

## II Fibrations

### A Locally Trivial Fibrations

a fiber bundle (or locally trivial fibration or fibration) is a 4-tuple  $(E, B, F, p)$  where

$E, B, F$  are topological spaces and

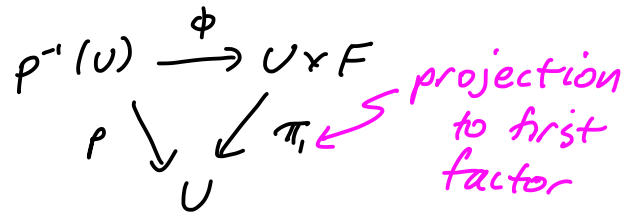
$p: E \rightarrow B$  is a continuous map

such that for all  $x \in B$ ,  $\exists$  an open set  $U \subset B$

and a homeomorphism  $\phi: p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$

s.t.  $\pi_1 \circ \phi = p$

denote this

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \longrightarrow & E \\ & & \downarrow p \\ & & B \end{array}$$


$E$  is called the total space

$B$  " " base space

$F$  " " fiber

$p$  " " projection

$\phi: p^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$  is called a local trivialization

examples: 1)  $E = B \times F$  a product space

## 2) Möbius band

$$M = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} /_{(x,y) \sim (x+1,-y)} \quad \text{let } q: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M \text{ be the quotient map}$$

note: every  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  in  $M$  is equivalent to a point in  $[0,1] \times \mathbb{R}$

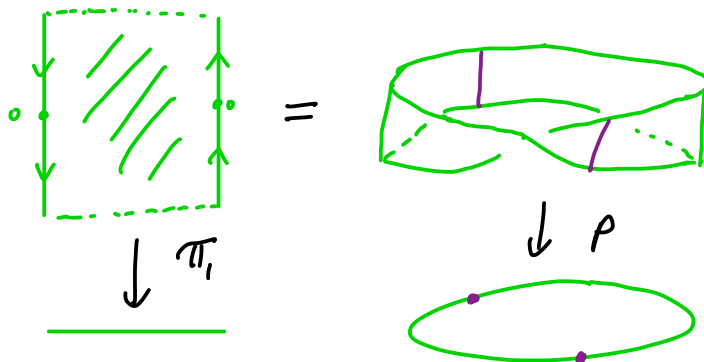
there are no identifications in  $(0,1) \times \mathbb{R}$

but  $\{1\} \times \mathbb{R}$  is identified with  $\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$

by  $y \mapsto -y$

now  $\pi_1: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  induces a map

$$p: M \rightarrow S^1 = \mathbb{R} /_{x \mapsto x+1}$$



given  $x \in S^1$  if it is "in"  $(0,1)$  then consider

$q|_{(0,1) \times \mathbb{R}}: (0,1) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  is an embedding

let  $\phi: \underbrace{q^{-1}((0,1))}_{(0,1) \times \mathbb{R}} \rightarrow (0,1) \times \mathbb{R}$  be its inverse

so  $p^{-1}(0,1) \xrightarrow{\phi} (0,1) \times \mathbb{R}$  is a local trivialization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \phi & \\
 p^{-1}(0,1) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & (0,1) \times \mathbb{R} \\
 p \searrow & & \swarrow \pi \\
 & (0,1) &
 \end{array}$$

similarly if  $x \in S^1$  is "in"  $(1/2, 3/2)$  can use

$$q|_{(1/2, 3/2) \times \mathbb{R}}$$

so  $p: M \rightarrow S^1$  is a fiber bundle

3)  $S^{2n-1} =$  unit sphere in  $\mathbb{C}^n$

recall  $S^1 \subset \mathbb{C}$  (unit circle) acts on  $S^{2n-1}$

$$\text{by } S^1 \times S^{2n-1} \rightarrow S^{2n-1} : (\lambda, (z_1, \dots, z_n)) = (\lambda z_1, \dots, \lambda z_n)$$

exercise/recall:  $S^{2n-1} / S^1 \cong \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$

exercise: show  $S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n-1}$  is a fiber bundle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S^1 & \rightarrow & S^{2n-1} \\
 & & \downarrow \\
 & & \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

4) in general if  $G$  is a Lie group (recall this means  $G$  is a smooth manifold and a group such that products and inverses are smooth maps)

and  $H$  is a compact subgroup of  $G$

then  $H \rightarrow G$   
 $\downarrow$  is a fiber bundle  
 $G/H$

exercise: prove this

invertible  
 $n \times n$  matrices  
 with  $\mathbb{R}$  entries  
 $\downarrow$   
 std inner  
 product

e.g. recall  $O(n) = \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \}$   
 $= \{ A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : A^T = A^{-1} \}$   
 orthogonal group

