

# Fixed Point, Hopf-Poincarè Index Theorem, Characteristic Class

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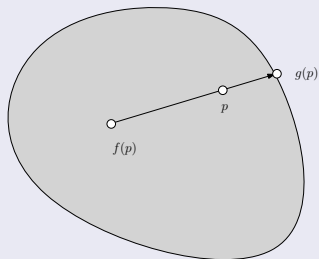


Figure: Brouwer fixed point.

# Brouwer Fixed Point

## Theorem (Brouwer Fixed Point)

Suppose  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a compact convex set,  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is a continuous map, then there exists a point  $p \in \Omega$ , such that  $f(p) = p$ .

## Proof.

Assume  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  has no fixed point, namely  $\forall p \in \Omega, f(p) \neq p$ . We construct  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \partial\Omega$ , a ray starting from  $f(p)$  through  $p$  and intersect  $\partial\Omega$  at  $g(p)$ ,  $g|_{\partial\Omega} = id$ .  $i$  is the inclusion map,  $(g \circ i) : \partial\Omega \rightarrow \partial\Omega$  is the identity,

$$\partial\Omega \xrightarrow{i} \Omega \xrightarrow{g} \partial\Omega$$

$(g \circ i)_{\#} : H_{n-1}(\partial\Omega, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial\Omega, \mathbb{Z})$  is  $z \mapsto z$ . But  $H_{n-1}(\Omega, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , then  $g_{\#} = 0$ . Contradiction. □

## Definition (Index of Fixed Point)

Suppose  $M$  is an  $n$ -dimensional topological space,  $p$  is a fixed point of  $f : M \rightarrow M$ . Choose a neighborhood  $p \in U \subset M$ ,  
 $f_* : H_{n-1}(\partial U, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(\partial U, \mathbb{Z})$ ,

$$f_* : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, z \mapsto \lambda z,$$

where  $\lambda$  is an integer, the algebraic index of  $p$ ,  $Ind(f, p) = \lambda$ .

# Lefschetz Fixed Point

Given a compact topological space  $M$ , and a continuous automorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M$ , it induces homomorphisms

$$f_{*k} : H_k(M, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_k(M, \mathbb{Z}),$$

each  $f_{*k}$  is represented as a matrix.

## Definition (Lefschetz Number)

The Lefschetz number of the automorphism  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is given by

$$\Lambda(f) := \sum_k (-1)^k \operatorname{Tr}(f_{*k} | H_k(M, \mathbb{Z})).$$

# Lefschetz Fixed Point

## Theorem (Lefschetz Fixed Point)

*Given a continuous automorphism of a compact topological space  $f : M \rightarrow M$ , if its Lefschetz number is non-zero, then there is a point  $p \in M$ ,  $f(p) = p$ .*

## Proof.

Triangulate  $M$ , use a simplicial map to approximate  $f$ , then

$$\sum_k (-1)^k \text{Tr}(f_k|C_k) = \sum_k (-1)^k \text{Tr}(f_k|H_k) = \Lambda(f). \quad (1)$$

If  $\Lambda(f) \neq 0$ ,  $\exists \sigma \in C_k$ ,  $f_k(\sigma) \subset \sigma$ , from Brouwer fixed point theorem, there is a fixed point  $p \in \sigma$ . □



# Lefschetz Fixed Point

## Lemma

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## Proof.

$C_k = C_k/Z_k \oplus Z_k$ ,  $Z_k$  is the closed chain space;  $Z_k = B_k \oplus H_k$ ,  $B_k$  is the exact chain space,  $H_k$  is the homology group.  $\partial_k : C_k/Z_k \rightarrow B_{k-1}$  is isomorphic.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_k/Z_k & \xrightarrow{f_k} & C_k/Z_k \\ \partial_k \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial_k \\ B_{k-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{k-1}} & B_{k-1} \end{array}$$



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The left hand side depends on the triangulation, the right hand side is independent.

