

Example 2.12

ii) $L_{p,q} \cong L_{p,q'}$ provided that

a) $q = \pm q' \pmod{p}$ or

b) $qq' = \pm 1 \pmod{p}$.

In a), we again use Dehn twists around b : the loop $a^p b^q$ becomes $a^p b^{q+k}$ or $a^p b^{q-p}$, depending on whether we do right or left twist. Reversing the orientation of T^2 via $(z, w) \mapsto (z, \bar{w})$ takes $a^p b^q$ to $a^p b^{-q}$.

Hence $L_{p,q} \cong L_{p,q'}$ if $q \equiv \pm q' \pmod{p}$.

In b), we change the roles of V_1 and V_2 :

the loop γ in ∂V_1 is the second generator of $\pi_1(T^2)$ seen from the perspective of V_2 .

The first generator is $a^* b^*$, and by Lemma 2.9 we instead have

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \pm 1, \text{ and we may choose the sign.}$$

Now the Meekard diagram of $L_{p,q}$

after switching the roles of V_1 and V_2

$$\Rightarrow (v_2, \gamma')', \text{ where } \gamma' \text{ represents } b.$$

Letting a', b' be the generators of $\pi_1(T^2)$ from V_2 -perspective, we have

$$b' = a^p b^q \text{ and } a' = a^r b^s.$$

Hence J' is given by

$$(0 \ 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= (0 \ 1) \cdot \frac{1}{\det \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ -r & p \end{pmatrix}} = (\pm r, p)$$

and so J' is represented by $b'^{\pm r} a'^p$.

Hence $L_{p,q} \cong L_{p,\pm r}$.

By assumption, $qq' \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$,

$$\text{and so } \begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ q' & 1 \end{vmatrix} = p - qq' = \pm 1$$

for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Hence } L_{p,q} \cong L_{p,q'}.$$

[It can actually be shown that

(a) and (b) are also necessary conditions.]

Non-orientable case:

Given an n -manifold M and a path

$d: I \rightarrow M$, we may subdivide the

path : take $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = 1$

s.t. $d|_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]}$ has image lying in
a Euclidean n -ball.

We take N_i , a n 'hood of $d([t_i, t_{i+1}])$

in the ball. In particular, N_0 is a

n 'hood of $f(0)$. We can translate N_0

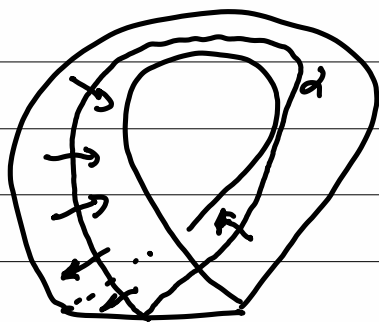
by adding $f(t_1) - f(0)$ and intersect

the image with N_1 . We proceed this

way recursively, and obtain a n 'hood

V of $f(0)$ which by a sequence of

Translation, can be sent to a neighborhood of $f(1)$. If γ is a loop, then we say that f is orientation preserving iff given an orientation of V , U is oriented in the same way.



not orientation preserving.

Check: the notion of being orientation preserving is invariant under homotopy

py. Also, if γ, β are loops

, then the concatenation

$\gamma \cdot \beta$ is orientation reversing

iff exactly one of γ, β is.

Hence $\pi_1(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ given by

$$\gamma \mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is orientation} \\ & \text{preserving} \\ 1 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

is a well-defined homomorphism.

Let $w(M)$ denote the kernel

of this morphism.

It is clear that $\omega(M) = \pi_1(M)$ iff M is orientable.

Theorem 2.12

Let M be a non-orientable manifold.

Then the covering $p: M' \rightarrow M$ corres-

ponding to $\omega(M) \triangleleft \pi_1(M)$ is 2-sheeted,
and

regular. Moreover, M' is orientable, and

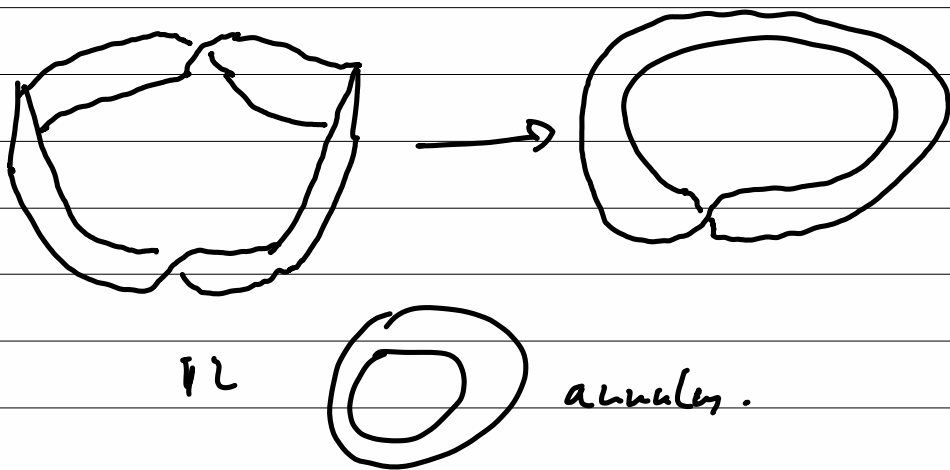
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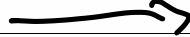
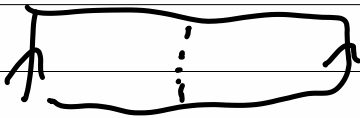
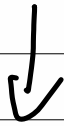
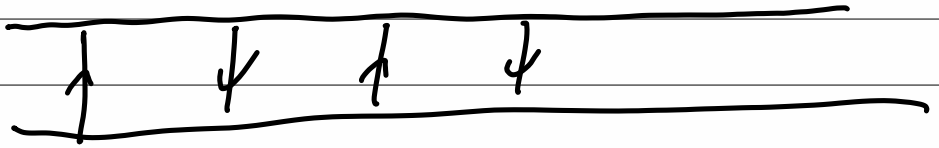
$q: M'' \rightarrow M$ is a covering

