

MATH 592

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Homotopy lifting property

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} & \tilde{X} \\ \downarrow \circ & \nearrow & \downarrow \varphi \\ Y \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} Y_m & \\ Y = D^m & \varphi \text{ Serre fibration} \\ \hline \forall Y & \varphi \text{ Hurewicz fibration} \end{array}$$

Theorem: Every covering is a Hurewicz fibration.

Proof: For each  $y \in Y$ , we can lift the path

$\{y\} \times [0,1] \xrightarrow{f} X$ . (This implies uniqueness, not a part of this statement.)

Need to prove the lifting  $Y \times [0,1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is continuous.

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$\forall y \in Y \quad \forall t \in [0, 1] \quad \exists$  neighborhood  $W_t$  of  $t$  and  $V_t$  of  $y$   
 fix  $y$  such that  $f(V_t \times W_t) \subseteq$  fundamental neighborhood  $U_i$  in  $X$ .  
 Because  $[0, 1]$  is compact, only need finitely many  $V_t$  to cover  $[0, 1]$ .  
 Hence,  $W_t$  can be chosen uniformly  $W \cap W_{t_j}$ .

$$W \times [0, 1]$$

$$0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = 1$$

in each  $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ ,  $W \times [t_i, t_{i+1}]$   
 $\subseteq$  fundamental neighb.  
 $U_i$

lift is continuous on  
 $W \times [t_i, t_{i+1}]$   
 (it is the "obvious" lift, since the  
 lift is unique), where the  
 covering,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \varphi^{-1}(U_i) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U_i \\
 \parallel & \nearrow \text{map} & \\
 U_i \times S_i & & S_i \text{ discrete}
 \end{array}$$

Gluing  $\bigwedge W \times [0,1]$ .  $\square$

$\therefore$  continuous on

Usual assumption on  $X$ : path-connected  
PCLPC

locally path-connected.

$\forall x \forall U \ni x$  open  
 $\exists$  neighborhood of  $x$   
which is path-connected.

Theorem: If  $\varphi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is a covering,  $x \in X$   $\varphi(\tilde{x}) = x$ ,  
 $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$

Suppose  $Y$  is PCLPC. Given  $f: Y \rightarrow X$   $f(y) = x$ . Then there  
exists a lift  $\tilde{f}: Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ ,  $\tilde{f}(y) = \tilde{x}$ ,  $\varphi \circ \tilde{f} = f$  if and only if

$$\pi_1(f) (\pi_1(Y, y)) \subseteq \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})$$

Recall that  $\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}) \xrightarrow{\pi_1 \varphi} \pi_1(X, x)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \tilde{f} & \\
 & \nearrow & \\
 (Y, y) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (X, x) \\
 & \searrow f & \\
 & & (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x})
 \end{array}$$

Necessity obvious (functoriality).

Proof:  $Y$  path connected,  $z \in Y$  choose a path from  $y$  to  $z$  and lift it. Consistency  $\Leftarrow$   $\textcircled{*}$ .



Continuity  $\Leftarrow Y$  LPC.  $\square$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \pi, (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}) & \\
 & \nearrow \pi, \varphi & \\
 \textcircled{*} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\
 \pi, (Y, y) & \longrightarrow & \pi, (X, x)
 \end{array}$$

Comment: A covering is a local homeomorphism  $\Rightarrow$  open.  
(image of an open set is open).

( $\therefore$  A bijective covering is a homeomorphism.)

