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An Introduction to Topology

study of shapes + spaces  
2-D + 3-D

properties

qualitative ~~measurements~~  

 } all are closed loops

vs.

geometry  
quantitative  
measurements



no calculations

#2 studies those properties

[invariant] under deformation

Wikipedia → for things you don't know

Topologist

① one who studies topology

② someone who holds coffee using a doughnut in blast

GENUINI

this hole is invariant

(our hands can also enlarge shapes)

steps

- stretch
- compress
- bend
- twist

{ deform (good)  
after this if  
properties don't  
change then

very good picture!

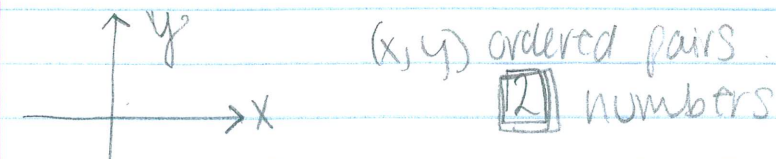
tear } X (bad)  
glue }

it is topological

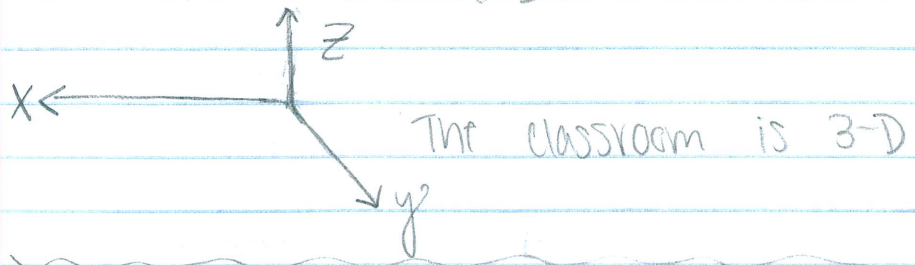
what is the shape of our universe?  
what are all the possible shapes of our universe?

good summary \*

where you find elements: chemistry, sculpture, music, fashion design



The blackboard is 2-D



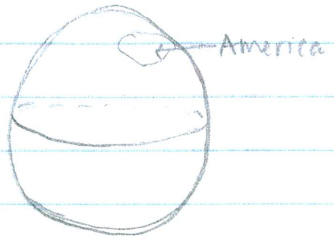
locally

the universe is locally 3-D

↳ at any point in time our neighborhood space is like a classroom

globally

what about the global pic?



BIG QUESTION

assumptions: #1 no boundary/end (keep walking?)

#2 connected (go from point A to point B)

- (disconnected is where no space exists between diff points)

BC we are 3D also this is hard for us to depict topology, it would be easier if we understood more dimensions (i.e. 4-D)

#3 at any point in the universe there is a neighborhood space which looks like a classroom (3-D) **LOCALLY**



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Principle: if something is too hard, then try a diff problem ~~related~~ related to the first one but ~~a~~ a lot simpler



EASIER Q: What are all the possible shapes of a 2-D universe?

#I no boundary

#II connected

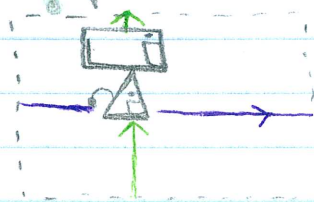
#III locally (which is a blackboard)

\* Flatland by Edwin A Abbott in 1884 \*



citizens are shapes  $\triangle$   $\square$   $\circ$

shape of universe locally is a blackboard



rectangle north to south, return in 2 weeks

very good color combination

walks east w/ purple thread trail

after 2 months he comes back from the west to his start

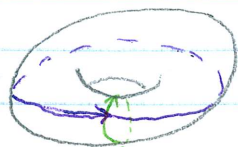
but a ~~circle~~ circle is only the surface of a ball

w/ a ~~thick~~ thick cross only of a point

- somewhere along the way there's an intersection, but the green + tam doesn't see the red thread ever (disproves THEORY I)

THEORY I

THEORY II

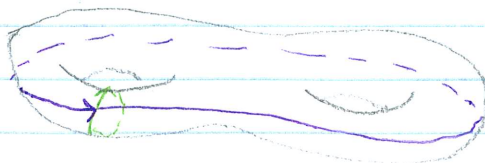


surface of a doughnut = TORUS  
fits all properties

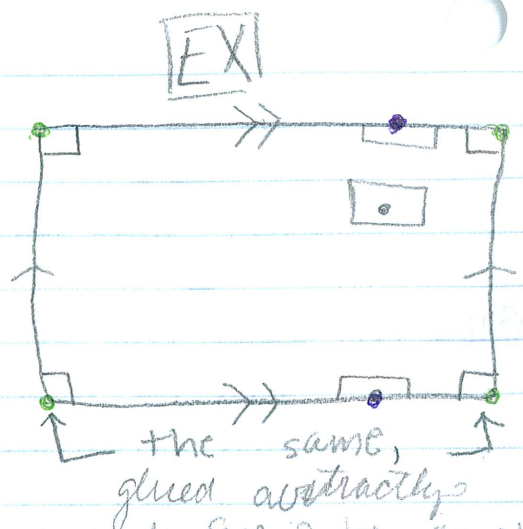
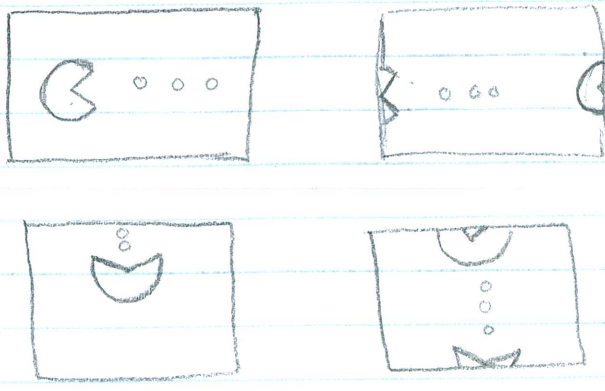
$S^2$  2-D sphere

$T^2$  2-D torus

THEORY III



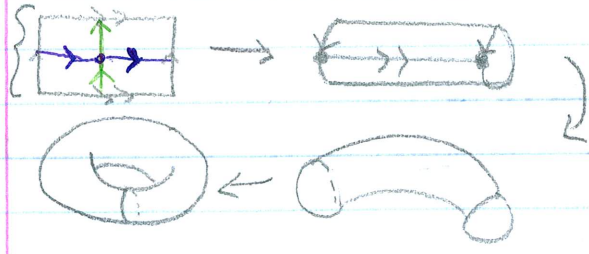
torus w/ 2 holes  $2T^2$



What is this space?

2-D

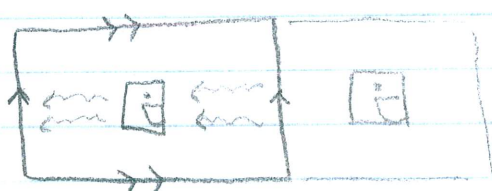
no 2nd intersection



- way  $\gg$  face is how they attach
- #1 no boundary
  - #2 connected
  - #3 locally a blackboard
- are all same point

tic-tac-toe  $\leftarrow$  finite

torus game & app by Jeff Weeks



free lance mathematician

see back of self  
bc of light reflection

if universe repeats like this then it's most likely finite

A good philosophical question to reflection.

if there were  $\infty$  many, then which is the original

"Homework": Can you construct a 3-D universe using procedure similar to that one we used in EXI, remember conditions



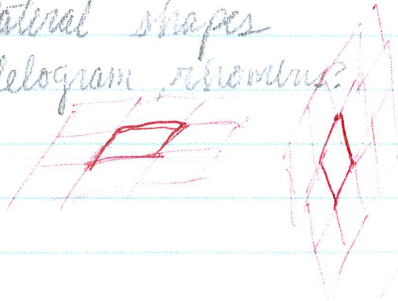


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subject: fashion design  
or  
MUSIC

I will keep these two subjects in mind.

"HW": equilateral shapes  
parallelogram, rhombus?



really  
good start. They give alternative  
models for  $T^2$ .

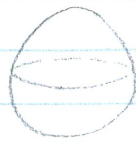
As we saw in class, to get  
3D shapes, we started  
from a cube (which is 3D)  
and then glued opposite faces  
to get  $T^3$ .

Even though, is not for 3D,

it opens ways for other interesting  
results.

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$S^2$



$T^2$



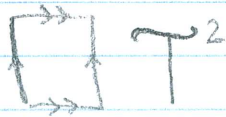
$2T^2$



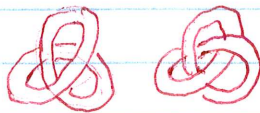
$3T^2$

What is the difference between a square and a rectangle in terms of topology?

isotopy  
homotopy  $\approx$



$T^2$

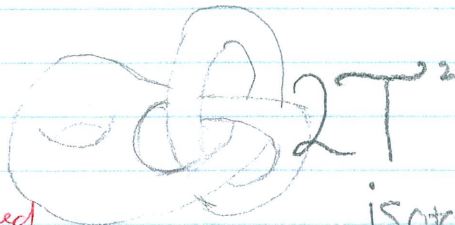


All  $T^2$ , A, B are homeomorphic

Same space

But A+B aren't isotopic one cannot be deformed to another in 3-D

There are no difference topologically because one can be deformed to the other.

