

\mathbb{F} (SKETCH): Case 1 $B = \emptyset$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^l(M, \partial M) & \xrightarrow{[M, \partial M] \cap -} & H_{n-l}(M) \\ \uparrow \cong & G & \uparrow \cong \\ H^l_C(M, \partial M) & \longrightarrow & H_{n-l}(M, \partial M) \end{array}$$

This follows from everything we did today.

Case 2. General case; want to reduce to Case 1.

$\{A, B\}$ is an excisive couple, i.e. $H^*(M, \partial A) \cong H^*(B, \partial B)$, as we will now show. We can find U_A, U_B collar neighborhoods, $A \cap B \subseteq U_A \subseteq A$, $A \cap B \subseteq U_B \subseteq B$ for $\partial A = A \cap B = \partial B$.

$\mathbb{B} \quad U := (B \cup U_A) \times [0, 1) \subseteq \partial M \times [0, 1)$

$V := (A \cup U_B) \times [0, 1) \subseteq \partial M \times [0, 1)$

$U \cup V = \partial M \times [0, 1) \cong \partial M$

$U \cap V \cong A \cap B, \quad U \cong \mathbb{B}, \quad V \cong \mathbb{B} \quad \Rightarrow \{A, B\} \text{ is excisive. } \checkmark$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots \rightarrow H^l(M, \partial M) & \rightarrow & H^l(M, A) & \rightarrow & H^l(\partial M, A) & \rightarrow & H^{l+1}(M, \partial M) \rightarrow \dots \\ \text{Case 1} \cong \downarrow [M, \partial M] \cap - & & \downarrow [M, \partial M] \cap - & & \downarrow [M, \partial M] \cap - & & \downarrow [M, \partial M] \cap - \\ \dots \rightarrow H_{n-l}(M) & \rightarrow & H_{n-l}(M, B) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_{n-l-1}(B) & \rightarrow & H_{n-l-1}(M) \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

here we use that $\{A, B\}$ is excisive

We have seen a similar diagram: painful but not difficult to see commutativity.

5-lemma \rightarrow PL duality.

Alexander duality: $K \subseteq S^n$ compact, proper non-empty, locally contractible subset

$\Rightarrow \check{H}_l(S^n \setminus K; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \check{H}^{n-l-1}(K; \mathbb{Z})$

for $l \neq 0 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \parallel PD \\ H^l_C(S^n \setminus K) \end{array}$

The interesting thing is that only the shape of K matters, not how it is embedded into S^n .

More generally, we have $\check{H}_l(S^n \setminus K; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \check{H}^{n-l-1}(K; \mathbb{Z})$ for Čech cohomology.

Hurewicz Theorem

Literature: Waldhausen, Bredon. Definitely not Hatcher.

We have seen: $\pi_n S^k = 0 \quad \forall n < k$
 $\pi_1 S^1 \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad \pi_n S^1 = 0 \quad \forall n > 1$

$\pi_n S^k = ?$ Open, related to e.g. classification of mfs.

Goal: $\pi_n S^n \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Furthermore, $\pi_3 S^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}, \quad \pi_4 S^2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$

Recall the definition of (relative) htp gps:

let $(X, A), (Y, B)$ be pairs of spaces, $A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y$

$$[(Y, B), (X, A)] = C((Y, B), (X, A)) / \sim$$

where $f \sim g \iff \exists H: Y \times I \rightarrow X, \quad H(-, 0) = f, \quad H(-, 1) = g, \quad H(B \times I) \subseteq A$

and $C(Y, X)$ is the set of cont. maps, $C((Y, B), (X, A)) = \{f \in C(Y, X) \mid f(B) \subseteq A\}$

$$\pi_n(X, x_0) := [(S^n, *), (X, x_0)] \cong [(\mathbb{I}^n, \partial \mathbb{I}^n), (X, x_0)] \cong [(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n), (X, x_0)]$$

$n=0$: just a pointed set

$n=1$: a group which might be non-abelian

$n \geq 2$: abelian group

Now let $x_0 \in A \subseteq X, \quad * \in \partial \mathbb{D}^n \subseteq \mathbb{D}^n$

$$\pi_n(X, A, x_0) = [(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n, *), (X, A, x_0)] \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\cong [(\mathbb{I}^n, \partial \mathbb{I}^n, \mathbb{F}^{n-1}), (X, A, x_0)]$$

where $\mathbb{F}^{n-1} = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{I}^n \mid t_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for some } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ or } t_n = 1\} \subseteq \partial \mathbb{I}^n$,
 i.e. \mathbb{F}^{n-1} is the union of all $(n-1)$ dimensional faces except for
 $\mathbb{I}^{n-1} = \{(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{I}^n \mid t_n = 0\}$.

For $[f], [g] \in \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$ with $n \geq 2$

or $[f], [g] \in \pi_n(X, x_0)$ with $n \geq 1$:

$$(f+g)(t_1, \dots, t_n) := \begin{cases} f(2t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) & 0 \leq t_1 \leq 1/2 \\ g(2t_1 - 1, t_2, \dots, t_n) & 1/2 \leq t_1 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

This gives a group structure, abelian for $\pi_n(X, x_0) \quad \forall n \geq 2$
 and $\pi_n(X, A, x_0) \quad \forall n \geq 3$.

Theorem. (Absolute Hurewicz Theorem)

Let X be simply connected (i.e. path-connected and π_1 -trivial),
 $n \geq 2$ and $\pi_i(X, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall i \leq n-1$.

Then $\tilde{H}_i(X; \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \quad \forall i \leq n-1$ and $\pi_n(X, x_0) \cong H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$.

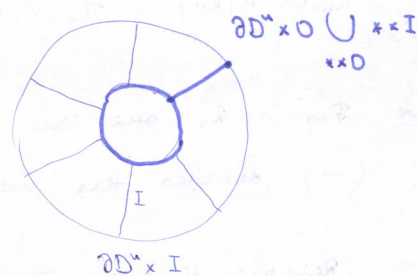
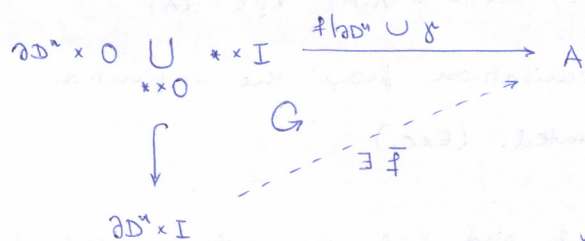
Theorem. (Poincaré, Topology I)

Let X be a path-connected space. Then there is a canonical homomorphism $h: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow H_1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ such that the induced map $\pi_1(X, x_0) \xrightarrow{h} H_1(X; \mathbb{Z})$ is an iso.

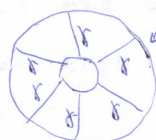
Action of $\pi_1(A, x_0)$ on $\pi_n(X, A, x_0) \quad \forall n \geq 1$:

$[\gamma] \in \pi_1(A, x_0), \quad \gamma: (I, \partial I) \rightarrow (A, x_0)$

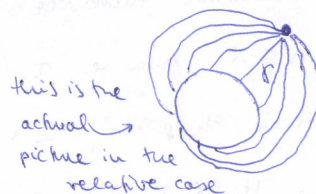
$[\beta] \in \pi_n(X, A, x_0), \quad \beta: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$



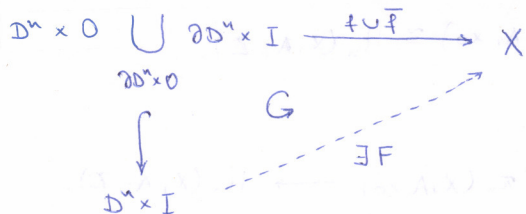
$\bar{\beta}$ exists by HEP:



note that this picture works in the absolute case only (see below)



this is the actual picture in the relative case



$\bar{\beta}$ exists again by HEP.

