

Topology 2

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Chapter 0

Review of Topology 1

Definition 1 (Topology). A topology on a set X is a collection of subsets of X , $\{\text{open sets}\}$, which satisfies followings

1. $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$.
2. Arbitrary union of elements in \mathcal{T} is in \mathcal{T} .
3. Finite intersection of elements in \mathcal{T} is in \mathcal{T} .

Elements in \mathcal{T} are called open sets.

Lemma 1. product topology on $X \times Y$ is coarsest topology s.t. π_1, π_2 are continuous.

Definition 2 (Basis). A basis $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a collection of subsets of X s.t.

1. $\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B = X$.
2. For any $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$ ($B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$), $\exists B \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B \subset B_1 \cap B_2$.

Definition 3 (Hausdorff). A topological space X is Hausdorff if $\forall x_1 \neq x_2$, \exists neighborhood $U_1 \ni x_1, U_2 \ni x_2$ s.t. $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$.

Theorem 1 (Tychonoff theorem). $\prod_{\beta \in B} X_\beta$ is compact.

Definition 4 (Countable basis). X has a countable basis of nbds at x if $\exists \{O_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of x s.t. for any nbd U of x , $\exists O_n \subset U$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 5 (First countable). X is called first countable if X has countable basis of nbds at every point of X .

Example. Metric space is first countable. For any x , $O_n = B_{\frac{1}{n}}(x)$ $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

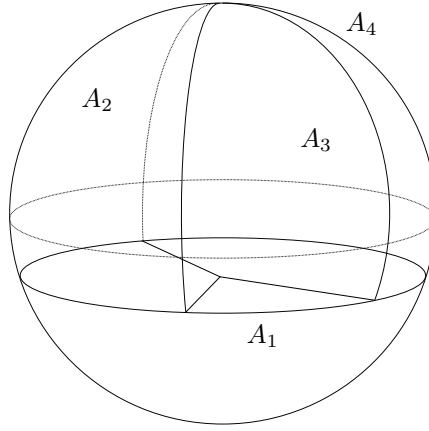


Figure 1: Example with four elements

Definition 6. A sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to y if given any open nbd U of y , $\exists N$ so that if $n > N$, $x_n \in U$.

Theorem 2. $A \subset X$ topological space. If $x_n \in A$ converges to y , then $y \in \overline{A}$. Converse holds if X is first countable, that is, if $y \in \overline{A}$, then $\exists x_n \in A$ with $x_n \rightarrow y$.

Proof. First statement is easy. Say X first countable. Pick $y \in \overline{A}$, we will find $x_n \rightarrow y$, $x_n \in A$. $\exists \{O_n\}$ countable basis of nbds of y . Set

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= O_1 \\ U_2 &= O_1 \cap O_2 \\ U_3 &= O_1 \cap O_2 \cap O_3 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Note that $U_1 \supset U_2 \supset U_3 \cdots$. $\{U_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is also countable basis of nbds of y .

Now, $y \in \overline{A} \Rightarrow U_n \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Pick $x_n \in U_n \cap A$. Claim is that $x_n \rightarrow y$. Choose any nbd U of y . Then, $\exists N$ s.t. $O_N \subset U$. Note that If $n > N$, $U_n = O_1 \cap \cdots \cap O_N \cap \cdots \cap O_n \subset O_N \subset U$. $\therefore x_n \in U$ for any $n > N$. $\therefore x_n \rightarrow y$.

Definition 7 (Second countable). X is called second countable if X has countable basis (of topology).

Example. \mathbb{R} , $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Example. $X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$ (X_i : second countable) is also second countable.

Example. Compact metric space.

Question If X is second countable, does it have a countable dense subset?

Definition 8 (Separable). X is called separable if \exists countable subset whose closure is X .

Proposition 1. Second countable \Rightarrow separable.

Proposition 2. Separable metric space \Rightarrow second countable.

