

Remark: Covering space is a local homeo: i.e., every point of $\tilde{B}$ has a nbhd that is homeomorphically mapped onto its image in B by p .
The converse is not true: e.g. $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$.

Lemma 2 $p: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ continuous. $E \subseteq B$ evenly covered. Then any connected subset F of E is also evenly covered. Components of $p^{-1}F$ are the intersections with $p^{-1}F$ of the components of $p^{-1}E$.

Lemma 3 $p: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ covering space. For every $b \in B$ ^{every nbhd of b contains} a connected open nbhd of b that is evenly covered.

Lemma 4 $p_i: \tilde{B}_i \rightarrow B$ continuous. Assume $\tilde{B}_i$ is locally connected and B is connected.

Suppose that every point of B has a nbhd that is evenly covered by p_i .
Let $\tilde{B}$ be a component of $\tilde{B}_i$ & let $p: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ be the restriction of p_i to $\tilde{B}$.

Then $p: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ is a covering ~~space~~ and $\tilde{B}$ is open in $\tilde{B}_i$.

Proof: Claim $p\tilde{B} = B$. ~~$b \in B$ & $\forall$ nbhd of b that is evenly covered by p_i .~~
ETS $p\tilde{B}$ is open & closed in B . ~~Assume~~ If an evenly covered subset of B (under p_i) intersects $p\tilde{B}$, then that whole subset belongs to $p\tilde{B}$ (as is easily seen). Thus the claim is proved. Easily seen that p is a covering space.

That $\tilde{B}$ is open follows from the first remark on page (401). QED.

Lemma 5 $p: \tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ covering. X connected, loc. connected $\subseteq B$.

$\tilde{X}$ be a component of $p^{-1}X$. Then $\tilde{X}$ is relatively open in $p^{-1}X$.

And $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ is a covering.

Proof: ~~Let~~ $x \in X$. Let $V^{\text{open}} \subseteq B$ be s/t $x \in V$ & V evenly covered.

Choose $Y^{\text{connected}}$ nbhd of x in X s/t $z \in Y \subseteq V \cap X$.

The components $\tilde{Y}_i$ of $p^{-1}Y$ are the intersections with $p^{-1}Y$ of the components of $p^{-1}V$ (Lemma 2). If $\tilde{x}_i$ is the point of $\tilde{Y}_i$ s/t $p\tilde{x}_i = x$, then $\tilde{x}_i$ is interior to $\tilde{V}_i$ (the component of $p^{-1}V$) and $\tilde{Y}_i$ is therefore a nbhd of $\tilde{x}_i$ w.r.t. $\tilde{X}$. It follows easily that

$\tilde{X}$ is locally connected & that every point of X has a nbhd which is evenly covered by $\tilde{X}$. Now invoke Lemma 4. QED.