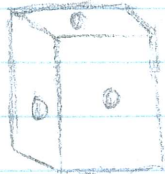
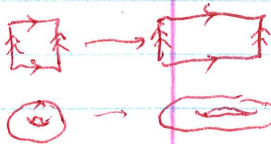


isotopic?  
yes



$2T^2$

"HW"



Outstanding

I like your way of organizing notes. I learned a lot from it





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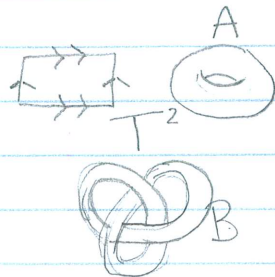
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### 3-D UNIVERSE

- ① no boundary
- ② connected
- ③ locally a blackboard

using a procedure similar to

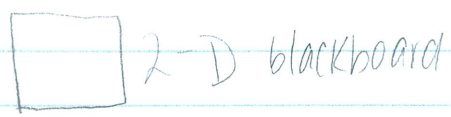


A+B are homeomorphic (same)

But not isotopic in 3-D

isotopic: can be deformed to the other

deformation: bend, twist, stretch, ~~tear~~   
tearing, giving the incorrect parts X



2-D blackboard



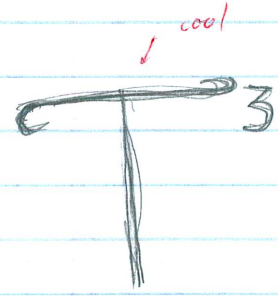
3-D classroom

① glue the top face to the bottom face



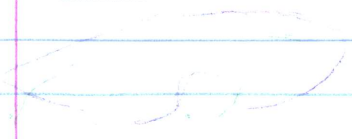
② glue the left face to the right face

③ glue the front face to the back face



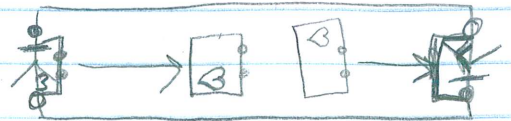
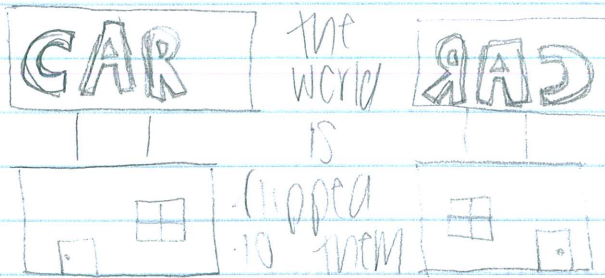
it's about perspective: walking in a straight line   
or reappearing out of walls   
 $\infty$  copies in all directions

Another question: can our universe be like this? A  $T^3$ ?



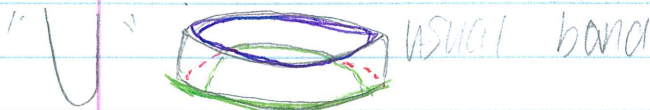
# DAY 3

flatlander exploration



THIS IS JUST ONE ELEMENT IN SPACE

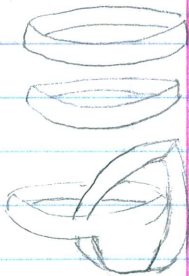
SWITCHES SIDES LIKE A FLEXED MIRROR



THE UNIVERSE IS NOT ORIENTABLE

## DIFFERENCES

THEORIES #3



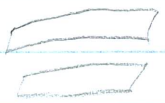
I  
II  
III

#1 Möbius band has a 180° twist whereas usual has no twist

#2 U has 2 sides but M has only 1

#3 (w/ our M band along its midline / center line. What do we get?

- U band is just 2 U bands
- M band becomes an extra long and very twisted; a new band

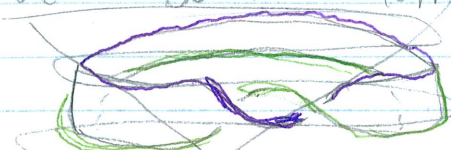


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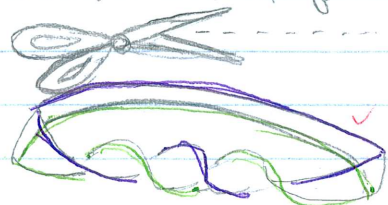
New Band: homeomorphic to U band + is not isotopic

2 M bands

IV



two 180° half twists

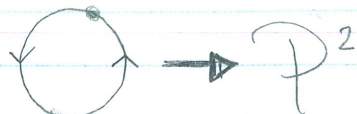


4 half (180°) twists





# PROJECTIVE PLANE

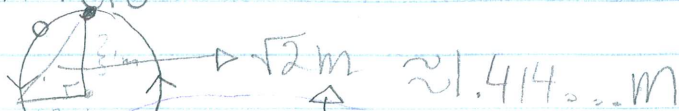


compare



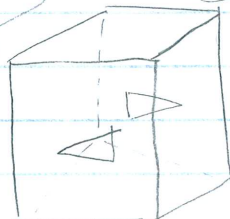
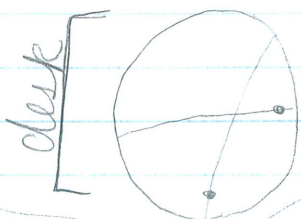
Boy's surface  
 ← Hilbert's swiss cheese

EXERCISE:



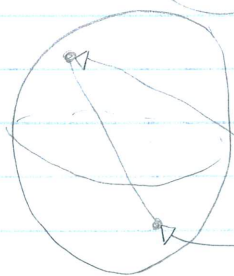
radius = 1m

What is the longest distance  
 in this space?



$S^1 \times K^2$

glue top to bottom,  
 left to right of  
 usual square field  
 to the back with left-  
 right flip



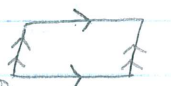
solid shape

Projective space  $P^3$   
 (same points)

can't

# 1

$T^2$



torus: surface of a doughnut



contain M

# 2

$S^2$



sphere: surface of a waste ball



can't

# 3

$P^2$



projective plane: (boy's surface)

contain M

# 4

$K^2$



Klein bottle:



not a M

# 5

M



Möbius band: not orientable

[one can avoid being reflected] ↓

(if you walk in this space after you come back  
 you will be mirror → reflected) (GO AROUND TWICE)



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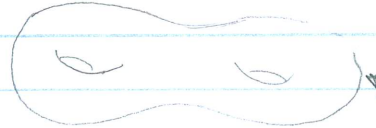
≈ means similar to



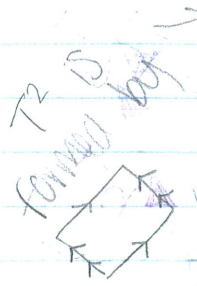
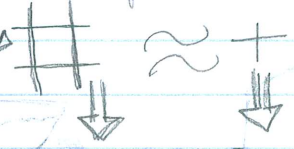
means my questions as I continue that I'm thinking about *get it!*

good question

connected sum has what to do with SUGPS in music?



How do we explain this shape to a -1d learner? Start with: KEY IDEA



$\text{torus} \# \text{torus} = \text{connected sum}$

CONNECTED SUM

SUM:  $H+1=2$   $0+2=2$   
 $0+1=1$   $0+n=n$

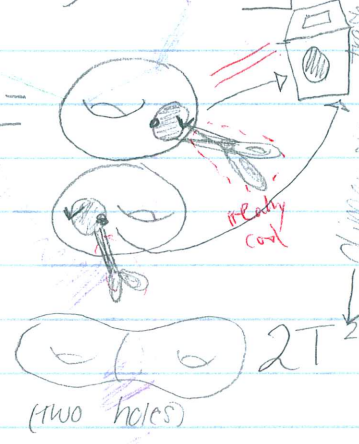
$\text{torus} \# \text{torus} = \text{torus}$

So, then what is this operation? ( $2T^2$ )

$\text{torus} \# \text{torus} = \text{two tori}$

$\text{torus} \# \text{torus} = \text{torus with two holes}$

a sphere w/ a disc cut out is a disc still



So these are deformed? (w/ the words)

Summary/Observation: # w/ any surface

$K^2 + S^2 = K^2$

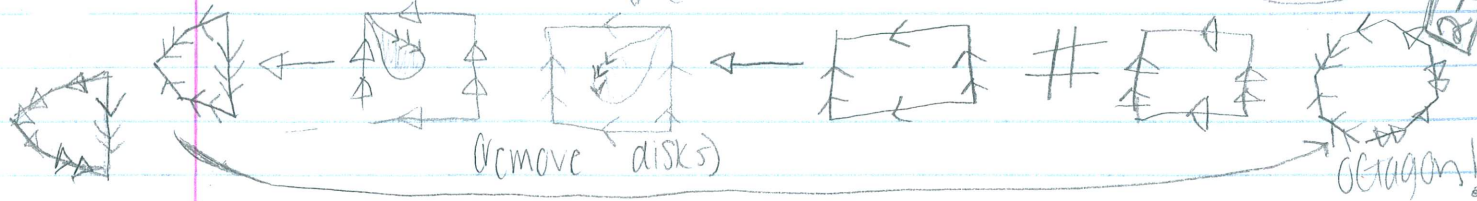
$T^2 + S^2 = T^2$


- cut out a disc then glue it back
- did nothing
- SAME SURFACE

disks:

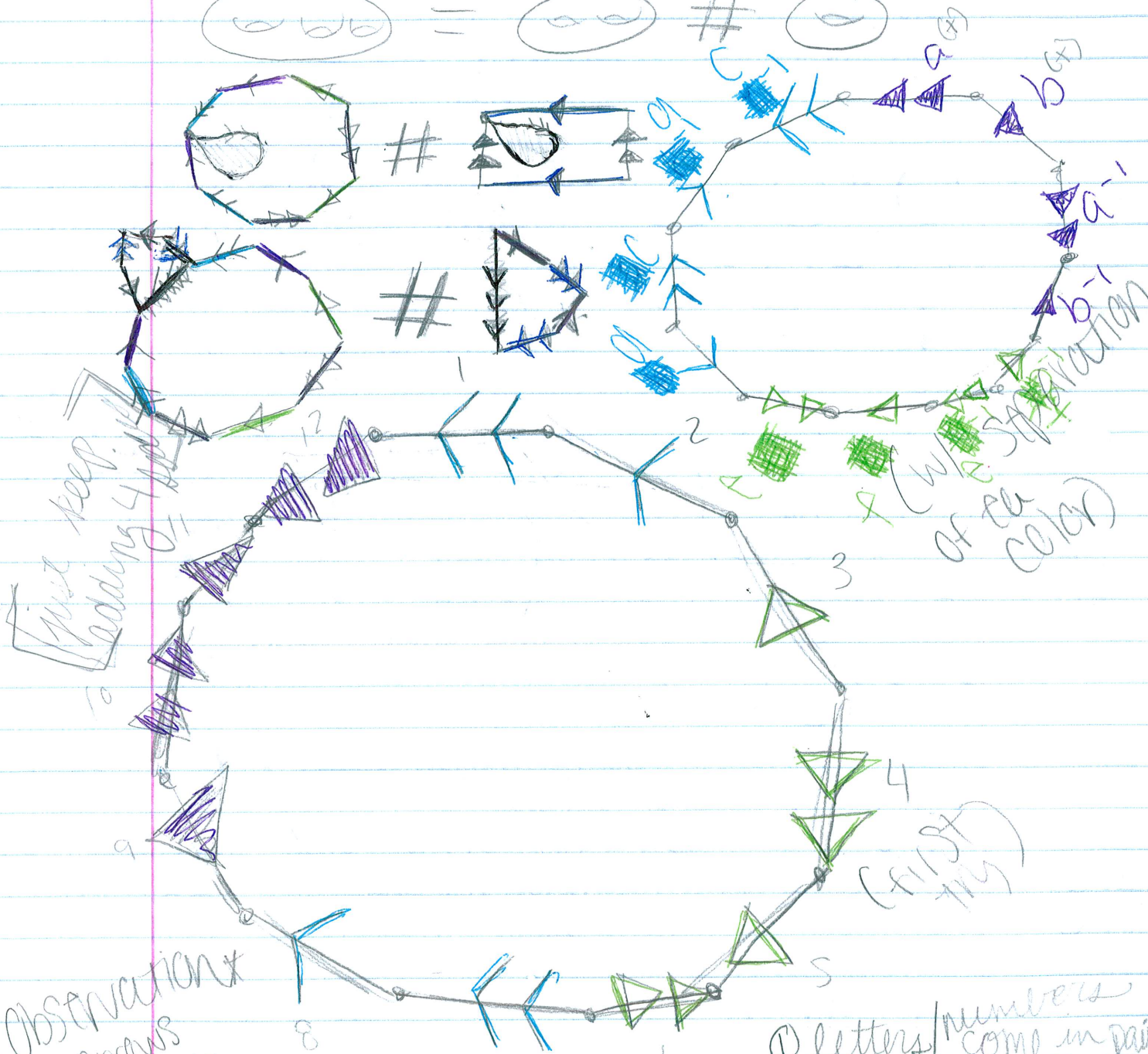
homeomorphic? *yes!*

$T^2 \# T^2 = 2T^2$   $\text{torus} \# \text{torus} = \text{torus with two holes}$



What is a 2-D model of  ?  
 And how can we explain H to a flatlander?

 =  # 



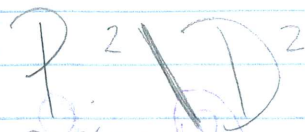
\* Observation \*  
 the arrows point so they can meet in the middle if... > <

- ① letters/numbers come in pairs
- ② should show up alternating
- ③ if  $a + a^{-1}$

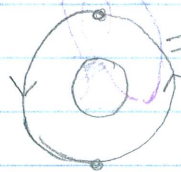


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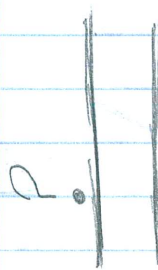
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projective plane with a disc cut off:  $\setminus =$  cut off



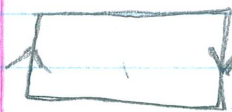
#(1) Can this be a disc? Nope  
A disc contains Möbius strip (M)  
But  $P^2 \setminus D^2$  does



#(2) Can this be a torus?  
No, for the same reason

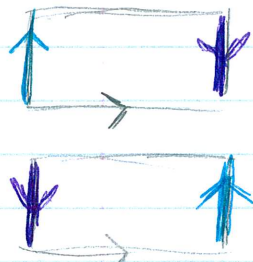
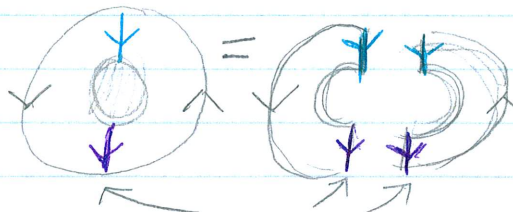
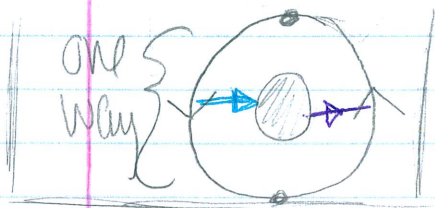
#(3) Can this be a Klein bottle?  
(no boundary) 2-D

but cutting out a disc leaves a circle containing a boundary

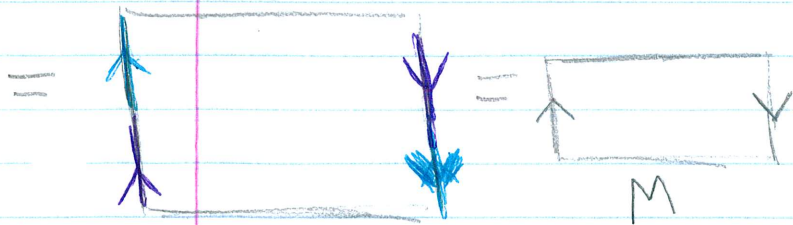
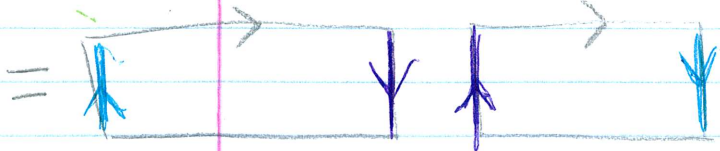
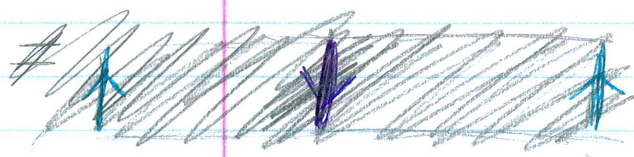


Also NO because  $P^2 \setminus D^2$  has a boundary

IT'S AN **M**



already supposed to be glued



Outstanding Award again!



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 breaks:  $\frac{1}{2}$

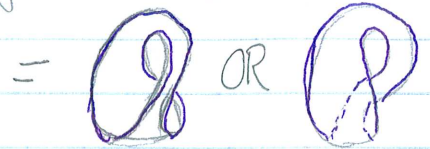
↑  
 Sorry (we had only two today). My bad  $\frac{1}{2}$

Knowing what  $P^2 \# D^2$  is what is  $P^2 \# P^2$ ?

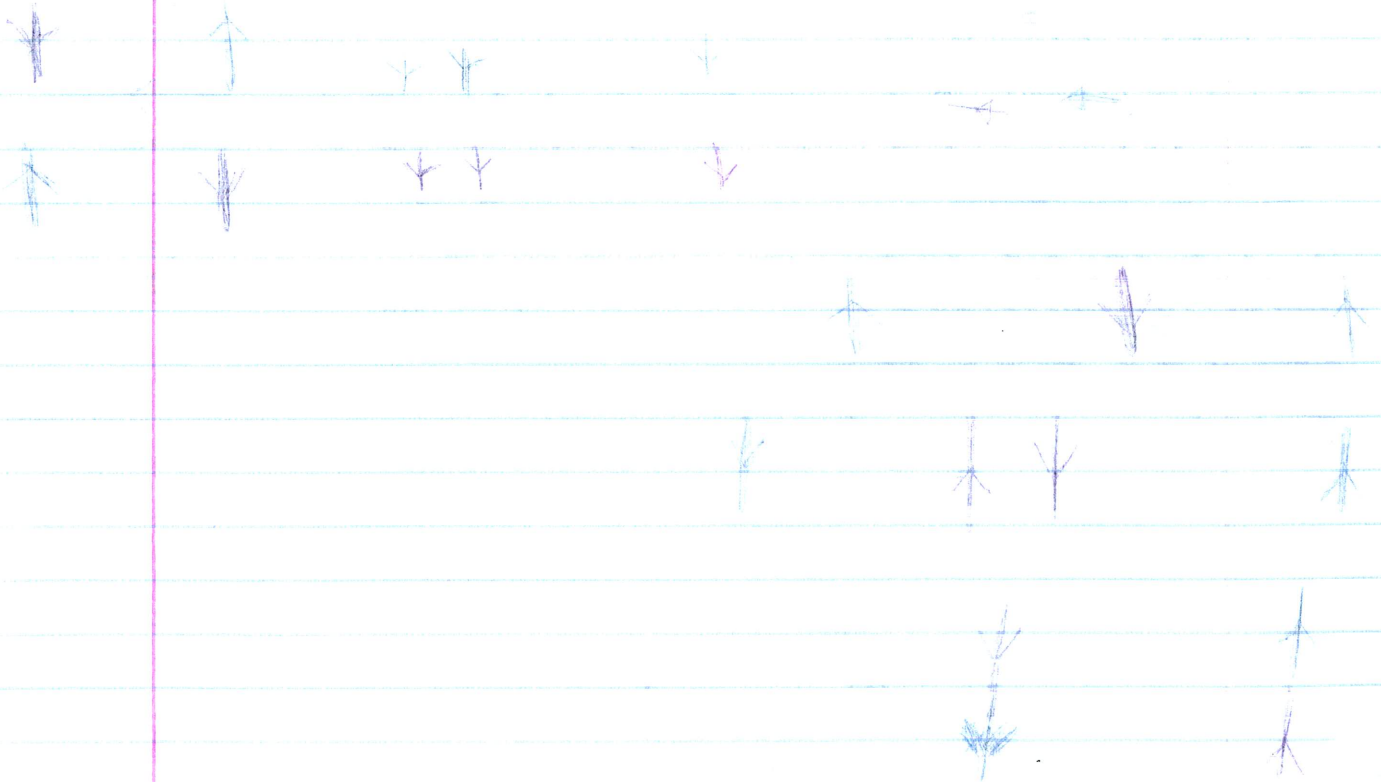
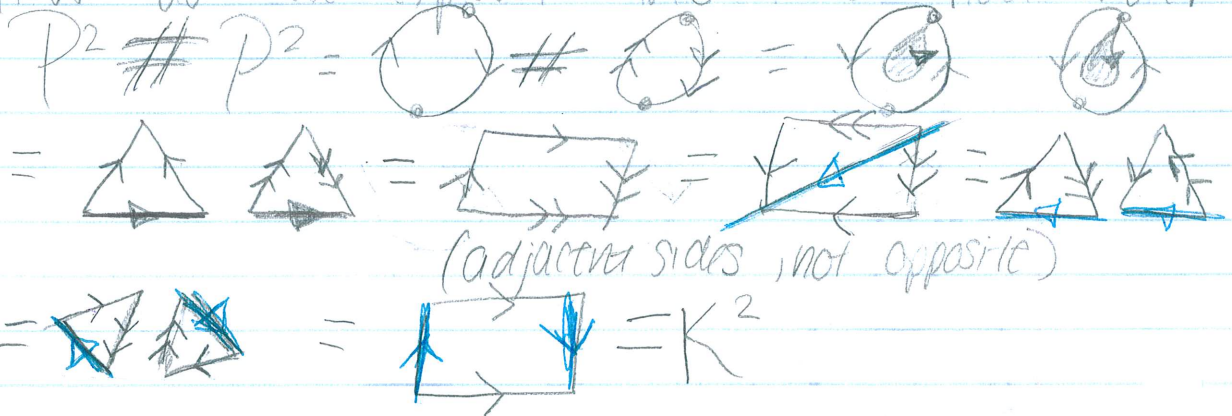
\* hint: Klan bottle \*



Summary:  $P^2 \# P^2 = K^2$



How do we explain this is a flatlander?