Definition 9 (Normal). X is normal if X is Hausdorff and for any closed subset C_1, C_2 with $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$, \exists open sets U_1, U_2 with $U_1 \supset C_1$, $U_2 \supset C_2$, $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$.

Proposition 3. Every compact Hausdorff space is normal.

Theorem 3 (Urysohn's lemma). Let X be normal and C_1, C_2 disjoint closed subsets. Then \exists continuous function $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

1. $f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in A$.
2. $f(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in B$.

Definition 10. Equivalence relation: (X, \sim) satisfies

1. $x \sim x$
2. $x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$
3. $x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$

X/\sim : the set of equivalence classes

Definition 11 (Locally compact). X is called locally compact if for any $x \in X$, \exists open nbd O of x such that \overline{O} is compact.

Chapter 1

Quotient topology

Pick a base point x_0 and consider it fixed. (The fundamental group will not depend on it. We assume all spaces are path connected) $X \rightsquigarrow \pi(X)$.

- A loop based at $x_0 \in X$ is a map $f: I = [0, 1] \rightarrow X$, $f(0) = f(1) = x_0$.
- Loops are equivalent if one can be deformed into the other in a continuous way, with the base point fixed.
- The fundamental group consists of equivalent classes of loops.

Example. Let $X = B^2$ (2 dimensional disk). Then $\pi(B^2) = 1$, because every loop is equivalent to the ‘constant’ loop.

The composition of loops is simply pasting them. In the case of the circle, the loop $-1 \circ$ the loop 2 is the loop 1 .

Suppose $\alpha: I \rightarrow X$ and $f: X \rightarrow Y$. Then we define

$$f_*[\alpha] = [f \circ \alpha].$$

Chapter 9

Fundamental group

See wikipedia¹ for a brief introduction.

9.51 Homotopy of paths

Definition 12 (Homotopic). If f and f' are continuous maps of the space X into the space Y , we say that f is homotopic to f' if there is a continuous map $F: X \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that $F(x, 0) = f(x)$ and $F(x, 1) = f'(x)$ for each x . (Here $I = [0, 1]$.) The map F is called a homotopy between f and f' . If f is homotopic to f' , we write $f \simeq f'$. If $f \simeq f'$ and f' is a constant map, we say that f is nullhomotopic.

Definition 13 (Path homotopy). Let $f, g: I \rightarrow X$ be two paths such that $f(0) = g(0) = x_0$ and $f(1) = g(1) = x_1$. Then $H: I \times I \rightarrow X$ is a path homotopy between f and g , if and only if

- $H(s, 0) = f(s)$ and $H(s, 1) = g(s)$ (homotopy between maps)
- $H(0, t) = x_0$ and $H(1, t) = x_1$ (start and end points fixed)

Notation: $f \simeq_p g$.

Lemma 2. \simeq and \simeq_p are equivalence relations.

Proof. • Reflective: $F(x, t) = f(x)$

- Symmetric: $G(x, t) = H(x, 1 - t)$
- Transitive: Suppose $f \simeq g$ and $g \simeq h$, with H_1, H_2 resp.

$$H(x, t) = \begin{cases} H_1(x, 2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ H_2(x, 2t - 1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}.$$

□

¹<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homotopy>

Example (Trivial, but important). Let $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a convex subset.

- Any two maps $f, g: X \rightarrow C$ are homotopic.
- Any two paths $f, g: I \rightarrow C$ with $f(0) = g(0)$ and $f(1) = g(1)$ are path homotopic.

Choose $H: X \times I \rightarrow C$ defined by $(x, t) \mapsto H(x, t) = (1 - t)f(x) + tg(x)$.

Product of paths

Let $f: I \rightarrow X$, $g: I \rightarrow X$ be paths, $f(1) = g(0)$. Define

$$f * g: I \rightarrow X \text{ given by } s \mapsto \begin{cases} f(2s) & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(2s - 1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Remark. If f is path homotopic to f' and g path homotopic to g' (which means that $f(1) = f'(1) = g(0) = g'(0)$), then $f * g \simeq_p f' * g'$.