$SO(n) = \{ A \in O(n) : \det A = 1 \}$   
 special orthogonal group

recall: from differential topology  
 we know  $O(n)$  and  $SO(n)$   
 have dimension  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$   
 and  $O(n)$  has two components  
 with  $SO(n)$  the identity cpt.

exercise:  $SO(1) = \{1\}$   
 $SO(2) \cong S^1$   
 $SO(3) \cong \mathbb{R}P^3$

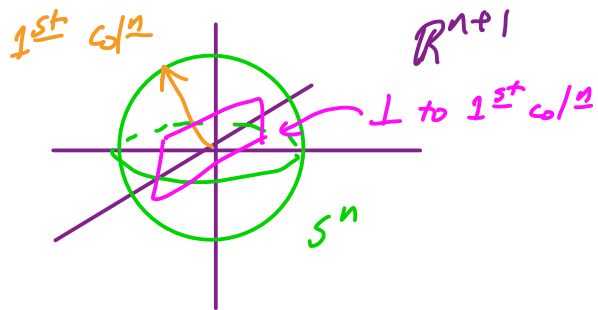
a)  $SO(n) \rightarrow SO(n+1)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $SO(n+1)/SO(n) \cong S^n$

here  $SO(n) < SO(n+1)$

$$A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & A & \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

exercise: prove this

hint: note first column of  $B \in SO(n+1)$  is an elt of  $S^n$



b) let  $V_{n,k}$  = orthogonal  $k$ -frames in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

exercise:  $V_{n,k} = \frac{O(n)}{O(n-k)}$

called the Steifel mfd

so  $O(n-k) \rightarrow O(n)$



$V_{n,k}$

is a fiber bundle

note this implies

$$V_{n,n} \cong O(n)$$

$$V_{n,1} \cong S^{n-1}$$

$$V_{n,n-1} \cong SO(n)$$

for  $k < n$  can also show  $V_{n,k} \cong \frac{SO(n)}{SO(n-k)}$

c)  $G_{n,k} = k$ -dimensional planes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ← Grassmannian

exercise:  $G_{n,k} = \frac{O(n)}{O(k) \times O(n-k)}$

5) recall  $U(n) = \{ A \in GL(n; \mathbb{C}) : \langle Av, Au \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle \}$   
=  $\{ A \in GL(n; \mathbb{C}) : \bar{A}^T = A^{-1} \}$

unitary group →  
invertible matrices  
preserves Hermitian inner product  
←  $\bar{v} \cdot u$

special unitary group  $SU(n) = \{ A \in U(n) : \det A = 1 \}$

recall: from differential topology we know  $U(n)$  is a manifold of dimension  $n^2$  and  $SU(n)$  of dimension  $n^2 - 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SU(n) & \rightarrow & U(n) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & S^1 \end{array} \text{ is a bundle}$$

exercise:  $U(1) \cong S^1$   
 $SU(2) = S^3$   
 $U(2) = S^3 \times S^1$

a)  $SU(n) \rightarrow SU(n+1)$   
↓  
 $SU(n+1) / SU(n) \cong S^{2n+1}$

where  $SU(n) \rightarrow SU(n+1)$   
 $A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

exercise: prove this

b) let  $V_{n,k}(\mathbb{C}) =$  orthogonal  $k$ -frames in  $\mathbb{C}^n$

exercise:  $V_{n,k}(\mathbb{C}) = U(n) / U(n-k)$

c)  $G_{n,k}(\mathbb{C}) = k$ -dimensional planes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

exercise:  $G_{n,k}(\mathbb{C}) = U(n) / (U(k) \times U(n-k))$

6) if  $f: M \rightarrow N$  is a smooth map such that

i)  $f$  is surjective

ii)  $f$  is a submersion

iii)  $f$  is proper (automatic if  $M$  compact)

preimage of compact is compact

then  $f^{-1}(p) \rightarrow M$   
 $\downarrow f$  is a fiber bundle for any  
 $N$   $p \in N$

this is Ehresmann's lemma

7) Vector bundles are fiber bundles with fiber  $\mathbb{R}^k$  or  $\mathbb{C}^k$   
 (with extra "structure", see later in notes)

eg. a)  $T M$  b)  $T^* M$  c)  $N^\perp \subset M^m$  a submfd  
 $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\nu(N) = \text{normal bundle}$   
 $M$   $M$   $\mathbb{R}^{m-n} \rightarrow \nu(N)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $N$

8) covering spaces  $\tilde{M}$   
 $\downarrow$  is a bundle with discrete  
 $M$  fiber

given a fiber bundle  $E \xrightarrow{p} B$  and a map  $f: A \rightarrow B$   
 the pull-back of  $E$  to  $A$  is

$$f^* E = \{ (a, e) \in A \times E : f(a) = p(e) \}$$

define  $p: f^* E \rightarrow A : (a, e) \mapsto a$

exercise: 1) show  $f^* E \rightarrow A$  is a fiber bundle  
 with same fibers as  $E \xrightarrow{p} B$

