

Recap: Classification theorem

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$$\text{Cov}^0(X, x_0) \leftrightarrow \text{Subgroup } \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

(cfd.) Example. Double coverings of $(S^1, e_1) \vee (S^1, e_1) =: (X, x_0)$?

Classif. thm \Rightarrow need to understand all index 2 Subgroup of $\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong F(a, b)$



i.e.: need to understand the kernels of all epis $F(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$

exactly three:

$$A: F(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$a \mapsto [1]$$

$$b \mapsto [0]$$

$$AB: F(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$$

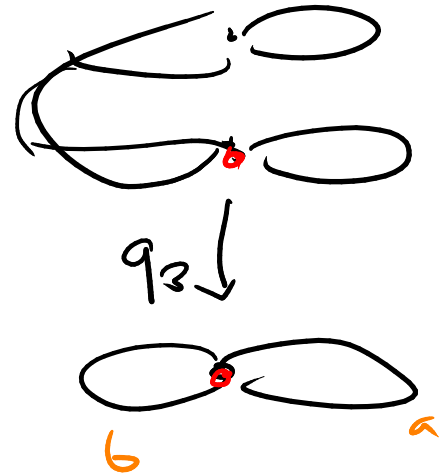
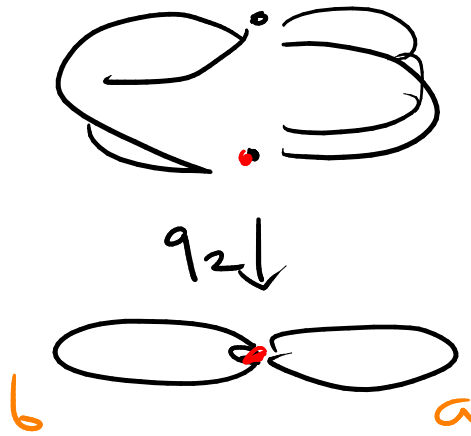
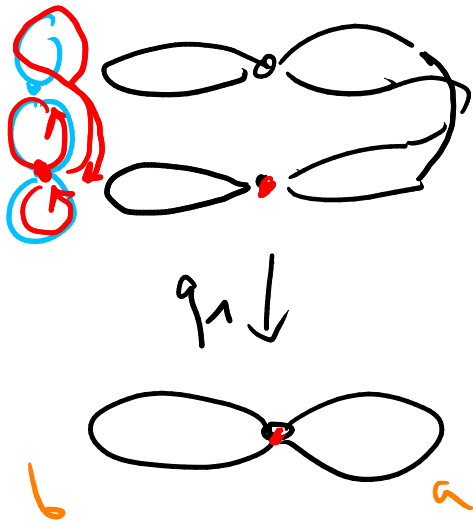
$$a \mapsto [1]$$

$$b \mapsto [1]$$

$$B: F(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$a \mapsto [0]$$

$$b \mapsto [1]$$



three "diff" (ps not iso in $\text{Cov}^0(X, x_0)$) double coverings of (X, x_0)

\Rightarrow these are "all" double coverings of (X, x_0)
 \uparrow up to iso, ptd, path-conn.

Which double cov. corresponds to which ep? ?
 $b \in \text{im } \pi_1(q_1), a \in \text{im } \pi_1(q_3)$

→ only one possible matching:

$$q_1 \hat{=} \ker A, \quad q_2 \hat{=} \ker B, \quad q_3 \hat{=} \ker AB$$

From this correspondence, as a bonus, we get:

$\ker A$ is gen by b, a^2, aba^{-1}

$\ker B$ " " a, b^2, bab^{-1}

$\ker AB$ " " a^2, b^2, ab .

2.3.6 APPLICATION:

THE NIELSEN-SCHREIER THEOREM

Recall: let R be a field, \mathbb{Z} , PID, ... not true in gen!

Then: submodules of free R -modules are free R -modules

Theorem (Nielsen-Schreier).

Subgroups of free groups are free (!)

