

$$f(x) = x$$

$F(x)$ is continuous.

$$B^2 \rightarrow S^1$$

If $x_n \rightarrow x$ then $F(x_n) \rightarrow F(x)$.

You need to show $\{F(x_n)\}$ converges!

Suppose $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $F(x_n) \rightarrow z$.

Need to show $z = F(x)$.

Want to show $G(F)$ is closed,

$$(x_n, F(x_n)) \rightarrow (x, z)$$

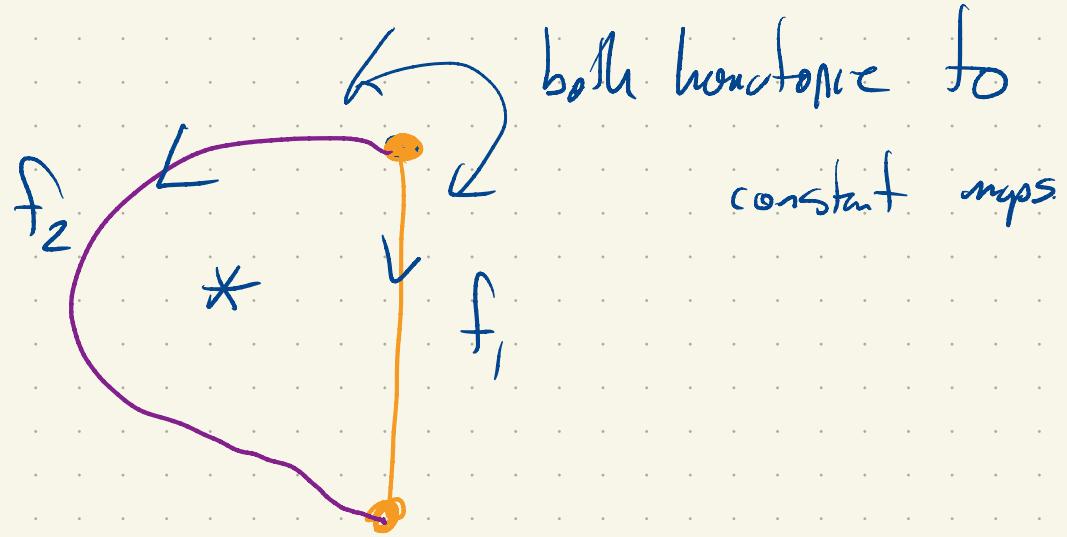
Need to show $(x, z) \in G(F)$



$$(x, F(x))$$

Fundamental Group (Topology + Algebra)

Relative homotopy

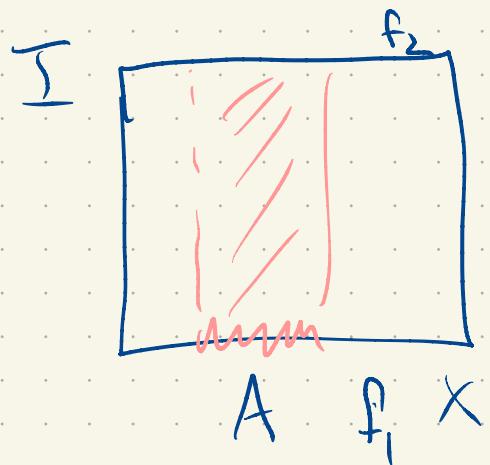


Def: Let X, Y be spaces and $A \subseteq X$.