2) if  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  and  
 $f: A \rightarrow B$  is inclusion, then show

$$f^* E = E|_A \quad \text{ie} \quad E|_A = p^{-1}(A)$$

3)  $\tilde{f}: f^* E \rightarrow E : (a, e) \rightarrow e$  is  
 a bundle map



4) if  $E = B \times F$  then  $f^* E \cong A \times F$

Hint:  $f^* E$  is  $\Gamma \times F$  where  $\Gamma$  is the graph of  $f$  in  $A \times B$  and  $\Gamma \cong A$

if  $E \xrightarrow{p} B$  and  $E' \xrightarrow{p'} B$  are bundles we say they are bundle isomorphic if  $\exists$  a homeomorphism  $h: E \rightarrow E'$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{h} & E' \\ p \searrow & \circ & \swarrow p' \\ & B & \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

denote this  $E \cong E'$

Thm 1:

if  $f_i: A \rightarrow B, i=0,1$ , are homotopic and  $A$  is a CW complex,  $\leftarrow$  can weaken

then  $f_0^* E \cong f_1^* E$

this is a corollary of

Thm 2 (Covering Homotopy Property)

let  $p_0: E \rightarrow B$  and  $q: Z \rightarrow Y$  be fiber bundles with the same fiber  $F$

suppose  $B$  is normal and locally compact

given  $\tilde{h}_0: E \rightarrow Z$  and  $h_0: B \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\tilde{h}_0} & Z \\ p_0 \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow q \\ B & \xrightarrow{h_0} & Y \end{array} \quad \text{commute}$$

(called a bundle map)

and  $H: B \times [0,1] \rightarrow Y$  a homotopy of  $h_0$

then  $\exists$  a homotopy  $\tilde{H}: E \times [0,1] \rightarrow Z$  of bundle maps covering  $H$

### Proof of $Th^m 2$ :

we assume  $B$  is compact (and leave the locally compact case as an exercise)

Idea: break  $Z$  into pieces where the bundle is trivial  $U \times F$

$th^m$  is clear here,

then we put the homotopies together

details: let  $\{V_\beta\}$  be a cover of  $Y$  by locally trivial charts, so we have

$$q^{-1}(V_\beta) \xrightarrow[\cong]{\phi_\beta} V_\beta \times F$$

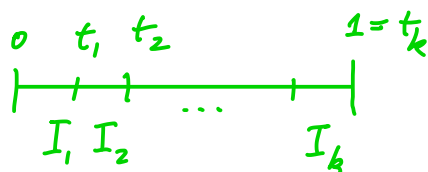
$\{H^{-1}(V_\beta)\}$  is an open cover of  $B \times [0,1]$

since  $B$  is compact we have a finite subcover, and in particular we have a finite number of open sets  $\{U_\alpha \times I_j\}$  covering  $B \times [0,1]$

s.t.  $H(U_\alpha \times I_j) \subset V_\beta$  some  $\beta$

(note  $H^*E$  is trivial over  $U_\alpha \times I_j$  by exercise above)

here we can take the  $I_j$



we inductively assume we have constructed

the lift  $\tilde{H}: E \times [0, t_k] \rightarrow Z$

and extend to  $E \times [0, t_{k+1}]$  (note:  $E \times \{0\}$  done)

for each  $x \in B \exists$  nbhds  $W, W'$  s.t.

$$x \in W \subset \bar{W} \subset W'$$

here we use normal

and  $\bar{W}' \subset U_i$  for some  $i$

choose a finite number of the  $\{W_i, W_i'\}_{i=1}^S$   
s.t. the  $\{W_i\}$  cover  $B$

Urysohn's lemma  $\Rightarrow \exists$  maps

$$u_i: B \rightarrow [t_l, t_{l+1}]$$

$$\text{s.t. } u_i(\bar{W}_i) = t_{l+1} \text{ and } u_i(B - W_i) = t_l$$


set  $\tau_0(x) = t_l$  and

$$\tau_i(x) = \max\{u_1(x), \dots, u_i(x)\}$$

note  $t_l = \tau_0(x) \leq \tau_1(x) \leq \dots \leq \tau_s(x) = t_{l+1}$

set  $B_i = \{(x, t) \in B \times [0, 1] : t_l \leq t \leq \tau_i(x)\}$

so

$$B_0 = \left| \begin{array}{l} \phantom{B_i} \\ B \times \{t_l\} \end{array} \right. \quad B_i = \left| \begin{array}{l} \phantom{B_i} \\ B \times [t_l, t_{l+1}] \end{array} \right. \quad B_s = B \times [t_l, t_{l+1}]$$


and  $E_i$  to be the part of  $E \times [0, 1]$

over  $B_i$

$$\text{so } E \times \{t_l\} = E_0 \subseteq E_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq E_s = E \times [t_l, t_{l+1}]$$

