

## CORRECTION

Let

$(X_1, x_1), (X_2, x_2)$  pointed top spaces, s.t.  $x_1, x_2$  have contractible open nbhds  
(or at least simply connected)

Let  $X_1 \xrightarrow{j_1} X_1 \vee X_2 \xleftarrow{j_2} X_2$  be the inclusion maps

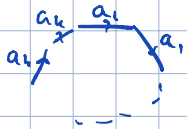
Then the map  $\pi_1(X_1) * \pi_1(X_2) \rightarrow \pi_1(X_1 \vee X_2)$

given by  $c_1 \in \pi_1(X_1) \mapsto (j_1)_*(c_1) \in \pi_1(X_1 \vee X_2)$

$c_2 \in \pi_1(X_2) \mapsto (j_2)_*(c_2) \in \pi_1(X_1 \vee X_2)$

is an iso of groups.

•  $\pi_1(X_k) = \{a_1, \dots, a_n \mid a_1^2 \dots a_n^2 = 1\}$



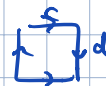
In particular:  $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}P^2) = \mathbb{Z}_2$

$\pi_1(X_2) = \pi_1(K)$

$\{a, b \mid a^2 b^2 = 1\}$



$\{c, d \mid c d c^{-1} d = 1\}$



# Products, coproducts, pushouts

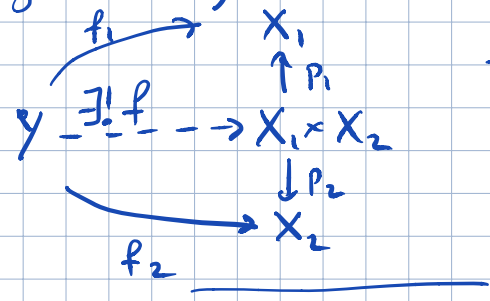
## Products

recall: for  $X_1, X_2$  top spaces,  $p_1: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_1$  and  $p_2: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_2$  projections.

$f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  is cont. iff component maps  $f_1 = p_1 \circ f: Y \rightarrow X_1$  and  $f_2 = p_2 \circ f: Y \rightarrow X_2$  are cont.

Or:  $f: Y \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  is uniquely determined by a pair  $f_1: Y \rightarrow X_1$ ,  $f_2: Y \rightarrow X_2$  and  $f_i = p_i \circ f$

Diagrammatically:



- given the commut. diagram given by solid arrows,  $\exists!$  map  $f$  - dashed arrow - making the whole diag. commutative.

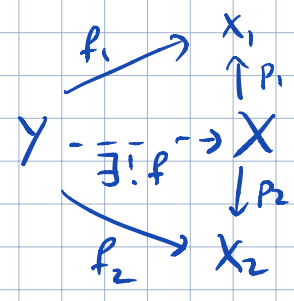
(commutativity in top/bottom triangles  $\Leftrightarrow f_1, f_2$  are components of  $f$ )

In any category:

def Let  $X_1, X_2$  be objects in a category  $C$ .  $X \in Ob(C)$  is the "categorical product", (denoted  $X_1 \times X_2$ ) if there are morphisms  $p_1: X \rightarrow X_1$ ,  $p_2: X \rightarrow X_2$  s.t.

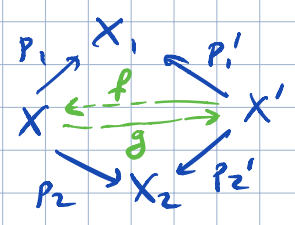
the diagram  $X_1 \leftarrow X \xrightarrow{p_2} X_2$  has the property:  $\forall Y \in Ob(C)$  and  $f_i: Y \rightarrow X_i, i=1,2$ ,

$\exists! f: Y \rightarrow X$  making the diagram



(\*) Commutative

Rem 1. In fact, the "categorical product" is defined up to (a unique) isomorphism:



$f \circ g = id_X$   
by uniqueness  
in (\*) for  $Y=X$ .

