

IV 3-manifolds

A. Heegaard splittings

let $H_g = (0\text{-handle}) \cup g (1\text{-handles})$ st. H_g is oriented

this is called a genus g handlebody

notice that since any embedding of $S^0 \hookrightarrow S^2$ is isotopic to any other

← attaching sphere of 1-handle

and $\exists$ unique way to "frame" 1-handle to get oriented mfd

we see H_g only depends on g



exercise: 1) Show an oriented 3-mfd M is a handlebody of genus g
 $\Leftrightarrow$

$\exists g$ disjoint embedded disks $D_1, \dots, D_n$

s.t. $M \setminus \bigcup D_i \cong B^3$

2) If Σ is an oriented surface $\forall \partial \neq \emptyset$, then $\Sigma \times [0,1]$ is a handlebody.

Given a closed oriented 3-manifold M^3 , it has a handle decomposition with one 0-handle and one 3-handle
can assume all the 1-handles come before 2-handles



let $\Sigma \subset M$ be ∂W_1

note: W_1 is a handle body
of genus $g = \# 1\text{-handles}$
and Σ genus g sfc

similarly $W' = \overline{M - W_1}$

turned upside down is a
handle body of genus
 $g' = \# 2\text{-handles}$

since $\partial W_1 = \Sigma = \partial W'$ we see $g = g'$

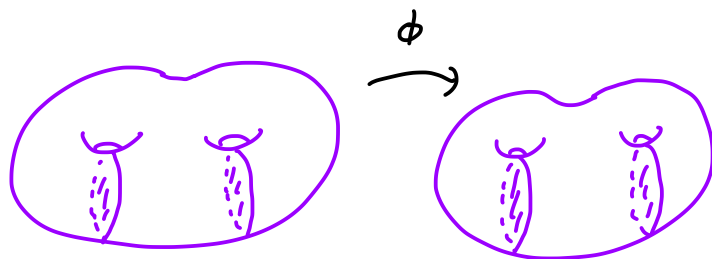
and M is the union of 2 genus g handle bodies!

Σ called a Heegaard surface for M and $M \setminus \Sigma$
a Heegaard splitting

$\exists$ embeddings $H_g \xrightarrow{\Psi_1} M, H_g \xrightarrow{\Psi_2} M$ for cpts of $M \setminus \Sigma$

let $\phi = \Psi_2|_{\partial H_g} \circ \Psi_1^{-1}|_{\partial H_g} : \Sigma_g \rightarrow \Sigma_g$

this is a diffeo. and



$$M \cong H_g^1 \cup H_g^2 / p \in \partial H_g^1 \sim \phi(p) \in \partial H_g^2$$

so any 3-mfd obtained by gluing 2 handle bodies
together!

*really simple
manifolds!*

so all 3-mfds described by diffeos of surfaces!

So we have 2 notions of a Heegaard splitting of M^3

1) a Heegaard splitting of M is a surface $\Sigma \subset M$ such that $M \setminus \Sigma = 2$ handlebodies V_0 and V_1 , Σ is called the Heegaard surface

2) an (abstract) Heegaard splitting of M is an orientation reversing diffeomorphism $\phi: \Sigma_g \rightarrow \Sigma_g$ of a genus g surface and a diffeomorphism

$$f: H_g \cup_{\phi} H_g \rightarrow M$$

note: from above 1) gives 2)

and given 2), $f(\partial H_g) = \Sigma$ is a splitting as in 1)

but given ϕ in 2) there can be different f in 2)

so 2) does not (necessarily) define a unique Σ as in 1)

another way to describe 3D handle decompositions

"Kirby pictures" A.K.A. "Heegaard Diagrams"

just as for surfaces two 3-manifolds M_1, M_2 are diffeomorphic $\Leftrightarrow \hat{M}_1, \hat{M}_2$ are diffeomorphic

$$\text{where } \hat{M}_i = \overline{M_i - B^3}$$

this is not true in all dimension but is true here (non-trivial fact due to Smale)

so can understand a 3-mfd M by looking at

$$M^2 = (0\text{-handle}) \cup k(1\text{-handles}) \cup k(2\text{-handles})$$

handles attached to $\partial(0\text{-handle}) = S^2$

and attaching regions of handles can be assumed

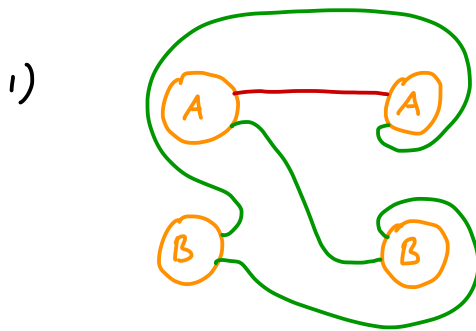
to be disjoint from a pt in S^2 , ie in $\mathbb{R}^2 = S^2 - \{pt\}$

example: attaching region of 1-handle is $S^0 \times D^2$



attaching sphere of 2-handle is S^1 (and attaching region uniquely determined by this $\pi_1(0(1)) = \{e\}$, just thicken S^1)

example:



