

**INTRODUCTION TO  
COMPUTATIONAL  
TOPOLOGY**

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# ADMINISTRIVIA

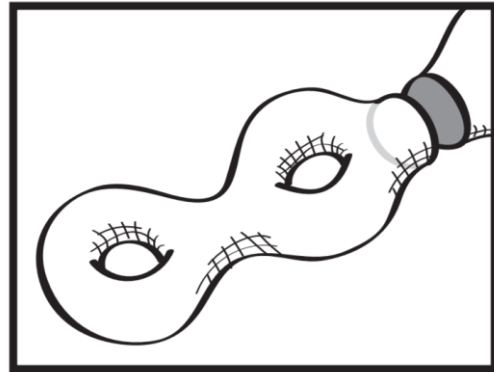
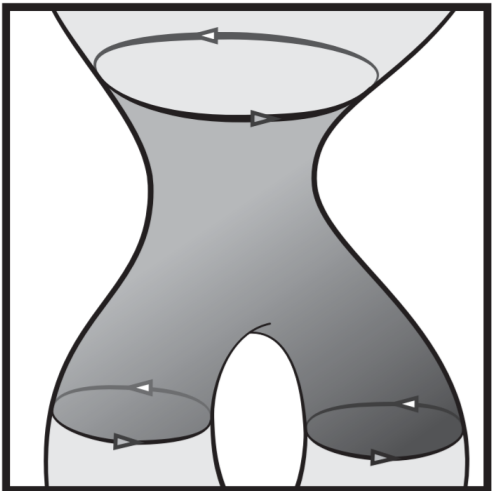
- Homework  $\beta$  is out, due 11/15

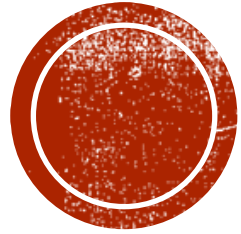


# HOMOLOGY GROUPS

- Simplicial homology group

$$\begin{aligned} H_n(X) &= Z_n(X) / B_n(X) \\ &= \ker \partial_n / \operatorname{im} \partial_{n+1} \\ &= \text{Cycles} / \text{Boundaries} \end{aligned}$$





