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Chapter 1

Fundamental Group of Circle

1.1 Homotopy Definitions

In this section we provide all the definition , lemmas and theorems regarding homotopies. At the end we provide the definition of Fundamental Group of Topological Space and proof that it has a group structure.

Definition 1 (Homotopy of maps). Let X, Y be topological spaces. We say that maps $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are homotopic ($f \simeq g$) iff there exists a continuous map $H : X \times I \rightarrow Y$ such that for any $x \in X$

$$H(x, 0) = f(x) \text{ and } H(x, 1) = g(x)$$

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Definition 2 (Path). A path between points $x, y \in X$ is a continuous function $\gamma : I \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\gamma(0) = x \text{ and } \gamma(1) = y$$

Definition 3 (Loop). *def: path*

A loop is a path where $x = y$.

Definition 4 (Homotopy of Paths). *def: path, def: homotopy*

We say that two paths γ_1, γ_2 ($\gamma_1 \simeq_p \gamma_2$) from x to y are homotopic iff there exists homotopy map $H : I \times I \rightarrow X$ such that H is homotopy of γ_1, γ_2 and for all $t \in I$ function $H(\cdot, t)$ is a path from x to y .

Lemma 5 (All paths from x to y in \mathbb{R}^n are Homotopic). *def: path, homotopy*

Any two paths γ_1, γ_2 from x to y in \mathbb{R}^n are homotopic.

Theorem 6 (Homotopy is equivalence relation). *def: homotopy*

Relation \simeq is an equivalence relation.

Theorem 7 (Homotopy of paths is equivalence relation). *thm:homotopy_equiv, def : path_homotopy*

Relation \simeq_p of paths is an equivalence relation.

Definition 8 (Composition of paths). *def:path*

Given to paths γ_1, γ_2 we define $\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2$ by the formula:

$$\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2(t) = \begin{cases} \gamma_1(2s), & \text{if } t \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \gamma_2(1 - 2s), & \text{if } t \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 9 (Composition of paths is a path). *def:path, def:path_composition*

Composition of paths is a path (The map given by ?? is continuous)

Lemma 10 (Composition of paths depend on homotopy class). *def:path, def:path_composition, def : path_homotopy, thm : path_homotopy_equiv*

If $f_0 \simeq_p f_1$ and $g_0 \simeq_p g_1$ then $f_0 \cdot g_0 \simeq_p f_1 \cdot g_1$

Theorem 11 (Homotopy of loops is equivalence relation). *thm:path_homotopy_equiv, def : path_homotopy*

Relation \simeq_l of loops is an equivalence relation. (We use \simeq to simplify notation)

Lemma 12 (Composition of loops is a loop). *def:loop, lem:path_comp_path*

Composition of loops is a loop.

Lemma 13 (Composition of loops depend on homotopy class). *lem:loop_comp_loop, lem : path_comp_homoclass, thm : loop_homotopy_equiv*

If $f_0 \simeq_p f_1$ and $g_0 \simeq_p g_1$ then $f_0 \cdot g_0 \simeq_p f_1 \cdot g_1$

Definition 14 (Fundamental Group). *lem:loop_comp_homoclass*

We define the fundamental group of $(\pi_1(X, x_0), \cdot)$ as the set of equivalence classes of relation \simeq with the operation \cdot - composition of loops

Lemma 15 (Composition is associative). *def:fundamental_group*

The operation \cdot is associative.

Lemma 16 (Composition has natural element). *def:fundamental_group*

There is a neutral element of \cdot , which is $[const_{x_0}]_{\simeq}$

Lemma 17 (Composition has inverse). *def:fundamental_group*

For every element of $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ there exists an inverse such that:

$$[f] \cdot [g] = [const_{x_0}]$$

Theorem 18 (Fundamental Group is a Group). *lem:loop_comp_inv, lem : loop_comp_neutral, lem : loop_comp_assoc*

The fundamental group is a group

Theorem 19 (Fundamental Group of \mathbb{R}^n). *thm:fundamental_group_is_group, lem :*

Rn_path_equiv_lemma

The fundamental group of \mathbb{R}^n is trivial