- for  $C = \text{Set}, \text{Vect}, \text{Grp}, \text{Top}, \text{Top}^*$ , the categorical product = Cartesian product with usual projection maps  $p_i: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow X_i, i=1,2$

## Coproducts

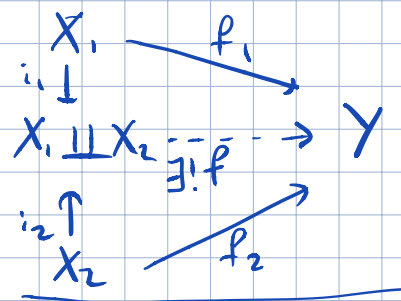
motivating example: disjoint union of sets

- for  $X_1, X_2$  sets, the disjoint union is the set  $X_1 \amalg X_2 := \{(x,1) | x \in X_1\} \cup \{(x,2) | x \in X_2\} \subset (X_1 \cup X_2) \times \{1,2\}$

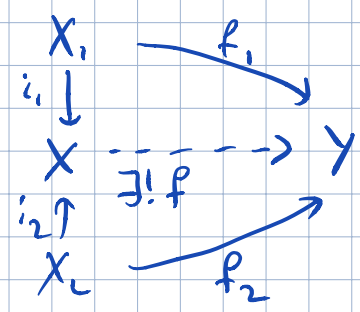
$$X_1 \xrightarrow{i_1} X_1 \amalg X_2 \xleftarrow{i_2} X_2 \quad (*)$$

$$x \mapsto (x, 1) \quad (x, 2) \leftarrow x$$

any map  $f: X_1 \amalg X_2 \rightarrow Y$  is completely determined by restrictions to  $X_1, X_2$ , i.e. by  $f_1 = f \circ i_1, f_2 = f \circ i_2$ .



def Let  $X_1, X_2$  be objects in a category  $C$ .  $X \in Ob(C)$  is called a coproduct of  $X_1, X_2$  (notation:  $X_1 \amalg X_2$ ) if there are morphisms  $X_1 \xrightarrow{i_1} X \xleftarrow{i_2} X_2$  s.t. this pair of maps satisfies the univ. property expressed by the comm. diag



coproducts may fail to exist.  
Ex:  $C = \{\text{sets with 3-elements} + \text{maps between them}\}$

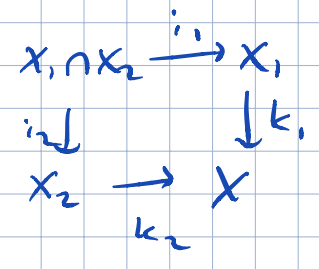
Ex: (Coproducts in some categories)

C	Coproduct
Set	$X_1 \amalg X_2$ disj. union
Vect	$X_1 \oplus X_2$ direct sum
Grp	$X_1 * X_2$ free product
Top	$X_1 \amalg X_2$ disj. union
Top*	$X_1 \vee X_2$ wedge sum (or wedge product)

$$X_1 \vee X_2 = X_1 \amalg X_2 / \{(i_1(x_1), i_2(x_2))\}$$

Pushouts motivating example - in Top

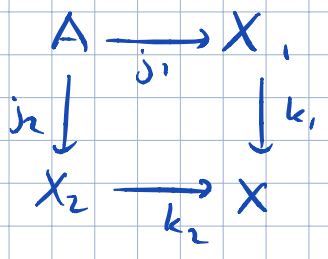
let  $X_1, X_2 \subset X$  open,  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$  then we have the comm. square



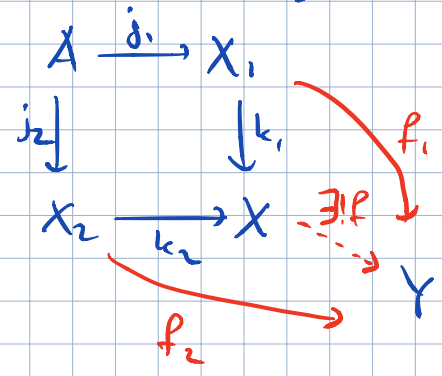
let  $f_1: X_1 \rightarrow Y$   
 $f_2: X_2 \rightarrow Y$  cont. maps which agree on  $X_1 \cap X_2$

Then  $\exists!$  well-defined cont. map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $f|_{X_i} = f_i$  ( $f$  is "glued" out of maps  $f_1, f_2$ )