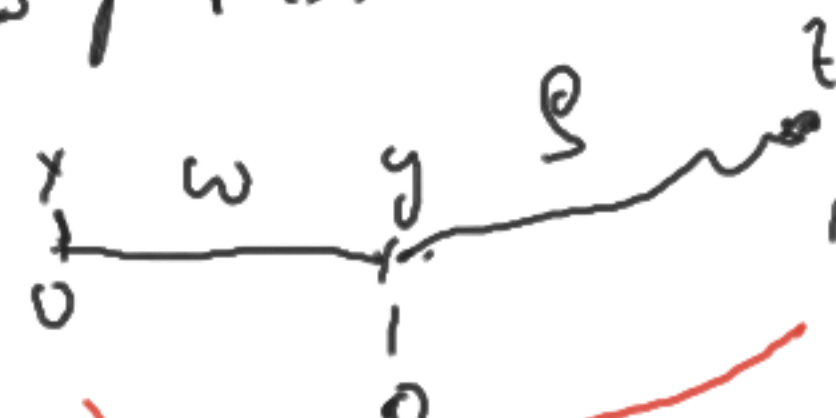
(HW) ① Prove that if  $X$  is PCLPC and  $\pi_1(X) = 0$  then every connected (non-empty) covering  $\varphi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is a homeomorphism.

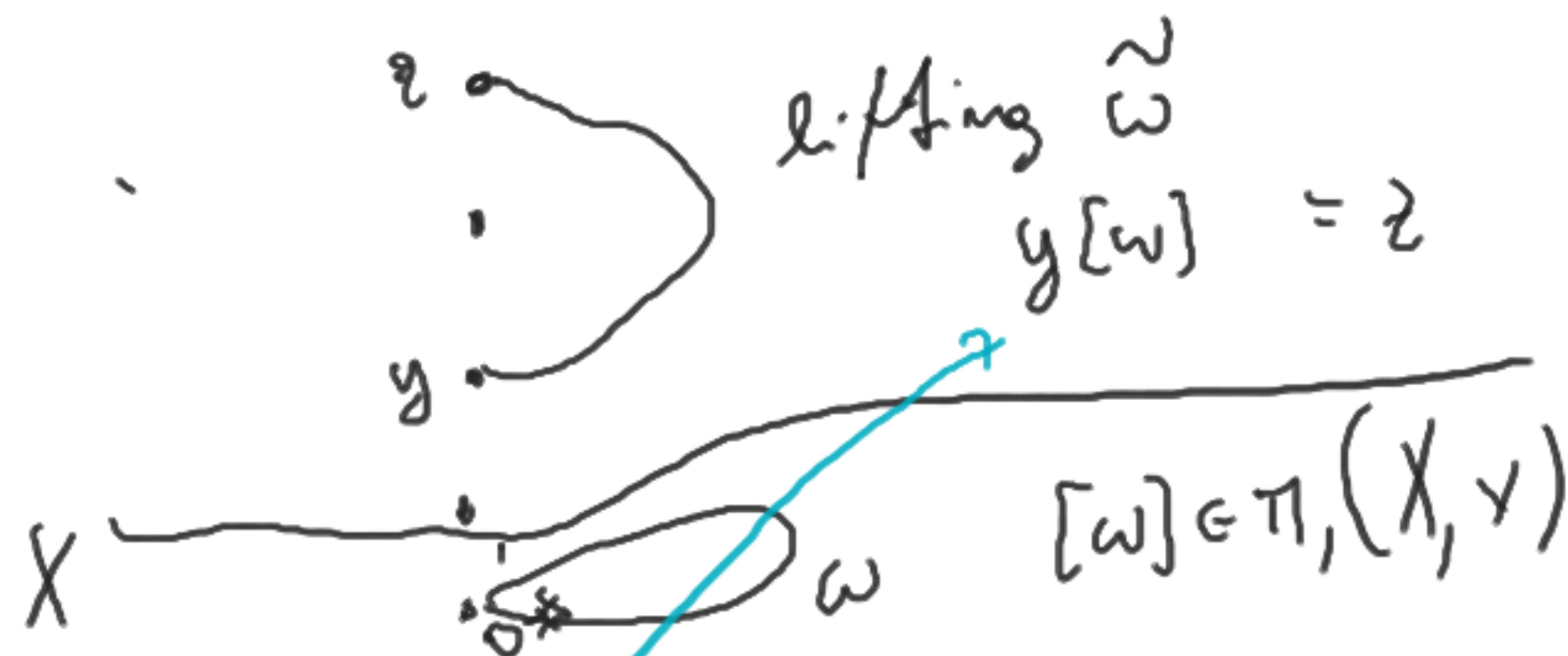
Undergraduate text;  
Singh - Thorpe: ...

