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PART I

About

Mathematics

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Four Levels of Mathematics :

1. Elementary

2. "Higher"

3. Modern

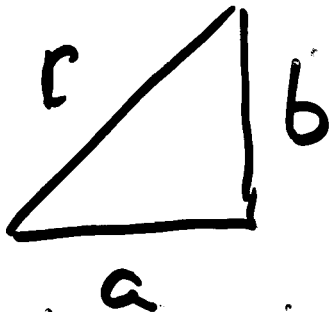
4. Synthetic

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Elementary :

- Elem. Geometry



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

- Elem. Algebra

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

School. Very Old
(> 1000 years)

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Higher :

• Analysis

$$\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

• Differential Equations :

$$\dot{f} = af + b$$

• Differential Geometry

• Probability

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Modern :

- Modern Algebra

e.g. Galois theory,
Group theory

- Basic Topology

- Logic and Set Theory

e.g. Goedel Theorem

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Bourbaki -

a group of French mathematicians

Tried to create full description of modern mathematics.

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Synthetic :

- Representation Theory
- Algebraic Geometry
- Homotopy Theory
- Differential Topology

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Usually people
who do not
specialize in Math.

know only levels
1 and 2. Some-
times heard about
3.

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Main reasons:

- Elementary - integrated into everyday life
- Higher - integrated into most sciences
- Modern - integrated into a few sciences
- Synthetic - very poorly integrated

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One of the most
important challenges
today - learn how
to use mathematics
of higher levels
in other branches
of knowledge.

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Another very important task -
- use opportunities
of modern computers
to realize the dream
of Bourbaki.

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PART II

Motivic Homotopy
Theory

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The part of the
FRONTIER where
the motivic homotopy
theory lies and
where most (but
NOT ALL)
activity is, is above
LEVEL 4.

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Motivic Homotopy Theory

How to apply the
ideas of homotopy
theory to algebraic
geometry

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To connect algebraic geometry
and homotopy
one uses -

Category Theory

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Category theory -

- an example of "new" mathematics.

Not a development of existing fields.

Appeared in late 1950-s

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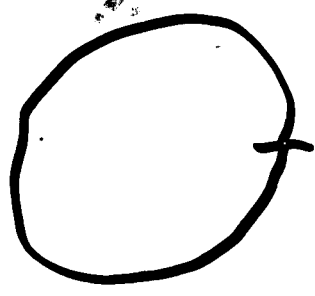
Other "new" fields:

- Complexity theory
- Analysis (long ago)
- Set theory (19th century)

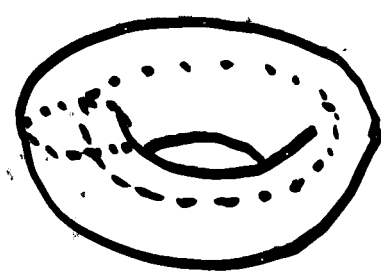
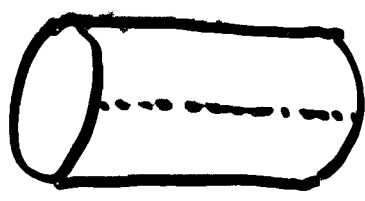
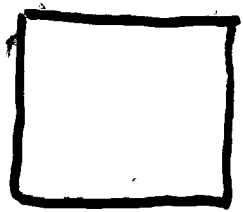
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Topology -

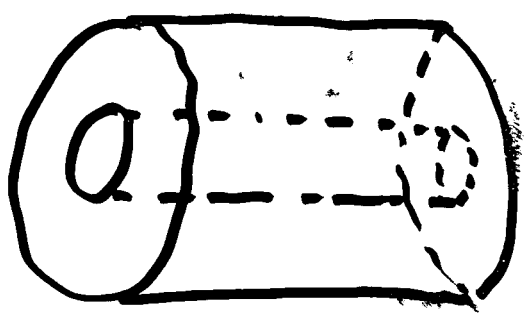
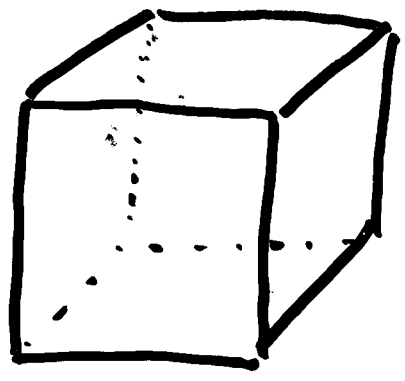
- studies spaces :



dim = 1



dim = 2



dim = 3

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Two main invariants:

