

Classification Theorem  $X$  a space with a universal covering space (e.g. conn'd loc simply conn'd),  $x_0 \in X$  any base point. There is a bijection  $\{q: E \rightarrow X \mid q \text{ covering}\} / \text{covering iso} \cong \text{Sub}(\pi_1(X, x_0)) / \text{conjugacy}$

Here  $\text{Sub}(G) = \{H \mid H \leq G\}$  is the subgroup lattice of  $G$

$q \mapsto$  conj class of  $q_* \pi_1(E, e)$  for  $q(e) = x_0$ .  
 $H \leq K \leq G$

Note For a version without conjugacy classes, keep track of based covering spaces  $q: (E, e) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$  and covering isos preserving basepoints.

Galois?  $L/k$  finite Galois extn of fields then

$\{E \mid k \subseteq E \subseteq L\} \cong \text{Sub}(\text{Gal}(L/k))$  (similar, logically independent)

Pf Fix a universal cover  $q: E \rightarrow X$  and  $e_0 \in E$  with  $q(e_0) = x_0$ .

Then  $\pi_1(X, x_0) \cong \text{Aut}_q(E)$

$$[\gamma] \mapsto \underbrace{\varphi_\gamma : e_0 \mapsto e_0 \cdot \gamma}_{\text{unique covering auto satisfying } \varphi_\gamma(e_0) = e_0 \cdot \gamma}$$

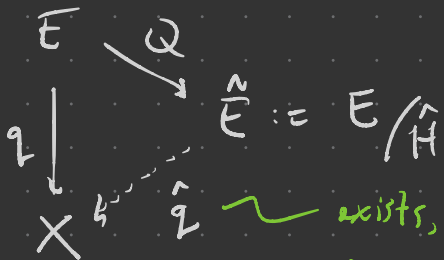
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satisfying  $\varphi_\gamma(e_0) = e_0 \cdot \gamma$

Given  $H \leq \pi_1(X, x_0)$  let

$$\hat{H} \leq \text{Aut}_q(E)$$

denote the (isomorphic) image of  $H$  in  $\text{Aut}_q(E)$ .

Have



exists, cts by  
univ property

WTS  $\hat{q}$  is a covering map.

$$\hat{q}(e \cdot \hat{H}) = q(e)$$

$$q(e \cdot \gamma) = q(e) \quad \underbrace{\gamma \in H}$$

For  $U \subseteq X$  open, evenly covered, let  $\hat{U}_0$  be a component of  $\hat{q}^{-1}U$ .

Suffices to show  $\hat{q}|_{\hat{U}_0}$  homeo. Have  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$  open & closed in

$q^{-1}U \Rightarrow Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$  is a union of components in  $q^{-1}U$ .

For  $U_0$  a component of  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0$ , have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_0 & \xrightarrow{Q} & \hat{U}_0 \\ q \downarrow \cong & & \swarrow \hat{q} \\ U & & \end{array}$$

so  $Q$  injective on  $U_0$ .

$Q \circ \varphi = Q$  for  $\varphi \in \hat{H} \Rightarrow Q(\varphi U_0) = Q U_0$  for  $\varphi \in \hat{H}$ .

Since  $Q$  is surj and  $Q^{-1}\hat{U}_0 = \bigcup_{\varphi \in \hat{H}} \varphi U_0$ , learn that  $Q|_{U_0}$  is surj.

Thus  $Q|_{U_0}$  is an open bij'n  $\Rightarrow Q|_{U_0} : U_0 \cong \hat{U}_0$ .

Hence  $\hat{q}|_{\hat{U}_0} = (Q|_{U_0}) \circ (q^{-1}|_U)$  is a homeo as well.

Now check  $\hat{q}_* \pi_1(\hat{E}, \hat{e}_0) = H$  for some  $\hat{e}_0 \in \hat{E}$  s.t.  $\hat{q}(\hat{e}_0) = x_0$ .

Take  $\hat{e}_0 = Q(e_0)$ . Then  $\hat{q}_* \pi_1(\hat{E}, \hat{e}_0) = \text{isotropy of } \hat{e}_0$   
under  $\hat{E} \ni \pi_1(X, x_0)$ . For  $[\gamma] \in \pi_1(X, x_0)$

$$\hat{e}_0 \cdot [\gamma] = Q(e_0) \cdot [\gamma] = Q(e_0 \cdot [\gamma]) = Q(\Psi_\gamma(e_0)).$$

$\parallel$   
 $Q(e_0) \cdot [\gamma]$

$Q: \hat{q}^{-1}x_0 \rightarrow \hat{q}^{-1}x_0$   
 $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ -equivariant

