

# Lecture 3

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

## Plan for the class

- A quick intro. to topology
  - definition ✓
  - metric topology ✓
  - cts maps, homeo. ✓
  - mflds in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  postponed
  - homotopy ✓
  - intuitive idea of homology

## Simplicial structure.

- simplex
- simplicial cplx.  
(geometric & abstract)
- Examples.

Simplicial homology {? next class}

## A quick intro. to topology

Def: A topology on a set  $X$  is a family  $\mathcal{T}$  of subspaces of  $X$  that satisfies the following 3 conditions

(i)  $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$

(ii) any arbitrary union of elts of  $\mathcal{T}$  is an elt of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

(iii) any finite intersection of elts of  $\mathcal{T}$  is an elt of  $\mathcal{T}$ .

The pair  $(X, \underline{\mathcal{T}})$  is a topological space.

Elements of  $\mathcal{T}$  are called open sets

A  $\gamma \subset X$  is closed if  $X \setminus \gamma$  is open.

Induced topology.

Let  $Y \subset X$  then

$$\mathcal{T}_Y := \{T \cap Y \mid \forall T \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

is a topology on  $Y$ .

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Let  $(X, \mathcal{T}_1)$  &  $(Y, \mathcal{T}_2)$  be two top. spaces then a map

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

is Continuous if

for every open set  $T \in \mathcal{T}_2$

its inverse image  $f^{-1}(T) \in \mathcal{T}_1$

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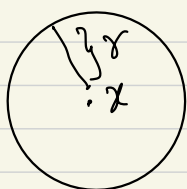
Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.

The smallest topology containing all the open balls, (i.e.,

$$B(x; \epsilon) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) < \epsilon\})$$

is called metric topology.

Example  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d$  is the  
Euclidean dist.

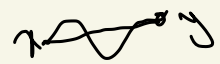


open ball of radius  $r$   
centered at  $x$ .

Continuity of functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
is the usual  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  definition

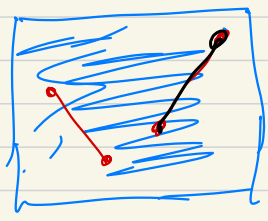
Assumption: A topological  
space is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  equipped  
with induced topology.

A space  $X$  is connected if for any  
two points  $x \neq y \in X$   $\exists$  a cts.  
function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.  
 $f(0) = x$  &  $f(1) = y$ .  
 $\searrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$



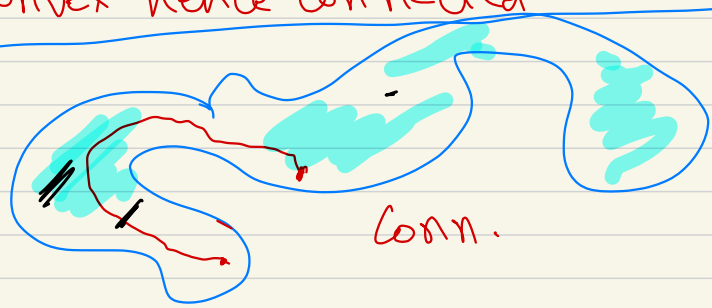
A Cts map  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$   
is called a path in  $X$ .

## Examples



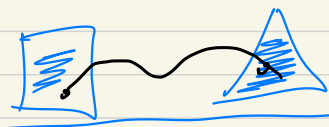
filled Square in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
Convex  $\Rightarrow$  Connected

Convex hence connected

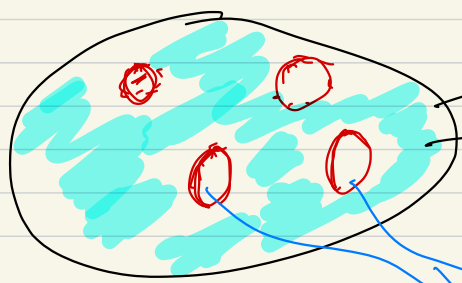


Conn.

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disconn.



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holes

Connectivity is preserved under cts maps.