Suppose $f_1, f_2: X \rightarrow Y$. We say they are homotopic
relative to A , if there \hookrightarrow a homotopy H from f_1 to f_2

such that

$$H(a, t) = f_i(a) \quad \text{for all } a \in A.$$



(only possible if

$$f_2(a) = f_1(a) \text{ for } a \in A$$

Def: Suppose $f_1, f_2 : I \rightarrow X$ are two paths,

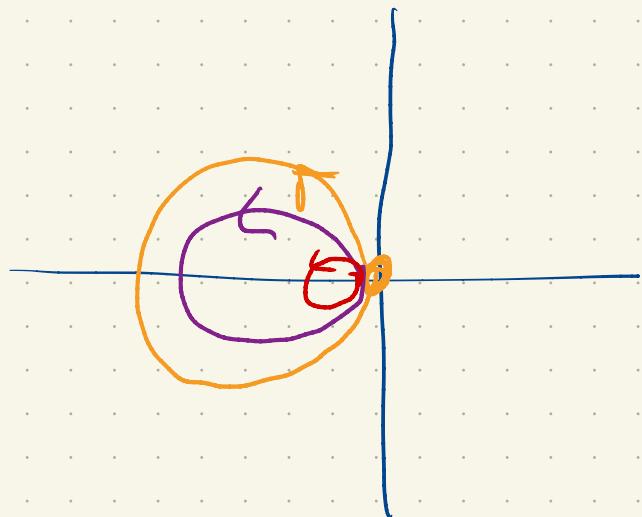
We say they are path homotopic if

they are homotopic relative to $\{0, 1\}$

(The endpoints need to stay put).

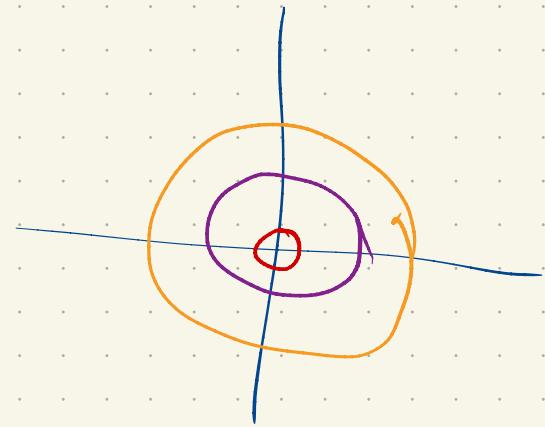
Important special case: A path $f : I \rightarrow X$ is a loop if $f(0) = f(1)$.

e.g. $f(s) = e^{2\pi i s} - 1 \quad s \in I$



Path homotopy:

$$H(s,t) = f(s)(1-t)$$



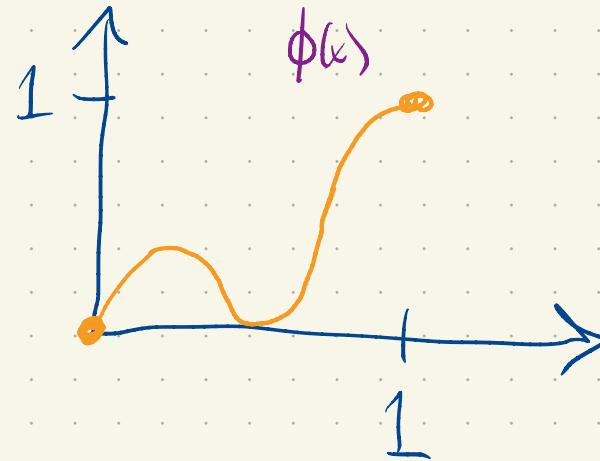
Paths that are path homotopic

to constant paths are called

null homotopic. (boring) (Must be a loop!)

Eg: $\phi: I \rightarrow I$

$$\phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 1$$

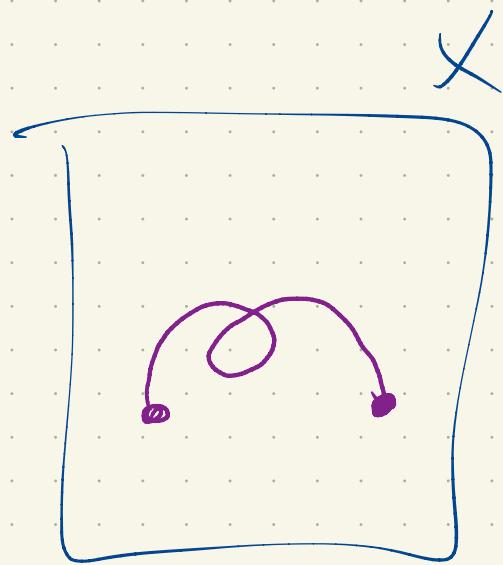


Consider a path $f: I \rightarrow X$.