exercise: this is $\mathbb{R}P^3 = S^3 / \text{identify antipode}$

Hint: See below

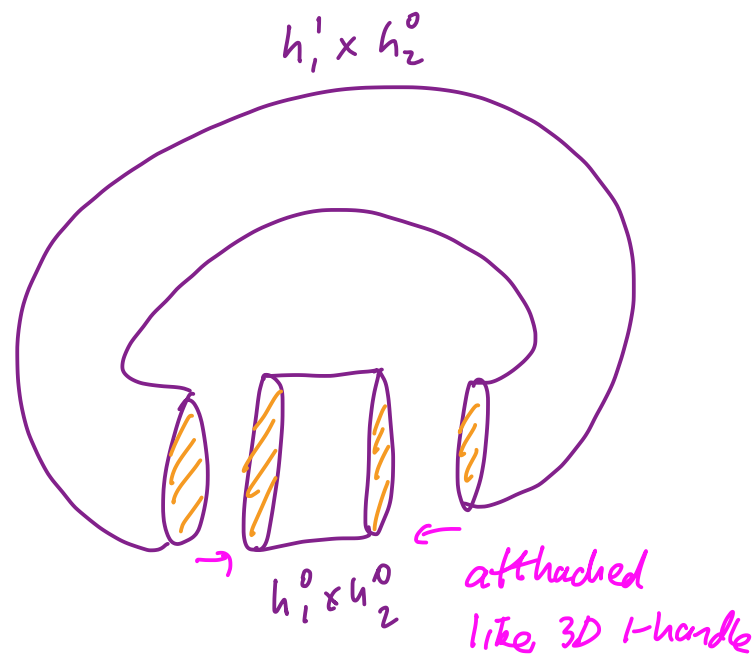
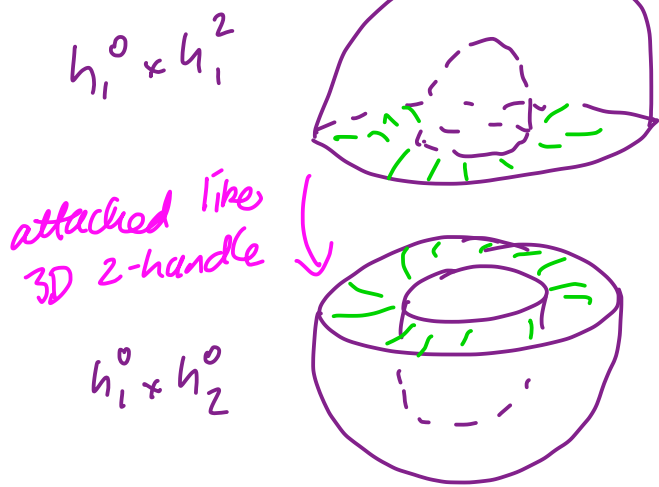
let's work through some examples

$S^1 \times S^2$: note: $S^1 =$  $S^2 =$ 

$$S^1 \times S^2 = (h_1^0 \cup h_1^1) \times (h_2^0 \cup h_2^1) \\ = (h_1^0 \times h_2^0) \times (h_1^1 \times h_2^0) \times (h_1^1 \times h_2^1) \times (h_1^0 \times h_2^1)$$

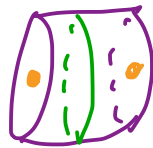
we will see $\downarrow$ $\downarrow$ $\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
3D 0-handle 3D 1-handle 3D 2-handle 3D 3-handle

so $S^1 \times h_2^0$ is



finally $h_1^1 \times h_2^2 = D^3$ glued along ∂D^3 so 3D 3-handle

if we ignore 3-handle then 0-handle is as follows with attaching spheres of 1- and 2-handle indicated



so the Heegaard diagram is



lens spaces: recall a lens space is the result of gluing two $S^1 \times D^2$ together by a diffeomorphism of their boundary

$$\phi: \underset{\mathbb{Z}^2}{\partial(S^1 \times D^2)} \rightarrow \underset{\mathbb{Z}^2}{\partial(S^1 \times D^2)}$$

Fact: $\pi_0(\text{Diff}(T^2)) = GL(2; \mathbb{Z})$

note: $T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$ $((x, y) \sim (x', y') \text{ if } \begin{matrix} x-x' \\ y-y' \end{matrix} \in \mathbb{Z})$

if $A \in GL(2; \mathbb{Z})$, then $A(\mathbb{Z}^2) = \mathbb{Z}^2$

so A induces a map on T^2

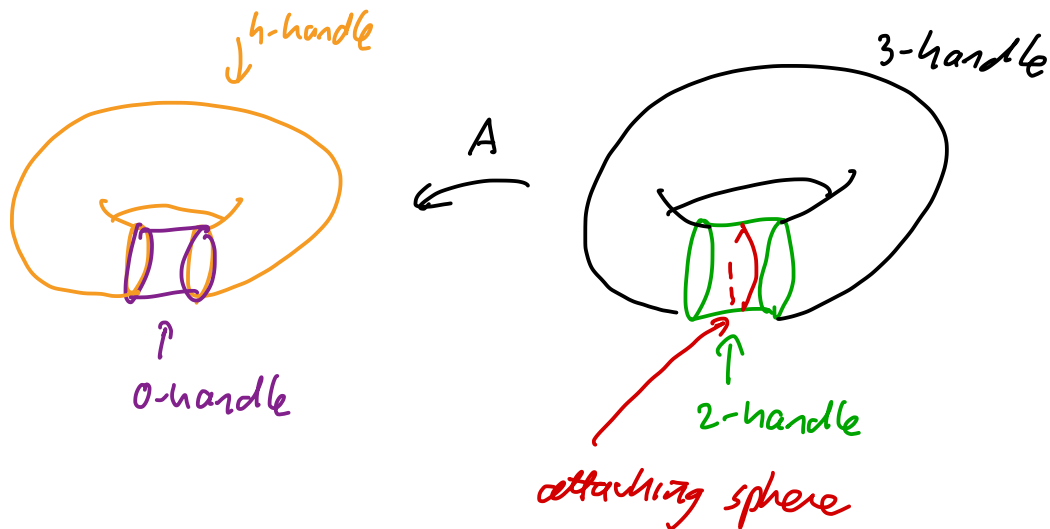
since A is invertible the above map is too, $\therefore$ diffeo

now given $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ relatively prime

$\exists r, s$ s.t. $qr - ps = -1$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} r & p \\ s & q \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2; \mathbb{Z})$

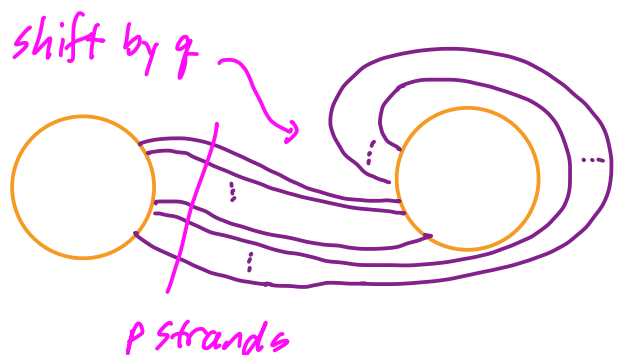
note: $S^1 \times D^2 = (0, 1) \cup (1, 1)$

if $S^1 \times D^2$ is second solid torus, then since we are gluing it to the above torus we think of it as a 2-handle and 3-handle



