

Big things from last 2 lectures

Thm 1 (Existence of covers) $X = \text{path conn.}, \text{locally path. conn.}$
 $\text{semilocally simply conn.}$
 $(\Leftrightarrow \text{connected (W complex)})$

(a) There exists a universal cover $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$

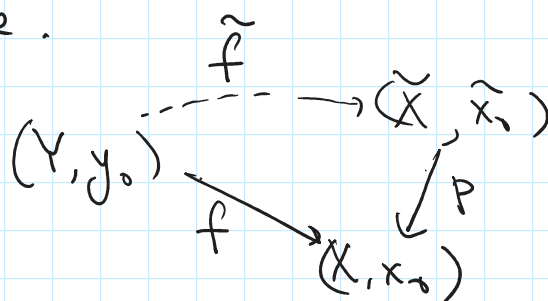
\tilde{X} path conn., $\pi_1(\tilde{X}) = \{e\}$.

(b) For any subgroup $H \subset \pi_1(X)$ there exists
 a cover $p: X_H \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\pi_1(X_H) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_1(X) = H \subset \pi_1(X)$$

p_* injective.

Thm 2 (Lifting property for maps)



$p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$
 covering

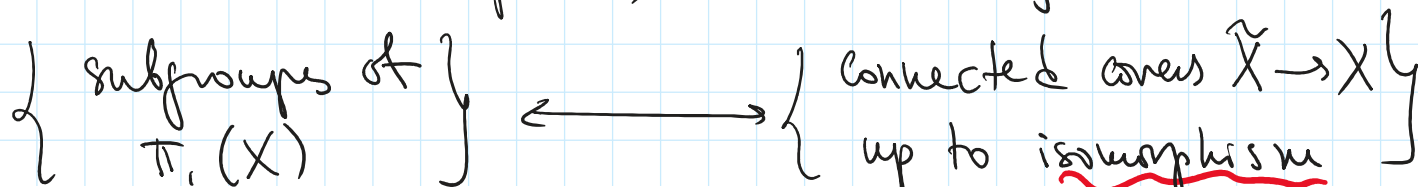
$f: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$ continuous
 $(Y \text{ path connected, locally path conn, semilocally simply conn})$

The lift $\tilde{f}: (Y, y_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$ such that $f = p \circ \tilde{f}$

exists iff $f_* \pi_1(Y) \subset p_* \pi_1(\tilde{X})$

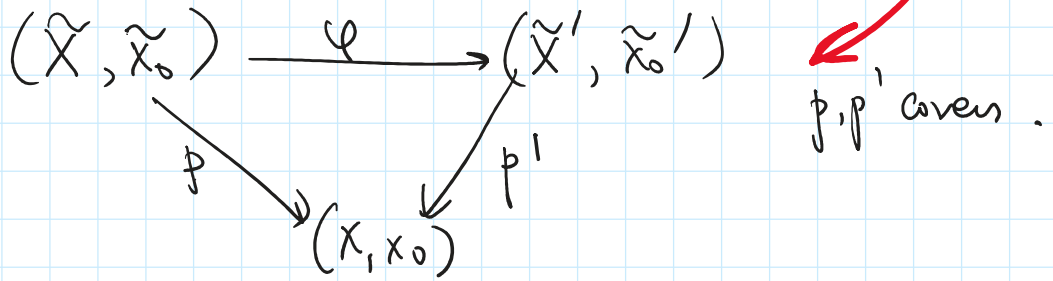
If \tilde{f} exists, it is unique.

Thm (Classification of covers with basepoints) There is a bijection



$\{ \pi_1(X) \} \longleftrightarrow \{ \text{up to isomorphism} \}$

Rank Equivalence relation on covers



p, p' covers.

$\varphi =$ homeomorphism such that $\varphi(\tilde{x}_0) = \tilde{x}'_0$
 and $p' \circ \varphi = p$. ($\Leftrightarrow p \circ \varphi^{-1} = p'$)

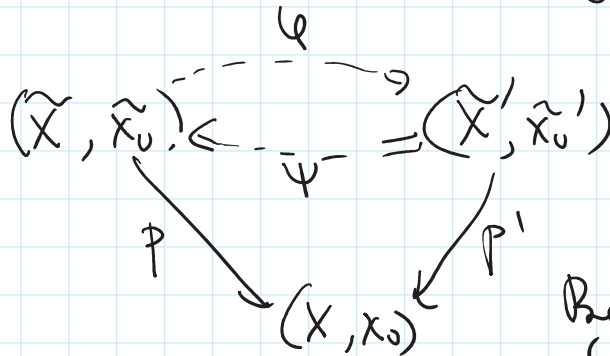
Proof Given a cover $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \xrightarrow{p} (X, x_0)$

get a subgroup $p_* \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \subset \pi_1(X, x_0)$

Clear: Isomorphic/equivalent covers \rightarrow same subgroup

Surjective: Thm 1 (for any subgroup there is a connected cover)

Injective:



Assume $p_* \pi_1(\tilde{X}) = p'_* \pi_1(\tilde{X}')$

By Thm 2 we can lift (unique)

p to a map $\varphi: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}', \tilde{x}'_0)$