- Dimension

$$\dim(\text{---}) \neq \dim(\square)$$

$$\dim(\bullet) = \dim(\bullet \bullet)$$

- Number of connected components

$$\pi_0(\text{---}) = \pi_0(\square)$$

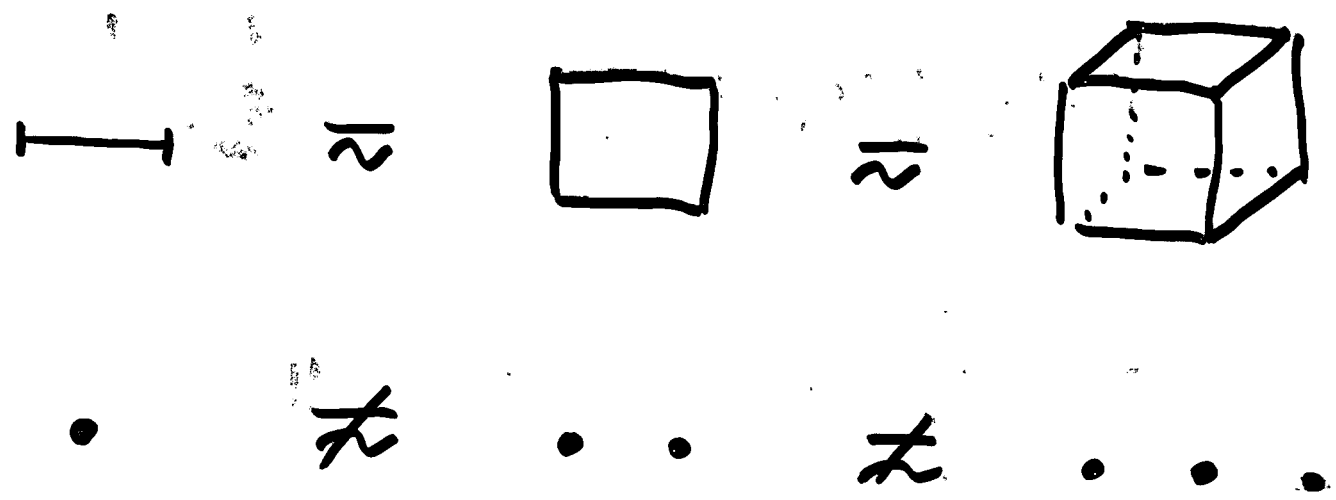
$$\pi_0(\bullet) \neq \pi_0(\bullet \bullet)$$

Homotopy theory -

- studies higher

generalizations of

$\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2, \dots$



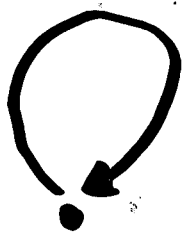
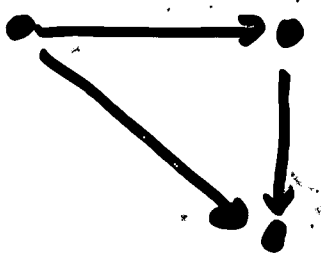
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A Category :

- A set of objects
- For any two objects X, Y a set of morphisms $\text{Mor}(X, Y)$
- For X, Y, Z and $f: X \rightarrow Y$ $g: Y \rightarrow Z$
composition $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$

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Examples:



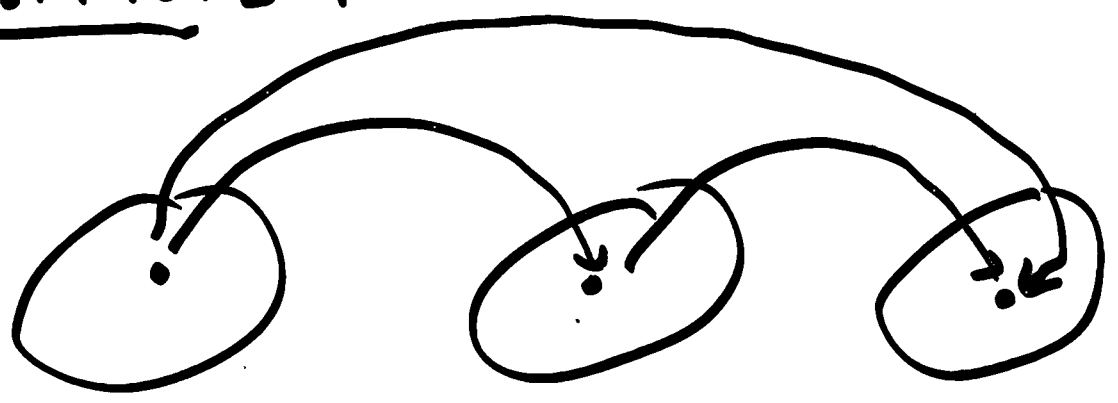
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Top - the category
of topological spaces.

