

$F(x)$  is continuous.  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^1 \leftarrow$

If  $x_n \rightarrow x$  then  $F(x_n) \rightarrow F(x)$ .

You need to show  $\{F(x_n)\}$  converges!

Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $F(x_n) \rightarrow z$ .

Need to show  $z = F(x)$ .

Want to show  $G(F)$  is closed,

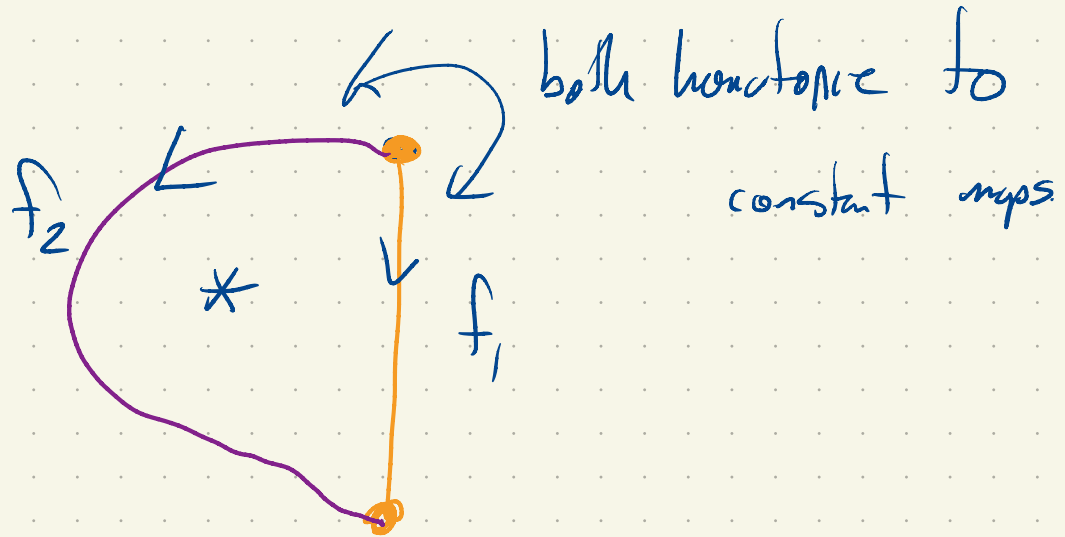
$$(x_n, F(x_n)) \rightarrow (x, z)$$

Need to show  $(x, z) \in G(F)$

$$\downarrow$$
$$(x, F(x))$$

# Fundamental Group (Topology + Algebra)

Relative homotopy

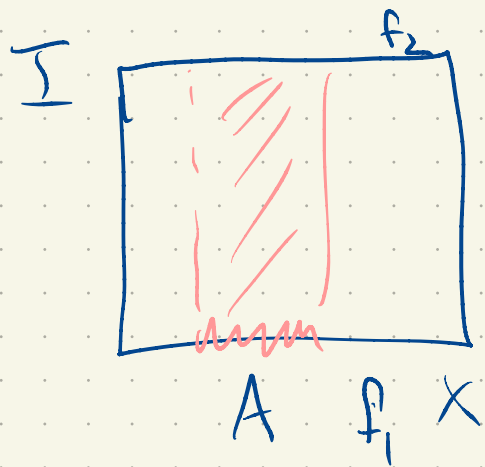


Def: Let  $X, Y$  be spaces and  $A \subseteq X$ .