Note that $\bar{\beta}|_{* \times I} = \gamma$.

Then $\pi_1(A, x_0) \curvearrowright \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$ is defined by

$[\beta] \circ [\gamma] := [\bar{\beta}|_{D^n \times I}] \in \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$

We have seen in Topology I that this is really an action,

$[\beta] \circ (-): \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \quad \forall n \geq 2$ we have a group automorphism.

(The action in the absolute case is much earlier: it is defined

by $S^n \times 0 \cup * \times I \rightarrow X$ and restricting the dashed arrow to $S^n \times 1$.)

Recall the long exact sequence on ltp qps:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_n(A, x_0) &\longrightarrow \pi_n(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(A, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_{n-1}(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow \dots \\ &\longrightarrow \pi_1(A, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_1(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow \pi_0(A, x_0) \longrightarrow \pi_0(X, x_0) \end{aligned}$$

If A and X are path-connected and $\pi_n(A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_n(X, x_0)$
then $\pi_n(X, A, x_0) = 0$.

$$[f] \in \pi_n(X, A, x_0), \quad f: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \longrightarrow (X, A, x_0) \quad \partial[f] = [f|_{\partial D^n}]$$

We have $\pi_n(A, x_0) \cap \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$. Suppose $n \geq 2$.

$$\tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0) := \pi_n(X, A, x_0)^{ab} / \langle [f] - [\gamma][f] \rangle \quad \forall [f] \in \pi_n(X, A) \quad \forall \gamma \in \pi_1(A)$$

Remark. For $n=2$, one can drop the abelianisation from the definition if $\langle - \rangle$ denotes the usual subgroup generated. (Exc.)

Thm. (Relative Hurewicz Theorem) Suppose $n \geq 2$ and X, A are path-connected spaces, $x_0 \in A \subseteq X$. Assume $\pi_n(A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_n(X, x_0)$, and hence $\pi_n(X, A, x_0) = 0$.

Further suppose $\pi_i(X, A, x_0) = 0 \quad \forall i \leq n-1$.

Then $H_i(X, A; \mathbb{Z}) = 0 \quad \forall i \leq n-1$ and $\tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0) \cong H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})$.

Define maps

$$h: \pi_n(X, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{and} \quad h: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z}).$$

We need to fix orientations for spheres and discs:

$H_n(D^n, \partial D^n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ has no canonical choice for generator (a priori).

$H_n(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ does have a preferred generator though:


$$[\text{id}: \Delta^n \rightarrow \Delta^n] \in H_n(\Delta^n, \partial \Delta^n; \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{is } H_n\text{'s generator.}$$

Once and for all fix a homeo $D^n \cong \Delta^n$ (and $\partial D^n \cong \partial \Delta^n$);

also fix $D^n / \partial D^n \cong S^n$.

With these homeos fixed, we obtain a preferred generator

$$z_n \in H_n(D^n, S^{n-1}; \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{and} \quad z_n \in H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}).$$

Recall that $[\alpha] - [\beta]$ generates $H_1(S^1; \mathbb{Z})$ where  and this yields a generator of $H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z})$ via suspension. One can show that this construction agrees with the one we just introduced (in some way...?)

Define a map $h: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})$, called the relative Hurewicz homomorphism
 $[f] \longmapsto f_*(z_n)$

Here $f: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \longrightarrow (X, A, x_0)$; forgetting about base pts this yields $(D^n, S^{n-1}) \xrightarrow{f} (X, A)$.

This induces $f_*: H_n(D^n, S^{n-1}) \longrightarrow H_n(X, A)$
 $z_n \longmapsto f_*(z_n)$

Homotopy invariance of homology $\Rightarrow h$ is well-defined.

The absolute Hurewicz map is defined as

$$h: \pi_n(X, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$$

$$[f] \longmapsto f_*(z_n)$$

Here $f: S^n \longrightarrow X$, $f_*: H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H_n(X; \mathbb{Z})$
 $z_n \longmapsto f_*(z_n)$

Again by htp invariance we have that h is well-defined.

The statements that these are homomorphisms will be checked later or in the exercises. Oh wait, we are doing the absolute case right now.

Prop. h is a homomorphism in the absolute case.

Prf. $[f], [g] \in H_n(X, x_0)$. Then $[f] + [g]$ is represented by

$$S^n \xrightarrow{\text{pinch}} S^n \vee S^n \xrightarrow{f \vee g} X, \quad [f] + [g] = [(f \vee g) \circ \text{pinch}]$$

We have the following maps: $S^n \xrightarrow{\text{pinch}} S^n \vee S^n \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_1} S^n$
 $\text{pr}_2 \circ \text{pinch} \cong \text{id}, \quad \text{pr}_1 \circ \text{pinch} \cong \text{id}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{\text{pinch}_*} & H_n(S^n \vee S^n; \mathbb{Z}) & \xrightarrow{(f \vee g)_*} & H_n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \\
 \searrow \Delta & & \downarrow \cong & \nearrow f_* \oplus g_* & \\
 & & H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \oplus H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h([f] + [g]) &= ((f \vee g) \circ \text{pinch})_*(z_n) = (f \vee g)_*((\text{pinch})_*(z_n)) \\
 &= (f_* \oplus g_*) \circ \Delta(z_n) = (f_* \oplus g_*)(z_n, z_n) \\
 &= f_*(z_n) + g_*(z_n) = h[f] + h[g].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_n S^n \xrightarrow{h} H_n S^n \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}$$

$$f: S^n \rightarrow S^n$$

$$[f] \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{deg } f$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} z_n \in H_n S^n & \xrightarrow{f_*} & H_n S^n \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ 1 \in \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\text{deg } f} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \quad f_*(z_n) = \text{deg}(f) \cdot z_n \stackrel{=}{=} \text{deg}(f) \cdot 1$$

Consequently: $h: \pi_n S^n \rightarrow H_n S^n$ is surjective since $\text{deg}(\text{id}) = 1$.
 $\Rightarrow \pi_n S^n$ contains \mathbb{Z} as a direct summand.

Today every (co)homology group/ring is over \mathbb{Z} . 20.06.2018

Lemma. $n \geq 1$ and assume that $\pi_{n-1} S^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ if $n \geq 2$.

Then $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (D^n, \partial D^n)$ has degree 1 if f is homotopic to the identity, has degree -1 if it is homotopic to the reflection $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, -x_n)$.

Note. We already know the assumption for $n=2$ since $\pi_1 S^1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$. For larger n we just treat this as a black box.