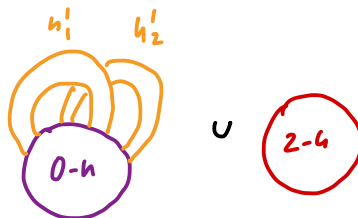
A sends the attaching sphere above to a (p, q) -curve

so the Heegaard diagram is



$T^2 \times I$:

recall $T^2 =$

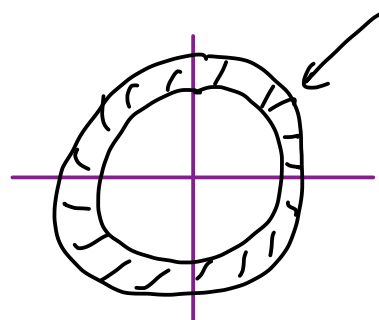


thicken this by I we see



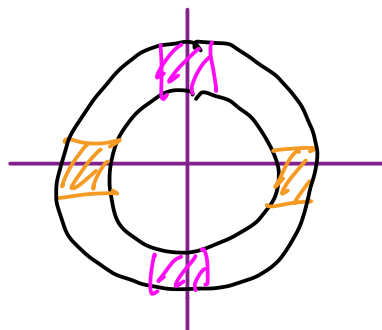
the Heegaard diagram is

$\partial(0\text{-handle})$

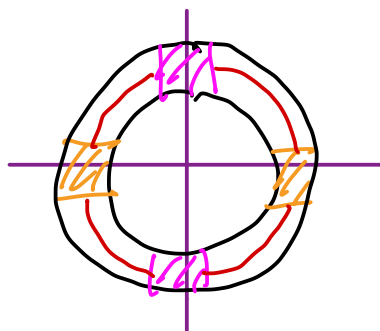


this is $(\partial(0\text{-h})) \times I$

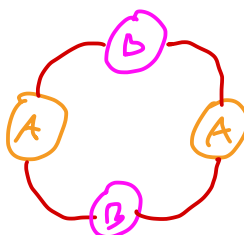
so thickend 1-handles are 3D 1-handles



and thickend 2-handle is 3D 2-handle



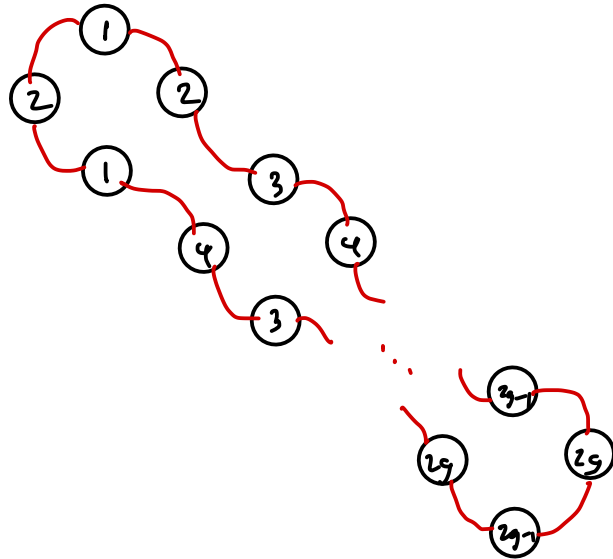
so diagram is



exercise: $\partial(T^2 \times [0,1]) = T^2 \times \{0,1\}$

see these 2 tori in the above diagram

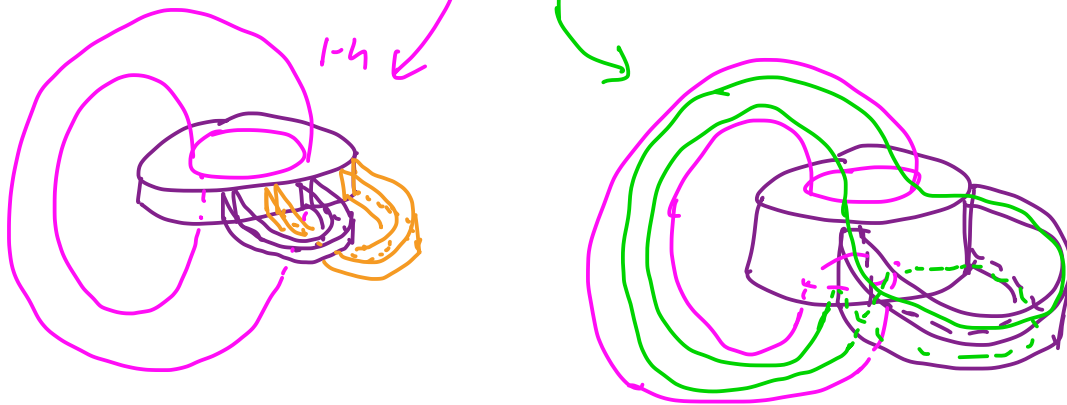
exercise: show $\Sigma_g \times I$ has the following Heegaard diagram



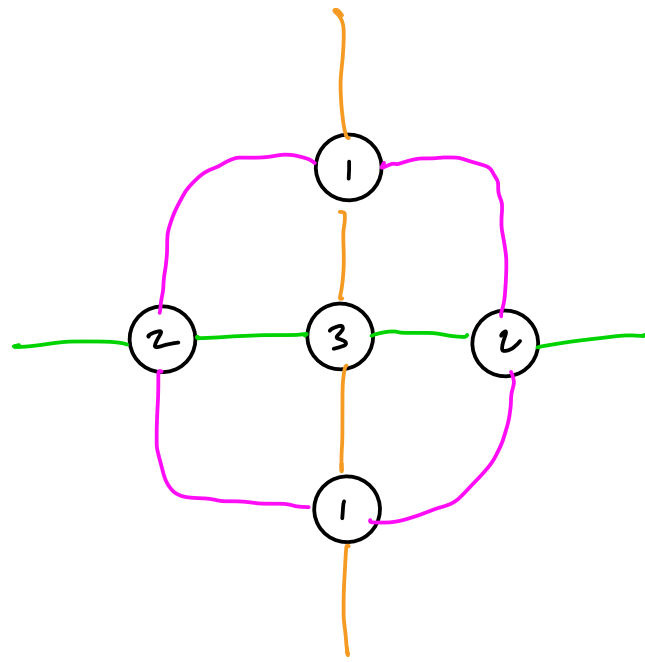
T^3 :