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REVIEW



$f, f^{-1}, a, a^{-1}, b, b^{-1}, c, c^{-1}, d, d^{-1}, f, f^{-1}$   
 $= abdb^{-1}c d c^{-1} a^{-1} f^{-1}$

ASSUMPTIONS:

#① The sphere is made of special material so that it can pass through itself

#② Every motion (deformation) is smooth (no sharp corners)

once stretched it creates a sharp kink

the Geometry Center (no longer exists bc lack of \$) (U / UC)

William Thurston (-2012) (won Fields Medal)

"Outsider In" (name of movie) ↓

mathematical Nobel prize

very good notes

Smiles = frowns = total net Turning number

saddles are both frown & smile

opposite TN's means & inside out

waves avoid sharp bends (as long as TN's 1)

whole sphere is wavy

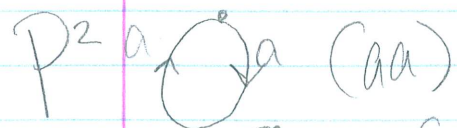
caps go through each other

twist opposite directions to untwist guide  
frigs

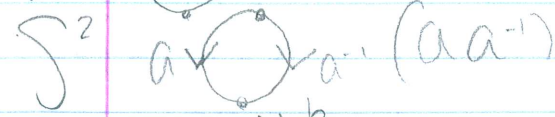
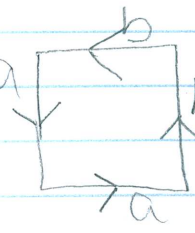
one side then goes from in to out

corrigations never too deep

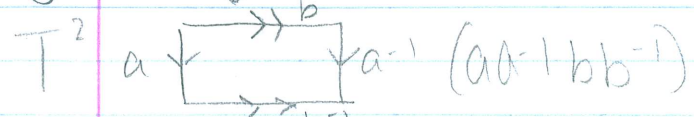
can't twist in space bc it's  $S^2$



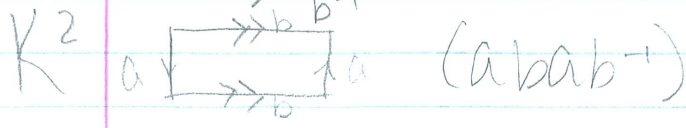
$P^2 \# P^2 = aabb^a$



$(aa) (bb) (K^2)$



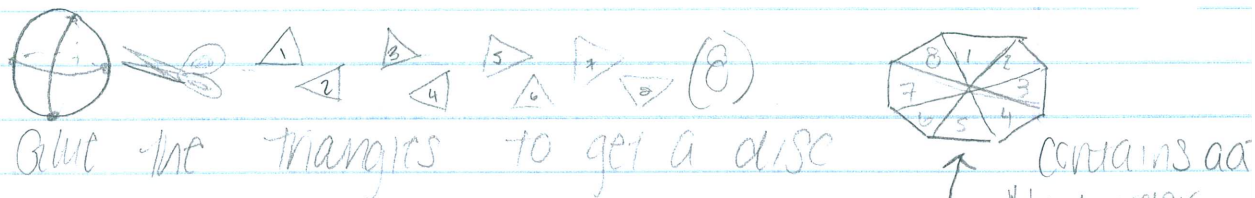
$T^2 \# P^2 = ab a^{-1} b^{-1} cc$



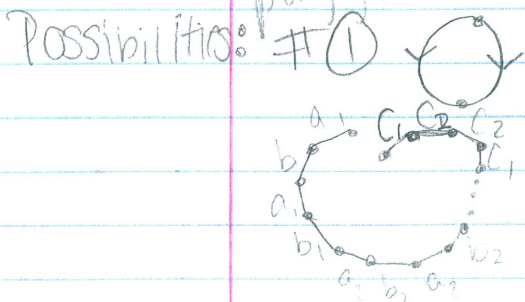
# New Definition of a 2-D universe!

- # ① no boundary
- # ② connected
- # ③ locally a blackboard
- # ④ the space can be cut into finitely many triangles
  - ↳ topologists say it's **compact** (replace one w/ the other)
  - (the universe we're looking at is finite)
  - (total space is finite)
  - (analogy:  $4+3+1+2=10$ )

QUESTION: What are all the possible 2-D universes (satisfying #1-4)  
 Start w/ #④ → triangles



Statement: Then, it can be shown ... that can be transformed into a convex polygonal shape (cutting + pasting)



When label switches it cannot be glued

$$\underbrace{a, ba^{-1}, b^{-1}, a_2, b_2, a_2^{-1}, b_2^{-1}, c_1, c_2, c_1, c_2}_{\text{torus } (T^2) \# \text{torus } (T^2) \# P^2}$$

↓  
 $m$  (depends on beginning surface)

one of  $m, n$  can be zero (0)

# continued on next pg #

$m$	$n$	$O$
$O$		$S^2$



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LSMPS table ✓

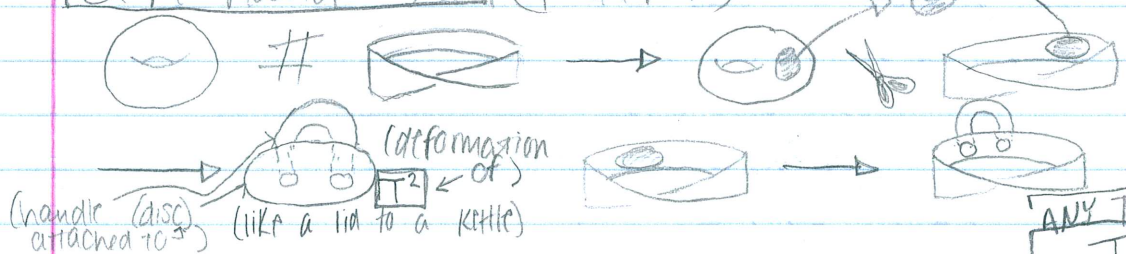
m/n	0	1	2	3	4
0	$S^2$	$P^2$	$T^2 \# P^2$	$P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$	$P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$
1	$T^2$				
2	$T^2 \# T^2$	$T^2 \# P^2$		$T^2 \# T^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$	
3	$T^2 \# T^2 \# T^2$	$T^2 \# T^2 \# P^2$			
4	$T^2 \# T^2 \# T^2 \# T^2$				

Where is  $K^2$ ? ✓  
 Where is  $K^2 \# P^2$ ? ✓  
 Where is  $K^2 \# K^2$ ? ✓

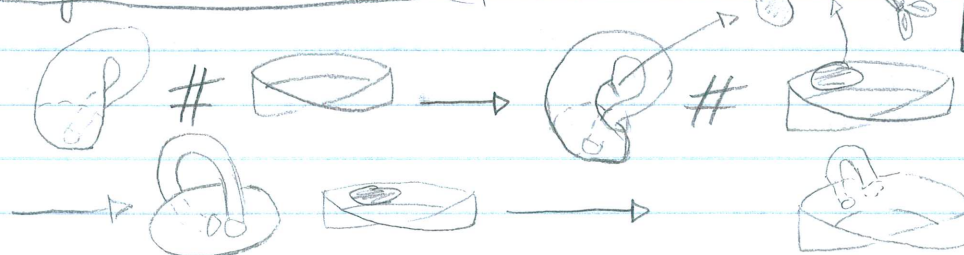
$T^2 \# P^2 = K^2 \# P^2$  ( $P^2 \setminus D^2$  is  $M$ )  
 $T^2 \# M = K^2 \# M$   
 $T^2 \# P^2 = P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$

$M = \text{Möbius band}$

Left-hand side ( $T^2 \# M$ )

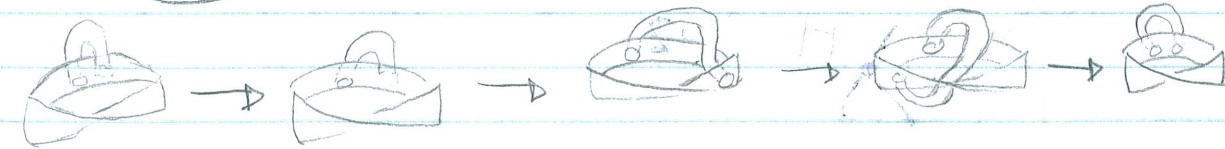


Right-Hand side ( $K^2 \# M$ )



ANY  $T^2 \# P^2$  COMBO  
 $T^2 \# T^2 \# P^2$   
 $= T^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$   
 $= P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$   
 CAN BE CONVERTED

Here's How:  
(homotopy)



Finally: any 2-D universe satisfying #1-4 is either

- #1  $S^2$
  - #2  $T^2 \# \dots \# T^2$  ( $m \geq 1$ )
  - #3  $P^2 \# \dots \# P^2$  ( $n \geq 1$ )
- OR

Topological Invariant is a number (or something) which does not change under deformation  $\Rightarrow$

Topological invariant:

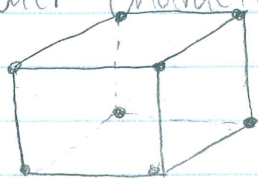
space space  $\implies$  same invariant

diffeo space  $\implies$  diff invariant

(Contra positive of the previous statement)

Invariant we use are called: Euler  $*$  Poincaré  $\star$

\* Euler characteristic  $\chi$



$V \rightarrow$  # of vertices  
 $E \rightarrow$  # of edges  
 $F \rightarrow$  # of faces

$$\chi(S^2) = V - E + F$$

$$= 8 - 12 + 6$$

$$= 2$$



$$\chi(S^2) = V - E + F$$

$$= 4 - 6 + 4$$

$$= 2$$

# of each characteristic



$$\chi(S^2) = V - E + F$$

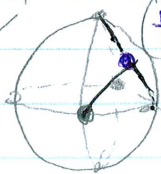
$$= 6 - 12 + 8$$

$$= 2$$

Why?

