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## RELATIONS BETWEEN HOMOLOGY AND HOMOTOPY PRO-GROUPS OF CONTINUA

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All basic notions of shape theory and pro-categories used in this paper can be found in [D-S].

In the recent paper [F] S. Ferry has characterized continua having the shape of an  $LC^n$ -space ( $n \geq 0$ , the case  $n = 0$  is due to J Krasinkiewicz [K<sub>2</sub>]) as those possessing the following property:

- (\*) for some point  $x \in X$  the  $k$ -th homotopy pro-group  $\text{pro-}\pi_k(X, x)$  is stable for  $k \leq n$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = n + 1$ .

Also the author proved in [D<sub>3</sub>] that a continuum  $X$  is an  $LC^{n+1}$ -divisor ( $n \geq 0$ ) iff  $X$  is nearly 1-movable and satisfies the following condition:

- (\*\*) the  $k$ -th homology pro-group  $\text{pro-H}_k(X)$  is stable for  $k \leq n$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = n + 1$ .

The interplay between conditions (\*) and (\*\*) was investigated in [D<sub>2</sub>]. Here is the main result of [D<sub>2</sub>].

*Theorem 1. Let  $\underline{X} = (X_m, p_m^{m+1})$  be an inverse sequence of pointed connected CW complexes and let  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\text{pro-}\pi_k(\underline{X})$  is stable for  $k \leq n$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = n + 1$ , then  $\text{pro-H}_k(\underline{X})$  is stable for  $k \leq n$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for*

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$k = n + 1$ . Also if  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(\underline{X})$  is isomorphic to the trivial group, then the converse holds true.

Condition (\*\*) can be expressed with the use of Čech cohomology groups in the following way (see [D<sub>1</sub>]):

*Theorem 2.* Let  $X$  be a continuum. Then the following conditions are equivalent for  $n \geq 0$ :

- a.  $\text{pro-}H_k(X)$  is stable for  $k \leq n$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = n + 1$ ,
- b.  $\check{H}^k(X)$  is finitely generated for  $k \leq n$ ,  $\check{H}^{n+1}(X)/\text{Tor } \check{H}^{n+1}(X)$  is a free Abelian group and  $\text{Tor } \check{H}^{n+1}(X)$  is finite.

Theorems 1 and 2 were used in [D<sub>2</sub>] to give a simple proof of the following result due to Geoghegan and Lacher [G-L].

*Theorem 3.* A 1-shape connected continuum  $X$  has the shape of a finite complex if the deformation dimension of  $X$  is finite and all Čech cohomology groups  $\check{H}^n(X)$  are finitely generated.

In this paper we provide some further applications of Theorem 1.

The main tool in proving Theorem 1 was (see [D<sub>2</sub>])

*Lemma 4.* Suppose

$$p_n^{k-1,k}: G_n^k \rightarrow G_n^{k-1} \text{ and } q_{n,n+1}^k: G_{n+1}^k \rightarrow G_n^k$$

are homomorphisms of groups ( $n \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq k \leq 5$  is an integer) such that

$$p_n^{k-1,k} \cdot q_{n,n+1}^k = q_{n,n+1}^{k-1} \cdot p_{n+1}^{k-1,k}$$

for  $n \geq 1$  and  $2 \leq k \leq 5$ , each sequence  $\underline{G}_n = (G_n^k, p_n^{k-1,k})$  is exact and  $\underline{G}^k = (G_n^k, q_{n,n+1}^k)$ .

If  $G^1$  is stable and  $G^i$  satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $i = 2, 4$ , then  $G^3$  satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition.

We need the following supplement to Lemma 4.

*Lemma 5.* Under the hypotheses of Lemma 4 if  $\underline{G}^k$  is stable for  $k = 1, 2, 4$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = 5$ , then  $G^3$  is stable.

*Proof.* By Lemma 4 the pro-group  $\underline{G}^3$  satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition.

