

III. Disk & Sphere Theorem

A. Recollections from Algebraic Topology

• $p: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ a covering space

1) then $p_*: \pi_i(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow \pi_i(X)$ an isomorphism $\forall i \geq 2$

2) if $f: Y \rightarrow X$ is a map s.t. $f_*(\pi_1(Y)) \subset p_*(\pi_1(\tilde{X}))$

then f lifts to \tilde{X} i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{f} & \dashrightarrow & \tilde{X} \\ & & \downarrow p \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

• X connected space

\exists Hurewicz map $h_n: \pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$

h_1 on π_1 is abelianization

(i.e. h_1 onto and $\ker h_1 = [\pi_1(X), \pi_1(X)]$)

Hurewicz Th^m:

$\pi_1(X) = 1$ and $n \geq 2$

Then $\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad \forall 2 \leq i < n$

\Leftrightarrow

$H_i(X) = 0 \quad \forall 2 \leq i < n$

and if this holds then $h_n: \pi_n(X) \rightarrow H_n(X)$

is an isomorphism

- Whiteheads Th^m: X, Y connected CW complexes
 $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a map

1) $f_*: \pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(Y)$ an isomorphism for all i
then f a homotopy equivalence

2) $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(Y) = 1$ and $f_*: H_i(X) \rightarrow H_i(Y)$
an isomorphism for all i , then
 f is a homotopy equivalence

- X is a $K(\pi, 1)$ (or aspherical) if X is connected,
 $\pi_1(X) = \pi$, and $\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$

if X, Y are $K(\pi, 1)$ CW complexes then $X \cong Y$
↑
homotopy
equivalence

- Poincaré (Lefschetz) Duality:

M compact, oriented, n -manifold, then

$$H_q(M) \cong H^{n-q}(M, \partial M)$$

$$H_q(M, \partial M) \cong H^{n-q}(M)$$

- Universal Coefficients Th^m:

$$H^n(X, A; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \text{Free}(H_n(X, A; \mathbb{Z})) \oplus \text{Tor}(H_{n-1}(X, A; \mathbb{Z}))$$

B. Algebraic Topology and 3-manifolds

We can use simple algebraic topology to understand certain 3-mfds upto homotopy

Lemma 1:

$$M \text{ a closed connected 3-mfd}$$
$$\pi_1(M) = 1 \Leftrightarrow M \simeq S^3$$

homotopy equiv.

later we will see much more is true

Proof: (\Leftarrow) \checkmark

$$(\Rightarrow) \pi_1(M) = 1 \Rightarrow H_1(M) = 0 \text{ (so } M \text{ orientable)}$$

$$H_2(M) \cong H^1(M) \cong \text{Free } H_1(M) \oplus \text{Tor } H_0(0) = 0$$

\uparrow Poincaré Duality \uparrow Univ. Coeff. Thm

$$H_3(M) \cong H_0(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \text{ (since closed, conn. 3-mfd)}$$

$$\text{thus Hurewicz Thm} \Rightarrow \pi_3(M) \cong H_3(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \exists f: S^3 \rightarrow M \text{ s.t. } [f] \text{ generates } \pi_3 = H_3$$

$$\text{so we see } f_*: H_3(S^3) \rightarrow H_3(M) \text{ an isom.}$$

$$\therefore f_* \text{ an isomorphism on } H_i \forall i$$

since S^3, M simply connected, Whitehead's

Thm implies f is a homotopy equiv. 

lemma 2:

M non-compact, connected 3-manifold with $\partial M = \emptyset$
 $\pi_1(M) \cong \pi_2(M) \cong 1 \Leftrightarrow M \cong \mathbb{R}^3$

Proof: (\Leftarrow) \checkmark

(\Rightarrow) M non-compact $\Rightarrow H_i(M) = 0 \ \forall i \geq 3$

$\pi_1(M) = \pi_2(M) = 0 \Rightarrow H_1(M) = H_2(M) = 0$

$\therefore H_i(M) = 0 \ \forall i \geq 1$

let $f: M \rightarrow *$ be constant map

f induces isom. on all H_i $\therefore f$ is a homotopy equiv 

Earlier we looked at embedded 2-spheres

What about non-embedded ones (i.e. coming from $\pi_2(M)$)?

Th^m 3 (Sphere Th^m; Papakyriakopoulos 1957, Whitehead 1958)

let M be an orientable 3-manifold

$f: S^2 \rightarrow M$ be a map st $[f] \neq 0$ in $\pi_2(M)$

Then \exists an embedding $e: S^2 \rightarrow M$ st.

$[e] \neq 0$ in $\pi_2(M)$

Th^m 4 (Disk Th^m, Dehn's lemma, Poincaré 1957):

let M be an orientable 3-manifold, $\Sigma \subset \partial M$ a surface,

and $f: (D^2, S^1) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$ st. $[f|_{S^1}] \neq 1$ in $\pi_1(\Sigma)$

Then \exists an embedding $e: (D^2, S^1) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$ st.

$e|_{S^1}$ is essential (i.e. doesn't bound a disk) in Σ

We prove the disk th^m later (sphere th^m similar)

but first let's see some consequences

Basically both theorems turn algebraic info into geometric info. This is rare and very helpful!

lemma 5:

M an orientable 3-manifold. Then

$$M \text{ irreducible} \Leftrightarrow \pi_2(M) = 0$$

Proof: (\Rightarrow) $\pi_2(M) \neq 0 \xRightarrow{\text{Th}^m_3} \exists$ embedded 2-sphere S

with $[S] \neq 0$ in $\pi_2(M)$

$\therefore S \cong \partial(3\text{-ball})$

$\therefore M$ is reducible

(\Leftarrow) for this we need

Poincaré Conj (proven by Perelman ~2003)

if M a 3-manifold $\cong S^3$ then $M \cong S^3$

let $S \subset M$ be an embedded sphere

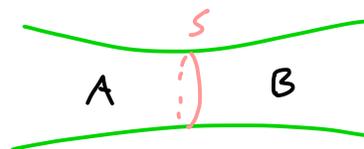
$$\pi_2(M) = 0 \Rightarrow [S] = 0 \text{ in } \pi_2(M)$$

$$\Rightarrow [S] = 0 \text{ in } H_2(M)$$

$\Rightarrow S$ separates M

exercise: prove this!

$$\text{so } M = A \cup_S B$$



let $\tilde{M} \xrightarrow{p} M$ be the universal cover

$p^{-1}(A) = \text{copies of } \tilde{A} \text{ (} \tilde{A} \text{ univ cover of } A \text{)}$
 $p^{-1}(B) = \text{ " " } \tilde{B} \text{ (} \tilde{B} \text{ " " } B \text{)}$ } check this uses that S is a 2-sphere