# EULER CHARACTERISTIC REDUX



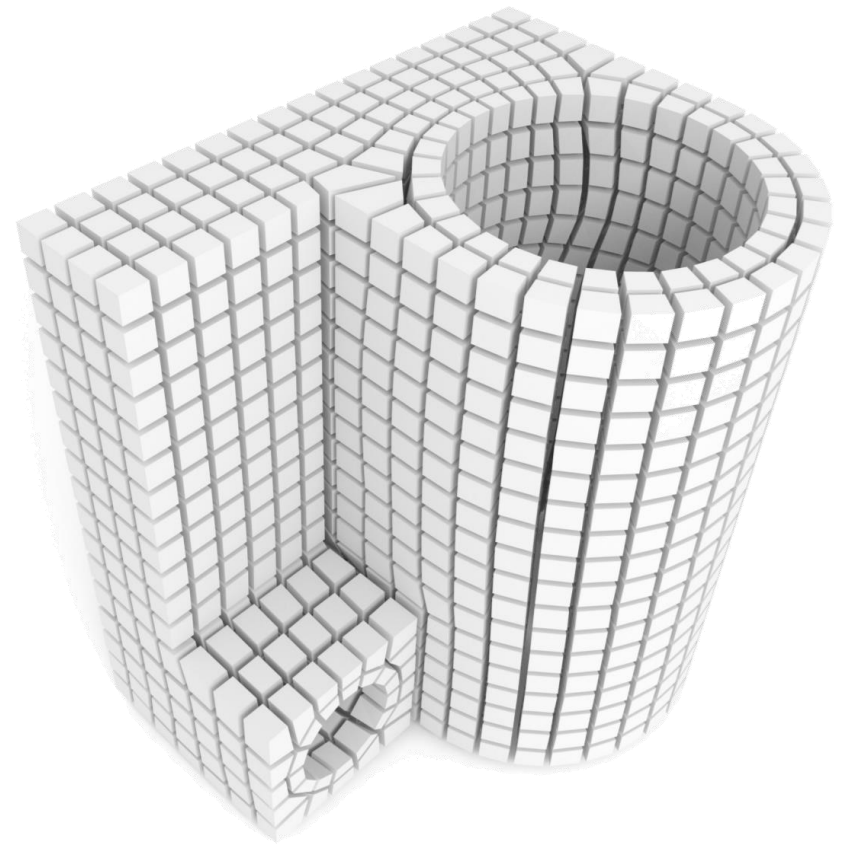
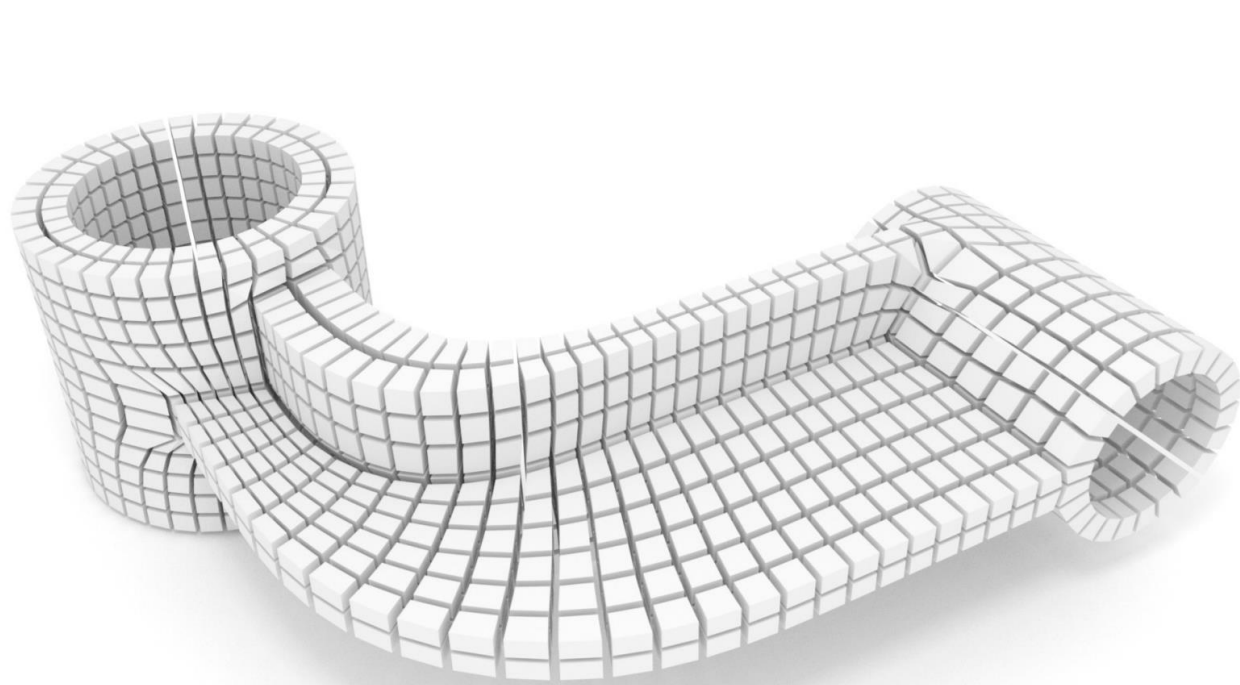
# DIMENSION

- Betti numbers  $\beta_n$ :  $\dim H_n(X)$   
 $H_0(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{Z}$      $H_1(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{Z}^2$      $H_2(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{Z}$   
 $H_0(K) = \mathbb{Z}$      $H_1(K) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$      $H_2(K) = \mathbb{Z}$

- **THEOREM.** Betti numbers for 3d complex can be computed in linear\* time.

[Delfinado-Edelsbrunner 1995]

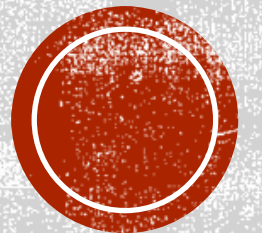




[Liu-Zhang-Chien-Soloman-Bommes 2018]

## EULER-POINCARÉ FORMULA

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \cdot \dim C_n(X) = \chi(X) = \sum_n (-1)^n \cdot \dim H_n(X)$$



