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- 1 Let f be a loop in X based at $x_0 \in X$. Show that $f * e_{x_0} \simeq_p f$ by *explicitly* writing down a path homotopy $H: I \times I \rightarrow X$ between $f * e_{x_0}$ and f .

2 Let α be a path in X from x_0 to x_1 . Define the map $\hat{\alpha}: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_1)$.

Show that if $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ is abelian, then $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta}$ for every pair of paths α and β from x_0 to x_1 .

3 Let E and B be topological spaces. Define what it means for a function $p: E \rightarrow B$ to be a *covering map*.

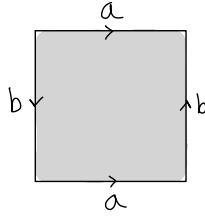
Prove that if $p: E \rightarrow B$ and $p': E' \rightarrow B'$ are covering maps, then $p \times p': E \times E' \rightarrow B \times B'$ defined by $(p \times p')(e, e') = (p(e), p'(e'))$ is a covering map.

- 4 Let X be a topological space, let $A \subset X$, let $i: A \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion map, and let $r: X \rightarrow A$ be continuous. Define what it means for r to be a *retraction*. Define what it means for r to be a *deformation retraction*. Give an example of $r: X \rightarrow A$ such that r is a retraction but not a deformation retraction (you do not need to prove your answer is correct).

- 5 Use the fact that there is no continuous antipode-preserving map $g: S^2 \rightarrow S^1$ in order to prove the Borsuk–Ulam theorem for S^2 : “If $f: S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is continuous, then there is a point $x \in S^2$ with $f(x) = f(-x)$.”

- 6 Let $B^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ be the unit disk. Prove the Brouwer fixed point theorem: “Any continuous map $f: B^2 \rightarrow B^2$ has a fixed point $x \in B^2$ with $f(x) = x$.”

- 7 Use the Seifert-van Kampen theorem to compute the fundamental group $\pi_1(K)$, where K is the Klein bottle, defined as the identification space drawn below.



- 8 Give the precise definition of a topological space X whose fundamental group is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2$. Then, describe a topological space X whose fundamental group is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$. (You do not need to prove either answer is correct.)

- 9 The connected sum of two surfaces S and S' is obtained by cutting out a disk from each surface and gluing the resulting surfaces along their circle boundaries: $S\#S' = (S\setminus D^2)\cup_{S^1}(S'\setminus D^2)$. Let T be the torus. Using the Seifert-van Kampen theorem *on the natural decomposition into two pieces given by the connected sum*, calculate $\pi_1(T\#T)$.

- 10 Let X be the quotient space obtained from an 8-sided polygonal region P by pasting its edges together according to the labelling scheme $abcd b^{-1}c^{-1}a^{-1}d^{-1}$. It turns out that all vertices of P are mapped to the same point of the quotient space X by the pasting map. Calculate $H_1(X)$, and using this, determine which compact surface X is homeomorphic to.

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