So we can define $[f] * [g] := [f * g]$ with $[f] := \{g: I \rightarrow X \mid g \simeq_p f\}$.

- Theorem 4.**
1. $[f] * ([g] * [h])$ is defined iff $([f] * [g]) * [h]$ is defined and in that case, they are equal.
 2. Let e_x denote the constant path $e_x: I \rightarrow X$ given by $s \mapsto x$, $x \in X$. If $f(0) = x_0$ and $f(1) = x_1$ then $[e_{x_0}] * [f] = [f]$ and $[f] * [e_{x_1}] = [f]$.
 3. Let $\bar{f}: I \rightarrow X$ given by $s \mapsto f(1 - s)$. Then $[f] * [\bar{f}] = [e_{x_0}]$ and $[\bar{f}] * [f] = [e_{x_1}]$.

Fundamental group

Definition 14. Let X be a space and $x_0 \in X$, then the fundamental group of X based at x_0 is

$$\pi(X, x_0) = \{[f] \mid f: I \rightarrow X, f(0) = f(1) = x_0\}.$$

(Also $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is used, first homotopy group of X based at x_0)

For $[f], [g] \in \pi(X, x_0)$, $[f] * [g]$ is always defined, $[e_{x_0}]$ is an identity element, $*$ is associative and $[f]^{-1} = [\bar{f}]$. This makes $(\pi(X, x_0), *)$ a group.

Example. If $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, convex then $\pi(X, x_0) = 1$. E.g. $\pi(B^2, x_0) = 1$.

Remark. All groups are a fundamental group of some space.

Covering spaces

Definition 15 (Evenly covered). Let $p: E \rightarrow B$, surjective map (so continuous). Let $U \subset B$ open. Then U is evenly covered iff $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} V_{\alpha}$ with

- V_{α} open in E
- $V_{\alpha} \cap V_{\beta} = \emptyset$ if $\alpha \neq \beta$
- $p|_{V_{\alpha}}: V_{\alpha} \rightarrow U$ is a homeomorphism.

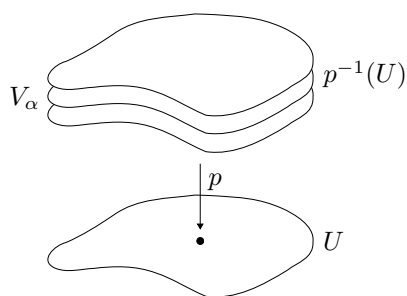


Figure 9.1: Evenly covered

Chapter 10

Separation theorems in the plane

10.63 Jordan curve theorem

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jordan_curve_theorem

Chapter 11

Seifert–Van Kampen theorem

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seifert%E2%80%93Van_Kampen_theorem

Note. This doesn't follow the book very well.

Definition 16. A free group on a set X consists of a group F_X and a map: $i: X \rightarrow F_X$ such that the following holds: For any group G and any map $f: X \rightarrow G$, there exists a unique morphism of groups $\phi: F_X \rightarrow G$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & F_X \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \exists! \phi \\ & & G \end{array} .$$

Note. The free group of a set is unique. Suppose $i: X \rightarrow F_X$ and $j: X \rightarrow F'_X$ are free groups.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & F_X \\ & \searrow j & \downarrow \exists \phi \\ & & F'_X \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{j} & F'_X \\ & \searrow i & \downarrow \exists \psi \\ & & F_X \end{array} .$$

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{i} & F_X \\ & \searrow j & \downarrow \psi \circ \phi \\ & & F_X \end{array} .$$

Then by uniqueness, $\psi \circ \phi$ is 1_{F_X} , and likewise for $\phi \circ \psi$.

Note. The free group on a set always exists. You can construct it using “irreducible words”.

