

Classification Theorem  $X$  a space with a universal covering space

(e.g. conn'd loc simply conn'd),  $x_0 \in X$  any base point. There is

a bijection  $\{q: E \rightarrow X \mid q \text{ covering}\} / \text{covering isos} \cong \text{Sub}(\pi_1(X, x_0)) / \text{conjugacy}$

Here  $\text{Sub}(G) = \{H \mid H \leq G\}$  is

the subgroup lattice of  $G$

$q \mapsto$  conj class of  
 $E_H \cdots E_K$        $q_* \pi_1(E, e)$  for  $q(e) = x_0$   
 $\downarrow \swarrow$        $H \leq K \leq G$   
 $X$

Note For a version without conjugacy classes, keep track of based covering spaces  $q: (E, e) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$  and covering isos preserving baspoints.

Galois?  $L/k$  finite Galois extn of fields then

$\{E \mid k \subseteq E \subseteq L\} \cong \text{Sub}(\text{Gal}(L/k))$  (similar, logically independent)

Pf Fix a universal cover  $q: E \rightarrow X$  and  $e_0 \in E$  with  $q(e_0) = x_0$ .

Then  $\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong \text{Aut}_q(E)$

Given  $H \leq \pi_1(X, x_0)$  let

$$[\gamma] \mapsto \varphi_\gamma : e_0 \mapsto e_0 \cdot \gamma$$

$$\hat{H} \leq \text{Aut}_q(E)$$

unique covering auto denote the (isomorphic)  
satisfying  $\varphi_\gamma(e_0) = e_0 \cdot \gamma$  image of  $H$  in  $\text{Aut}_q(E)$ .

Have  $E \xrightarrow{q} X$

$$q|_{\hat{E}} : \hat{E} := E/\hat{H} \rightarrow X$$

$\hat{q}$  exists, cts by  
univ property

WTS  $\hat{q}$  is a covering map.

$$\hat{q}(e \cdot \hat{h}) = q(e)$$

$$q(e \gamma) \underset{\epsilon H}{\sim} e h$$

For  $U \subseteq X$  open, evenly covered, let  $\hat{U}_0$  be a component of  $\hat{q}^{-1}(U)$ .

Suffices to show  $\hat{g}|_{\hat{U}_0}$  homeo. Have  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$  open & closed in

$g^{-1}U \Rightarrow Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$  is a union of components in  $g^{-1}U$ .

For  $U_0$  a component of  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$ , here

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_0 & \xrightarrow{Q} & \hat{U}_0 \\ g|_{U_0} \downarrow & \swarrow \hat{g} & \\ U & \xrightarrow{Q} & Q(U_0) \end{array}$$

so  $Q$  injective on  $U_0$ .

$Q \circ \varphi = Q$  for  $\varphi \in \hat{H} \Rightarrow Q(\varphi U_0) = Q U_0$  for  $\varphi \in \hat{H}$ .

Since  $Q$  is surj and  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0 = \bigcup_{\varphi \in \hat{H}} \varphi U_0$ , know that  $Q|_{U_0}$  is surj.

Thus  $Q|_{U_0}$  is an open bij'n  $\Rightarrow Q|_{U_0}: U_0 \cong \hat{U}_0$ .

Hence  $\hat{g}|_{\hat{U}_0} = (Q|_{U_0}) \circ (g^{-1}|_U)$  is a homeo as well.

Now check  $\hat{q}_* \pi_1(\hat{E}, \hat{e}_0) = H$  for some  $\hat{e}_0 \in \hat{E}$  s.t.  $\hat{q}(\hat{e}_0) = x_0$ .

Take  $\hat{e}_0 = Q(e_0)$ . Then  $\hat{q}_* \pi_1(\hat{E}, \hat{e}_0)$  = isotropy of  $\hat{e}_0$

under  $\hat{E} \times \pi_1(X, x_0)$ . For  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$

$$\hat{e}_0 \cdot [\gamma] = Q(e_0) \cdot [\gamma] = Q(e_0 \cdot [\gamma]) = Q(\varphi_\gamma(e_0)).$$

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$$Q(e_0) \cdot [\gamma]$$

$Q: q^{-1}x_0 \rightarrow \hat{q}^{-1}x_0$

$\pi_1(X, x_0)$ -equivariant

Thus  $[\gamma]$  is isotropy iff  $Q(\varphi_\gamma(e_0)) = Q(e_0)$

$$G \subset A \xrightarrow{Q} A/H$$

iff  $\varphi_\gamma \in \hat{H}$

$Q(ga) = Q(a) \Leftrightarrow g \in H$  iff  $\gamma \in H$

$Q: E \rightarrow E/\hat{H}$   
 $\hat{H} = \{\varphi_\gamma \mid \gamma \in H\}$

