

Review | Given  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  <sup>is a continuous map</sup> s.t.  $h(x_0) = h(y_0)$ ,

The map  $h_*: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$  given

by  $h_*([f]) = [h \circ f]$  is

① well-defined

② a group homomorphism

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Thm | (5.2.5) If  $h: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$  and

$k: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (Z, z_0)$  are continuous maps then

$(k \circ h)_* = k_* \circ h_*$ . Moreover, if  $i_0: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$

is the identity map, then  $i_{0*}$  is ~~an isomorphism~~ the identity homomorphism.

Pf | Examine  $(k \circ h)_*([f])$  for  $[f] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$

$$= [(k \circ h) \circ f] = [k \circ h \circ f]$$

$$= k_*([h \circ f])$$

$$= k_*(h_*([f]))$$

$$= k_* \circ h_*([f]). \quad \square$$

$$i_{0*}([f]) = [i_0 \circ f] = [f]. \quad \square$$

Note: Thm 5.2.5 verifies exactly the two additional criteria that guarantee that  $\pi_1$  is a functor!!!

## Covering maps

Def | Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a continuous onto map. A open set  $U \subset B$  is said to be evenly covered if  $p^{-1}(U)$  can be written as the disjoint union of open sets  $V_\alpha$  in  $E$  s.t

disjoint  $\forall \alpha \quad p|_{V_\alpha}: V_\alpha \rightarrow U$  is a homeomorphism.

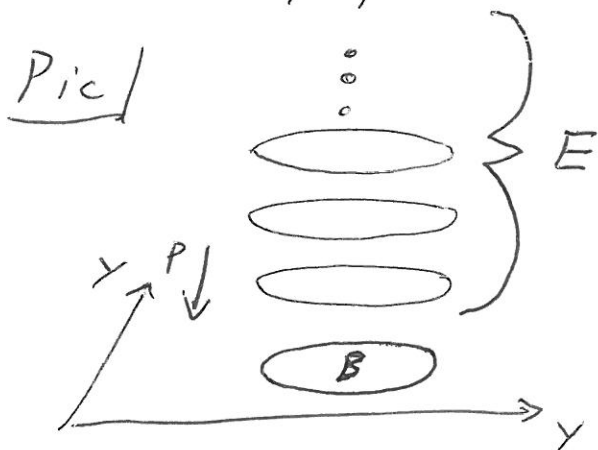
$\{V_\alpha\}$  is called a partition of  $p^{-1}(U)$  into slices.

## Trivial example

$B =$  unit disk in  $xy$ -plane  
 $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B \times \{i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

Define  $p: E \rightarrow B$  by  $p(x, y, z) = (x, y)$ .

In this case all open sets in  $B$  are evenly covered by  $p$ .



Def 1 Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a continuous onto map.

If every point  $b \in B$  has a nbh  $U_b$  s.t.  $U_b$  is evenly covered by  $p$ , then  $p$  is a covering map and  $E$  is a covering space of  $B$ .

### Observations

- ① Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a covering map.  
What ~~topology~~ what is the subspace topology on  $p^{-1}(b)$  for any point  $b \in B$ .  
The discrete topology.

Why?  $\forall b \in B \exists U_b$  s.t.  $U_b$  is evenly covered by  $p$ . By choosing one slice of  $p^{-1}(U_b)$  and intersecting it with  $p^{-1}(b)$ , we see  $p^{-1}(b)$  has the discrete topology.

- ② If  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a covering map, then  $p$  is an open map.

PF Let  $A \subseteq E$  be open. WTS  $p(A)$  is open.

Let  $b \in p(A)$ . Since  $p$  is a covering map

$\exists$  a nbh  $U_b$  of  $b$  s.t.  $U_b$  is evenly covered by  $p$ .

Let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be the slices of  $p^{-1}(U_b)$ .  $\forall \alpha \cap p^{-1}(b) \cap A \neq \emptyset$   
pick  $\alpha$  s.t.

~~Fix  $\alpha$ . There exists  $y \in V_\alpha$  s.t.  $p(y) = b$~~   $\exists y \in V_\alpha$  s.t.  $y \in A$  and  $p(y) = b$ .

Note  $V_\alpha \cap A$  is open in  $V_\alpha$  and open in  $A$ .