Example. Consider $X = \{a, b\}$. An example of a word is $aaba^{-1}baa^{-1}bbb^{-1}a$. This is not a irreducible word. The reduced form is $aaba^{-1}bba = a^2ba^{-1}b^2a$. Then F_X is the set of irreducible words.

Example. If $X = \{a\}$, then $F_x = \{a^z \mid z \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$. Exercise: check that \mathbb{Z} satisfies the universal property.

Example. If $X = \emptyset$, then $F_X = 1$.

Definition 17 (Free product of a collection of groups). Let G_i with $i \in I$, be a set of groups. Then the free product of these groups denoted by $*_{i \in I} G_i$ is a group G together with morphisms $j_i: G_i \rightarrow G$ such that the following universal property holds: Given any group H and a collection of morphisms $f_i: G_i \rightarrow H$, then there exists a unique morphism $f: G \rightarrow H$, such that for all $i \in I$, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_i & \xrightarrow{j_i} & G \\ & \searrow f_i & \downarrow \exists! f \\ & & H \end{array} .$$

Note. Again, $*_{i \in I} G_i$ is unique.

11.70 The Seifert–Van Kampen theorem

Theorem 5 (70.1, Seifert–Van Kampen Theorem). Let $X = U \cup V$ where $U, V, U \cap V$ are open and path connected.^a Let $x_0 \in U \cap V$. For any group H and 2 morphisms $\Phi_1: \pi(U, x_0) \rightarrow H$ and $\Phi_2: \pi(V, x_0) \rightarrow H$ such that $\Phi_1 \circ i_1$ and $\Phi_2 \circ i_2$, there exists exactly one $\Phi: \pi(X, x_0) \rightarrow H$ making the diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \pi(U, x_0) & & \\ & \nearrow i_1 & \downarrow j_1 & \searrow \Phi_1 & \\ \pi(U \cap V, x_0) & \xrightarrow{i} & \pi(x, x_0) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & H \\ & \searrow i_2 & \uparrow j_2 & \nearrow \Phi_2 & \\ & & \pi(V, x_0) & & \end{array} .$$

i_1, i_2, i, j_1, j_2 are induced by inclusions.

^aNote that U, V should also be path connected!

Theorem 6 (70.2, Seifert–Van Kampen (classic version)). Let $X = U \cup V$ as before ($U, V, U \cap V$, path connected) and $x_0 \in U \cap V$. Let $j: \pi(U, x_0) * \pi(V, x_0) \rightarrow \pi(X, x_0)$ (induced by j_1 and j_2). On elements of $\pi(U, x_0)$ it acts like j_1 , on elements of $\pi(V, x_0)$ it acts like j_2 .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G_1 & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow f_1 & \\
 G_1 * G_2 & \xrightarrow{f} & H \\
 \uparrow & \nearrow f_2 & \\
 G_2 & &
 \end{array}$$

Then j is surjective^a and the kernel of j is the normal subgroup of $\pi(U, x_0) * \pi(V, x_0)$ generated by all elements of the form $i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g)$, where $g \in \pi(U \cap V, x_0)$.

^aThis is the only place where algebraic topology is used. We've proved this last week. The groups U and V generate the whole group. The rest of this theorem follows from the previous theorem.

Proof. • j is surjective (later)

- Let N be the normal subgroup generated by $i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g)$. Then we claim that $N \subset \ker(j)$. This means we have to show that $i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g) \in \ker j$. $j(i_1(g)) = j_1(i_1(g))$ by definition of j . Looking at the diagram, we find that $j_1(i_1(g)) = j_2(i_2(g)) = i(g) = j(i_2(g))$. Therefore $j(i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g)) = 1$, which proves that elements of the form $i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g)$ are in the kernel.
- Since $N \subset \ker j$, there is an induced morphism

$$\begin{aligned}
 k: (\pi_1(U, x_0) * \pi_1(V, x_0))/N &\rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0) \\
 gN &\mapsto j(g).
 \end{aligned}$$

To prove that $N = \ker j$, we have to show that k is injective. Because this would mean that we've divided out the whole kernel of j .

