

(19) We have $a^2, s \in \varphi(G)$ and so also $a \in \varphi(G)$ thus $\varphi(G) = \langle a, s \rangle$.
 Moreover the element

$$g = (a^{-1} s^{-1} a s)^2 a^{-1} = a^{-1} s^{-1} a s a^{-1} s^{-1} a s a^{-1}$$

satisfies condition of Britton's lemma. Thus $g \neq 1$ in the HNN extension of \mathbb{Z} (generated by a), namely $BS(2,3)$.

However

$$\varphi(g) = (a^{-2} s^{-1} a^2 s)^2 a^{-2} = a^2 a^{-2} = 1.$$

Thus φ surjective and not an isomorphism \square .

(20) **Remark:** Say p, q are meshed if one divides the other or the set of prime divisors is the same. One proves that the Baumslag-Solitar group

$$BS(p, q) = \langle a, s \mid s^{-1} a^p s = a^q \rangle$$

is non-Hopfian if p, q are not meshed.

Proof: Let d be a prime dividing p and not q . The map $\varphi(a) = a^d, \varphi(s) = s$ defines a homomorphism.
 $g = [a^{p/d}, s]^d a^{p-q} = a^{-p/d} s^{-1} a^{p/d} s a^{-p/d} s^{-1} \dots s a^{p-q}$
 is non-trivial by Britton's lemma.

However

$$\varphi(g) = [a^p, s]^d a^{d(p-q)} = 1$$

Thus kernel is non-trivial.

(21) **Remark:** Let $n \neq -1, 0, 1$. Then $BS(1, n) = \langle a, b \mid a^{-1} b a = b^n \rangle$ is residually finite and hence Hopfian, as a group of matrices.
 $BS(1, n) \cong$ group generated by $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & n \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Proof: $A^{-1} B A = B^n$. Let $w = a^{k_1} b^{l_1} \dots a^{k_r} b^{l_r}$ arbitrary word whose value on these matrices A, B is trivial. We write it as

$$w = (a^{p_1} b^{l_1} a^{-p_1}) (a^{p_2} b^{l_2} a^{-p_2}) \dots (a^{p_r} b^{l_r} a^{-p_r}) a^{p_r}$$

$$p_i = k_{1+} \dots + t_{k_i}$$

For $k > l$ $a^{-k} b a^k = (a^{-l} b a^l)^{n^{k-l}}$ is a consequence of

$a^{-l} b a^l = b^n$. Therefore relation above is equivalent to

$$w_1 = a^{-l} b^t a^l a^{P_s} \text{ and thus we need}$$

$$A^{-l} B^t A^l A^{P_s} = 1$$

Matrix computation $t = P_s = 0$ hence $w_1 = 1$. \square

Another proof of Grushko's theorem

VA Consider the graph ^{bouquet of circles} with a single vertex and oriented edges bijectively associated to the elements of a basis S of G . For each $s \in S$ write as above

$$\varphi(s) = a_{s,1} \dots a_{s,m}$$

and divide the edge associated to s into n ~~to~~ sub-edges, each sub-edge being labeled by the corresponding $a_{s,i} \in A_{\alpha(s,i)}$. We obtain then via labeling a homomorphism

$$\varphi^*: \pi_1(K) \rightarrow * A_\alpha$$

where K is the graph (labeled; also $\varphi(e) =$ the label associated to e).

VB We add new 1-cells and 2-cells to K and keep notation K for it.

For each $i \in I$ set $K_i^0 = K^0$, $K_i^1 = \{e \in K^1; \varphi(e) \in A_i\}$

$K_i^2 = \{D \in K^2; \partial D \subset K_i^1\}$. We have then following properties:

(1) $\pi_1(K)$ and G are identified s.t. φ^* and φ are the same.

(2) $\bigcup_{i \in I} K_i = K$

(3) $K_s \cap K_t = \bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ for $s \neq t$.

(4) $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ is a disjoint union of trees.

We will modify K so that the new complex K^* fulfills (1-4) above and also condition

(5) $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ is connected (and hence a tree).

Suppose that this $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ is NOT connected.

(VC) Def. A bridging tie is a path p in $\bigcup_{i \in I} K_i$ connecting vertices in different components of $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ such that $\varphi^*(p) = 1$.

Assume that there exists a bridging tie p . We add to K a new edge e (with the same initial and final vertices ~~the~~ as p) and a new 2-cell with boundary pe^{-1} . Extend φ^* by $\varphi^*(e) = 1$.

Then the new complex K has one connected component fewer than the older and still verifies (1-4).

Therefore in finitely many steps we will arrive to a complex K for which $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ is connected and thus a tree.

Now $K^0 \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ and so K_i is connected $\forall i \in I$.

Using Van Kampen then $\pi_1(K) = \ast_{i \in I} \pi_1(K_i)$. Let

$G_i = \pi_1(K_i)$. Then $G = \ast_{i \in I} G_i$ and $\varphi(G_i) \subset A_i$. Since φ is surjective $\Rightarrow \varphi(G_i) = A_i$. This ends the proof, but we have to prove the existence of bridging ties:

(VD) Lemma if $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ is not connected then a bridging tie exists.

Proof of lemma: let v a vertex of a component of $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ not containing the vertices x of the initial bouquet of circles.

Let p be a path in K joining v to x .

Since φ is surjective there exists a closed path q in K starting at x such that $\varphi^*(q) = \varphi^*(p)$.

Thus $q^{-1}p$ goes from x to v and $\varphi^*(q^{-1}p) = 1$.

We have $\bigcup_{i \in I} K_i = K$ and thus $q^{-1}p = r_1 \dots r_k$ where

r_j are maximal paths lying in the same $K_{\sigma(j)}$. Thus

$r_i \subset K_{\sigma(i)}$ and r_i, r_{i+1} do not lie in the same $K_{\sigma(i)}$.

Now $1 = \varphi^*(r) = \varphi^*(r_1) \dots \varphi^*(r_k)$, $\varphi^*(r_j) \in G_{\sigma(j)}$

This cannot be a reduced word in $*G_j$ and thus there is some s with

$$\varphi^*(r_s) = 1$$

If endpoints of r_s lie in different components ^{of $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$} then r_s is a binding tree. Suppose they are in the same component. Choose

then ~~r'_s~~ r'_s a path in $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_i$ joining endpoints of r_s .

Then $\varphi^*(r'_s) = 1$ and we can replace in r the factor r_s by r'_s . Now define $r'_{s-1} = r_{s-1} r'_s$. Since

$$r'_s \subset \bigcap_{i \in I} K_i \Rightarrow r'_{s-1} \subset K_{\sigma(s-1)}$$

Then we reduced $r = r_1 \dots r_{s-2} r'_{s-1} r_{s+1} \dots r_k$, to a product of $(k-1)$ factors. Using this procedure we will eventually find a binding tree. \square .

VI EXERCICES.

- ① A, B finitely presented groups. Then $A *_H B$ is finitely presented, for $H \subset A, H \subset B$ iff H is finitely generated.
- ② $H, K \subset B$ isomorphic groups $\theta: H \rightarrow K$ an isomorphism, B finitely presented. Then $B *_\theta = \langle B, t \mid t H t^{-1} = K \rangle$ is finitely presented iff H is finitely generated.
- ③ The group generated by $(a_1, a_2), (1, b_2), (b_1, 1)$ in $F(a_1, b_1) \times F(a_2, b_2)$ is not finitely presented. Actually this has a presentation $\langle \alpha, \beta, \gamma \mid [\beta, \alpha^i \gamma \alpha^i] = 1, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$.