

Lemma Let $\gamma = \text{codisc } \{0,1\} = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\alpha} 1$. Consider the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{0,1\} & \hookrightarrow & \gamma = \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\alpha} 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \begin{matrix} \mathbb{Q} \\ \circlearrowleft \\ \mathbb{Q} \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\beta} 1 = \gamma & \longrightarrow & \Delta \end{array}$$

Then $\Delta \cong \mathbb{B}\mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Recall: $\text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \xrightarrow{f_1} 1 \xrightarrow{f_2} 0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0 \\ n \geq 0, f_i \in \{a, a^{-1}, b, b^{-1}\} \end{matrix} \right\}$ we can cancel $\begin{matrix} a^{-1} \\ a^2 a \\ b b^{-1} \\ b^{-1} b \end{matrix}$

Any such sequence is equivalent to a concatenation of

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b^{-1}} 0 \\ 0 \xrightarrow{b} 1 \xrightarrow{a^{-1}} 0 \end{array}$$

These are inverse to one another, so $0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b^{-1}} 0$ generates $\text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0)$ as a group.

\Rightarrow We have a surjective group homomorphism $\mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0)$
 $1 \mapsto (0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b^{-1}} 0)$

Define $\text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

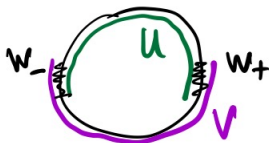
$$[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n] \mapsto (\# \text{ of } a) - (\# \text{ of } a^{-1}).$$

- Note:
- well-defined
 - group homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ 1 & \longmapsto & (0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b^{-1}} 0) \longmapsto 1 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\Delta}(0,0). \quad \square$$

Theorem $\pi_2(S^1, 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ with generator $[s \mapsto e^{2\pi i s}]_p$.

Proof



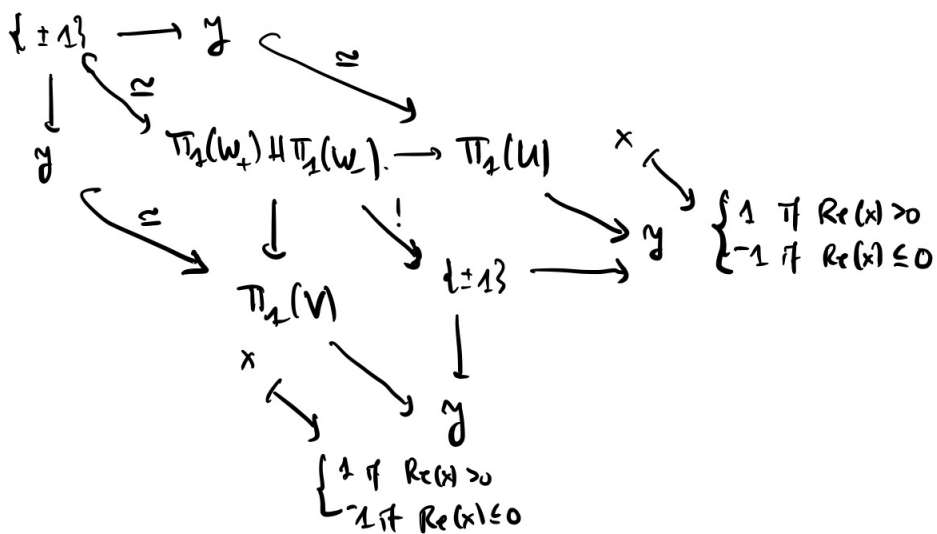
$$U \cap V = W_+ \amalg W_-.$$

By the SVK Theorem, we have a pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_2(W_+) \amalg \pi_2(W_-) & \hookrightarrow & \pi_2(U) \\ \downarrow & \text{po} & \downarrow \\ \pi_2(V) & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(S^1) \end{array}$$

U, V, W_+, W_- are contractible, so $\pi_4 \cong *$.

Let $\gamma = \text{codisc } \{1, -1\}$. We have a commutative diagram:



The diagonal compositions are the identity. Taking pushouts, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Delta & \longrightarrow & \pi_2(S^1) & \longrightarrow & \Delta \\
 & \searrow & & \searrow & \\
 & & \text{id} & &
 \end{array}$$

By the lemma, $\Delta \cong B\mathbb{Z}$. This shows that the group homomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\pi_2(S^1)}(1, 1), \quad 1 \longmapsto \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & \curvearrowright & \\ -1 & 1 & * \\ & \curvearrowleft & \end{array} \right]_p = [S^1 \times e^{2\pi i t}]_p.$$

is injective.