Thus  $[\gamma]$  is isotropy iff  $Q(\Psi_\gamma(e_0)) = Q(e_0)$

$$G \curvearrowright A \xrightarrow{Q} A/H$$

$H \in G$

$$Q(ga) = Q(a) \iff g \in H$$

iff  $\Psi_\gamma \in \hat{H}$   
iff  $\gamma \in H$

$$Q: E \rightarrow E/\hat{H}$$

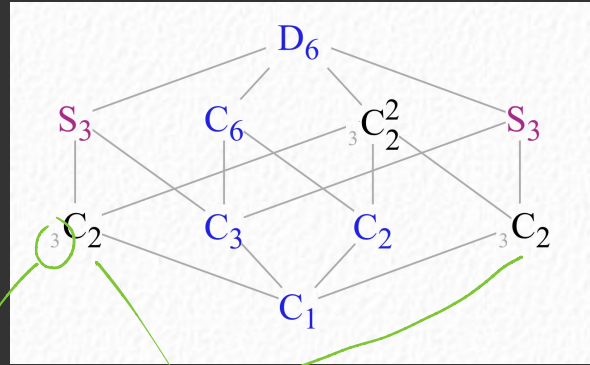
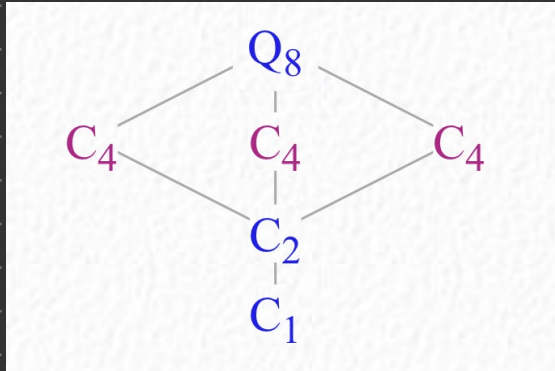
$$\hat{H} = \{\Psi_\gamma \mid \gamma \in H\}$$

This shows  $\{\text{covers}\} \rightarrow \{\text{conj classes}\}$  is surjective.

By counting Isomorphism Criterion (11.40) injective as well.

For easy access to  $\text{Sub}(G)/G$  <sup>conj action - so subgps up to conjugacy</sup>

see the GroupNames database.



# conj subgps

different conj classes of  $\cong$  subgps

etc.

$$H \subseteq K \subseteq \pi_1(X, x_0)$$

$E$  univ cover

$$E = E / \{1\}$$



$$E / \hat{H}$$



$$E / \hat{K}$$



$$X = E / \text{Aut}_q(E)$$

$$\text{Sub}(C_n)$$

$$\cong \{d \geq 1 \mid d \mid n\}$$

$$C_{p^i} \text{ Sub}(C_{p^n}) \quad p \text{ prime}$$

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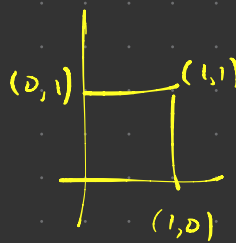
$$\{0 < 1 < \dots < n\}$$

E.g. Coverings of  $\mathbb{T}^2$

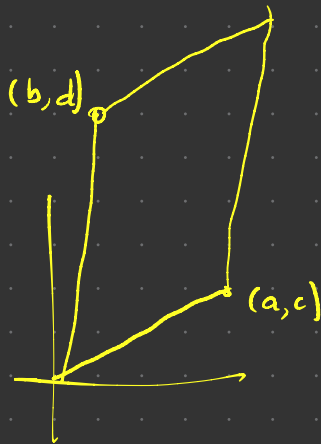
For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 2}$ , consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \varepsilon_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{T}^2 & \xrightarrow{q} & \mathbb{T}^2 \end{array}$$

$$(z, w) \longmapsto (z^a w^b, z^c w^d)$$



$\xrightarrow{A}$



If  $\ker(q) \subseteq \mathbb{T}^2$  is discrete, then  $q$  is a covering map.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 & \ni A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \end{pmatrix} & \longmapsto (m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (z, w) & \longmapsto & (1, 1) \end{array}$$

so  $\ker q = \varepsilon_2 A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{T}^2$   
 torsion subgroup gen'd by 2 elts  
 $\Rightarrow \ker q$  finite  $\Rightarrow \ker q$  discrete.

Prop Every cover of  $T^2$  is isomorphic to precisely one of the following:

(a) universal covering  $e: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow T^2$

(b)  $q: S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^2$   
 $(z, y) \mapsto (z^a \varepsilon(y)^b, z^b \varepsilon(y)^{-a})$

for  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b > 0$  if  $a = 0$

$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$

(c)  $q: T^2 \rightarrow T^2$   
 $(z, w) \mapsto (z^a w^b, w^c)$

with  $a > b > 0, c > 0$   
 integers.

Pf Fix  $p = (1, 1) \in T^2$  as basepoint. Have  $\pi_1(T^2, p) \cong \langle \beta, \gamma \mid p\beta = \gamma p \rangle$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}^2$





Fact Subgps of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  are one of the following:

rank 0 - (i) trivial

rank 1 - (ii) infinite cyclic gen'd by  $(a, b)$  with  $a \geq 0$ , and  $b > 0$  if  $a = 0$

rank 2 - (iii)  $\langle (a, 0), (b, c) \rangle$  with  $a > b \geq 0$ ,  $c > 0$ .

