

# Geometrical Mind and Its Changes

Focusing on Topology and the Concept of Manifold

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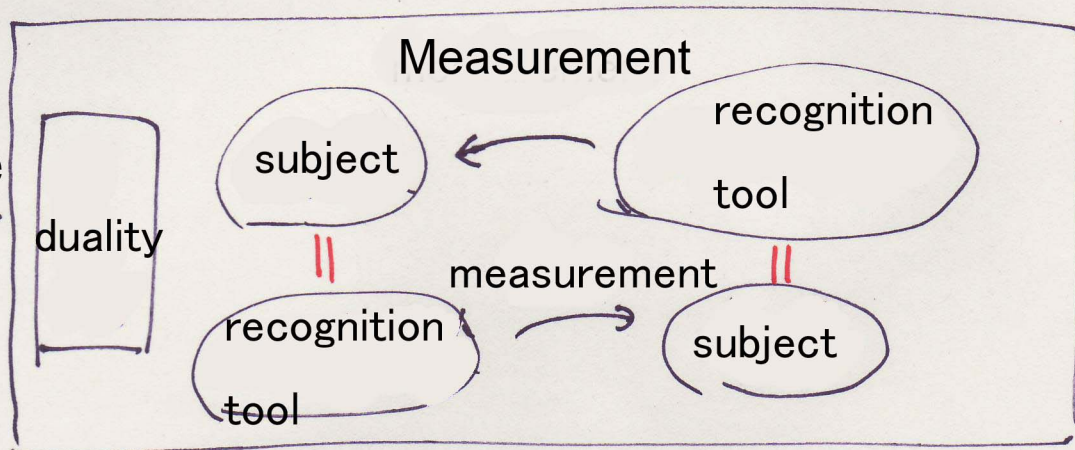
## First lecture

Geometry inside a plane or a space



Geometry of curves, spaces, manifolds themselves

## Second lecture



one of the results in geometry

$$\begin{array}{cc} H_*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2) & H_{DR}^*(X) \\ H_*(X; \mathbb{R}) & (X: \text{manifold}) \end{array}$$

Poincaré duality : properties on chain

$a$  &  $a'$  have same properties on  
number of intersections

numerical, algebraic property

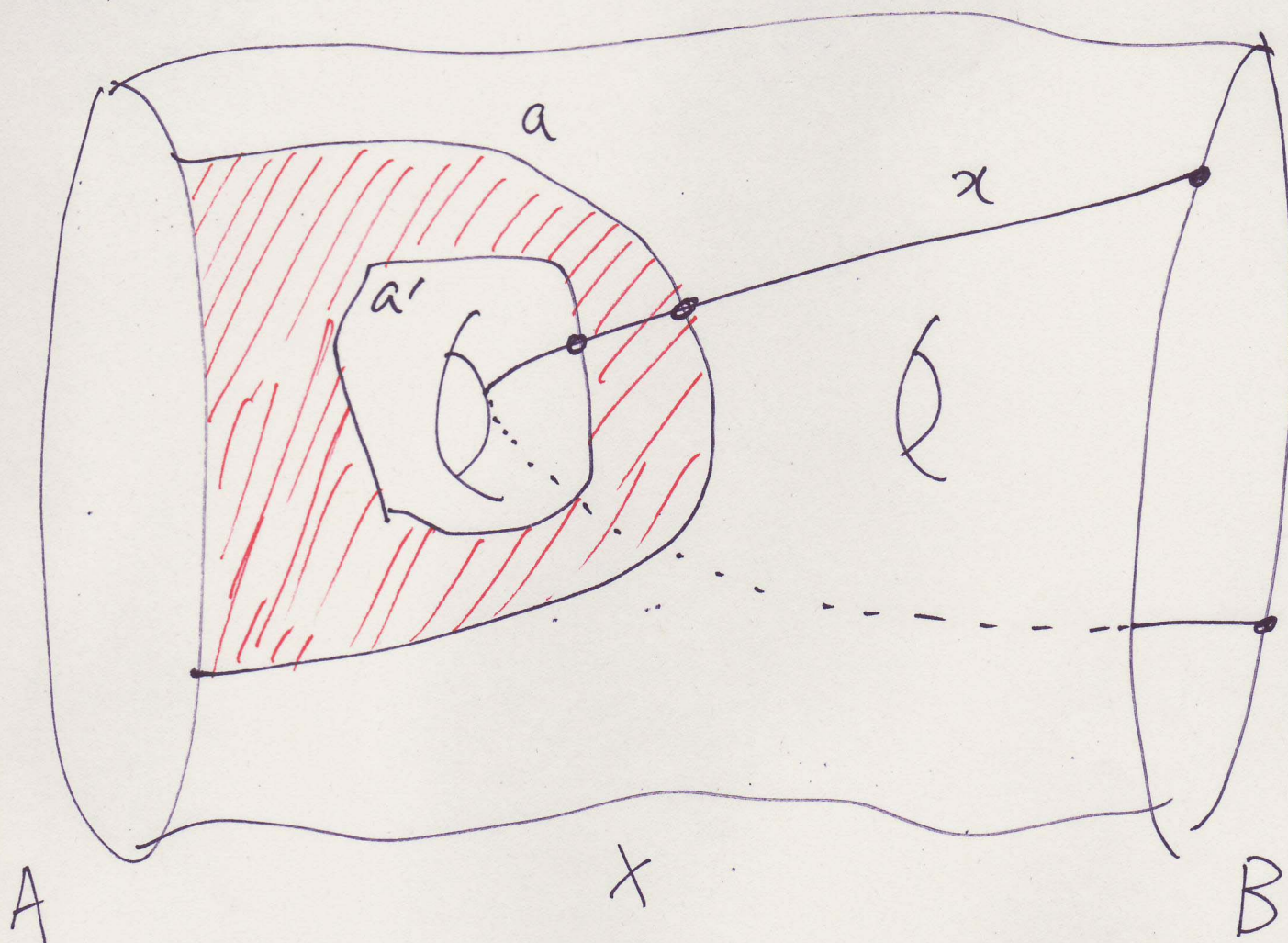
Between  $a$  &  $a'$ ,  
 chain membrane  
 can be made.

geometrical property



# Review of the Previous Lecture

$$\dim X = 2$$



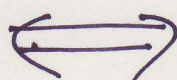
$$Z_1(X, A) \times Z_1(X, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2$$

When counting intersections,  $a$  and  $x$  be horizontal.  $\#(a \cap x) \bmod 2$

Form a membrane between

$a$  and  $a'$

For any  $x$



$$\#(a \cap x) \equiv \#(a' \cap x) \bmod 2$$

Poincaré duality



# Another Way of Expressing Poincaré Duality

$$H_1(x, A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{:=} Z_1(x, A) / \sim$$

$$H_1(x, A; \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

$$a \sim a' \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \text{A membrane can be formed.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_1(x, A) & \times H_1(x, B) & \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ [a] & [x] & \#(a \cap x) \bmod 2 \end{array}$$

This bilinear image is degenerate.

Upon the  
(finite body  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ )

For all  $x$

Thus,

$$\bullet [a] = [a'] \iff \#(a \cap x) \equiv \#(a' \cap x) \bmod 2$$

and

For all

$a'$

$$\bullet [x] = [x'] \iff \#(a' \cap x) \equiv \#(a' \cap x') \bmod 2$$

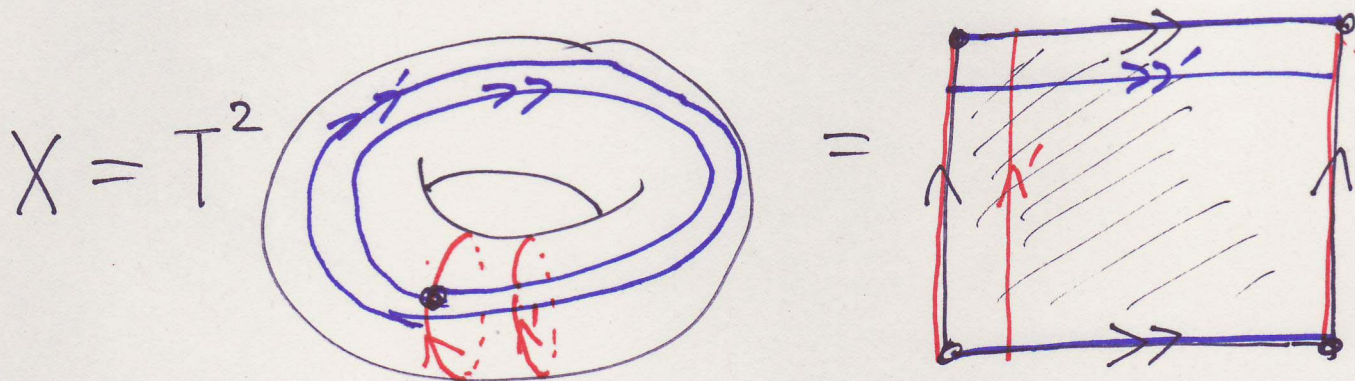
Thus,

$H_1(x, A)$  and  $H_1(x, B)$  recognize each other

perfectly.



$X = \text{torus, in case } A=B=\phi$



- $H_1(T^2; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -contained two-dimensional vector space.
- Its origins are  $\begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow'' \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rightarrow' \end{bmatrix}$

Number of intersections	$\uparrow$ $\uparrow''$	$\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow'$
$\uparrow$ $\uparrow''$	$0 \bmod 2$	$1 \bmod 2$
$\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow'$	$1 \bmod 2$	$0 \bmod 2$

Degeneration

Matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \bmod 2$ 's determinant  $\neq 0 \bmod 2$



## Today's Lesson

The concept explained in  
the previous lecture :

- Poincaré duality
  - [ numerical/algebraic property  $\Rightarrow$  geometrical consequence ]
- $H_*(X)$  [  $X$ 's properties are gathered in this vector space. ]

Today's lecture is about how they  
developed in

“the Geometry of Curves,

Spaces and Manifolds Themselves”

which was explained in the first lecture.