Pf. $n=1$: $f: (D^1, \partial D^1) \rightarrow (D^1, \partial D^1)$

Suppose that $\text{deg}(f) = \pm 1 \rightarrow f(\partial D^1) = \partial D^1$ because otherwise $f(\partial D^1)$ is just one point, and since $\pi_1(D^1) = 0$ this yields $f \stackrel{\cong}{\sim}_{\text{rel } \partial D^1} \text{const}$, hence $\text{deg}(f) = 0$. \square

If $f(-1) = -1, f(1) = 1 \Rightarrow f \stackrel{\cong}{\sim}_{\text{rel } \partial D^1} \text{id}$ by linear homotopy

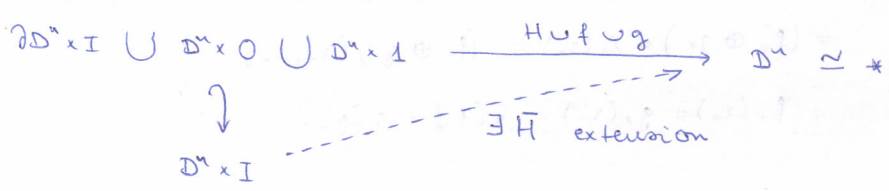
If $f(-1) = 1, f(1) = -1 \Rightarrow f \stackrel{\cong}{\sim}_{\text{rel } \partial D^1} -\text{id}$, i.e. the reflection. \checkmark

$n \geq 2$: $f, g: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (D^n, \partial D^n)$

Claim. $f \stackrel{\cong}{\sim}_{\text{rel } \partial D^n} g \iff f|_{\partial D^n} \sim g|_{\partial D^n}$.

Pf. " \Rightarrow " is obvious.

Suppose $f|_{\partial D^n} \sim g|_{\partial D^n}$, let $H: \partial D^n \times I \rightarrow \partial D^n$ be the homotopy.



$\bar{H}|_{\partial D^n \times I} = H$, hence takes values in $\partial D^n \Rightarrow \bar{H}$ is a ltp. b/w f, g . \square

Hence $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (D^n, \partial D^n)$ is a ltp equivalence iff $f|_{\partial D^n}$ is one.

Moreover, $f \sim \text{id}$ iff $f|_{\partial D^n} \simeq \text{id}$,

$f \sim \text{reflection}$ iff $f|_{\partial D^n} \simeq \text{reflection}$.

These follow immediately from the Claim.

By the naturality of the connecting homomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\partial} & H_n(\partial D^n) \\ \downarrow f_* & \subset & \downarrow (f|_{\partial D^n})_* \\ H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\partial} & H_n(\partial D^n) \end{array} \quad \text{because } D^n \simeq * \text{ and LES.}$$

$\text{deg } f = 1 \Rightarrow \text{deg } f|_{\partial D^n} = 1.$

$\text{deg } f = -1 \Rightarrow \text{deg } f|_{\partial D^n} = -1$ since $\text{deg } f = \text{deg } f|_{\partial D^n}$.

Hence: $h: \pi_n S^{n-1} \rightarrow H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$
 assumption $\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{deg}}$

h is surjective $\Rightarrow h$ is an iso.

$\Rightarrow [S^{n-1}, S^{n-1}] \xrightarrow[\cong]{H_{n-1}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(H_{n-1} S^{n-1}, H_{n-1} S^{n-1}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{deg}}$

deg surjective $\Rightarrow \infty$ is H_{n-1} .

If $f \simeq f'$ s.t. $f'(*) = *$, i.e. f' preserves base pt, $\bar{f} \simeq \bar{f}'$, $\bar{f}'(*) = *$.

$f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$, $f(*) = *$, $\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow S^{n-1}$, $\gamma(1) = *$, $\gamma(0) = x$

$S^{n-1} \times 0 \cup * \times [0,1] \xrightarrow{f \cup \gamma} S^{n-1}$
 \downarrow
 $S^{n-1} \times I \xrightarrow{H}$

$H(-, 1) = f'$

$$H_{n-1}(f) = H_{n-1}(\bar{f}) \Rightarrow H_{n-1}(\bar{f}') = H_{n-1}(f') \Rightarrow \bar{f}' \simeq f' \Rightarrow f \simeq \bar{f}.$$

"Everything I'm saying today is basically trivial. You probably appreciate that we are doing stuff that's understandable. That ends this week."

$$\deg(f) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \deg(f|_{\partial D^n}) = 1 \Leftrightarrow f|_{\partial D^n} \simeq \text{id} \Leftrightarrow f \simeq \text{id}$$

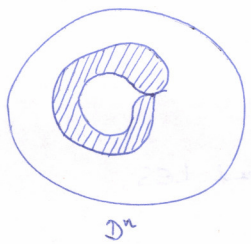
Claim

Similarly one can show $\deg(f) = -1 \Leftrightarrow f \simeq \text{reflection}$. □

Local degree

$$f: D^n \rightarrow D^n \text{ cont. map s.t. } f|_{\partial D^n}: \partial D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} f(\partial D^n)$$

We define $\text{ldeg}(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ below.



Take any $x \in D^n$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(D^n, D^n \setminus \{x\}) \xleftarrow[\cong]{\text{exc}} H_n(D^n, D^n \setminus \{x\}) \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ H_n(D^n, \partial D^n) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & H_n(D^n, D^n \setminus \{f(x)\}) \xleftarrow[\cong]{\text{exc}} H_n(f(D^n), f(D^n) \setminus \{f(x)\}) \end{array}$$

$\cong \downarrow f_*$

Under the dashed arrow, z_n gets sent to $d \cdot z_n$.

Let $\text{ldeg}(f) := d$. This is independent of the choice of x .

The idea is that for $x, x' \in D^n$ there is a ball $B \ni x, x'$.

Exercise: one can go through $H_n(D^n, D^n \setminus B)$.

Homotopy addition theorem

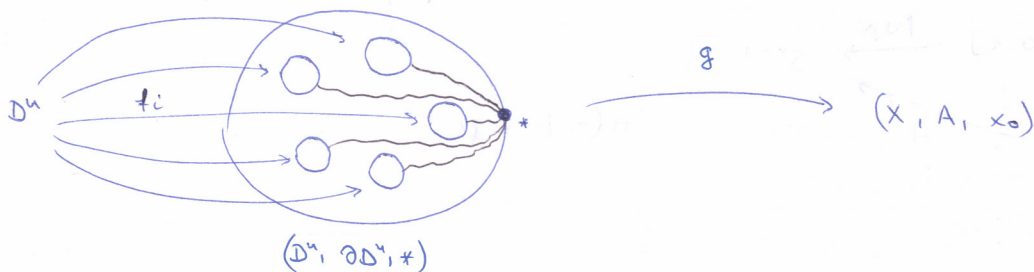
$$\pi_1(A, x_0) \curvearrowright \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \text{ where } x_0 \in A \subseteq X$$

Given a path $\gamma: I \rightarrow A$, $\gamma(0) = x_0$, $\gamma(1) = x$

$$\text{this induces a map } [\gamma]_* = \gamma_*: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$$

This depends only on the htp class of γ rel ∂I .

γ_* is an iso since the reverse path induces an inverse to it.



$$D^n \xrightarrow{f_i} D^n \quad i=1, \dots, k; \quad n \geq 2$$

$$f_i|_{S^{n-1}}: D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} f_i(D^n) \text{ open}$$

$f_i(D^n) \subseteq D^n$ are all disjoint

Suppose we are given a map $g: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$

Assume $g(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)) \subseteq A$.

Consider the composites $g \circ f_i: D^n \rightarrow X$, then we have

that $g \circ f_i(\partial D^n) \subseteq A$, but $g \circ f_i(*)$ need not be x_0 .

Choose paths w_i from $f_i(*)$ to $*$, such that $\text{Im } w_i \subseteq D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)$

This gives paths $\gamma_i := g \circ w_i$ from $g \circ f_i(*)$ to x_0 , since $g(*) = x_0$.

Theorem. (Homotopy addition theorem)

Let $x_0 \in A \subseteq X$, A and X path-connected spaces.