Suppose  $f_1, f_2: X \rightarrow Y$ . We say they are homotopic relative to  $A$  if there is a homotopy  $H$  from  $f_1$  to  $f_2$

such that

$$H(a, t) = f_1(a) \quad \text{for all } a \in A.$$



(only possible if

$$f_2(a) = f_1(a) \quad \forall a \in A$$

Def: Suppose  $f_1, f_2: I \rightarrow X$  are two paths,

We say they are path homotopic if

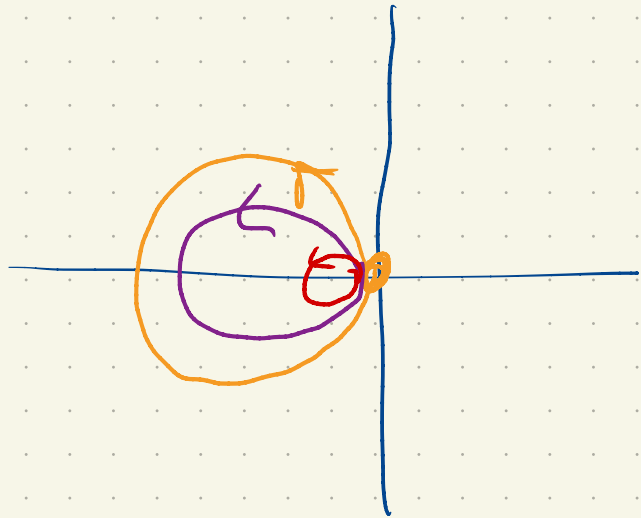
they are homotopic relative to  $\{0, 1\}$

(The endpoints need to stay put).

Important special case: A path  $f: I \rightarrow X$  is

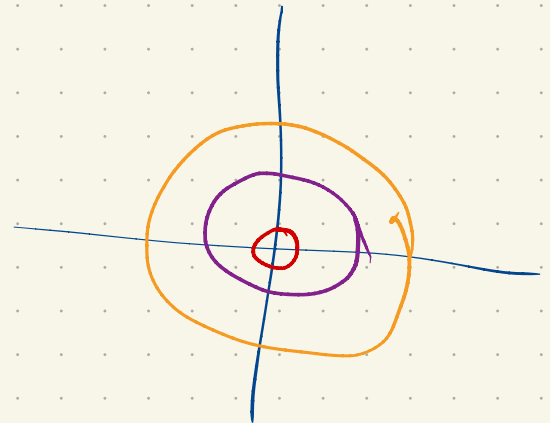
a loop if  $f(0) = f(1)$ .

e.g.  $f(s) = e^{2\pi i s} - 1$   $s \in I$



Path homotopy:

$$H(s,t) = f(s)(1-t)$$



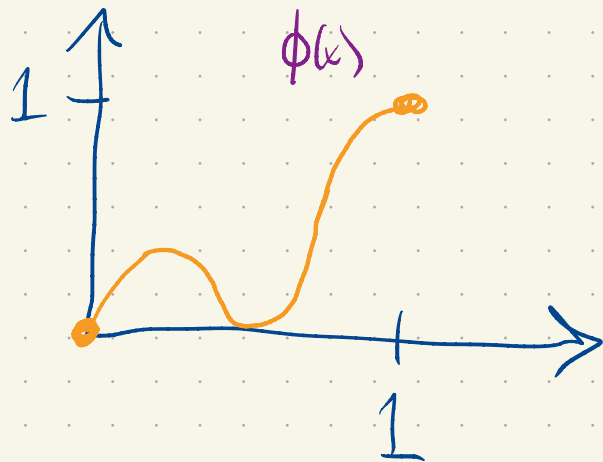
Paths that are path homotopic  
to constant paths are called

null homotopic. (boring)

(Must be a loop!)

Ex:  $\phi: I \rightarrow I$

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi(1) = 1$$

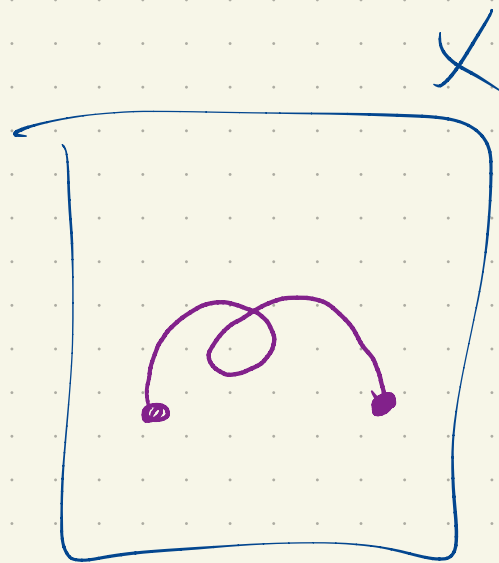


Consider a path  $f: I \rightarrow X$ .