Examples of

1. How  $H_*(X)$  can be used Algebraic topology

2. The birth of differential topology

—— the discovery of exotic curves Milner

3 How were they discovered?

$$4 \quad \partial(3D) = 2D$$

5 Character figures

Cobordism theory

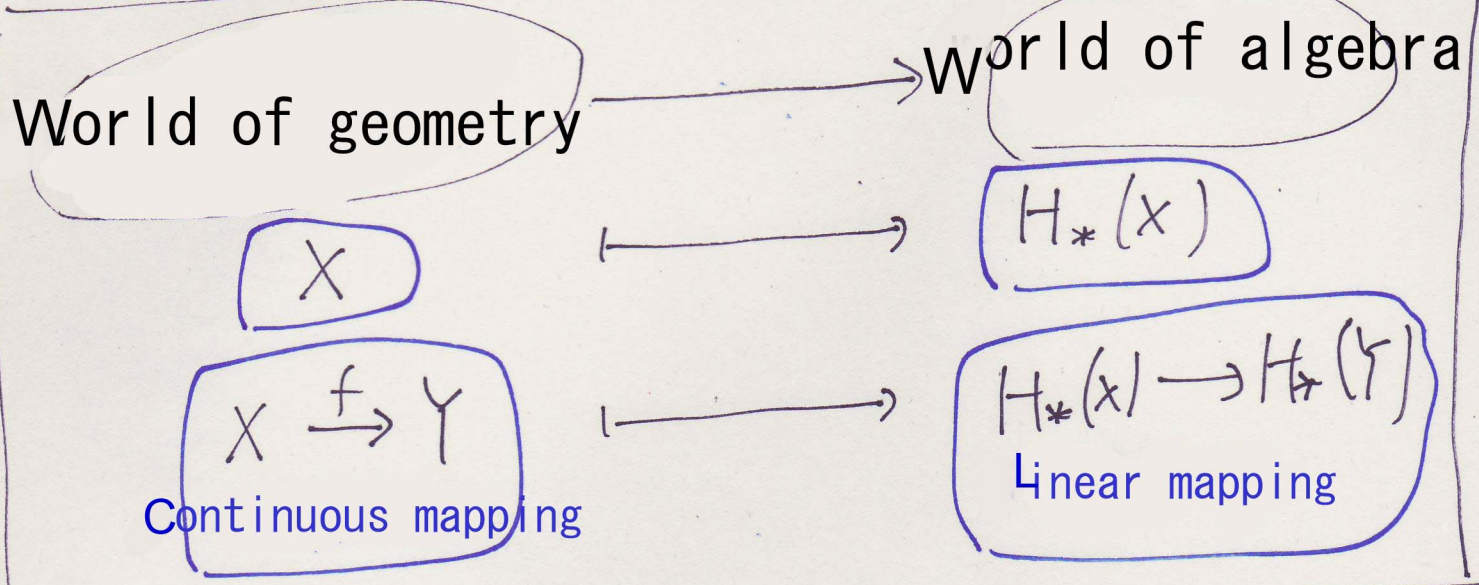
6 Strange properties of character figures

(7 Diversity of manifolds) René Thom

8 In Conclusion

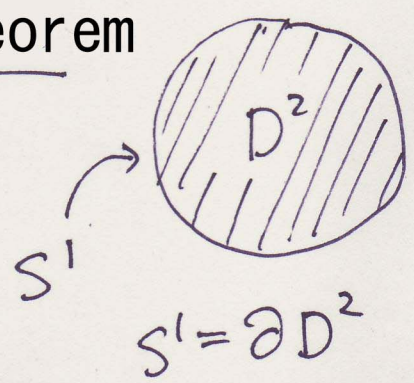


# How $H_*(X)$ Is Used



## Theorem

There is no continuous mapping that satisfies

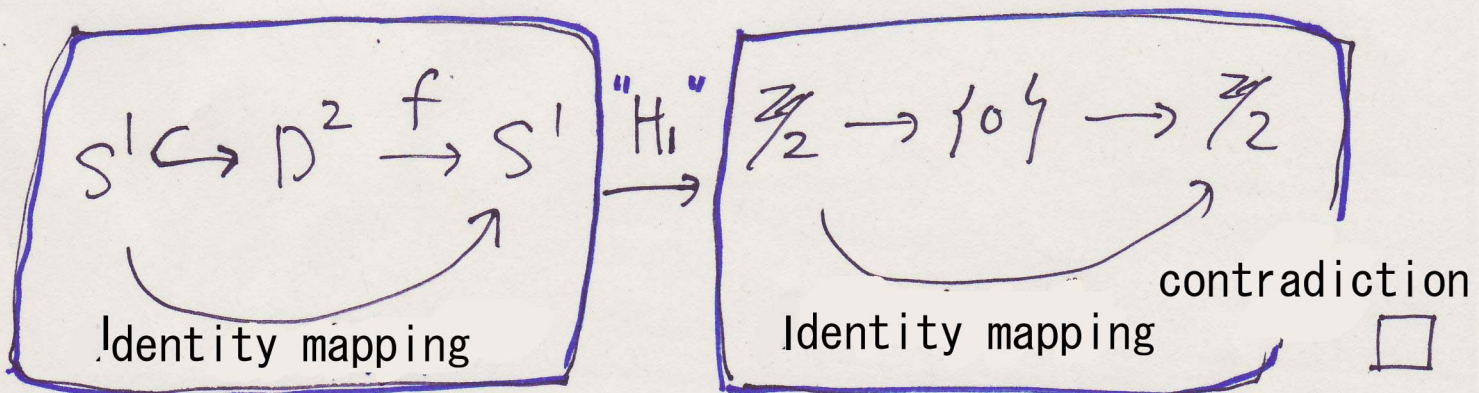


$$f: D^2 \rightarrow S^1$$

For any  $p \in S^1 \rightarrow f(p) = p$

## Proof

When using  $\begin{cases} H_1(S^1; \mathbb{Z}_2) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ H_1(D^2; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \{0\} \end{cases}$





# The Birth of Differential Topology

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## Poincaré's question

When seeing algebraically,  
A three-dimensional manifold cannot be distinguished from a three-dimensional sphere.  
So are they not "equal" ?

## Poincaré conjecture subjected in 1904

If a three-dimensional manifold "lacks any boundary", "is compact" and "each loop in the space can be continuously tightened to a point", then it is "homeomorphic" to a three-dimensional sphere.

$X$  and  $Y$  are homeomorphic  $\iff$

They are continuous mapping,

$$\begin{cases} X \xrightarrow{f} Y \\ Y \xrightarrow{g} X \end{cases}$$

so they have inverse of each.

$X$  is simply-connected



$X$ , a circular membrane can be formed.

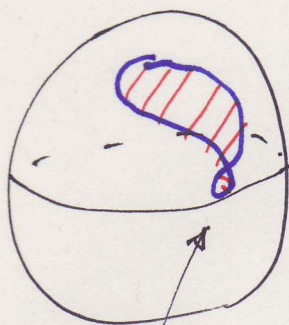
(A closed curve and a membrane can intersect with each other.)



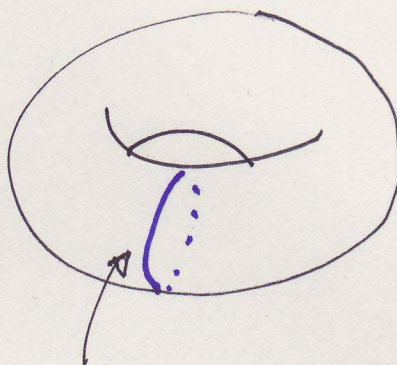
# The History of Solving Poincaré Conjecture

## • 2D Poincaré Conjecture

(Can be speculated from classification of spheres)



A circular disk membrane can be formed in any closed curve.



Whether it is a circular disk or not, any membrane cannot be formed even by a 2D chain.

↑ A compact and borderless sphere with this property (=2D manifold) is only a (2D) sphere.

Poincaré conjecture for dimensions greater than five

Smale 1960

• 4D Poincaré conjecture

Freedman 1981

• 3D Poincaré conjecture

Perelman 2002

↑ Original Poincaré conjecture



# Milnor's Exotic Sphere

(1956)

• Ordinary 7D sphere  $S^7$  is a boundary for  
8D circular disk  $D^8$

$$\underbrace{S^7} = \partial \underbrace{D^8}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_8 \end{pmatrix} \mid \sum x_i^2 = 1 \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_8 \end{pmatrix} \mid \sum x_i^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

• Milnor put two parts of  $D^8$ 's boundary

together and made

an 8D manifold with boundary,  $Z^8$ , whose

$$\underbrace{\Sigma^7 = \partial Z^8}_{\text{is just like}}$$

an ordinary  $S^7$ .

How are

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$S^1$  and  $\Sigma^1$  similar and different?

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★  $S^1$  and  $\Sigma^1$  are homeomorphic !!

$$S^1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{matrix} \Sigma^1$$

$f$  and  $g$  are continuous mapping and each has its own  
inverse mapping,  $f, g$

★  $S^1$  and  $\Sigma^1$  are not diffeomorphic !!

$$S^1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xleftarrow{g} \end{matrix} \Sigma^1$$

$f$  and  $g$  are smooth mapping and they do not have their

(Partial differentiation  
is possible if  
displayed in coordi-  
nates.

inverse mapping  $f, g$ .



# How Can It Be Proved?

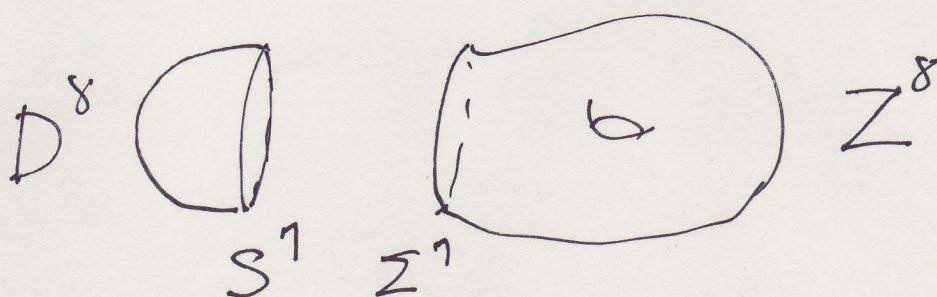
\*  $S^1$  and  $\Sigma^1$  are homeomorphic.

