

Lecture 9

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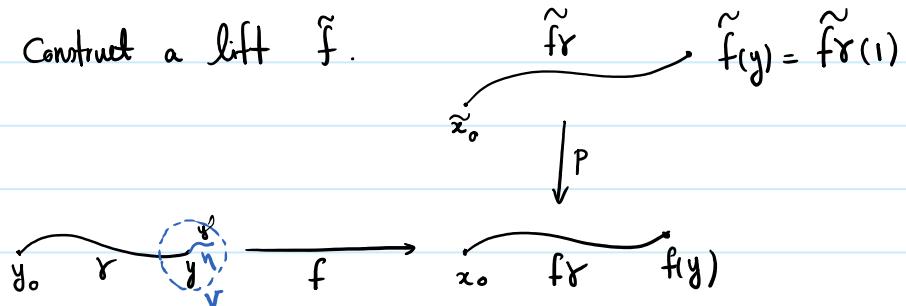
Recall: Covering space \Rightarrow subgroup
 $P: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ $P_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)) \subset \pi_1(X, x_0)$
invariant under isom.

Prop Suppose X is path connected and locally path connected. Then any two path connected covering spaces $P_1: (\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{x}_1) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ with $P_{1*}(\pi_1(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{x}_1)) = P_{2*}(\pi_1(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{x}_2))$ are iso via an isom. $f: \tilde{X}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{X}_2$ s.t. $f(\tilde{x}_1) = \tilde{x}_2$.

Prop (Lifting property)
 $\tilde{f}: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$ $\downarrow P: \text{Covering space}$ ① a lift \tilde{f} exists $\Leftrightarrow f_* (\pi_1(Y, y_0)) \subset P_* (\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0))$
 y path connected
 \tilde{y} locally path connected
 $\tilde{f}(y_0) = \tilde{x}_0$ ② lift \tilde{f} is unique.

pf (\Rightarrow) \checkmark

(\Leftarrow) To prove we construct a lift \tilde{f} .
 $\tilde{f}(y_0) = \tilde{x}_0$.



- well-defined: \checkmark

- Continuous: Let \tilde{U} be an open nbd of $\tilde{f}(y)$. We need to show that there exists an open nbd V of y s.t. $\tilde{f}(V) \subset \tilde{U}$. Let U' be an evenly covered nbd of $f(y)$ and \tilde{U}' be a lift of U' containing $\tilde{f}(y)$ s.t. $p: \tilde{U}' \rightarrow U'$ is a homeo.

Then, $\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}'$ is an open nbd of $\tilde{f}(y)$ and $p|_{\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}'}$ is a homeo. f is conti.

\Rightarrow let V be a path connected open nbd of y s.t. $f(V) \subset p(\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}')$.

For any $y' \in V$, take a path η from y to y' . Then $\tilde{f}(y') = \tilde{f}(\tilde{r} \cdot \eta)(1) = \tilde{f}(\eta)(1)$
 $\tilde{f}\eta \subset \tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}'$ w ζ lift of $f\eta$ starting at $\tilde{f}(y)$ lies in $\tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}' \Rightarrow \tilde{f}(y') \in \tilde{U} \cap \tilde{U}'$
 $\Rightarrow f(V) \subset \tilde{U}$.

- Uniqueness: Let \tilde{f}_1 and \tilde{f}_2 be lifts of f . Suppose $\tilde{f}_1(y) \neq \tilde{f}_2(y)$. Then take an evenly covered nbd U of $f(y)$ and suppose $\tilde{f}_1(y) \in \tilde{U}_1$ and $\tilde{f}_2(y) \in \tilde{U}_2$ be lifts

of U such that $p: \tilde{U}_1 \rightarrow U$ and $p: \tilde{U}_2 \rightarrow U$ is a homeo.



\tilde{f}_1 and \tilde{f}_2 are conti \Rightarrow there is a nbd V of y s.t. $\tilde{f}_1(V) \subset \tilde{U}_1$ and $\tilde{f}_2(V) \subset \tilde{U}_2 \Rightarrow \tilde{f}_1(y) \neq \tilde{f}_2(y)$ for any $y' \in V \Rightarrow$ The set of pts where $\tilde{f}_1(y) \neq \tilde{f}_2(y)$ is open.



Suppose $y \in Y$ be a pt s.t. $\tilde{f}_1(y) = \tilde{f}_2(y)$. Take an evenly covered nbd U of $f(y)$ and a lift \tilde{U} of U containing $\tilde{f}_1(y) = \tilde{f}_2(y)$ as above. Then for a nbd V of y we have $\tilde{f}_1(V), \tilde{f}_2(V) \subset \tilde{U}$. $p\tilde{f}_1 = p\tilde{f}_2$ and $p: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ is a homeo. $\Rightarrow p$ is injective on \tilde{U} .



$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}_1 = \tilde{f}_2$ on V . The set of pts where $\tilde{f}_1 = \tilde{f}_2$ is open.

