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Loops in S^1 up to homotopy

lifting paths

- Let

$$q : [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1, q(0) = (1, 0)$$

be a path starting at $(1, 0)$. Then apply the

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Definition. Covering space of a topological space

A continuous map between topological spaces

$$\pi : Y \rightarrow X$$

is a **covering space map** if π is *surjective* and for any $x \in X$, $\exists U_x(\text{open}) \subseteq X$ of x such that

$$\pi^{-1}U_x = \bigsqcup_{a \in \pi^{-1}(x)} Y_a$$

where $\pi|_{Y_a} : Y_a \rightarrow U_x$ is a homeomorphism for each $a \in \pi^{-1}(x)$.

and continuous map

$$h : Y \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$$

then for *any chosen lift $\tilde{f}$ of the initial $h(-, 0) := f_0 : Y \rightarrow X$*

$$\tilde{f} : Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}, \pi \circ \tilde{f} = f$$

we have a **unique lift of h**

$$\exists! \tilde{h} : Y \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \tilde{X}, \pi \circ \tilde{h} = h$$

with the initial $\tilde{h}(-, 0) = \tilde{f}$.

for

$$Y := \{\bullet\}$$

the covering space map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow S^1 \\ t &\mapsto (\cos 2\pi t, \sin 2\pi t) \end{aligned}$$

for the initial lift

$$0 : \{\bullet\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \pi(0) = (1, 0)$$

we must have an unique

$$\tilde{q} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \tilde{q}(0) = 0, \pi \circ \tilde{q} = q$$

- Hence, we have unique lift $\tilde{q}$ of paths q starting at 0 given that $\tilde{q}(0) = 0$.

lifting homotopies

- Let $p, q : [0, 1] \rightarrow S^1$ starting at $(1, 0)$ lifts to $\tilde{q}, \tilde{p} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\tilde{q}(0) = 0 = \tilde{p}(p)$. Let

$$\tilde{p}(1) = m, \tilde{q} = n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- Then working with $(\tilde{q} + m)(t) := \tilde{q}(t) + m$, we observe

$$\pi(\tilde{q}(t) + m) = q(t), \tilde{q}(0) + m = \tilde{p}(1)$$

- Thus

$$\tilde{p} \cdot (\tilde{q} + m)$$

is well-defined and

$$\pi(\tilde{p} \cdot (\tilde{q} + m)) = p \cdot q, (\tilde{p} \cdot (\tilde{q} + m))(0)$$

which means it is the unique lift of $p \cdot q$.

- Hence, the map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1(S^1, (1, 0)) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +) \\ [p] &\mapsto \tilde{p}(1) \end{aligned}$$

is a **group isomorphism**.



$$\pi_1(S^1, (1, 0)) \cong_{\text{Grp}} (\mathbb{Z}, +)$$



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 - S^1
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And it has 4 siblings.

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 - S^1

- The map $z \mapsto z^n$ on the circle
- Left translation $S^1 \curvearrowright S^1$
- Homeomorphisms $S^1 \rightarrow S^1$
- Loops in S^1 upto homotopy.