we have assumed  $\tilde{H}$  is defined on  $E \times [0, t_l]$

so it is defined on  $E \times \{t_l\} = E_0$

we now inductively extend  $\tilde{H}$  over  $E_i$

note: if  $(x, t) \in B_i - B_{i-1}$  then

$$\tau_{i-1}(x) < t \leq \tau_i(x)$$

$$\text{so } U_i(x) > \tau_{i-1}(x)$$

$$\therefore (x, t) \in W_i' \times [t_{l-1}, t_{l+1}]$$

$$\text{by def}^n \quad W_i' \times [t_{l-1}, t_{l+1}] \subset U_\alpha \times I_k$$

$$\text{so } H(B_i - B_{i-1}) \subset V_\beta \text{ some } \beta$$

$$\text{where } q^{-1}(V_\beta) \xrightarrow{\phi_\beta} V_\beta \times F$$

$$\text{let } p_\beta: q^{-1}(V_\beta) \rightarrow F \text{ be } \phi_\beta$$

composed with projection

$$\text{now for } (e, t) \in E_i - E_{i-1}$$

$$\text{with } p(e) = x \in B$$

$$\text{set } \tilde{H}(e, t) = \phi_\alpha^{-1}(H(x, t), p_\beta(\tilde{H}(e, \tau_{i-1}(x))))$$

exercise: check this extends  $\tilde{H}$  

Proof of Th<sup>m</sup> 1:

let  $f_2: A \rightarrow B$  be as in statement of th<sup>m</sup>

$H: A \times [0, 1] \rightarrow B$  a homotopy  $f_0$  to  $f_1$

now  $f_0^* E \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_0} E$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ A & \xrightarrow{f_0} & B \end{array} \text{ is a bundle map}$$

so by  $\mathcal{T}_H^m = 2 \exists$  a homotopy  $\tilde{H}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_0^*(E) \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{\tilde{H}} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ A \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{H} & B \end{array}$$

this induces a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_0^*(E) \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{\bar{H}} & H^*(E) = \{(x,t,e) \in A \times [0,1] \times E \\ & & H(x,t) = p(e)\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{id} & A \times [0,1] \end{array}$$

$\{(x,e) \in A \times E: f_0(x) = p(e)\}$

where  $\bar{H}(x,e,t) = (x,t, \tilde{H}(x,e,t))$

note  $\bar{H}$  is a bundle isomorphism  
since it induces identity on base  
and all fibers

restricting  $\bar{H}$  to  $f_0^*(E) \times \{1\}$  gives a

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_0^*(E) & \xrightarrow{\bar{H}} & f_1^*(E) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A \times \{1\} & \xrightarrow{id} & A \times \{1\} \end{array}$$





such that  $p \circ \tilde{G} = G$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y \times \{0\} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} & E \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{G} & \downarrow p \\
 Y \times \{0,1\} & \xrightarrow{G} & B
 \end{array}$$

note: Th<sup>m</sup> 2 says a locally trivial fibration is a fibration

indeed: note  $Y \rightarrow Y : y \mapsto y$  is a bundle with fiber  $\{y\}$ , so Th<sup>m</sup> 2  $\Rightarrow$  HLP

exercise: If  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a fibration and  $f: X \rightarrow B$  is continuous, then show  $p_f: f^*E \rightarrow X$  is a fibration where

$$f^*E = \{(x, e) \in X \times E : p(x) = f(e)\}$$

and  $p_f(x, e) = x$  ↑ called the pull-back bundle

Th<sup>m</sup> 4:

If  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a Serre fibration and  $x_0, x_1 \in B$  are in the same path component, then  $p^{-1}(x_0)$  and  $p^{-1}(x_1)$  are homotopy equivalent (so upto homotopy fibrations have fibers)



Proof: let  $F_i = p^{-1}(x_i)$

and  $\gamma$  a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_0 & \xrightarrow{i} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ F_0 \times [0,1] & \longrightarrow & B \\ (x,t) & \longmapsto & \gamma(t) \end{array}$$

↖ homotopy of  $p \circ i$

so we can lift to get a homotopy

$$F_0 \times [0,1] \xrightarrow{A^\gamma} E$$

and  $A_i^\gamma: F_0 \rightarrow F_1$  is a continuous map

Claim: if  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  are homotopic rel end points then  $A_i^{\gamma_0}$  and  $A_i^{\gamma_1}$  are homotopic and hence  $A_i^{\gamma_0} \simeq A_i^{\gamma_1}$ .

