

Eine Woche, ein Beispiel

1.30 homotopy addition theorem

ref: <https://github.com/lrnmhl/AT1>

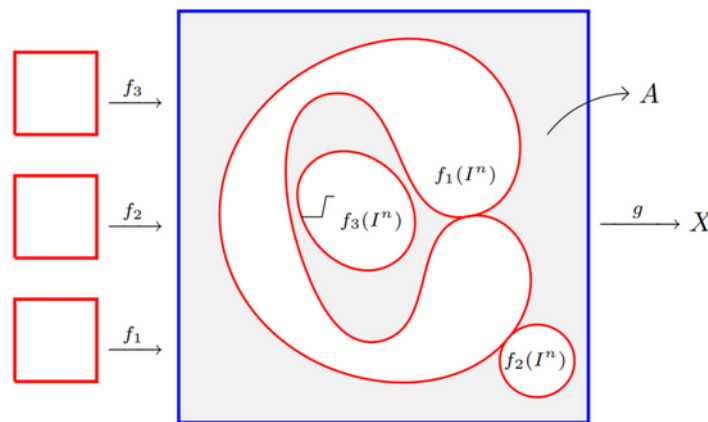
Some pictures are also copied there. Here we just want to draw some figures, and explain it in 15 minutes (for oral exam!)

(For convenience, we take singular homology, and abbreviate $H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})$ as $H_n(X, A)$.)

I.7. Theorem (Homotopy Addition Theorem). — Assume we have $f_1, \dots, f_k : I^n \rightarrow I^n$ such that $f_i|_{\dot{I}^n}$ is an open embedding and the sets $f_i(\dot{I}^n)$ are pairwise disjoint. Furthermore, let $g : (I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow (X, A)$ such that $g(I^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(\dot{I}^n)) \subset A$. Then

$$[g] = \sum_{i=1}^k (\deg f_i) [g \circ f_i]$$

in $\pi_n(X, A)^\#$.



For this we need the definition of $\deg f_i$.

Def 1 Recall the notion of local degree. Let $f : \dot{I}^n \rightarrow \dot{I}^n$ be an open embedding, $p \in \dot{I}^n$. We have that f induces a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_n(\dot{I}^n, \dot{I}^n \setminus \{p\}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_n(I^n, I^n \setminus \{p\}) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \\ f_* \downarrow & & f_* \searrow & & \downarrow d \cdot - \\ H_n(f(\dot{I}^n), f(\dot{I}^n) \setminus \{f(p)\}) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_n(I^n, I^n \setminus \{f(p)\}) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \end{array}$$

where the maps are all isomorphisms by homotopies and excision, hence they induce the dashed arrow. This is an automorphism of $H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ and thus $d = \pm 1$. One can show this is independent of p , hence we call it the local degree of f , and write $\deg(f) = d$.

After proving that every arrow is an iso, the useful part of comm diag reduced to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f_* & H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow d \cdot - \\ H_n(I^n, I^n \setminus \{f(p)\}) & \xleftarrow{i_*} & H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \end{array}$$

Def 2. When $f : I^n \rightarrow I^n$ sends ∂I^n to ∂I^n , then $\deg f$ is defined by $f_* : H_n(I^n, \partial I^n) \rightarrow H_n(I^n, \partial I^n)$

Rmk. These two degree coincide when f satisfies both conditions ($f|_{\dot{I}^n}$ open embedding, $f(\partial I^n) \subset \partial I^n$)

Lemma 1 (Obvious)

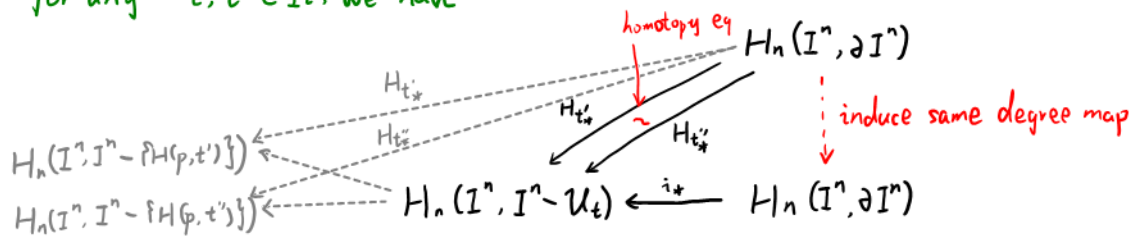
Suppose $g, g': (I^n, \partial I^n) \longrightarrow (X, A)$ are homotopic in $\pi_n(X, A)^\#$, then
 $[g] = [g']$, $[g \circ f_i] = [g' \circ f_i]$ in $\pi_n(X, A)^\#$. ($f_i: I^n \longrightarrow I^n$)