$\partial \tilde{A} = |\pi_1(A)|$ copies of S

$\partial \tilde{B} = |\pi_1(B)|$ " "

let \tilde{S}_0 be a lift of S

$\pi_2(M) = 0 \Rightarrow \pi_2(\tilde{M}) = 0$
 $\pi_1(\tilde{M}) = 0$ } $\Rightarrow H_2(\tilde{M}) = 0$
↑ Hurewicz Th^m

$\therefore [\tilde{S}_0] = 0$ in $H_2(\tilde{M})$

$\therefore \tilde{S}_0$ separates $\tilde{M} = X \cup_{S_0} Y$

Mayer-Vietoris gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_2(S_0) & \rightarrow & H_2(X) \oplus H_2(Y) & \rightarrow & H_2(\tilde{M}) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z} & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

exercise: show so $[S_0] = 0$ in $H_2(X)$ or $H_2(Y)$

say in $H_2(X)$

lemma 6:

let M be a 3-manifold, Σ be a component of ∂M that is compact

$[\Sigma] = 0$ in $H_2(M) \Leftrightarrow M$ is compact and $\partial M = \Sigma$

$\therefore S_0 = \partial X$ and X compact

X must be \tilde{A} or \tilde{B} , assume \tilde{A}

$\therefore \partial \tilde{A} = S_0$ and so $\pi_1(A) = 1$ (since $|\partial \tilde{A}| = 1$)

$\therefore A = \tilde{A}$

$A \cup B^3$ is a closed 3-mfd with $\pi_1 = 1$

\therefore Poincaré $\Rightarrow A \cup B^3 \cong S^3$ and

so $A \cong B^3$

$\therefore S = \partial(A = B^3)$ so M irreducible 

Proof of lemma 6:

(\Leftarrow) clear

(\Rightarrow) $[\Sigma] = 0$ in $H_2(M) \Rightarrow \exists$ a compact submfd

$M_0 \subset M$ st. $[\Sigma] = 0$ in $H_2(M_0)$

so we can assume M is compact

need to show $\partial M = \Sigma$

Suppose not, long exact sequence of $(M, \partial M)$ gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_3(M) & \rightarrow & H_3(M, \partial M) & \rightarrow & H_2(\partial M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & & H^0(M) & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^0(\partial M) \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z} \\ & & & & \text{\# of components} \\ & & & & \text{of } \partial M \end{array}$$

the inclusion

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_0(\partial M) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_0(M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Z} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

sends each generator of $H_0(\partial M)$ to ± 1 in $H_0(M)$
(say $+1$)

since τ^* and i_* are dual we see $\tau^*(1) = (1, \dots, 1)$

$\therefore [\Sigma]$ not in the image of τ^* unless $\partial M = \Sigma$

$\therefore [\Sigma] \neq 0$ in $H_2(M)$ unless $\partial M = \Sigma$ 

Th^m 7:

let M be a closed 3-manifold with univ. cover \tilde{M}

1) if $\pi_1(M)$ is finite, then $\tilde{M} \cong S^3$

if $\pi_1(M)$ is infinite and M is prime then

2) $\tilde{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$ or

3) $M \cong S^1 \times S^2$ (so $\tilde{M} \cong \mathbb{R} \times S^2$)

Proof:

1) $\pi_1(M)$ finite $\Rightarrow \tilde{M}$ compact, $\pi_1(\tilde{M}) = 1$

\therefore lemma 1 $\Rightarrow \tilde{M} \cong S^3$

now Poincaré $\Rightarrow \tilde{M} \cong S^3$

if $\pi_1(M)$ infinite and M prime, then Th^m II.1 $\Rightarrow M$ is

$S^1 \times S^2$ or irreducible

if not $S^1 \times S^2$ then lemma 5 says $\pi_2(M) = 0$

$\therefore \pi_1(\tilde{M}) = \pi_2(\tilde{M}) = 0$

\tilde{M} non-compact then $\Rightarrow \tilde{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$ by lemma 2

the geometrization conjecture (discussed later)

then $\Rightarrow \tilde{M} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$



Corollary 8:

1) if M is a closed prime 3-manifold with $\pi_1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

then $M \cong S^1 \times S^2$

2) if M, N closed prime 3-manifolds with $\pi_i(M) \cong \pi_i(N)$ infinite, then $M \cong N$

Proof:

1) Claim: $\pi_2(M) \neq 0$

suppose not, then 2) of Th^m 7 must hold

$$\therefore \pi_i(\tilde{M}) \cong \pi_i(M) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$$

let $f: S^1 \rightarrow M$ be a map st. $[f]$ generates $\mathbb{Z} \cong \pi_1(M)$

$$\pi_i(S^1) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$$

$\therefore f: \pi_2(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_2(M)$ an isomorphism $\forall i$

so f is a homotopy equivalence

$$\therefore H_2(M) \cong H_2(S^1) = 0$$

but $H_2(M) \cong H^1(M) \cong \text{free } H_1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \neq 0$

$$\therefore \pi_2(M) \neq 0$$

since $\pi_2(M) \neq 0$, case 3) of Th^m 7 holds

$$\text{and so } M \cong S^1 \times S^2$$

2) M, N prime, $\pi_i(M) = \pi_i(N)$

if $\pi_i(M) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ then $M \cong S^1 \times S^2 \cong N$

if $\pi_i(M) \neq \mathbb{Z}$ then Th^m 7 says $\tilde{M} \& \tilde{N} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\therefore \pi_i(M) \cong \pi_i(N) \quad \forall i$$

so M and N are " $K(\pi(M), 1)$ " spaces

i.e. all higher homotopy groups vanish and π_1 's are isom.
 this $\Rightarrow M \cong N$ (if you have not seen this before
 prove this!)

now again geometrization $\Rightarrow M \cong N$ (since prime)
 & π_1 infinite

Thm 9:

let M be a compact, irreducible 3-manifold with
 $\pi_1(M)$ free, then M is a handlebody (or S^3)

need 3 lemmas

lemma 10:

let Σ be a closed surface $\neq S^2$
 then $\pi_1 \Sigma$ is not free

Proof: suppose $\pi_1 \Sigma$ is free for rank n

let $X = \bigvee_{i=1}^n S^1$  wedge of n circles

then $\exists f: X \rightarrow \Sigma$ s.t. $f_*: \pi_1 X \rightarrow \pi_1 \Sigma$ is an isom.

