

Last time

a homotopy equivalence btw  
X and Y is a pair of maps

$f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow X$

s.t.  $g \circ f \sim id_X$  and  $f \circ g \sim id_Y$

Ex

suppose  $X$  is contractible  
pick  $x_0$  in  $X$  s.t.  $id_X \sim$  (const map at  $x$ )  
set  $Y = \{x_0\}$

$f : X \rightarrow Y$        $f(x) = x_0$ , the constant map  
 $g : Y \rightarrow X$        $g(x_0) = x_0$ , the inclusion

then       $(g \circ f)(x) = x_0$ , so  $g \circ f \sim id_X$

while       $f \circ g = id_Y \sim id_Y$

so  $X$  is homotopy equivalent to  $\{x_0\}$

Thm      if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  form  
a homotopy equivalence

then       $f_* : \pi_1(X, x) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, f(x))$ ,  
 $g_* : \pi_1(Y, y) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, g(y))$

are isomorphisms for any  $x$  in  $X$  and  $y$  in  $Y$

Rem      these examples are a specific kind  
of homotopy equivalence called  
a deformation retract

Pf of Thm      suppose  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow X$   
s.t.  $g \circ f \sim id_X$  and  $f \circ g \sim id_Y$

will show that  $f_* : \pi_1(X, x) \text{ to } \pi_1(Y, f(x))$   
is an iso for any  $x$  in  $X$  [argument for  $g_*$  is similar]

- 1) if  $f : X \text{ to } Y$  and  $g : Y \text{ to } Z$  are cts maps  
then  $(g \circ f)_* = g_* \circ f_*$  [from last time]
- 2) if  $\varphi : G \text{ to } H$  and  $\psi : H \text{ to } K$  are maps  
s.t.  $\psi \circ \varphi$  is bijective  
then  $\varphi$  is injective and  $\psi$  is surjective
- 3) if  $\alpha$  is a path in  $X$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$   
then  $\check{\alpha} : \pi_1(X, x_0) \text{ to } \pi_1(X, x_1)$  def by  
 $\check{\alpha}([y]) = [\alpha^{-1} y \alpha]$   
is an isomorphism

by 1),  $g_* \circ f_* = (g \circ f)_*$ ,  
 $f_* \circ g_* = (f \circ g)_*$

so by 2), just need  $(g \circ f)_*$  and  $(f \circ g)_*$  to be isos

pick homotopies  $j$  from  $g \circ f$  to  $\text{id}_X$ ,  
 $k$  from  $f \circ g$  to  $\text{id}_Y$

can use 3) to show: if  $f, f' : A \text{ to } X$  are cts,  
 $h$  a homotopy from  $f$  to  $f'$ ,  
 $a$  in  $A$ ,

then  $f'_* = \check{\alpha}_h \circ f_* : \pi_1(A, a) \text{ to } \pi_1(X, f(a))$

where  $\alpha_h(s) = h(a, s)$ , a path from  $f(a)$  to  $f'(a)$

apply to j and k:

$$(g \circ f)^* = \alpha_j \circ id_{\{X, *\}} = \alpha_j$$
$$(f \circ g)^* = \alpha_k \circ id_{\{Y, *\}} = \alpha_k$$

but by 3),  $\alpha_j$  and  $\alpha_k$  are isos