Now we're ready to use the previous theorem. Let $H = (\pi(U) * \pi(V))/N$. Repeating the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \pi(U, x_0) & & \\
 & \nearrow i_1 & \downarrow j_1 & \searrow \Phi_1 & \\
 \pi(U \cap V, x_0) & \xrightarrow{i} & \pi(x, x_0) & \xleftarrow[\Phi]{k} & H \\
 & \searrow i_2 & \uparrow j_2 & \nearrow \Phi_2 & \\
 & & \pi(V, x_0) & &
 \end{array}$$

Now, we define $\Phi_1: \pi(U, x_0) \rightarrow H$ given by $g \mapsto gN$, and $\Phi_2: \pi(V, x_0) \rightarrow H$ given by $g \mapsto gN$. For the theorem to work, we needed that $\Phi_1 \circ i_1 = \Phi_2 \circ i_2$. This is indeed the case: let

$g \in \pi(U \cap V)$. Then $\Phi_1(i_1(g)) = i_1(g)N$ and $\Phi_2(i_2(g)) = i_2(g)N$ and $i_1(g)N = i_2(g)N$ because $i_1(g)^{-1}i_2(g) \in N$.

The conditions of the previous theorem are satisfied, so there exists a Φ such that the diagram commutes.

Note that we also have $k: H \rightarrow \pi(X)$. We claim that $\Phi \circ k = 1_H$, which would mean that k is injective, concluding the proof. It's enough to prove that

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Corollary 6.1. Suppose $U \cap V$ is simply connected, so $\pi_1(U \cap V, x_0)$ is the trivial group. In this case $N = \ker j = 1$, hence $\pi(U, x_0) * \pi(V, x_0) \rightarrow \pi(X, x_0)$ is an isomorphism.

Corollary 6.2. Suppose U is simply connected. Then $\pi(X, x_0) \cong \pi(V, x_0)/N$ where N is the normal subgroup generated by the image of $i_2: \pi(U \cap V) \rightarrow \pi(V, x_0)$.

Example. Let X be the figure 8 space.

Chapter 12

Classification of surfaces

Chapter 13

Classification of covering spaces

Lemma 3 (79.1, General lifting lemma). Let $p: E \rightarrow B$ be a covering, Y a space. Assume B, E, Y are path connected, and locally path connected.^a Let $f: Y \rightarrow B$, $y_0 \in Y$, $b_0 = f(y_0)$. Let $e_0 \in E$ such that $p(e_0) = b_0$. Then $\exists \tilde{f}: Y \rightarrow E$ with $\tilde{f}(y_0) = e_0$ and $p \circ \tilde{f} = f$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (E, e_0) & \\ \tilde{f} \nearrow & \downarrow p & \\ (Y, y_0) & \xrightarrow{f} & (B, b_0) \end{array}$$

iff $f_*(\pi(Y, y_0)) \subset p_*\pi(E, e_0)$. If \tilde{f} exists then it is unique.

^aFrom now on, all spaces are locally path connected: Every neighborhood contains an open that is path connected.

Example. Take $Y = [0, 1]$. Then f is a path, then we showed that every map can be lifted. And indeed, the condition holds: $f_*(\pi(Y, y_0)) = 1$, the trivial group, which is a subgroup of all groups.

Proof. Suppose \tilde{f} exists. Then $p \circ \tilde{f} = f$, so $(p \circ \tilde{f})_*\pi(Y, y_0) = \pi(Y, y_0)$. The left hand side is of course $p_*(\tilde{f}_*(\pi(Y, y_0))) \subset p_*(\pi(E, e_0))$, so $p_*(\pi(E, e_0)) \subset f_*(\pi(Y, y_0))$. \diamond