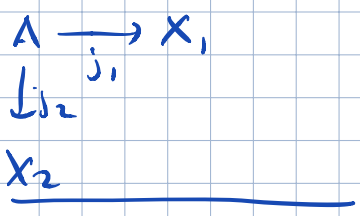
def In a cat.  $\mathcal{C}$ , a comm. diagram of objects & morphisms



is a "pushout diagram" if it satisfies the univ. property expressed by



The object  $X$  is called the pushout of the diagram

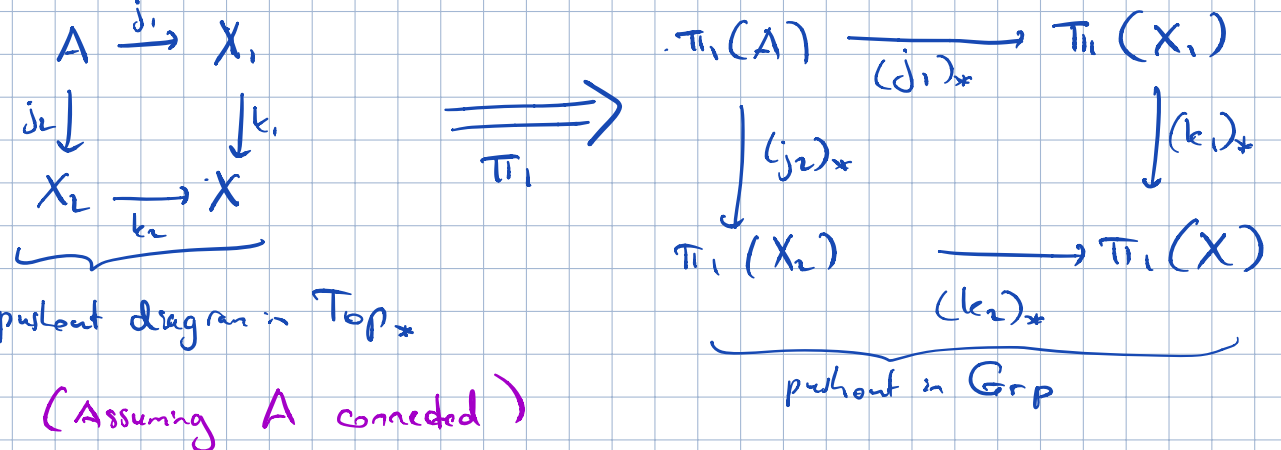


Ex:

Category	pushout
Set	$X_1 \cup X_2$
Top	$X_1 \cup_A X_2$
Top*	$X_1 \cup_A X_2$
Grp	$X_1 *_A X_2$ amalgamated free product
Vect	$X_1 \oplus X_2 / (j_1 - j_2)(A)$

$\text{from } (*) \Rightarrow X_1 \amalg X_2 / i_1(j_1(a)) \sim i_2(j_2(a))$

Sierpinski-van Kampen:  $\pi_1: \text{Top}_* \rightarrow \text{Grp}$  "preserves pushouts":



### Covering spaces

def A map  $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  is a covering map if  $\forall x \in X \exists$  an open nbhd  $U \subset X$  st.  $p^{-1}(U) = \bigsqcup_i U_i \subset \tilde{X}$  s.t.  $p|_{U_i}: U_i \rightarrow U$  is a homeomorphism for each  $U_i$ .  
 Such  $U$  is called evenly covered.  $\tilde{X}$  is called a covering space for  $X$ .

Prop<sup>a</sup> <"lemma (a)"> (Unique path lifting for covering spaces)

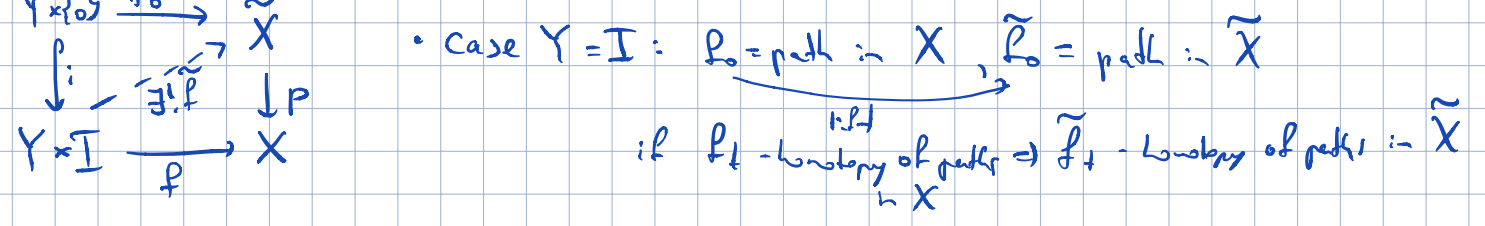
Let  $\gamma: I \rightarrow X$  a path starting at  $x_0 \in X$  and let  $\tilde{x}_0 \in p^{-1}(x_0)$ .  
 then  $\exists!$  path  $\tilde{\gamma}: I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  st.   
 •  $p \circ \tilde{\gamma} = \gamma$  end  
 •  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$ .  
 -  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is called the "lift" of  $\gamma$ .