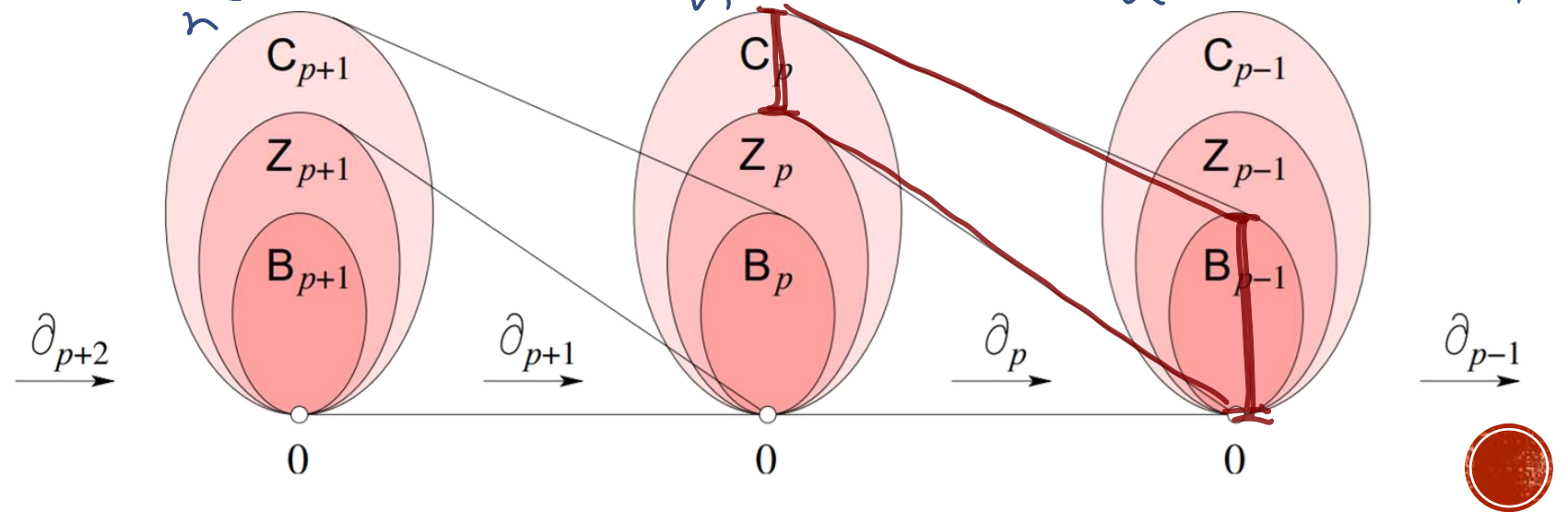
# PROOF OF EULER-POINCARÉ THEOREM.

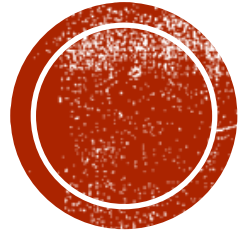
$$\dim C_n = \dim Z_n + \dim B_{n-1} = \dim H_n + \dim B_n + \dim B_{n-1}$$

$$\dim H_n = \dim Z_n - \dim B_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\Sigma) &= \sum_n (-1)^n \dim C_n = \sum_n (-1)^n (\dim H_n + \dim B_n + \dim B_{n-1}) \\ &= \sum_n (-1)^n \dim H_n + \sum_n (-1)^n \dim B_n - \sum_n (-1)^n \dim B_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_n (-1)^n \dim H_n \\ &+ \cancel{\dim B_{-1}} \\ &+ \cancel{\dim B_N} \end{aligned}$$





# COMPUTING HOMOLOGY USING LONG EXACT SEQUENCE



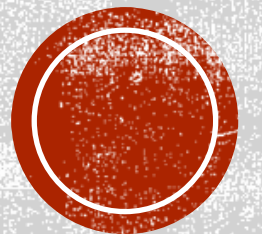




# BROUWER FIXED-POINT THEOREM

[Bohl 1904] [Brouwer 1909]

Every map  $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$  has a fixed point



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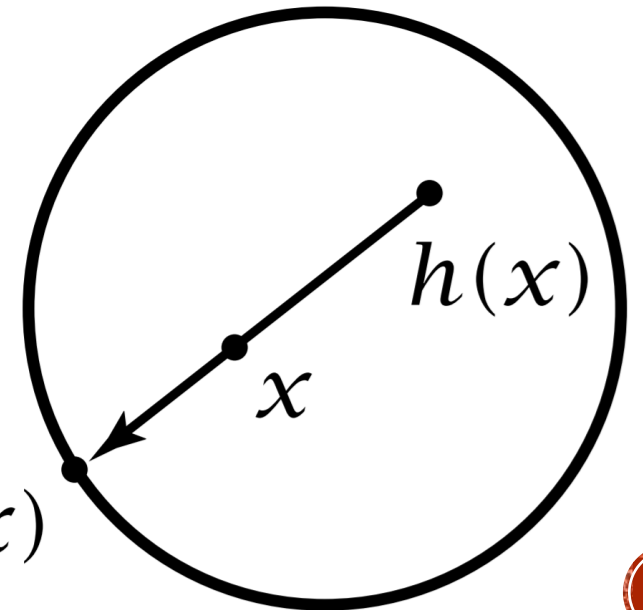
$h: D^n \rightarrow D^n$  has no fix-pt.