Suppose we are given $f_i: D^n \rightarrow D^n \quad i=1, \dots, k$ such that $f_i(D^n)$ are

open and $f_i|_{S^{n-1}}: D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} f_i(D^n)$. Further assume that all $f_i(D^n)$ are

disjoint. Given a $g: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ (i.e. $[g] \in \pi_n(X, A, x_0)$)

such that $g(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)) \subseteq A$ we have an identity

$$[g] = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{lddeg}(f_i) \cdot (\gamma_i)_* [g \circ f_i] \in \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0). \quad (\#)$$

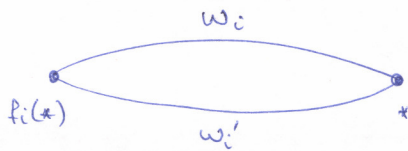
Note that there is a more general version with π_{ab} instead of $\tilde{\pi}$.

Remark. $\text{lddeg}(f_i) \in \{\pm 1\} \quad \forall i$ since $f_i|_{S^{n-1}}$ are homeomorphisms.

$(\gamma_i)_* [g \circ f_i]$ are independent of the choice of the w_i .

PF: Choose another path w'_i from $f_i(*)$ to $*$, $\gamma'_i := g \circ w'_i$ a path from $g \circ f_i(*)$ to $g(*) = x_0$. WTS: $(\gamma_i)_* [g \circ f_i] = (\gamma'_i)_* [g \circ f_i]$

Take a concatenation of paths $w := w'_i * w_i^{-1}$, $\gamma := g \circ w = \gamma'_i * \gamma_i^{-1}$



WTS $\gamma_*((\gamma'_i)_* [g \circ f_i]) = (\gamma_i)_* [g \circ f_i]$

This will follow if we know that γ_* acts trivially. Note that $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(A, x_0)$ by def.

$$[\omega] \in \pi_1(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n), *) \xrightarrow{g_*} \pi_1(X, x_0) \ni g_*[\omega] = [\gamma] = 1$$

$$\uparrow \cong \uparrow \partial$$

$$\hookrightarrow \uparrow \partial$$

$$\pi_2(D^n, D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n), *) \xrightarrow{g_*} \pi_2(X, A, x_0) \ni [\gamma]$$

If $n \geq 3$: $\pi_1(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)) = 0 \Rightarrow \checkmark$

$n=2$: $g_*[\omega] = \partial[\gamma] \Rightarrow \partial[\gamma] = [\gamma]$

$$\partial[\gamma] \cdot a = \gamma_*(a) \quad \forall a \in \pi_2(X, A, x_0)$$

$$\partial[\gamma] \cdot a = \underbrace{[\gamma] \cdot [a] \cdot [\gamma^{-1}]}_{= [a] \text{ in } \tilde{\pi}_2(X, A, x_0)} \quad (\text{Lemma of Whitehead})$$

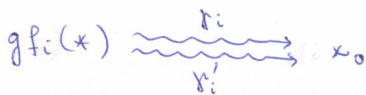
Now the formulation of HAT is well-defined.

Lemma 1. We can choose any path γ_i in A from $g f_i(*)$ to x_0 , i.e. (#) is independent of the choice of the γ_i 's.

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Pf: γ_i and γ'_i paths from $g f_i(*)$ to x_0 .

WTS $\gamma_{i*} [g \circ f_i] = \gamma'_{i*} [g \circ f_i]$ (Slight AOM: should write $[\gamma_i]_* [g \circ f_i]$)



$$(\gamma'_i \gamma_i^{-1})_* (\gamma_{i*} [g \circ f_i]) = \gamma'_{i*} \gamma_i^{-1*} \gamma_{i*} [g \circ f_i] = \gamma'_{i*} [g \circ f_i]$$

$$\in \pi_1(A, x_0)$$

Lemma 2. (Replacing g) Given $g, g' : (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ homotopic as maps of pairs (i.e. the homotopy need not respect the base points) then

$$[g] = [g'] \text{ in } \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0).$$

Pf: $H: D^n \times I \rightarrow X$ homotopy b/w g and g' , $H(\partial D^n \times I) \subseteq A$.

$$\gamma := H(*, -) \quad (* \in \partial D^n) \Rightarrow \gamma \text{ is in } \pi_1(A, x_0) \text{ and } \gamma_* [g] = [g'].$$

Lemma 3. (Replacing f_i) Given $g: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ and $f, f': D^n \rightarrow D^n$ and a homotopy H connecting f and f' s.t. $H(\partial D^n \times I) \subseteq g^{-1}(A)$, we have $r_*[g \circ f] = r_*[g \circ f']$ in $\pi_1(X, A, x_0)$ where $g \circ f(*) \xrightarrow{r} x_0 \xleftarrow{r} g \circ f'(*)$.

Pf: $\lambda := gH(*, -)$ path, $\lambda: I \rightarrow A$.

$$gH(\partial D^n, \times I) \subseteq A \Rightarrow \lambda_*[g \circ f] = [g \circ f']$$

$$r_*[g \circ f'] = r_* \lambda_*[g \circ f] = \underbrace{(r' \lambda r^{-1})_*}_{\in \pi_1(A, x_0)} (r_*[g \circ f])$$

We will use these lemmata numerous times throughout the pf. of HAT.

Prop. 1. Suppose (X, A, x_0) , $g, f_i (i=1, \dots, k)$ are as in the formulation of HAT.

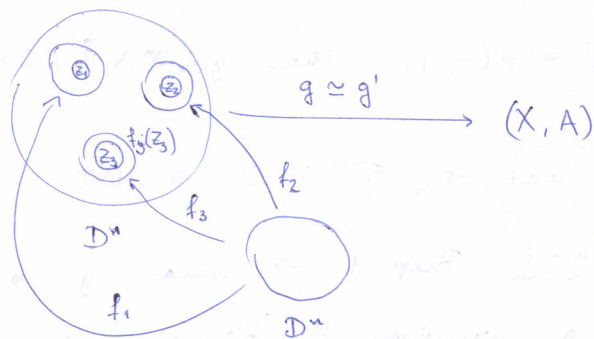
Further suppose $Z_i \subseteq f_i(D^n)$ is a closed ball (i.e. anything homeomorphic to a closed ball). Then $\exists g': (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ such that $g'(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k Z_i) \subseteq A$ and $\exists H$ homotopy b/w g and g' s.t. $H|_{(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)) \times I} = g \circ pr_1$ (in particular, this lives in A).

Pf: It suffices to show that for

fixed i there exist g' and H

s.t. $H: g \simeq g'$ and $g'(D^n \setminus Z_i) \subseteq A$

and $H|_{(D^n \setminus f_i(D^n)) \times I} = g \circ pr_1$



Wlog wma $f_i(0) \in Z_i$: otherwise choose a homeo $\varphi: D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} D^n$ with $\varphi(0) = z_0$ such that $z_0 \in Z_i$ and $\varphi|_{\partial D^n} = id$ (such a φ exists).