$\chi$  invariant requires a "full proof" ph.D. level mathematical understanding

change it



$$\chi = V - E + F$$

$$(1) - (3) + (2) = 0$$

it doesn't matter how you change this

# ①  $\chi(S^2) = 2$

# ②  $\chi(T^2 \# \dots \# T^2) = V - E + F$

$$\downarrow$$

$$= 1 - 2m + 1$$

$$= 2 - 2m$$

# ③  $\chi(P^n \# \dots \# P^n) = V - E + F$

$$\downarrow$$

$$= 1 - n + 1 = 2 - n$$



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CONCLUSION

Two different kinds of surfaces:  $S^2$  |  $T^2$  |  $T^2 \# T^2$   
 $\chi: 2$  |  $0$  |  $-2$

ORIENTABLE (no M) SURFACES (cont):  $T^2 \# T^2 \# T^2$   
 (cont)  $\chi: 4$

NON-ORIENTABLE (M):  $P^2$  |  $P^2 \# P^2$  |  $P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$   
 $\chi: 1$  |  $0$  |  $-1$

(M):  $P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$   
 $\chi: -2$

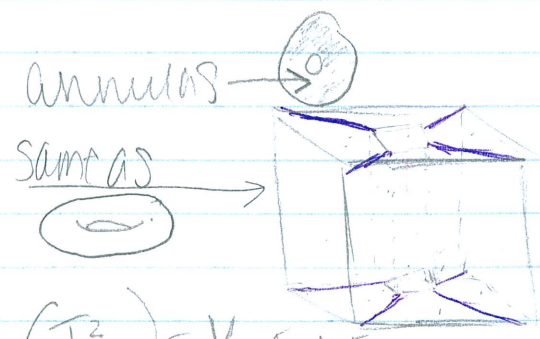
"HW":  $\chi$  (surface orientable) =  $-402b$ , what is this surface?  
 2014 T<sup>2</sup>

$\chi(S^2) = 2$   
 $\chi(T^2 \# \dots \# T^2) = 2 - 2m$

$\chi(P^2 \# \dots \# P^2) = 2 - n$

$\chi(M) = V - E + F$

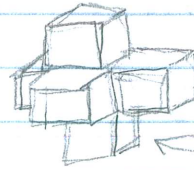
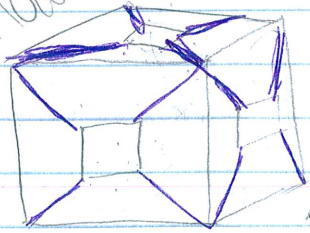
Euler characteristic in a 2-D universe surface



$\chi(T^2) = V - E + F$   
 - This works if  $m=1 = 16 - (12+2+8) + (4+4+8)$   
 -  $\chi(T^2) = 2 - 2m = 16 - 32 + 16$   
 $2 - 2 \cdot 1 = 0$   
 $2 - 2 = 0$

"HW" Day 2:

\*FIGURE #1\*

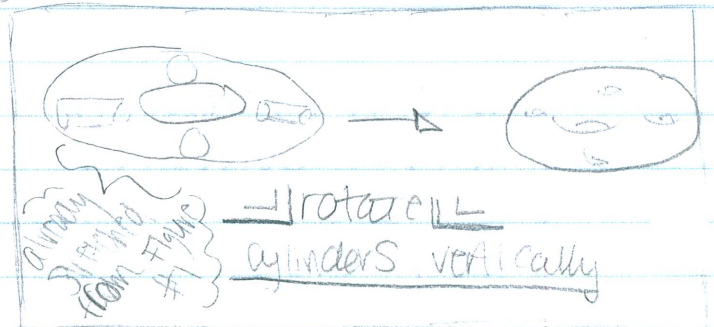


← what is removed from

Question: what is the surface of this shape?

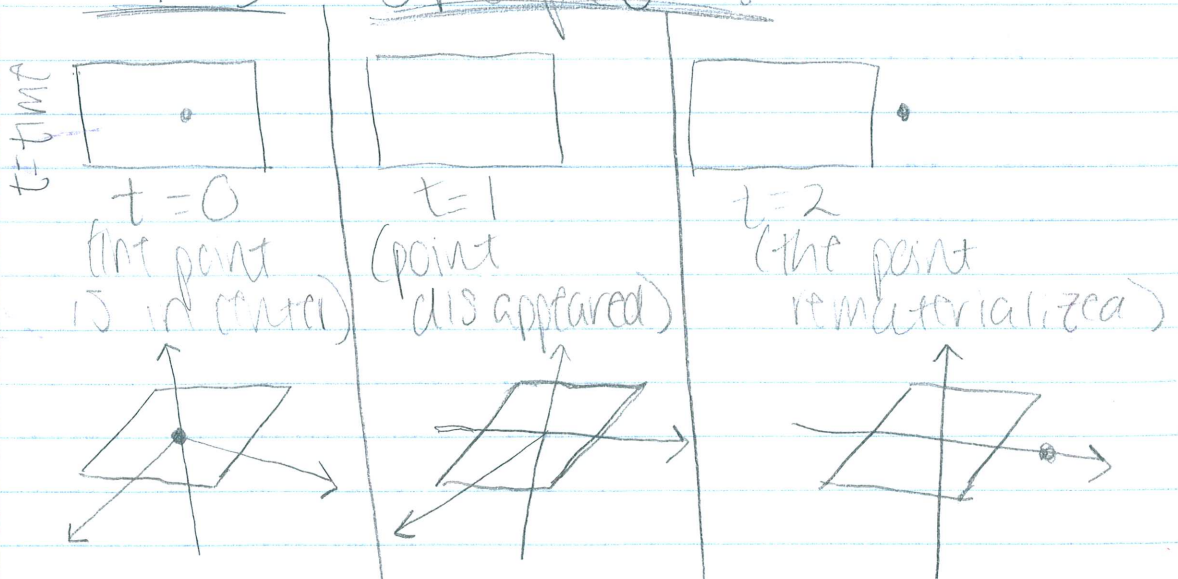
$$\begin{aligned} \chi(M) &= V - E + F \\ &= (8 + 24 + 8) - (24 + 24 + 24) + (24 + 24) \\ &= 40 - 72 + 48 \\ &= -8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(M) &= -8 \\ -8 &= 2 - 2m \\ -2 - 2 & \\ -10 &= 2m \\ -2 - 2 & \end{aligned}$$



ooooo (M) = 5T<sup>2</sup> (T<sup>2</sup> # T<sup>2</sup> # T<sup>2</sup> # T<sup>2</sup> # T<sup>2</sup>)

## 4-D Shapes!!!

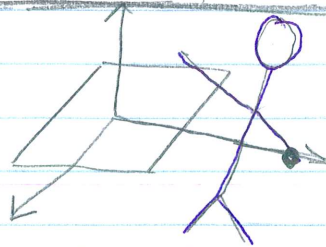
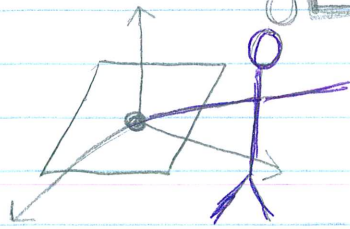




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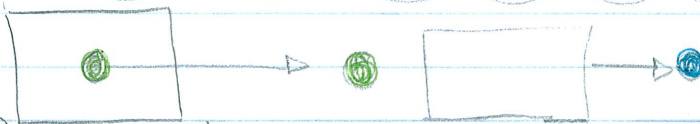
When drawing a 4-D on 2-D many things get lost\*

EX. #1:



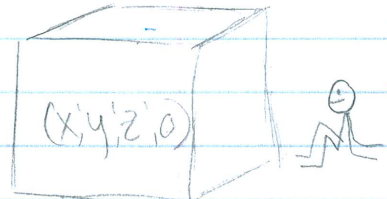
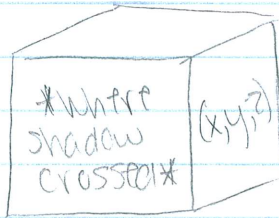
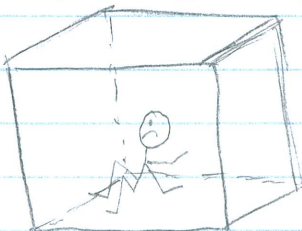
$(x, y, 0)$

EX. #2:



green SHADOW! restores to it's natural color blue

EX. #3:



a 4-D (person) picked him up and placed him somewhere in his world, the person's original world

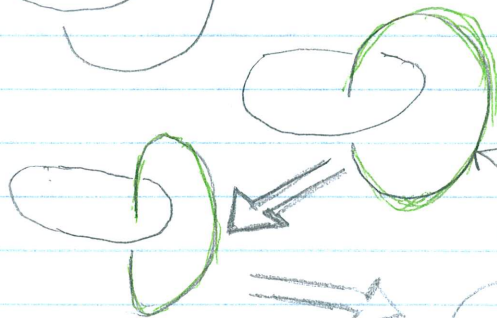
PREVIOUS examples

#1:



called a "link"

