

Recall X topological space, $p \in X$

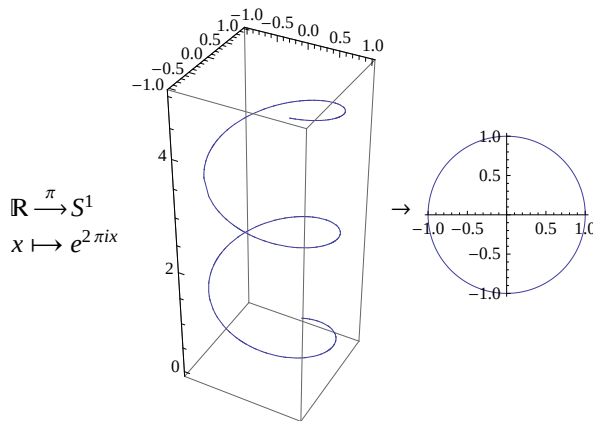
$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(X, p) &:= \text{loops in } X \text{ at } p / \simeq_p \\ &= \{\text{path homotopy equivalence classes } [\alpha] \text{ of loops } \alpha \text{ at } p\} \\ [\alpha] &= [\beta] \Leftrightarrow \alpha \simeq_p \beta\end{aligned}$$

$\pi_1(X, p)$ has only one element, if $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ convex.

$\pi_1(X, p)$ is a group: $[\alpha] * [\beta] := [\alpha * \beta]$.

$$\begin{aligned}[\bar{\alpha}] &:= [\alpha] \\ [\epsilon_p] &\text{ (identity)}\end{aligned}$$

Goal: $\pi_1(S^1, 1) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$



Proposition 61 (“path lifting”)

Suppose $\alpha : I \rightarrow S^1$ is a path. Fix $x \in \pi^{-1}(\alpha(0))$. Then there is a unique path $\tilde{\alpha} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\tilde{\alpha}(0) = x$ and $\pi \circ \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha$.

Proof uses U_+ and U_- (can be found in the textbook)

Proposition 62 (“Homotopy lifting”)

Suppose $\alpha, \beta : I \rightarrow S^1$ have same endpoints. Fix $x \in \pi^{-1}(\alpha(0))$. Then $\alpha \simeq_p \beta \Rightarrow \tilde{\alpha} \simeq_p \tilde{\beta}$, where $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}$ lifted path with starting point x .

Theorem 63

$(\pi_1(S^1, 1), *) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ or simply $\pi_1(S^1, 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof:

Define $\theta : \pi_1(S^1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, where $\tilde{\alpha}$ = lifted path from Proposition 61 with $\tilde{\alpha}(0) = 0$.

$$[\alpha] \mapsto \tilde{\alpha}(1)$$

This does not depend on the choice of $\alpha : [\alpha] = [\beta] \Rightarrow [\tilde{\alpha}] = [\tilde{\beta}]$ by Proposition 62. $\Rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}(1) = \tilde{\beta}(1)$.

Claim 1: θ is surjective.

Given $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, take any path $\tilde{\alpha} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\tilde{\alpha}(0) = 0$, $\tilde{\alpha}(1) = n$ (e.g. $\tilde{\alpha}(s) = ns$)

Let $\alpha := \pi \circ \tilde{\alpha}$ (e.g. $\alpha(s) = e^{2\pi i ns}$).

Then $\tilde{\alpha}$ is a path lifting α and starting at 0, so it's the lift of Proposition 61 gives $\Rightarrow \theta([\alpha]) = n$.

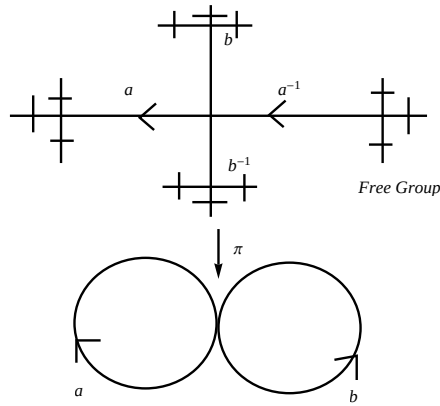
Claim 2: θ is injective.

If $\theta([\alpha]) = \theta([\beta])$, then $\tilde{\alpha}(1) = \tilde{\beta}(1)$. So $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}$ are paths in $\mathbb{R}$ with same endpoints $\Rightarrow \tilde{\alpha} \simeq_p \tilde{\beta}$.

$\Rightarrow (\pi \circ \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha) \simeq_p (\pi \circ \tilde{\beta} = \beta)$, which means $[\alpha] = [\beta]$.

