

Relative homotopy groups (Lecture VII)

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$$(D^i, S^{i-1}, y_0), (X, A, x_0),$$

where $y_0 \in S^{i-1} = \partial D^i \subset D^i$ and $x_0 \in A \subset X$

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The map of triples of spaces

$$f: (D^i, S^{i-1}, y_0) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$$

such that $f: D^i \rightarrow X$ and $f(S^{i-1}) \subset A$, $f(y_0) = x_0$
 f_t , $t \in [0, 1]$, connecting f_0, f_1 is called
homotopy of triples if for any t it is a
map of triples.

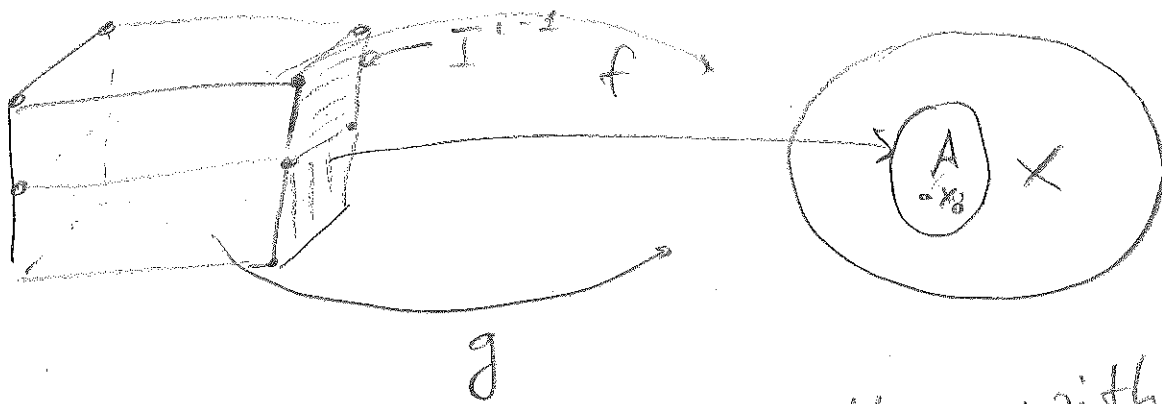
$\pi_i(X, A, x_0)$ is a group.

↑ the set of homotopy
classes of maps above

Group structure: Consider $(I^i, \partial I^i, j_i)$

Consider $\{ (I^i, \partial I^i, j_i) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0) \} (*)$ one face
 $I = [0, 1]$ $j_i = \partial I^i \xrightarrow{\text{one face}}$

(D^i, S^{i-1}, y_0) is homotopically eq. to $(I^i, \partial I^i, j_i)$
and homotopy classes of $(*)$ are in 1-1 corr.
with $\pi_i(X, A, x_0)$



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Exercise In $i=1$ case - problems with group structure Explain why.

Exercise Show that if $i \geq 3$ $\pi_i(X, A, x_0)$ is abelian

Unit element: class of $f: D^i \rightarrow x_0$

It is enough to show that $f(D^i) \subset A$

Exact homotopy sequence of a pair

(X, A) - pair $\pi_i(A), \pi_i(X), \pi_i(X, A)$

Let's look at the maps between those

$\pi_i(A) \rightarrow \pi_i(X)$ (obviously)

$(S^i, y_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0) \mapsto (D^i, S^{i-1}, y_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0, x_0)$

(we represent S^i as a factorspace D^i/S^{i-1})

As a result: $\pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(X, A)$

Finally, for the map $(D^i, S^{i-1}, y_0) \rightarrow (X, A, x_0)$

we can consider the map $(S^{i-1}, y_0) \rightarrow (A, x_0)$

As a result we get $\pi_i(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(A)$

$$\rightarrow \pi_i(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(X) \rightarrow \pi_{i-1}(X, A) \rightarrow \pi_{i-2}(A) \quad \boxed{3}$$

It ends up with maps of sets:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_1(X) & \rightarrow & \pi_1(X, A) & \rightarrow & \pi_0(A) & \rightarrow & \pi_0(X) \\ \uparrow & & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{group} & & & & S^0 \rightarrow A & & \text{connected components} \\ & & & & S^0 \rightarrow X & & \end{array}$$

Def. A sequence of groups and homomorphisms is exact in G_i :

$$G_{\tau_1} \rightarrow G_{\tau_2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow \dots$$

if the image of $G_{i-1} \rightarrow G_i$ coincides with the kernel of $G_i \rightarrow G_{i+1}$.

If the whole sequence is exact, then one can deduce something about G_i 's.

$$0 \rightarrow G_{i+1} \rightarrow G_{i+2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{isomorphism}$$

$$0 \rightarrow G_{i+1} \rightarrow G_{i+2} \rightarrow G_{i+3} \rightarrow 0 \quad G_{i+3} = G_{i+2} / G_{i+1}$$

Proposition 5-lemma

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} G_1 & \rightarrow & G_2 & \rightarrow & G_3 & \rightarrow & G_4 & \rightarrow & G_5 & \nearrow \text{exact} \\ \psi_1 \downarrow & & \psi_2 \downarrow & & \psi_3 \downarrow & & \psi_4 \downarrow & & \psi_5 \downarrow & \\ H_1 & \rightarrow & H_2 & \rightarrow & H_3 & \rightarrow & H_4 & \rightarrow & H_5 & \nwarrow \text{exact} \end{array}$$

ψ_1 - epimorphism, ψ_2, ψ_4 - isom, ψ_5 - monomorph.

Then ψ_3 - isomorphism

Theorem Homotopical sequence of (X, A) is exact

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Proof Check all six homomorphism combinations.

Check 3, all others are the exercise

Example Let $(X, A) \rightarrow (Y, B)$ induce isomorphism of $\pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(Y)$ and $\pi_i(A) \rightarrow \pi_i(B)$. Show that this map induces isomorphism on all relative homotopy groups.

Example Consider the pair (X, X)
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