Lemma 2 (Not obvious)

Assume $H: I^n \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow I^n$ is an homotopy between f and f' ,
 $H_t|_{\mathring{I}^n}$ is an open embedding for any $t \in [0, 1]$. Then $\deg f = \deg f'$.

(This lemma is still not so perfect anyhow, so we have Lemma 3 as a compliment)

Proof. Fix $p \in \mathring{I}^n$. For $\forall t \in [0, 1]$, \exists open nbhd I_t of t s.t. $\text{Im}(H|_{\partial I^n \times \bar{I}_t}) \cap \text{Im}(H|_{\mathring{I}^n \times \bar{I}_t}) = \emptyset$.
 Take open subset U_t s.t. $\text{Im}(H|_{\mathring{I}^n \times \bar{I}_t}) \subset U_t \subset \bar{U}_t \subset I^n - \text{Im}(H|_{\partial I^n \times \bar{I}_t})$,
 then for any $t', t'' \in I_t$, we have



$\therefore \deg H_{t'} = \deg H_t$ for $t', t'' \in I_t$

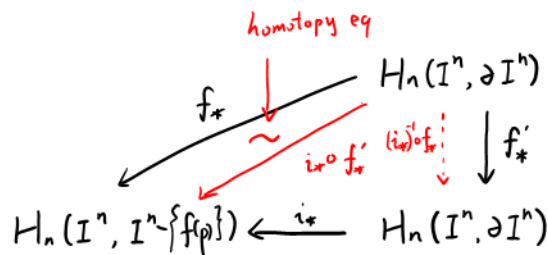
Finally, by using the Heine-Borel theorem we get $\deg f = \deg f'$.

Lemma 3. Assume that $H: I^n \times [0, 1] \longrightarrow I^n$ is an homotopy between f and f' .

- $f|_{\mathring{I}^n}$ is an open embedding
- $f'(\partial I^n) \subseteq \partial I^n$
- $\exists U \subset f(I^n)$ s.t. $H(\partial I^n \times [0, 1]) \subset I^n - U$
- better, $\exists p \in \mathring{I}^n$ s.t. $H(\partial I^n \times [0, 1]) \subset I^n - \{f(p)\}$

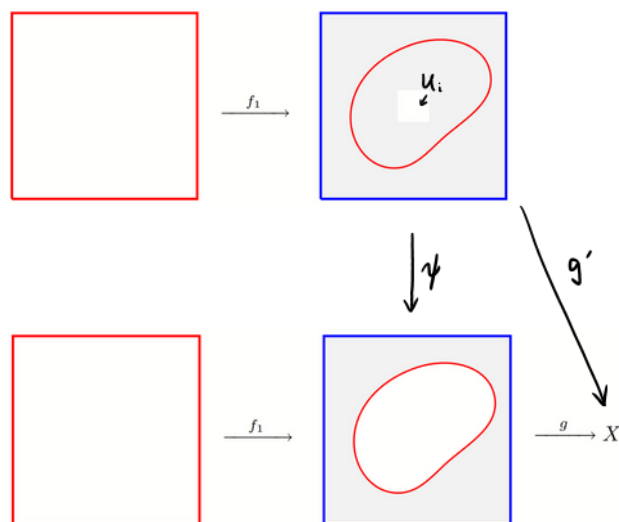
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Proof. Pick $p \in f^{-1}(U)$. Then

