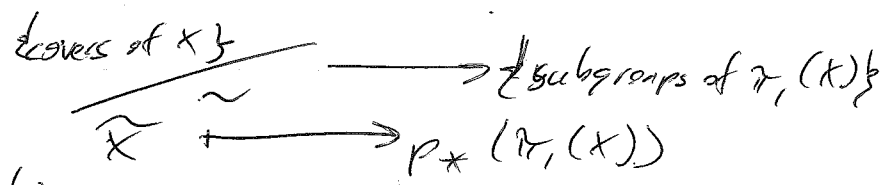
$p_1 \circ g \circ f = p_2 \circ f = p_1$ So $p_1 \circ g \circ f = p_1$ ~~is the identity~~

i.e., $\tilde{X}_1 \xrightarrow{g \circ f} \tilde{X}_1 \xrightarrow{p_1} X$, i.e., $g \circ f$ is the lift of p_1 .

But $p_1 \circ \text{id}_{\tilde{X}_1} = p_1$ too - by uniqueness, $\text{id}_{\tilde{X}_1} = g \circ f$. Likewise $\text{id}_{\tilde{X}_2} = f \circ g$.

Key point: ~~if $f_1, f_2: Y \rightarrow X$ and $p \circ f_1 = p \circ f_2$~~
 If Y is path-connected, lpc, and $x_0, f_1(y_0) = f_2(y_0)$

Therefore, if X is path-con, locally path-con, then then $f_1 = f_2$.



is injective.

Remains to show this map is surjective. Surjective?

When does X have a simply-connected cover?

Thm: If X is pc, lpc, lsc, it has a simply-connected cover.

By above, this cover is unique up to isomorphism.

Pf: Let $\tilde{X} = \{[\gamma] \mid \gamma \text{ is a path in } X \text{ starting at } x_0\}$.

Let $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$, $p([\gamma]) = \gamma(1)$. We only need a topology.

Let $\mathcal{G} = \{U \subset X \mid U \text{ is open, p.c., s.c.}\}$

If γ is a path in X , $U \in \mathcal{G}$ is a nbhd of $\gamma(1)$, let

$U_{[\gamma]} = \{[\gamma \cdot \lambda] \mid \lambda \text{ is a path in } U\}$ (nearby should mean nearby paths.)

Then p is a bijection from $U_{[\gamma]}$ to U .

- The $U_{[\gamma]}$ form a basis for \tilde{X} (because lpc, lsc)

- p is a homeo from $U_{[\gamma]}$ to U (ox)

Remains: $p_* \pi_1 \tilde{X}$ is s.c.

- p is a cover: $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{[\gamma] \in p^{-1}(\gamma(1))} U_{[\gamma]}$