$$T^3 = T^2 \times S^1 = (h^0 \cup h_1' \cup h_2' \cup h^2) \times (\bar{h}^0 \cup \bar{h}^1)$$

$$= \underbrace{(T^2 \times \bar{h}^0)}_{\text{example above}} \cup \underbrace{(h^0 \times \bar{h}^1)}_{1-h} \cup \underbrace{(h_1' \times \bar{h}^1)}_{2-h} \cup \underbrace{(h_2' \times \bar{h}^1)}_{2-h} \cup \underbrace{(h^2 \times \bar{h}^1)}_{3-h}$$



similarly for $h_2' \times \bar{h}^1$



exercise: Draw a Heegaard diagram of $\Sigma_g \times S^1$

if M fibers over the circle

$$\begin{array}{c} M \\ \downarrow \pi \\ S^1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M \setminus \Sigma = \Sigma \times \{0,1\} \\ \downarrow \\ \Sigma \times \{0,1\} \end{array}$$
$$\phi: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$$

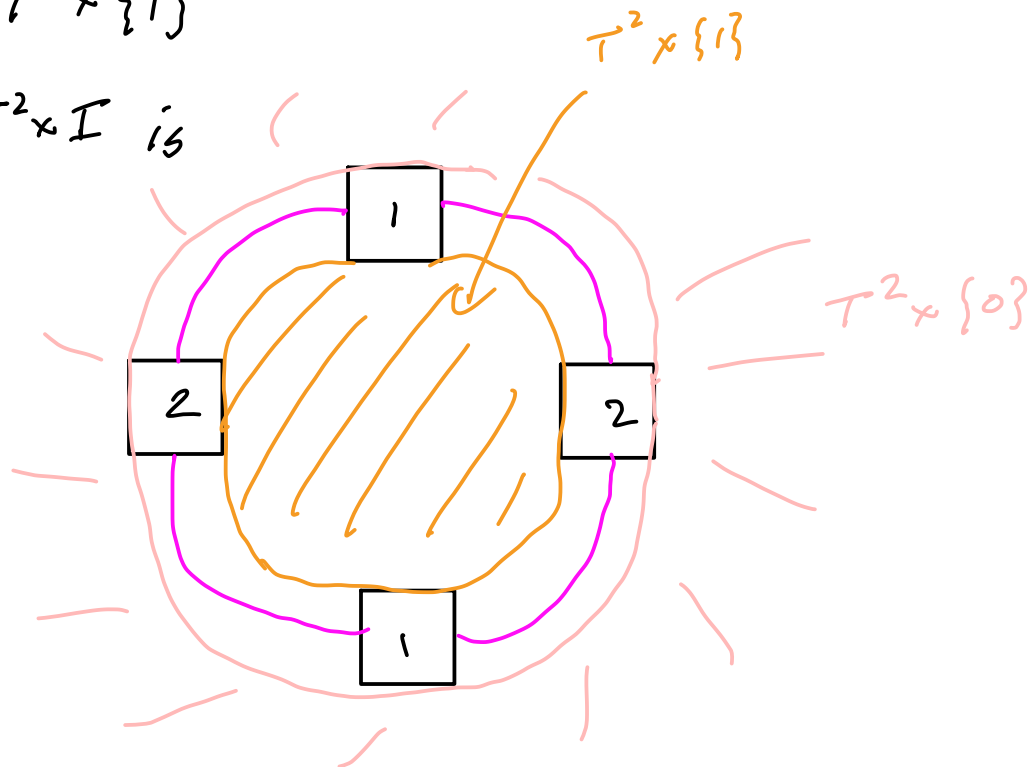
↖ called the monochromy

that is $M \cong \Sigma \times [0,1] / (x,1) \sim (\phi(x),0)$

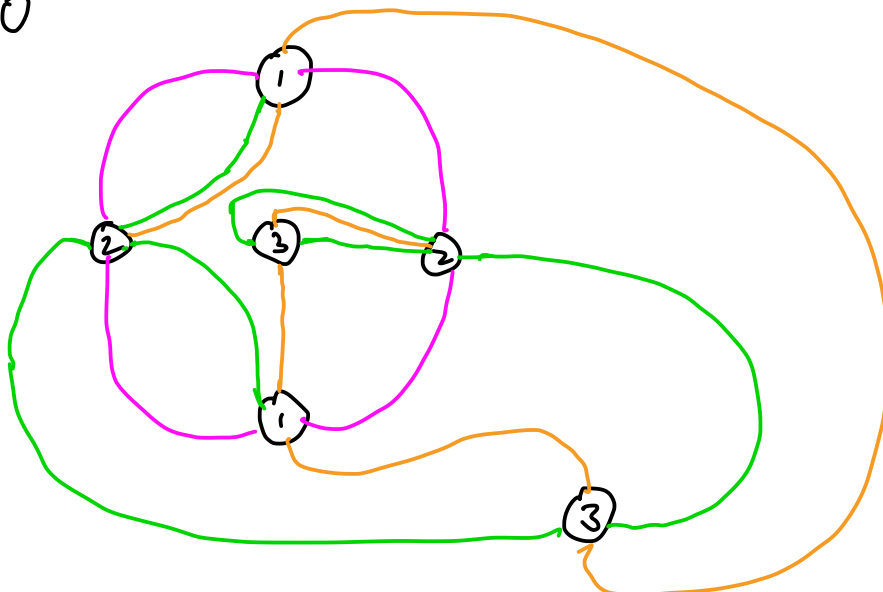
so what is a Heegaard diagram for M ?

