

MATH 592

3/11/2024

Exam Wednesday 3/13 in class.

Bring Colored Pen(cil)s !

More review examples
in discussion tomorrow!

Review: (1) Describe the universal covering of the CW-complex X, Y .



$$X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \cup \{(x, 0, 0) \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$$



$$Y = X \cup \{(r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha, 0) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1, \frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi\}$$

(subspace topology of \mathbb{R}^3).

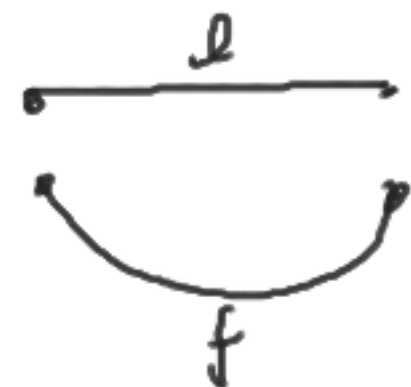
(a) CW-structure on X :



two 0-cells
two 1-cells

one 2-cell

$(-1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0)$



$g \leftarrow$ boundary attaches trivially,

$$\pi_1 X = \mathbb{Z}$$

Universal covering of $X, \cong S^1 : \mathbb{R}$

lift of-

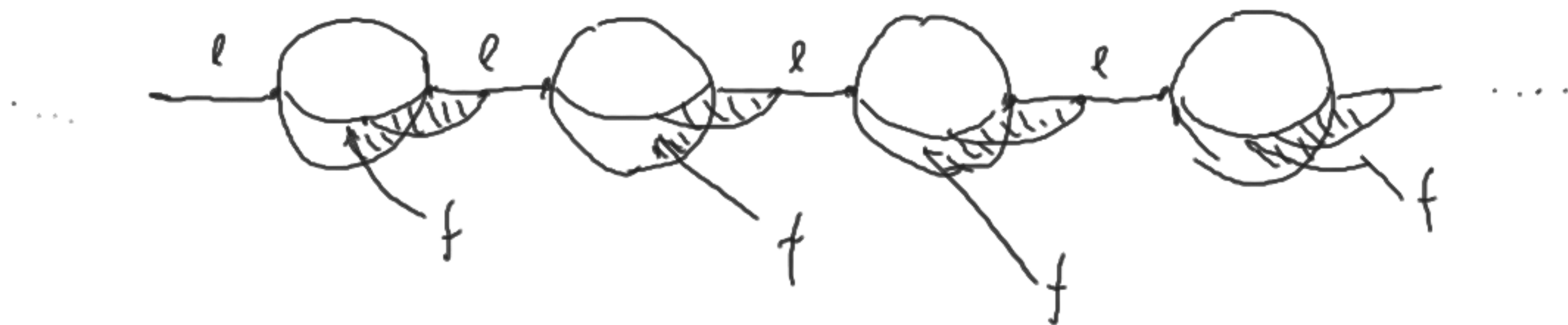


Attach all possible lifts of the 2-cell:



(b) $X \hookrightarrow Y$ induces an \cong on π_1

Universal coverings $\Rightarrow \tilde{X} \hookrightarrow \tilde{Y}$



② let a homomorphism $h: F(a,b) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2, +)$
 ($F(a,b)$ = free group on a, b) be given by $h(a) = (1,0)$, $h(b) = (0,1)$.
 Find the free generators and the rank of $\ker(h)$.

Solution: Construct the Cayley graph of $(\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2, +)$.

= the covering space of $\begin{matrix} a \\ \text{red loop} \\ b \\ \text{green loop} \end{matrix}$
 based

corresponding to the
 subgroup $\ker h$.



spanning tree rank = # edges not in spanning tree
 = 5

$b^2, ba^2b^{-1}, bab^2a^{-1}b^{-1}, ab^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1}, baba$

