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# Notations and Conventions

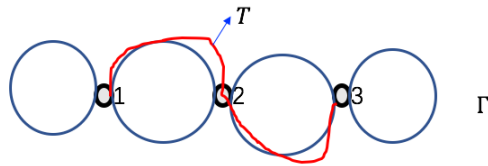
$(X, \mathcal{T})$	Topological space
$X \cong Y$	The space $X$ is homeomorphic to space $Y$
$G \cong H$	The group $G$ is isomorphic to group $H$
$p_X$	Project mapping
$X \times Y$	Product Topology
$X/\sim$	Quotient Topology related to the topological space $X$ and the equivalence class $\sim$
$S^n$	The $n$ -sphere $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \ \mathbf{x}\  = 1\}$
$D^n$	The $n$ -disk $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \ \mathbf{x}\  \leq 1\}$
$E^\circ, \partial E, \overline{E}$	The interior, boundary, closure of $E$
$\mathbb{T}^2$	The torus in $\mathbb{R}^3$
$\Delta^n$	The $n$ -simplex
$i : A \hookrightarrow X$	Inclusion mapping from $A \subseteq X$ to $X$
$K = (V, \Sigma)$	(Abstract) Simplicial Complex
$ K $	Topological realization of the simplicial complex $K$
$\langle X \mid R \rangle$	The presentation of a group
$H : f \stackrel{H}{\simeq} g$	$f$ and $g$ are homotopic, where $H$ denotes the homotopy
$X \simeq Y$	The space $X$ and $Y$ are homotopy equivalent
$\pi_1(X, x)$	The fundamental group of $X$ w.r.t. the basepoint $x \in X$
$E(K, b)$	The edge loop group of the space $K$ w.r.t. the basepoint $b$
$f_*$	The induced homomorphism $f_* : \pi_1(X, x) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y)$ for $f : X \rightarrow Y$



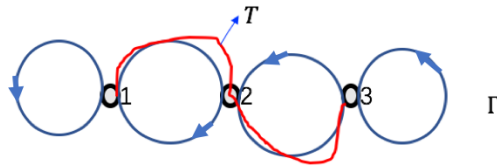
## 15.3. Monday for MAT4002

**Theorem 15.4** Let  $\Gamma$  be a connected graph. Then  $\pi(\Gamma)$  is isomorphic to the free group generated by  $\# \{E(\Gamma) \setminus E(T)\}$  elements, for any maximal tree of  $\Gamma$ .

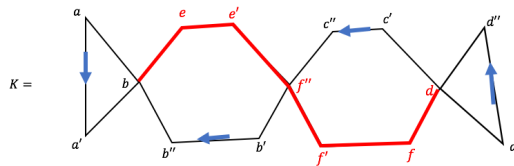
Now we give a proof for this theorem on one special case of  $\Gamma$ :



*Proof.* • Fix an orientation for each  $e \in E(\Gamma) \setminus E(T)$ :



• Now let  $K$  be a simplicial complex with  $|K| \cong \Gamma$ :



As a result,  $E(K, b) \cong \pi_1(\Gamma)$

• Now we construct the group homomorphism

$$\phi : \langle \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \rangle \rightarrow E(K, b)$$

$$\text{with } \phi(\alpha) = [ba'a''b]$$

$$\phi(\beta) = [bee'f''b'b''b]$$

$$\phi(\gamma) = [bee'f''f'fdc'c''f''e'eb]$$

$$\phi(\delta) = [bee'f''f'fdd''d'dff'f''e'eb]$$

- We can show the group homomorphism  $\phi$  is bijective. In particular, the inverse of  $\phi$  is given by:

$$\Psi: E(K, b) \rightarrow \langle \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \rangle$$

where for any  $[\ell] := [bv_1 \cdots v_n] \in E(K, b)$ , the mapping  $\Psi[\ell]$  is constructed by

- Remove all other letters appearing in  $\ell$  except  $b, a', a'', b', b'', c', c'', d', d''$
- Assign

$$\alpha, \alpha^{-1}, \beta, \beta^{-1}, \gamma, \gamma^{-1}, \delta, \delta^{-1}$$

for each appearance of

$$a'a'', a''a', b'b'', b''b', c'c'', c''c', d'd'', d''d',$$

respectively.