$\therefore$  Specifically, make  $S^1 \xrightleftharpoons[f]{f} \Sigma^1$ .

$f$  and  $g$  are continuous and an inverse of each other.

(In fact,  $f$  and  $g$  are smooth at all the points except one.  
The only point that isn't cannot be smooth anyhow.)

\*  $S^1$  and  $\Sigma^1$  are not diffeomorphic.



If they are diffeomorphic,  
they can be stuck smoothly.



Study this  
property of  $X$  and draw a  
contradiction.



# 8D Manifold $X^8$ Has Some Contradictions

## Hirzebruch signature theorem

(for 8D, borderless,  
compact and directional  
manifold  $X$ )

$$\underset{\text{signature}}{\sigma(X)} = \frac{1}{45} \left( 7 \underset{\text{character figure}}{p_2(X)} - p_1^2(X) \right)$$

In case of Milnor's example

$$\begin{cases} \sigma(X) = 1 \\ p_1^2(X) = 36 \\ p_2(X) : \text{integer} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \mid 81$$

$\Rightarrow$  contradiction





# What Is a Signature?

$\sigma(x)$

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$X^8$  : It is compact, and has border and direction.

$$H_4(X; \mathbb{R}) \times H_4(X; \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$H_4(X; \mathbb{R})$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ , a vector space of finite dimension.

For a base arbitrarily chosen,

$$[a_1], [a_2], \dots, [a_m]$$

$$a_i, a_j \longmapsto \#(a_i \cap a_j)$$

Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \#(a_1 \cap a_1) & \dots & \#(a_m \cap a_1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \#(a_1 \cap a_m) & & \#(a_m \cap a_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetric matrix and holomorphic (Poincaré duality)

$$\sigma(X) := \text{number of positive proper value} - \text{number of negative proper value}$$



# Summary of Further Lectures

Milnor discovered that "homeomorphic" and "diffeomorphic" are different concepts.



The birth of new geometry that considers diffeomorphic manifolds to be the "same".

## Differential topology

In this view,

Number of manifolds which are homeomorphic to  $n$ -sphere

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number	1	1	1	?	1	1	28	2	8	6	992	1	3



Milnor's first discovery



# Lesson From Here

## Further points

Milnor used the formula by Hirzebruch shown below.

$\sigma(X)$

signature

=

"expression by  
character figure"

$H_*(X)$ 's structure determines  
this number

$(X \text{ is } 8D.)$

✱ What is a character figure?

✱ How did Hirzebruch prove  
the formula above?

Let's explain this

not by 8D

but by

2D.

with  
direction

$H_*(X; \mathbb{R})$

Direction is  
not assumed.

$H_*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$



# Closed Curve $\equiv$ Compact and Borderless Two-dimensional Manifold

With border

Without border

Compact

border

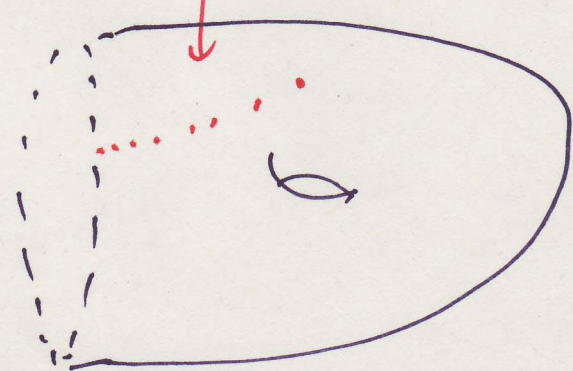
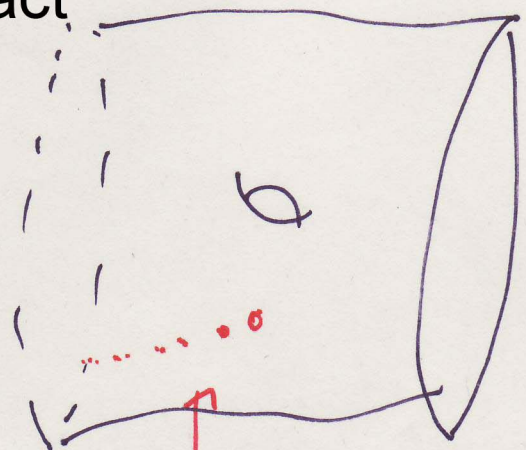
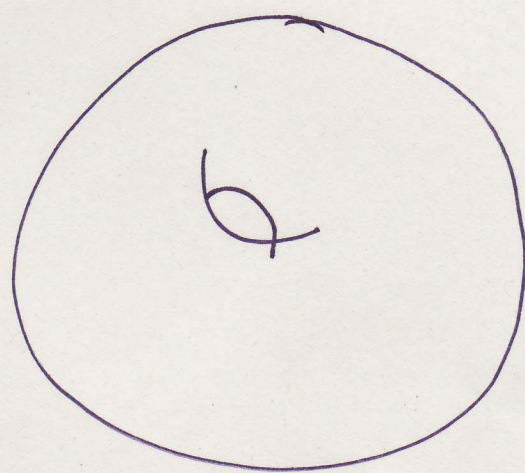
Non-

Compact

border

without convergent  
subsequence

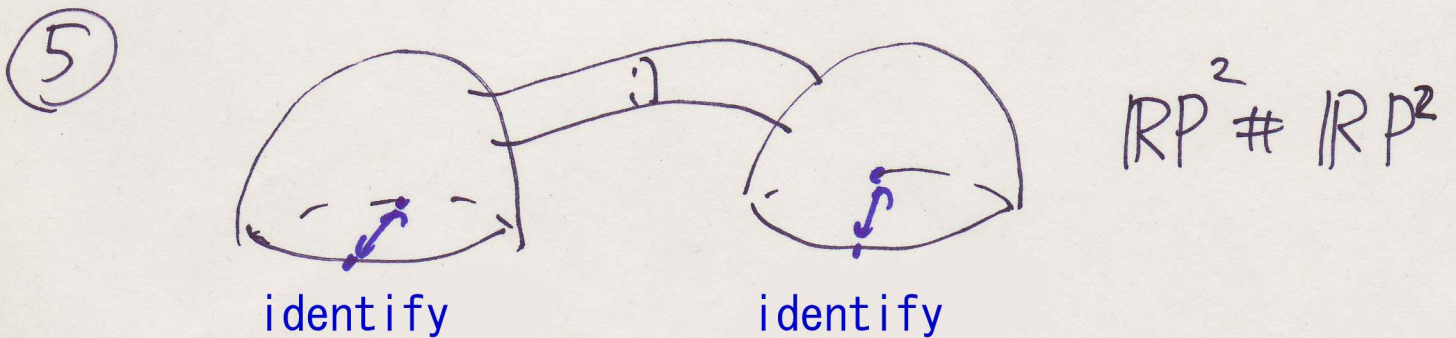
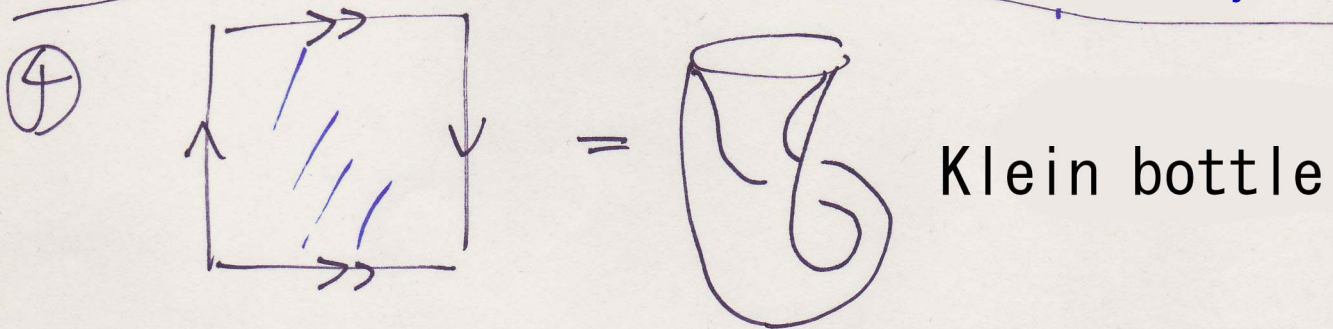
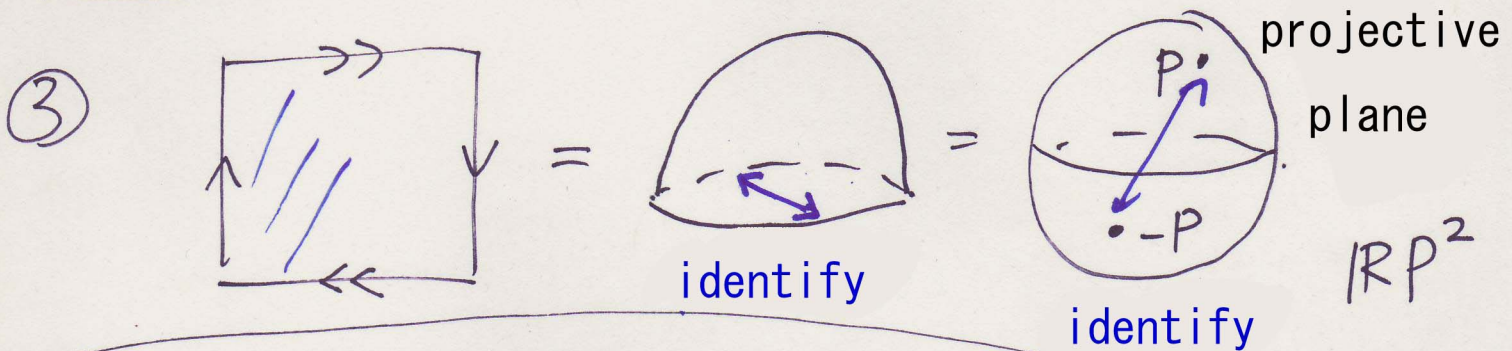
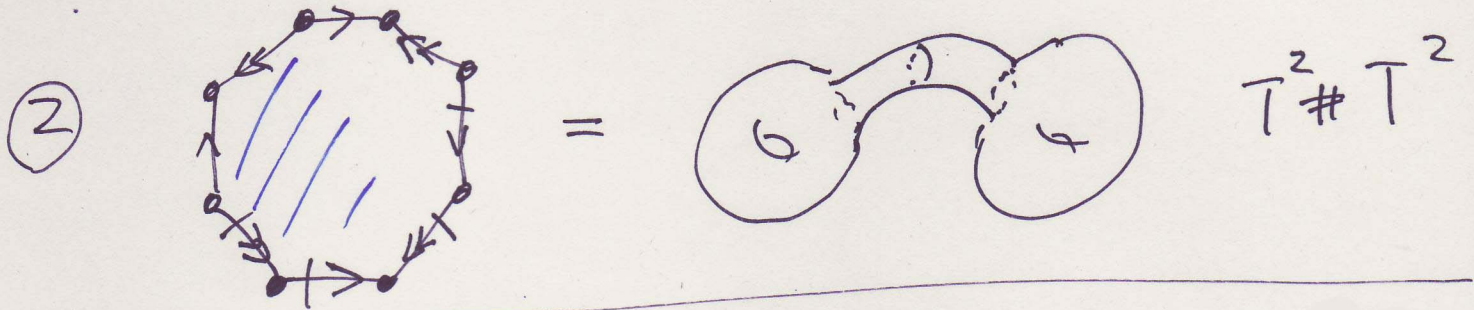
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# Examples of a Closed Curve