Recall that the fact that a pro-group  $(A_n, p_n^m)$  satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition (is stable) can be formulated in the following way:

there is an increasing sequence  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  of positive integers such that

$$p_{n_k}^{n_{k+1}} \Big| \text{im}(p_{n_{k+1}}^{n_{k+2}}) : \text{im}(p_{n_{k+1}}^{n_{k+2}}) \rightarrow \text{im}(p_{n_k}^{n_{k+1}})$$

is an epimorphism (isomorphism).

Therefore without loss of generality we may assume that

$$q_{n,n+1}^k \Big| \text{im}(q_{n+1,n+2}^k) : \text{im}(q_{n+1,n+2}^k) \rightarrow \text{im}(q_{n,n+1}^k)$$

is an isomorphism (epimorphism) for all  $n \geq 1$  and

$k = 1, 2, 4$  ( $k = 3, 5$ ). We are going to prove that

$$q_{n,n+1}^3 \Big| \text{im}(q_{n+1,n+2}^3) : \text{im}(q_{n+1,n+2}^3) \rightarrow \text{im}(q_{n,n+1}^3)$$

is a monomorphism. So suppose

$$x_{n+1}^3 \in \text{im}(q_{n+1,n+2}^3) \cap \ker(q_{n,n+1}^3).$$

Take  $x_{n+3}^3 \in \text{im}(q_{n+3,n+4}^3)$  such that

$$x_{n+1}^3 = q_{n+1,n+3}^3(x_{n+3}^3)$$

(by  $q_{m,n}^k$  we denote the composition of corresponding  $q_{p-1,p}^k$ ).

Then  $p_{n+3}^{2,3}(x_{n+3}^3) \in \text{im}(q_{n+3,n+4}^2)$  and  $q_{n,n+3}^2 \cdot p_{n+3}^{2,3}(x_{n+3}^3) = 1$ .

Therefore  $p_{n+3}^{2,3}(x_{n+3}^3) = 1$  and there exists  $x_{n+3}^4 \in G_{n+3}^4$  with

$$x_{n+3}^3 = p_{n+3}^{3,4}(x_{n+3}^4). \quad \text{Since } p_n^{3,4} \cdot q_{n,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4) = 1 \text{ there is}$$

$x_n^5 \in G_n^5$  with  $p_n^{4,5}(x_n^5) = q_{n,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4)$ . Take  $x_{n+3}^5 \in G_{n+3}^5$  with

$$q_{n-1,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5) = q_{n-1,n}^5(x_n^5).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} q_{n-1,n+2}^4 \cdot p_{n+2}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n+2,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5) &= \\ &= p_{n-1}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n-1,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5) = p_{n-1}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n-1,n}^5(x_n^5) = \\ &= q_{n-1,n}^4 \cdot p_n^{4,5}(x_n^5) = q_{n-1,n}^4 \cdot q_{n,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4) = \\ &= q_{n-1,n+2}^4 \cdot q_{n+2,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$q_{n+2,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4) = p_{n+2}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n+2,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5)$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1}^3 &= q_{n+1,n+3}^3(x_{n+3}^3) = q_{n+1,n+3}^3 \cdot p_{n+3}^{3,4}(x_{n+3}^4) = \\ &= p_{n+1}^{3,4} \cdot q_{n+1,n+3}^4(x_{n+3}^4) = \\ &= p_{n+1}^{3,4} \cdot q_{n+1,n+2}^4 \cdot p_{n+2}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n+2,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5) = \\ &= q_{n+1,n+2}^3 \cdot p_{n+2}^{3,4} \cdot p_{n+2}^{4,5} \cdot q_{n+2,n+3}^5(x_{n+3}^5) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\underline{G}^3$  is stable.