the universal cover of Σ is $\tilde{\Sigma} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\therefore \pi_i(\Sigma) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$$

we also know $\pi_i(X) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$

\therefore Hurewicz says f is a homotopy equivalence

so we must have $f_*: H_2(X) \rightarrow H_2(\Sigma)$ an isom ~~\neq~~ 

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{"} & \text{"} \\ & 0 & \mathbb{Z} \\ & \text{"} & \text{"} \end{array}$$

lemma 11:

any subgroup of a free group is free

Proof: G a free group then

$$G \cong \pi_1(X) \quad \text{some } X = \bigvee_{i=1}^{\infty} S^1$$

(if G not finitely generated use $\dots 0 \ 0 \dots$)

let H be a subgroup of G

then \exists a covering space $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\pi_1(\tilde{X}) \cong H$

but \tilde{X} a 1-complex so $\pi_1(\tilde{X})$ is free 

lemma 12:

M a compact orientable 3-manifold with
 $H_1(M)$ finite then $\partial M \cong \coprod S^2$

Proof: $H_2(M, \partial M) \cong H_1(M) \cong \text{free}$ $H_1(M) = 0$
Poincaré duality Univ. coeff. thm

now the exact sequence for $(M, \partial M)$ gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_2(M, \partial M) & \rightarrow & H_1(\partial M) & \rightarrow & H_1(M) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & \text{finite} \end{array}$$

$\therefore H_1(\partial M)$ finite and since the only finite group that is H_1 (orientable etc) is 0

we see $H_1(\partial M) = 0$

$\therefore \partial M = \coprod S^2$ 

Proof of 9: suppose $\pi_1(M)$ free of rank n

we prove theorem by induction on n

$n=0$: $\pi_1(M) = 1$

if $\partial M = \emptyset$ then from Th^m 7 $M \cong S^3$

if $\partial M \neq \emptyset$ then $\partial M = \sqcup S^2$ (lemma 12)

M irreducible $\Rightarrow M \cong D^3$

(i.e. handle body of genus 0)

$n \geq 1$: M irreducible $\Rightarrow \pi_2(M) = 0$ (lemma 5)

$\pi_1(M)$ infinite \Rightarrow universal cover \tilde{M} is non-compact

$$\therefore H_1(\tilde{M}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 3$$

we know $\pi_i(\tilde{M}) \cong \pi_i(M) \quad \forall i \geq 2$

$\therefore \pi_2(\tilde{M}) = 0$ and $\pi_i(\tilde{M}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 3$ by Hurewicz

let $X = \bigvee_{i=1}^n S^1$

$\exists f: X \rightarrow M$ s.t. $f_*: \pi_i(X) \rightarrow \pi_i(M)$ is isom $\forall i$

$\therefore f$ is a homotopy equivalence by Whitehead

$\therefore f_*: H_2(X) \rightarrow H_2(M)$ an isom. $\forall i$

so $H_3(M) \cong H_3(X) = 0 \quad \therefore \partial M \neq \emptyset$

if some component of ∂M is S^2 then M irred

$\Rightarrow M \cong D^3 \Rightarrow \pi_1(M) = 1 \quad \times$

so let Σ be a component of ∂M with genus $\Sigma > 0$

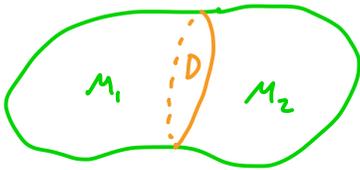
by lemma 10 & 11 $\pi_1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ is not

one-to-one

\therefore Disk $T_h^m (T_h^m \Psi) \exists$ embedded disk $D \subset M$
 such that $\partial D = D \cap \partial M$ is
 essential in Σ

2 cases:

1) D separates M



$$\text{so } \overline{M \setminus N(D)} = M_1 \amalg M_2$$

$$\pi_1(M) \cong \pi_1(M_1) * \pi_1(M_2)$$

$\therefore \pi_1(M_i)$ free of rank n_i by lemma 11
 with $n_1 + n_2 = n$
 and $\partial M_i \neq \emptyset$

Claim: $n_i > 0$

if not, say, $n_1 = 0$, then $M = D^3$

$\therefore \partial D$ bounds disk in Σ ~~\neq~~

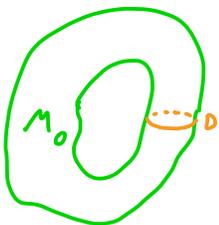
$\therefore n_i < n$

Clearly M_i is irreducible (check if not clear!)

\therefore by induction the M_i are handlebodies

$\therefore M$ is a handlebody (lemma I. 1)

2) D does not separate M



$$\text{so } \overline{M \setminus N(D)} = M_0$$

$$\pi_1(M) \cong \pi_1(M_0) * \mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{check})$$

so $\pi_1(M_0)$ free of rank $< n$

M_0 irreducible and $\partial M_0 \neq \emptyset$

$\therefore M_0$ a handlebody

so M is too



recall a knot K is the image of an embedding $f_K: S^1 \rightarrow S^3$

$K_1 \sim K_2$ (equivalent) if \exists an isotopy from f_{K_1} to f_{K_2}

(recall isotopy extension says \exists an isotopy

$$F_t: S^3 \rightarrow S^3 \text{ st. } F_0 = \text{id} \text{ and } f_{K_2} = F_1 \circ f_{K_1}$$

$$\text{so } \exists \text{ a diffeo } F_1: S^3 \rightarrow S^3 \text{ st. } F_1(K_1) = K_2$$

K is trivial if \sim the unknot $U = \bigcirc$

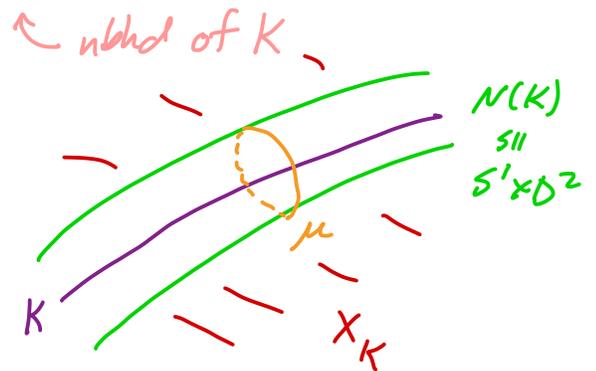
the group of K is $\pi_1(S^3 \setminus K)$

$$K_1 \sim K_2 \Rightarrow \pi_1(S^3 - K_1) \cong \pi_1(S^3 - K_2)$$

the exterior of K is $X_K = \overline{S^3 - N(K)}$

$$\partial X_K = T^2$$

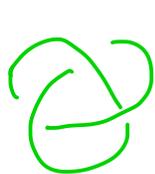
$$\pi_1(X_K) \cong \pi_1(S^3 - K)$$



note: $X_U \cong S^1 \times D^2$

$$\pi_1(X_U) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

example:



$T = \text{trefoil}$

$$\pi_1(X_T) \cong \langle x, y \mid x^2 = y^3 \rangle \text{ (check)}$$

note $\pi_1(X_T)$ maps onto $\langle x, y \mid x^2 = 1 = y^3 \rangle$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3$$

$\therefore T \neq \text{unknot}$

\uparrow non-abelian

to what extent does $\pi_1(X_K)$ determine K ?

