

(Munkres §54) wrap-up of:

Thm let  $p : E \rightarrow X$  be a covering,  $e$  in  $E$

1) for any path  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.

$$p(e) = \gamma(0),$$

a unique  $\Gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  s.t.

$$\Gamma(0) = e \text{ and } \gamma = p \circ \Gamma,$$

which we call the lift of  $\gamma$  to  $E$

2) for any homotopy  $h : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow X$  s.t.

$$p(e) = h(0, 0),$$

a unique homotopy  $H : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow E$  s.t.

$$H(0, 0) = e \text{ and } h = p \circ H$$

3) in 2), if  $h$  is a path homotopy, then so is  $H$

last time, proved 1) via [what lemma?]

the Lebesgue number lemma

Pf of 2) as last time:

pick an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}_\alpha$  s.t.

each  $U_\alpha$  is evenly covered by  $p$

by double application of Lebesgue, can find

$$0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_n = 1$$

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

s.t.  $h : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow X$  maps each rectangle

$[s_i, s_{i+1}] \times [t_j, t_{j+1}]$  into a single  $U_\alpha$  at a time

again, build  $H : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow E$  inductively:

set  $H(0, 0) = e$

order the rectangles lexicographically

for a given  $(i, j)$ ,

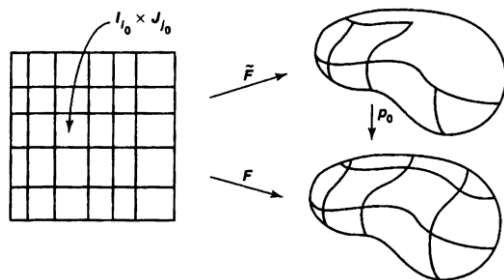
let  $R_{i,j} = [s_i, s_{i+1}] \times [t_j, t_{j+1}]$

let  $A_{i,j}$  be the union of  $[0, 1] \times \{0\}$ ,

$\{0\} \times [0, 1]$ , all rectangles prior to  $R$

note that  $A_{i,j} \cap R_{i,j}$  is a subset of  $\partial A_{i,j}$

want to extend  $H|_{A_{\setminus\{i,j\}}}$  to  $H|_{A_{\setminus\{i,j\}} \cup R_{\setminus\{i,j\}}}$



similarly to last time:

$h$  maps  $R_{i,j}$  into a single  $U_\alpha$ ,

$U_\alpha$  is evenly covered by  $p$

the key difference from last time:

we seek a lift of  $h|_{R_{\setminus\{i,j\}}}$  that extends

the subspace  $H(A_{i,j} \cap R_{i,j})$  of  $p^{-1}(U_\alpha)$

not just a single point  $\Gamma(s_i)$  in  $p^{-1}(U_\alpha)$

[what saves us?]

$H(A_{i,j} \cap R_{i,j})$  is connected

so inside  $p^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ , it must be contained in

a single homeomorphic copy of  $U_\alpha$

now the rest of the proof is analogous to

the proof of 1)  $\square$

Pf of 3) suppose  $h$  is a path homotopy between two paths from  $x$  to  $y$  in  $X$

then  $H(1, t) \in p^{-1}(y)$  for all  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$   
but  $p^{-1}(y)$  is discrete, since  $p$  is a covering  
so  $H(1, t)$  is constant for all  $t$   
so  $H$  is a path homotopy in  $E$

Cor if  $\gamma_0 \sim_{\text{path}} \gamma_1$  in  $X$  and  $e$  in  $E$  s.t.  
 $p(e) = \gamma_0(0) = \gamma_1(0)$ ,

then  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$  have unique lifts  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1$  in  $E$   
starting at  $e$   
and  $\Gamma_0 \sim_{\text{path}} \Gamma_1$

## Applications

Cor 1 if  $p : E \rightarrow X$  is a covering and  $p(e) = x$ ,  
then  $p_* : \pi_1(E, e) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x)$  is injective

Pf let  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1$  be loops in  $E$  based at  $e$  s.t.  
 $p_*([\Gamma_0]) = p_*([\Gamma_1])$

by construction,  $p_*(\Gamma_i) = [p \circ \Gamma_i]$   
and  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1$  are lifts of  $p \circ \Gamma_0, p \circ \Gamma_1$   
so  $[\Gamma_0] = [\Gamma_1]$

Ex recall that for any integer  $n > 0$   
there is an  $n$ -fold covering  $p_n : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$

under  $\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\text{im}(p_{n,*}) = n\mathbb{Z}$  [draw]

each  $[\gamma]$  in  $\pi_1(X, x)$  defines a permutation of  $p^{-1}(x)$  as follows:

each  $e$  in  $p^{-1}(x)$  is the start of a unique lift of  $\gamma$   
the permutation sends  $e \mapsto e \cdot [\gamma]$ , where