The main result of this paper is the following:

*Theorem 6. Suppose  $X_1$  and  $S_2$  are continua such that  $X_1 \cap X_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $X_1 \cup X_2$  have the shape of some  $LC^m$ -spaces*

( $m \geq 1$ ). If  $X_1$  is pointed 1-movable and the natural homomorphism of first Čech homotopy groups

$$\check{\pi}_1(X_1, x_0) \rightarrow \check{\pi}_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$$

is a monomorphism for some point  $x_0 \in X_1 \cap X_2$ , then  $X_1$  has the shape of an  $LC^m$ -space.

*Proof.* Since  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is stable, we get that  $\check{\pi}_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is countable and therefore  $\check{\pi}_1(X_1, x_0)$  is countable. Now Corollary 6.1.9 in [D-S] (p. 81) says that  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(X_1, x_0)$  is stable. First consider the case where  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is connected.

Take an inverse system  $(Z_n, q_n^{n+1})$  of finite connected CW complexes such that for some connected subcomplexes  $X_{1,n}, X_{0,n}$  and  $X_{2,n}$  of  $Z_n$  there is

- a.  $X_{0,n} = X_{1,n} \cap X_{2,n}$  and  $X_{1,n} \cup X_{2,n} = Z_n$ ,
- b.  $X_1 \cup X_2 = \varprojlim (Z_n, q_n^{n+1})$ ,
- c.  $X_1 = \varprojlim (X_{1,n}, q_n^{n+1})$
- d.  $X_2 = \varprojlim (X_{2,n}, q_n^{n+1})$
- e.  $X_0 = X_1 \cap X_2 = \varprojlim (X_{0,n}, q_n^{n+1})$ .

Without loss of generality we assume each  $q_n^{n+1}$  is cellular.

Moreover we may assume that each  $q_n^{n+1}$  induces isomorphisms of  $\pi_1(X_{1,n+1}, x_{n+1})$  onto  $\pi_1(X_{1,n}, x_n)$  (here  $x_0 = (x_n)$ ) and of  $\pi_1(X_{0,n+1}, x_{n+1})$  onto  $\pi_1(X_{0,n}, x_n)$  (see [K<sub>1</sub>], Theorem 3.1 on p. 151, or [F]). Also we assume that each  $\pi_1(Z_n, x_n)$  contains  $G = \check{\pi}_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  such that  $\pi_1(q_n^{n+1})$  maps  $G$  identically onto itself. We identify each group  $\pi_1(X_{0,n}, x_n)$  with  $G_0 = \check{\pi}_1(X_0, x_0)$  and each  $\pi_1(X_{1,n}, x_n)$  with  $G_1 = \check{\pi}_1(X_1, x_0)$  in such a way that  $q_n^{n+1}$  induces the identity

on  $G_0$  and  $G_1$  when restricted to  $X_{0,n+1}$  and  $X_{1,n+1}$  respectively. For each  $n$  take the universal covering space  $\tilde{Z}_n$  of  $Z_n$  and let  $p_n: \tilde{Z}_n \rightarrow Z_n$  be the covering projection. Let  $\bar{x}_{i,n} = p_n^{-1}(x_{i,n})$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2$ , and choose a base point  $\tilde{x}_n \in p_n^{-1}(x_n)$  for each  $n$ . Take maps

$$\tilde{q}_n^{n+1}: (\tilde{Z}_{n+1}, \tilde{x}_{n+1}) \rightarrow (\tilde{Z}_n, \tilde{x}_n)$$

such that

$$p_n \cdot \tilde{q}_n^{n+1} = q_n^{n+1} \cdot p_{n+1}.$$

Since each  $p_n$  induces isomorphisms of all  $k$ -homotopy groups for  $k \geq 2$  and  $\text{pro-}\pi_k(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ , we infer that  $(\pi_k(\tilde{Z}_n, \tilde{x}_n), \pi_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1}))$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ . By Theorem 1 the pro-group  $(H_k(\tilde{Z}_n), H_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1}))$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ .

For each  $n$  consider the component  $\hat{X}_{0,n}$  of  $\bar{X}_{0,n}$  containing  $\tilde{x}_n$ .