We can make a new path  $\tilde{f} = f \circ \phi$ .

Observe that  $\tilde{f}(0) = f(\phi(0)) = f(0)$

and similarly  $\tilde{f}(1) = f(1)$ .



We call  $\tilde{f}$  a reparameterization of  $f$ .

In limit  $\tilde{f}$  is path homotopic to  $f$ .

$$H(s, t) = f(s(1-t) + \phi(s)t)$$

$$t=0 \quad f(s \cdot 1 + 0) = f(s)$$

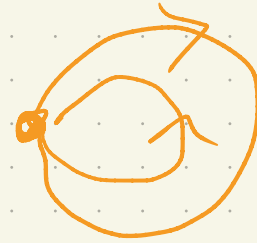
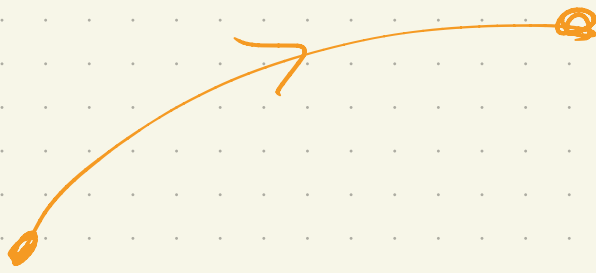
$$t=1 \quad f(\phi(s)) = \tilde{f}(s)$$

$$H(1, t) = f(1(1-t) + \phi(1)t)$$

$$= f(1-t + t) = f(1)$$

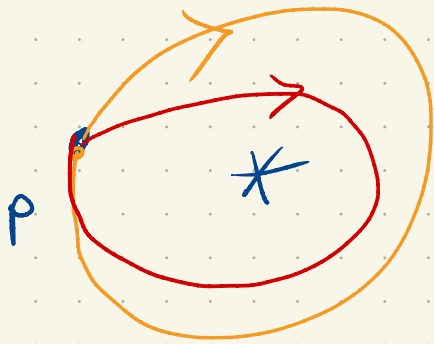
$$H(0, t) = f(0) \quad \text{similarly}$$





$X$

$f$



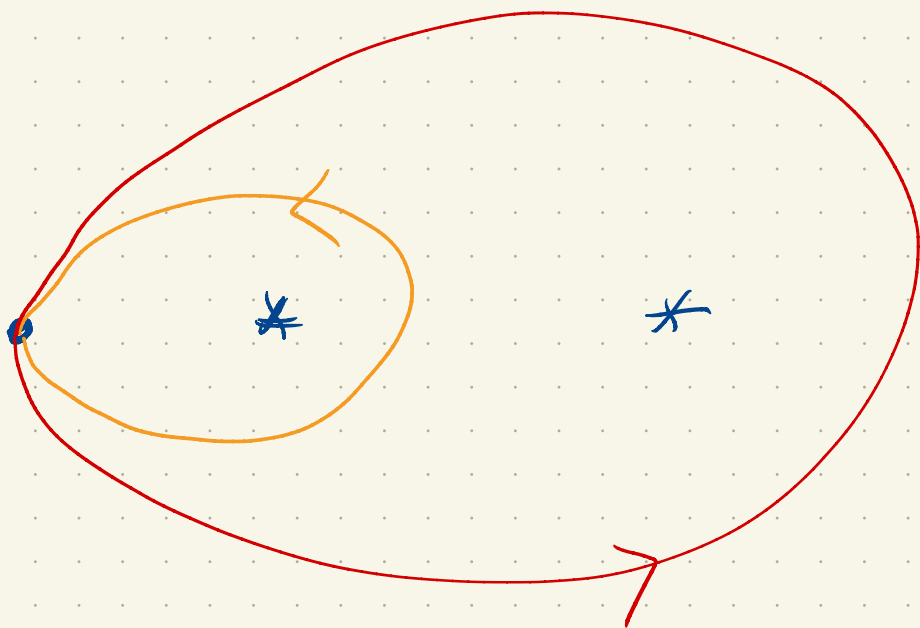
$[f] \leftarrow$  path homotopy class of  $f$   
(all paths that are path homotopic to  $f$ )