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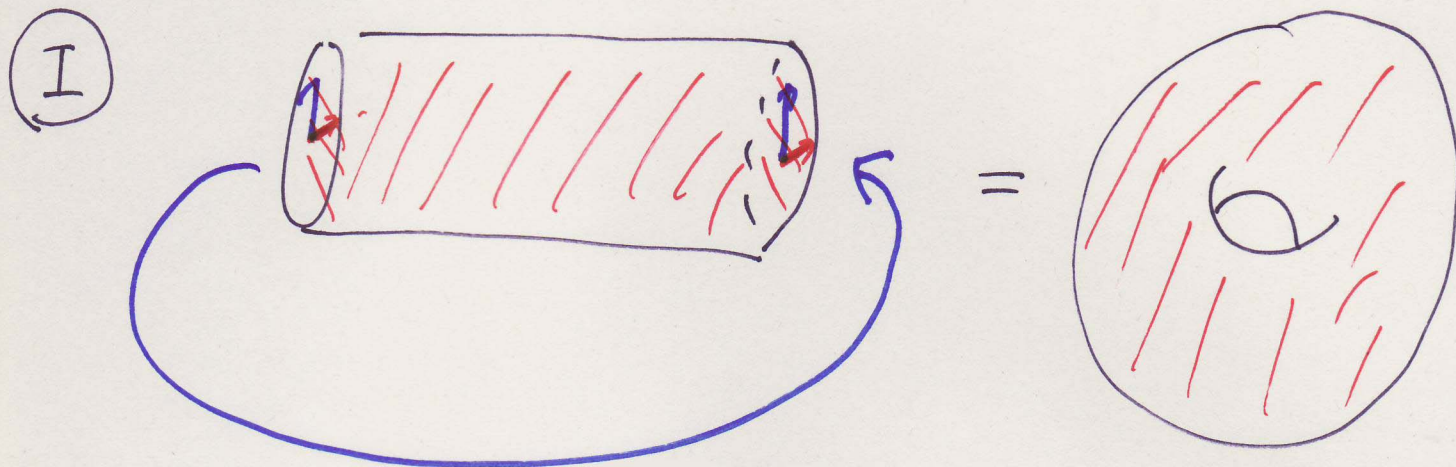


④ = ⑤

(Both are two Möbius bands attached together.)



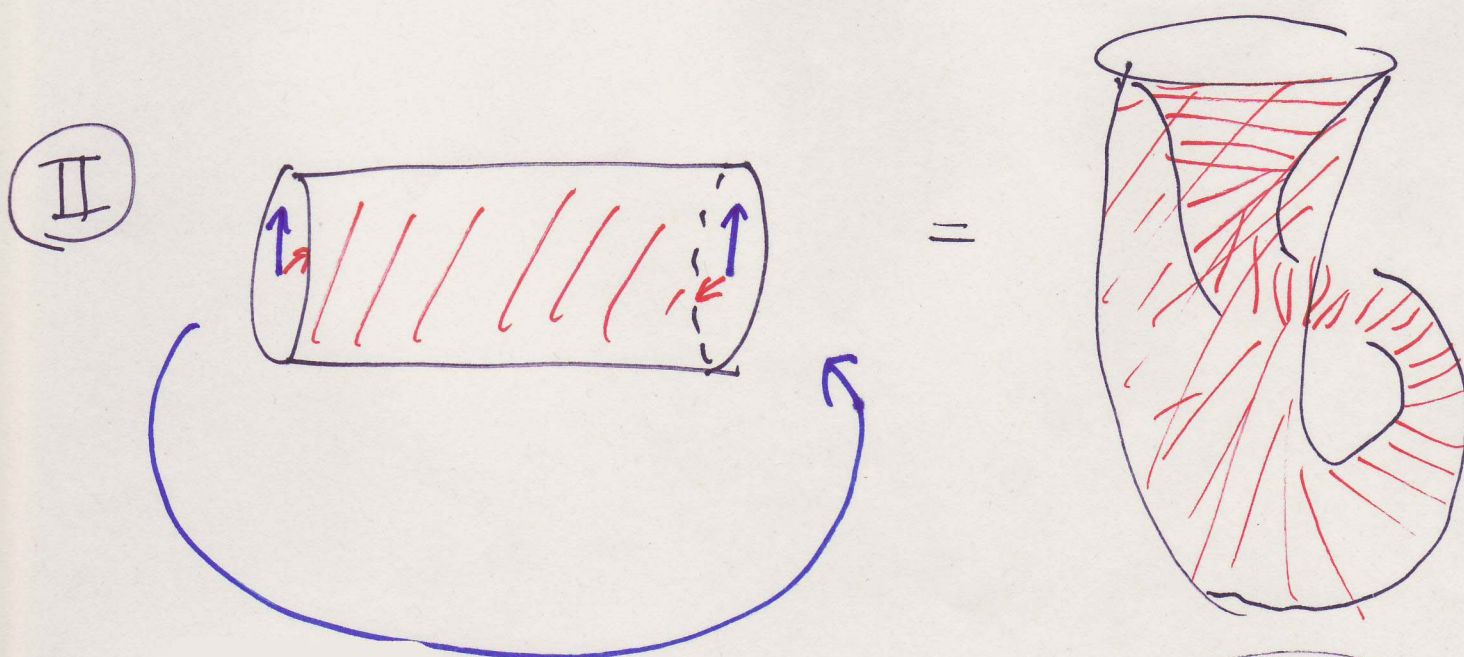
# Examples of 3D Compact Manifolds with Border



Turn around and identify.

solid torus

The border is a torus.

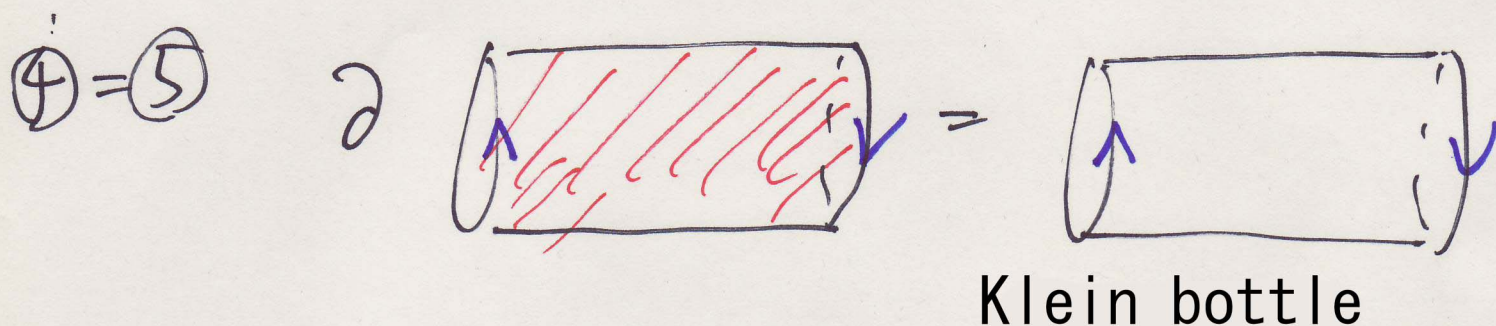
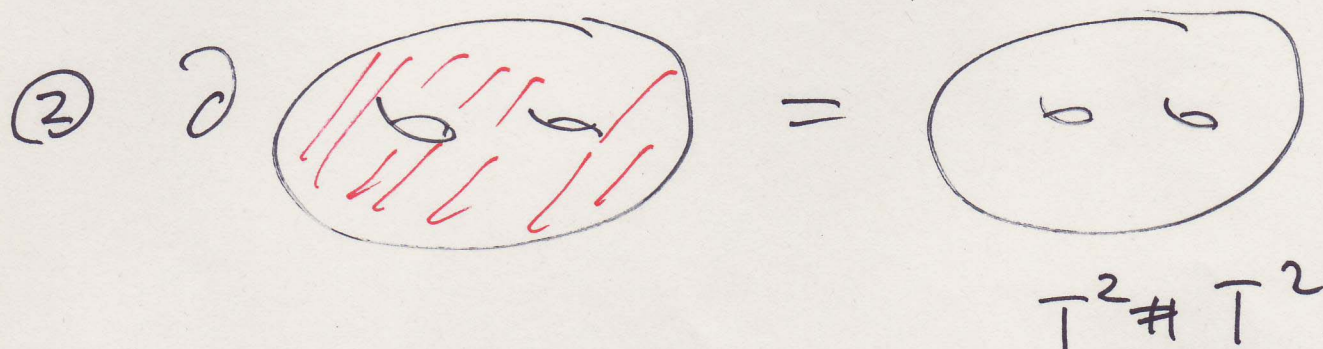
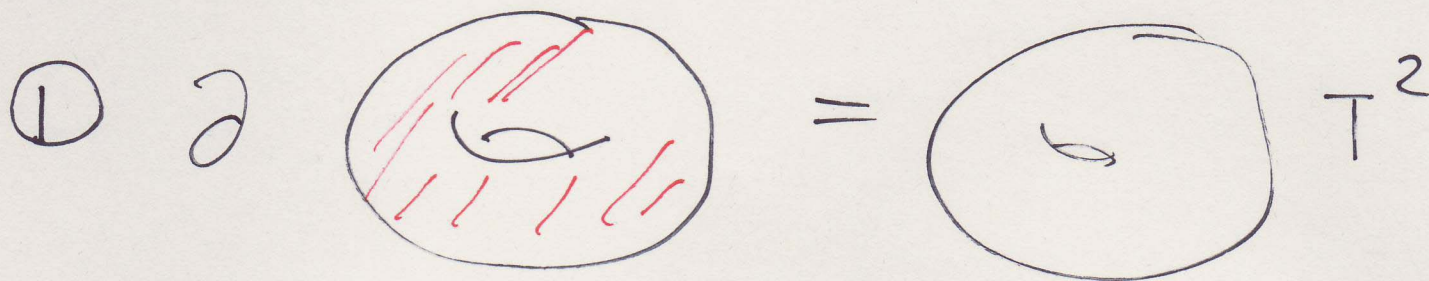