■

### 15.3.1. The Selfert-Van Kampen Theorem

**Theorem 15.5** Let  $K = K_1 \cup K_2$  be the union of two **path-connected open** sets, where  $K_1 \cap K_2$  is also path-connected. Take  $b \in K_1 \cap K_2$ , and suppose the group presentations for  $\pi_1(K_1, b), \pi_1(K_2, b)$  are

$$\pi_1(K_1, b) \cong \langle X_1 \mid R_1 \rangle, \quad \pi_1(K_2, b) \cong \langle X_2 \mid R_2 \rangle.$$

Let the inclusions be

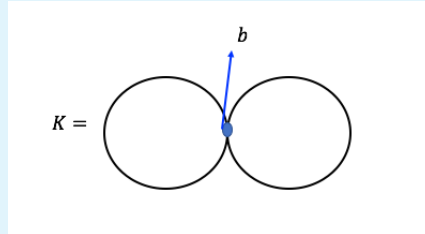
$$i_1: K_1 \cap K_2 \hookrightarrow K_1, \quad i_2: K_1 \cap K_2 \hookrightarrow K_2,$$

then a presentation of  $\pi_1(K, b)$  is given by:

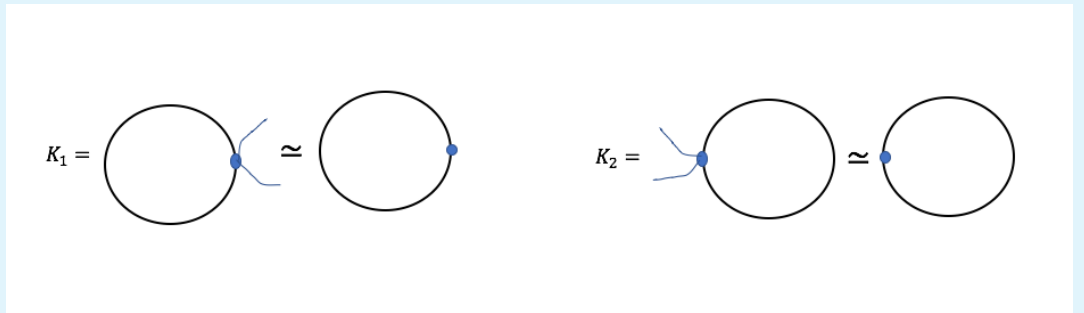
$$\pi_1(K, b) \cong \langle X_1 \cup X_2 \mid R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{(i_1)_*(g) = (i_2)_*(g) : \forall g \in \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2, b)\} \rangle.$$

(Here  $(i_1)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2, b) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(K_1, b)$  and  $(i_2)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2, b) \hookrightarrow \pi_1(K_2, b)$ .)

■ **Example 15.4** 1. Let  $K = S^1 \wedge S^1$  given by



(a) Then construct  $b$  as the intersection between two circles, and construct  $K_1, K_2$  as shown below:



We can see that  $K_1 \cap K_2$  is contractible:



(b) As we have shown before,  $\pi_1(S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , which follows that

$$\pi_1(K_1, b) \cong \langle \alpha \rangle, \quad \pi_1(K_2, b) \cong \langle \beta \rangle$$

Also,  $\pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2, b) \cong \pi_1(\{b\}, b) \cong \{e\}$ .

(c) It's easy to compute  $(i_1)_*$  and  $(i_2)_*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (i_1)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) &\rightarrow \pi_1(K_1) & (i_2)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) &\rightarrow \pi_1(K_2) \\ \text{with } e &\mapsto e & \text{with } e &\mapsto e \end{aligned},$$

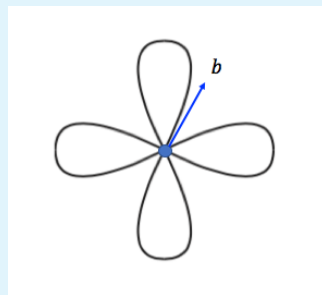
(d) Therefore, by Seifert-Van Kampen Theorem,

$$\pi_1(K, b) \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \mid e = e \rangle \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$$

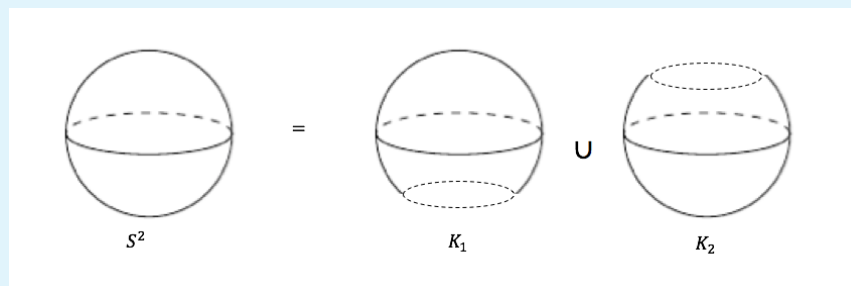
2. By induction,

$$\pi_1(\wedge^n S^1, b) \cong \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