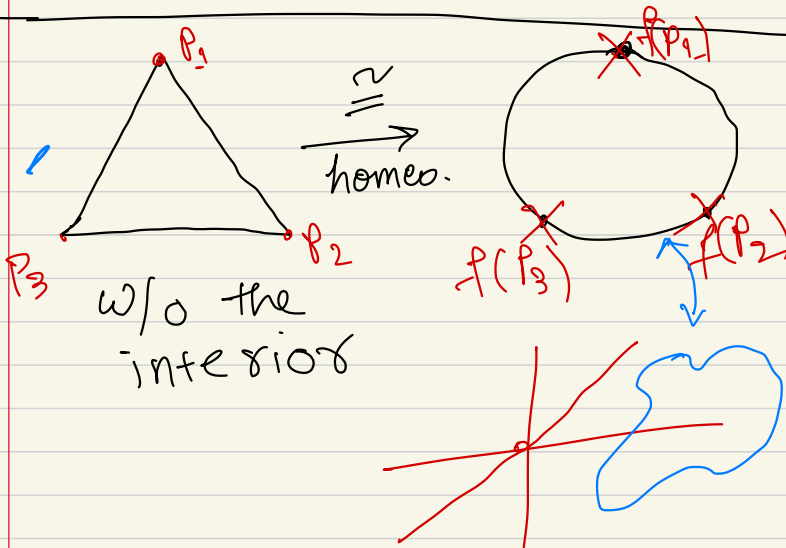
$$f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ Cont.}$$

If  $X$  is conn. then  $f(X)$  is conn.

**Def**

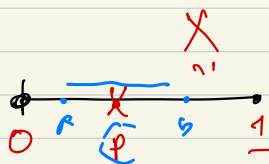
A cts map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism if  $f$  is a bijection &  $f^{-1}$  is also cts.

The two space  $X$  &  $Y$  are said to be homeomorphic.

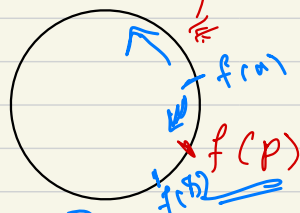


# Non homeo. spaces

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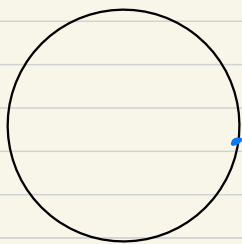
why!

Suppose  $X \cong Y$

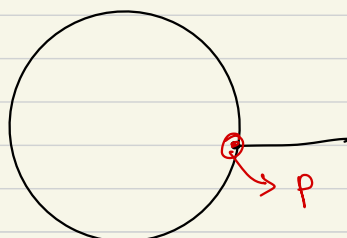
$$f: X \setminus \{p\} \xrightarrow{\cong} Y \setminus \{f(p)\}$$

$$\underbrace{[0, p) \sqcup (p, 1]}_{\text{disconn}} \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} \underbrace{O}_{\text{conn.}}$$

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$\cong$

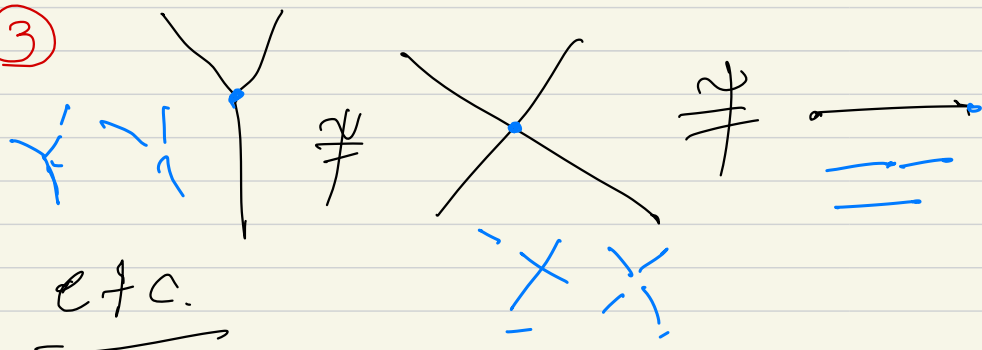


$$X \hookrightarrow_{\text{conn.}} Y \quad Y - p = \underbrace{C}_{\text{disconn}}$$

$Y \setminus \{p\}$  has 2 conn. components

$X \setminus \{f(p)\}$  is connected.

③



Fun H. W.

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① Consider the digits 0 to 9 as subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Classify them up to homeo.