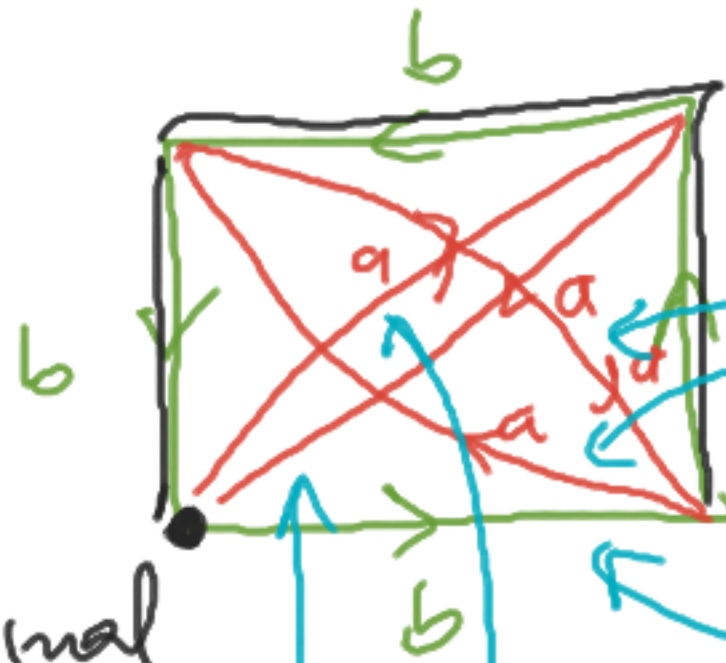
other answers
 possible

③ Find the rank and free generators of the subgroup of the free group $F(a, b)$ on a, b spanned by $a^{-1}b^{-2}, b^4, ab^2, bab, ba^{-1}b, b^3ab^3$. Is the subgroup normal?

Solution: Construct the covering of



rank = 5



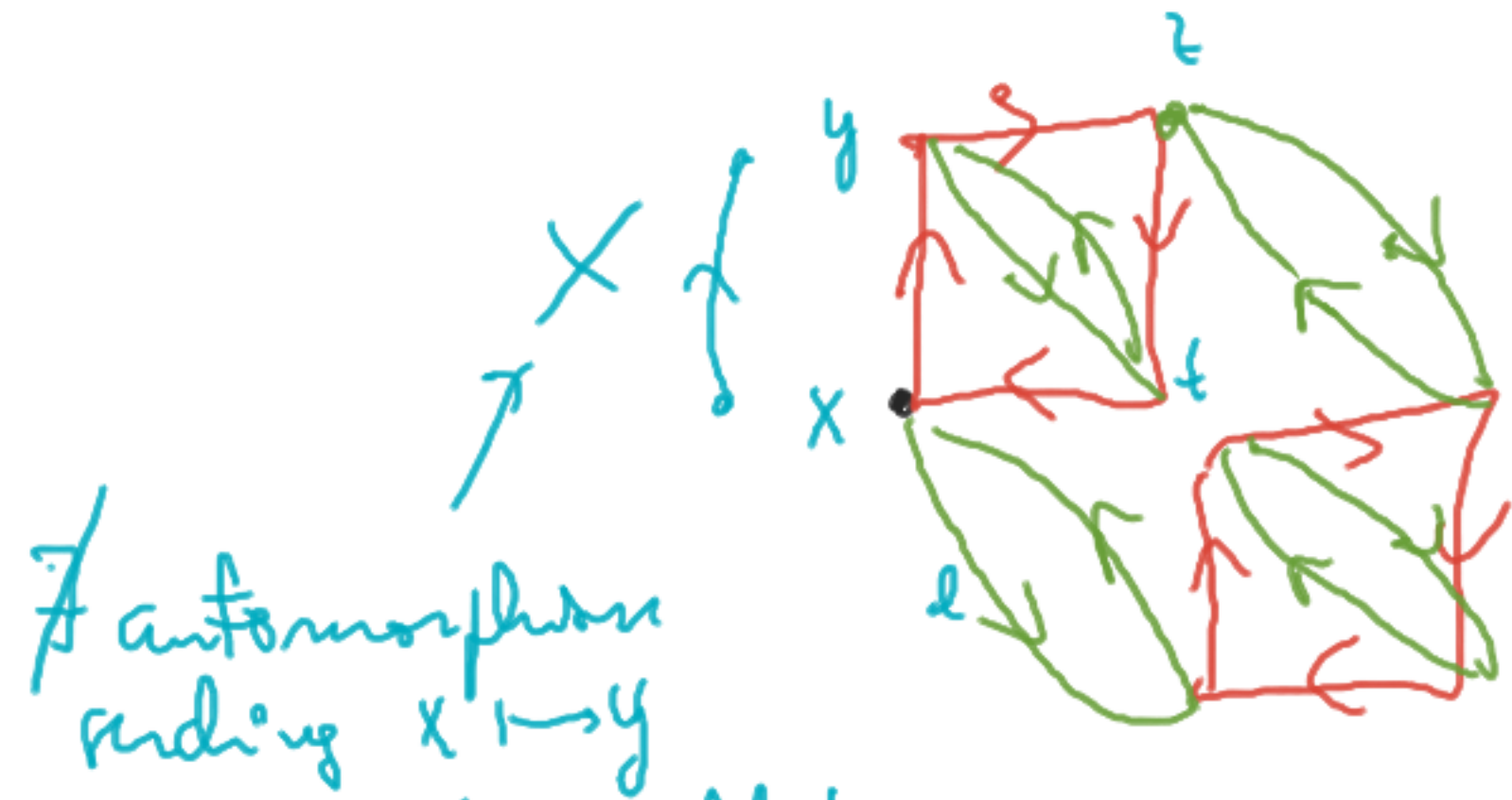
$b^{-2}a, ab^2, b^{-1}ab^3, b^{-3}ab, b^4$

(one answer)

Yes, regular \Rightarrow subgroup normal

(\exists unbased automorphisms carrying the base point to every other vertex)

Example: Is this covering of  regular?



not regular.