Claim 3: $\theta([\alpha] * [\beta]) = \theta([\alpha]) + \theta([\beta])$ ("group homomorphism")

(left as an exercise). $\square$

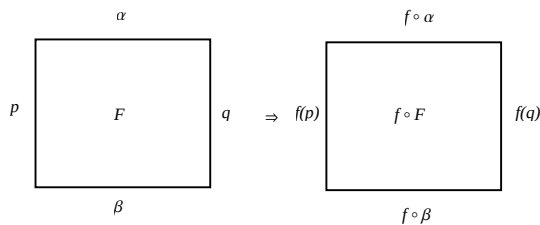


Lemma 64

If $\alpha, \beta : I \rightarrow X$ are paths and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ continuous then $\alpha \simeq_p \beta \Rightarrow f \circ \alpha \simeq_p f \circ \beta$.

Proof:

If F is a path homotopy between α and β then $f \circ F$ is a path homotopy between $f \circ \alpha$ and $f \circ \beta$.



$$F: I \times I \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

$$\text{Disc } D^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| \leq 1\}$$

$$S^2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3, |x| = 1\}$$

Theorem 65 (Brouwer fixed point theorem)

Any continuous function $f : D^2 \rightarrow D^2$ has a fixed point ie. $\exists x \in D^2$ such that $f(x) = x$.

Proof:

Suppose that f has a no fixed point. Then for $x \in D^2$, we can define $r(x)$ in S^1 as follows:

It is the intersection point of the line from $f(x)$ to x with S^1 (the point that is closer to x)

This works because we assumed $f(x) \neq x$.

$r : D^2 \rightarrow S^1$; (not bad to check that r is continuous.) Note that $r(x) = x$ if $x \in S^1$.

$$S^1 \xrightarrow{i} D^2 \xrightarrow{r} S^1, \text{ hence } r \circ i = \text{Id}$$

Suppose $\alpha : I \rightarrow S^1$ in a loop at 1, then $i \circ \alpha = I \rightarrow D^2$. Then $i \circ \alpha \simeq \epsilon_1$ constant loop since $D^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a convex subset.

$\Rightarrow \overline{\overbrace{r \circ i \circ \alpha}^{\alpha}} \simeq_p \overline{\overbrace{r \circ \epsilon_1}^{\epsilon_1}}$ in S^1 . So $\pi_1(S^1, 1) = \{[\epsilon_1]\}$: contradicting Theorem 63. $\square$

Theorem 66 (Borsuk-Ulam Theorem)

$\forall f : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ continuous, $\exists x \in S^2$ such that $f(x) = f(-x)$.

Proof:

If not, define $g(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{|f(x) - f(-x)|} \in S^1$, note $f(x) - f(-x) \neq 0$ by assumption.

$g : S^2 \rightarrow S^1$ continuous. Note $g(-x) = -g(x)$.

Consider the loop $\alpha : I \rightarrow S^2$

$$s \mapsto (\cos(2\pi s), \sin(2\pi s), 0)$$

Let $\beta = g \circ \alpha : I \rightarrow S^1$ (loop)

Note: $\beta(s + \frac{1}{2}) = -\beta(s)$ for all $s \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$

$$\beta(s + \frac{1}{2}) = g(\alpha(s + \frac{1}{2})) = g(-\alpha(s)) = -g(\alpha(s)) \text{ (by oddness)} = -\beta(s).$$

By Proposition 61, can lift β to a path $\tilde{\beta} : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (pick any starting point $\in \pi^{-1}(\beta(0))$)

For any $s \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$, $\tilde{\beta}(s + \frac{1}{2}) - \tilde{\beta}(s) = \frac{1}{2} + q_s$ where $q_s \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow q_s = \tilde{\beta}(s + \frac{1}{2}) - \tilde{\beta}(s) - \frac{1}{2}$. This is a continuous function $[0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ = discrete topology.

So this is constant, $q_s = q \in \mathbb{Z}$ (independent of s)

$$\text{Then } \tilde{\beta}(1) = \tilde{\beta}(\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} + q = \tilde{\beta}(0) + \frac{1}{2} + q + \frac{1}{2} + q = \tilde{\beta}(0) + 2q + 1.$$

So β winds around S^1 , $2q + 1$ times. So $\beta \neq_p \epsilon$, but $\alpha \simeq_p \epsilon$ inside S^2

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\overbrace{\beta \circ \alpha}^{\beta}} \simeq_p \overline{\overbrace{\epsilon}^{\epsilon}}, \text{ contradiction by Lemma 64. } \square$$