

51.1

Q = Show if  $g, h: X \rightarrow Y$  are homotopic, &  $q, r: Y \rightarrow Z$  are homotopic, then  $q \circ g$  &  $r \circ h$  are homotopic.

A: Let  $H_1: X \times I \rightarrow Y$  be a homotopy between  $g$  &  $h$ .

Let  $H_2: Y \times I \rightarrow Z$  be a homotopy between  $q$  &  $r$ .

Then  $H_3: X \times I \xrightarrow{(H_1, I)} Y \times I \xrightarrow{H_2} Z$  is a homotopy between  $q \circ g$  &  $r \circ h$ . Indeed,  $H_3$  is continuous.

$$H_3(x, t) = H_2(H_1(x, t), t).$$

$$\text{Then } H_3(x, 0) = H_2(H_1(x, 0), 0) = H_2(g(x), 0) = q(g(x))$$

$$\text{, while } H_3(x, 1) = H_2(H_1(x, 1), 1) = H_2(h(x), 1) = r(h(x)).$$

Hence  $H_3$  is a homotopy between  $q \circ g$  &  $r \circ h$ .

51.2

Q =  $X, Y$  spaces,  $[X, Y]$  = set of homotopy classes of maps between  $X$  &  $Y$ .

(a) Show  $[X, I] = \{*\}$ , when  $I = [0, 1]$

A = We show any map  $f: X \rightarrow I$  is homotopic to the constant map,  $c_0: X \rightarrow I, c_0(x) = 0$ .

Define  $H: X \times I \rightarrow I$ , by  $H(x, t) = t f(x)$

Then  $H(x, 0) = 0 \cdot f(x) = 0 = c_0(x)$ , while

$H(x, 1) = 1 \cdot f(x) = f(x)$ . Hence  $f \sim c_0$ .

(b) Q:  $Y$  path connected  $\Rightarrow [I, Y] = \{*\}$

Given  $f: I \rightarrow Y$ , define a homotopy from  $f$  to a constant map,  $H: I \times I \rightarrow Y, H(s, t) = f(s(1-t))$

Then  $H(s, 0) = f(s)$ , while  $H(s, 1) = f(0)$ .

Given  $y_0 \in Y$ . Define a homotopy from the constant map  $c_{y_0}: I \rightarrow Y$  to the constant map  $c_y: I \rightarrow Y$ , by choosing a path  $\gamma: I \rightarrow Y$  from  $y_0$  to  $y$ . Define  $H: I \times I \rightarrow Y$  by  $H(s, t) = \gamma(t)$ . Then  $H(s, 0) = c_{y_0}$ , while  $H(s, 1) = c_y$ .

51.3 Q =  $X$  contractible if  $id_X: X \rightarrow X$  is nullhomotopic

(a) Show  $I$  &  $\mathbb{R}$  are contractible

A =  $H: X \times I \rightarrow X$ , defined by  $H(s, t) = st$  defines a homotopy between  $id_X$  &  $id_X$  for  $X = I \vee \mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Q = Show a contractible space is path connected

A = Let  $H: X \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy between  $id_X$  &  $id_X$ . Then  $\gamma_x: I \rightarrow X$ ,  $\gamma_x(t) = H(x, t)$  is a path from  $x_0 = H(x, 0)$  to  $x_0$ .

(c) Q = Show  $\gamma$  contractible  $\Rightarrow [X, Y] = \{*\}$

A = Let  $H: Y \times I \rightarrow Y$  be a homotopy between  $c_{y_0}$  &  $id_Y$ . Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , there is a homotopy from  $c_{y_0} \circ f: X \rightarrow Y$  to  $f$  defined by  $H': X \times I \rightarrow Y$   
 $H'(x, t) = H(f(x), t)$ , i.e.  $H' = \begin{matrix} X \times I & \xrightarrow{(f, id)} & Y \times I & \xrightarrow{H} & Y \end{matrix}$ . Hence  $[X, Y] = \{*\}$ .

(d) Q = Show  $\gamma$  path conn.  $X$  contractible  $\Rightarrow [X, Y] = \{*\}$

A = Let  $H: X \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy between  $c_{x_0}$  &  $id_X$ . Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , there is a homotopy between  $c_{f(x_0)} \circ f: X \rightarrow Y$  &  $f$ , defined by  $H': X \times I \rightarrow Y$   
 $H'(x, t) = f(H(x, t))$ . Hence any map is homotopic to a constant map. Argue as in (c) to conclude  $[X, Y] = \{*\}$ .

52.2 Q =  $\alpha: I \rightarrow X$  path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$   
 $\beta: I \rightarrow X$  path from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$



Show  $\gamma = \alpha * \beta \Rightarrow \hat{\gamma} = \hat{\beta} \circ \hat{\alpha}$

A = We have to show  $\hat{\gamma}([f]) = \hat{\beta}(\hat{\alpha}([f])) \forall [f] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$ . We have  $\hat{\gamma}([f]) = [\hat{\gamma}] * [f] * [x]$   
 $= [\hat{\beta} * \hat{\alpha}] * [f] * [x] = [\hat{\beta}] * [\hat{\alpha}] * [f] * [x] * [x]$   
 $= [\hat{\beta}] * \hat{\alpha}([f]) * [x] = \hat{\beta}(\hat{\alpha}([f]))$ .