$S \xrightarrow{\text{map}} G$

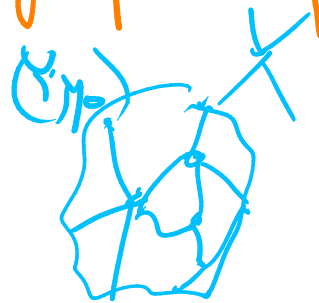
$\downarrow \text{! hom}$
 $F \xrightarrow{\text{! hom}}$

eg. $F(a,b)$ is free
 $\mathbb{Z}/2$ or \mathbb{Z}^2 are not free

Proof (via topology). idea: use covering theory!

let G be a free group with free generating set S and let $H < G$ be a subgroup.
 (need to show: H is free)

groups \rightarrow top. We consider $(X, x_0) := V(S^1, e_1)$.

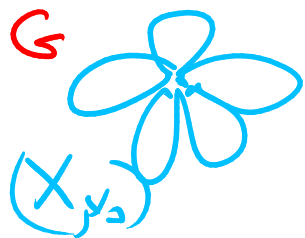


Then: $\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong F(S) \cong G$.

$F \cong$

$\downarrow \cong H$

By the classif. thm of coverings, there ex. a path-conn. cover



$q: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ with

$\pi_1(q)(\pi_1(Y, y_0)) = f^{-1}(H)$.

explicit topology: X has the structure of a "one-dim" complex ((u) 7.B / 8.B)

(u) 8.B \rightarrow also Y has the structure of a one-dim complex.

(u) 8.B $\rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ is a free group.

back to groups: Then

$H \cong f^{-1}(H) = \pi_1(q)(\pi_1(Y, y_0)) \cong \pi_1(Y, y_0)$

2.4 APPLICATIONS OF π_1 / COVERING THEORY

- undecidability results in top.
 - Nielsen-Schreier theorem
 - fundamental thm of algebra (\textcircled{L} 5.4)
 - Brouwer-Mann thm (\textcircled{L} 8.3)
in dim 2
 - (• Brouwer fixed pt thm in dim 2
 - Jordan curve thm in dim 2
 - classification of compact surfaces)
- } could be done

3 AXIOMATIC HOMOLOGY THEORY

Goal: • introduce the Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms for homology theories

• and computations from these axioms

(Existence: in Chapter 4).

→ we will see which properties of homology theories are "generic".

Basic idea: homology invariant + glueing

3.1 THE EILENBERG-STEENROD AXIOMS

3.1.1 THE AXIOMS

Definition. (Eilenberg-Steenrod axioms for homology theories).

cat. of left R -modules

Let R be a ring with unit. A homology theory on Top^2 with values in $R Mod$ is

a pair $(h_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, (\partial_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ consisting of:

- functors $h_k: Top^2 \rightarrow R Mod$ "replacement for quot"

• natural transformations $\partial_k: h_k \Rightarrow h_{k-1} \circ U$,
 where $U: \text{Top}^2 \rightarrow \text{Top}^2$ is the subspace
 functor: $\cdot \text{obj}: (X, A) \mapsto (A, \emptyset)$

$\cdot \text{mor}: (f: (X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)) \mapsto f|_A$

props:

and satisfying the following conditions:

• **homotopy invariance**: for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 the functor $h_k: \text{Top}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\text{Mod}$ is

homotopy invariant $(f \stackrel{\sim}{\simeq} g \Rightarrow h_k(f) = h_k(g))$

• **long exact sequence of pairs**: For every
 pair (X, A) of spaces, this sequence is exact:

$$\partial_{k+1} \rightarrow h_k(A, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{h_k(i)} h_k(X, \emptyset) \xrightarrow{h_k(j)} h_k(X, A) \xrightarrow{\partial_k} h_{k-1}(A, \emptyset) \rightarrow \dots$$

for (X, A)

where $i: (A, \emptyset) \hookrightarrow (X, \emptyset)$ and $j: (X, \emptyset) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$ are the inclusions

Ausschnittding $j: (X, \emptyset) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$