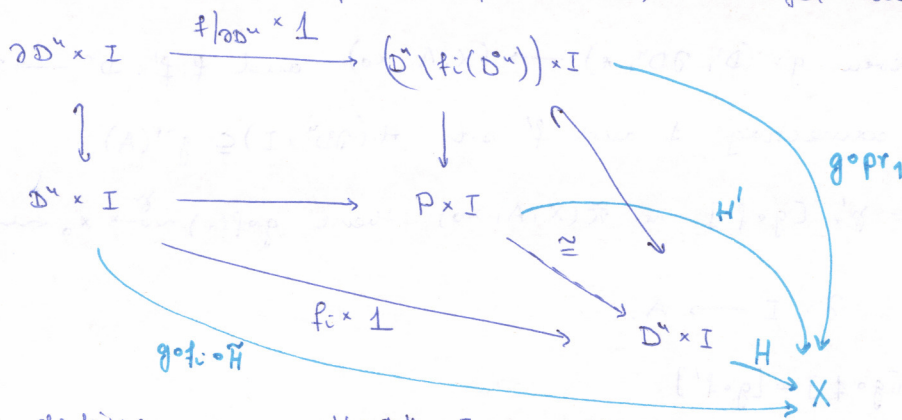
$\Rightarrow \varphi \simeq id$ rel ∂ . Lemma 3 $\Rightarrow f_i \circ \varphi$ and f_i are homotopic in the appropriate sense.

Now choose $0 \in Q_i \subseteq D^n$ concentric ball (around 0) s.t. $f_i(Q_i) \subseteq Z_i$ and consider the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^{n-1} = \partial D^n & \xrightarrow{f_i|_{\partial D^n}} & D^n \setminus f_i(D^n) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \Gamma & \downarrow \\ D^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & P \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \exists! \cong \\ \downarrow \\ D^n \end{array}$$

The dashed arrow is a homeo b/c it is a bijection of cpt T2-spaces.

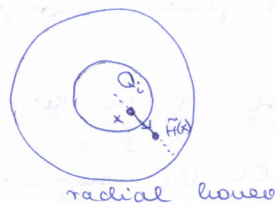
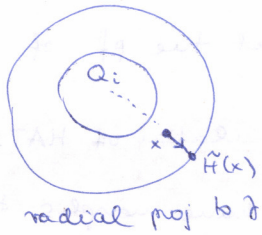
Since cartesian products preserve pushouts, we get another pushout



Goal: define some $H: D^n \times I \rightarrow X$.

Instead we define $H': P \times I \rightarrow X$.

$$\tilde{H}: D^n \times I \rightarrow D^n \quad \text{where } \tilde{H}(-, 0) = \text{id}, \quad \tilde{H}(x, 1) = \begin{cases} \text{radial projection to } \partial & x \notin \mathring{Q}_i \\ \text{radial homeo applied to } x & x \in \mathring{Q}_i \end{cases}$$



$$\tilde{H}|_{\partial D^n \times I} = \text{id}$$

Univ. prop. of pushouts $\Rightarrow \exists H': P \times I \rightarrow X \Rightarrow$ we get $H: D^n \times I \rightarrow X$

Set $g' := H(-, 1)$. Then $g'(D^n \setminus \mathring{Z}_i) \subseteq A_1$ moving the Prop. □

Claim. $\pi_{n-1} S^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$ HAT in dimension n .

Case $k=1$. Prop. 1. \Rightarrow wma g to be replaced by $g': (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ with a homotopy H . We can choose $Z_1 \subseteq f_1(D^n)$ to be a concentric ball.

(If $0 \notin f_1(D^n)$) then once again take a homeomorphism $\varphi: D^n \rightarrow D^n$,

$\varphi|_{\partial D^n} = \text{id}$, $\varphi(z_1) = 0$, $z_1 \in \mathring{Z}_1$. Then we can work with $g \circ \varphi^{-1}$ and $\varphi \circ f_1$

instead of g and f_1 ; these are equivalent elts in $\tilde{\pi}_n$.

$g'(D^n \setminus \mathring{Z}_i) \subseteq A$ and $H|_{D^n \setminus f_1(D^n) \times I}$ is constant

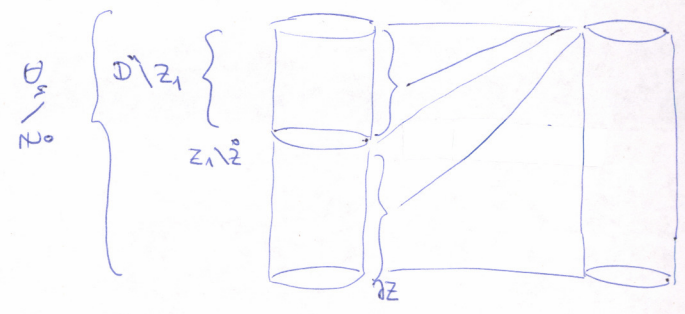
$[g] = [g']$ in $\tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0)$ and by lemma 2: $\pi_1^* [g \circ f] = \pi_1^* [g' \circ f]$.

NTS $\text{ldeg}(f_1) \pi_{1*} [g' \circ f_1] = [g']$.

Consider $D^n \setminus \dot{z}$ where $z \in \dot{z}$, is a smaller concentric ball around 0 .

Think of $D^n \setminus \dot{z}$ as a cylinder:

There exists $p: D^n \setminus \dot{z} \rightarrow D^n \setminus \dot{z}$
 such that $p|_{z_1 \setminus \dot{z}}: z_1 \setminus \dot{z} \xrightarrow{\cong} D^n \setminus \dot{z}$,
 $p|_{\partial z} = id$, $p|_{\partial D^n} = id$.



This p is homotopic to id via a homotopy $P: D^n \setminus \dot{z} \times I \rightarrow D^n \setminus \dot{z}$
 with $P|_{\partial z \times I} = id$, $P(\tau=0) = p$, $P(\tau=1) = id$, $P(D^n \setminus \dot{z}_1 \times I) \subseteq D^n \setminus \dot{z}_1$,
 $P|_{\partial D^n \times I} = P \circ \tau_1$.

Now extend p and P to the whole D^n by taking id of \dot{z} .

$q: D^n \rightarrow D^n$, $Q: D^n \times I \rightarrow D^n$, $q|_{D^n \setminus \dot{z}} = p$, $q|_{\dot{z}} = id$, $Q|_{D^n \setminus \dot{z} \times I} = P$.

Set $f'_1 := q \circ f_1$. Then $f'_1(\partial D^n) \subseteq \partial D^n$

$\bar{Q} := Q \circ (f_1 \times id)$ Then $\bar{Q}: f_1 \simeq f'_1$ since $q \simeq id$.

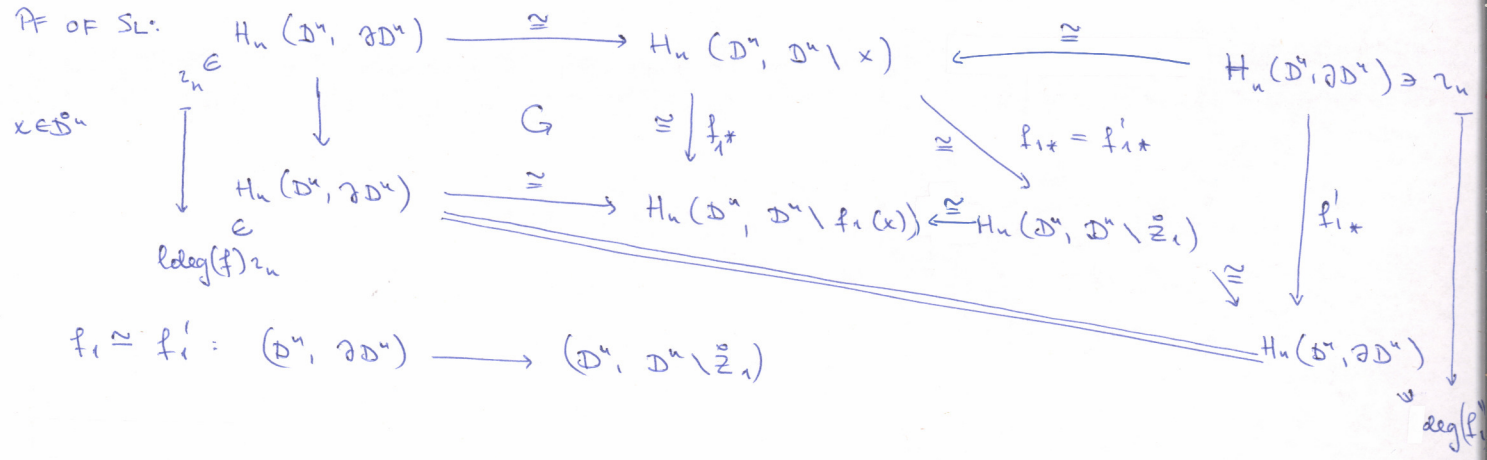
Lemma 3: $\gamma_*[g' \circ f_1] = \gamma_*[g' \circ f'_1]$