Since  $p|_{V_\alpha}$  is a homeomorphism  $p|_{V_\alpha}(V_\alpha \cap A)$  is an open nbh of  $b$  in  $p(A)$ .  $\square$

Th<sup>m</sup> (53.1) The map  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  given by

$p(x) = (\cos(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x))$  is a covering map.

Pf The continuity and surjectivity of  $p$  follows from elementary properties of sine and cosine.

Define  $\mathbb{R}^2 \supset \mathbb{H}^\uparrow = \{ (x, y) \mid y > 0 \}$

$\mathbb{H}^\downarrow = \{ (x, y) \mid y < 0 \}$

$\mathbb{H}^\rightarrow = \{ (x, y) \mid x > 0 \}$

$\mathbb{H}^\leftarrow = \{ (x, y) \mid x < 0 \}$

Let  $x \in S^1$ . Note  $x \in S^1 \cap \mathbb{H}^*$  for some  $*$   $\in \{\uparrow, \downarrow, \rightarrow, \leftarrow\}$ .


WLOG assume  $x \in S^1 \cap \mathbb{H}^\rightarrow$ .

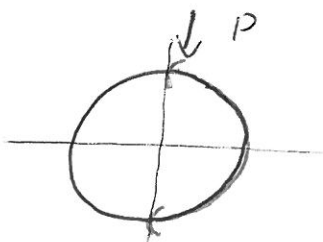
Let  $V_i = (i - 1/4, i + 1/4)$ .

Note that  $p^{-1}(S^1 \cap \mathbb{H}^\rightarrow) = \bigcup_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} V_i$  and

$p|_{V_i}: V_i \rightarrow S^1 \cap \mathbb{H}^\rightarrow$  is a homeomorphism

Hence  $p$  is a covering map.  $\square$

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Thm (5.3.2) Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a covering map. Let  $B_0 \subset B$  be a subspace. Let  $E_0 = p^{-1}(B_0)$ , then  $p|_{E_0}: E_0 \rightarrow B_0$  is a covering map.

Pf Since  $p$  is continuous and surjective, then  $p|_{E_0}$  is continuous and surjective. Let  $b \in B_0 \subset B$ .

Since  $p$  is a covering map,  $\exists U_b$  a nbh of  $b$  s.t.  $U_b$  is evenly covered by  $p$ . Let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be the partition of  $p^{-1}(U_b)$  into slices.

Note  $p|_{E_0}^{-1}(U_b \cap B_0) = \{V_\alpha \cap E_0\}$  and

since  $p|_{V_\alpha}: V_\alpha \rightarrow U_b$  is a homeomorphism

$(p|_{E_0})|_{V_\alpha \cap E_0}: V_\alpha \cap E_0 \rightarrow U_b \cap B_0$  is a

homeomorphism. Thus  $U_b \cap B_0$  is a nbh of  $b \in B_0$ . That is evenly covered by  $p|_{E_0}$ .

Hence  $p|_{E_0}$  is a covering map.

Thm (53.3) | If  $p: E \rightarrow B$  and  $p': E' \rightarrow B'$  are covering spaces, then  $p \times p': E \times E' \rightarrow B \times B'$  is a covering space.

Pf | The fact that  $p \times p'$  is continuous and surjective follows from basic properties of product maps.

Let  $(b, b') \in B \times B'$ .

Since  $p$  is a covering map  $\exists U_b$  a nbh of  $b$  s.t.  $U_b$  is evenly covered by  $p$ . s.t.  $p^{-1}(U_b) = \{V_\alpha\}$ .

Similarly  $\exists U_{b'}$  s.t.  $U_{b'}$  is evenly covered by  $p'$  s.t.  $(p')^{-1}(U_{b'}) = \{V_{\alpha'}\}$ .

$U_b \times U_{b'}$  is an open nbh of  $(b, b')$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } (p \times p')^{-1}(U_b \times U_{b'}) &= \{V_\alpha\} \times \{V_{\alpha'}\} \\ &= \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \\ \alpha'}} V_\alpha \times V_{\alpha'} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $(p \times p')|_{V_\alpha \times V_{\alpha'}}: V_\alpha \times V_{\alpha'} \rightarrow U_b \times U_{b'}$

is a homeomorphism for all  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$ .

Thus  $p \times p'$  is a covering map.

Example | Recall  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  via  
 $p(x) = (\cos(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x))$

is a covering map.

By Thm (5.3.3)  $p \times p: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$

is a covering map.