② Do the same for  $A, B, \dots, Z$



# Homotopy

## Definition

Given two space  $X, Y$ , two maps  $f_0, f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic if  $\exists$  a cts map

$$H: X \times [0, 1] \xrightarrow{\text{time parameter}} Y$$

such that

$$\forall x \in X$$

$$H(0, x) \Rightarrow f_0(x)$$

$$H(1, x) = f_1(x)$$

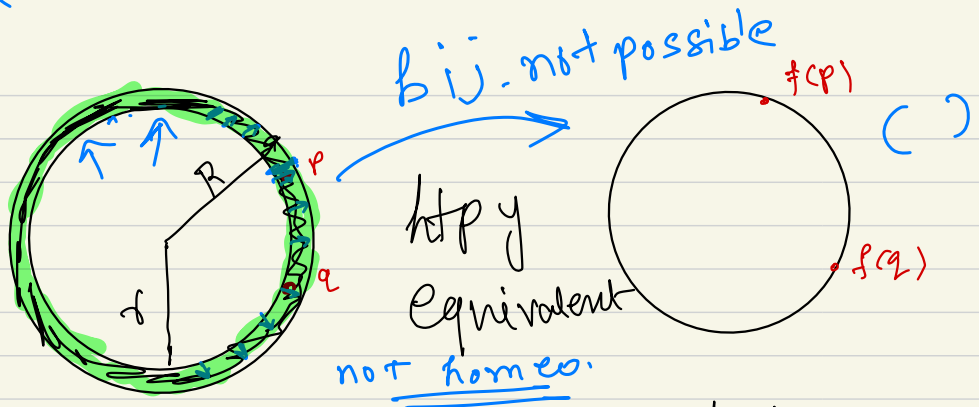
$$\boxed{f_0 \sim f_1}$$

Def<sup>n</sup> Two spaces  $X$  &  $Y$  have the same homotopy type (or are homotopy equivalent) if  $\exists$  two maps  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  &  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  s.t.

$$\boxed{g \circ f \sim \text{id}_X}$$

$$\boxed{f \circ g \sim \text{id}_Y}$$

(Homeo  $\Rightarrow g \circ f = 1_X$  &  $f \circ g = 1_Y$ )



X is a thick ring

Y is a circle,

X & Y are not homeo.

But X & Y are homotopic.

Part 2 of the fun HW

Classify following shapes up to homotopy

- $O$  to  $q$
- $A$  to  $Z$

$O$  &  $q$  are not homeo.  
but  $O$  &  $q$  are htpy equiv.

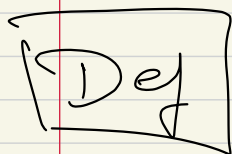
~~$\times$~~  If  $X$  &  $Y$  are homeo.  $\Rightarrow$   $q \rightarrow q$   
 $X$  &  $Y$  are homotopic.  
 But  $\Leftarrow$  is false



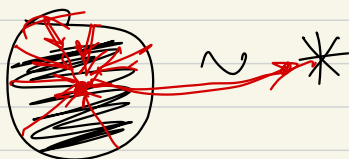
Hint

$O$  &  $q$  are htpic  
 but not homeo.

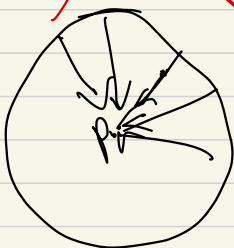
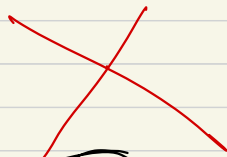
& so on.



A top. space  $X$  is  
Contractible if  $X$  is htpy  
 equivalent to a single point.

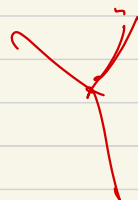


$\sim$



$$f(x) = p$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 q & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & q \\
 \downarrow & \searrow \text{const.} & \\
 \{ \cdot \} & & 
 \end{array}$$

$q \circ$



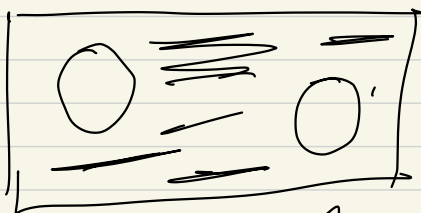
$X \times [0, 1]$

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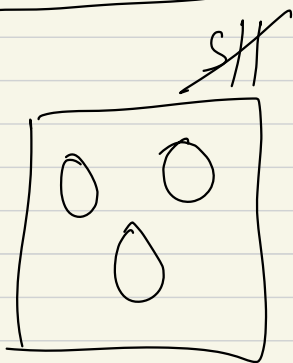
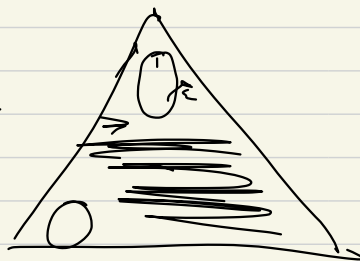
# Homology counts holes