Objects : spaces

Morphisms : continuous
maps

Compositions :

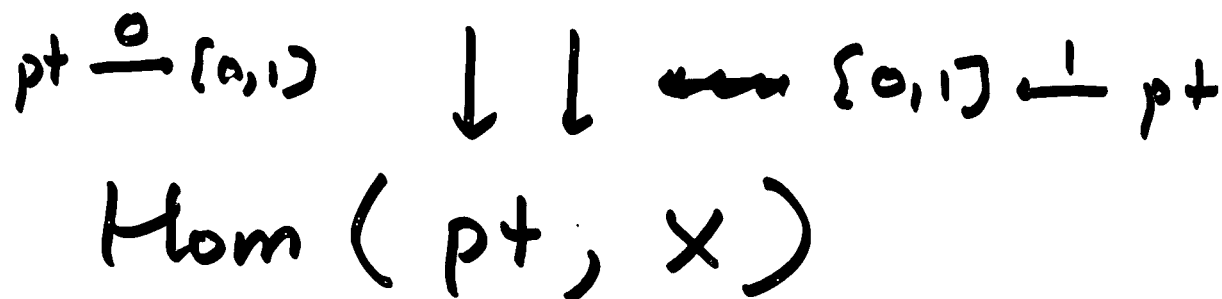


In Top one has:

- $\text{Hom}(\cdot, X)$ - points of X
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 Mor

- $\text{Hom}([0,1], X)$ - paths in X

- $\text{Hom}([0,1], X)$



To define $\pi_0(X)$

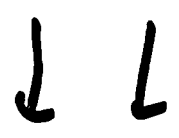
need to know only

$\text{Mor}([0, 1], X)$

$\text{Mor}(\text{pt}, X)$

and two maps

$\text{Mor}([0, 1], X)$



$\text{Mor}(\text{pt}, X)$

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Category of algebraic

equations :

- Objects

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n ; f_1, \dots, f_m)$$

$$f_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) - a$$

polynomial.

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Morphisms:

$(x_1, \dots, x_n; f_1, \dots, f_m)$

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$(y_1, \dots, y_{m'}; g_1, \dots, g_{m'})$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{n'}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{array} \right\}$

such

that

$$g_1(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n), \dots$$

$$g_m(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \text{ can}$$

be expressed through

$$f_1, \dots, f_m.$$

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Examples:

- Objects:

$$\mathbb{A}^n = (x_1, \dots, x_n; \emptyset)$$

$$\mathbb{A}^0 = \text{pt}$$

$$GL_n = (x_{ij}, t; \det(x_{ij}) \cdot t = 1)$$

- Morphisms:

$$\text{Hom}(\text{pt}, (x_1, \dots, x_n; f_1, \dots, f_m))$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the set of solutions} \\ \text{of the system } \begin{array}{l} f_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f_m = 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

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Hom (pt, GL_n) -

- the set of invertible matrices n x n.

Hom (pt, A') = numbers

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{pt} & \xrightarrow{0} & A' \\
 & \xrightarrow{1} & \\
 & 1 &
 \end{array}$$

