

Change of basepoint of the proximate fundamental group

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For a covering V of Y , the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between two topological spaces is said to be V -continuous at $x \in X$ if there exists a neighborhood U_x of x and $V \in V$ such that $f(U_x) \subseteq V$. The function is said to be V -continuous if it is V continuous at each point of the domain.

For a covering U of the topological space X and $U \in U$, the star of U is the set $stU = \cup \{x \in W \mid W \in U, W \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$. By stU we denote the collection of all stU sets, for each $U \in U$.

The stU -continuous function $u : I \rightarrow X$ which is U -continuous on ∂I is called a U -path in X between $x = u(0)$ and $y = u(1)$. We prove that a topological space X is connected if and only if for any covering U of X there exists a U -path between any two points in X .

We apply this result on proving the change of basepoint theorem in the case of proximate fundamental group.

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