Turn around, get "a mirror image" and identify.


The border is a Klein bottle.



# "Examples of Closed Curves" Which Can Be Drawn as a Border of 3D Compact Manifold



$$\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2$$

Q. In ③, how about   $\mathbb{R}P^2$ ?  
identify



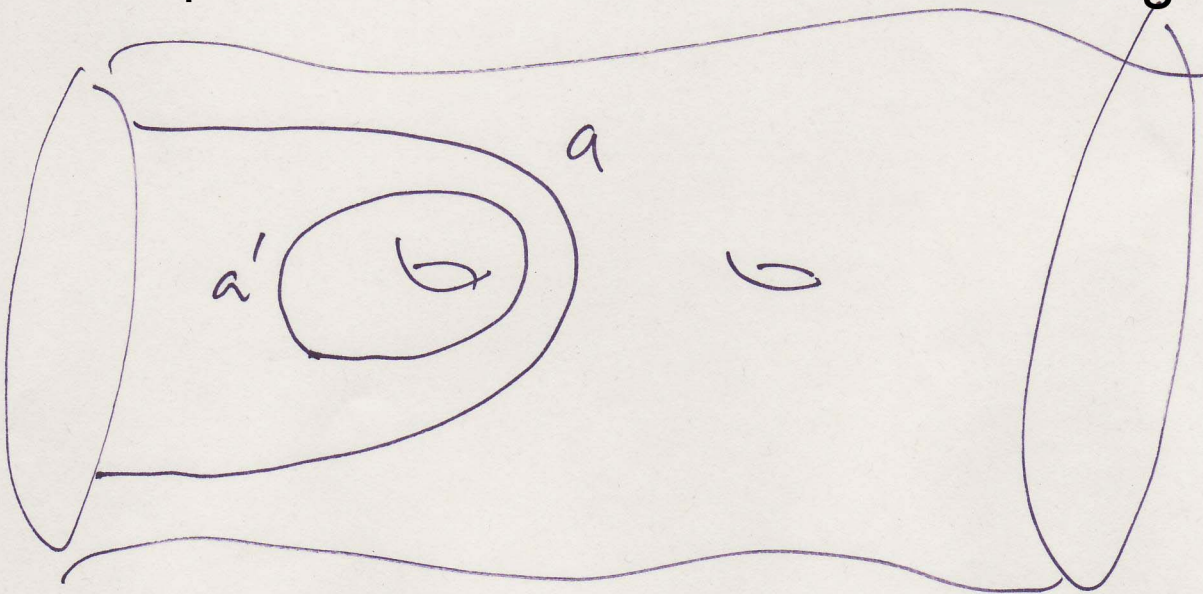
--- Speaking From the Conclusion,

A.

Impossible!!

$\mathbb{R}P^2$  cannot be drawn as border.

The question and the answer above is similar to the question and the answer following.



Between  $a$  and  $a'$ , can a membrane be formed?

Is  $a \cup a'$  a boundary of a membrane?

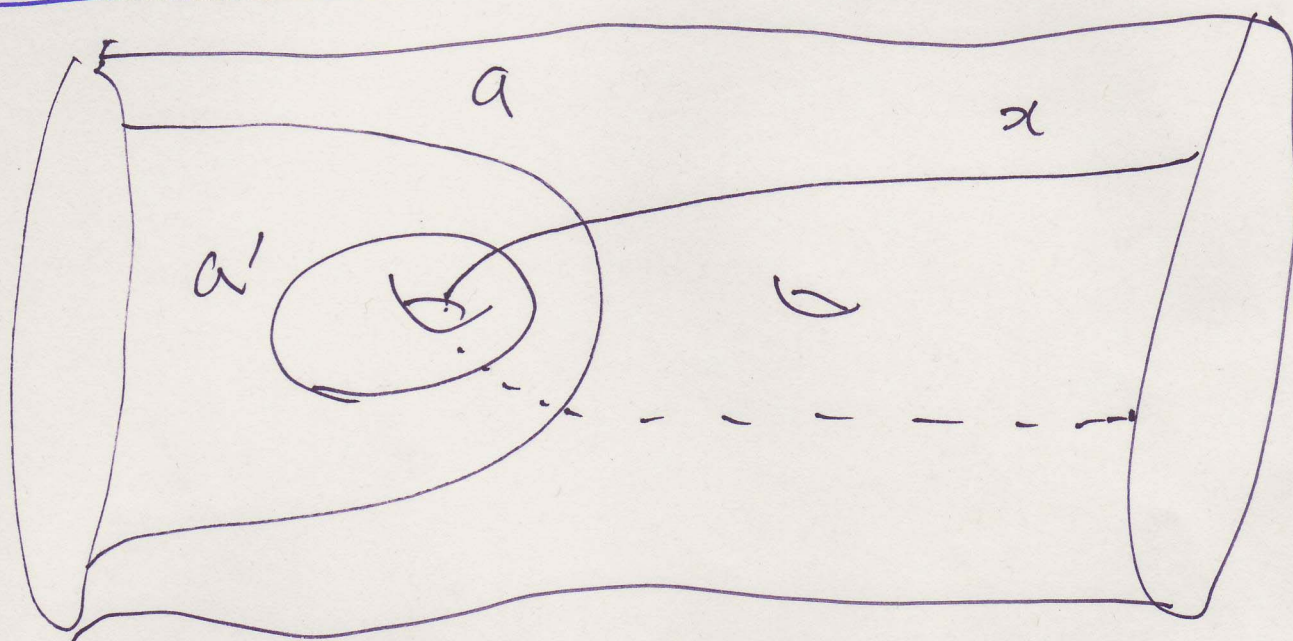


A. 1

If, for any  $\alpha$ (required  
condition)

$$\#(a \cap \alpha) \not\equiv \#(a' \cap \alpha) \pmod{2}$$

impossible



A. 2

If, for any  $\alpha$ (sufficient  
condition)

$$\#(a \cap \alpha) \equiv \#(a' \cap \alpha) \pmod{2}$$

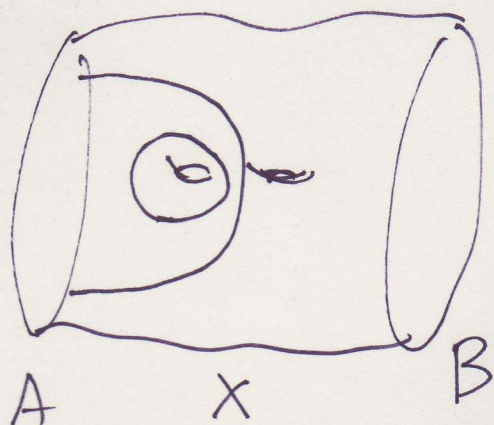
possible

[ Poincaré duality ]

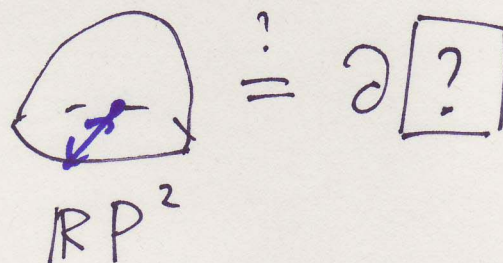


# Differences Between This Question and the Previous Question 24

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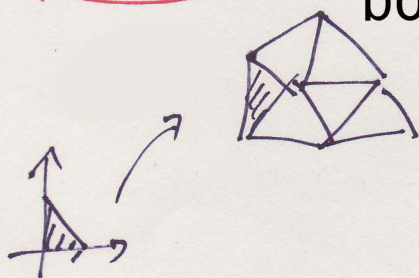


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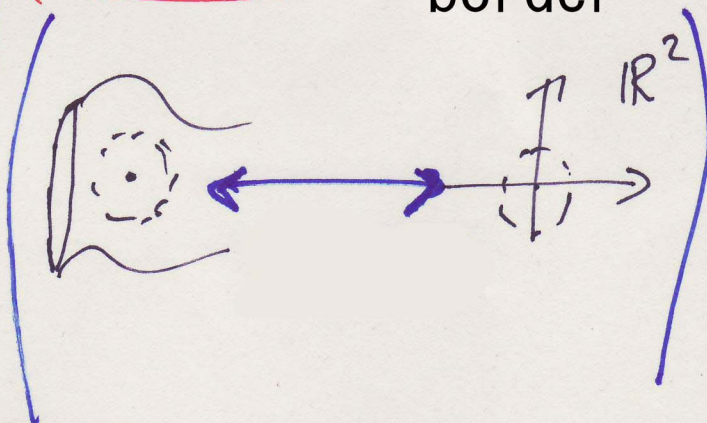
chain and its

border



manifold and its

border



Think of subjects as being  
inside a single manifold  $X$

Consider all the  
possibilities for  
every subject .