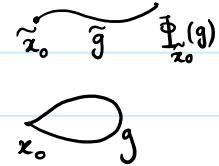
$\Rightarrow Y$ is connected and $\tilde{f}_1(y_0) = \tilde{f}_2(y_0) = \tilde{x}_0$ implies that $\tilde{f}_1 = \tilde{f}_2$.

Prop $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ is a path connected covering space of a path connected space X .

The cardinality of the fiber $p^{-1}(x_0)$ is equal to the index of $P_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0))$ in $\pi_1(X, x_0)$.

PF Let $H = P_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0))$. Let $\Phi: \text{Cosets of } H \rightarrow p^{-1}(x_0)$

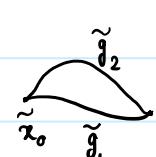
$$H[g] \mapsto \Phi_{\tilde{x}_0}(g) = \tilde{g}(1)$$



• Well-defined : $H[g_1] = H[g_2] \Rightarrow [g_1][g_2^{-1}] \in H$

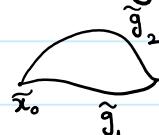
$\Rightarrow [g_1 g_2^{-1}] \in H \Rightarrow \tilde{g}_1 \tilde{g}_2^{-1}$ is a loop.

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_2(1) = \tilde{x}_0$$



$$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}_1(1) = \tilde{g}_2(1) \checkmark$$

• Surjective : \tilde{X} is path connected. For $\tilde{x} \in p^{-1}(x_0)$ take a path r connecting \tilde{x}_0 to $\tilde{x} \Rightarrow$ let $g = p(r) \Rightarrow \Phi(H[g]) = \tilde{x}$.



• Injective : Suppose $\Phi(H[g_1]) = \Phi(H[g_2]) \Rightarrow \tilde{g}_1(1) = \tilde{g}_2(1)$.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}_1 \cdot \tilde{g}_2^{-1}$ is the lift of $g_1 \cdot g_2^{-1}$. $\Rightarrow [g_1 \cdot g_2^{-1}] \in H$



$$\Rightarrow [g_1][g_2^{-1}] \in H \Rightarrow H[g_1] = H[g_2]$$

Q : Suppose X is path connected and locally path connected. Let $H < \pi_1(X, x_0)$. Is there a path-connected covering space $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ s.t. $P_*\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) = H$?

NO

• X should be semi-locally simply connected !

Def A top. space X is semi-locally simply connected if for any $x \in X$ there exists a nbd U of x such that $\pi_1(U, x) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x)$ is trivial.

Why this condition is necessary? Let H be the trivial subgroup. Then $P_*\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) = H$.

$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$ is trivial $\Rightarrow \tilde{X}$ is simply connected. Take an evenly covered nbd U of x and

let \tilde{U} be a lift of U st. $p: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ is a homeo. For any $T f \in \pi_1(U, x)$, $p^{-1}f \subset \tilde{U}$

is homotopically trivial in \tilde{X} . Compose null homotopy with p . Shows f is null homotopic in $X \Rightarrow \pi_1(U, x) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x)$ is trivial.

Prop: Suppose X is path connected, locally path connected and semi-locally simply connected. Then for any subgroup $H < \pi_1(X, x_0)$ there is a path connected covering space $p: (\tilde{X}_H, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ such that $p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}_H, \tilde{x}_0)) = H$.

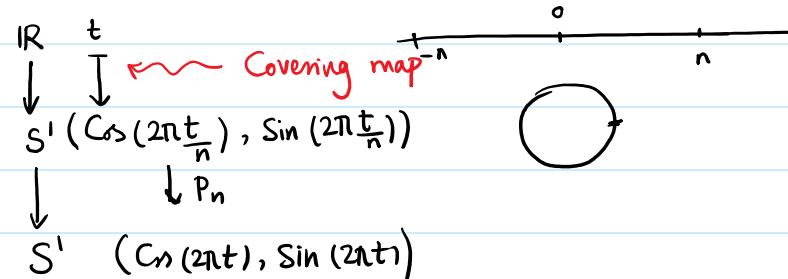
Def: The simply connected covering space $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is called the universal cover of X .

why? \tilde{X} is a covering space for every other covering space of X .

