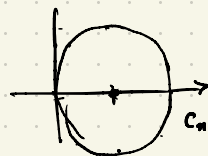


① EARRING SPACE.

WE WOULD LIKE  $\pi_1(X \vee Y) \cong \pi_1(X) * \pi_1(Y)$ .

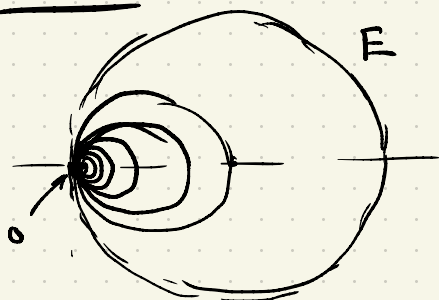
THIS IS NOT QUITE TRUE...

EXAMPLE:  $C_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x - \frac{1}{n}\| = \frac{1}{n}\}$



DEFINE  $E = \bigcup_n C_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .

PICTURE:



WE USE  $o$  AS THE BASE POINT.

EXERCISES

- (i)  $E \vee E \cong E$ .
- (ii)  $\pi_1(E)$  IS UNCOUNTABLE.
- (iii)  $\pi_1(E \vee E) \neq \pi_1(E) * \pi_1(E)$ .

THE LAST IS VERY DIFFICULT!

HINT: CONSIDER



WITH TWO POINTS WHERE

IT IS NOT "SEMI-LOCALLY SIMP. CONN." SO APPLY THM 1.2 OF [EDA 2002]

② SEIFERT - VAN KAMPEN

THEOREM (20) SUPPOSE  $(X, x_0)$  IS PATH CONNECTED.

SUPPOSE  $\{A_\alpha\}_\alpha$  IS AN OPEN COVER SO THAT

FOR ALL  $\alpha$  (i)  $x_0 \in A_\alpha$

(ii)  $A_\alpha$  IS PATH CONNECTED.

DEFINE  $\iota_\alpha: A_\alpha \hookrightarrow X$ .

DEFINE  $\Phi = *_{\alpha} (L_{\alpha})_{\#} : *_{\alpha} \pi_1(A_{\alpha}, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$

① SUPPOSE  $A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}$  IS PATH-CONN FOR ALL  $\alpha, \beta$ .  
 THEN  $\Phi$  IS SURJECTIVE.

DEFINE  $B_{\alpha\beta} = A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta}$ , AND  $L_{\alpha\beta} : B_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow A_{\alpha}$

DEFINE  $B_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = A_{\alpha} \cap A_{\beta} \cap A_{\gamma}$

DEFINE

$$U = \left\{ (L_{\alpha\beta})_{\#}(w) \cdot (i_{\beta\alpha})_{\#}(w)^{-1} \mid \text{FOR ALL } \alpha, \beta, w \text{ WITH } w \in \pi_1(B_{\alpha\beta}, x_0) \right\}$$

DEFINE  $N = \langle\langle U \rangle\rangle$  THE NORMAL CLOSURE of  $U$

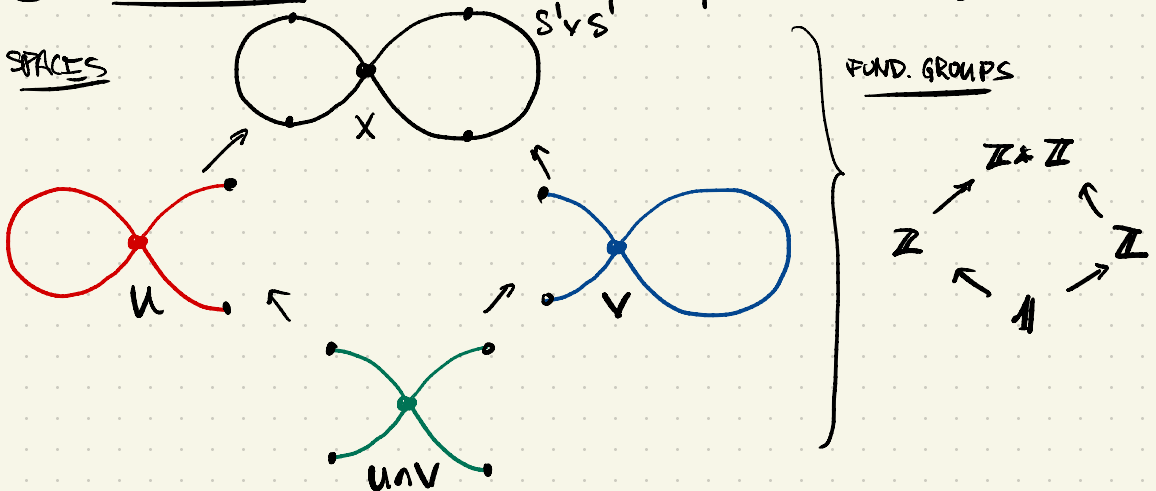
② SUPPOSE  $B_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  IS PATH CONN FOR ALL  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .  
 THEN  $\text{KER}(\Phi) = N$

THAT IS:

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong *_{\alpha} \pi_1(A_{\alpha}, x_0) / N$$

③ APPLICATION

$$\pi_1(S^1 \vee S^1) \cong \mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}$$



④ PROOF of ①: FIX  $(f) \in \pi, (X, x_0)$

A FACTORIZATION of  $[f]$  IS A LIST

$[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n]$  SO THAT FOR ALL  $i$  THERE IS

A  $\alpha(i)$  WITH  $[f_i] \in \pi, (A_{\alpha(i)}, x_0)$  AND

$f \cong f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_n$  [CONCAT. OF PATHS].

THAT IS:  $[f]$  FACTORS IFF  $[f] \in \text{IMAGE}(\Phi)$ .

CLAIM: EVERY  $[f] \in \pi, (X, x_0)$  FACTORS.

PROOF:  $\{f^{-1}(A_\alpha)\}_\alpha$  IS AN OPEN COVER OF  $I$ .

LEBESGUE: THERE IS A PARTITION  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = 1$

OF  $I = [0, 1]$  SO THAT FOR ALL  $i$  THERE IS  $\alpha(i)$

WITH  $f([t_i, t_{i+1}]) \subset A_{\alpha(i)}$ . SET  $B_i = A_{\alpha(i-1)} \cap A_{\alpha(i)}$

BY HYPOTHESES,  $x_0 \in B_i$ ,

$f([t_i, t_{i+1}]) \subset B_i$ , AND  $B_i$  PATH-CONN

PICK  $g_i: I \rightarrow B_i$

$g_i(0) = x_0, g_i(1) = f(t_{i+1})$

DEFINE:

$$f_0 = f|_{[t_0, t_1]} * \overline{g_1}$$

$$f_i = g_i * f|_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]} * \overline{g_{i+1}}$$

$$f_n = g_{n-1} * f|_{[t_{n-1}, t_n]}$$

SO  $f \cong f_0 * f_1 * f_2 * \dots * f_n$  [ $g_i$ : ALL CANCELL!]  $\square$