World

In other words,

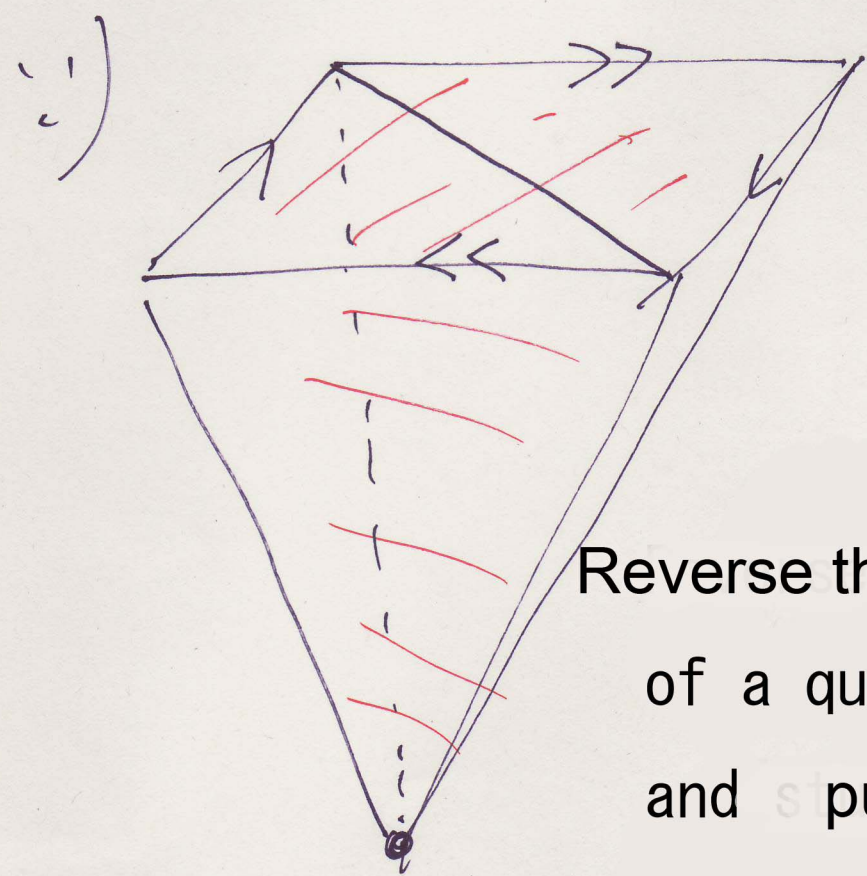
$X$  is the world.



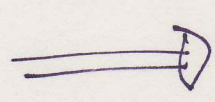
In fact,  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  can be a border of

"3D compact chain".

We can say that this is a more precise problem.

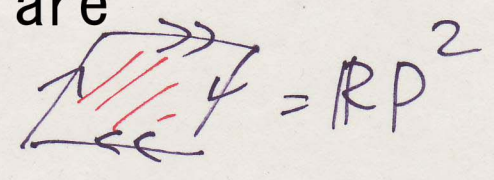


Reverse the "facing sides" of a quadrangular pyramid, and put them together.

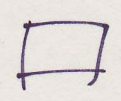


The figure then consists of two triangular pyramids.

Their borders are



Not manifold!!





In "this problem", there are

- required conditions to draw as a border
- sufficient conditions to draw as a border

and if the fact that both of these conditions match is proved, then the problem can be completely solved.

Description of required conditions is given below.

The fact that they are also sufficient conditions is only to be mentioned.

This also happened in the description of

- Poincaré duality.
- de Rahm theory



# What To Think Instead of Intersections:

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## Character Figure

Direction of proving that

$\mathbb{R}P^2$  cannot  $\partial Z$   
be drawn  
in form of

step 1 To the closed curve  $X$

apply the character figure  $w_1^2(x) \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

step 2 If  $X = \partial Z$

prove  $w_1^2(x) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

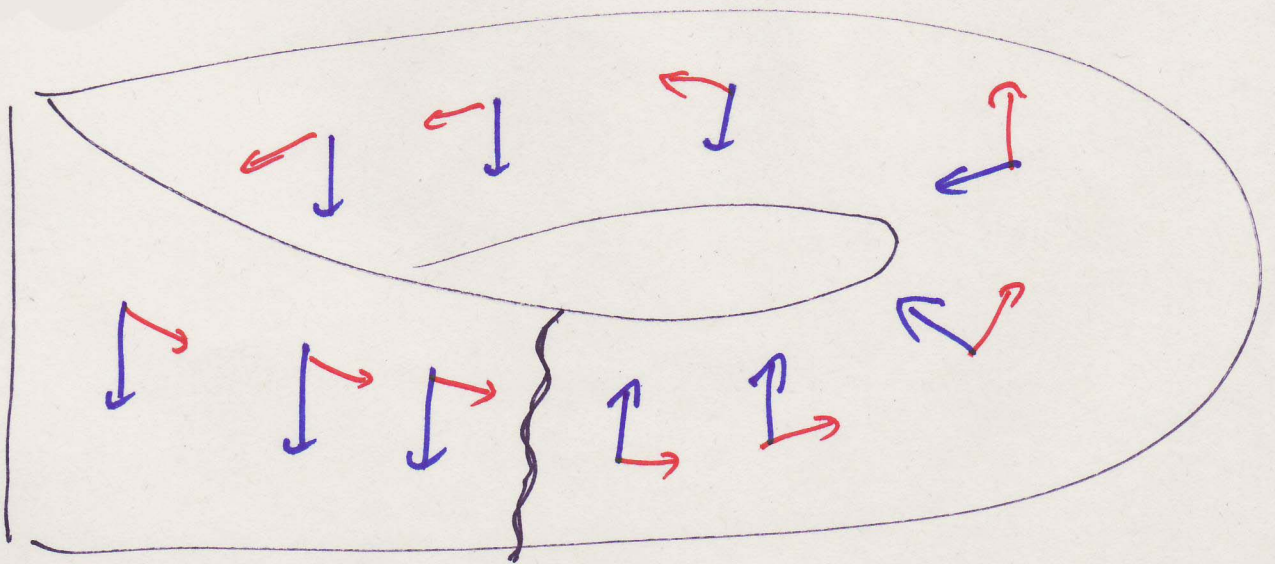
step 3 Check  $w_1^2(\mathbb{R}P^2) = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$






Here, “direction” cannot be maintained.

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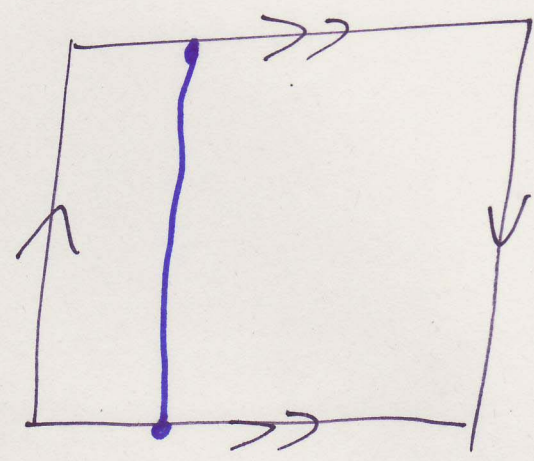
If you cut here,  direction would be determined.



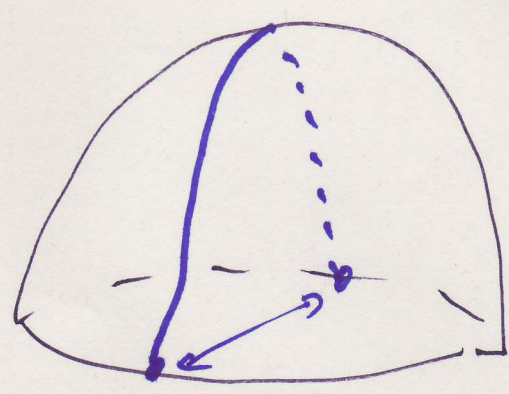
In case of a Klein bottle



cut here

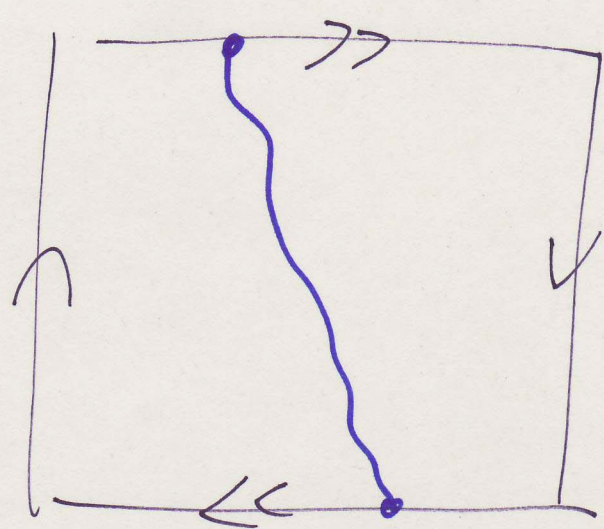


In case of a projective plane



identify

cut here





# $w_1^2(x) \in \mathbb{Z}/2$ 's Definition

Cut in a way that both sides of cut surfaces are in opposite direction.

