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DEFINITION:

A subset *A* of a topological space *X* is called a retract of *X*, if there exists a continuous map $r: X \to A$ such that $r \circ i = \mathcal{I}_A: A \to A$, i.e. r(a) = a, for all $a \in A$. We call *r* a retraction.

Example:

Recall, $D^n \simeq \{x_0\}$. The constant map $C: D^n \to \{x_0\}$ form a retraction and $\{x_0\}$ is a retract of D^n .



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A subset A of a topological space X is called a strong deformation retract of X, if there exists a retract $r: X \to A$ such that $i \circ r \simeq \mathcal{I}_X: X \to X$. We call r a strong deformation retraction.

Example:

Recall, $D^n - \{0\} \simeq S^{n-1}$. the map $r: D^n - \{0\} \to S^{n-1}$ that defined as; $r(x) = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$, for all $x \in D^n - \{0\}$ form a strong deformation retract



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A topological space X is called contractible to a point, if there exists a point $x_0 \in X$ such that $\{x_0\}$ is a strong deformation retract of X, i.e. the constant map $C: X \to \{x_0\}$ is a strong deformation retraction $(i \circ C \simeq \mathcal{I}_X: X \to X)$.

Example:

Recall, $\{x_0\}$ is a strong deformation retract of D^n , that is, D^n



EXERCISES:

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Exercise 1:

Prove that, The circle $S = \{(x_1, x_2, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1\}$ is a strong deformation retract of the cylinder $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x_1^2 + x_3^2 = 1 \text{ and } -1 \le x_3 \le 1\}$

Exercise 2:

A space *X* is contractible if, and only if, the identity map $\mathcal{I}_X: X \to X$ is null homotopic.

Exercise 3:

Every contractible space is path connected.

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