## Proof.

$$\partial_k \circ f_k \circ \partial_k^{-1} = f_{k-1}, \quad \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|C_k/Z_k) = \operatorname{Tr}(f_{k-1}|B_{k-1}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|C_k) &= \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|C_k/Z_k) + \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|Z_k) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}(f_{k-1}|B_{k-1}) + \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|B_k) + \operatorname{Tr}(f_k|H_k) \end{aligned}$$



## Lemma

*Suppose  $M$  is a compact oriented surface with genus  $g$ ,  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is a continuous automorphism of  $M$ ,  $f$  is homotopic to the identity map of  $M$ , then the Lefschetz number of  $f$  equals to the Euler characteristic number of  $M$ ,*

$$\Gamma(f) = \chi(S).$$

## Proof.

We construct a triangulation of  $M$  and use a simplicial map to approximate the automorphism. Then

$$\Lambda(f) = \Lambda(\text{Id}) = |V| + |F| - |E| = \chi(S).$$



# Poincaré-Hopf Theorem

# Isolated Zero Point

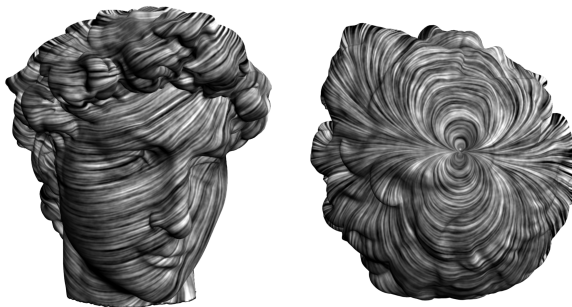
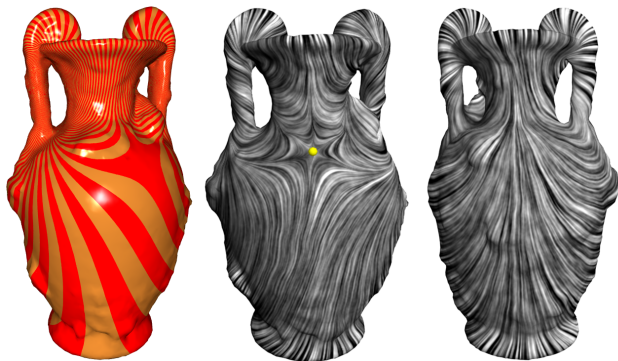


Figure: Isolated zero point.

## Definition (Isolated Zero)

Given a smooth tangent vector field  $\mathbf{v} : S \rightarrow TS$  on a smooth surface  $S$ ,  $p \in S$  is called a zero point, if  $\mathbf{v}(p) = \mathbf{0}$ . If there is a neighborhood  $U(p)$ , such that  $p$  is the unique zero in  $U(p)$ , then  $p$  is an isolated zero point.



## Definition (Zero Index)

Given a zero  $p \in Z(v)$ , choose a small disk  $B(p, \varepsilon)$  define a map  $\varphi : \partial B(p, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ ,  $q \mapsto \frac{\mathbf{v}(q)}{|\mathbf{v}(q)|}$ . This map induces a homomorphism  $\varphi_{\#} : \pi_1(\partial B) \rightarrow \pi_1(\mathbb{S}^1)$ ,  $\varphi_{\#}(z) = kz$ , where the integer  $k$  is called the index of the zero.

# Zero Index

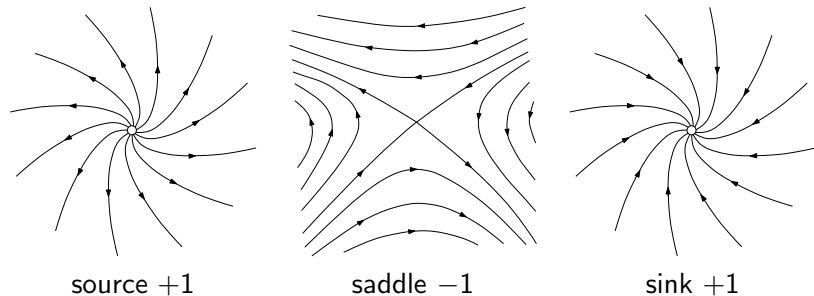


Figure: Indices of zero points.