assume the claim for now, then

$$A_i^\gamma: F_0 \rightarrow F_1$$

$$A_i^{\gamma^{-1}}: F_1 \rightarrow F_0$$

$A_i^\gamma \circ A_i^{\gamma^{-1}}$  comes from lifting  $\alpha^{-1} \circ \alpha$

$$\text{so } A_i^\gamma \circ A_i^{\gamma^{-1}} \simeq A^{\text{const}} = \text{id}_{F_1}$$

$$\text{similarly } A_i^{\gamma^{-1}} \circ A_i^\gamma \simeq \text{id}_{F_0}$$

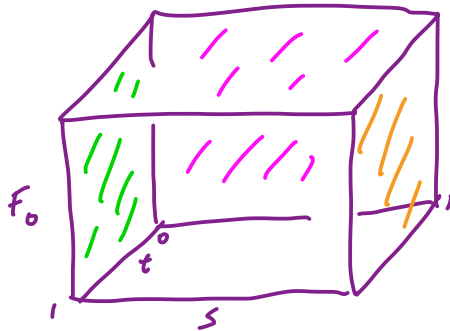
$$\therefore F_0 \simeq F_1$$

Proof of Claim: let  $H : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow B$  be  
the homotopy  $\gamma_0$  to  $\gamma_1$

consider

$$\Lambda : F_0 \times [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow B : (e, s, t) \mapsto H(s, t)$$

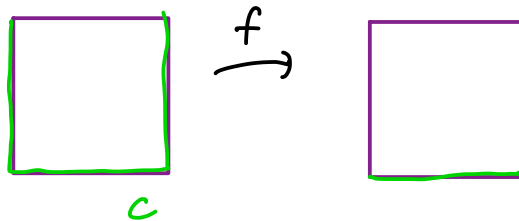
we want to lift to  $E$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{on } F_0 \times [0,1] \times \{0\} \rightarrow E \text{ by } \underline{A}^{\gamma_0} \\ \text{on } F_0 \times [0,1] \times \{1\} \rightarrow E \text{ by } \underline{A}^{\gamma_1} \\ \text{on } F_0 \times \{0\} \times [0,1] \rightarrow E : \underline{(e, 0, s)} \mapsto e \end{array} \right\} \text{call } G$$

$$\text{set } C = ([0,1] \times \{0,1\}) \cup (\{0\} \times [0,1]) \subset [0,1] \times [0,1]$$

$\exists$  a homeomorphism  $f : [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1] \times [0,1]$   
taking  $C$  to  $[0,1] \times \{0\}$



now we see

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 F_0 \times [0,1] \times \{0\} & \xleftarrow{\text{id}_{F_0} \times f} & F_0 \times C & \xrightarrow{G} & E \\
 \downarrow i & & \downarrow i & & \downarrow p \\
 F_0 \times [0,1] \times [0,1] & \xleftarrow{\text{id}_{F_0} \times f} & F_0 \times [0,1] \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & B
 \end{array}$$

note  $\text{id}_{F_0} \times f$  is a homeomorphism and so


we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F_0 \times [0,1] \times \{0\} & \longrightarrow & E \\
 \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow p \\
 F_0 \times [0,1] \times [0,1] & \longrightarrow & B
 \end{array}$$

so the HLP say there is a lift  
composing with  $\text{id}_{F_0} \times f$  we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F_0 \times C & \xrightarrow{G} & E \\
 i \downarrow & \tilde{\lambda} \dashrightarrow & \downarrow p \\
 F_0 \times [0,1] \times [0,1] & \xrightarrow{\wedge} & B
 \end{array}$$

so  $\tilde{\lambda}$  is a homotopy from  $A^{\delta_0}$  to  $A^{\delta_1}$

and  $\tilde{\lambda}|_{F_0 \times \{1\} \times [0,1]}$  is a homotopy  
from  $A_1^{\delta_0}$  to  $A_2^{\delta_1}$  

example: let  $(X, x_0)$  be a based topological space

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{set } P(X) &= C([0,1], \{0\}, (X, x_0)) \\
 &= \{ \text{continuous maps } f: [0,1] \rightarrow X \\
 &\quad \text{with } f(0) = x_0 \}
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $p: P(X) \rightarrow X: \gamma \mapsto \gamma(1)$

lemma 5:

$p: P(X) \rightarrow X$  is a fibration  
and  $P(X)$  is contractible

Proof: we check the HLP

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{given } Y \times \{0\} & \xrightarrow{f_0} & P(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ Y \times [0, 1] & \xrightarrow{F} & X \end{array}$$

then define  $\tilde{F}: Y \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P(X)$

by for  $(y, s) \in Y \times [0, 1]$ ,

$$\tilde{F}(y, t): [0, 1] \rightarrow X: t \mapsto \begin{cases} (f_0(y))\left(\frac{2t}{2-s}\right) & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{2-s}{2}] \\ F(y, 2t-2+s) & \text{for } t \in [\frac{2-s}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$



note: 1) well-defined since

$$f_0(y)\left(\frac{2\left(\frac{2-s}{2}\right)}{2-s}\right) = f_0(y)(1) \text{ and}$$

$$F(y, 2\left(\frac{2-s}{2}\right) - 2 + s) = F(y, 0)$$

and since  $p \circ f_0 = F$  these are same

$$2) \tilde{F}(y, 0)(t) = f_0(y)(t)$$

$$3) \tilde{F}(y, s)(0) = f_0(y)(0) = x_0$$


$$4) p \circ \tilde{F}(y, s) = \tilde{F}(y, s)(1) = F(y, s)$$

So  $\tilde{F}$  a lift!