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52.3 Q:  $x_0, x_1 \in X$ , path conn. Show  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  is abelian  $\iff \forall \alpha, \beta$  paths from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ , then  $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta}$ .

A: Let  $\alpha$  be a path from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ . Given  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \pi_1(X, x_1)$

Then  $\hat{\alpha} = \widehat{\alpha * \sigma_1} \iff \hat{\alpha}(\sigma_2) = \widehat{\alpha * \sigma_1}(\sigma_2)$

$\implies \bar{\alpha} * \sigma_2 * \alpha = \bar{\alpha} * \bar{\sigma}_1 * \sigma_2 * \sigma_1 * \alpha$

$\implies \sigma_2 = \bar{\sigma}_1 * \sigma_2 * \sigma_1$ , i.e.  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  is abelian.

" $\implies$ "  $\bar{\alpha} * \sigma_1 * \alpha = \bar{\beta} * \sigma_1 * \beta \iff \beta * \bar{\alpha} * \sigma_1 * \alpha * \bar{\beta} = \sigma_1$

&  $\beta * \bar{\alpha} \in \pi_1(X, x_0) \implies \alpha * \bar{\beta} \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$  is abelian

$\beta * \bar{\alpha} * \sigma_1 * \alpha * \bar{\beta} = \sigma_1 * \underbrace{\beta * \bar{\alpha} * \alpha * \bar{\beta}}_{e_{x_0}} = \sigma_1$

Note: I am a bit sloppy with the  $*$ , one might want to distinguish between the product in  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ , and concatenation of paths.

52.4 Q:  $A \subset X$ ,  $r: X \rightarrow A$ , cont. s.t.  $r(a) = a \forall a \in A$ .  $a_0 \in A$ . Show  $r_* = \pi_1(X, a_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(A, a_0)$ .

A: Let  $j: A \rightarrow X$  be the inclusion. Then  $r \circ j = id_A$ . Hence  $r_* \circ j_* = (id_A)_*$ , so  $r_*$  has a right inverse, hence is surjective.

(i.e. given  $\sigma_1 \in \pi_1(A, a_0)$ , consider  $j_*(\sigma_1) \in \pi_1(X, a_0)$ , then  $r_*(j_*(\sigma_1)) = (r \circ j)_*(\sigma_1) = id_*(\sigma_1) = \sigma_1$ , so  $r_*$  is surj.)

52.6 Q:  $X$  path conn.  $h: X \rightarrow Y$ , cont.  $h(x_0) = y_0$ ,  $h(x_1) = y_1$ ,  $\alpha$  path  $x_0$  to  $x_1$ .  $\beta$ -loop  $\alpha$ , path  $y_0$  to  $y_1$ . Show  $\hat{\beta} \circ (h_{x_0})_* = (h_{x_1})_* \circ \hat{\alpha}$

A:  $\hat{\beta} \circ (h_{x_0})_* (\hat{\alpha}) = \hat{\beta} (h_{x_0} \hat{\alpha}) = \bar{\beta} * [h_{x_0} \hat{\alpha}] * \beta$

$= (h_{x_0} \alpha) * [h_{x_0} \hat{\alpha}] * (h_{x_0} \alpha) = h_* (\bar{\alpha} * \hat{\alpha} * \alpha)$

$= h_* (\hat{\alpha}(\alpha))$

4 22.1 Q:  $H$  Top. space,  $H$  is a group,  $H$  is group, show  $H$  top. grp  $\Leftrightarrow f: H \times H \rightarrow H, x, y \mapsto xy^{-1}$  is cont

A: Assume  $f$  is cont. Then  $g: H \rightarrow H$  defined by  $g(x) = f(e, x) = x^{-1}$  is cont. Then  $\text{id} \times g: H \times H \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times g} H \times H \xrightarrow{f} H$  is cont. & equals the multiplication on  $H$ .

Assume  $H$  is a top. grp.  $\Rightarrow f: H \times H \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times g} H \times H \rightarrow H$  is cont.

22.2 (a) Q Show the following are top. grps  
(a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$   $A = \mathbb{Z}$  has the discrete topology, so any map is continuous, in particular  $x, y \mapsto x - y$ .

(b)  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$   $A = \mathbb{R}$  We check  $\epsilon$ - $\delta$ -continuity. Given  $\epsilon, \delta$  &  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow |x - x'| + |y - y'| < \delta$   
 $d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x, y) = d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x, y)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has the Manhattan metric  
 Hence  $d_{\mathbb{R}}(f(x, y), f(x', y')) < \epsilon$ , when  $d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x, y) < \delta = \epsilon$ .