## Theorem (Poincaré-Hopf Index)

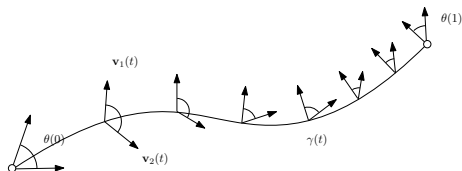
*Assume  $S$  is a compact, oriented smooth surface,  $v$  is a smooth tangent vector field with isolated zeros. If  $S$  has boundaries, then  $v$  point along the exterior normal direction, then we have*

$$\sum_{p \in Z(v)} \text{Index}_p(v) = \chi(S),$$

*where  $Z(v)$  is the set of all zeros,  $\chi(S)$  is the Euler characteristic number of  $S$ .*



# Poincaré-Hopf Theorem



## Proof.

Given two vector fields  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  with different isolated zeros. We construct a triangulation  $T$ , such that each face contains at most one zero. Define two 2-forms,  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ .

$$\Omega_k(\Delta) = \text{Index}_p(\mathbf{v}_k), \quad p \in \Delta \cap Z(\mathbf{v}_k), \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Along  $\gamma(t)$ ,  $\theta(t)$  is the angle from  $v_1 \circ \gamma(t)$  to  $v_2 \circ \gamma(t)$ . Define a one form,

$$\omega(\gamma) := \int_{\gamma} \dot{\theta}(\tau) d\tau.$$

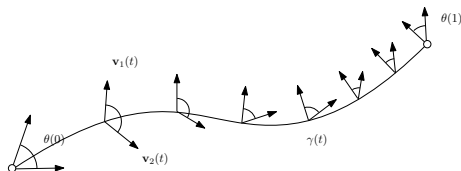
# Relation with Fixed Point Theorem

Given a smooth tangent vector field  $v$ , we can define a one parameter family of automorphisms,  $\varphi(p, t)$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \varphi(p, t)}{\partial t} = v \circ \varphi(p, t).$$

Then  $f_t : p \mapsto \varphi(p, t)$  is an automorphism homotopic to the identity. According to lemma 7, the total index of fixed points of  $f_t$  is  $\chi(S)$ . The fixed points of  $f_t$  corresponds to the zeros of  $v$  with the sample index.

# Poincaré-Hopf Theorem



continued.

Given a triangle  $\Delta$ , then the relative rotation of  $v_2$  about  $v_1$  is given by

$$\omega(\partial\Delta) = d\omega(\Delta)$$

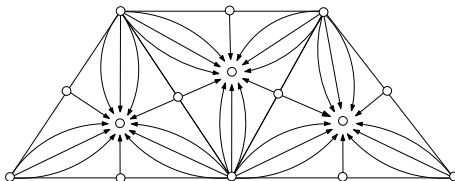
then we get

$$\Omega_2 - \Omega_1 = d\omega.$$

Therefore  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are cohomological. The total index of zeros of a vector field

$$\sum_{p \in V_k} \text{Index}_p(v_k) = \int_S \Omega_k$$

# Poincaré-Hopf Theorem



continued.

We construct a special vector field, then the total index of all the zeros is

$$\sum_{p \in Z(v)} \text{Index}_p(v) = |V| + |F| - |E| = \chi(S).$$



# Unit Tangent Bundle of the Sphere

# Smooth Manifold

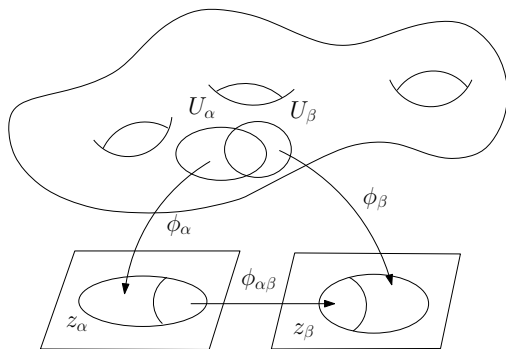


Figure: A manifold.