now  $P(X)$  is contractible, since  $[0, 1]$  is indeed

$$H: P(X) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P(X)$$

$$(x, s) \longmapsto x((1-s)t)$$

is the strong deformation retraction to the constant path 

note:  $p^{-1}(x_0) = \Omega(X)$  the loop space of  $X$

$\therefore p^{-1}(x) \cong \Omega(X)$  for all  $x \in X$  (if  $X$  is path connected)

so  $\Omega(X) \rightarrow P(X)$   
 $\downarrow p$  is a fibration  
 $X$

example: given any continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   
 earlier we saw  $f$  is homotopic to an inclusion.

Recall, if  $C_f = (X \times [0, 1]) \cup Y /_{(x, 0) \sim f(x)}$  is mapping cylinder

then  $Y \cong C_f$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} & C_f \\ \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow \simeq \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

so upto homotopy  $X \subset Y$

Now let  $E = C(\{0,1\}, \{0\}, (Y, X))$   
 = paths in  $Y$  starting in  $X$

$$B = C(\{0,1\}, \{0\}, (Y, X)) \\ = X \times Y$$

exercise:  $E \rightarrow Y: \gamma \mapsto \gamma(1)$  is a fibration  
 (proof very similar to proof of lemma 5)

note:  $E \simeq X$  (just as we proved  $P(X)$  is contractible)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \therefore X & \simeq & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ Y & = & Y \end{array} \quad \text{so } f \simeq \text{inclusion} \\ \simeq p \text{ a fibration}$$

**Slogan**: any map is a fibration (upto homotopy)

lemma 6:

if  $F \rightarrow E$  is a fibration  
 $\downarrow p$   
 $B$

then  $\pi_n(E, F) \cong \pi_n(B)$

Proof: let  $b_0$  be the base point in  $B$   
 $F = p^{-1}(b_0)$  and  $e_0 \in F$  a base point

given  $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (E, F)$

then  $p \circ f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (B, b_0)$

so  $p$  induces a map

$$p_*: \pi_n(E, F) \rightarrow \pi_n(B, b_0)$$

exercise:  $p_*$  is well-defined and a homomorphism

Claim:  $p_*$  is surjective

given  $g: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (B, b_0)$

think of  $D^n$  as  $D^{n-1} \times [0, 1]$

define  $\tilde{g}_0: D^{n-1} \times \{0\} \rightarrow E: x \mapsto e_0$

thinking of  $g$  as a homotopy of  $p \circ \tilde{g}_0$

the HLP  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a lift  $\tilde{g}: D^{n-1} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  of  $g$

and since  $p \circ \tilde{g}(\partial(D^{n-1} \times [0, 1])) = \{b_0\}$

$\tilde{g}(\partial(D^{n-1} \times [0, 1])) \subset F = p^{-1}(b_0)$

$\therefore [\tilde{g}] \in \pi_n(E, F)$

clearly  $p_*([\tilde{g}]) = [g]$  ✓

Claim:  $p_*$  is injective

suppose  $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (E, F)$

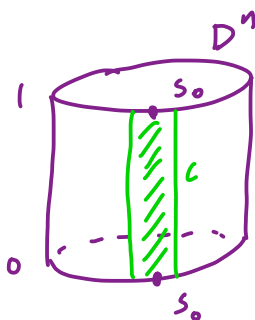
and  $p_*(\{f\}) = [0] \in \pi_n(B, b_0)$

i.e.  $p \circ f \simeq$  constant  $b_0$  map by

the homotopy  $H: (D^n, \partial D^n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow (B, b_0)$

so  $H(x, 0) = p \circ f(x)$ ,  $H(x, 1) = b_0$

and  $H(\partial D^n \times [0, 1]) = \{b_0\}$



let  $C = (\text{ubhd } s_0 \text{ in } \partial D^n) \times [0, 1]$

and  $A = (D^n \times \{0\}) \cup C$

as in proof of Th<sup>m</sup> 4,  $D^n \times [0, 1] \cong A \times [0, 1]$

so  $H$  is a map  $A \times [0, 1] \rightarrow B$


note:  $f$  on  $D^n \times \{0\}$  and the constant map to  $e_0$  is a lift of  $H$  on  $A \times \{0\}$

so HLP  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a lift  $\tilde{H}: A \times [0, 1] \rightarrow E$  of  $H$  and this gives

$$\tilde{H}: (D^n, \partial D^n) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow E$$

that is a homotopy of  $f$  rel  $\partial D^n$  and rel  $s_0$  to a map with image in  $F$