(Proof: as lemma (a))

Prop<sup>c</sup> <"lemma (c)"> (Unique homotopy lifting)

Let  $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  a covering space,  $f_t: Y \rightarrow X$  a homotopy (of maps from  $Y$ ) and  $\tilde{f}_0: Y \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  a map lifting  $f_0$ . Then  $\exists!$  homotopy  $\tilde{f}_t$  starting with  $\tilde{f}_0$  that lifts  $f_t$

(Proof: as lemma (c))



Observation: homotopy  $\tilde{f}_t$  preserves endpoints iff  $f_t$  preserve endpoint

$\Gamma \Rightarrow$  obvious:  $f_t(0) = p(\tilde{f}_t(0))$  - constant  
or 1 or 1

$\Leftarrow$   $f_t(0)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$  - constant path  $\rightarrow \tilde{f}_t(0)$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$  some path in  $\tilde{X}$ ,  
or 1 to X but must be constant by uniqueness of path lifting  $\tilde{f}_t(0) = \tilde{f}_0(0)$

Proposition:

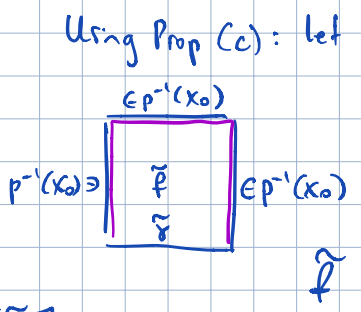
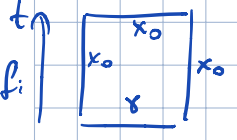
Let  $p: (\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$  be a covering map. Then

(i) The induced homomorphism  $p_*: \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(X, x_0)$  is injective.

(ii) A based loop  $\gamma$  in  $(X, x_0)$  represents an element of the image of  $p_*$  iff its (unique) lift  $\tilde{\gamma}: I \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  with  $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{x}_0$  is a loop, i.e.,  $\tilde{\gamma}(1) = \tilde{x}_0$ .

Proof Use homotopy lifting property, let  $Y=I$ .

(i) let  $\tilde{\gamma}$  be a based loop in  $\ker p_*$ . Let  $f: I \times I \rightarrow X$  be a homotopy from  $p \circ \tilde{\gamma}$  to  $C_{x_0}$   
in  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0)$  const loop



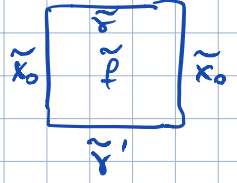
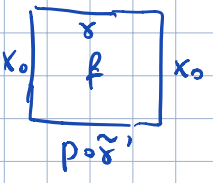
Using Prop (c): let  $\tilde{f}$  be a lift of  $f$  with  $\tilde{f}|_{t=0} = \tilde{\gamma}$   
 by uniqueness of path lifting, left top-right sides is the const. path  $C_{\tilde{x}_0}$ .

~~$\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}(1) = \tilde{\gamma}(0) = \tilde{x}_0 \Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}$  is a loop based at  $\tilde{x}_0$ .~~  
 is a homotopy between  $\tilde{\gamma}$  and  $C_{\tilde{x}_0}$

$\Rightarrow [\tilde{\gamma}] = 0$ .

(ii) let  $[\gamma] \in \text{im } p_*$ . I.e.  $\exists \tilde{\gamma}'$  s.t.  $[\gamma] = p_*[\tilde{\gamma}'] = [p \circ \tilde{\gamma}']$   
based loop in  $X, x_0$  based loop in  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0$

let  $f$  - homotopy between  $\gamma$  and  $p \circ \tilde{\gamma}'$ , and  $\tilde{f}$  its lift with  $\tilde{f}|_{t=0} = \tilde{\gamma}'$ .



$\Rightarrow$  the lift  $\tilde{\gamma}$  of  $\gamma$  starting at  $\tilde{x}_0$  also ends at  $\tilde{x}_0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma}$  is a based loop.