In 4-D this can be unlinked but in 2-D it cannot >>>>>



Shadow of the vertical link



This seems strange because we can't see 4-D, we're using analogies, and this can only be described by math (to us). Shadow can pass through but actual object cannot

PREVIOUS  
EXAMPLES  
#2:

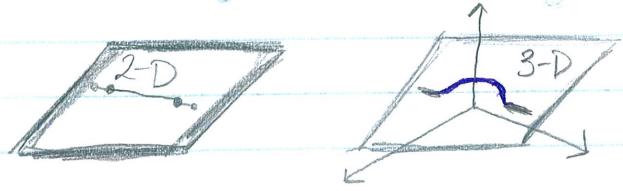


\* actually has no intersection \*

- This is the shadow of a Klein bottle
- Because  $H$  is in the 3-D world
- $K^2$  lives in a 4-D world

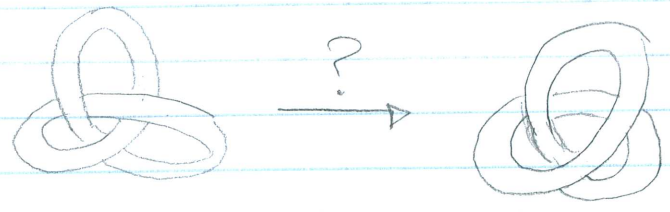


HOW:  
(not broken)



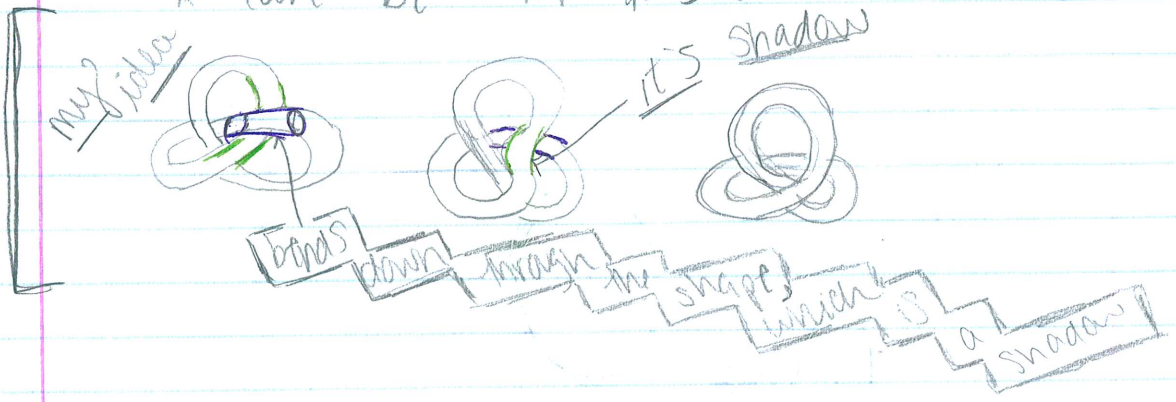
How do we explain this to a flatlander? not broken!

EXERCISE:  
#



\* cannot happen in 3-D \* } How?!  
\* can be in 4-D \*

mathematically  
called "surgery"





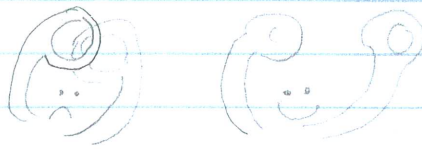
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\* COURSEARA \*  $\rightarrow$  register + take the courses  
(website .org) \*edX\*

# PROJECT

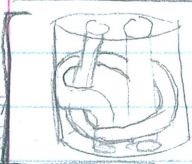
#1: for people who like making things

build + draw + make  $K^2$



make a series of clay models to show deformation (so they can stand up also)

people who like drawing



\* 3-D \*



isotopic

parts of  $1g^2$  to show deform.

#2: for people who are interested in fashion

PART I: read the paper (7 pgs)  
find topology elements in their design

2-D  $\rightarrow T^2 + P^2$

3-D  $\rightarrow$  depends on geometry, 8 pieces

PART II: - try to design your own things  
- explain the elements of it

\* Fashion shows

#3: for people who'd like to continue thinking about the universe shape question

Involves physics

#4: music + Möbius band

- explain connection  $\rightarrow$  PART I (2 kinds)

- play a piece of music on keyboard - PART II

\* Simons Foundation \*

(involving of octave + major/minor etc)

(12 semi-tone chromatic scale)

- raised \$ for math through business

- funds math research now (free time + free \$)

pitch corresponds to frequency

(C E + E G are =) but need to be same  $\phi$

(intones)  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{harmony} \\ \text{every point corres.} \\ \text{to a 2 note chord} \end{array} \right]$

scales, repetition of individual notes

(where  $x=y \rightarrow$  unison chords) otherwise  $\rightarrow$  parallel chords

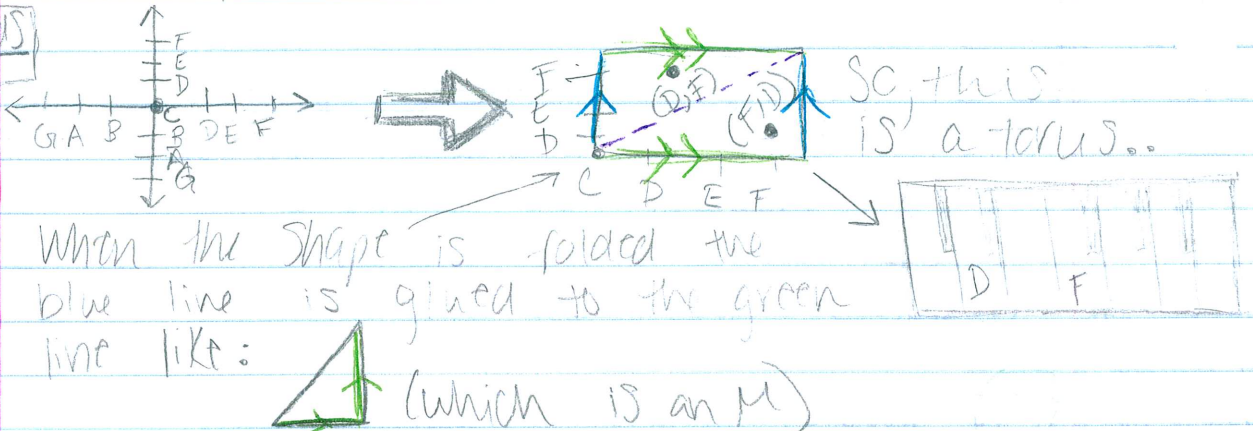
#5: **ART**

by Dali  
 finding topography within it  
 introduce Dali's work in general  
 analyze his art work  
 explain the special thing about it

#6: Create your own project  
 like writing a short story about these  
 concepts to flatlanders

#4: The M in video is the space of all 2-note chords modulo octaves

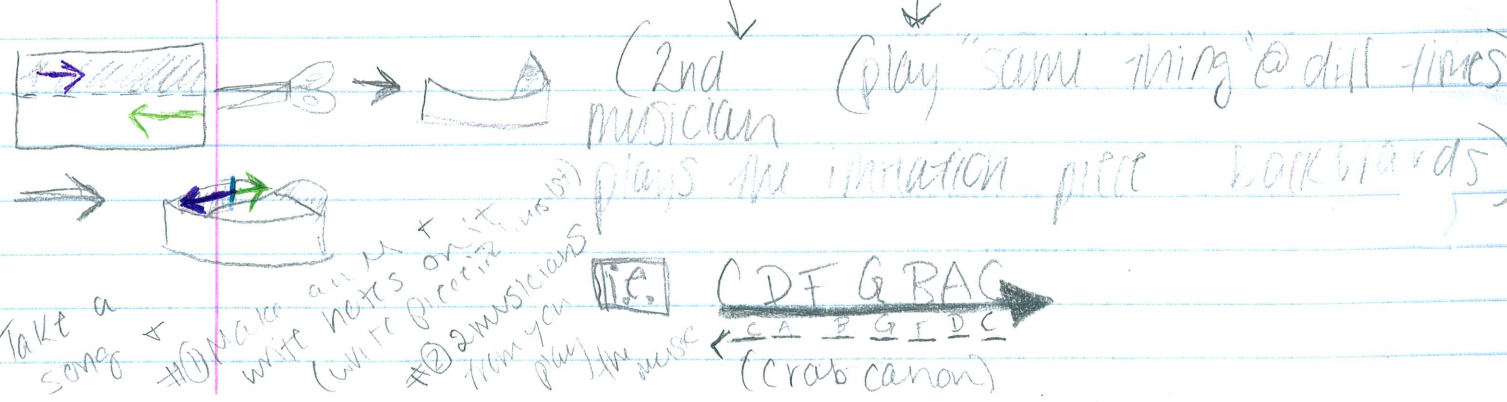
Identity Scams  
 Symmetric  
 with respect  
 to the main  
 diagonal



When the shape is folded the blue line is glued to the green line like:

Question: But why? (connect to standard M pic)

PART II of #4: the ST cond connection  
 J.S. Bach → Crab canon





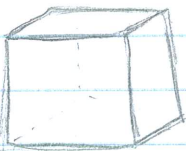
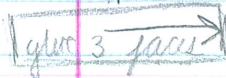
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# 3-D Universes

review:

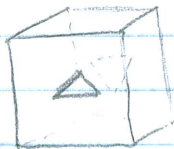
$T^3$



## Conditions

- #1 no boundary
- #2 connected
- #3 locally a classroom

$S^1 \times K^2$



glue front to back with a left-right flip

The other 2 pairs are glued like those of  $T^3$



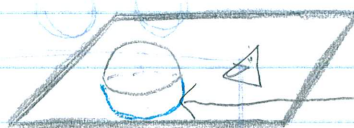
$P^3$

line that also goes through the center  
↳ antipodal

<< glue at antipodal points >> (but only do

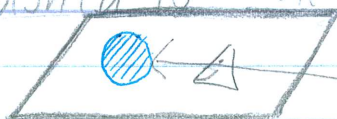
this for points on the surface)

How do we explain this is a flatlander?



