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If $X = U \bigcup V$ where $U, V, U \cap V$ are all path-connected then

$$\pi_1(X) = \pi_1 U *_{\pi_1(U \cap V)} \pi_1 V,$$

where the amalgamated product can be computed as follows: If we have presentations

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(U, w) &= \langle u_1, \dots, u_k \mid \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l \rangle \\ \pi_1(V, w) &= \langle v_1, \dots, v_m \mid \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \rangle \\ \pi_1(U \cap V, w) &= \langle w_1, \dots, w_p \mid \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q \rangle\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(X, w) &= \langle u_1, \dots, u_k, v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle \\ &\quad \text{mod } \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n, I(w_1)J(w_1)^{-1}, \dots, I(w_p)J(w_p)^{-1} \rangle \\ &= \frac{\pi_1(U) * \pi_1(V)}{\langle \{I(w_i)J(w_i)^{-1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq p\} \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$I : \pi_1(U \cap V, w) \rightarrow \pi_1(U, w)$$

$$J : \pi_1(U \cap V, w) \rightarrow \pi_1(V, w).$$