

Let A be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Let $h: (A, a_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$. Show that if h is extendable to a continuous map of \mathbb{R}^n into Y , then h_* is the trivial homomorphism.

In some way this is pretty clear as \mathbb{R}^n is simply connected.

Let \tilde{h} be a continuous extension of h to \mathbb{R}^n . Want to show that $h_*(f)$ is homotopic to $e \sim$ the point loop at y_0 in $\pi_1(Y, y_0)$.

Let $F: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow Y$ by

$$F(s,t) = \tilde{h}(ta_0 + (1-t)f(s))$$

F is continuous being the composition of continuous functions and $F(s,0) = \tilde{h}(f(s)) = h(f(s)) = h_*(f)(s)$

$$F(s,1) = y_0$$

So $h_*(f)$ is ~~to~~ path homotopic to e