

Exam 1 in class on 1/26 [no fundamental groups]

Today homotopy equivalences
 paths, path homotopies

(Munkres §54)

homotopy : equiv rel on cts maps

homotopy equivalence : equiv rel on spaces

Df a homotopy equivalence from X to Y is
 a pair of cts maps $(f : X \text{ to } Y, g : Y \text{ to } X)$

s.t. $g \circ f \sim \text{id}_X$ and $f \circ g \sim \text{id}_Y$

in this case, write $X \sim Y$

Ex if $f : X \text{ to } Y$ is a homeomorphism
 then (f, f^{-1}) is a homotopy equiv

Ex \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{R}^2 not homeomorphic [why?]
 but $(f : \mathbb{R} \text{ to } \mathbb{R}^2, g : \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ to } \mathbb{R})$ def by

$$f(x) = (x, 0) \text{ and } g(x, y) = x$$

is a homotopy equivalence

$$(g \circ f)(x) = x = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}(x), \text{ so } g \circ f = \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}$$

$$(f \circ g)(x, y) = (x, 0), \quad \text{so } \varphi((x, y), t) = (x, ty) \\ \text{is a homotopy from } f \circ g \\ \text{to } \text{id}_{\{\mathbb{R}^2\}}$$

[draw]

in general, if $g \circ f = \text{id}$, then

f is called a section

g is called a retraction

Lem if $g \circ f = \text{id}$
 then f is injective and g is surjective

a homotopy equivalence (f, g) is called a
deformation retraction when f is an inclusion and
 $g \circ f = \text{id}$ [so that g is a retraction]

like in the example above

Ex there is a deformation retraction
from $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$ onto S^1 [draw]

Ex no homotopy equivalence between
 \mathbb{R}^2 and $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$ [hard]

Prob if $X \sim Y$ via (f, g) and $Y \sim Z$ via (j, k)
then $X \sim Z$ via $(j \circ f, g \circ k)$ [diagram]

need to prove: $j \circ f \sim \text{id}_X$ and $g \circ k \sim \text{id}_Z$

Cor \sim is an equiv relation on spaces

[Pf $X \sim X$ via $(\text{id}_X, \text{id}_X)$
 $X \sim Y$ via (f, g) iff $Y \sim X$ via (g, f)
 $X \sim Y$ and $Y \sim Z$ imply $X \sim Z$ by prob]

Rem if $X \sim Y$, then X is connected iff Y is connected

[compare to connectedness and connected components]

Q true that X compact iff Y compact? [no]

Thm path-connected implies connected

(Munkres §51) [recall:] a path in X is
a cts map $\gamma : [0, 1]$ to X

[Pf suppose U, V is a separation of X
pick x in U and y in V
pick a path γ in X from x to y

we say γ starts from $\gamma(0)$ and ends at $\gamma(1)$

then $\gamma^{-1}(U), \gamma^{-1}(V)$ is a separation of $[0, 1]$

Df X is path-connected iff, for any x, y in X ,
there is a path from x to y

but $[0, 1]$ is connected (Munkres §24)]

the path components of X are the maximal path-connected subspaces of X

Cor each path component of X is contained
in some connected component of X

Rem if $X \sim Y$, then X is path-connected iff Y is path-connected

Df given paths $\gamma, \gamma' : [0, 1]$ to X
s.t. $\gamma(0) = \gamma'(0)$ and $\gamma(1) = \gamma'(1)$

a path homotopy from γ to γ' is a homotopy

$$\varphi : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \text{ to } X \text{ from } \gamma \text{ to } \gamma'$$

s.t. for all times t ,

$$\varphi(0, t) = \gamma(0) = \gamma'(0) \text{ and } \varphi(1, t) = \gamma(1) = \gamma'(1)$$

in this case, write $\gamma \sim_p \gamma'$

Prob for any space X , points x, y in X ,
paths $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ from x to y ,

given path homotopies φ from γ_1 to γ_2 ,
 ψ from γ_2 to γ_3 ,

find path homotopy from γ_1 to γ_3 in terms of φ ,
 ψ [related to previous prob]

so \sim_p is an equiv rel on paths from x to y

[note:] $\gamma \sim_p \gamma'$ implies $\gamma \sim \gamma'$