

Recall $\pi_1(\text{one-holed solid donut}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{one-holed solid donut} &= S^1 \times (a, b) \\ &\sim S^1\end{aligned}$$

Q what is $\pi_1(\text{two-holed solid donut})$?

two-holed solid donut = figure-eight

Df given nonempty spaces X, Y
 x in X and y in Y ,

the wedge sum of (X, x) and (Y, y) is the quotient

$$\begin{aligned}X \vee Y &= (X \sqcup Y) / \sim \quad \text{where } x \sim y \\ &\quad \text{but no other } \sim\text{'s}\end{aligned}$$

thus the figure-eight is $S^1 \vee S^1$
[here the basepoints don't matter]

Q in general, how is $\pi_1(X \vee Y)$ related
to $\pi_1(X, x)$ and $\pi_1(Y, y)$?

Ex consider “generating” loops γ_1, γ_2 for
the two circles in the figure-eight

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then $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2 \neq \gamma_2 * \gamma_1$ [though hard to prove]

Ex by contrast, consider β, γ generating
 $\pi_1(S^1 \times S^1) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^2$

then β, γ correspond to $(1, 0), (0, 1)$ in \mathbb{Z}^2
 so $\beta * \gamma = \gamma * \beta$

another (independent) proof:

$$S^1 = [0, 1] / \sim$$

similarly, $S^1 \times S^1 = ([0, 1] \times [0, 1]) / \sim$

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can draw β and γ in terms of $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$

then draw $\beta * \gamma$ and $\gamma * \beta$

[draw]

Thm $\pi_1(X \times Y)$ is iso to
 the direct product of $\pi_1(X)$ and $\pi_1(Y)$

Df the direct product of $\{G_i\}_i$ is
 a group $\prod_i G_i$

where elts are $(g_i)_i$'s, the law is coordinate-wise

Thm $\pi_1(X \vee Y)$ is iso to
 the free product of $\pi_1(X)$ and $\pi_1(Y)$

Df the free product of $\{G_i\}_i$ is
 a group $\bigast_i G_i$ [$\backslash \bigast$]

where elts are words over $\coprod_i G_i$,
 the law is concatenation mod rels of each G_i

Ex $\pi_1(\text{two-holed solid donut})$
 $\simeq \pi_1(S^1 \vee S^1)$
 $\simeq Z \ast Z$

$Z \ast Z = \{ \text{words in } a, b, a^{-1}, b^{-1} \}$

Df the free group on n letters is
 $F_n = Z \ast \dots \ast Z$

with n copies of Z

Ex $\pi_1(S^1 \vee \dots \vee S^1) \simeq F_n$
 when there are n copies of S^1

Analogy

products	Top	product space $\prod_i X_i$
	Grp	direct product $\prod_i G_i$
	Mod	direct product $\prod_i M_i$

coproducts	Top	wedge sum $\bigvee_i X_i$
	Grp	free product $\bigast_i G_i$
	Mod	direct sum $\bigoplus_i M_i$

Df given spaces A, X, Y ,
 maps $i : A \rightarrow X$ and $j : A \rightarrow Y$,

the gluing of X and Y along A is the quotient

$(X \sqcup Y) / \sim$ where $i(a) \sim j(a)$ for all a in A

gluing generalizes wedge sum

Q

how is π_1 of the gluing related to the π_1 's of A , X , Y ?

Ex let $A = \{a, b\}$ and $X = [0, 1]$ and $Y = [1, 2]$
let $i(a) = 0$, $i(b) = 1$, $j(a) = 1$, $j(b) = 2$

[draw]

the gluing is homeo to S^1

Ex let $A = S^1 \times (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$
let X, Y be two copies of D^2
let i, j be the boundary inclusions

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the gluing is homeo to S^2