Thm 13 (Dehn 1910 modulo his "lemma"):

$$\pi_1(X_K) \cong \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow K \sim U$$

first a lemma

lemma 14:

K a knot in S^3 then

$$H_i(X_K) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & i=0 \\ \mathbb{Z} & i=1 \text{ gen by } \mu \\ 0 & i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$\mu = [\partial \text{ meridional disk in } N(K)] \in H_1(\partial N) \subset H_1(\partial X_K)$

let λ be a simple closed curve on ∂X_K that intersects μ transversely in one point

Proof: apply Mayer-Vietoris to X_K and $N(K)$

$$0 \rightarrow H_3(S^3) \xrightarrow{\Delta} H_2(\partial N) \rightarrow H_2(X_K) \oplus H_2(N(K)) \rightarrow H_2(S^3)$$

$\begin{matrix} \cong & & & & \cong \\ \mathbb{Z} & & & & 0 \end{matrix}$

$$\rightarrow H_1(\partial N) \xrightarrow{\phi} H_1(X_K) \oplus H_1(N(K)) \rightarrow H_1(S^3)$$

$\begin{matrix} \cong \oplus \cong & & \cong & & \cong \\ \mu \quad \lambda & & \text{gen by } \lambda & & 0 \end{matrix}$

exercise: Δ an isomorphism (recall defⁿ of Δ)

$$\therefore H_2(X(K)) = 0$$

note: $H_1(X(K)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

now we know

$$\phi(\mu) = (a, 0) \quad \text{some } a \text{ and } b$$

$$\phi(\lambda) = (b, 1)$$

for these to generate $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ need $a=1$

so $\mu \subset X_K$ generates $H_1(X_K)$ 

Proof of Thm 13:

(\Leftarrow) clear!

(\Rightarrow) $\pi_1(X_K) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

X_K irreducible (corollary of Schönflies)

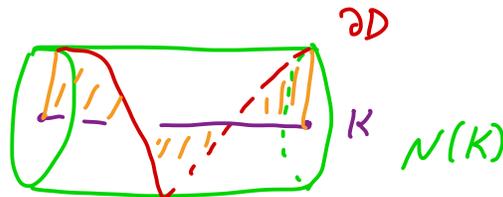
$\therefore X_K \cong S^1 \times D^2$ by Thm 9

let $D = \{pt\} \times D^2 \subset X_K$

$\partial D = c\mu + d\lambda$ in $H_1(X_K)$ c and d rel prime since ∂D embedded

$$[\partial D] = 0 \text{ in } H_1(X_K)$$

$$\therefore c=0 \text{ and } |d|=1$$



so \exists an annulus $A \subset N(K)$ s.t.

$$\partial A = K \cup \partial D$$

$\therefore K = \partial(D \cup A)$ and K the unknot 

Remark: 1) $\pi_1(X_K)$ does not determine K in general



granny knot



square knot

these are not isotopic
but have isom π_1

- 2) If K_1 is prime and $\pi_1(K_{K_1}) \cong \pi_1(K_{K_2})$
then \exists homeomorphism $\phi: S^3 \rightarrow S^3$ s.t. $\phi(K_1) = K_2$

A surface Σ embedded in M^3 is

- compressible if \exists a disk $D \subset M$ s.t.
 - $D \cap \Sigma = \partial D$
 - ∂D is essential in Σ(D is a compressing disk)
- incompressible if $\Sigma \neq S^2$ and not compressible

Thm 15:

Σ connected surface properly embedded in
a 3-manifold M

Σ is incompressible

\Leftrightarrow

the inclusion $\iota: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ induces
an injection $\iota_*: \pi_1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$

Proof: (\Leftarrow) Σ compressible $\Rightarrow \exists$ disk $D \subset M$ s.t.
 $[\partial D] \subset \Sigma$ is essential but
 $\iota_*(\partial D) = 0$ in M so $\ker \iota_* \neq 0$

(\Rightarrow) let $M \setminus \Sigma = \overline{M - N(\Sigma)}$

$$N(\Sigma) = \Sigma \times [-1, 1]$$

get 2 copies $\Sigma_{\pm} = \Sigma \times \{\pm 1\}$ in $\partial(M \setminus \Sigma)$

Claim: $\pi_1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ one-to-one
(\Leftrightarrow)

$\pi_1(\Sigma_{\pm}) \rightarrow \pi_1(M \setminus \Sigma)$ one-to-one for + or -

indeed: (\Rightarrow) suppose $\pi_1(\Sigma_+) \rightarrow \pi_1(M \setminus \Sigma)$

is not one-to-one

then $\pi_1(\Sigma_+) \rightarrow \pi_1(M \setminus \Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$
not one-to-one

$\therefore \pi_1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ not one-to-one

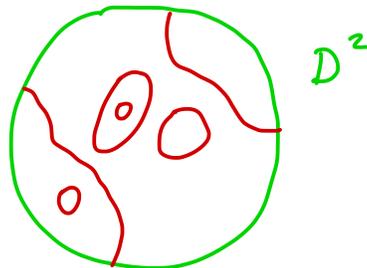
since Σ is isotopic to Σ_+

(\Leftarrow) suppose $\pi_1(\Sigma) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ is
not one-to-one

so $\exists f: (D^2, \partial D^2) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$ s.t. $[f|_{\partial D^2}] \neq 0$ in Σ