and M'' is orientable, then we have the commutative diagram

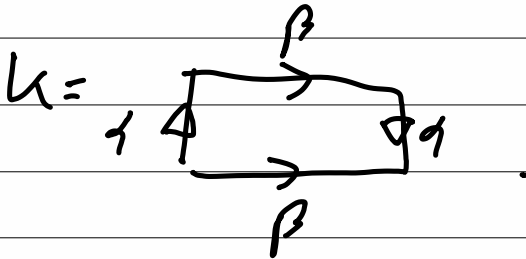
$$\begin{array}{ccc} M'' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M' \\ \searrow q & & \downarrow p \\ & & M \end{array}$$

M' is called the orientable double cover of M .

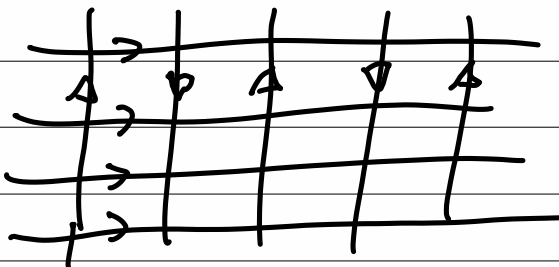




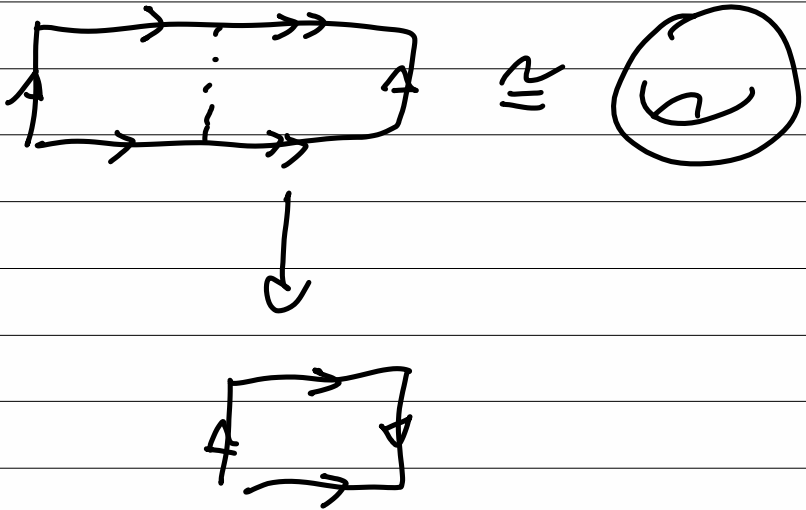
Now consider the Klein bottle:



Universal cover $\cong \mathbb{R}^2$



Orientable double cover:



α, β are simple loops intersecting at a single point transversely.

$$\pi_1(K) = \langle \alpha, \beta \mid \alpha\beta\alpha\beta^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\alpha \in \omega(K), \quad \beta \notin \omega(K).$$

Now, $\alpha, \beta^2 \in \omega(k)$. We have

$$\pi_1(k) / \ll \alpha, \beta^2 \gg = \langle \alpha, \beta \mid \alpha, \beta^2 \rangle_{\alpha\beta, \alpha\beta^{-1}}$$

$$\cong \langle \beta \mid \beta^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

$$\text{So } \ll \alpha, \beta^2 \gg = \omega(k).$$

Also, α normalizes $\langle \alpha, \beta^2 \rangle$ since

it lies inside, β normalizes β^2 ,

$$\text{and } \beta \alpha \beta^{-1} = \alpha^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$\beta^{-1} \alpha \beta = \beta^{-1} \beta \alpha^{-1} = \alpha^{-1}.$$

$\therefore \langle \beta^2, \alpha \rangle \rightarrow \text{word in } \pi_1(K),$
 and hence $\langle \beta^2, \alpha \rangle \cong \langle \beta^2, \alpha' \rangle \cong$
 $\cong w(K).$

Also $\alpha^{-1} \beta^2 \alpha \beta^{-2} = \alpha^{-1} \beta \beta \alpha \bar{\beta} \bar{\beta} =$
 $= \alpha^{-1} \beta \bar{\alpha} \bar{\beta} = \bar{\alpha} (\alpha \beta \alpha \bar{\beta})^{-1} \alpha = \bar{\alpha} \alpha = 1.$

So $w(K)$ is abelian.

Since it acts on $\mathbb{H}^2$ cocompactly,

$$w(K) \cong \mathbb{Z}^2.$$

Hence, $\forall$ element in $\pi_1(K)$ can
be written uniquely as $\gamma^q \beta^m$,
where $\alpha\beta = \beta\bar{\alpha}$.

Lemma 2.13

A pair $\alpha^p \beta^q, \alpha^r \beta^s \in \pi_1(K)$
of non-trivial elements is represented
up to conjugacy by a pair $w_1,$
 w_2 of simple loops meeting trans-
versely in a single point, with
 w_1 orientation preserving and

ω_2 orientation reversing iff $p = \pm 1$,

$q = 0$ and $r = \pm 1$.