

## Lecture 12

\* Prob. Set 4 due on 01/06/21.

Recall:-  $p: E \rightarrow B$  continuous surjective map.

$U \subset B$  is evenly covered by  $p$  if

open

$$p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup V_\alpha, \quad V_\alpha \subset E$$

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

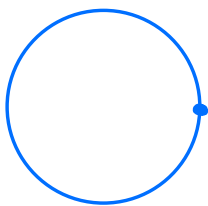
$\{V_\alpha\}$  partition of  $p^{-1}(U)$  into slices.

$p: E \rightarrow B$  cont., surjective. If  $\forall b \in B \exists U \ni b$ ,  
 $U \subset B$  which is evenly covered by  $p$  then  $p$  is  
a covering map,  $E$  cover or a covering space  
of  $B$ .

$$p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$$

$$p(x) = (\cos 2\pi x, \sin 2\pi x) \text{ covering map.}$$

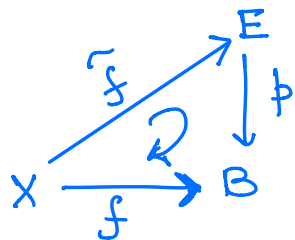
$p \times p': E \times E' \rightarrow B \times B'$  is also a covering map  
if  $p: E \rightarrow B$  and  $p': E' \rightarrow B'$  is a covering map.



Defn  $p: E \rightarrow B$ .

a **lifting** of  $f$  is a map

$$\tilde{f}: X \rightarrow E \text{ s.t. } p \circ \tilde{f} = f$$



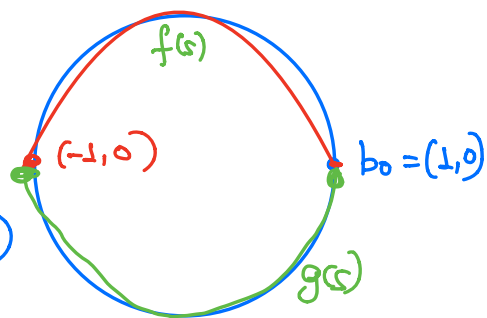
$p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  as above.

path  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow S^1$

$$f(0) = b_0 \text{ s.t. } f(s) = (\cos \pi s, \sin \pi s)$$

$\exists$  lift of  $f$ ,  $\tilde{f}: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\tilde{f}(s) = s/2 \text{ begins at } 0 \text{ and ends at } 1/2.$$



$$g(s): [0,1] \rightarrow S^1, \quad g(s) = (\cos \pi s, -\sin \pi s)$$

$$\tilde{g}(s) = -s/2 \text{ begins at } 0 \text{ and ends at } -1/2.$$

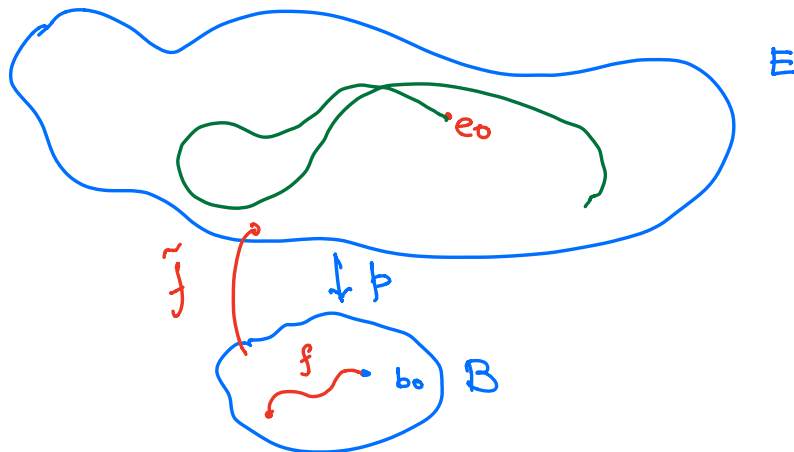
$$h(s) = (\cos 4\pi s, \sin 4\pi s)$$

$$\tilde{h}(s) = 2s \text{ begins at } 0 \text{ and ends at } 2.$$

## Lemma (path-lifting Lemma)

Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a covering map,  $p(e_0) = b_0$ .