We can make a new path $\tilde{f} = f \circ \phi$.

Observe that $\tilde{f}(0) = f(\phi(0)) = f(0)$

and similarly $\tilde{f}(1) = f(1)$.



We call \tilde{f} a reparameterization of f .

In fact \tilde{f} is path homotopic to f .

$$H(s, t) = f(s(1-t) + \phi(s)t)$$

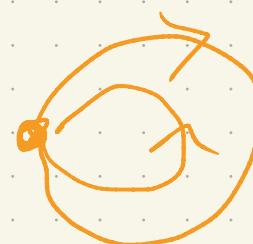
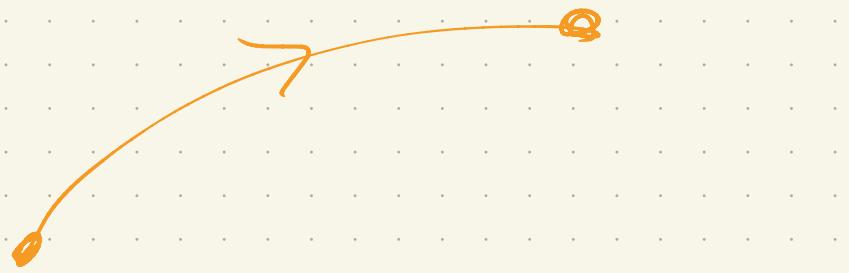
$$t=0 \quad f(s, 1+0) = f(s)$$

$$t=1 \quad f(\phi(s)) = \tilde{f}(s)$$

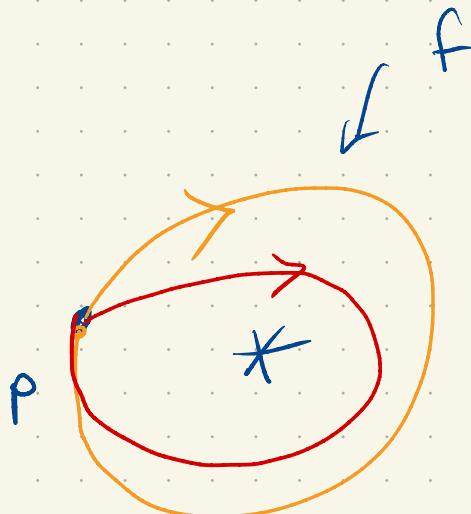
$$H(1, t) = f(1(1-t) + \phi(1)t)$$

$$= f(1-t+t) = f(1)$$

$$H(0, t) = f(0) \text{ similarly}$$



X



$\downarrow f$

$[f] \leftarrow$ path homotopy class of f

(all paths that are path
homotopic to f)