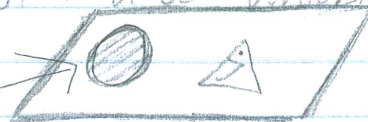
same explanation

Tell  $\Delta$ : a hemisphere is just a disc which is pushed to the 3-D space



lower hemispheres

upper hemispheres

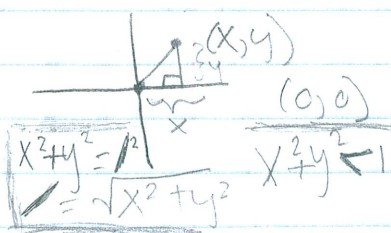


just glue along the discs the two hemispheres to get a sphere (the boundary circles)

Question: What is a hypersphere? ( $S^3$ )



suppose the radius is 1





A unit disc is all the points on the plane whose distance to the origin is less than or equal to 1

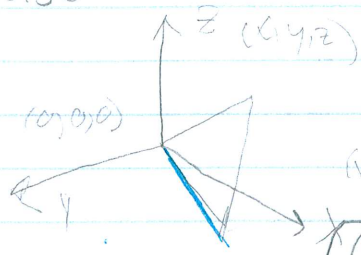
A disc consists of all those  $(x, y)$ s

# Make the projects a story

Question: What is the analogous object to a disc in 3-D?

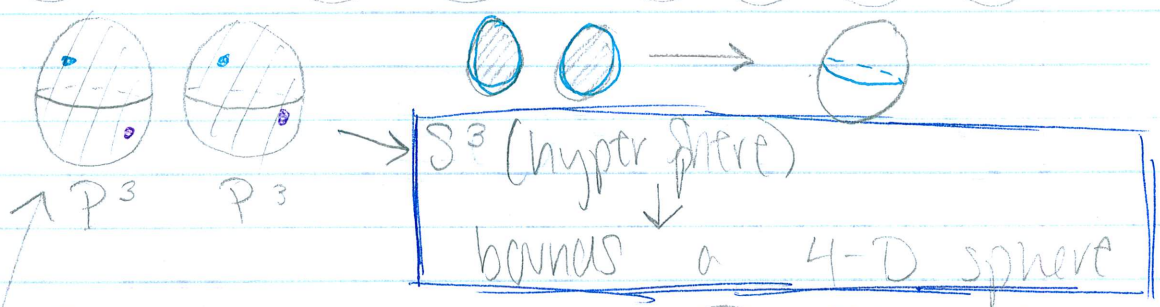
In 2-D   
 $\sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq 1$   
 - a disc

In 3-D   
 - solid sphere  
 The distance between a point in the sphere is  $\leq 1$

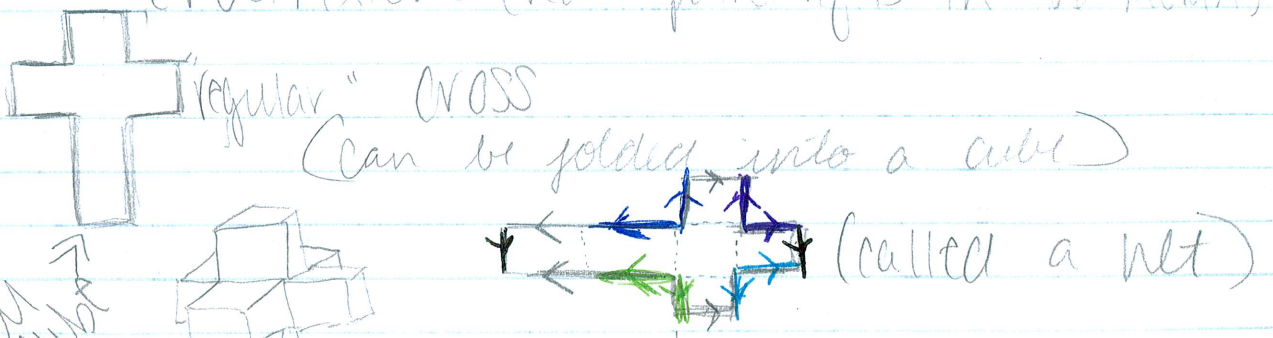


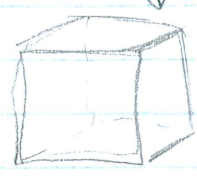
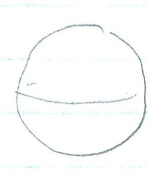
$\sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2 + z^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$  ← this is the simplest form for real numbers

**ANALOGY**



Project #5: Corpus Hypercubus by Dalí, Salvador  
 Cond: Crucifixion (real painting is in the MOMA)



 =   $S^2$

explain by using  $S^3$  what should be done?

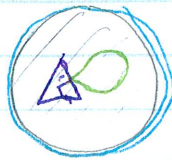


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Hand

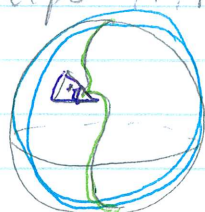
Question/  
Exercise

$S^2$



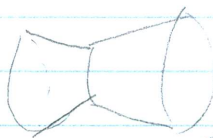
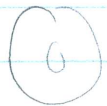
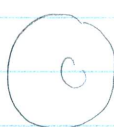
$\infty$  stretchable

What happens if the  $\Delta$  keeps inflating the balloon?

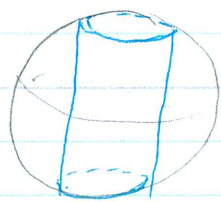


Conclusion:  
 $S^3$  is different than the world we assume that we are in

Q: What if it kept going?  
A: Same thing would happen. Eventually we'll be surrounded by balloon air.



Question/  
Exercise:



$P^3$

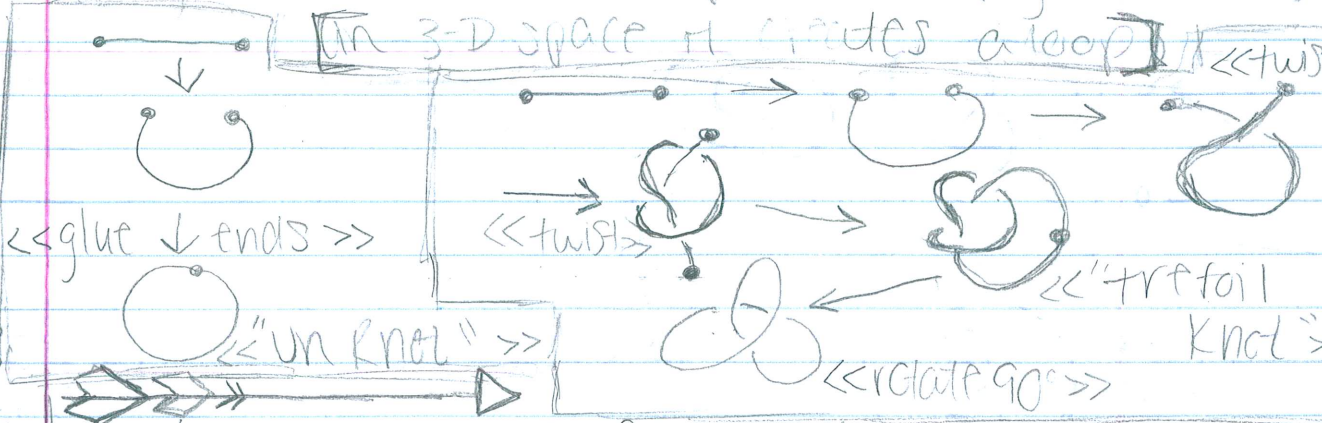
Is this cylinder a torus or a Klein bottle?

Outstanding Work!  
again

# 1-D UNIVERSES IN 3-D SPACE

How are all homeomorphic (isotopy is tricky)

THE SIMPLIST KNOTS

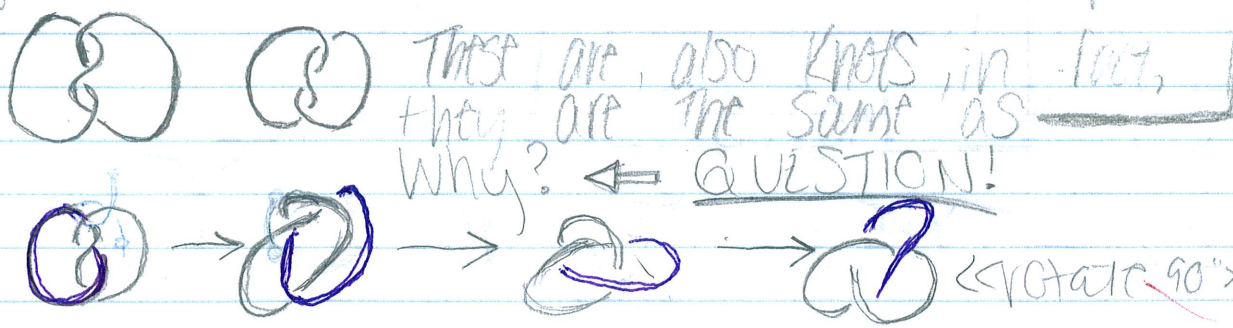


It has been proved that these two trefoil knots are not isotopic, this question is considered impossible. Analogous to  $\chi$ , except for more complicated. We'll find some topological invariants for those two knots for comparison.

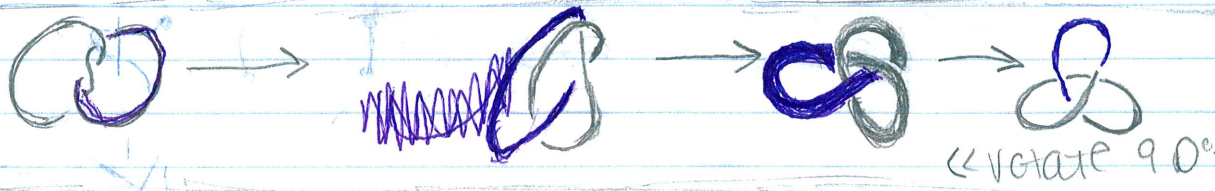
QUESTION:  
Are they the same or different? (isotopically) can we deform one to the other?