$\therefore$  by lemma I.16,  $[f] = 0$  in  $\pi_n(E, F)$  

Cor 7:

if 
$$\begin{array}{c} F \rightarrow E \\ \downarrow p \\ B \end{array}$$
 is a fibration, then we get

a long exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow \pi_n(F) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_n(E) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_n(B) \xrightarrow{\partial} \pi_{n-1}(F) \rightarrow \dots$$


where  $i$  is inclusion and

$$\pi_n(B) \cong \pi_n(E, F) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(F) \text{ is}$$

from lemma 6 and Th<sup>m</sup> I.17

Proof: Th<sup>m</sup> I.17 gives

$$\dots \rightarrow \pi_n(F) \rightarrow \pi_n(E) \rightarrow \pi_n(E, F) \rightarrow \pi_{n-1}(F) \rightarrow \dots$$

now apply lemma 6 

Cor 8:

$$\pi_k(S^{2n+1}) \cong \pi_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \text{ for } k > 2$$

$$\text{in particular } \pi_3(S^2) \cong \pi_3(S^3) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{C}P^1$

Proof: recall we have the Hopf fibration

$$\begin{array}{c} S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n+1} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C}P^n \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \pi_k(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_k(S^{2n+1}) \rightarrow \pi_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \rightarrow \pi_{k-1}(S^1)$$

since  $\mathbb{R}$  is the universal cover of  $S^1$

$$\pi_k(S^1) = \pi_k(\mathbb{R}) = 0 \quad \forall k > 1$$

$\therefore$  if  $k > 2$  then  $k-1 > 1$  and we get

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_k(S^{2n+1}) \rightarrow \pi_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{and } \therefore \pi_k(S^{2n+1}) \cong \pi_k(\mathbb{C}P^n) \quad \text{[grid icon]}$$

note: also have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_2(S^3) & \rightarrow & \pi_2(S^2) & \rightarrow & \pi_1(S^1) & \rightarrow & \pi_1(S^3) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & \mathbb{Z} & & 0 \end{array}$$

so  $\pi_2(S^2) \cong \mathbb{Z}$  without using Hurewicz

Cor 9:

$X$  path connected then

$$\pi_k(X) \cong \pi_{k-1}(\Omega X)$$

$\uparrow$  loop space

Remark: we already know this from Cor I. 8

but this is a different way to see it

Proof: recall above we constructed the fibration

$$\begin{array}{c} \Omega(X) \rightarrow P(X) \\ \downarrow \\ X \end{array}$$

and  $P(X)$  contractible so

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_k(P(X)) & \rightarrow & \pi_k(X) & \rightarrow & \pi_{k-1}(\Omega X) & \rightarrow & \pi_{k-1}(P(X)) \\ \parallel & & & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \pi_k(X) \cong \pi_{k-1}(\Omega X) \quad \color{blue}{\square}$$

Cor 10:

$$\pi_k(O(n-1)) \cong \pi_k(O(n)) \quad \text{for } k < n-2$$

$$\pi_k(U(n)) \cong \pi_k(U(n-1)) \quad \text{for } k < 2n-2$$

Proof: recall  $V_{n,k} = k$ -frames in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\cong O(n)/O(n-k)$$

$$\text{and } V_{n,1} \cong S^{n-1}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{array}{ccc} O(n-1) & \rightarrow & O(n) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & S^{n-1} \end{array} \quad \text{is a fiber bundle}$$

$$\therefore \pi_{k+1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_k(O(n-1)) \rightarrow \pi_k(O(n)) \rightarrow \pi_k(S^{n-1})$$

if  $k < n-2$  then  $k+1 < n-1$  so

$$\pi_k(O(n-1)) \cong \pi_k(O(n))$$

$$\text{similarly } V_{n,k}(\mathbb{C}) = \text{complex } k\text{-frames in } \mathbb{C}^n \\ = U(n) / U(n-k)$$

$$\text{so } U(n-1) \rightarrow U(n) \\ \downarrow \\ S^{2n-1}$$

gives second result 

Cor 10  $\Rightarrow$  for large  $n$ ,  $\pi_k(O(n))$  is independent of  $k$  small

note: we have inclusions

$$O(1) \hookrightarrow O(2) \hookrightarrow O(3) \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow O(k) \hookrightarrow \dots \\ A \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \dots$$

$$\text{let } O = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} O(n) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} O(n)$$

$$U = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(n) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U(n)$$

easy to see  $\pi_k(O) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_k(O(n))$  ↖ constant at some point

$$\text{so } \pi_k(O) \cong \pi_k(O(n)) \text{ for } n > k+2$$

$$\pi_k(U) \cong \pi_k(U(n)) \text{ for } n > \frac{k+2}{2}$$

# Big Theorem (Bott Periodicity)

$$\pi_k(O) \cong \pi_{k+8}(O)$$

$$\pi_k(U) \cong \pi_{k+2}(U)$$

one can show:

$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\pi_k(O)$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	0	$\mathbb{Z}$	0	0	0	$\mathbb{Z}$

$$\pi_k(U) = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ even} \\ \mathbb{Z} & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

note:

$$SO(n) \rightarrow O(n)$$

$\downarrow$

$$\{\pm 1\}$$

is a bundle

so long exact sequence in  $\pi_k$  says

$$\pi_k(SO(n)) \cong \pi_k(O(n)) \quad \forall k > 0$$

$$SU(n) \rightarrow U(n)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $S^1$

is a bundle

$$\text{so get } \pi_k(SU(n)) \cong \pi_k(U(n)) \quad \forall k > 1$$

Cor II:

$$\pi_j(V_{n,k}(\mathbb{R})) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } j < n-k \\ \mathbb{Z} & j = n-k \text{ even or } k=1 \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & j = n-k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_j(V_{n,k}(\mathbb{C})) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } j \leq 2(n-k) \\ \mathbb{Z} & j = 2(n-k) + 1 \end{cases}$$

Sketch of Proof:

$$\text{recall } V_{n+1, k+1} = \frac{O(n+1)}{O(n-k)} = \frac{SO(n+1)}{SO(n-k)}$$

$$\text{so } V_{n,k} = \frac{SO(n)}{SO(n-k)} \subset V_{n+1, k+1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{and } V_{n,k} \longrightarrow V_{n+1, k+1} \\ \downarrow \\ SO(n+1)/SO(n) \cong S^1 = V_{n+1, 1} \end{array}$$

start with  $k=1$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} S^{n-1} \longrightarrow V_{n+1, 2} \\ \downarrow p \\ S^n \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \pi_j(S^n) \xrightarrow{p} \pi_{j-1}(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow \pi_{j-1}(V_{n+1, 2}) \rightarrow \pi_{j-1}(S^n)$$

$$\text{if } j \leq n-1, \text{ then } \pi_j(S^n) = 0 = \pi_{j-1}(S^n)$$

$$\text{so } \pi_{j-1}(V_{n+1, 2}) = \pi_{j-1}(S^{n-1}) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

for  $j=n$  we get

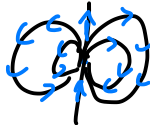
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pi_n(S^n) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & \pi_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) & \rightarrow & \pi_{n-1}(V_{n+1,2}) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \cong & & \cong & & & & \\ \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \pi_{n-1}(V_{n+1,2}) \cong \pi_{n-1}(S^{n-1}) / \text{im } \partial$$

recall  $\partial$  is defined by taking  $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow (S^n, s_0)$   
 lifting to get  $\tilde{f}: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow V_{n+1,2}$   
 and taking  $\tilde{f}|_{\partial D^n}: \partial D^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$

Facts: 1)  $\exists$  a vector field  $v$  on  $S^n$  with a single zero at  $s_0$ , its index is  $\begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ 2 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$

eg.  $n=1$  

$n=2$  

2) if  $f: (D^n, \partial D^n) \rightarrow S^n$  is the quotient map  $D^n \rightarrow S^n$

(so  $f$  generates  $\pi_1(S^n)$ )

then  $\tilde{f}: S^n \setminus \{s_0\} \rightarrow V_{n+1,2}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cong \\ D^n \\ \tilde{f} \\ x \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} w \\ (x, \frac{v(x)}{|v(x)|}) \end{array}$$

unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  orthogonal to  $x$

note:  $p \circ \tilde{f} = f$  ( $p$  is project to first coordinate)

3) index of  $v$  is the degree of  $\tilde{f}|_{\partial D}: \partial D \rightarrow S^{n-1}$

so  $\partial[f] = \deg(f) [g]$  where  $g$  is a generator of  $\pi_{n-1}(S^{n-1})$

$$\therefore \pi_{n-1}(V_{n+1,1}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n = n-k \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & n = n-k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

so result true for  $k=1$

now induct on  $k$ : assume result is true for  $k$

$$\text{now } \pi_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}(S^n) \rightarrow \pi_j(V_{n,k}) \rightarrow \pi_j(V_{n+1,k+1}) \rightarrow \pi_j(S^n)$$

for  $j < n-k$  we know  $\pi_j(V_{n,k}) = 0$  so

$$\pi_j(V_{n+1,k+1}) = 0$$

$$\text{and for } j = n-k \quad \pi_j(V_{n+1,k+1}) \cong \pi_j(V_{n,k}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & n-k \text{ odd} \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & n-k \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$V_{n,k}(\mathbb{C})$  similar