make f transverse to Σ

then $f^{-1}(\Sigma) = \perp$ simple closed curves \perp arcs



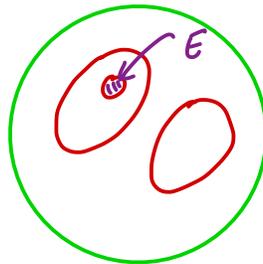
Can assume no arcs: since arcs

break D^2 into subdisks D_1, \dots, D_n
with ∂ on Σ

one must have $\partial \neq 0$ in Σ or
else $[\partial D^2] = 0$ in Σ

just restrict f to this disk

let γ be an innermost s.c.c.
and E the disk it bounds

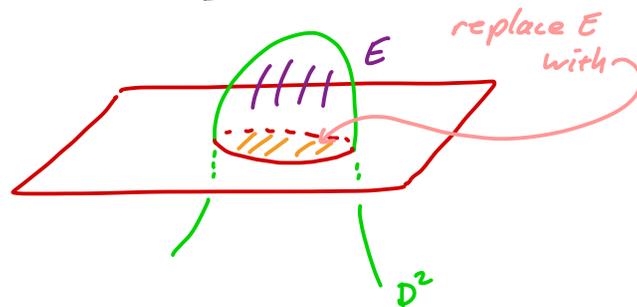


Case 1: $f|_\gamma$ inessential in Σ

define $f_1: D^2 \rightarrow M$ by

$$f_1|_{\overline{\Sigma - E}} = f|_{\overline{\Sigma - E}}$$

$$f_1|_E \subset \Sigma$$



small homotopy of f_1 gives
new disk with fewer s.c.c. of $N \cup \Sigma$

Case 2: $f|_\gamma$ is essential in Σ

by shrinking $N(\Sigma)$ can assume

$$N(\Sigma) \cap E = \text{annulus } A$$

$$\text{let } E_0 = \overline{E - A}$$

$$f(\partial E_0) \subset \Sigma_{\pm}, \text{ say } \Sigma_+$$

$$\text{then } \pi_1(\Sigma_+) \rightarrow \pi_1(M \setminus \Sigma)$$

is not one-to-one

$$\text{now we know } \pi_1(\Sigma_+) \rightarrow \pi_1(M \setminus \Sigma)$$

is not one-to-one

by the Disk Theorem \exists disk $D \subset M \setminus \Sigma$

such that ∂D essential in Σ_+

$$\therefore \exists \text{ a disk } D^+ \subset M \text{ s.t. } D^+ \cap \Sigma = \partial D^+$$

is essential in Σ (add $\partial D \times [0, 1]$ in $N(\Sigma)$)

$\therefore \Sigma$ is compressible 

a 3-manifold M is called Haken if it is compact, irreducible, and contains an incompressible surface

Facts: 1) M Haken $\Rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ is infinite

(lemma 5 $\Rightarrow \pi_2(M) = 0$)

\therefore by lemma 2 universal cover $\simeq \mathbb{R}^3$
and $\pi_i(M) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2$

2) If M irreducible and $H_1(M)$ is infinite
then M Haken

One can iteratively cut a Haken manifold along
incompressible surfaces until all that's
left are 3-balls

Using this one can easily prove lots of things
for example

Th^m:

M, N closed irreducible 3-mfds with N Haken
if $f: M \rightarrow N$ s.t. $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(N)$ an isom
then $f \simeq$ homeomorphism

now let's prove

Th^m 4 (Disk Th^m, Dehn's lemma, Poincaré 1957):

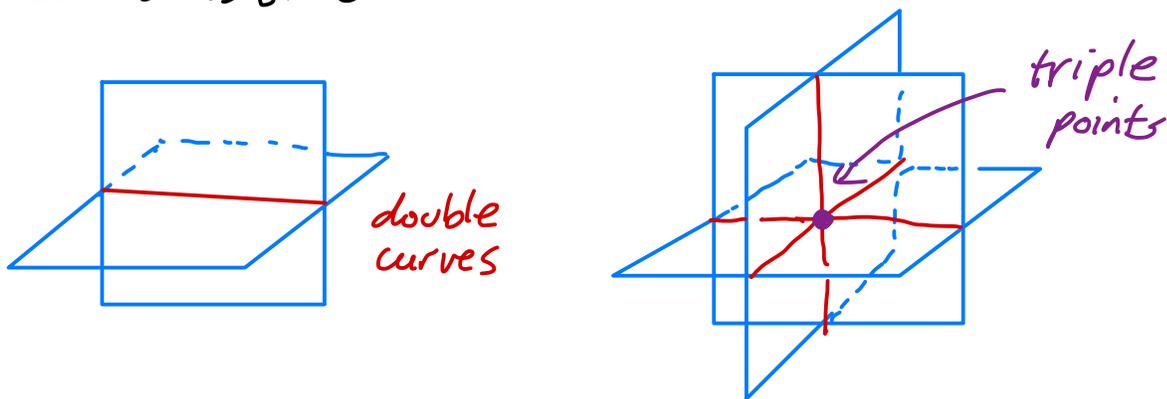
let M be an orientable 3-manifold, $\Sigma \subset \partial M$ a surface,
and $f: (D^2, S^1) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$ s.t. $[f|_{S^1}] \neq 1$ in $\pi_1(\Sigma)$

Then \exists an embedding $e: (D^2, S^1) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$ s.t.

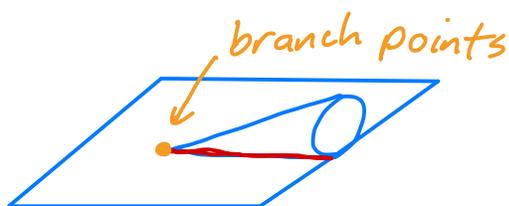
$e|_{S^1}$ is essential (i.e. doesn't bound a disk) in Σ

for this we need

Fact: $f: \Sigma^2 \rightarrow M^3$ a generic smooth map, then the singularities (non-embedded points) will consist of



and

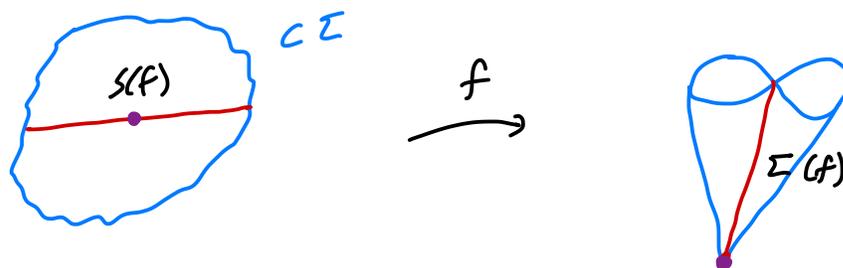


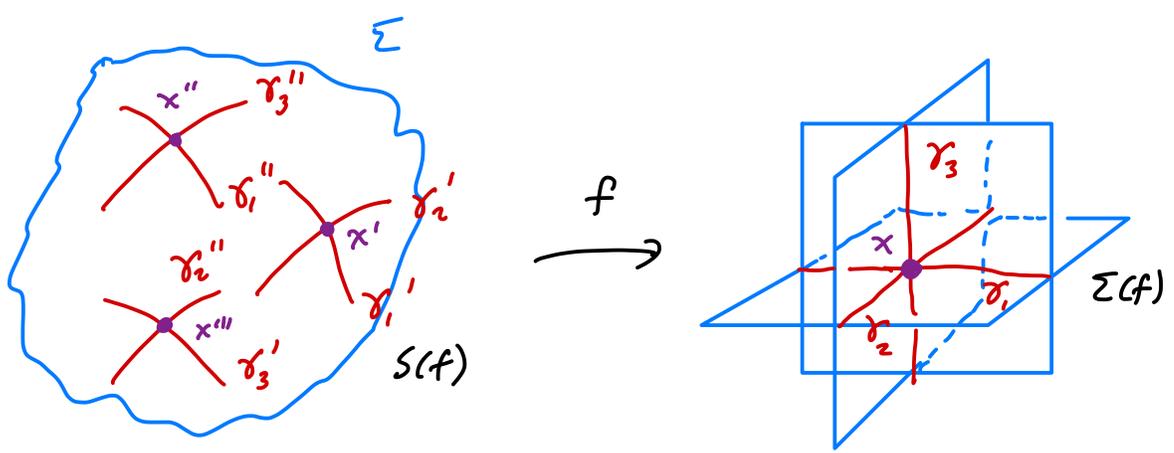
by a homotopy we can assume all our maps are generic and we do that from now on