Then  $\bar{p}_n = p_n|_{\hat{X}_{0,n}}: \hat{X}_{0,n} \rightarrow X_{0,n}$  is a covering projection such that  $\text{im}[\pi_1(\bar{p}_n)]$  is equal to the kernel of the natural homomorphism from  $G_0 = \pi_1(X_0, x_0)$  to  $G = \pi_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$ .

Therefore

$$\bar{q}_n^{n+1} = \tilde{q}_n^{n+1}(\hat{X}_{0,n+1}, \tilde{x}_{n+1}): (\hat{X}_{0,n+1}, \tilde{x}_{n+1}) \rightarrow (\hat{X}_{0,n}, \tilde{x}_n)$$

induces isomorphisms on  $\pi_1$ . Similarly as before we get that  $(H_k(\hat{X}_{0,n}), H_k(\bar{q}_n^{n+1}))$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ . Now observe that  $\tilde{q}_n^{n+1}$  induces a bijection between components of  $\bar{X}_{0,n+1}(\bar{x}_{1,n+1})$  and  $\bar{X}_{0,n}(\bar{x}_{1,n})$ . Moreover each component of

$\bar{X}_{0,n}(\bar{X}_{1,n})$  is the image of  $\hat{X}_{0,n}(\hat{X}_{1,n}$  which is the component of  $\bar{X}_{1,n}$  containing  $\tilde{x}_n$ ) under an element of  $g \in G$ , where  $G$  is interpreted as a subgroup of  $\pi_1(Z_n, x_n)$  which acts on  $\mathcal{Z}_n$  (see [Co], p. 12). Since the action of fundamental groups is functorial in the sense of 3.16 in [Co] (p. 12), one easily gets that  $(H_k(\bar{X}_{0,n}), H_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \bar{X}_{0,n+1}))$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ .

Now for each  $n$  we have the functorial Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow H_k(\bar{X}_{0,n}) \rightarrow H_k(\bar{X}_{1,n}) \oplus H_k(\bar{X}_{2,n}) \rightarrow H_k(\mathcal{Z}_n) \\ \rightarrow H_{k-1}(\bar{X}_{0,n}) \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma to 4 and 5 we get that

$$(H_k(\bar{X}_{1,n}), H_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \bar{X}_{1,n+1}))$$

is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ . Since  $(\bar{X}_{1,n}, [\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \bar{X}_{1,n+1}])$  dominates  $(\hat{X}_{1,n}, [\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \hat{X}_{1,n+1}])$  in pro-homotopy, we infer that

$$(H_k(\hat{X}_{1,n}), H_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \hat{X}_{1,n+1}))$$

is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ . Recall that the natural homomorphism of  $G_1$  to  $G$  is a monomorphism. Therefore each  $\hat{X}_{1,n}$  is simply connected and Theorem 1 says that  $(\pi_k(\hat{X}_{1,n}, \tilde{x}_n), \pi_k(\tilde{q}_n^{n+1} | \hat{X}_{1,n+1}))$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$ . Consequently  $(\pi_k(X_{1,n}, x_n), \pi_k(q_n^{n+1})) = \text{pro-}\pi_k(X_1, x_0)$  is stable for  $k \leq m$  and satisfies the Mittag-Leffler condition for  $k = m + 1$  which completes the proof of Theorem 6 in case  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is connected.



If  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is not connected it has a finite number of components. Take an abstract arc  $L$  intersecting each component of  $X_1 \cap X_2$  in exactly one point. Then  $X'_1 = X_1 \cup L$  and  $X'_2 = X_2 \cup L$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 6 and  $X'_1 \cap X'_2$  is connected. Therefore  $X_1 \cup L$  has the shape of an  $LC^n$ -space. By the main result of [K<sub>2</sub>] (see also [D-S], p. 95) there is a sequence  $Y_k \supset Y_{k+1} \supset \dots$  of locally connected continua whose intersection is  $X_1$  such that each  $Y_{k+1}$  is a strong deformation retract of  $Y_k$ . Then  $Y_{k+1} \cup L$  is a strong deformation retract of  $Y_k \cup L$  which implies that  $(X_1, x_0)$  is shape dominated by  $(X_1 \cup L, x_0)$ . Therefore  $X_1$  has the shape of some  $LC^m$ -space. Thus the proof of Theorem 6 is concluded.