## Definition (Manifold)

A manifold is a topological space  $M$  covered by a set of open sets  $\{U_\alpha\}$ . A homeomorphism  $\phi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  maps  $U_\alpha$  to the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)$  is called a coordinate chart of  $M$ . The set of all charts  $\{(U_\alpha, \phi_\alpha)\}$  form the atlas of  $M$ . Suppose  $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$ , then

$$\phi_{\alpha\beta} = \phi_\beta \circ \phi_\alpha^{-1} : \phi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \rightarrow \phi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

is a transition map.

If all transition maps  $\phi_{\alpha\beta} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are smooth, then the manifold is a differential manifold or a smooth manifold.

# Tangent Space

## Definition (Tangent Vector)

A tangent vector  $\xi$  at the point  $p$  is an association to every coordinate chart  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)$  at  $p$  an  $n$ -tuple  $(\xi^1, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^n)$  of real numbers, such that if  $(\tilde{\xi}^1, \tilde{\xi}^2, \dots, \tilde{\xi}^n)$  is associated with another coordinate system  $(\tilde{x}^1, \tilde{x}^2, \dots, \tilde{x}^n)$ , then it satisfies the transition rule

$$\tilde{\xi}^i = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^j}(p) \xi^j.$$

A smooth vector field  $\xi$  assigns a tangent vector for each point of  $M$ , it has local representation

$$\xi(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}.$$

$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right\}$  represents the vector fields of the velocities of iso-parametric curves on  $M$ . They form a basis of all vector fields.



## Definition (Push-forward)

Suppose  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is a differential map from  $M$  to  $N$ ,  $\gamma : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$  is a curve,  $\gamma(0) = p$ ,  $\gamma'(0) = \mathbf{v} \in T_p M$ , then  $\phi \circ \gamma$  is a curve on  $N$ ,  $\phi \circ \gamma(0) = \phi(p)$ , we define the tangent vector

$$\phi_*(\mathbf{v}) = (\phi \circ \gamma)'(0) \in T_{\phi(p)} N,$$

as the push-forward tangent vector of  $\mathbf{v}$  induced by  $\phi$ .

## Definition (UTM)

The unit tangent bundle of the unit sphere is the manifold

$$UTM(S) := \{(p, v) \mid p \in S, v \in T_p(S), |v|_{\mathbf{g}} = 1\}.$$

The unit tangent bundle of a surface is a 3-dimensional manifold. We want to compute its triangulation and its fundamental group.

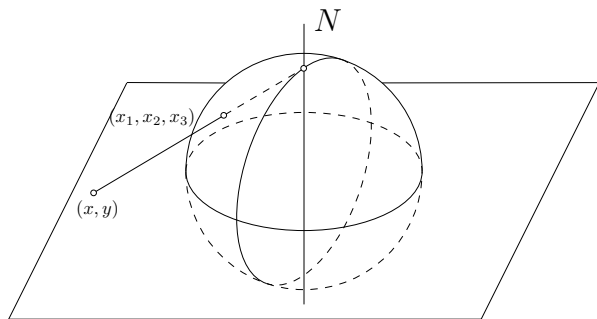


Figure: Stereographic projection

$$(x, y) = \left( \frac{x_1}{1 - x_3}, \frac{x_2}{1 - x_3} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(x, y) = (x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left( \frac{2x}{1 + x^2 + y^2}, \frac{2y}{1 + x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-1 + x^2 + y^2}{1 + x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_x = \partial_x = \frac{2}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} (1-x^2+y^2, -2xy, 2x)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_y = \partial_y = \frac{2}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} (-2xy, 1+x^2-y^2, 2y)$$

$$\langle \partial_x, \partial_x \rangle = \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\langle \partial_y, \partial_y \rangle = \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\langle \partial_x, \partial_y \rangle = 0$$

# Unit Tangent Bundle of the Sphere

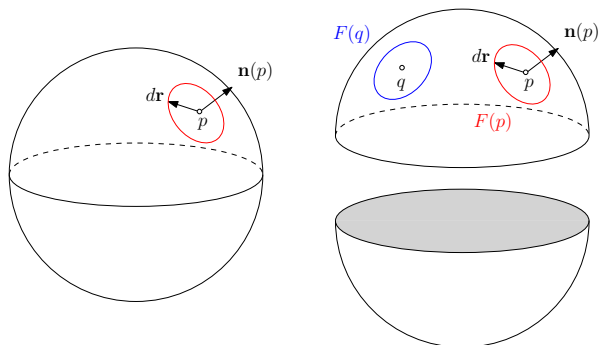


Figure: Unit tangent bundle.

