

### Homework 5

Due Wednesday, Mar. 6th at 11 PM

Answers should be written in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

1. Assume that  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are connected topological spaces and let  $p_0: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $p_1: Y \rightarrow Z$  be maps and let  $p = p_1 \circ p_0$ . If  $p$  and  $p_1$  are covering maps show that  $p_0$  is a covering map. (**Hint:** Given a point  $y \in Y$  find a connected neighborhood  $U$  of  $p_1(z)$  that is evenly covered for both  $p$  and  $p_1$ . If  $V$  is the component of  $p^{-1}(U)$  that contains  $y$  and  $W$  is a component of  $p_1^{-1}(U)$  show that either  $p_0(W)$  is disjoint from  $V$  or  $p_0$  restricted to  $W$  is a homeomorphism to  $V$ . Make sure you show that  $p_0$  is surjective.)

2. Let

$$p: (E, e_0) \rightarrow (B, b_0)$$

be a covering space with both  $E$  and  $B$  path connected and locally path connected. If the induced homomorphism

$$p_*: \pi_1(E, e_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(B, b_0)$$

is an isomorphism show that  $p$  is a homeomorphism. (**Hint:** Apply the final lifting lemma to the identity map from  $B$  to itself. Use the previous problem to show that the lifted map is a covering map and hence surjective.)

3. For  $i = 0, 1$ , let

$$p_i: (E_i, e_i) \rightarrow (B, b_0)$$

be covering maps and assume that

$$(p_0)_*(\pi_1(E_0, e_0)) = (p_1)_*(\pi_1(E_1, e_1)).$$

Show that there is a homeomorphism from  $(E_0, e_0)$  to  $(E_1, e_1)$ .