$$\text{let } S(f) = \overline{\{x \in \Sigma : f^{-1}(f(x)) \neq \{x\}\}}$$

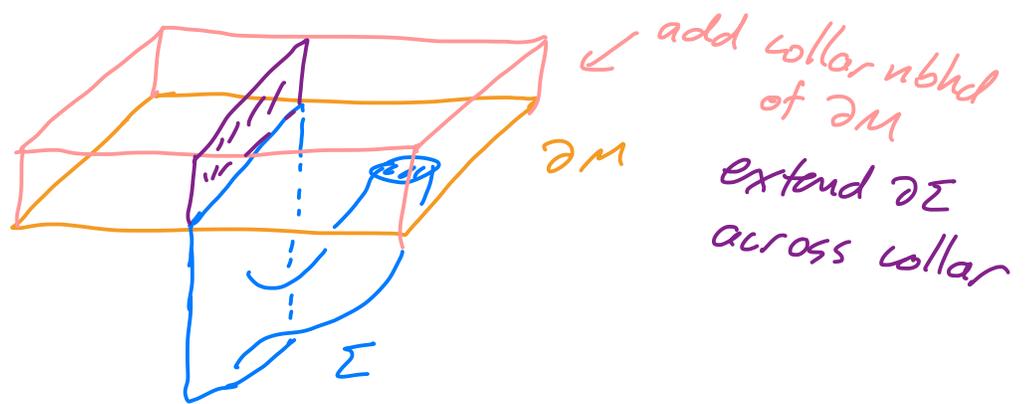
= \cup immersed circles and properly embedded arcs both with transversal \cap 's and self \cap 's

$$\Sigma(f) = f(S(f)) \subset M = \text{union of double curves and arcs}$$





note: we can assume $f(\text{int } \Sigma) \cap \partial M = \emptyset$



we will always assume this

exercise: given $f: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ generic

Show \exists a homotopy (but not nec. smooth) to a smooth map $\bar{f}: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ with no branch points

hint: "merge" branch points or "push them" off the boundary

a double curve is simple if it is homeomorphic to S^1 (it may intersect other double curves)

when trying to prove something, try simple cases first

lemma 16:

Let M, Σ, f be as in the Disk Theorem

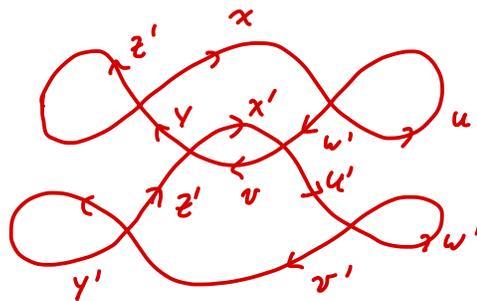
and $f|_{\text{nbhd } \partial D}$ embedded

if $\Sigma(f)$ contains only simple double curves

then the conclusion of the Disk Theorem holds

not all double curves simple

e.g.

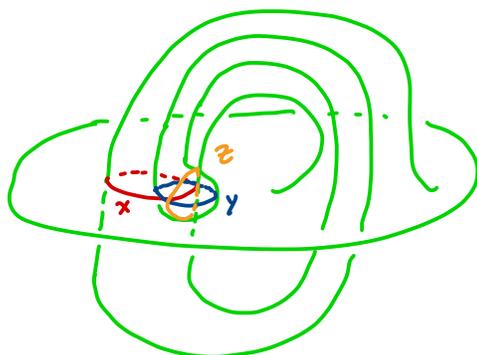


exercise: try to visualize this!

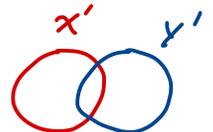
if $\Sigma(f)$ not simple, then use covering trick!

"intersections simplify in covers"

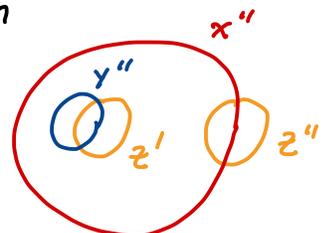
e.g.



"on disk"

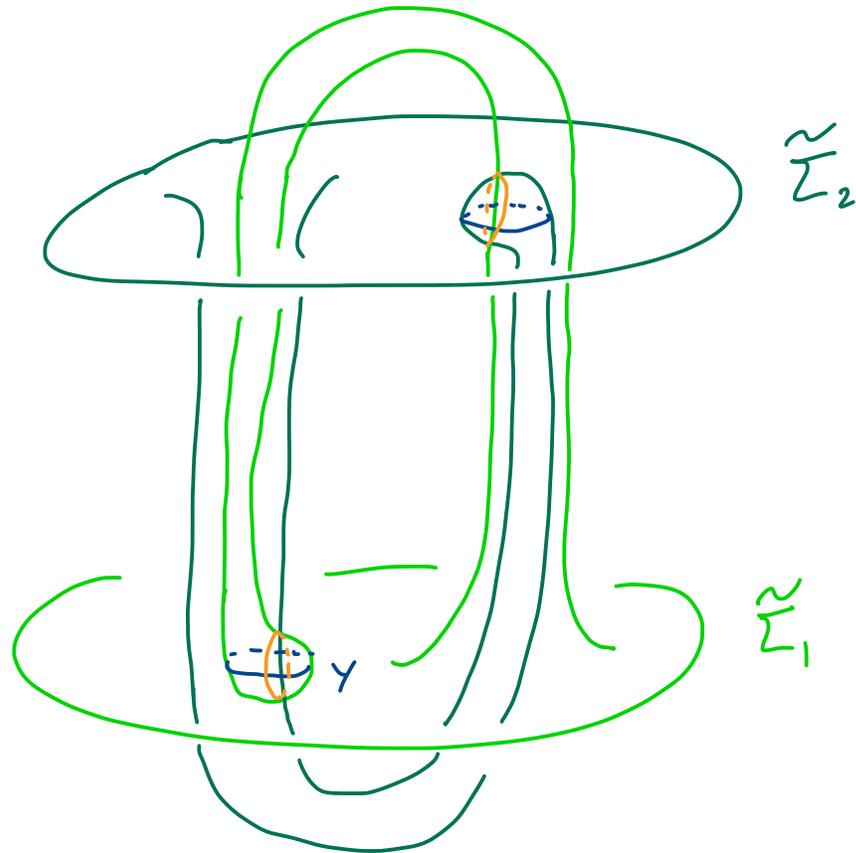


"on finger"