\nexists automorphism
sending $x \mapsto y$

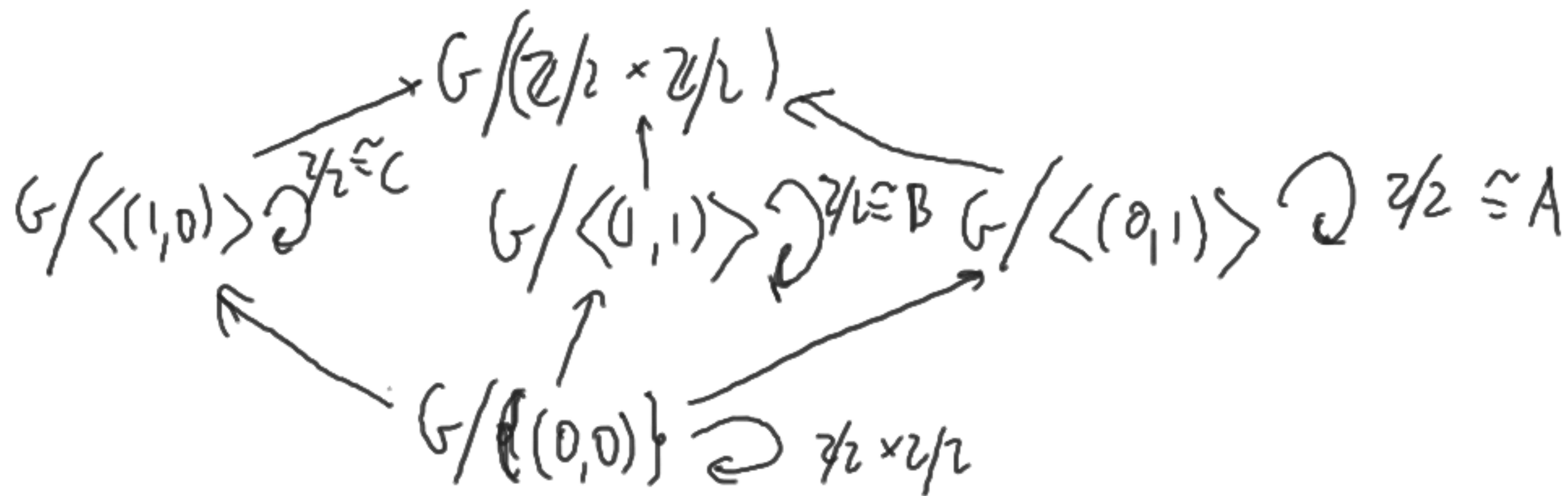
because it would have to preserve the red square $xyzt$, but the edge e leaves the square.

④ Something on the equivalence between the universal covering category of a connected CW-cx. X and the category $\pi_1(X, x) - \text{Set}$ (or based connected coverings and subgroups of $(\pi_1(X, x), \subseteq)$).

Several possible types of problems

Example: Describe the orbit category of $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2 = G$

↑ orbit = transitive G -sets



$$A = G/\langle(0,1)\rangle$$

$$B = G/\langle(1,1)\rangle$$

$$C = G/\langle(1,0)\rangle$$

Example: If a connected CW-cx. X has $\pi_1(X) = \mathbb{Z}/3 \times \mathbb{Z}/3$,
 how many non-isomorphic covering spaces does X have?
 (in the unbased category)

↑
 same as based if $\pi_1(X)$ abelian
 otherwise, "unbased" = based/conjugation"

? How many different
 subgroups does $\mathbb{Z}/3 \times \mathbb{Z}/3$ have?
 $\mathbb{Z}/3 \times \mathbb{Z}/3$, $\{(0,0)\}$

$\langle (1,0) \rangle, \langle (0,1) \rangle, \langle (1,1) \rangle, \langle (1,2) \rangle$ $\xrightarrow{\text{2/3-subgroups: generated by a non-zero element } x \in G}$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_8 \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{= \langle -x \rangle \\ 4}}$

Answer: 6.