Sublemma. $\text{deg}(f_1) = \text{deg}(f'_1)$. (To be proven later.)

If $\text{deg}(f_1) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{deg}(f'_1) = 1 \Rightarrow f'_1 \underset{\text{rel } \partial}{\simeq} id \Rightarrow [g'] = \gamma_*[g \circ f'_1] = \gamma_*[g \circ f]$.

If $\text{deg}(f_1) = -1 \Rightarrow \text{deg}(f'_1) = -1 \Rightarrow f'_1 \underset{\text{rel } \partial}{\simeq} \text{reflection} \Rightarrow -[g'] = \gamma_*[g' \circ f'_1]$

This proves the $k=1$ case of the claim modulo the sublemma.



* This is the only step in which $\pi_{n-1} S^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ was used.

Consider the map $f: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $f(z) = z^2$.

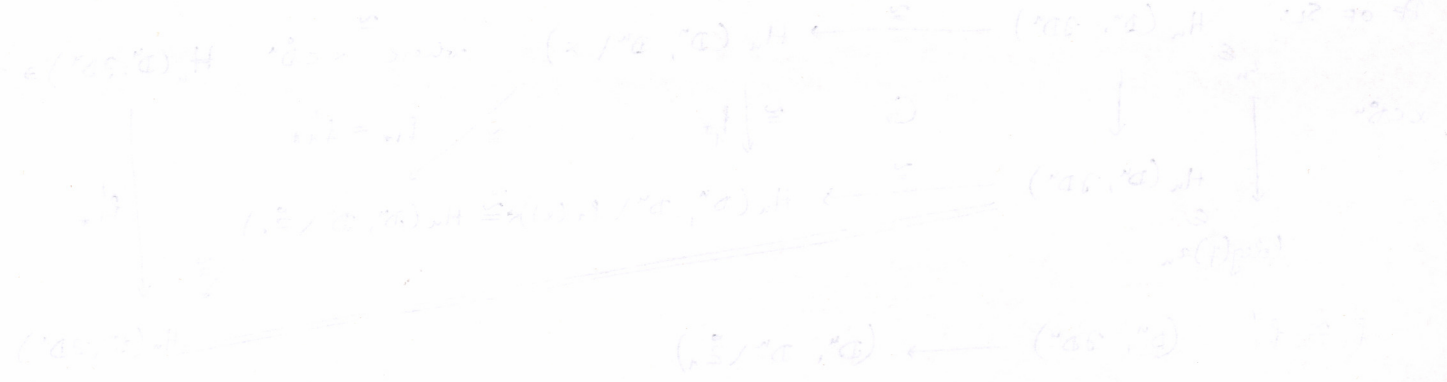


$f^{-1}(1) = \{1, -1\}$
 $f^{-1}(i) = \{i, -i\}$
 $f^{-1}(-1) = \{-1, 1\}$
 $f^{-1}(-i) = \{-i, i\}$

The map f is a covering map. The fiber $f^{-1}(z)$ consists of two points for any $z \in S^1$. The map f is a 2-sheeted covering map.

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So far we've been using discs $(D^n, \partial D^n)$.

More generally we may use any abstract disc $(B, \partial B)$; an abstract disc is understood to be a space $B \cong D^n$; any such B has $\partial B \cong \partial D^n$.

Then we have $g: (B, \partial B, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$ and $f_i: (C, \partial C) \rightarrow (B, \partial B)$ where $(C, \partial C)$ and $(B, \partial B)$ are oriented — thus $\text{hdg } f_i$ makes sense.

Eg. we can use $(D^n, \partial D^n)$ in HAT with canonical orientation Id_{D^n} .

Lemma 4. $g: (D^n, \partial D^n, *) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$, $f_i: D^n \rightarrow D^n$, $f_i|_{\partial D^n}: \partial D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} f_i(\partial D^n)$,

$$f_i(D^n) \cap f_j(D^n) = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j, \quad g\left(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(D^n)\right) \subseteq A. \quad (\text{The usual setup})$$

Given $U_i \subseteq f_i(D^n)$ open there exist replacements f'_i for f_i s.t. $f'_i(D^n) \subseteq U_i$

(here replacement means that g can also be replaced by g' and

$$\pi_*[g \circ f_i] = \pi_*[g' \circ f'_i].)$$

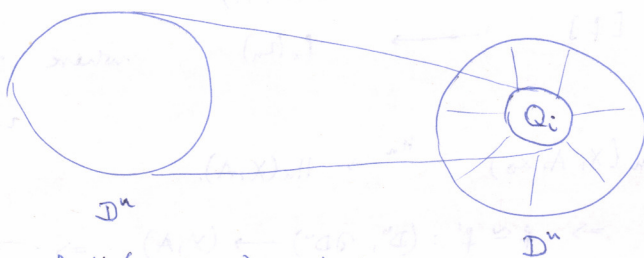
Pf: Lemma 3 \Rightarrow wlog wma $0 \in Q_i \subseteq D^n$ concentric s.t. $f_i(Q_i) \subseteq U_i \subseteq f_i(D^n)$.

$$\exists g' \simeq g \text{ (as pairs) s.t. } g'\left(D^n \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k f_i(Q_i)\right) \subseteq A, \quad \pi_*[g' \circ f_i] = \pi_*[g \circ f_i].$$

Consider homotopies $H_i: D^n \times I \rightarrow D^n$, $H_i(-, 0) = \text{id}$, $H_i(-, 1): D^n \xrightarrow{\cong} Q_i \subseteq D^n$, $H_i(\partial D^n \times I) \subseteq D^n \setminus Q_i$

Such homotopies exist.

Consider $f_i \circ H_i: D^n \times I \rightarrow D^n$.



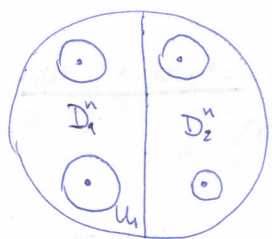
Let $f'_i := f_i \circ H_i(-, 1)$. Then $f_i H_i(\partial D^n \times I) \subseteq g'^{-1}(A)$. The conditions of Lemma 3 are satisfied $\Rightarrow \pi_*[g' \circ f_i] = \pi_*[g' \circ f'_i]$.

Recall that we stated $\pi_n S^{n-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ implies HAT in dim n . ($n \geq 2$).