(note all are simple so could use lemma 16 but let's not)

in a 2-fold cover of a nbhd of $f(D^2)$ you see



on $\tilde{\Sigma}_1$ only see Y' \bigcirc \bigcirc Y''

lemma 17:

Let M, Σ, f be as in the Disk Theorem
and $f|_{\text{nbhd } \partial D}$ embedded

let N be a regular nbhd of $f(D^2)$ and \tilde{N} a 2-fold cover
if \exists an embedding $f_1: D^2 \rightarrow \tilde{N}$ st. $p \circ f_1(\partial D^2)$ is
essential in Σ , then \exists an embedding
 $e_1: D^2 \rightarrow M$ st. $e(\partial D^2)$ is essential in Σ

but what if there is no 2-fold cover of N ?

lemma 18:

let M, Z, f , and N be as in lemma 17
 Suppose N does not have a 2-fold cover
 then the conclusion of the Disk Theorem holds

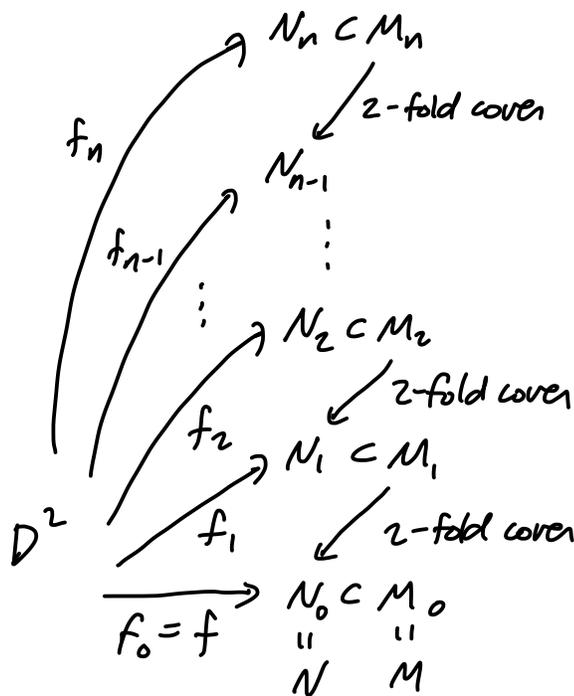
Proof of Th^m 4:

assume $f|_{\text{nbhd } \partial D^2}$ an embedding

let $N = \text{regular nbhd of } f(D^2)$

- done if N has no 2-fold cover
- done if Th^m true in a 2-fold cover

so use a tower



N_i a reg nbhd of $f_i(D^2)$ in M_i
 M_i 2-fold cover of N_{i-1}
 f_i a lift of f_{i-1} to M_i

this is called a tower for $f: D \rightarrow M$

lemma 19:

for f as above, f has a finite tower
such that N_n has no 2-fold cover

lemmas 16-19 complete the Disk theorem when
 $f|_{\text{nbhd } \partial D^2}$ is an embedding so th^{is} done
by

lemma 20:

Let M, Σ, f be as in the Disk Theorem
there is another map $g: (D^2, \partial D^2) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$
st. g is an embedding near ∂D^2 and
 $g(\partial D^2)$ is essential in Σ



we must now go back and prove lemmas

Proof of lemma 16:

let $\gamma \subset \Sigma(f)$

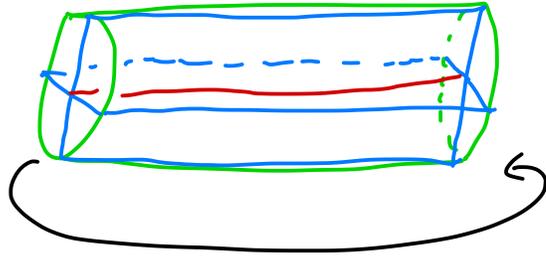
$f|_{f^{-1}(\gamma)}$ is a 2 to 1 covering map of S^1

so $f^{-1}(\gamma) =$  one simple close
curve
or

 two simple closed
curves

let $N(\gamma)$ be a nbhd of γ in M

so $N(\gamma) = S^1 \times D^2$ (since M orientable)



ends glued by a rotation of $\begin{cases} (1) & 0 & (+2n\pi) \\ (2) & \pi/2 & (+2n\pi) \\ (3) & \pi & (+2n\pi) \end{cases}$

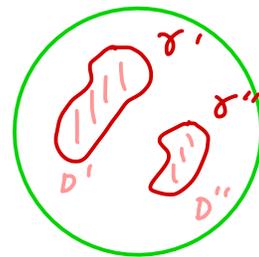
In case (2) and (3) $D \cap N(\gamma)$ is a Möbius band (or 2 bands) $\otimes D$ orientable

\therefore in case (1) and $D \cap N(\gamma) = 2$ annuli

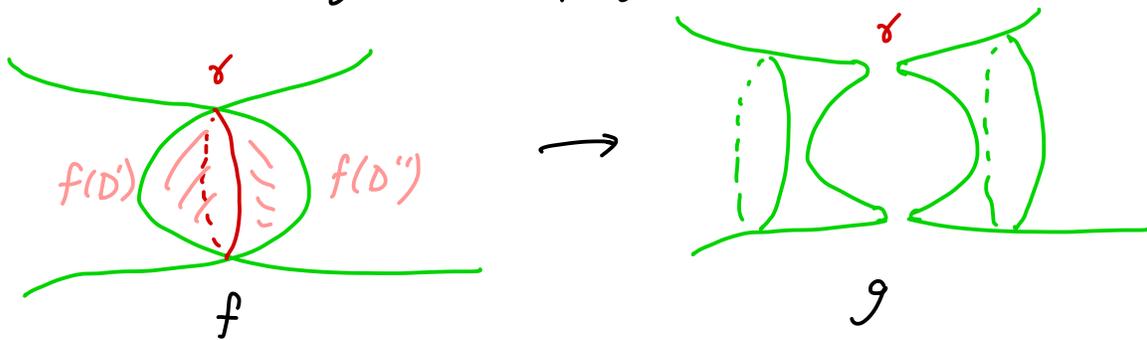
$$\therefore f^{-1}(\gamma) = \gamma' \perp \gamma''$$