*Corollary 7.* Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are continua such that  $X_1 \cap X_2 \neq \emptyset$  and  $X_1 \cup X_2$  are pointed ANSR's. If  $X_1$  is a pointed 1-movable continuum of finite deformation dimension and the natural homomorphism  $\check{\pi}_1(X_1, x_0) \rightarrow \check{\pi}_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is a monomorphism, then  $X_1$  is a pointed ANSR.

*Proof.* By Theorem 6 and Ferry's result [F] all homotopy groups of  $(X_1, x_0)$  are stable. By [E-G] (Theorem 5.1, see also [D-S], Theorem 9.22 on p. 114)  $X_1$  is a pointed ANSR.

*Corollary 8.* Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are continua of finite deformation dimension such that  $X_1 \cap X_2$  and  $X_1 \cup X_2$  are pointed ANSR's. If  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is 1-shape connected, then  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are pointed ANSR's.

*Proof.* First suppose  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is connected and take  $x_0 \in X_1 \cap X_2$  (the case  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$  is obvious). Since the projections  $p: X_1 \cup X_2 \rightarrow (X_1 \cup X_2) / (X_1 \cap X_2)$  and  $p|_{X_1}: X_1 \rightarrow X_1 / (X_1 \cap X_2)$  induce isomorphisms of first shape groups (see [D<sub>4</sub>], Theorem 8.6 on p. 41) and clearly the inclusion  $X_1 / (X_1 \cap X_2) \rightarrow (X_1 \cup X_2) / (X_1 \cap X_2)$  induces monomorphism of first shape groups, we infer that the natural homomorphism from  $\check{\pi}_1(X_1, x_0)$  to  $\check{\pi}_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is a monomorphism. Then Corollary 7 implies that  $X_1$  is a pointed ANSR.

If  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is not connected we take an abstract arc  $L$  intersecting each component of  $X_1 \cap X_2$  at exactly one point. If  $X'_1 = X_1 \cup L$  and  $X'_2 = X_2 \cup L$ , then the hypotheses of Corollary 8 are satisfied and  $X'_1 \cap X'_2$  is connected. Therefore  $X_1 \cup L$  is a pointed ANSR. Now Corollary 5.2 in [D-0] implies that  $X_1$  is pointed 1-movable. In the same way as in the proof of Theorem 6 one gets that  $(X_1, x_0)$  is shape dominated by  $(X_1 \cup L, x_0)$ . Consequently  $X_1$  is a pointed ANSR.

*Remark.* Both Corollary 7 and 8 relate to the following problem posed by Borsuk [B]:

Is it true that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are ANSR's provided  $X_1 \cup X_2$  and  $X_1 \cap X_2$  are ANSR's?

A counterexample to this problem was provided by the author in [D<sub>5</sub>] and independently by K. Kuperberg (unpublished).

Observe that using our methods one can prove the following

*Theorem 9.* If compacta  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have the shape of  $LC^k$  spaces ( $k \geq 0$ ) and  $X_1 \cap X_2$  has the shape of an  $LC^{k-1}$ -space, then  $X_1 \cup X_2$  has the shape of an  $LC^k$ -space.

The proof of Theorem 9 is analogous to the proof of Theorem 6 and uses the following

*Lemma 10.* Suppose  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_1 \cap X_2$  are continua such that for some point  $x_0 \in X_1 \cap X_2$  the pro-groups  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(X_1, x_0)$  and  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(X_2, x_0)$  are stable. If  $X_1 \cap X_2$  is pointed 1-movable, then  $\text{pro-}\pi_1(X_1 \cup X_2, x_0)$  is stable.