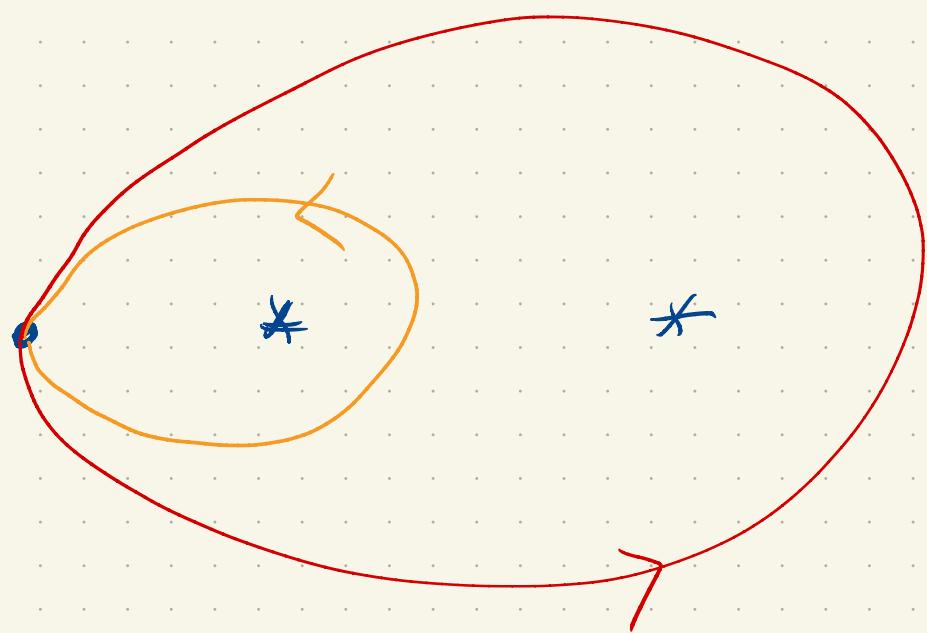
Set of all

path homotopy classes of
loops based at p

$[x, y]$

$\pi_1(X, p) \leftarrow$ fundamental group
of X (with base
point p)

$\pi_1(X_p)$ is a group!



Def: Two paths f, g in X are composable

If $f(1) = g(0)$. (Note: order matters)

If f and g are composable

we define

$$f \cdot g(s) = \begin{cases} f(2s) & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(2s-1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Note that $f \cdot g$ is continuous by pasting lemma.

Note: if f and g are loops based at p

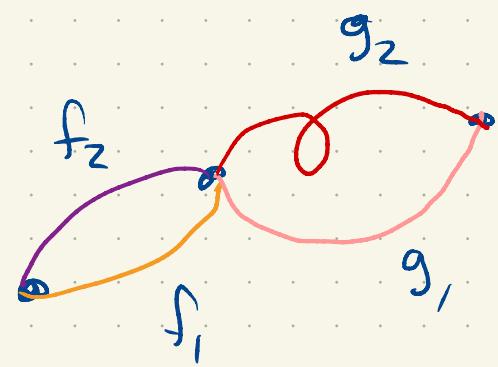
then they are composable in either order and we

can form $(f \cdot g)$ or $g \cdot f$.

Prop: Suppose f_1, f_2 are path homotopic

g_1, g_2 are path homotopic

and f_1 and g_1 are composable.

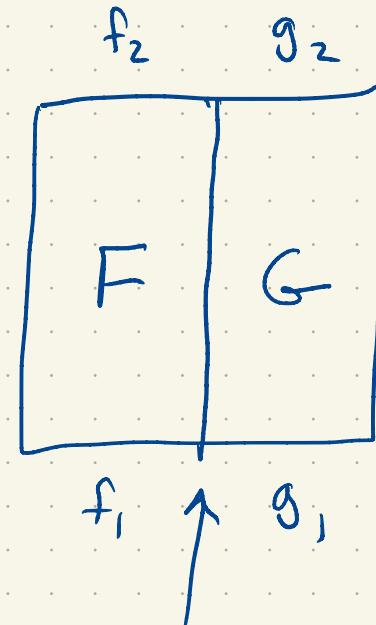


Then f_2 and g_2 are composable and $[f_2(1) = g_2(0)]$

$f_1 \circ g_1$ is path homotopic to $f_2 \circ g_2$.

Pf:

$$H(s,t) = \begin{cases} F(2s,t) & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ G(2s-1,t) & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



$$F\left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}, t\right) = F(1, t) = f_1(1) \quad \leftarrow = \quad s = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$G\left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1, t\right) = G(0, t) = g_1(0) \quad \leftarrow = \quad \Rightarrow \text{ pasting!}$$

$$[f], [g] \xrightarrow{\quad} [f \circ g]$$

well defined

$$f \cdot g \sim \hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}$$

$$[f \cdot g] = [\hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}]$$