(c)  $(\mathbb{R}_+, \cdot)$   $A = \mathbb{R}_+$  Given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , then, let  $x', y' \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$d_{\mathbb{R}}(f(x, y), f(x', y')) = \left| \frac{x}{y} - \frac{x'}{y'} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{y} - \frac{x}{y'} + \frac{x}{y'} - \frac{x'}{y'} \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \frac{x}{y} - \frac{x}{y'} \right| + \left| \frac{x}{y'} - \frac{x'}{y'} \right| = \frac{|x|}{|y|} \left| \frac{y' - y}{y'} \right| + \frac{|x|}{|y'|} |y - y'|$$

(assume  $\delta < y/2$ )

i.e.  $|y - y'| < y/2 \Rightarrow y/2 < y'$

$$\Rightarrow \leq 2|x| \cdot \frac{|y' - y|}{|y|^2} + \frac{2}{|y|} \cdot |x - x'|$$

Pick  $\delta$  s.t.  $\frac{2|x|}{|y|^2} \delta < \epsilon/2$  &  $\frac{2}{|y|} \delta < \epsilon/2, \delta < y/2$

$$\Rightarrow d_{\mathbb{R}}(f(x, y), f(x', y')) < \epsilon, \text{ when } d_{\mathbb{R}^2}(x, y) < \delta.$$

(d)  $(S', \circ) A$ : Then  $f((a,b), (c,d)) = (ac-bd, ad+bc)$ , which is the restriction of <sup>compositions of</sup> functions defined in (d) & (c) (The components of  $f$  are polynomials).

(e)  $(GL(n), \cdot) A$ : Yet again the components of  $f$  are polynomials in the variables. Indeed, Cramer's rule gives  $(A^{-1})_{ij} = \frac{(-1)^{i+j} m_{ji}}{\det A}$ , where  $m_{ij} = m_{ij} = i, j$ -minor of  $A$ , i.e.  $\det \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} = m_{ij}$ , determinant of  $A$  with row  $i$  & column  $j$  erased. (It is an entertaining exercise to check this. It only relies on properties of the determinant.)

Since  $(AB)_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$ , the multiplication & inverse maps are continuous, hence  $GL(n)$  is a topological group.

2.4 Q: Let  $\alpha \in G$ , show  $f_\alpha(x) = \alpha \cdot x$ , &  $g_\alpha(x) = x \cdot \alpha$  are homeomorphisms of  $G$ .

A:  $f_\alpha(x) = \mu(\alpha, x)$ , i.e.  $f_\alpha = G \xrightarrow{\mu} G \times G \xrightarrow{\mu} G$ , hence  $x \mapsto \alpha x \mapsto x \cdot \alpha$

$f_\alpha$  is continuous.  $f_\alpha^{-1} = f_{\alpha^{-1}}$ , hence  $f_\alpha$  is a homeomorphism.

22.5 Q:  $H \leq G$ .  $x \in G$ , define  $xH = \{x \cdot h \mid h \in H\}$  left coset.

$G/H = \{xH \mid x \in G\}$ , with quotient topology.

(a) Show,  $\alpha \in G$ ,  $f_\alpha$  induces a homeomorphism of  $G/H$ , mapping  $xH$  to  $(\alpha x)H$ .

A: Consider the map  $G \xrightarrow{f_\alpha} G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/H$ . Theorem 22.2 gives us an induced map  $\tilde{f}_\alpha = G/H \rightarrow G/H$  s.t.

$\tilde{f}_\alpha \circ \pi = \pi \circ f_\alpha$ . In fact corollary 22.3 implies  $\tilde{f}_\alpha$  is a homeomorphism.

Q: (b) Assume  $H$  is closed. Show  $G/H$  is  $T_1$ .

A:  $xH \in G/H$  is closed  $\Leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}(xH) = \{x \cdot h \mid h \in H\}$  is closed =  $f_x(H)$  is closed. But the latter set is closed, since  $f_x$  is a homeomorphism &  $H$  is closed.

6 (c) Q: Show  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/H$  is open.

A: Given  $U$  open  $\subseteq G$ . Then  $\pi(U)$  is open  $\Leftrightarrow \pi^{-1}(\pi(U))$  is open, but  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U)) = \bigcup_{h \in H} f_h(U)$ , and  $f_h(U)$  is open, since  $f_h$  is a homeomorphism, hence  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(U))$  is open, since unions of opens are open.

(d) Q:  $H$  closed,  $H \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow G/H$  is a topological group.

A: By (b)  $G/H$  is  $T_1$ . It remains to show multiplication & taking inverses are continuous. This follows from Theorem 22.3, since multiplication on  $G/H$  is induced by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times G & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/H \\ \pi \times \pi \downarrow & & \searrow \\ G/H \times G/H & & \end{array}$$

while taking inverses are induced by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{i} & G \xrightarrow{\pi} G/H \\ \pi \downarrow & & \searrow \\ G/H & & \end{array}$$

Note: The product of quotient maps are not necessarily a quotient map (see exercise 22.6). However,  $\pi \times \pi$  is a quotient map, since  $\pi$ , hence <sup>also</sup>  $\pi \times \pi$ , is an open map.

Note: Any topological group, as Hunder defines them, are  $T_2$ , since they are  $T_1$ ,  $f(x,y) = xy^{-1}$  is continuous, and hence  $f^{-1}(\{e\}) = \Delta G \subseteq G \times G$  is closed.