if $\Sigma = T^2$, then we proceed as above for T^3 (which is a T^2 -bundle with $\phi = \text{id}_{T^2}$) but when we attach the last 2-handle, we apply ϕ to the attaching curve on $T^2 \times \{1\}$

recall $T^2 \times I$ is



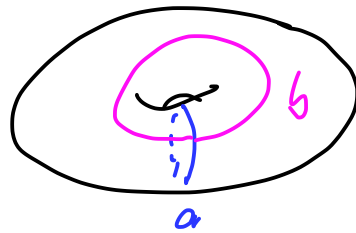
so



this is the T^2 -bundle with monochromy

$$\phi = \tau_a \circ \tau_b$$

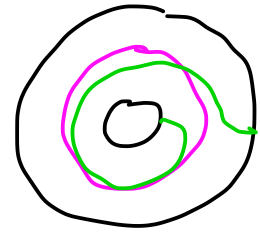
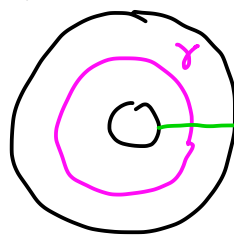
where



and τ_γ is a Dehn twist about γ

on a nbhd of γ

τ_γ is



$$(\theta, t) \longmapsto (\theta - 2\pi t, t)$$

and τ_γ is the identity outside the neighborhood

exercise: 1) compute the homology and π_1 of the manifold above

2) identify the manifold above in a different way

Hint: maybe wait till later

when we have other ways to describe 3-mfds

exercise: draw some nontrivial surface bundles and compute their algebraic topology

(for a surface of genus g what is the largest and smallest b_1 you can realize?)

S' -bundles over a surface:

given an S' -bundle over a surface of genus g

$$\begin{array}{c} S' \rightarrow Y \\ \downarrow \\ \Sigma \end{array}$$

then let $D^2 \subset \Sigma$ be a disk

clearly $Y|_{D^2}$ is an S' -bundle over D^2

$$\text{so } Y|_{D^2} \cong D^2 \times S'$$

← bundles over contractible spaces are trivial

exercise: if Y is orientable then $Y|_{\Sigma \setminus D^2} \cong (\Sigma \setminus D^2) \times S'$

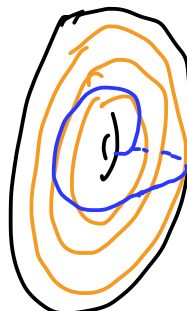
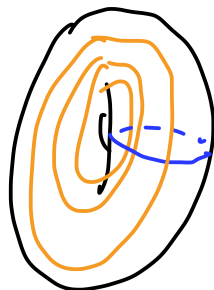
so $Y \cong (D^2 \times S') \cup ((\Sigma \setminus D^2) \times S')$ with

$\partial D^2 \times S'$ identified to $\partial(\Sigma \setminus D^2) \times S'$

by a diffeomorphism taking S' -fibers to S' -fibers

diffeos of S' are isotopic to $O(2)$

so we need an element of $\pi_1(O(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ to glue the pieces above to get Y

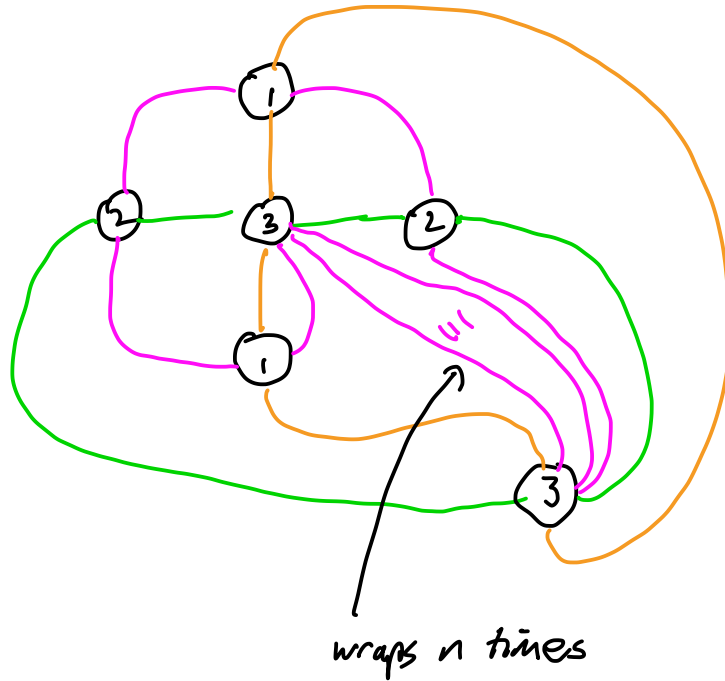


$$(\theta, \phi) \mapsto (\theta, \phi + n\theta)$$

so Y is determined by the genus g of Σ and
an integer $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

denote Y by $Y_{g,n}$

exercise: Show $Y_{g,n}$ has a Heegaard diagram



exercise: Show $\Sigma_{0,n}$ is a lens space.
Identify the lens space.

twisted bundles:

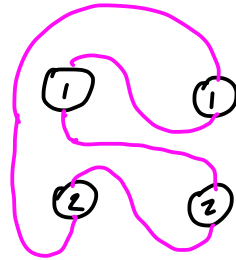
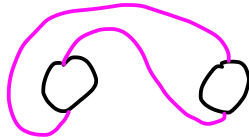
if N is a non oriented surface then