Surjectivity: $\operatorname{Hom}_{\pi_2(S^1)}(1, 1) = \left\{ 1 = x_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} x_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} x_2 \xrightarrow{\dots} x_n = 1 \mid \begin{array}{l} f_i \in \operatorname{Mor} \pi_2(U) \\ \amalg \operatorname{Mor} \pi_2(V) \end{array} \right\}$ relations

Using the relations, we can assume that $x_i \in \{\pm 1\}$

Then such a sequence is in the image of the functor

$$\Delta \longrightarrow \pi_2(S^1).$$

□.

Corollary. Let $T^n = (S^1)^n$ be the n -dimensional torus.

$$\pi_2(T^n, *) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n.$$

Pf π_2 preserves products.

Theorem If $n \geq 2$, S^n is simply path-connected, i.e., $\pi_1(S^n, \cdot) = 0$.

Pf. Write $S^n = U \cup V$, $U = S^n$ - north pole
 $V = S^n$ - south pole

$U \cap V \cong S^{n-1} \times (0,1)$. is path-connected since $n \geq 2$

By the Seifert theorem, we have a product of groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(S^{n-1}) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(U) = 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 = \pi_1(V) & \longrightarrow & \pi_1(S^n) \Rightarrow \pi_1(S^n) = 0 \quad \square \end{array}$$

Applications.

Fundamental theorem of algebra

Let $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ be a non constant polynomial,

Then $p(z)$ has a zero in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. Write $p(z) = z^n + q(z)$ where $n = \deg(p)$.

Let $h(z,t) = z^n + tq(z)$.

Choose $r \gg 0$ such that $|z^n| > |q(z)|$ for $|z| \geq r$.

Then $h(z,t) \neq 0$ for $|z| \geq r$ and $t \in [0,1]$

Define $H: S^1 \times I \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$
 $(z,t) \longmapsto \frac{h(rz,t)}{h(r,t)}$

Then H satisfies: $H(z,0) = z^n$
 $H(z,1) = \frac{p(rz)}{p(r)}$

$H(1,t) = 1$

$\Rightarrow H$ is a path-homotopy between loops at 1 in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

$\Rightarrow [H(-,0)]_p = [H(-,1)]_p$ in $\pi_1(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, 1)$

Under the isomorphism $\pi_1(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$,

$[H(-,0)]_p \leftrightarrow n$

If $p(z)$ has no zero, so $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, then $H(-, 1): S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ extends to $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{*\}$, so $[H(-, 1)]_p = [c_1]_p, \Rightarrow 0 = n \cdot n \mathbb{Z}$.
 Contradiction. \square

Brouwer fixed point theorem for D^2 .

Every continuous map $f: D^2 \rightarrow D^2$ has a fixed point.

Proof. Exercise.

§4. Covering spaces

Definition Let \mathcal{F} be a collection of topological spaces. A continuous map $p: E \rightarrow B$ is called a locally trivial bundle (or fiber bundle) with fibers in \mathcal{F} if:

for every $b \in B$, there exists an open neighborhood U of b and an isomorphism over U

$$p^{-1}(U) \cong F \times U \quad \text{for some } F \in \mathcal{F}.$$



- If this holds for $U=B$, the bundle is called trivial.
- B is called the base, E is called the total space of the bundle.
- If $\mathcal{F} = \{F\}$, we say "with fiber F ".

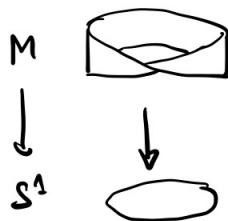
Definition A map $p: E \rightarrow B$ is a covering (or a covering map, or E is a covering space over B) if it is a locally trivial bundle with fibers in Set .

Notation: Cov_B is the full subcategory of Top/B whose objects are the covering maps.

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discrete spaces

Examples

- Möbius band:



is a locally trivial bundle with fiber $[0, 1]$.

It is not trivial: $M \not\cong S^1 \times [0, 1]$.

• $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ is a locally trivial bundle with fiber $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$
 \cup
 $S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ _____ S^0

• $\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ _____ $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$
 \cup
 $S^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^n$ _____ S^1

• If M is a smooth manifold, the tangent bundle $TM \rightarrow M$ is a locally trivial bundle with fiber \mathbb{R}^n (where $n = \dim M$)

• If G is a Lie group (e.g. $G = GL_n(\mathbb{R})$), if $H \leq G$ is a closed subgroup, then $G \rightarrow G/H$ is a locally trivial bundle with fiber H .

For example $GL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n, \dots$

exercises {

- $S^1 \rightarrow S^1, z \mapsto z^n$ ($n \neq 0$), is a covering map with fiber \mathbb{Z}/n .
- $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1, r \mapsto e^{2\pi i r}$ _____ \mathbb{Z}
- $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, z \mapsto e^z$ _____

• see Hatcher for lots of pictures.