γ', γ'' bound disks $D', D'' \subset D$

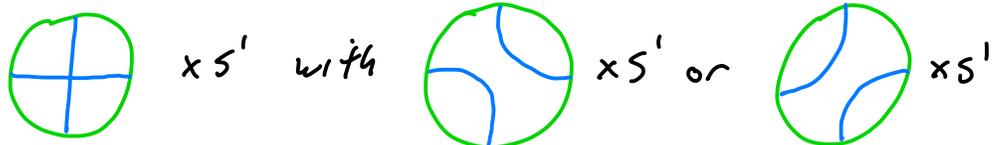
Case 1: D', D'' disjoint



In M "surger" f along γ
to get a map g



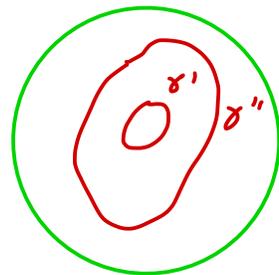
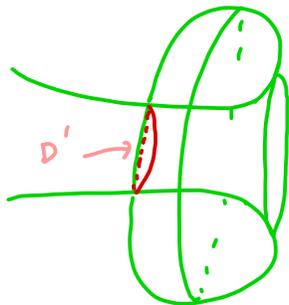
more precisely replace



note $g: (D^2, \partial D^2) \rightarrow (M, \Sigma)$

and $g|_{\partial D^2} = f|_{\partial D^2}$

Case 2: $D' \subset D''$ (or $D'' \subset D'$)



form g by f on $D - D''$
and f on D'

note: domain of g is a disk
and $g|_{\partial D^2} = f|_{\partial D^2}$

We have eliminated γ from $\Sigma(f)$ continue with other curves in $\Sigma(f)$ until you get embedding 

Proof of lemma 17: let $\bar{f} = p \circ f$,

by hypothesis $\bar{f}(\partial D^2)$ is essential in Σ
now $\Sigma(\bar{f})$ contains only simple double curves
(check this if not clear)

\therefore lemma 16 $\Rightarrow \exists$ embedded disk $e: D^2 \rightarrow M$
with $e(\partial D^2)$ essential in Σ 

Proof of lemma 18: having no 2-fold covers implies

there is no nontrivial homomorphism $\pi_1(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$

thus no nontrivial homomorphism $H_1(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$
 (since $\pi_1(N) \rightarrow H_1(N)$
 is abelianization)

now $H^1(N; \mathbb{Z}_2) = \text{Hom}(H_1(N), \mathbb{Z}_2) \oplus \text{Ext}(H_0(N), \mathbb{Z}_2)$ universal coefficient thm

$$= 0 \quad \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ 0 \end{array}$$

the exact sequence for $(N, \partial N)$ gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_2(N, \partial N; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \rightarrow & H_1(\partial N; \mathbb{Z}_2) & \rightarrow & H_1(N; \mathbb{Z}_2) \\ \parallel \text{ Poincaré duality} & & & & \parallel \text{ universal coefficients} \\ H^1(N; \mathbb{Z}_2) & & & & H^1(N; \mathbb{Z}_2) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

so $H_1(\partial N; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 0$ and $\partial N = \amalg S^2$

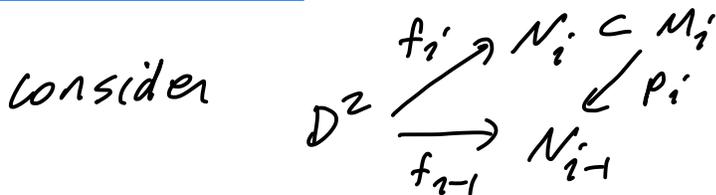
$\exists S^2 \subset \partial N$ s.t. $\partial D \subset S^2$

let D' be a disk in S^2 that ∂D bounds

push the interior of D' into N and D' is an

embedded disk with $\partial D' = \partial D$ 

Proof of lemma 19:



clearly $S(f_i) \subseteq S(f_{i-1})$

Claim: $S(f_i) \neq S(f_{i-1})$

indeed, if $S(f_2) = S(f_{2-1})$ then

$p_i|_{f_2(D)} : f_2(D) \rightarrow f_{2-1}(D)$ is an isom. on π_1



these are the same quotient spaces

so $\pi_1(f_2(D)) \rightarrow \pi_1(M_2)$
 $\downarrow \cong$ $\downarrow (p_i)_*$

$\pi_1(f_{2-1}(D)) \rightarrow \pi_1(N_{2-1})$

since N_{2-1} reg nbhd of $f_{2-1}(D)$

$\therefore (p_i)_*$ is onto $\pi_1(N_{2-1})$

this contradicts $p_i : M_2 \rightarrow N_{2-1}$

a 2-fold cover

thus f_2 has strictly fewer singularities than f_{2-1}

$\therefore \exists$ finite tower since if $S(f_n) = \emptyset$ then, there is no 2-fold cover 

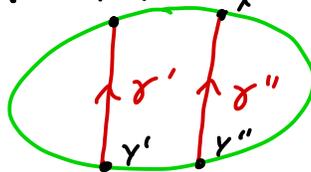
Proof of lemma 20: let x be a double point on $f(\partial D^2)$

so $\exists x', x'' \in \partial D^2$ s.t. $f(x') = f(x'') = x$

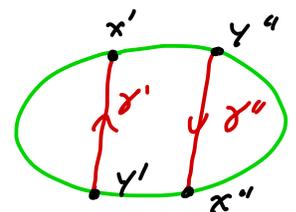
and \exists double point arc γ in $f(\partial D)$ s.t. $x \in \partial \gamma$

since we arranged no branch points $\partial \gamma = \{x, y\}$
 with y another double pt in $f(\partial D^2)$

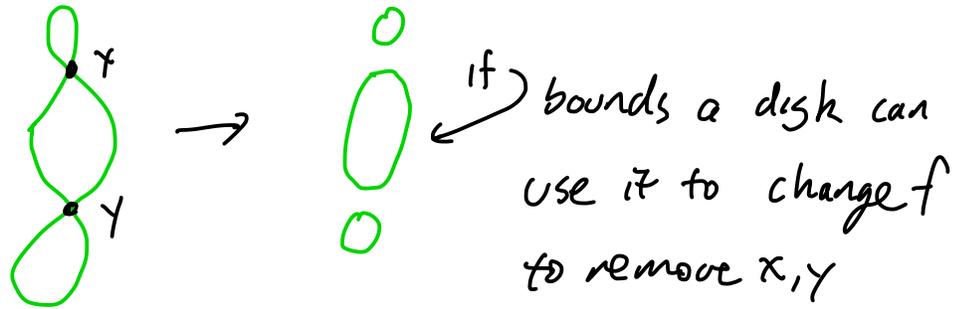
we now have either x' x''



or



in the first case we can surger along δ to get



the proof of the sphere theorem is similar
(or one can use the disk th^m to prove it)