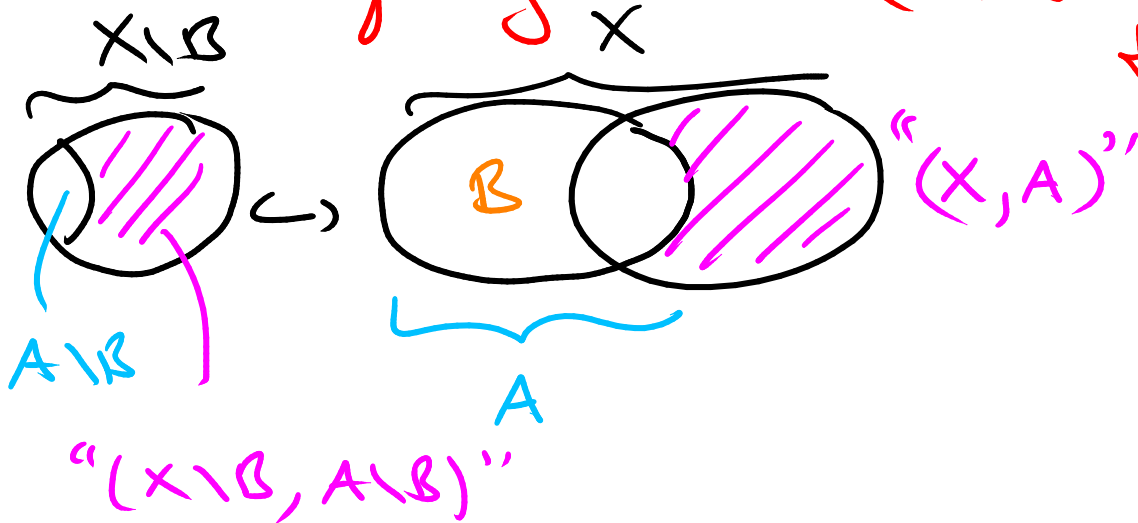
• **excision**: For every pair (X, A) of spaces

$B \subset A \subset X$ and all subspaces $B \subset A$

" $(X-B) - (A-B)$ with $\overline{B} \subset A$, the incl. and. isom.

$$= X-A" \quad \forall_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h_k(X \setminus B, A \setminus B) \xrightarrow{\cong} h_k(X, A)$$

\leadsto gluing results (and can compute things!)



We write $\bullet := \{\emptyset\}$ for "the" one-pt space. We say that $(h_k(\bullet, \emptyset))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ are the coefficients of the theory. gerade

A homology theory (h_*, ∂_*) is ordinary if the dimension axiom is satisfied, i.e.:

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \quad h_k(\bullet, \emptyset) \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{=} 0.$$

\leftarrow "dim 0"

A homology theory (h_*, ∂_*) is additive if the additivity axiom is satisfied, i.e., for all sets I and all families $(X_i)_{i \in I}$ of spaces, the can. incl. $(X_i \rightarrow \coprod_{i \in I} X_i)_{i \in I}$ induce

$$\text{isos for all } k \in \mathbb{Z} : \bigoplus_{i \in I} h_k(X_i, \emptyset) \rightarrow h_k(\coprod_{i \in I} X_i, \emptyset)$$

Notation: $h_k(X) := h_k(X, \emptyset)$. "absolute homology"

3.1.2] FIRST STEPS

Setup: In the following: R is a ring with unit and $(h_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, (\partial_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a homology theory on Top^2 with values in $R\text{-Mod}$.

Proposition. (more on homology invariance)
 let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

1. If (X, A) is a pair of spaces and if the incl. $i: A \hookrightarrow X$ is a homotopy equivalence, then

$$h_k(X, A) \stackrel{\cong}{\cong} 0.$$

In particular: $h_k(X, X) \stackrel{\cong}{\cong} 0$.

Proof of 1: By the LES of (X, A) , the following is exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 h_k(A) & \xrightarrow{h_k(i)} & h_k(X) & \xrightarrow{h_k(j)} & h_k(X, A) & \xrightarrow{\partial_k} & h_{k-1}(A) \xrightarrow{h_k(i)} h_{k-1}(X) \\
 \cong & & & & & & \cong \\
 \text{(htpy inv!)} & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

$j: (X, \emptyset) \hookrightarrow (X, A)$

exactness

$$\implies \cdot \operatorname{im} \partial_2 = \ker h_2(i) = 0 \implies \partial_2 = 0$$

$$\cdot \ker h_2(j) = \operatorname{im} h_2(i) = h_2(X)$$

$$\implies h_2(j) = 0$$

exactness at $h_2(X, A)$

\implies

$$h_2(X, A) \cong 0.$$

\square 1.