Any path  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow B$  beginning at  $b_0$  has a unique lifting to a path  $\tilde{f}$  in  $E$  beginning at  $e_0$ .



### Existence

Proof: Cover  $B$  by open sets  $U$  each of which are evenly covered by  $p$ .

$[0,1]$  is compact  $\leadsto$  look at a subdivision

$$s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n \quad [0, s_0] \cup [s_0, s_1] \cup \dots \cup [s_{n-1}, s_n]$$

$\Rightarrow f([s_i, s_{i+1}])$  lie in an open set  $U$  as above.

We define  $\tilde{f}$  step by step.

define,  $\tilde{f}(0) = e_0$ . Suppose  $\tilde{f}(s)$  is defined for  $0 \leq s \leq s_i$ .

define  $\tilde{f}$  on  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$  as follows.

$$f([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subset \underbrace{U}_{\text{open}} \subset B \quad \text{evenly covered by } p.$$

$\{V_\alpha\}$  be a partition of  $p^{-1}(U)$ .

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

$\tilde{f}(s_i)$  lies in one of the  $V_\alpha$ 's, say  $V_0$ .

Define  $\tilde{f}(s)$  for  $s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$

$$\tilde{f}(s) = (p|_{V_0})^{-1}(f(s)).$$

$\because p|_{V_0}$  is a homeomorphism  $\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$  is continuous on  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ .

Continue in this way and define  $\tilde{f}$  on all of  $[0, 1]$ .

$\tilde{f}$  is continuous. and the way we have defined  $\tilde{f}$ , we get  $p \circ \tilde{f} = f$ .

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}$  is a lift of  $f$ .

### Uniqueness

Suppose  $\tilde{\tilde{f}}$  is another lifting of  $f$  beginning at  $e_0$ .  $\tilde{\tilde{f}}(0) = \tilde{f}(0) = e_0$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{\tilde{f}}(s) = \tilde{f}(s)$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq s_i$

$\because f([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subset U \subset B_{\text{open}}$ ,  $\tilde{\tilde{f}}(s)$  is a lift of  $f$ , i.e.,  $p \circ \tilde{\tilde{f}} = f$

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}])}_{\text{connected}}$  must lie in  $p^{-1}(U) = \bigcup V_\alpha$ .

connected



it must lie entirely

in one of  $V_\alpha$ .

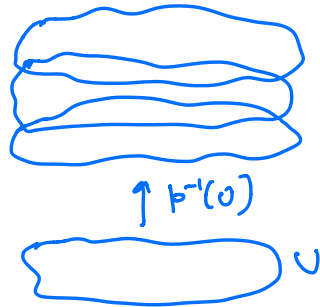
But,  $\tilde{f}(s_i) = \tilde{f}(s_i) \in V_0$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f}([s_i, s_{i+1}]) \subset V_0$ .

$\therefore \forall s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}], \tilde{f}(s) = y \in V_0$  lying in  $p^{-1}(f(s))$ . But  $y$  is unique and is given by

$$(p|_{V_0})^{-1}(f(s)) = \tilde{f}(s) = \tilde{f}(s), \forall s \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{f} = \tilde{f} \quad \square$$



### Lemma (Homotopy-lifting lemma)

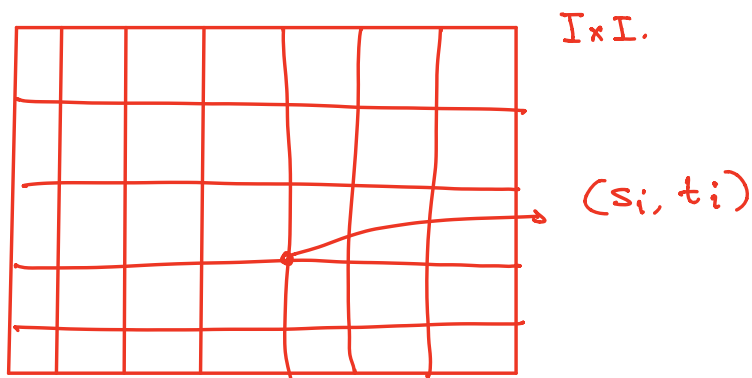
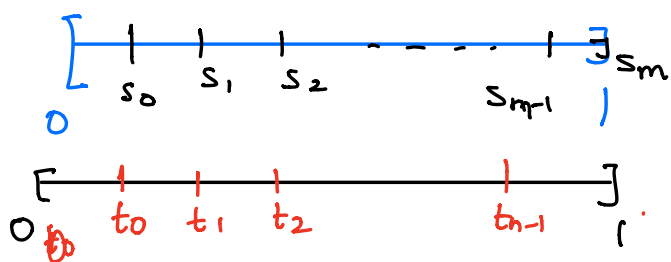
Let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a covering map,  $p(e_0) = b_0$ .