$e \cdot [\gamma]$  is the end of that lift

[draw solenoid]

Cor 2 (Lifting Correspondence) given  $e$  in  $p^{-1}(x)$ :

a)  $e \cdot [\gamma] = e$  if and only if  $[\gamma]$  in  $p^*(\pi_1(E, e))$   
thus, an injective map

$$\varphi_e : p^*(\pi_1(E, e)) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x)$$

defined by  $\varphi_e(p^*(\pi_1(E, e)) * [\gamma]) = e \cdot [\gamma]$

b) if  $E$  is path-connected, then  $\varphi_e$  is bijective

c) if  $E$  is path-connected and simply-connected, then  $\varphi_e$  is a bijection  $\pi_1(X, x) \rightarrow p^{-1}(x)$

Pf of a)  $[\gamma] = p^*([\Gamma])$  for some  $[\Gamma]$  in  $\pi_1(E, e)$   
iff the lift of  $\gamma$  to  $e$  is a loop (namely,  $\Gamma$ )  
iff  $e \cdot [\gamma] = e$

Pf of b) for any  $e'$  in  $p^{-1}(x)$ ,  
we can pick a path  $\Gamma$  from  $e$  to  $e'$  in  $E$   
let  $\gamma = p \circ \Gamma$   
then  $\Gamma$  is the lift of  $\gamma$  to  $e$ , so  $e \cdot [\gamma] = e'$

Pf of c) immediate from b)

Ex recall that  $RP^2 = S^2/\sim$   
where  $\sim$  is antipodal identification

$S^2$  is simply-conn &  $S^2 \rightarrow RP^2$  is a 2-fold covering  
so  $|\pi_1(RP^2)| = 2$   
so new proof that  $\pi_1(RP^2) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

Df a pointed covering is a pair  $(p, e)$  s.t.  
 $p : E \rightarrow X$  is a path-conn. covering  
 $e$  in  $E$

if  $(p : E \rightarrow X, e)$  and  $(p' : E' \rightarrow X, e')$  are  
pointed coverings of the same  $X$ ,  
then a pointed equivalence from  $p$  to  $p'$  is  
a homeo  $f : (E, e) \rightarrow (E', e')$  s.t.  $p = p' \circ f$

for such  $f$ , we write  $(E, e) \sim (E', e')$   
we also see that  $f^*$  is an isomorphism

$$\pi_1(E, e) \rightarrow \pi_1(E', e')$$

thus  $p^*(\pi_1(E, e)) = p'^*(f^*(\pi_1(E, e))) = p'^*(E', e')$   
[we've proven well-def'ness, but not bijectivity, in:]

Cor 3 (Galois Correspondence)

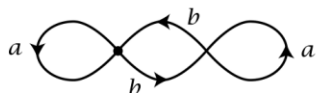
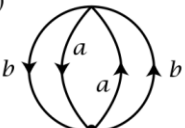
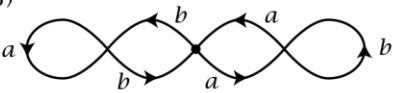
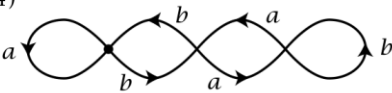
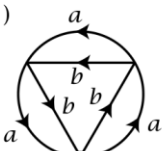
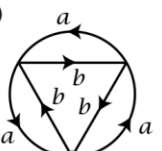
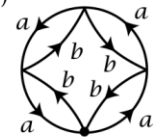
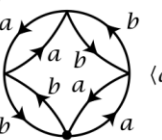
if  $X$  is conn. & locally simply-conn.,  
then the map  $(p : E \rightarrow X, e) \mapsto p^*(\pi_1(E, e))$  is

a bijection  $\{\text{pointed coverings of } X\}/\sim$   
 $\rightarrow \{\text{subgroups of } \pi_1(X, x)\}$

Rem if  $E = E'$  but  $e \neq e'$ , then  $(E, e), (E', e')$   
might not be equivalent

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coverings of the figure-eight  
and corresponding subgroups of its  $\pi_1$ :

<p>(1)</p>  <p><math>\langle a, b^2, bab^{-1} \rangle</math></p>	<p>(2)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^2, b^2, ab \rangle</math></p>
<p>(3)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^2, b^2, aba^{-1}, bab^{-1} \rangle</math></p>	<p>(4)</p>  <p><math>\langle a, b^2, ba^2b^{-1}, baba^{-1}b^{-1} \rangle</math></p>
<p>(5)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^3, b^3, ab^{-1}, b^{-1}a \rangle</math></p>	<p>(6)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^3, b^3, ab, ba \rangle</math></p>
<p>(7)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^4, b^4, ab, ba, a^2b^2 \rangle</math></p>	<p>(8)</p>  <p><math>\langle a^2, b^2, (ab)^2, (ba)^2, ab^2a \rangle</math></p>