

Theorem 70.1 & 70.2:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \pi_1(U, x_0) & & \\
 & \nearrow i_1 & \downarrow j_1 & \searrow \phi_1 & \\
 \pi_1(U \cap V, x_0) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & \pi_1(X, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & H \\
 & \searrow i_2 & \uparrow j_2 & \nearrow \phi_2 & \\
 & & \pi_1(V, x_0) & &
 \end{array}$$

If ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are homomorphisms compatible on $U \cap V$ such that $\phi_1 \circ i_1 = \phi_2 \circ i_2$, then we have a unique homomorphism $\Phi : \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow H$.

Let j be the extension of j_1 and j_2 , then $j : \pi_1(U, x_0) * \pi_1(V, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$ is surjective, and

$$\pi_1(U, x_0) * \pi_1(V, x_0) / \langle i_1(g)^{-1} i_2(g) \rangle$$

for $g \in \pi_1(U \cap V, x_0)$.

Theme of Seifert-van Kampen: Assuming the hypothesis of Seifert-van Kampen, the fundamental group $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is equivalent to the free product of $\pi_1(U, x_0) * \pi_1(V, x_0)$, together with the relation $i_1(x) = i_2(x)$ for all $x \in U \cap V$.

Theorem 72.1

Let A be a closed, path-connected subspace of a Hausdorff space X . Let $h : B^2 \rightarrow X$ be a continuous map that maps the interior of the closed disc into $X - A$ and maps the boundary of the closed disc, S^1 , into A . Let p be a point on the boundary of the disc; then $a = h(p)$, and $k : (S^1, p) \rightarrow (A, a)$ be the map obtained by restricting the domain of h to the boundary of the disc.

Then, the homomorphism of fundamental groups

$$i_* : \pi_1(A, a) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, a)$$

induced by the inclusion i is surjective, and has as its kernel the least normal subgroup of $\pi_1(A, a)$ containing the image of k_* .

A way of thinking about Theorem 72.1, from Professor Miller: Given the continuous map h , we know the fundamental group $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is equivalent to the fundamental group $\pi_1(A)$ together with a relation determined by the image on the boundary (S^1) of the two-cell, without any new generator.

Example (Fundamental Group of the Torus):