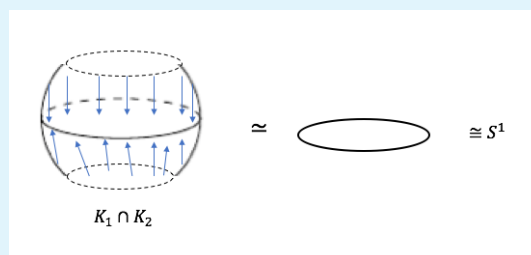
For instance, the figure illustration for  $\wedge^4 S^1$  and the basepoint  $b$  is given below:



3. (a) Construct  $S^2 = K_1 \cup K_2$ , which is shown below:



Therefore, we see that  $K_1 \cap K_2 \simeq S^1$ :



(b) It's clear that  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are contractible, and therefore

$$\pi_1(K_1) \cong \langle \beta \mid \beta \rangle, \quad \pi_1(K_2) \cong \langle \gamma \mid \gamma \rangle$$

and  $\pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \cong \pi_1(S^1) \cong \langle \alpha \rangle$ .

(c) Then we compute  $(i_1)_*$  and  $(i_2)_*$ . In particular, the mapping  $(i_1)_*$  is defined as

$$(i_1)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \rightarrow \pi_1(K_1)$$

with  $[\alpha] \mapsto [i_1(\alpha)]$

where  $\alpha$  is any loop based at  $b$ . Since  $K_1$  is contractible, we imply  $\alpha$  in  $K_1$  is homotopic to  $c_b$ , i.e.,

$$(i_1)_*([\alpha]) = [i_1(\alpha)] = e, \forall \alpha \in \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2).$$

Similarly,  $(i_2)_*([\alpha]) = e$ .

(d) By Seifert-Van Kampen Theorem, we conclude that

$$\pi_1(S^2) \cong \langle \beta, \gamma \mid \beta, \gamma, e = e \rangle \cong \{e\}$$

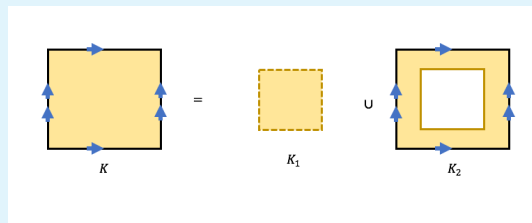
4. Homework: Use the same trick to check that  $\pi_1(S^n) = \{e\}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Hint: for  $S^3$ , construct

$$K_1 = \{(x_1, \dots, x_4) \in S^3 \mid x_4 > -1/2\}$$

and

$$K_2 = \{(x_1, \dots, x_4) \in S^3 \mid x_4 < 1/2\}$$

5. (a) Consider the quotient space  $K \cong \mathbb{T}^2$ , and we construct  $K = K_1 \cup K_2$  as follows:



Therefore, we can see that  $K_1$  is contractible, and  $K_2$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^1 \wedge S^1$ :

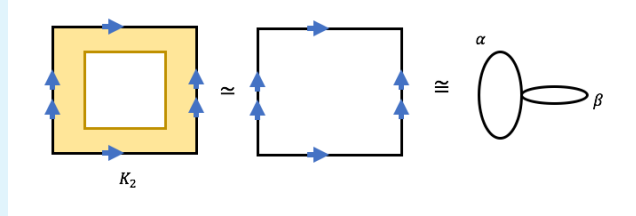
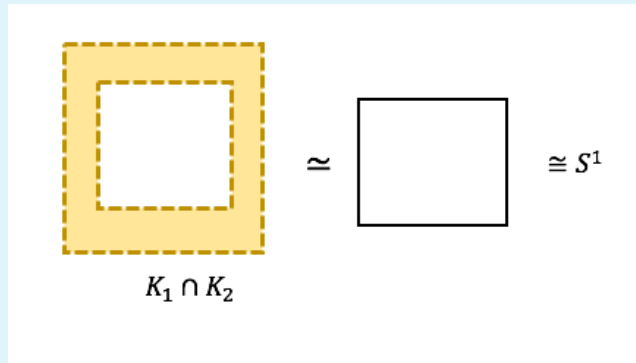


Figure 15.2: Illustration for  $K_2 \simeq S^1 \wedge S^1$

and  $K_1 \cap K_2$  is homotopic equivalent to the circle:



(b) It follows that

$$\pi_1(K_1) \cong \{e\}, \quad \pi_1(K_2) \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle,$$

and  $\pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \cong \langle \gamma \rangle$ .