We do induction on k ; the case $k=1$ was covered in lecture 20.

Suppose (#) holds for $< k$; we now show it for k .

Choose points $u_i \in f_i(\mathbb{D}^n)$, then divide \mathbb{D}^n into two parts D_1, D_2



in such a way that both discs contain at least one of the u_i in their interior.

Find $u_i \in f_i(\mathbb{D}^n)$ s.t. $u_i \in U_i$ and each U_i is contained in the interior of one of the half-discs.

Now wlog assume $f_i(\mathbb{D}^n) \subseteq D_1$ or $\subseteq D_2$ because otherwise we can apply the previous lemma 4 to replace the f_i s. Choose orientations of D_1 and D_2 in such a way that $D_1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{D}^n, D_2 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$ have local degree 1. Then $[g] = [g_1] + [g_2]$ (maybe in $\tilde{\pi}_n$?)

$$\text{Induction assumption} \Rightarrow = \sum_{u_i \in D_1} \text{ldeg}(f_i) \gamma_{1*}[g_1 \circ f_i] + \sum_{u_i \in D_2} \text{ldeg}(f_i) \gamma_{2*}[g_2 \circ f_i]$$

Note that both sums have $< k$ terms. □

Now we will actually start proving Hurewicz. (For reference, see Bredon; the way this is treated in Waldhausen uses heavy machinery, that is, geometric realisation.)

We have seen: $\pi_{n-1} S^{n-1} \Rightarrow$ HAT in dim n .

We will show that HAT in dim $n \Rightarrow$ relative Hurewicz in dim n .

Note that (relative) Hurewicz in dim $n \Rightarrow \pi_n S^n \cong H_n(S^n; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

We do already know that $\pi_1 S^1 \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Let } h_n: \pi_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{[\cdot]} H_n(X, A)$$

$$\text{where } z_n \in H_n(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n) \\ z_n = [\text{id}] \in H_n(\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n)$$

$$\text{Factor over } \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0) \xrightarrow{h_n} H_n(X, A)$$

$$\gamma_*[\cdot] = [\cdot'] \Rightarrow f \simeq f' : (\mathbb{D}^n, \partial \mathbb{D}^n) \rightarrow (X, A) \Rightarrow f_* = f'_*$$

for $[\gamma] \in \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0)$.

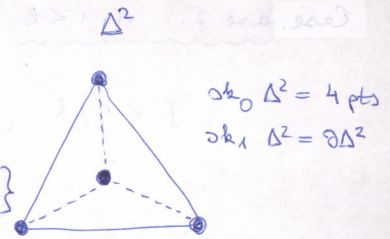
We reformulate the statement:

Thm. (Hurewicz) Let X, A be path-connected spaces s.t. $\pi_k(X, A, x_0) = 0$ for $k \leq n-1$ where $n \geq 2$. Then $\tilde{H}_k(X, A) = 0 \forall k \leq n-1$ and the map

$$h_n: \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(X, A) \text{ is an isomorphism.}$$

Consider Δ^k with n^{th} skeleton $\text{sk}_n \Delta^k$.

$C_*^{(m)}(X, A) \subseteq C_*(X, A)$ defined as $C_*^{(m)}(X, A) = \{ \sigma \in C_*(X, A) \mid \sigma(\text{sk}_m \Delta^k) \subseteq A \}$



Prop. If X, A are path-connected and $\pi_k(X, A, x_0) = 0$ for $k < n$ then

$C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A) \hookrightarrow C_*(X, A)$

is a chain homotopy equivalence.

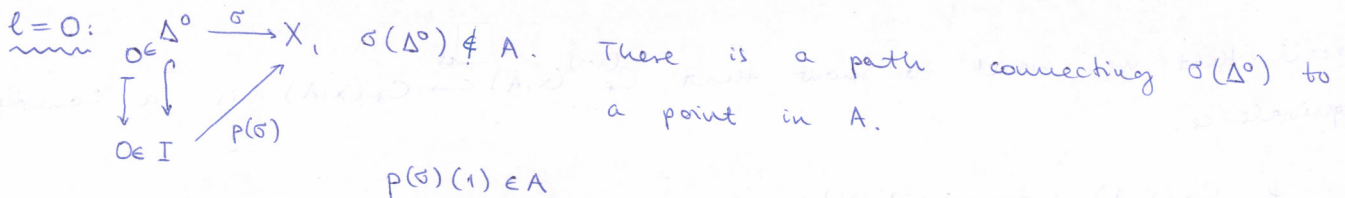
Pf: For any singular l -simplex $\sigma: \Delta^l \rightarrow X$ we will construct maps

$p(\sigma): I \times \Delta^l \rightarrow X$

- (1) $p(\sigma)(0, -) = \sigma$
- (2) $p(\sigma)(1, -) \in C_l^{(n-1)}(X, A)$
- (3) $p(\sigma)(t, -) = \sigma$ if $\sigma \in C_l^{(n-1)}(X, A)$
- (4) $p(\sigma)(1 \times d_i) = p(\sigma \circ d_i) \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq l.$

If $\sigma \in C_l^{(n-1)}(X, A)$ let $p(\sigma)(t, z) := \sigma(z).$

Assume $\sigma \notin C_l^{(n-1)}(X, A).$ We do induction on $l.$



$l > 0:$ assume the assumption is already shown for $\text{dim} < l.$

$\sigma: \Delta^l \rightarrow X.$

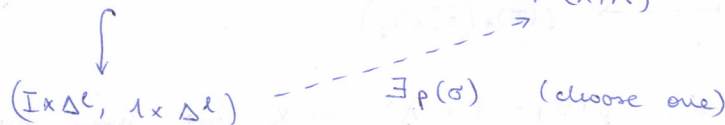
Case 1: $l \leq n-1 \quad \text{sk}_{n-1} \Delta^l = \Delta^l.$

$(I \times \partial \Delta^l \cup 0 \times \Delta^l, 1 \times \partial \Delta^l) \xrightarrow{p(\partial \sigma) \cup \sigma} (X, A)$

$p(\sigma \circ d_i)$ are already defined: $\partial \Delta^l = \bigcup_{i=0}^l d_i \Delta^{l-1}$

$\exists I \times \partial \Delta^l \xrightarrow{p(\partial \sigma)} X \quad \text{s.t.} \quad p(\partial \sigma) \Big|_{I \times d_i \Delta^l} = p(\sigma \circ d_i)$

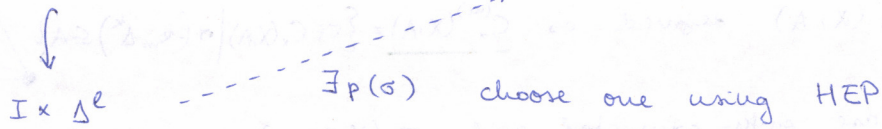
$(I \times \partial \Delta^l \cup 0 \times \Delta^l, 1 \times \partial \Delta^l) \xrightarrow{p(\partial \sigma) \cup \sigma} (X, A)$



This is because $\pi_2(X, A, x_0) = 0.$

Case 2.: $n-1 < l$: $\partial_{n-1} \Delta^l = \partial_{n-1} \partial \Delta^l$

$$I \times \partial \Delta^l \cup 0 \times \Delta^l \xrightarrow{p(\partial \sigma) \cup \sigma} (X, A)$$



(This case is easier because the lower dimensional cases are automatically taken care of.)