<<mirror image>>

TREFOIL KNOTS

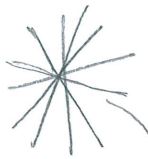


Exercise:  
X



turn over  
→





# FIGURE 8 KNOT

I like the font design

TOPIC  
TOPIC  
TOPIC



QUESTION: What's the relationship between these? Mirror Image

TRY THIS LATER

EXERCISE:

also The figure 8



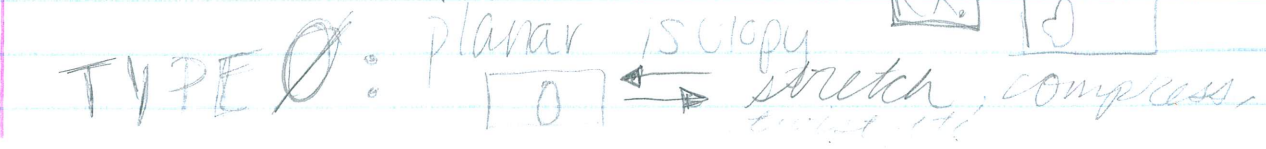
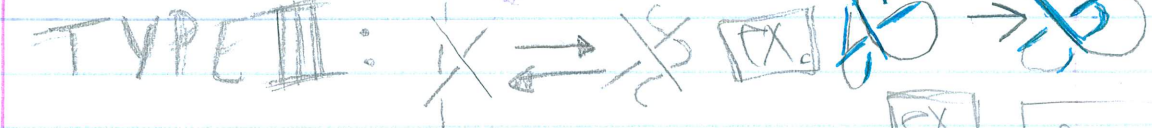
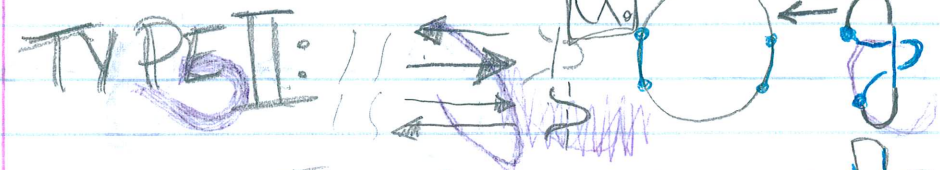
so far the way we use to study knots is to look at their 2-D diagrams on paper or on a blackboard

OUR GOAL is to see why these knots are the same or different.

KNOT THEORY

Reidemeister MOVES:

German mathematician



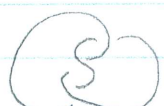

This theorem is  
 of theoretical  
 value

**THEOREM:** (due to Reidemeister)

Two knots are isotopic **if and only if** one can be obtained from the other via a sequence of Reidemeister moves ((Type 0, I, II, III) on their planar diagrams)

#1 The  part is easier

#2 The **only if** part is proved by Reidemeister

**EXAMPLE:** We know  is isotopic to  according to the theorem on their planar diagrams one can be obtained from the other by a sequence of moves. How? (More steps; 8 total) But the theorems don't give a practical way to solve equations, (nature of math theorems)

Constructing a topological invariant

1st:

THE BRACKET POLYNOMIAL  $\langle \bigcirc \rangle = 1$  [the BP of unknot is = 1]

#2  $\langle \times \rangle = \langle A \rangle \langle \rangle + \langle \rangle \langle B \rangle$

thin over paper

$\langle \langle \times \rangle \rangle = \langle A \rangle \langle \rangle + \langle B \rangle \langle \rangle$

FRASE unknit add C

#3  $\langle O \cup L \rangle = \langle L \rangle$  [O = unknot, L = some other knot]

#4 if A + B are planar isotopic

$\langle A \rangle = \langle B \rangle$   $\langle \bigcirc \rangle = \langle \bigcirc \rangle$



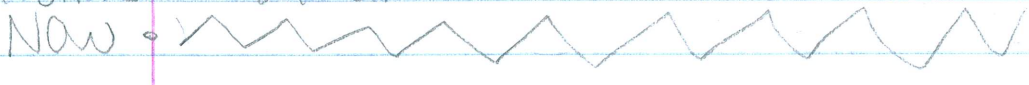
#2 to #3 is a 90° rotation

RULE REVIEW:  $\#0 \langle 0 \rangle = 1$  |  $\#0 \langle 0^u L \rangle = C \langle L \rangle$   
 $\#1 \langle X \rangle = A \langle \rangle + B \langle \bar{X} \rangle$   
 $\#2 \langle X \rangle = A \langle \bar{X} \rangle + B \langle \rangle$

Questions: What are A, B, C?  
 Why do we bother to introduce 3 variables instead of 1 in the first place?

Answers: This is bc we need more freedom so that we will be able to express the constraint imposed by the problem. (If our number of variables is too small it's impossible that it'll lead to contradiction.)  
 Also we define the ~~initial~~ variable by the first two.

Questions: What are the constraints?



Answer: invariance under moves of types 0, I, II, III

We want  $\langle \overset{\text{left}}{\bar{1}} \rangle = \langle \overset{\text{right}}{1} \rangle$  [type II]  
 $\text{left} \equiv A \langle \bar{0} \rangle + B \langle \bar{0} \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A(A \langle \bar{0} \rangle + B \langle \bar{0} \rangle) + B(A \langle \bar{0} \rangle + B \langle \bar{0} \rangle) \\ &= A^2 \langle \bar{0} \rangle + AB \langle \bar{1} \rangle + BA \langle 0^u \rangle + B^2 \langle \bar{0} \rangle \\ &= (A^2 + ABC + B^2) \langle \bar{0} \rangle + AB \langle \bar{1} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

right =  $\langle \bar{1} \rangle$

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cloth / silk / plastic Simple buttons mini sewing kit	metal / silver or gold bendable material Some pearls black stretchable cloth / material	giant wood beads? scarf material sewing kit 2 scarf ideas
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Algebraic topology involves differences in knots

**MORE RULES:**  
 $\langle \text{GUL} \rangle = (-A^2 - A^{-2})(L)$

$$AB=1 \rightarrow B = \frac{1}{A} = A^{-1}$$

$$A^2 + ABC + B^2 = 0 \rightarrow A^2 + C + B^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -A^2 - B^2$$

$$= -A^2 - (A^{-1})^2 = -A^2 - A^{-2}$$

Question: IS our polynomial the invariant under move type III?

$$\langle \text{type III} \rangle = A \langle \text{type I} \rangle + A^{-1} \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

$$= A \langle \text{type I} \rangle + A^{-1} \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

[Applying the rules BACKWARDS] =  $\langle \text{type I} \rangle$

Answer: YES, it is invariant under type III moves

Question: what about under Type I

Answer: NO [bc:

$$\langle \text{type I} \rangle = A \langle \text{type I} \rangle + A^{-1} \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

$$= A \langle \text{type I} \rangle + A^{-1} (-A^2 - A^{-2}) \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

$$= (A - A^{-1-2} - A^{-1-2}) \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

$$= -A^{-3} \langle \text{type I} \rangle$$

**EVEN MORE RULES**

Similarly  $\langle \text{type II} \rangle = -A^{-3} \langle \text{type I} \rangle$

To fix this we use "writhe number"  $w(T)$



(you can traverse loops)  
 "Focus on the crossings"

$w(T) = \text{sum of all numbers at a crossing}$

$$= -(1) + (-1) + (-1)$$

$$= -3$$

to determine which is... just trace their rotations clockwise or counterclockwise

turn over  
 right

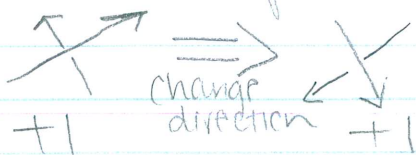


pett pan  
collar as  
trifol knot  
pencil sharpener

unknot  $P(O) = -A^3 \langle W(O) \rangle = -1$

$P(O) = 1$   $1 \cdot 1 = 1$

The "W" doesn't depend on the direction we check!



[align w/ back arrow]



W=0



Invariant under II, III, etc

Kauffman polynomial

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memorize:

$P(K) = (-A^3)^{-W(K)} \langle K \rangle$

↓  
Kauffman polynomial of the given knot

with number ↓  
of the given knot

INvariant  
under all  
4 moves

(computation: P(T))

#(1)  $W(T) = -3$

#(2)  $\langle T \rangle = \langle \mathcal{B} \rangle$

apply rules

$= A \langle \mathcal{B} \rangle + A^{-1} \langle \mathcal{B} \rangle$

$= A (-A^3) \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$

$+ A^{-1} (A \langle \mathcal{S} \rangle + A^{-1} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle)$   
 $= A (-A^3) (-A^3) \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle + A^{-1} (A (-A^3) \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle + A^{-1} (-A^3) \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle)$

$= A^{1+3+3} - A^{-1+1+3} - A^{-1-1-3}$

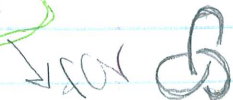
$= A^7 - A^3 - A^{-5}$

$P(T) = (-A^3)^{-W(T)} \langle T \rangle$   
 $= (-A^3)^3 (A^7 - A^3 - A^{-5})$

$= -A^9 (A^7 - A^3 - A^{-5})$

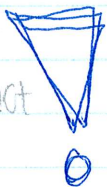
$= A^{16} + A^{12} + A^4$

this is the Kauffman polynomial



for  $\mathcal{B}$  it's P is  $-A^{-16} + A^{-12} + A^{-4}$

-diff. trf. knots  
-diff from unknot



$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = 1$

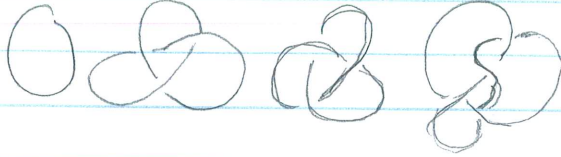
DIFFERENT

[itself isn't a topological invariant]

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$$P(\text{[knot]}) = A^8 - A^4 + 1 - A^{-4} - A^{-8}$$

So ...  are all diff bc of Kauffman's polynomial

Dear Hannah,

It's been a great pleasure to have you in class. You're the smartest and most mature. I also learned how to take better notes from you. Look forward to your final project presentation! (ll)