A connected covering  
of a PCLPC space  
is path-connected.



Idea for classifying coverings: let  $x \in X$ , let  $\varphi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  be a covering. Then  $G = \pi_1(X, x)$  acts on  $\varphi^{-1}(x)$  by lifting paths.  $\varphi^{-1}(x)$  is a discrete set.

Caution:   
We denote the composite path by  $\omega g$ .

  
lifting  $\tilde{\omega}$   
 $y[\omega] = z$   
 $[\omega] \in \pi_1(X, x)$

This definition gives a right action of  $G$  on  $S = \varphi^{-1}(x)$ .  
 $g \in G, s \in S \mapsto sg$

For every group  $G$ , we have the opposite group  $G^{\text{op}}$

$$g \cdot_{G^{\text{op}}} h := h \cdot_G g.$$

A right action of  $G$  is a (left) action of  $G^{\text{op}}$ .

But in fact, for a group  $G$ , there is an isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & G^{\text{op}} \\ g & \longmapsto & g^{-1}. \end{array}$$

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So  $\pi_1(X, x)$  acts on  $\varphi^{-1}(x)$  by a left action where  $[\omega]$  acts  
by lifting  $\bar{\omega}$ .  $([\bar{\omega}] = [\omega]^{-1})$

Suppose we choose an  $x \in X$ . We have two categories of coverings of  $X$ .

①  $\text{Cor}(X)$ : Objects: coverings  $\varphi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ . Morphisms:  
 $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi: \bar{X} \rightarrow X)$

commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{f} & \bar{X} \\ \varphi \searrow & & \swarrow \psi \\ & X & \end{array} \quad (+)$$

(HW) ② Prove that for  $f$  as above in (+),  $f$  is also a covering.



We constructed a functor

$$\text{Fib}_X : \text{Cov}(X) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, x) - \text{Set}$$
$$(\varphi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X) \longmapsto \varphi^{-1}(x).$$


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Theorem (to be proved): If  $X$  is a connected CW-complex then  $\text{Fib}_X$  is an equivalence of categories.

This generalizes to  $X$  PCLPC, SLSC  $\checkmark$  iff semilocally simply connected

$\forall x \in X \exists U \ni x \text{ open } \exists \text{ neighborhood}$

$$\forall x \in X, V \subseteq U, \pi_1(V, x) \xrightarrow{0} \pi_1(X, x).$$

Examples: Hawaiian earring  =  $H$

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left( S^1 + \frac{1}{2^n} \right) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

(infinite) not SLC  
( ~~$\exists$~~  <sup>connected</sup> covering with  $\pi_1 = 0$ )  
universal covering

Cone on Hawaiian earring

$$\bar{H} := H \times [0, 1] / H \times \{1\}$$

$H \times \{0\} \subseteq \bar{H}$  but  $\bar{H}$  is contractible.

HW ③ Let  $G$  be a (discrete) group.

Let  $H \subseteq G$  be a subgroup. Prove:

$$\text{Aut}_{G\text{-set}}(G/H) \cong W(H)$$

Group of automorphisms.  $N(H) = \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}Hg = H\}$

$$H \triangleleft N(H),$$

$$W(H) := N(H)/H.$$

④ Let  $G = \langle a, b \mid bab^{-1}a^2 \rangle$ . Find a subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  and a morphism  $G/H \rightarrow G/H$  in  $G\text{-set}$  which is not an isomorphism.

Discussion:

Group actions, cosets  
 $G\text{-set}$