We check that  $H \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$  free Abelian of rank 2 has type (iii).

Have  $H \cap (\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}) \neq \emptyset$  b/c  $j(m, n) - n(i, j) = (jm - ni, 0) \in H \cap (\mathbb{Z} \times \{0\})$

$H_1 =$

Take  $\langle (a, 0) \rangle = H_1$ , w/  $a > 0$ .

basis for  $H$

May "extend basis" to  $(a, 0), (b, c)$  satisfying (iii).

Given 2 such bases,  $\exists M \in GL_2 \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} M = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & c' \end{pmatrix}$

so  $M$  upper  $\Delta$ 's with  $\det 1$ .  $\rightsquigarrow$  algebra  $M = \text{id}$

so unique such basis!

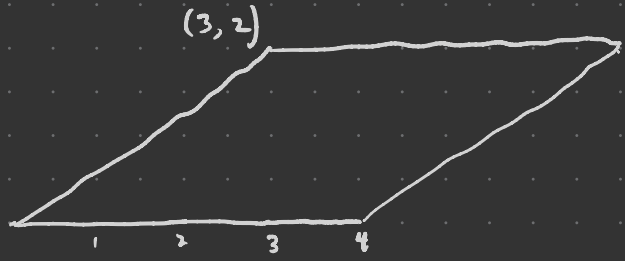
Finally, check that induced subgps match. E.g. for (c)

$$\beta \mapsto \beta^a, \gamma \mapsto \beta^b \gamma^c$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

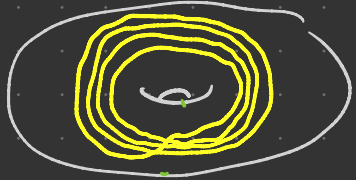
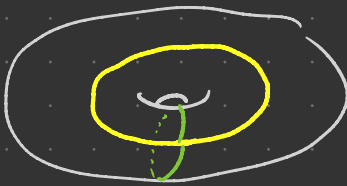
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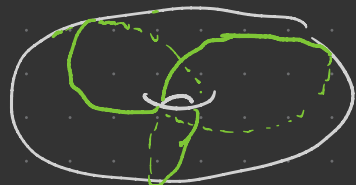


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separate pictures  
for clarity



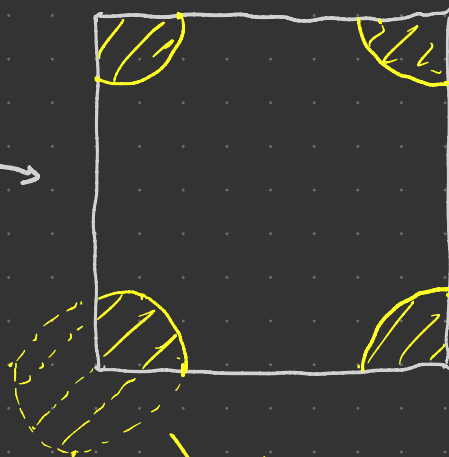
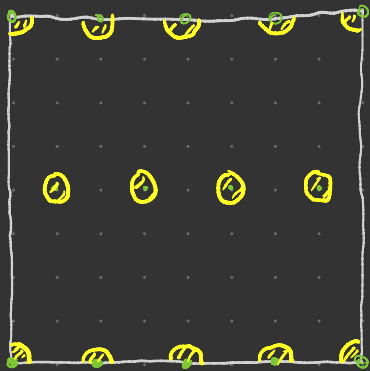
trefoil!

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & -\frac{b}{ac} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{c} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{so } A^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^2 \cap [0,1]^2$$

looks like

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -3/8 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



E.g. lens spaces

$$S^3 = \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid z_1 \bar{z}_1 + z_2 \bar{z}_2 = 1\}$$

Fix  $1 \leq m < n$  rel prime integers

$$\mathbb{Z}/n \hookrightarrow S^3 \quad \text{by} \quad [k] \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (e^{2\pi i k/n} z_1, e^{2\pi i k m/n} z_2)$$

cyclic  
order  $n$

Fact  $S^3 \xrightarrow{\text{cover}} S^3 / (\mathbb{Z}/n) =: L(n, m)$

compact 3-mfld

$$\pi_1(L(n, m)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/n \quad \text{since} \quad \pi_1 S^3 = 1$$

$$\text{Sub}(\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/n}_{\text{Abelian}}) = \left\{ r\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/\left(\frac{n}{r}\right)\mathbb{Z} \mid r \mid n \right\}$$

So  $L(n, m)$  has one iso class of cover for each divisor of  $n$ .

... { Covers of  $S^1 \vee S^1$