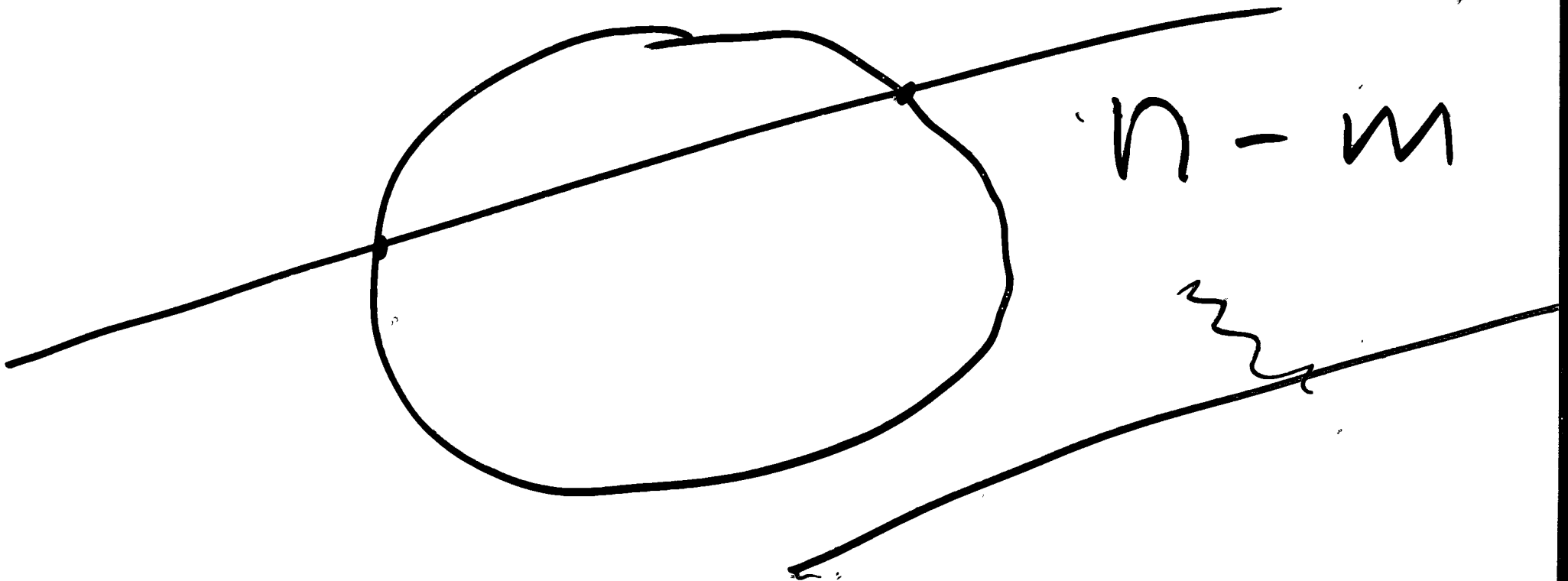
same as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{pt} & \xrightarrow{0} & [0, 1] \\
 & \xrightarrow{1} & \\
 & 1 &
 \end{array}$$

x_1, \dots, x_n

f_1, \dots, f_m

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$$



$(x_1, \dots, x_n; \emptyset)$

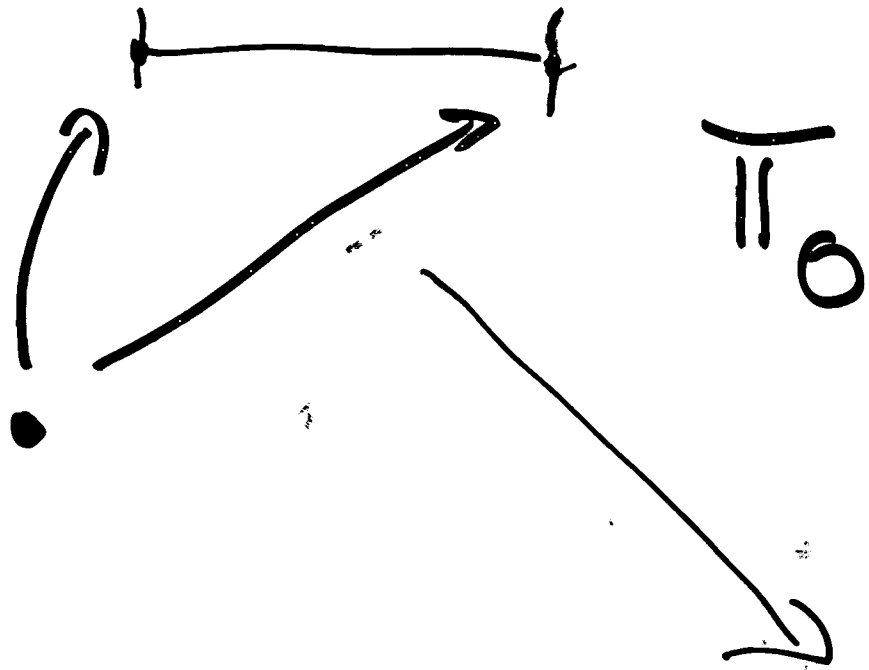
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\mathbb{A}^n

$\mathbb{A}^0 = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$

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- A category
- an interval I
- $pt \xrightarrow{0} I$