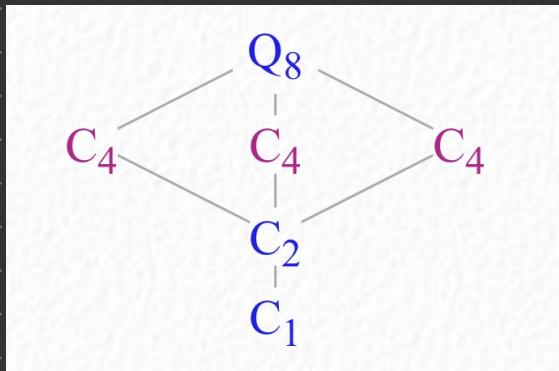
This shows  $\{\text{covers}\} \rightarrow \{\text{conj classes}\}$  is surjective.

By Covering Isomorphism Criterion (II.40) injective as well.  $\square$

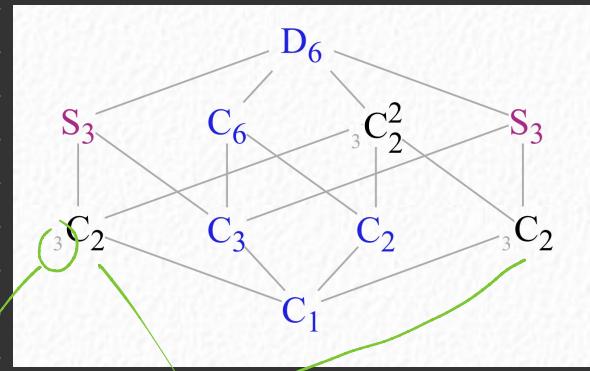
For easy access to  $\text{Sub}(G)/G$  up to conjugacy

conj action — $\Rightarrow$  subgps

see the GroupNames database.



# conj  
subgps



different conj classes of  $\cong$  subgps

etc.

$$H \leq K \leq \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$E$  univ cover

$$E = E/\{1\}$$



$$\widehat{E}/\widehat{H}$$



$$E/\widehat{K}$$



$$X = E/\text{Aut}_q(E)$$

$$\text{Sub}(C_n)$$

$$\cong \{d \geq 1 \mid d \mid n\}$$

$$C_p : \text{Sub}(C_{p^n}) \quad p \text{ prime}$$

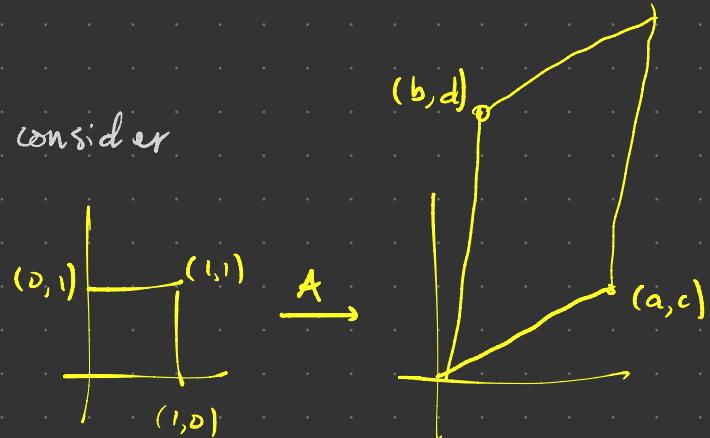
$$\uparrow \\ i \quad \{0 < 1 < \dots < n\}$$

E.g. Coverings of  $\mathbb{T}^2$ :

For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 2}$ , consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \varepsilon_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{T}^2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbb{T}^2 \end{array}$$

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z^a w^b, z^c w^d)$$



If  $\ker(q_r) \leq \mathbb{T}^2$  is discrete, then  $q_r$  is a covering map.

$$A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 \ni A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto (m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (z, w) & \mapsto & (1, 1) \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \ker q_r = \varepsilon_2 A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 \leq \mathbb{T}^2$$

torsion subgp gen'd by 2 elts  
 $\Rightarrow \ker q_r$  finite  $\Rightarrow \ker q_r$  discrete.

Prop Every cover of  $\mathbb{H}^2$  is isomorphic to precisely one of the following:

(a) universal covering  $\varepsilon: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$

$$(b) q: S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$$

$$(z, y) \mapsto (z^a \varepsilon(y)^b, z^b \varepsilon(y)^{-a})$$

for  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b > 0$  if  $a = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) q: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$$

$$(z, w) \mapsto (z^a w^b, w^c)$$

with

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} a > b > 0, c > 0 \\ \text{integers.} \end{array}}$$

Pf Fix  $p = (1, 1) \in \mathbb{H}^2$  as basepoint. Have  $\pi_1(\mathbb{H}^2, p) \cong \langle \rho, \gamma \mid \rho \gamma^{-1} \rho^{-1} = \gamma^2 \rangle$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}^2$$



Fact Subgps of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  are one of the following:

rank 0 - (i) trivial

rank 1 - (ii) infinite cyclic gen'd by  $(a, b)$  with  $a \geq 0$ , and  $b > 0$  if  $a = 0$

rank 2 - (iii)  $\langle (a, 0), (b, c) \rangle$  with  $a > b \geq 0$ ,  $c > 0$ .