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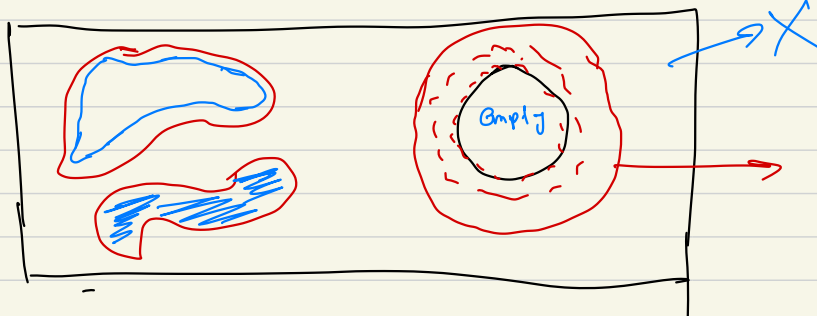
having holes is a topological  
property



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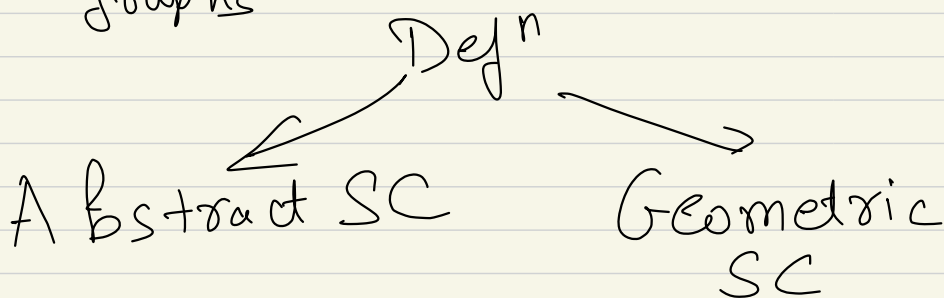


rubber bands  
the ones that  
bound deformed  
disc.



# Simplicial Complexes

A generalization of simple graphs

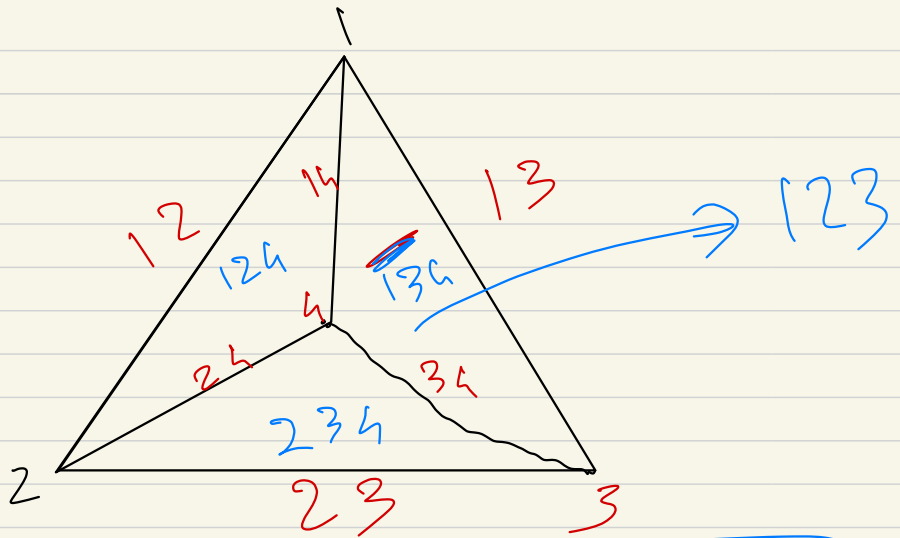


The power set of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$

$\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 23, 123$



$\{1, 2\}$   
 $\{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $2$



Power set Simplex