A tangent vector at  $\mathbf{r}(x, y)$  is given by:  $d\mathbf{r}(x, y) = \mathbf{r}_x(x, y)dx + \mathbf{r}_y(x, y)dy$ .  
On the equator

$$((x, y), (dx, dy)) = ((\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\cos \tau, \sin \tau)).$$

# Unit Tangent Bundle of the Sphere

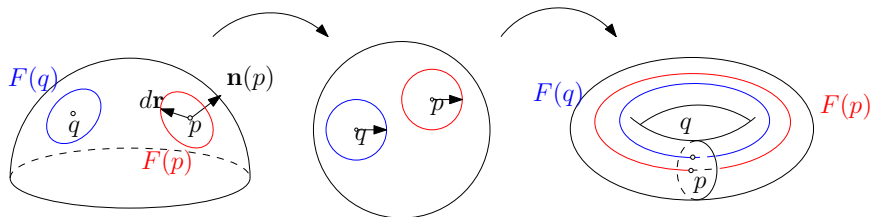


Figure: Unit tangent bundle.

The unit tangent bundle of a hemisphere is a direct product  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{D}^2$ , where  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is the fiber of each point,  $\mathbb{D}^2$  is the hemisphere. The boundary of the UTM of the hemisphere is a torus  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \partial\mathbb{D}^2$ .

$$(u, v) = \left( \frac{x_1}{1+x_3}, \frac{-x_2}{1+x_3} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left( \frac{2u}{1+u^2+v^2}, \frac{-2v}{1+u^2+v^2}, \frac{1-u^2-v^2}{1+u^2+v^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \partial_u = \frac{2}{(1+u^2+v^2)^2} (1-u^2+v^2, 2uv, -2u)$$

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$$\langle \partial_u, \partial_u \rangle = \frac{4}{(1+u^2+v^2)^2}$$

$$\langle \partial_v, \partial_v \rangle = \frac{4}{(1+u^2+v^2)^2}$$

$$\langle \partial_u, \partial_v \rangle = 0$$

# Chart transition

Let  $z = x + iy$  and  $w = u + iv$ , Then

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x_1 - ix_2}{1 - x_3} : \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1 - x_3)^2} = \frac{x_1 - ix_2}{1 + x_3} = w.$$

Therefore  $dw = -\frac{1}{z^2} dz$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} du \\ dv \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix}$$

this gives the Jacobi matrix,

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \begin{bmatrix} y^2 - x^2 & -2xy \\ 2xy & y^2 - x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Construct the unit tangent bundle of the sphere. The unit tangent bundle of the upper hemisphere is a solid torus, the unit tangent bundle of the lower hemisphere is also a solid torus. The unit tangent bundle of the equator is a torus,  $\varphi : (z, dz) \mapsto (w, dw)$ ,  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $dz = e^{i\tau}$ ,

$$\varphi : (z, dz) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{z}, -\frac{1}{z^2} dz \right), (\theta, \tau) \mapsto (-\theta, \pi - 2\theta + \tau)$$

# Automorphism of the Torus

$$\varphi : (\tau, \theta) \mapsto (\tau - 2\theta + \pi, -\theta)$$

$\varphi$	$(\tau, \theta)$	$(\tau', \theta')$
A	$(0, 0)$	$(\pi, 0)$
B	$(2\pi, 0)$	$(3\pi, 0)$
C	$(2\pi, 2\pi)$	$(-\pi, -2\pi)$
D	$(0, 2\pi)$	$(-3\pi, -2\pi)$

Table: Corresponding corner points.