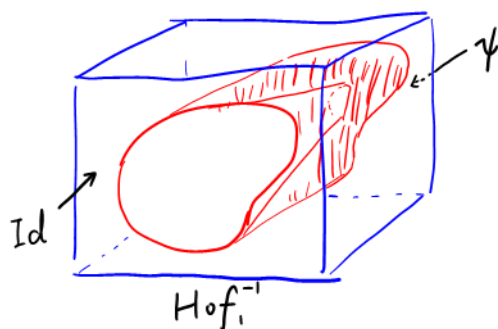
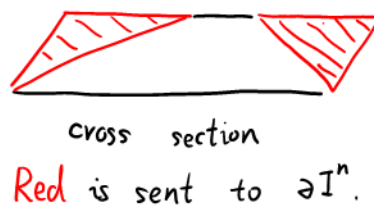
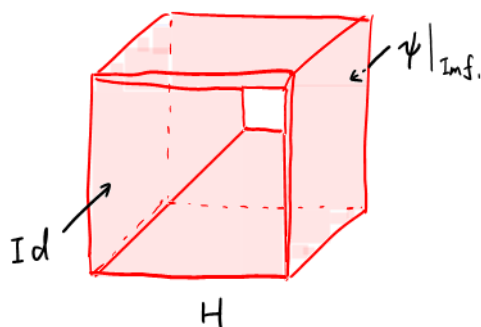


Now we can squeeze / contort fcts by homotopy without too much worries!
 Lemma 4. (contort g).

I.8. Lemma. — For $1 \leq i \leq k$, let $U_i \subset f_i(\mathring{I}^n)$ be any non-empty open set. Then g is homotopic relative to $I^n \setminus f_i(\mathring{I}^n)$ to a map g' that sends $f_i(I^n) \setminus U_i$ to A for all i .