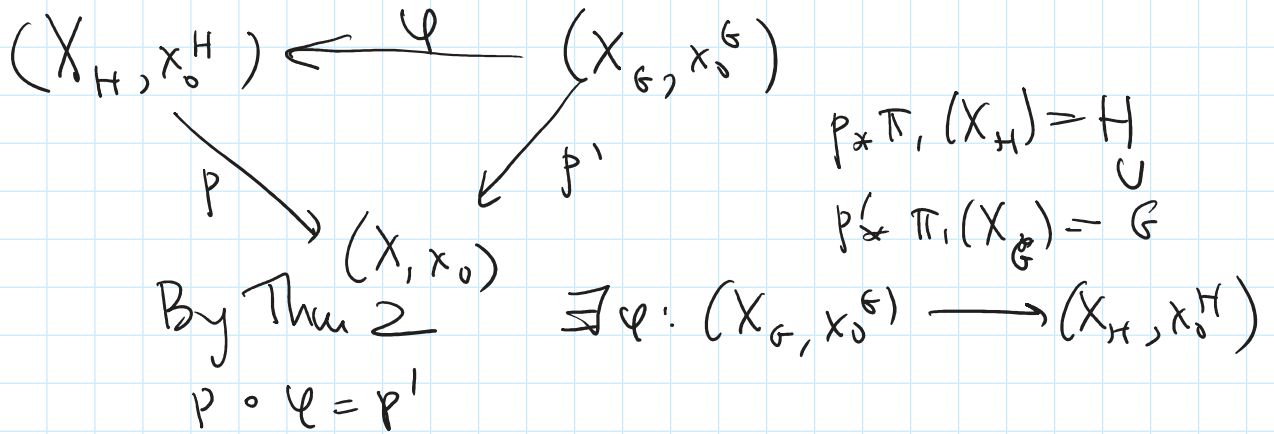
$$p' \circ \varphi = p$$

By Thm 2 we can find $\psi: (\tilde{X}', \tilde{x}'_0) \rightarrow (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$

such that $p \circ \psi = p'$

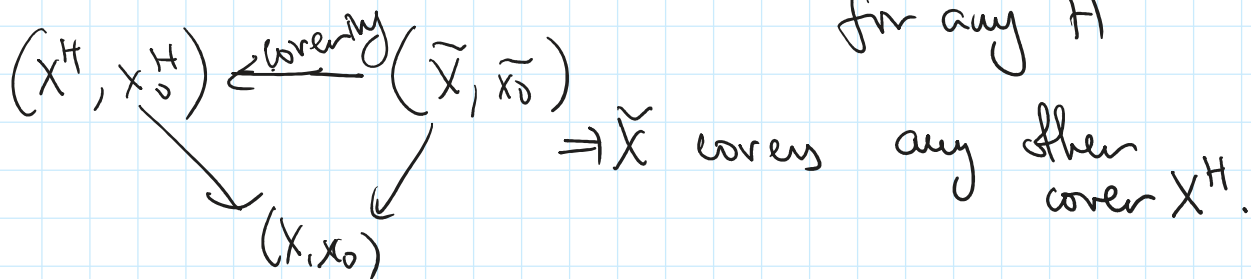
$\psi \circ \varphi$ and $\varphi \circ \psi$ are lifts of $\text{Id}_X \Rightarrow \psi \circ \varphi = \text{Id}_{\tilde{X}}$
 $\varphi \circ \psi = \text{Id}_X$.

Prop For subgroups $G \subset H \subset \pi_1(X, x_0)$



One can check that ψ is a covering map
 degree $\psi = |H/G|$

Corollary $\tilde{X} = \text{universal cover } \pi_1(\tilde{X}) = \{e\} \subset H$
 for any H



"Universal property of the universal cover".

Ex: (prelim fall 22) Are these covering maps

(a) $S^2 \rightarrow T^2$ (c) $T^2 \rightarrow T^2$

(b) $T^2 \rightarrow S^2$

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 $\mathbb{Z}^2 \xrightarrow{\parallel} \{e\}$ contradiction.

(a) $\pi_1(S^2) \rightarrow \pi_1(T^2)$ If cover $p: S^2 \rightarrow T^2$ exists then S^2 would be a universal cover of T^2 .

We have universal cover $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow T^2$

By today's thm, universal cover is unique up to homeomorphism, \mathbb{R}^2 is not homeo to S^2 .

(c) $\text{id}: T^2 \rightarrow T^2$ $T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$ degrees.
 $p \downarrow (h, i)$
 $S^1 \times S^1$
 \Rightarrow degree h cover of $T^2 \rightarrow T^2$.

$$p_* \pi_1(T^2) = p_* \mathbb{Z}^2 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} h, 0 \\ 0, 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \subset \mathbb{Z}^2 = \pi_1(T^2)$$

$$p_*(1, 0) = (h, 0) \quad p_*(0, 1) = (0, 1)$$

Q: Classify all ^{connected} covers of S^2

$\pi_1(S^2) = \{e\} \Rightarrow$ only subgroup $H = \{e\}$
 cover = $S^2 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} S^2$.

Ex $\Sigma =$ compact orientable surface (2-manifold)
 connected

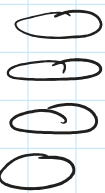
Classification of Surfaces $\Rightarrow \Sigma = \Sigma_g$ genus g surface
for some g .

$$\pi_1(\Sigma) = \frac{\langle a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g \rangle}{\langle a_1 b_1 a_1^{-1} b_1^{-1}, \dots, a_g b_g a_g^{-1} b_g^{-1} = e \rangle}$$

Finite index subgroups of $\pi_1(\Sigma)$

connected
finite covers of Σ

$p: M \longrightarrow \Sigma$ finite cover $\Rightarrow M$ compact, oriented surface.



Orientation of $\Sigma \Rightarrow$ orientation on M

By classification, M must be a genus g' surface for some g'

Cor Any finite index subgroup of $\pi_1(\Sigma)$

is isomorphic to $\pi_1(\Sigma_{g'})$ for some g'

Fact (next time) $\Sigma_{g'} \rightarrow \Sigma_g$ the cover exists
iff $g-1$ divides $g'-1$.