Set of all path homotopy classes of loops based at  $p$

$[X, Y]$

$\pi_1(X, p) \leftarrow$  fundamental group of  $X$  (with base point  $p$ )

$\pi_1(X, p)$  is a group!



Def: Two paths  $f, g$  in  $X$  are composable

iff  $f(1) = g(0)$ . (Note: order matters)

If  $f$  and  $g$  are composable

we define

$$f \circ g(s) = \begin{cases} f(2s) & 0 \leq s \leq 1/2 \\ g(2s-1) & 1/2 \leq s \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

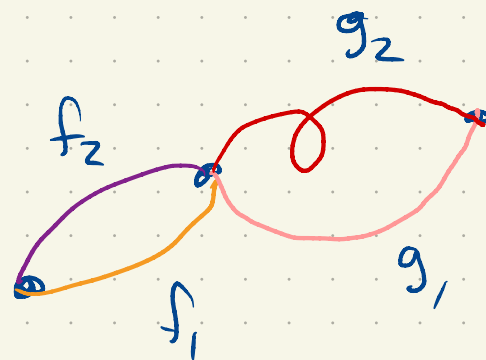
Note that  $f \circ g$  is continuous by pasting lemma.

Note: if  $f$  and  $g$  are loops based at  $p$

then they are composable in either order and we

can form  $f \circ g$  or  $g \circ f$ .

Prop: Suppose  $f_1, f_2$  are path homotopic  
 $g_1, g_2$  are path homotopic  
and  $f_2$  and  $g_1$  are composable,

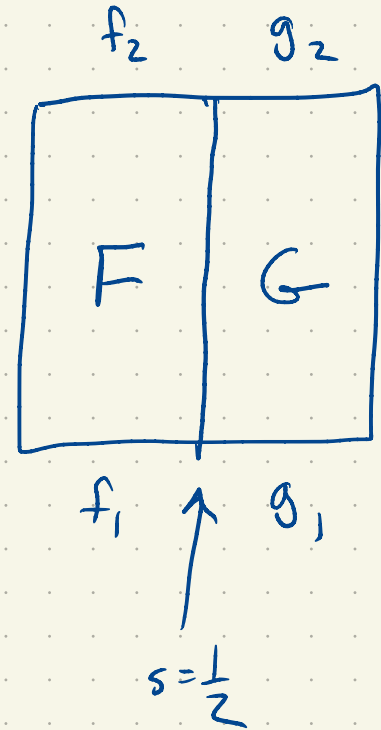


Then  $f_2$  and  $g_2$  are composable and  $[f_2(1) = g_2(0)]$

$f_1 \circ g_1$  is path homotopic to  $f_2 \circ g_2$ .

Pf:

$$H(s,t) = \begin{cases} F(2s, t) & 0 \leq s \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ G(2s-1, t) & \frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



$$F(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}, t) = F(1, t) = f_1(1) \leftarrow$$

$$G(2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} - 1, t) = G(0, t) = g_1(0) \leftarrow = \Rightarrow \text{pasture!}$$

$[f] \cdot [g]$  well defined  
 $[f \cdot g]$

$$f \cdot g \sim \hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}$$

$$[f \cdot g] = [\hat{f} \hat{g}]$$