*Proof.* Take an inverse sequence  $(Z_n, q_n^{n+1})$  of finite connected CW complexes such that for some connected sub-complexes  $X_{1,n}, X_{0,n}$  and  $X_{2,n}$  of  $Z_n$  there is

- a.  $X_{0,n} = X_{1,n} \cap X_{2,n}$  and  $Z_n = X_{1,n} \cup X_{2,n}$ ,
- b.  $X_1 \cup X_2 = \varprojlim (Z_n, q_n^{n+1})$ ,
- c.  $X_1 = \varprojlim (X_{1,n}, q_n^{n+1})$
- d.  $X_2 = \varprojlim (X_{2,n}, q_n^{n+1})$
- e.  $X_0 = X_1 \cap X_2 = \varprojlim (X_{0,n}, q_n^{n+1})$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume each  $q_n^{n+1}$  is cellular. Moreover we may assume that each  $q_n^{n+1}$  induces isomorphisms of  $\pi_1(X_{1,n+1}, x_{n+1})$  onto  $\pi_1(X_{1,n}, x_n)$  (here  $x_0 = (x_n)$ ) and of  $\pi_1(X_{2,n+1}, x_{n+1})$  onto  $\pi_1(X_{2,n}, x_n)$ , and an epimorphism of  $\pi_1(X_{0,n+1}, x_{n+1})$  onto  $\pi_1(X_{0,n}, x_n)$  (see [K], Theorem 3.1 on p. 151, or [F]).

Let us fix  $n$  for a moment and consider the kernel  $A$  of

$$\pi_1(q_n^{n+1}): \pi_1(X_{0,n+1}, x_{n+1}) \rightarrow \pi_1(X_{0,n}, x_n).$$

Notice that any loop  $\alpha$  such that  $[\alpha] \in A$  is contractible in

both  $X_{1,n+1}$  and  $X_{2,n+1}$ .

Therefore if we attach a family  $\{D_j\}_{j \in J}$  of 2-discs to  $X_{0,n+1}$  in order to kill  $A$ , the inclusions

$$X_{1,n+1} \rightarrow X_{1,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j \text{ and } X_{2,n+1} \rightarrow X_{2,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j$$

induce isomorphisms of fundamental groups, and  $X_{1,n+1} \cup X_{2,n+1}$  is a retract of  $X_{1,n+1} \cup X_{2,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j$ . Hence the

$$\text{inclusion } i_n: X_{1,n+1} \cup X_{2,n+1} \rightarrow X_{1,n+1} \cup X_{2,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j$$

induces isomorphism of fundamental groups. Take any extension

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{q}_n^{n+1}: Z_{n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j &\rightarrow Z_n \text{ of } q_n^{n+1} \text{ with} \\ \bar{q}_n^{n+1}(\cup_{j \in J} D_j) &\subset X_{0,n}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\bar{q}_n^{n+1}|_{X_{1,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j}: X_{1,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j \rightarrow X_{1,n}$ ,

$$\bar{q}_n^{n+1}|_{X_{2,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j}: X_{2,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j \rightarrow X_{2,n}$$

and  $\bar{q}_n^{n+1}|_{X_{0,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j}: X_{0,n+1} \cup_{j \in J} D_j \rightarrow X_{0,n}$

induce isomorphisms of fundamental groups and by van Kampen's Theorem  $\bar{q}_n^{n+1}$  induces an isomorphism of fundamental groups.

Consequently  $q_n^{n+1} = \bar{q}_n^{n+1} \cdot i_n$  induces an isomorphism of fundamental groups and the proof of Lemma 10 is concluded.

*Remark.* Theorem 9 can be derived from [Kod] under the weaker assumption that  $X_1 \cap X_2$  has the shape of an  $LC^k$ -space.

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