

Geometric structures on 2-orbifolds

Section 1: Manifolds and differentiable structures

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Preliminary

- **Course home page:**

<http://math.kaist.ac.kr/~schoi/GT2010.html> **Old**

<http://mathsci.kaist.ac.kr/~schoi/dgorb.htm>

Some advanced references for the course

- W. Thurston, Lecture notes...: A chapter on orbifolds, 1977. (This is the principal source)
- W. Thurston, Three-dimensional geometry and topology, PUP, 1997
- R.W. Sharp, Differential geometry: Cartan's generalization of Klein's Erlangen program.
- T. Ivey and J.M. Landsberg, Cartan For Beginners: Differential geometry via moving frames and exterior differential systems, GSM, AMS
- G. Bredon, Introduction to compact transformation groups, Academic Press, 1972.
- M. Berger, Geometry I, Springer
- S. Kobayashi and Nomizu, Foundations of differential geometry, Springer.

Outline of the orbifolds part

- See the book introduction also.
- Manifolds and differentiable structures: Background materials..
- Lie groups and geometry: Geometry and discrete groups
- Topology of orbifolds: topology and covering spaces.
- The topology of 2-orbifolds: cutting and pasting, classification (not complete yet)
- The geometry of orbifolds
- The deformation space of hyperbolic structures on 2-orbifolds.
- Note that the notes are incomplete... I will try to correct as we go along. The orders may change...

Helpful preliminary knowledge for this chapter:

- Hatcher's "Algebraic topology" Chapters 0,1. (better with Chapter 2...) `http://www.math.cornell.edu/~hatcher/AT/ATpage.html`
- "Introduction to differentiable manifolds" by Munkres
- "Foundations of differentiable manifolds and Lie groups," by F. Warner.
- "Riemannian manifolds" by Do Carmo.
- S. Kobayashi and Nomizu, Foundations of differential geometry, Springer.
- R. Bishop and R. Crittendon, Geometry of manifolds.
- W. Thurston, Three-dimensional geometry and topology, Princeton Univ. press.
- W. Thurston, Geometry and Topology of 3-manifolds
`http://www.msri.org/publications/books/gt3m`

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Topological spaces.

- Quotient topology
- We will mostly use cell-complexes: Hatcher's AT P. 5-7 (Consider finite ones for now.)
- Operations: products, quotients, suspension, joins; AT P.8-10

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Some homotopy theory (from Hatcher's AT)

- X, Y topological spaces. A homotopy is a $f : X \times I \rightarrow Y$.
- Maps f and $g : X \rightarrow Y$ are *homotopic* if $f(x) = F(x, 0)$ and $g(x) = F(x, 1)$ for all x . The homotopic property is an equivalence relation.
- Homotopy equivalences of two spaces X and Y is a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ with a map $g : Y \rightarrow X$ so that $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ are homotopic to I_X and I_Y respectively.

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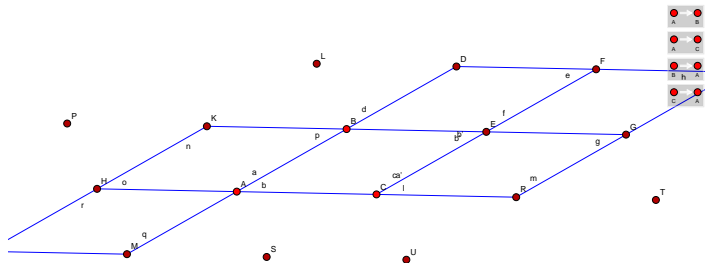
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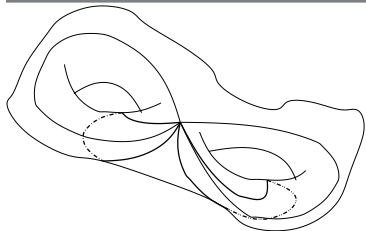
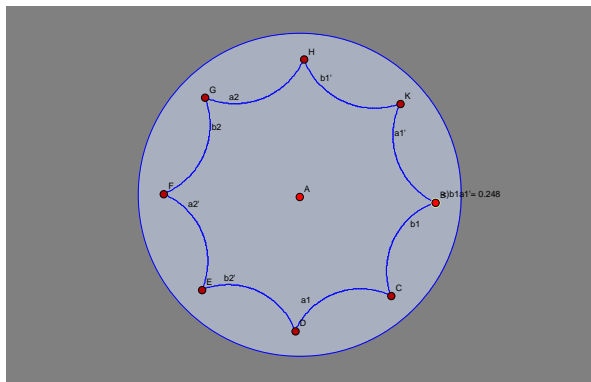
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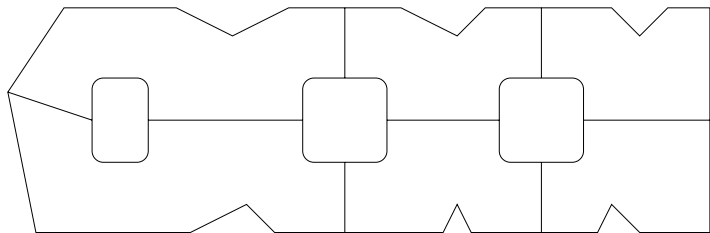
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That is, f is an element of \mathcal{G} locally up to charts.

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- We will say more details later on.

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