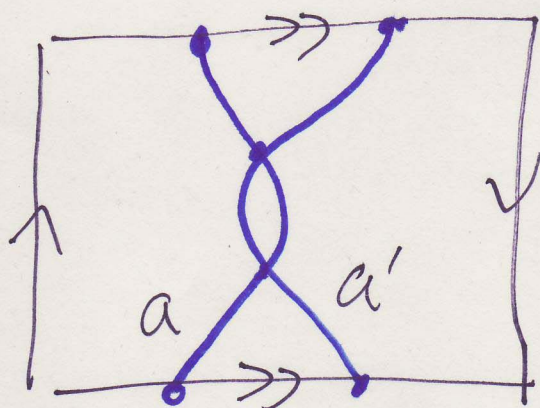
- Cut at two sections so each cut surface has a direction, and name them  $a, a'$

- The number of intersecting points of those two cut sections.

mod 2, is  $w_1^2(x)$

$$w_1^2(x) = \#(a \cap a') \bmod 2$$

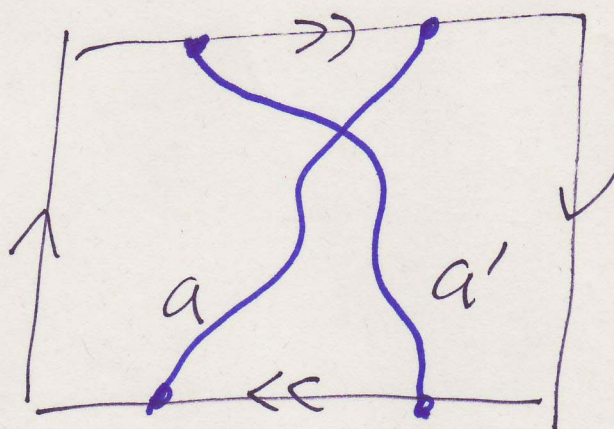
Klein bottle



$$\#(a \cap a') = 2$$

$$w_1^2(\text{Klein bottle}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

Projective plane



$$\#(a \cap a') = 1$$

$$w_1^2(\mathbb{RP}^2) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$



## $w_1^2(X)$ 's Properties

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(1) First,  $\#(a \cap a') \bmod 2 \in \mathbb{Z}/2$   
is determined regardless of how  
 $a, a'$  are taken.

Therefore, it depends  
only on  $X$ .

Hence, the symbol  $w_1^2(X)$  is justified.

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(2) When  $X = \partial Z$

$$\#(a \cap a') \bmod 2 = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore, } w_1^2(X) = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}/2$$

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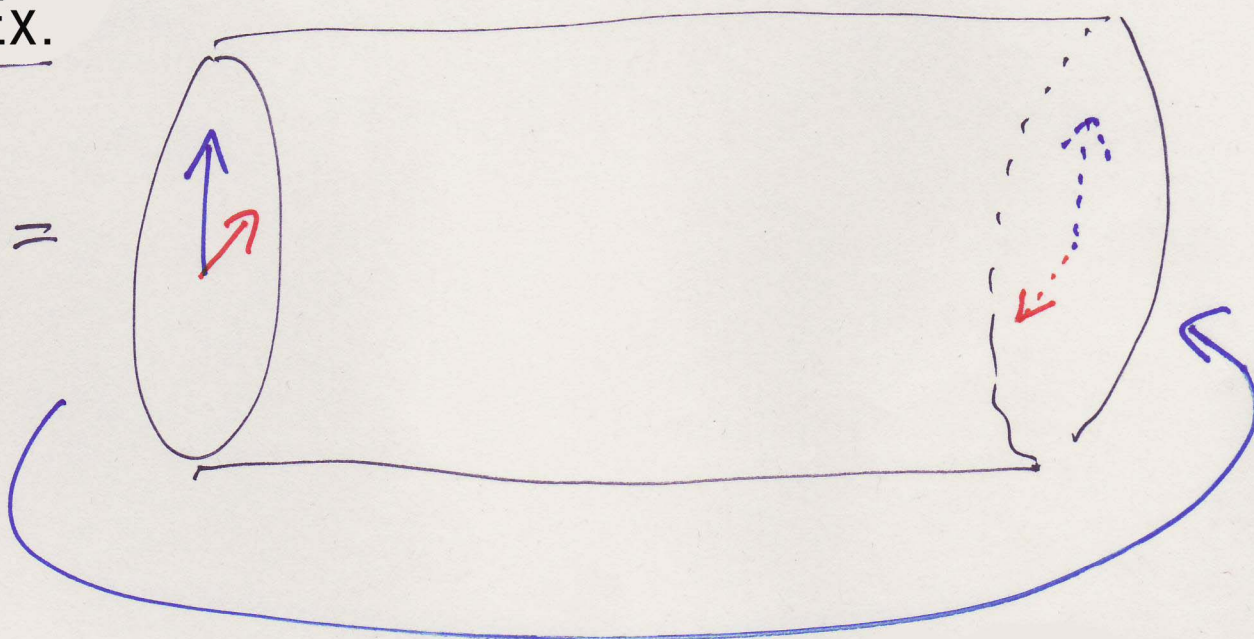
In fact, proofs of (1) and (2) are similar.  
Here, only (2) is to be explained.



When  $X = \partial Z$

Ex.

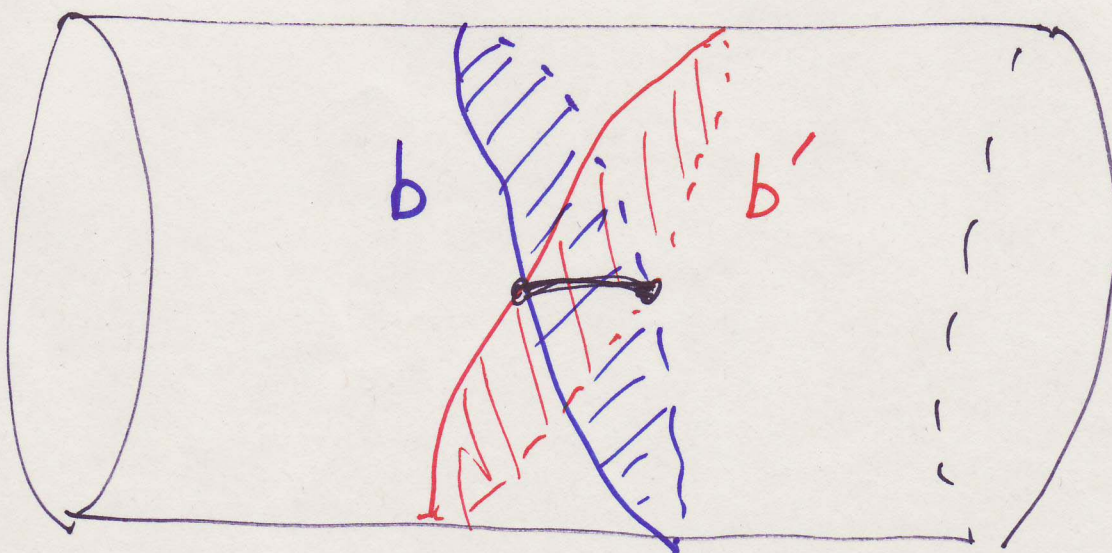
$Z =$



Take a mirror image and “put them together”

Cut  $Z$  at two sections so the cut surfaces have directions and then name them

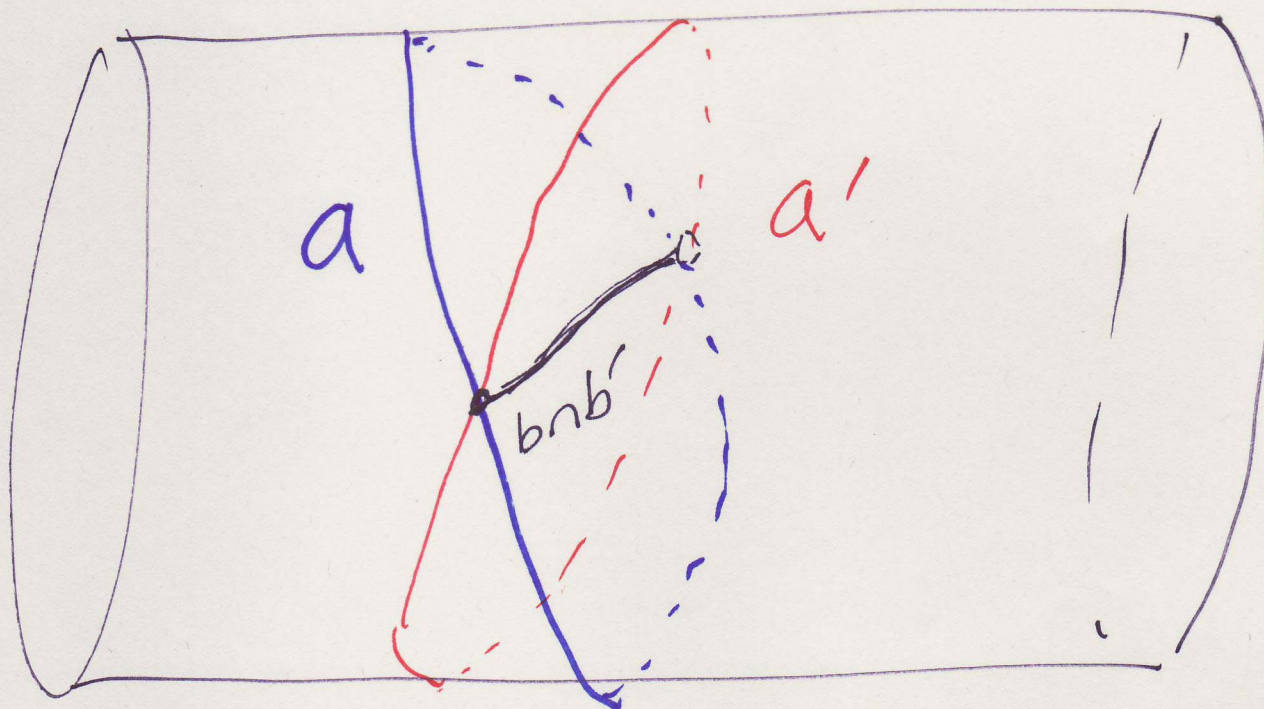
$b, b'$





$$a = \partial b$$

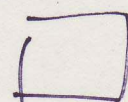
$$a' = \partial b'$$



$$\partial(b \cap b') = a \cap a'$$

First dimension, so the  
number of boundaries is even.

