

Thm Let X be a metric space (or a normal space)

Let $A \subseteq X$ be closed, and let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ be cts.

(a) if f is null-homotopic then f can be extended to a cts map from X into \mathbb{C}^* .

Pf Since f is null-homotopic in \mathbb{C}^* , there's a continuous logarithm for f , say $g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $e^g = f$. By metric extension thm (applied to $\text{Re}g, \text{Im}g$), g can be extended to $G: X \xrightarrow{\text{cts}} \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $g(x) = G(x) \ \forall x \in A$. then let $F = e^G$. $F: X \xrightarrow{\text{cts}} \mathbb{C}^*$ and $\forall x \in A$, $F(x) = e^{G(x)} = e^{g(x)} = f(x)$.

(b) f can be extended to a cts map from X into \mathbb{C}^* iff f is homotopic in \mathbb{C}^* to a continuous map which can be so extended.

Pf (\Rightarrow) $f \simeq f$ in \mathbb{C}^* .
 (\Leftarrow) Suppose $f \simeq f_1$ in \mathbb{C}^* s.t. \exists a cts map $g_1: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ with $g_1(x) = f_1(x) \ \forall x \in A$. Since $f \simeq f_1$, $\frac{f}{f_1} \simeq 1$ in \mathbb{C}^* so $\frac{f}{f_1}$ can be extended to a cts map $h: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$.
 let $g = hg_1$. then g is cts and $\forall x \in A$, $g(x) = h(x)g_1(x) = \frac{f(x)}{f_1(x)} f_1(x) = f(x)$.

Corollary (Borsuk, 1932).

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be closed. Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$. Then TFAE:

- (a) f is null-homotopic in \mathbb{C}^*
- (b) f has a continuous logarithm

(c) f can be extended to a cts map from \mathbb{C} into \mathbb{C}^* .

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(b) \Rightarrow (c) see pf of above thm

(c) \Rightarrow (a) define $j: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $j(z) = z$. $j \simeq 0$ in \mathbb{C} .

let f_1 be an extension of f to a cts map from \mathbb{C} into \mathbb{C}^* .

$f = f_1 \circ j$. j is null-homotopic in \mathbb{C} so $f \simeq f_1(0)$ in \mathbb{C}^* .

Defn Let X be a top. sp. Then $\pi(X, \mathbb{C}^*)$ is the group of homotopy classes of cts maps from X into \mathbb{C}^* .

$$[f][g] = [fg].$$

$$[f]^{-1} = \left[\frac{1}{f} \right]$$

$[1]$ is the unit element.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \forall f \in C(X, \mathbb{C}^*) \\ [f] = \{g \in C(X, \mathbb{C}^*) : f \simeq g \text{ in } \mathbb{C}^*\} \end{array} \right)$$

$\pi(X, \mathbb{C}^*)$ is called the first cohomotopy group for X .

eg $\pi(S^1, \mathbb{C}^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

if $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$, define $\gamma_n: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ by $\gamma_n(z) = z^n$. Then

$$[\gamma_n][\gamma_m] = [\gamma_{n+m}]$$

$$[\gamma_n]^{-1} = [\gamma_{-n}]$$

$$[1] = [\gamma_0]$$

so $n \mapsto [\gamma_n]$ is a homomorphism from $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ into $\pi(S^1, \mathbb{C}^*)$.

If $[\gamma_m] = [\gamma_n]$ then $\gamma_m \simeq \gamma_n$ so $\text{ind}(\gamma_m) = \text{ind}(\gamma_n) \Rightarrow n=m$.

so $n \mapsto [\gamma_n]$ is 1-1. let $[\gamma] \in \pi(S^1, \mathbb{C}^*)$. then

$\gamma \simeq \gamma_{\text{ind} \gamma}$ so $[\gamma] = [\gamma_{\text{ind} \gamma}]$ so $n \mapsto [\gamma_n]$ is onto $\pi(S^1, \mathbb{C}^*)$.



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$$K_2 = \text{[diagram]} \quad \pi(K_2, \mathbb{C}^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2 = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

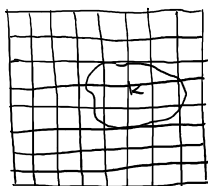


$$K_3 = \text{[diagram]} \quad \pi(K_3, \mathbb{C}^*) = \mathbb{Z}^3$$

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Thm Let K be a $\text{cpt} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. Let $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ be cts.
 Then there is a finite set $E \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus K$ s.t. f can be extended
 to a cts map from $\mathbb{C} \setminus E$ to \mathbb{C}^* .

Pf by Tietze, there is a continuous extension of f to a map $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.
 $g(z) \neq 0 \forall z \in K$. Let $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : g(z) \neq 0\}$. U is open
 & contains K . If $U = \mathbb{C}$ we are done. If not, $\mathbb{C} \setminus U$ is
 non-empty & closed so $z \mapsto \text{dist}(z, \mathbb{C} \setminus U)$ is cts on \mathbb{C} and
 strictly positive on U . Let $\delta = \inf \{p(z, \mathbb{C} \setminus U) : z \in K\} > 0$.
 K is bounded so $\exists a \in (0, \infty)$ s.t. $K \subseteq [-a, a]^2$.



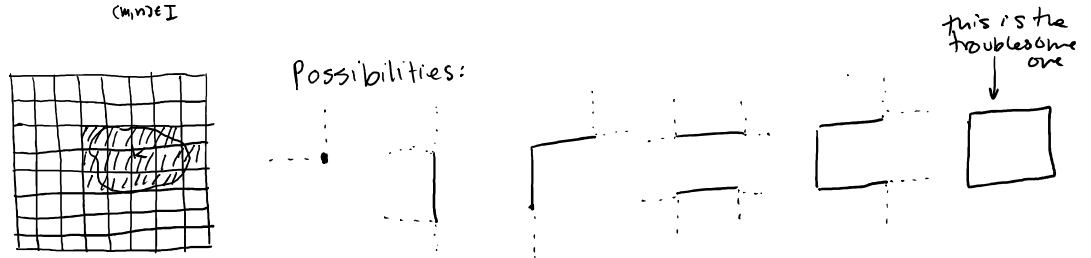
} chop w/ diameter of little squares $< \delta$.
 Call squares $S_{m,n}$ with
 $1 \leq m, n \leq N$.

Note that if $S_{m,n} \cap K \neq \emptyset$, $S_{m,n} \subseteq U$. Let $J = \{1, \dots, N\}^2$.

Let $I = \{(m,n) \in J : S_{m,n} \cap K \neq \emptyset\}$. Now let's describe the extension
 h of f to a map from $\mathbb{C} \setminus E$ into \mathbb{C}^* , where $E \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus K$ is finite

(we'll also describe E).

Let $\tilde{K} = \bigcup_{(m,n) \in I} S_{mn}$. Then $\tilde{K} \subseteq U$. $\forall z \in \tilde{K}$, let $h(z) = g(z)$.



Extend h square-by-square to obtain a rectangle (possibly w/ square holes) on which h is cts and nonzero.

this is possible on squares w/ 3 or fewer edges already included, so we don't need to worry about this.

if instead h is already defined on all edges of a square, let h be defined to be constant on any ray emanating from center of square, undefined at center. put the center of square in E .

There can only be finitely many such

squares, so E is finite. then extend outer

rectangle to $\mathbb{C} \setminus E$ by making h constant on

even ray emanating from rectangle. \square

or we could define

h to be 1 outside of $[-a, a]^2$ and skip this step.