$$N \times I \quad \text{and} \quad N \times S^1$$

are non-oriented 3-manifolds

but we can take twisted I and S^1 -bundles to get
oriented 3-manifolds

exercise: 1) show twisted I -bundles have diagrams

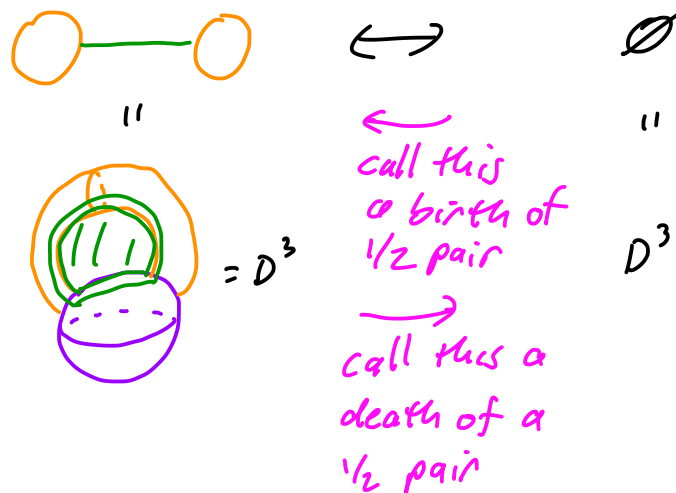


2) draw pictures for twisted S^1 -bundles

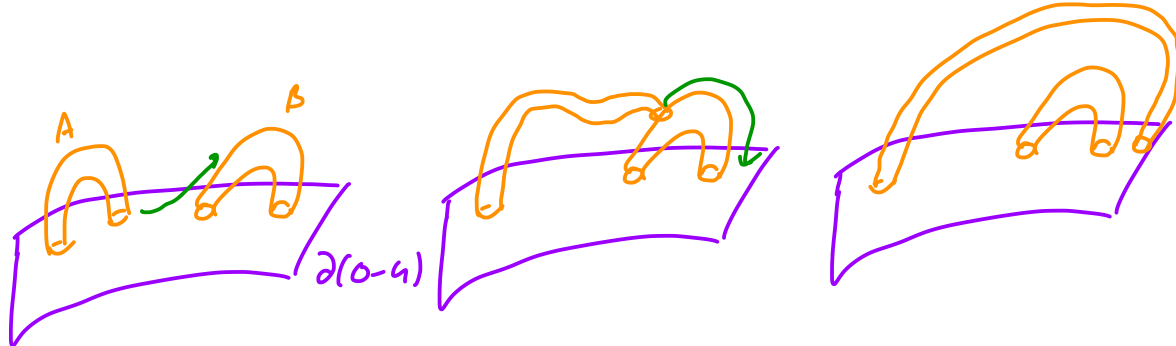
3) show one of the twisted S^1 -bundles over $\mathbb{RP}^2$ is a connected sum

B. Moves between Heegaard diagrams

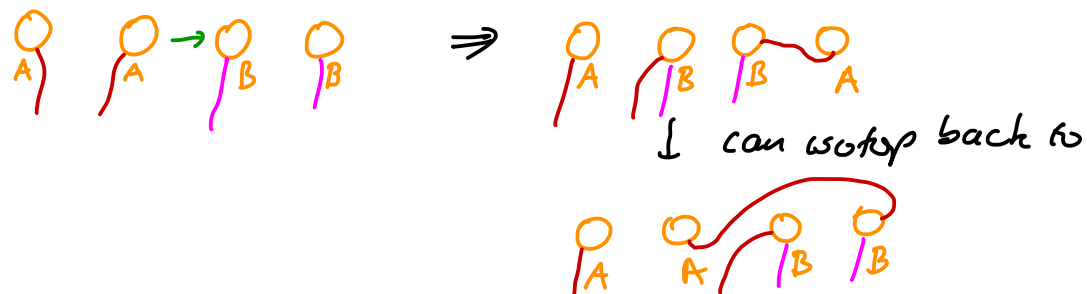
as discussed in Section I we have cancelling 1,2-pairs



we also have handle slides for 1-handles

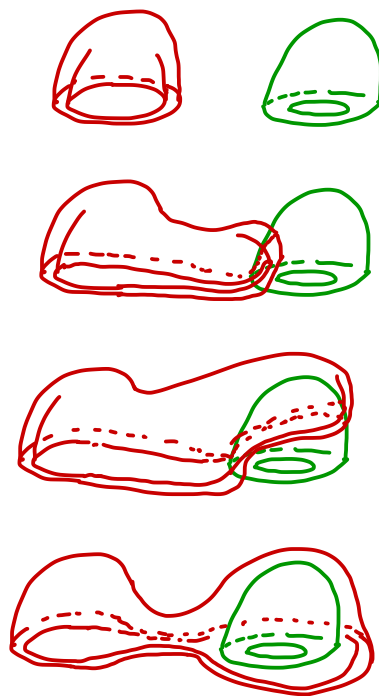
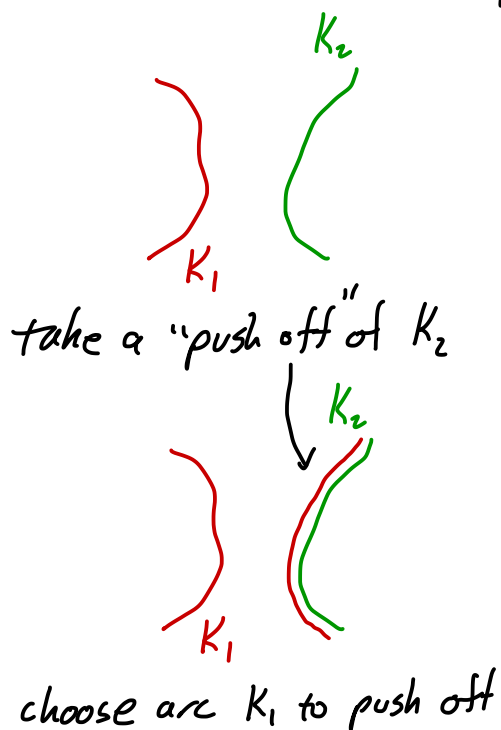


in the Kirby diagram we see

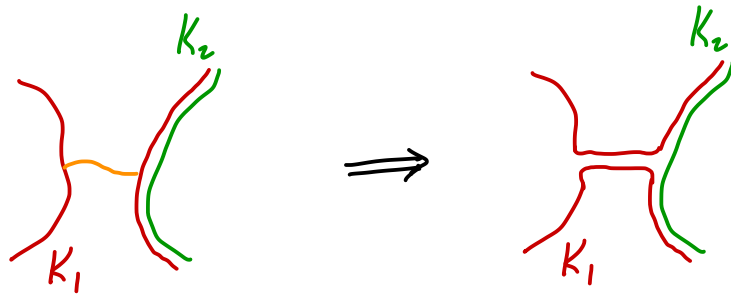


for 2-handles:

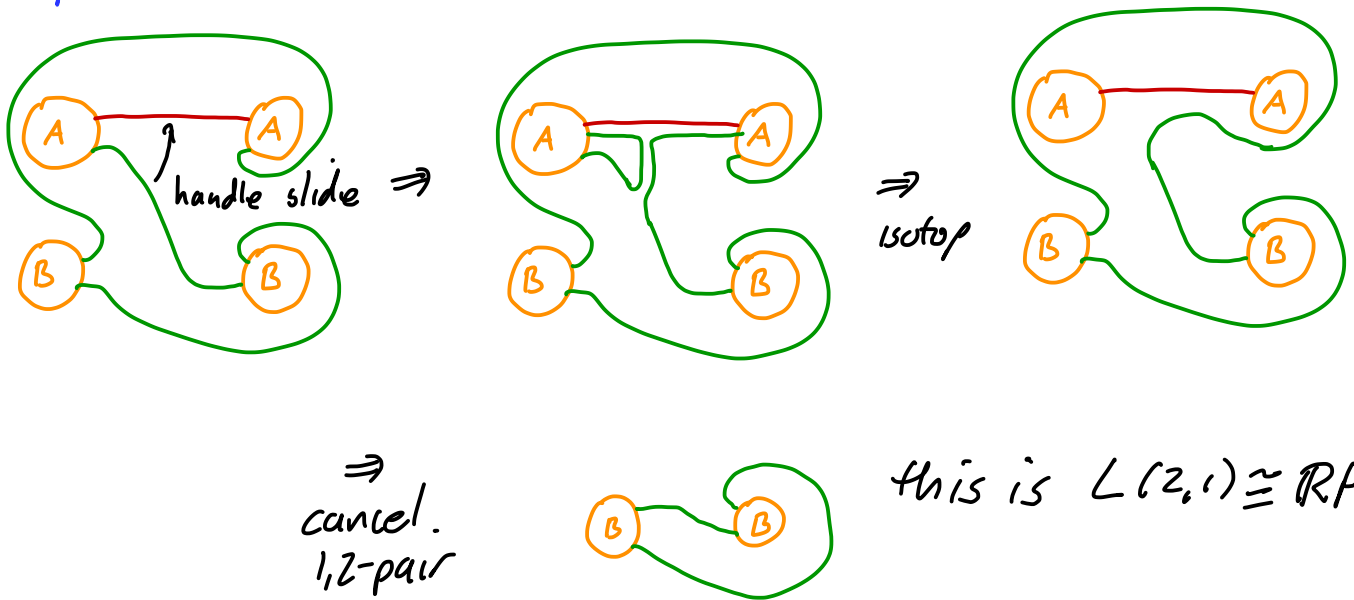
to push K_1 over K_2



take an arc
to push K_1 along



example:



exercise: above you were asked to show a twisted S^1 -bundle over $\mathbb{RP}^2$ was a connected sum.

draw a Heegaard diagram for this bundle and
use the above manipulations to show it
is a connected sum

Theorem 1:

any two Heegaard diagrams of a fixed 3-manifold
are related by a sequence of birth/deaths of $1/2$ pairs
and handle slides

we do not prove this now, but will see it follows from
general facts about handlebodies

we want to consider another version of this theorem
 given a Heegaard surface $\Sigma \subset M^3$

let α be an arc embedded in Σ

let β be the result of isotoping interior of α off Σ

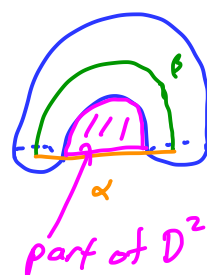
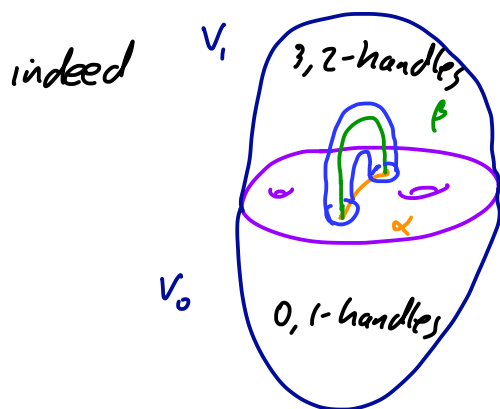
so $\alpha \cup \beta = \partial D^2$ s.t. $D^2 \cap \Sigma = \alpha$

note $\beta \subset$ one component, say V_1 , of $M \setminus \Sigma = V_0 \cup V_1$

let $N = \text{nbhd } \beta \text{ in } V_1 = D^2 \times [0, 1]$

let $V_1' = \overline{V_1 - N}$, $V_0' = V_0 \cup N$

claim: $\Sigma' = \partial V_0'$ a new Heegaard splitting of M



so we add a 1-handle to V_0
 so V_0' still handle body

then attach nbhd of D^2 to V_0'
 (i.e. 2-handle) and now
 add the other 2-handles & 3-handle

i.e. $V_1' = 3\text{-handle} \cup 2\text{-handles}$
 so handlebody

going from Σ to Σ'
 is called a stabilization

note on handle decomposition level we just added
 a cancelling pair of handles

Theorem 2 (Reidemeister - Singer):

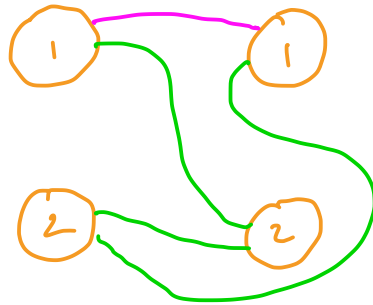
any 2 Heegaard surfaces for M are isotopic after
 possibly stabilizing each surface

we prove Th^m 1 and 2 later (need Cerf theory)