Let  $F: I \times I \rightarrow B$  be continuous w/  $F(0,0) = b_0$ .

There is a unique lifting of  $F$  to a continuous map  $\tilde{F}: I \times I \rightarrow E$  s.t.  $\tilde{F}(0,0) = e_0$ .

If  $F$  is a path homotopy, then so is  $\tilde{F}$ .

Proof:



$\tilde{F}(0,0) = e_0$ . By the previous lemma, extend  $\tilde{F}$  to the left edge  $0 \times I$  and the bottom edge  $I \times 0$ .

$$I_i \times J_j = [s_{i-1}, s_i] \times [t_{j-1}, t_j]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  is mapped by  $F$  into an open set  $U$  of  $B$  which is evenly covered by  $\tilde{f}$ .

Suppose  $\tilde{F}$  is already defined on  $A \subset I \times I$ .

$$A = 0 \times I \cup I \times 0 \cup \text{all previous } I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0} \quad (i_0, j_0) \in I \times I$$

$\downarrow$   
those rectangles  $I_i \times J_j$  s.t.  
 $j < j_0$  or if  $j = j_0$  then  $i < i_0$ .

Assume  $\widehat{F}$  is a continuous lift of  $F|_A$ .  
Define  $\widetilde{F}$  on  $I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}$  as follows.

Suppose  $F(I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}) \subset U \subset B$   
open

Let  $\{V_\alpha\}$  be a partition of  $p^{-1}(U)$ .

$\widehat{F}$  is already defined on  $A \cap (I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0})$

$\Rightarrow \widehat{F}(A \cap (I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0}))$  must be connected inside

$\bigsqcup V_\alpha$ , but  $\widehat{F}(i_0, j_0) \in V_0$  (say)

$\Rightarrow \widehat{F}(A \cap (I_{i_0} \times J_{j_0})) \subset V_0$

$$\widetilde{F}(x) = (p|_{V_0})^{-1}(F(x))$$

Continuity of  $\widetilde{F}$  and uniqueness follows via the same reasoning as before.

$p \circ \widetilde{F} = F$  by def<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow \widetilde{F}$  is a lift.

Suppose  $F$  is a path homotopy in  $B$ .

$F(0 \times I) = b_0$  and  $\because \widetilde{F}$  is a lift of  $F \Rightarrow$

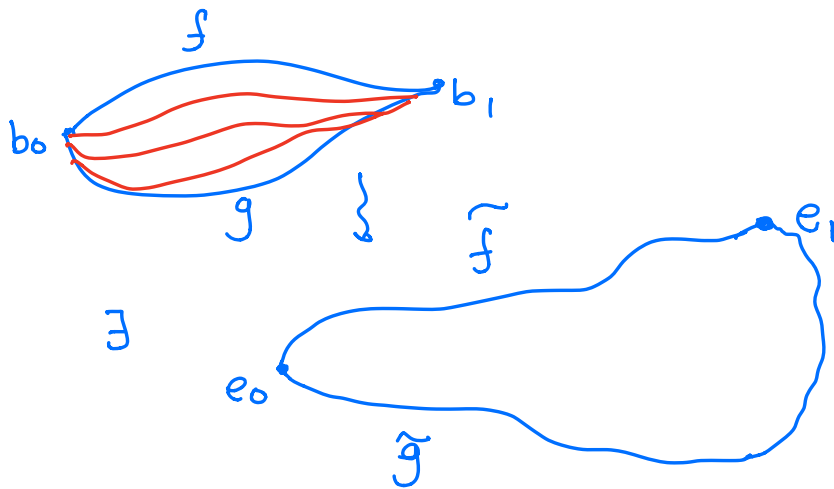
$\widetilde{F}(0 \times I) = p^{-1}(b_0) = \{e_0\}$  as  $p^{-1}(b_0)$  has

discrete topology in  $E$  as  $\tilde{F}(0 \times I)$  is connected.