Q. E. D





Now, Essential Conditions for Being  
a Boundary are Understood!

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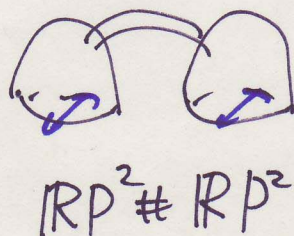
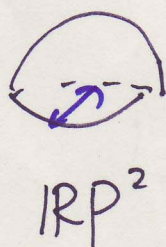
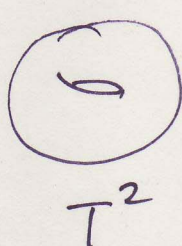
Then, would conditions for NOT being a  
boundary be proved?

(A more profound, geometrical question!)

Answer: Yes

By using the classification theorem of closed  
spheres, it is easily proved to be "yes".

Classification



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- See the diagram of classification.

$$\bullet \quad w_1^2(\underbrace{\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \dots \# \mathbb{R}P^2}_{\text{odd number}}) = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}/2$$

So,  $\underbrace{\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \dots \# \mathbb{R}P^2}_{\text{even number}}$  cannot be written in the form of  $\partial Z$ .

- For other closed spheres  $X$  except above,

$X = \partial Z$ -becoming  $Z$  can be practically made.

\_\_\_\_\_ As above, for a closed sphere  $X$ ,

**Theorem**  $w_1^2(X) = 0 \iff X = \partial Z$ -becoming  $Z$  exists.



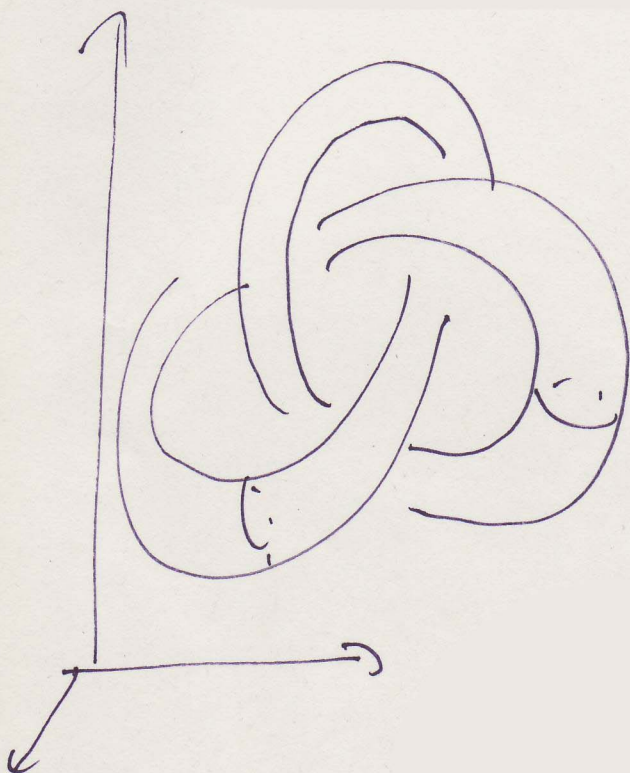
## How About in Higher Dimensions?

Enumerating manifolds is practically impossible.

Ex. A three-dimensional manifold is, at least, as diverse as knots.

Cut out an area of a knot from  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and put it back in a different way.

Then, a new three-dimensional manifold is formed.

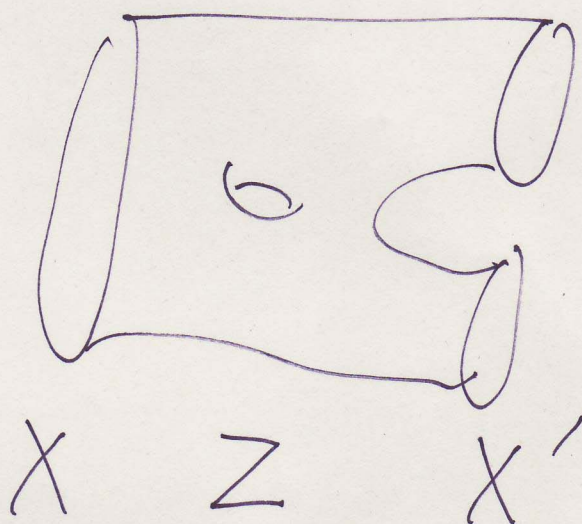




# Reversing the Idea: Thom's Cobordism Theorem

• Classify manifolds roughly.

•  $X \sim X' \iff$  For a certain  $Z$ ,



can be drawn.

Represent equivalent  
class by  $[X]$

$$\partial Z = X \cup X'$$

•  $\Omega_n := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{n-dimensional closed manifold} \end{array} \right\} / \sim$



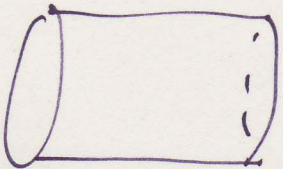
# Addition

$$[x] + [x'] = [x \cup x']$$

$$[\emptyset] + [\emptyset] = \begin{bmatrix} \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex.

$$[x] + [x] = [\emptyset] \quad \text{i.e.} \quad 2[x] = 0$$

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$$\partial(X \times [0, 1]) = X \times \{0\} \cup X \times \{1\}$$

$\Omega_n = \{[x]\}$  is a vector space on the finite body,  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

Note.

$\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_n$  is a ring.

$$[x] \cdot [z] = [x * z]$$



# What Was Understood as a Result of

## Profound Speculations by Thom, Milnor, and Others

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Omega_n & \times & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"all" the} \\ \text{possibilities} \\ \text{of character} \\ \text{figures} \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}/2 \\
 & & \text{(*)} & & \\
 [X] & , & w_1^2 & \longmapsto & w_1^2(x)
 \end{array}$$

The bilinear mapping above is defined,  
and it is degenerate.




$$\Omega_0 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \quad \Omega_1 \cong \{0\} \quad \Omega_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2 \quad \Omega_3 \cong \{0\} \\
 \dots$$

(\*) Precisely, not "all" but adequate parts  
are needed.



## Back in the Case of Two-dimensions...

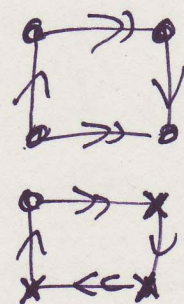
 $w_1^2(x)$ 's Strange Properties

	$S^2$	 $T^2$	 $T^2 \# T^2$	 $\mathbb{R}P^2$	Klein bottle $\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2$
$w_1^2(x)$	0 mod 2	0 mod 2	0 mod 2	1 mod 2	0 mod 2
$\dim H_1(x; \mathbb{Z}/2)$	0	2	4	1	2
Euler number	2	0	-2	1	0
$\dim H_1$ or Euler number mod 2	0 mod 2	0 mod 2	0 mod 2	1 mod 2	0 mod 2

In polygonal decomposition,

$$\text{Euler number} = \boxed{\# \text{ of points}} - \# \text{ of sides} +$$

$$\boxed{\# \text{ of surfaces}}$$





In fact, when  $X$  : a closed sphere

Theorem

$$\text{Euler number} \equiv w_1^2(X) \pmod{2}$$

An amount related to  
 $H_*(X, \mathbb{Z}/2)$

character figure

This is a theorem parallel to the Hirzebruch signature theorem.

Signature = Expression by a  
 character figure

$$\sigma(X^8) = \frac{1}{45} (7 p_2(X^8) - p_1^2(X^8))$$



## $\Omega_*$ -using Proof

- In case of a closed sphere (2D), classification is known, so the theorem can be easily verified independently.
- Also, a direct proof is possible.
- However, as shown below,  $\Omega_2$  structure using proof is also possible.

step 1

$$\Omega_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$[X] \longmapsto [X \text{ 's Euler number}] \bmod 2$$

is semi-isomorphic. ( $\mathbb{Z}_2$  linear mapping)

step 2

$$\Omega_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$[X] \longmapsto w_1^2(x)$$

is also semi-isomorphic ( $\mathbb{Z}_2$  linear mapping)

step 3

Both matches on  $\Omega_2$  's base.



# Proof of Signature Theorem by Hirzebruch

For a directed, closed manifold,

• form a similar structure of

$\Omega_n$  and name it

$$\Omega_n^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$[X] \longmapsto \sigma(X)$$

is semi-isomorphic ( as a ring )

• Form a semi-isomorphism made by  
a good coordination of “character figures”

$$\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$[X] \longmapsto L(X)$$

• By using Thom's cobordism theorem, check if  $\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_n$   
matches its origin as a ring.



# Summary

Series of discussions  
by Poincaré

resulted as a  
vector space

$$H_*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$$

homology class

This  $H_*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  can be used as a tool.

Ex.

$$S^1 \hookrightarrow D^2 \xrightarrow{f} S^1 \text{ does not exist.}$$

id

This can be easily  
(induced from above.)

fixed-point theorem

Question of "cobordism"

resulted as  
a vector space

$$\Omega_*$$

cobordism

class

This  $\Omega_*$  can be used as a tool.

ex. signature theorem for each manifolds



## Geometry

o o o c.

To look over the whole while focusing on connections between the parts

What is "a part" and what is "the whole"?

o o o c.

It changes by time and circumstances.  
Sometimes, an ultra-global consideration that cannot be imagined from the starting point is made.

The END