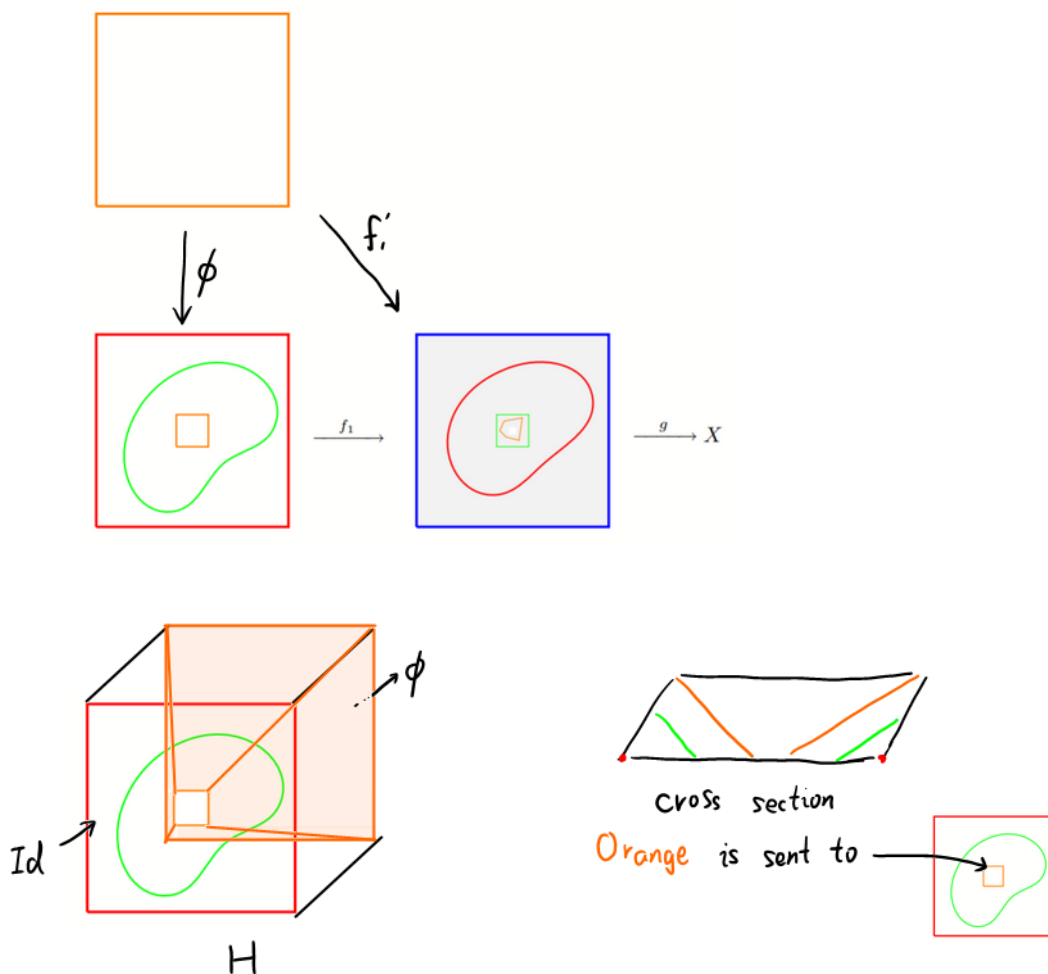


Idea: We only contort the space in $\text{Im } f_i$ and fix pts outside f_i .

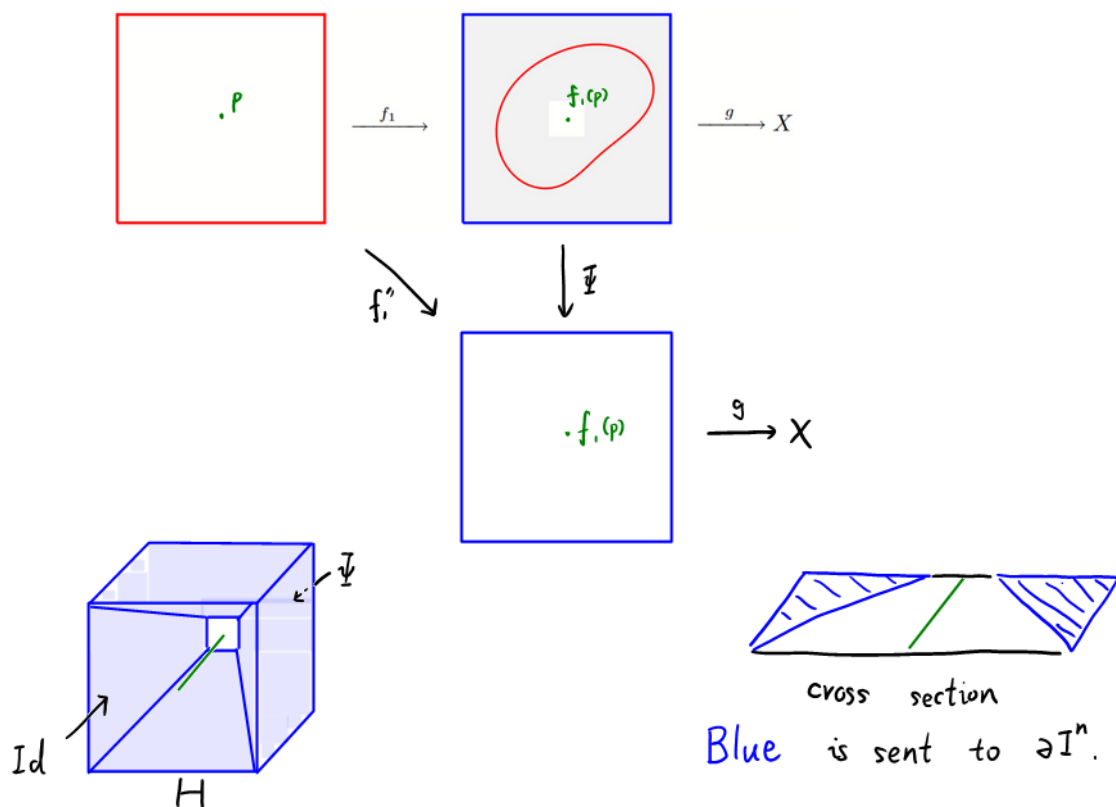


By using Lemma 1, we can assume that only a small part is not sent to A .

Shrink f_1 : (By using Lemma 2)



Blow image of f_1 :



Be careful: f_1' may not be an open embedding when restricted to ∂I^n , but now we have $f_1'(\partial I^n) \subset \partial I^n$, so now we can apply Lemma 3! The rest is easy. Apply Lemma I.5 in ref.