Similarly  $\tilde{F}(1 \times I) = \{e_1\}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}$  is a path-homotopy. □

Theorem: let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  be a covering map,  $p(e_0) = b_0$ .  
let  $f$  and  $g$  be two paths in  $B$  from  $b_0$  to  $b_1$ .



If  $f$  and  $g$  are path-homotopic then  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  end at the same point and are path-homotopic.

Proof  $\tilde{F}(s, 0) = \tilde{f}(s) \quad \forall s \in I$

$\tilde{F}|_{I \times 1}$  path in  $E$  which is a lift of  $F|_{I \times 1}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}|_{I \times 1}$  starts at  $e_0$ , by uniqueness of path

lift  $\tilde{F}(s, 1) = \tilde{g}(s)$



$\Rightarrow$  both  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  end at  $e_1$  and  $F$  is the required path homotopy.  $\square$

Def<sup>n</sup>  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a covering map w/  $b_0 \in B$ .  
 let  $p(e_0) = b_0$ . Given  $[f] \in \pi_1(B, b_0)$ , let  $\tilde{f}$  be the lift of  $f$  to a path in  $E$  starting at  $e_0$ .

let  $\phi([f])$  denote the end point  $\tilde{f}(1)$  of  $\tilde{f}$ .

We get a map

$\phi: \pi_1(B, b_0) \rightarrow p^{-1}(b_0)$   
 map  $p$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \text{lifting correspondence from the covering} \\ \hookrightarrow \phi \text{ depends on the choice of } e_0. \end{array} \right.$

Theorem let  $p: E \rightarrow B$  cov. map,  $p(e_0) = b_0$ .

If  $E$  is path connected then

$\phi: \pi_1(B, b_0) \rightarrow p^{-1}(b_0)$  is surjective.

If  $E$  is simply connected then  $\phi$  is bijective.

Theorem (Fundamental group of  $S^1$ ).

The fundamental group of  $S^1 \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

Proof. Consider  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1$  w/  $p(x) = (\cos 2\pi x, \sin 2\pi x)$

covering map. let  $e_0 = 0$ .  $b_0 = (1, 0)$ .

$$p^{-1}(b_0) = p^{-1}((1, 0)) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$\because \mathbb{R}$  is simply connected  $\Rightarrow$

$$\phi : \pi_1(S^1, b_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ is bijective.}$$

To show that  $\phi$  is a group homomorphism.

let  $[f], [g] \in \pi_1(S^1, b_0)$ .

$\downarrow$   
 $\tilde{f}$     $\tilde{g}$  be lifts in  $\mathbb{R}$  beginning at 0.

let  $n = \tilde{f}(1)$ ,  $m = \tilde{g}(1)$ .

$\Rightarrow \phi([f]) = n$ ,  $\phi([g]) = m$  (by def<sup>n</sup>).

Suppose  $\tilde{\tilde{g}}$  be the path

$$\tilde{\tilde{g}}(s) = n + \tilde{g}(s) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

$\because p(n+x) = p(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\tilde{g}}$  is a lift of  $g$  under  $p$

and  $\tilde{\tilde{g}}$  begins at  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow \tilde{f} * \tilde{\tilde{g}}$  is defined. and it is the lift of  $f * g$  which begins at 0.

The end point of the path  $\tilde{g}$ , is  $\tilde{g}(1) = n+m$   
∴ by def<sup>n</sup> of  $\phi$

$$\phi([f] * [g]) = n+m = \phi([f]) + \phi([g])$$

⇒  $\phi$  is a homomorphism

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1(S^1) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$$

□