Now we define the homology cross product:

$$C_l(X) \times C_k(Y) \longrightarrow C_{l+k}(X \times Y)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma & \tau & \\ \Delta^l \rightarrow X & \Delta^k \rightarrow Y & \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \sigma \times \tau \\ \Delta^l \times \Delta^k \rightarrow X \times Y \\ \cong \\ \Delta^{l+k} \end{array}$$

Well, actually we don't define it here, just treat its existence as a black box. (It will be an exercise.)

This has the property $\partial(\sigma \times \tau) = \partial\sigma \times \tau + (-1)^l \sigma \times \partial\tau$.

Also the lily cross product is in some way inverse to the cup product (Alexander-Whitney).

Recall that we want to show that $C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A) \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} C_*(X, A)$ is a chain homotopy equivalence.

$$\varphi: C_l(X, A) \longrightarrow C_l^{(n-1)}(X, A)$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto p(\sigma)(1, -)$$

recall: $p(\sigma): I \times \Delta^l \rightarrow X$

This gives a chain map since $p(\sigma \circ di) = p(\sigma)(id \times di) = \varphi(\sigma \circ di) = d_*^l(\varphi(\sigma))$

$$C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A) \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} C_*(X, A) \xrightarrow{\varphi} C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A)$$

id

NTS $\text{incl} \circ \varphi \approx \text{id}$

Let $\tau_l \in C_*(\Delta^l)$ be the identity $\Delta^l \rightarrow \Delta^l$.

$$D: C_l(X, A) \longrightarrow C_{l+1}(X, A)$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto p(\sigma)_*(\tau_1 \times \tau_l)$$

For $\sigma: \Delta^l \rightarrow X$, $p(\sigma): I \times \Delta^n \rightarrow X$ we have the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & C_{\ell+1}(I \times \Delta^\ell) & \xrightarrow{p(\sigma)_*} C_\ell(X) \\
 \uparrow & \longleftarrow & \longleftarrow \\
 & \mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_\ell & \xrightarrow{p(\sigma)_*} \mathbb{Z}_1 \times \mathbb{Z}_\ell \\
 \uparrow & & \\
 & (z_1, z_\ell) \in C_1(I) \times C_\ell(\Delta^\ell) &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dD(\sigma) &= d p(\sigma)_*(z_1 \times z_\ell) = p(\sigma)_*(d(z_1 \times z_\ell)) = p(\sigma)_*(dz_1 \times z_\ell - z_1 \times dz_\ell) \\
 &= p(\sigma)_*(0 \times z_1 - 1 \times z_\ell) - p(\sigma)_*\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i z_1 \times d_i\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(d\sigma) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i D(\sigma \circ d_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i p(\sigma \circ d_i)_*(z_1 \times z_{\ell-1}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i p(\sigma)_*(1 \times d_i)_*(z_1 \times z_{\ell-1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell} (-1)^i p(\sigma)_*(z_1 \times d_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$dD(\sigma) + D(d\sigma) = p(\sigma)_*(0 \times z_\ell - 1 \times z_1) = \text{id} - \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \times z_\ell &\in C_\ell(0 \times \Delta^\ell) \\
 &= C_\ell(\Delta^\ell)
 \end{aligned}$$

Cor. $H_k(X, A) = 0 \quad \forall k \leq n-1$

Pf: Indeed, $C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A)$ is ch. htp. eq. to $C_*(X, A)$. Hence $H_k(C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A)) \cong H_k(X, A)$.

$\forall k \leq n-1$. For $\sigma \in C_k^{(n-1)}(X, A)$: $\sigma(\partial k_{n-1} \Delta^k) \subseteq A$, $\partial k_{n-1} \Delta^k = \Delta^k \rightarrow C_k^{(n-1)}(X, A) = 0$

$\rightarrow H_k(X, A) = 0 \quad \forall k \leq n-1$.

Note that up until now HAT was not used.

Also note that

$$h_n: \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0) \longrightarrow H_n(C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A)) \cong H_n(X, A)$$

$$[f: (\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n) \rightarrow (X, A)] \longmapsto [f]$$

$$\partial k_{n-1} \Delta^n = \partial\Delta^n, \quad f(\partial\Delta^n) \subseteq A$$

So it suffices to define the inverse

$$\psi_n: H_n(C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A)) \longrightarrow \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A)$$

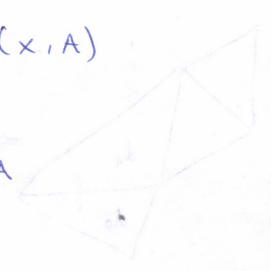
We first do this on the chain level:

$$C_*^{(n-1)}(X, A) \longrightarrow \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f & \longmapsto & \gamma_*[f] \\
 (\Delta^n, \partial\Delta^n) \rightarrow (X, A) & &
 \end{array}$$

γ : a path from $f(*)$ to x_0 , $\Delta^n \cong \Delta^n$

Note that $C_{n-1}^{(n-1)}(X, A) = 0$.



To show that this descends to homology we need to show $\psi_n(\partial g) = 0$.

Then $\psi_n : H_n(C_n^{(n-1)}(X, A)) \longrightarrow \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0)$ will obviously be the inverse of h_n .

HAT in dim $n \Rightarrow \psi_n(\partial g) = 0$:

$$g: \Delta^{n+1} \longrightarrow X, \quad g(\partial k_{n-1} \Delta^{n+1}) \subseteq A$$

$$\psi_n(\partial g) = \psi_n\left(\sum (-1)^i g \circ d_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \gamma_{i*} [g \circ d_i] = 0$$

$$\partial \Delta^{n+1} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n+1} d_i \Delta^n$$

"Wait for 5 minutes, I haven't finished this proof. DON'T run away!"

Define a disc $B := d_0 \Delta^n \cup d_1 \Delta^n \cup d_2 \Delta^n \cup \dots \cup d_{n+1} \Delta^n$

$$(B, \partial B) \xrightarrow{\quad \bar{g} \quad} (B, \partial k_{n-1} B) \xrightarrow[\text{"more gluing"}]{\text{quotient}} (\partial \Delta^{n+1}, \partial k_{n-1} \Delta^{n+1}) \xrightarrow{g/\partial \Delta^{n+1}} (X, A, x_0)$$

Img of ∂B in $\partial k_{n-1} \Delta^{n+1}$ is contractible (combinatorial exercise, pt. in Waldhausen).

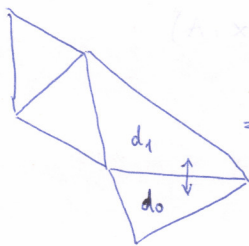
Up to homotopy, \bar{g} is given by $(B, \partial B) \longrightarrow (\partial \Delta^{n+1}, *) \xrightarrow{g/\partial \Delta^{n+1}} (X, A)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \nearrow \\ & \downarrow & \\ & (*, *) \simeq (\Delta^{n+1}, *) & \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\bar{g}] = 0 \text{ in } \tilde{\pi}_n(X, A, x_0).$$

All the d_i s are homeomorphic inclusions into B .

$$\text{HAT} \Rightarrow 0 = [\bar{g}] = \sum \underbrace{\text{ldeg}(d_i)}_{\downarrow} \gamma_{i*} \underbrace{[\bar{g} \circ d_i]}_{=[g \circ d_i]} = \sum (-1)^i \gamma_{i*} [g \circ d_i]$$



$$\Rightarrow \text{ldeg}(d_i) = -\text{ldeg}(d_{i+1})$$

This finishes the pt.

"I think this is the best possible proof of this theorem you will find in the literature."

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