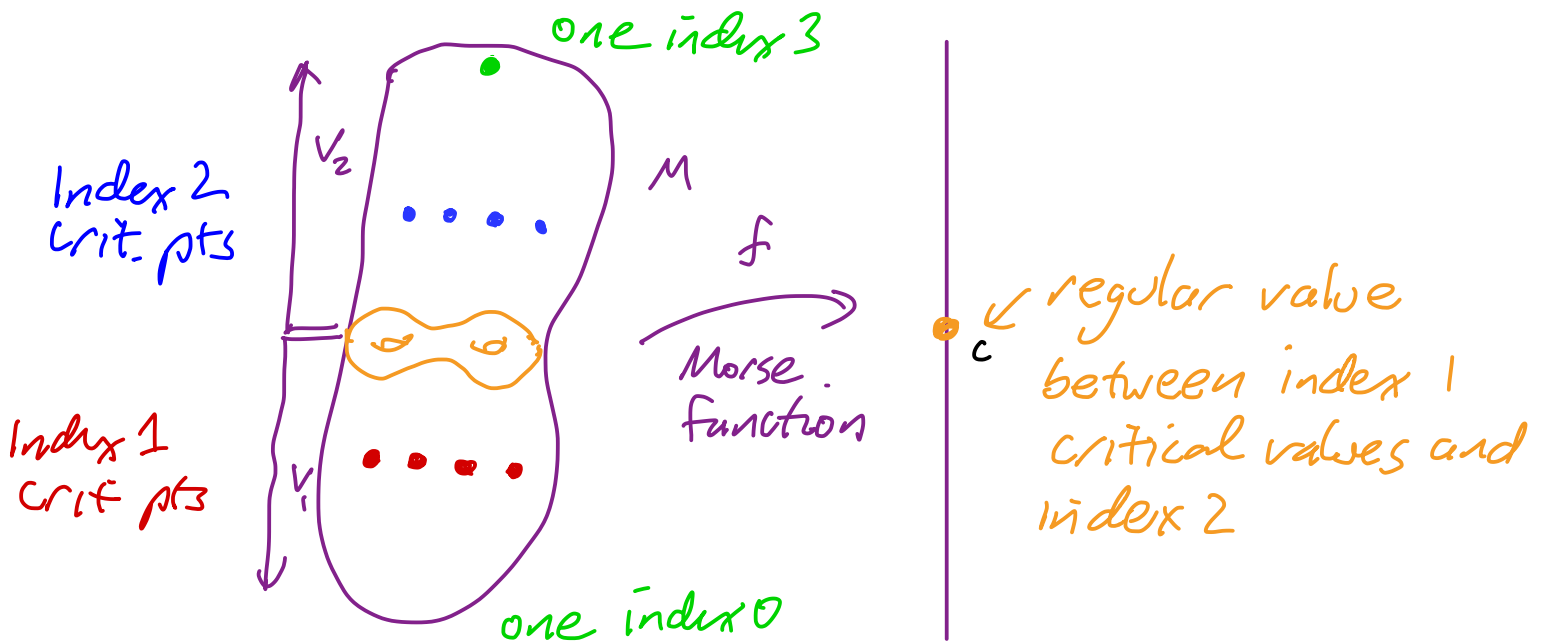
We now revisit Heegaard diagrams

above a Heegaard diagram built M by attaching
1-handles to B^3 and then 2-handles

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but we can build M from the "middle out"



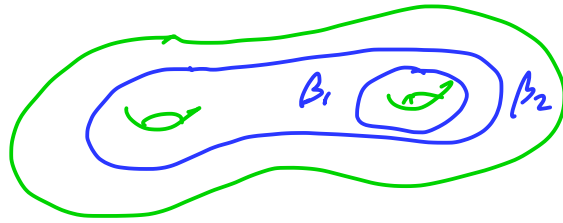
let $\Sigma =$ level set of f between index 1 and 2
critical points $= f^{-1}(c)$

we can start with $\Sigma \times [0, 1]$ (a neighborhood of Σ)

note $V_2 = f^{-1}([c, \infty))$ is built by attaching

2-handles to attaching curves
and then a 3-handle

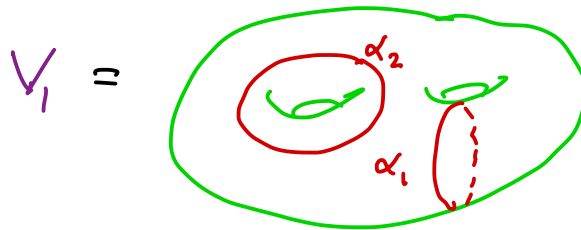
i.e. $V_2 =$



note: to attach a 3-handle need
 g attaching curves

exercise: show if $\Sigma \setminus \bigcup \beta_i$ is
connected then can
attach 3-handle

now think of V_1 upside down so the 1-handles
become 2-handles attached along the
belt spheres of 1-handles



So given • genus g surface Σ

• g disjoint curves $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_g$ on Σ
s.t. $\Sigma \setminus \bigcup \alpha_i$ is connected

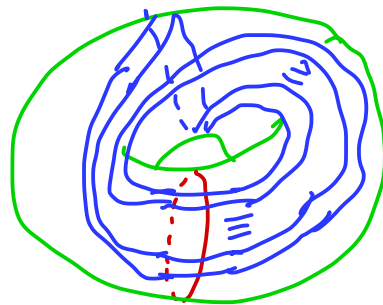
• g disjoint curves $\beta_1 \dots \beta_g$ on Σ
s.t. $\Sigma \setminus \bigcup \beta_i$ is connected

we can construct a closed manifold
and any closed 3-manifold can be
built this way!

we call $(\Sigma_g, \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_g\}, \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_g\})$ a Heegaard
diagram

examples:

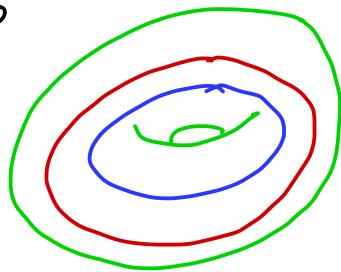
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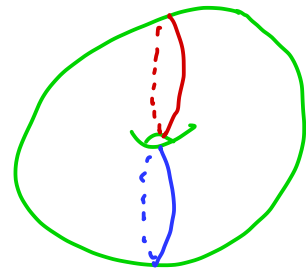
exercise: if α is a (r, s) curve on T^2
 β is a (n, m) " " "

then (T^2, α, β) is a lens space
which one?

2) $S^1 \times S^2$



and



exercise: draw such Heegaard diagrams for
all the manifolds we discussed above