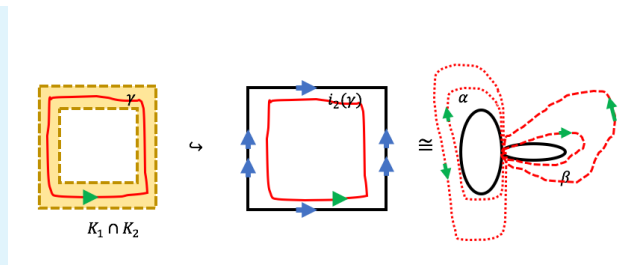
(c) Then we compute  $(i_1)_*$  and  $(i_2)_*$ . In particular,  $(i_1)_*$  is trivial:

$$(i_1)_* : \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \rightarrow \pi_1(K_1)$$

$$\text{with } [\alpha] \mapsto e$$

Then compute  $(i_2)_*$ . In particular, for any loop  $\gamma$ , we draw the graph for  $i_2(\gamma)$ :





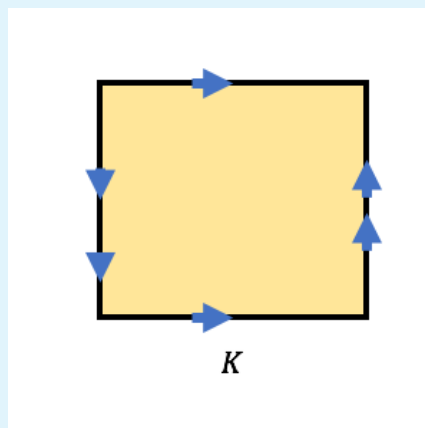
Therefore,

$$(i_2)_*[\gamma] = [i_2(\gamma)] = [\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}]$$

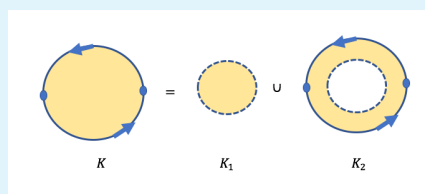
(d) By Seifert-Van Kampen Theorem, we conclude that

$$\pi_1(K) \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \mid \beta, \alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1} = e \rangle \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \mid \alpha\beta = \beta\alpha \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

6. Exercise: The Klein bottle  $K$  shown in graph below satisfies  $\pi_1(K) = \langle a, b \mid aba^{-1}b \rangle$ .



7. Consider the quotient space  $K = \mathbb{R}P^2$ . We construct  $K = K_2 \cup K_1$ , which is shown below:

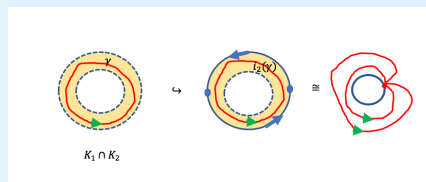


(a) It's clear that  $K_1$  is contractible. In hw3, question 1, we can see that  $K_2 \simeq S^1$ .

Moreover, similar as in (5),  $K_1 \cap K_2 \simeq S^1$ .

(b) Therefore,  $\pi_1(K_1) = \{e\}$  and  $\pi_1(K_2) = \langle \alpha \rangle$ ,  $\pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) = \langle \gamma \rangle$ .

(c) It's easy to see that  $(i_1)_*([\gamma]) = e$  for any loop  $\gamma$ . For any loop  $\gamma$ , we draw the graph for  $i_2(\gamma)$ :



Therefore,  $(i_2)_*([\gamma]) = [i_2(\gamma)] = [\alpha^2]$ .

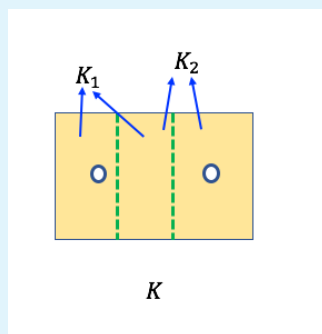
(d) By Seifert-Van Kampen Theorem, we conclude that

$$\pi_1(K) \cong \langle \alpha \mid \alpha^2 = e \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong \{0, 1\}_{\text{mod } (2)}$$

8. Let  $K = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{2 \text{ points } \alpha, \beta\}$ . As have shown in hw3,  $K \simeq S^1 \vee S^1$ , which implies

$$\pi_1(K) \cong \pi_1(S^1 \vee S^1) \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle.$$

We can compute the fundamental group for  $K$  directly. Construct  $K = K_1 \cup K_2$  as follows:



(a) It's clear that  $K_1 \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{\text{one point}\} \simeq S^1$  and similarly  $K_2 \simeq S^1$ . Moreover,  $K_1 \cap K_2$  is contractible

(b) Therefore,

$$\pi_1(K_1) \cong \langle \alpha \rangle, \quad \pi_1(K_2) \cong \langle \beta \rangle, \quad \pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \cong \{e\}$$

(c) Therefore,  $(i_1)_*$  and  $(i_2)_*$  is trivial since  $\pi_1(K_1 \cap K_2) \cong \{e\}$ .

(d) By Seifert-Van Kampen Theorem, we conclude that

$$\pi_1(K) \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \mid e = e \rangle \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$$

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