# Torus Automorphism on UCS

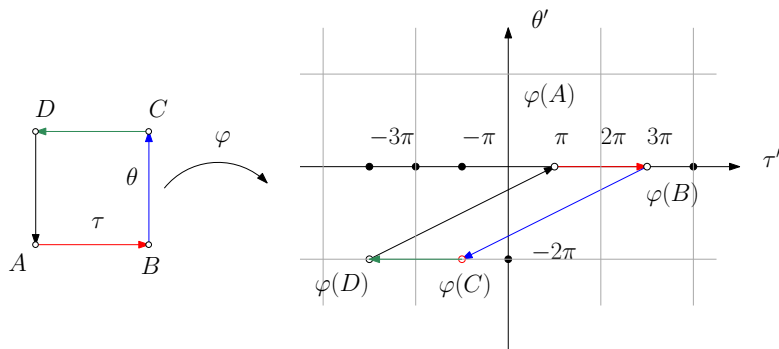


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This induces an automorphism of the fundamental group of the torus,  
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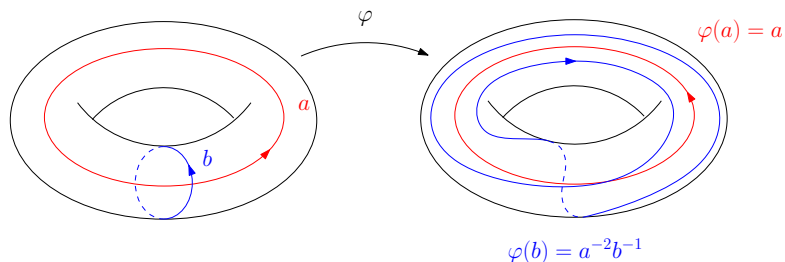
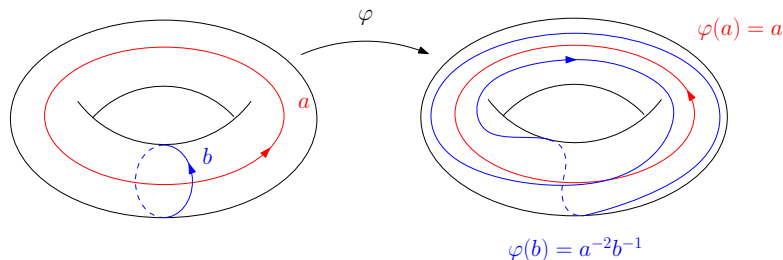


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# Torus Automorphism on UCS



$\pi_1(M_1) = \langle a_1 \rangle$ ,  $\pi_1(M_2) = \langle a_2 \rangle$ ,  $M_1 \cap M_2 = T^2$ ,  $\pi_1(T^2) = \langle a, b | [a, b] \rangle$ ,  
then the  $\pi_1$  of the unit tangent bundle is

$$\pi_1(M_1 \cup M_2) = \langle a_1, a_2 | a_1 a_2, a_2^{-2} b_2^{-1} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

# Obstruction Class

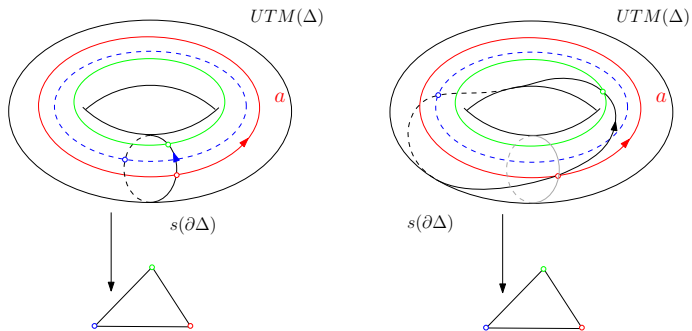


Figure: Local obstruction.