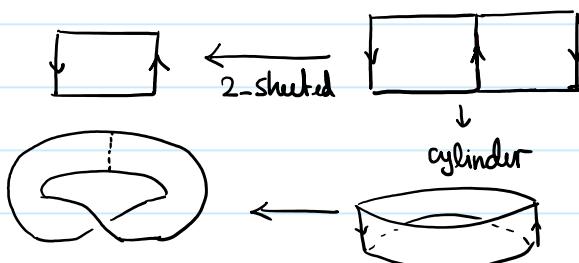
Ex: $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$ $\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the universal cover.

$$t \mapsto (\cos(2\pi t), \sin(2\pi t))$$

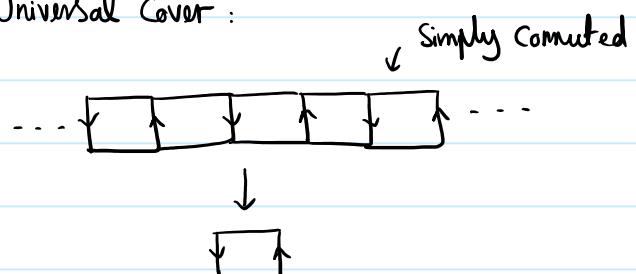
$$\begin{aligned} p_n: S^1 &\longrightarrow S^1 \\ z &\mapsto z^n \end{aligned}$$



Ex: X : Möbius band



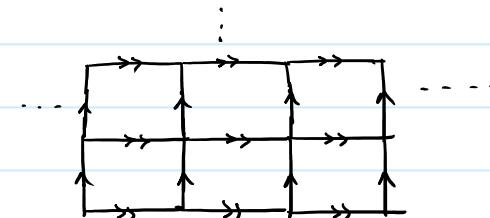
Universal Cover:



Ex: X : Torus

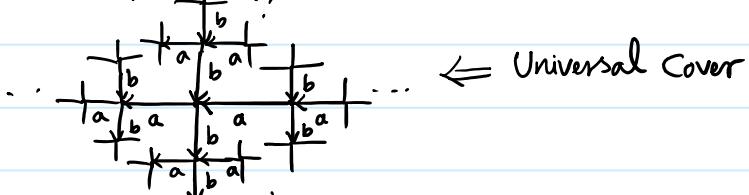


Universal Cover: \mathbb{R}^2



Similarly: \mathbb{R}^2 with an app. map p is the universal cover of the Klein bottle.

Ex: $b \curvearrowright a$



Ex $\mathbb{R}P^n \cong S^n /_{(x \sim -x)} \Rightarrow q: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ is a covering space. For $n \geq 2$, S^n is simply connected $\Rightarrow (S^n, q)$ is the universal cover of $\mathbb{R}P^n$ for $n \geq 2$. ($\mathbb{R}P^1 \cong S^1 \Rightarrow$ its universal cover is \mathbb{R} .)

Idea of proof for $H = \text{trivial subgroup}$:

Suppose $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ be a simply connected covering space.

- \tilde{X} is simply connected \Rightarrow for any $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$ there is a unique homotopy class of path connecting \tilde{x}_0 to \tilde{x} .



$\gamma_1 \bar{\gamma}_2$ is null homotopic.

$$\gamma_1 \bar{\gamma}_2 \simeq c_{z_0} \Rightarrow \gamma_1 \bar{\gamma}_2 \gamma_2 \simeq c \cdot \gamma_2 \\ \Rightarrow \gamma_1 \simeq \gamma_2.$$

\Rightarrow any $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X} \Leftrightarrow$ A homotopy class of paths starting at \tilde{x}_0
 \Leftrightarrow A homotopy class of paths starting at x_0 .
HP

$$\tilde{X} = \{ [\gamma] \mid \gamma \text{ is a path in } X \text{ starting at } x_0 \} \quad p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X \\ [\gamma] \mapsto \gamma(1)$$

Basis for topology: $\mathcal{U} = \{ U \subset X \mid U \text{ is path connected, open, } \pi_1(U) \xrightarrow{\text{trivial}} \pi_1(X) \}$
 (Ex: \mathcal{U} is a basis of topology for X)

For any $U \in \mathcal{U}$; and a path γ from x_0 to a pt in U

$$U_{[\gamma]} = \{ [\gamma \cdot \eta] \mid \eta \subset U \text{ s.t. } \eta(0) = \gamma(1) \}$$



- $\{ U_{[\gamma]} \}$ form a basis for topology on \tilde{X}

- $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a covering space. ($p: U_{[\gamma]} \rightarrow U$ is bijective.)

$$[\gamma \cdot \eta] \mapsto \gamma \cdot \eta(1)$$

* \tilde{X} is simply connected.

① path connected: $[\gamma] \in \tilde{X}$

$$\gamma_t(s) = \begin{cases} \gamma(s) & 0 \leq s \leq t \\ \gamma(t) & 0 < t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$t \mapsto [\gamma_t]$: path in \tilde{X} connecting $[\gamma_0] = [x_0]$ to $[\gamma_t] = [\gamma]$.
 \rightsquigarrow path connected.

It's in fact the lift of γ starting at $[x_0]$, because $p[\gamma_t] = \gamma(t)$.

\rightsquigarrow For any $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ lift of γ starting at $[x_0]$ is a path connecting $[x_0]$ to $[\gamma]$. Thus if γ is null homotopic \rightsquigarrow lift of γ is not a loop.
 $\Rightarrow \text{im}(p_*)$ is the trivial subgroup of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$.