We check that  $H \leq \mathbb{Z}^2$  free Abelian of rank 2 has type (iii).

Have  $H \cap (\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}) \neq \emptyset$  b/c  $j(m, n) - n(i, j) = (jm - ni, 0) \in H \cap (\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\})$

$H_1$

Take  $\langle (a, 0) \rangle = H_1$ , w/  $a > 0$ . basis for  $H$

May "extend basis" to  $(a, 0), (b, c)$  satisfying (iii)

Given 2 such bases,  $\exists M \in GL_2 \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} M = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & c' \end{pmatrix}$

so  $M$  upper  $\Delta_r$  with det 1. ~~max~~  
 $M = \text{id}$   
algebra

so unique such basis!

Finally, check that induced subgps match. Eg. for (c)

$$\beta \mapsto \beta^a, \gamma \mapsto \beta^b \gamma^c$$

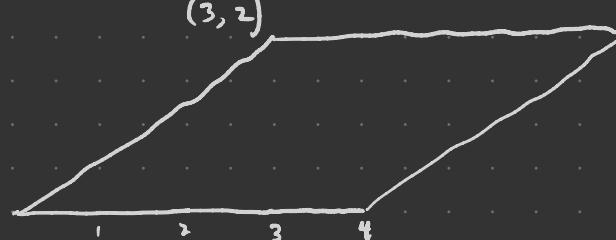
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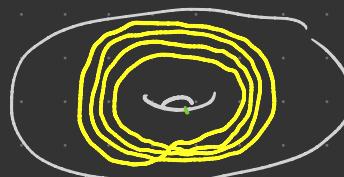
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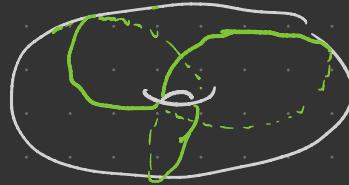
$$(3, 2)$$



$\varepsilon_2$



separate pictures  
for clarity



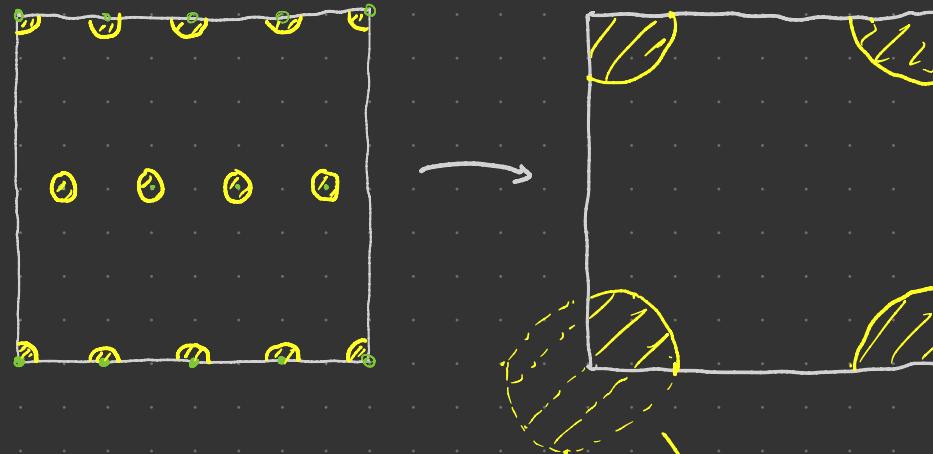
true fil!

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & -\frac{b}{ac} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{c} \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 \cap [0,1]^2$$

looks like:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{8} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



E.g. lens spaces

$$\mathbb{S}^3 = \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid z_1\bar{z}_1 + z_2\bar{z}_2 = 1\}.$$

Fix  $1 \leq m < n$  rel prime integers

$\mathbb{Z}/n \subset S^3$  by  $[k] \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (e^{2\pi i k/n} z_1, e^{2\pi i km/n} z_2)$

cyclic  
order  $n$

Fact  $S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{cover}} S^3 / (\mathbb{Z}/n) =: L(n, m)$

compact 3-mfld

$$\pi_1(L(n, m)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n \text{ since } \pi_1 S^3 = 1$$

$$\text{Sub}(\mathbb{Z}/n) = \left\{ r\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/\left(\frac{n}{r}\right)\mathbb{Z} \mid r \mid n \right\}$$

Abelian

$L(n, m)$  has one iso class of cover for each divisor of  $n$ .

...  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Covers of } S^1 \times S^1 \\ \text{...} \end{array} \right.$