# Obstruction Class

The topological obstruction for the existence of global section

$\varphi : \mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow UTM(\mathbb{S}^2)$  is constructed as follows:

- 1 Construct a triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$ , which is refined enough such that the fiber bundle of each face is trivial (direct product).
- 2 For each vertex  $v_i$ , choose a point on its fiber,  $\varphi(v_i) \in F(v_i)$
- 3 For each edge  $[v_i, v_j]$ , choose a curve connecting  $\varphi(v_i)$  and  $\varphi(v_j)$  in the restriction of the UTM on  $[v_i, v_j]$ , which is annulus;
- 4 For each face  $\Delta$ ,  $\varphi(\partial\Delta)$  is a loop in the fiber bundle of  $\Delta$ ,  $[\varphi(\partial\Delta)]$  is an integer, an element in  $\pi_1(UTM(\Delta))$ , this gives a 2-form  $\Omega$  on the original surface  $M$ ,

$$\Omega(\Delta) = [\varphi(\partial\Delta)].$$

- 5 If  $\Omega$  is zero, then global section exists. Otherwise doesn't exist.
- 6 Different constructions get different  $\Omega$ 's, but all of them are cohomological. Therefore  $[\Omega] \in H^2(M, \mathbb{R})$  is the characteristic class of fiber bundle.

# Obstruction Class

## Lemma

Given two sections  $\varphi, \bar{\varphi} : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow UTM(S)$ , they induces two 2-forms  $\Omega_2, \bar{\Omega}_2$ . Then there exists a 1-form  $h$ , such that

$$\forall \sigma^2, \quad \delta h(\sigma^2) = \Omega^2(\sigma^2) - \bar{\Omega}^2(\sigma^2).$$

## Proof.

$\forall \sigma_a^0 \in B^{(0)}$ , construct a path in the fiber  $p_a : [0, 1] \rightarrow F$ , such that

$$p_a(0) = \bar{\varphi}(\sigma_a^0), \quad p_a(1) = \varphi(\sigma_a^0)$$

Given a 1-simplex  $\sigma_a^1$ , with boundary  $\partial\sigma_a^1 = \sigma_j^1 - \sigma_i^1$ , construct a loop

$$l_a = p_i \varphi(\sigma_a^1) p_j^{-1} \bar{\varphi}(\sigma_a^1)^{-1}.$$





# Obstruction Class

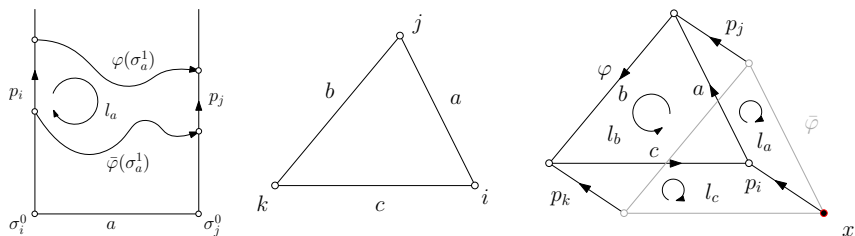


Figure: Denote  $a = \varphi(\sigma_a^1)$ ,  $b = \varphi(\sigma_b^1)$  and  $c = \varphi(\sigma_c^1)$ .

$$l_a := p_i \varphi(\sigma_a^1) p_j^{-1} \bar{\varphi}(\sigma_a^1)^{-1} = p_i a p_j^{-1} \bar{a}^{-1}$$

$$l_b := p_j b p_k^{-1} \bar{b}^{-1} \sim \bar{a} p_j b p_k^{-1} \bar{b}^{-1} \bar{a}^{-1}$$

$$l_c := p_k c p_i^{-1} \bar{c}^{-1} \sim \bar{a} \bar{b} p_k c p_i^{-1} \bar{c}^{-1} \bar{b}^{-1} \bar{a}^{-1}$$

continued

$$\begin{aligned}[l_a][l_b][l_c] &= (iaj^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1})(\bar{a}j b k^{-1}\bar{b}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1})(\bar{a}\bar{b}kci^{-1}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1}) \\ &= iaj^{-1}j b k^{-1}kci^{-1}\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1} \\ &= (iabc i^{-1})(\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\delta h(\sigma^2) &= [l_a][l_b][l_c] \\ &= [iabc i^{-1}][\bar{c}^{-1}\bar{b}^{-1}\bar{a}^{-1}] \\ &= [abc][(\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{c})]^{-1} \\ &= C_2(\sigma^2)(\bar{C}(\sigma^2))^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