$r(x) :=$  intersection of ray  $\overrightarrow{h(x)x}$  &  $\partial D^n \cong S^{n-1}$

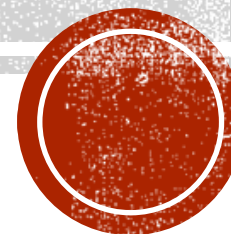
$r$  is a retraction.  $\partial D^n \xrightarrow{i} D^n \xrightarrow{r} \partial D^n$   $i \circ r = \text{id}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H_{n-1}(\partial D^n) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_{n-1}(D^n) & \xrightarrow{r_*} & H_{n-1}(\partial D^n) \\
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 \end{array}$$

How do we know?

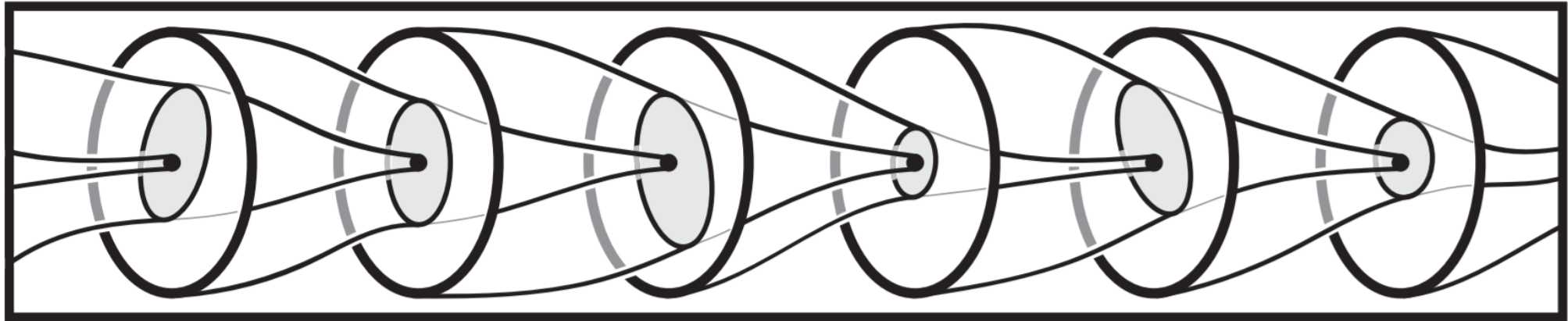


**WHY IS  $H^{n-1}(S^{n-1}) = \mathbb{Z}$ ?**



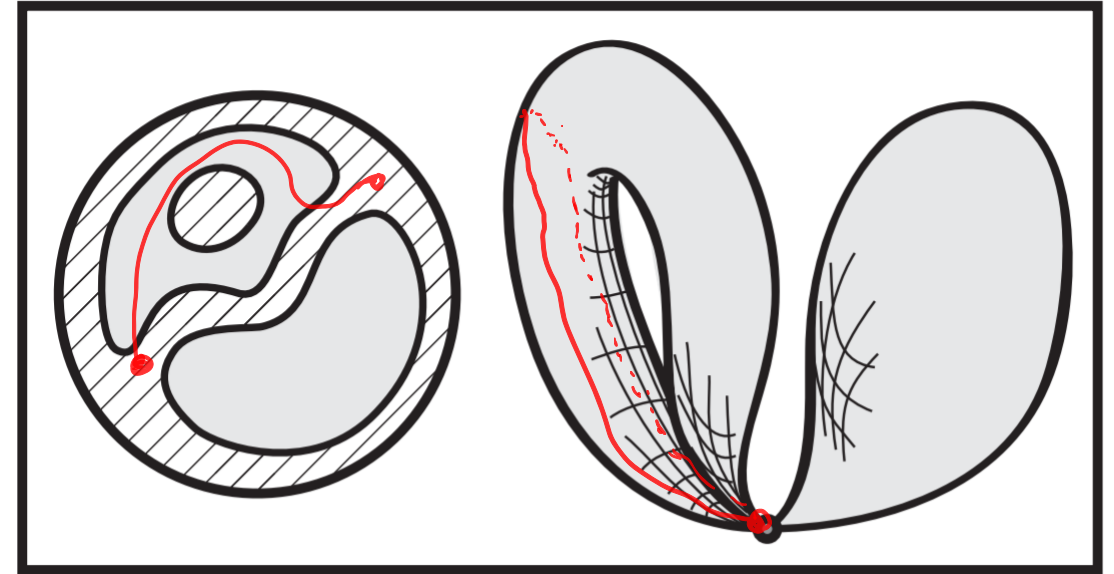
# EXACT SEQUENCE

- $\dots \rightarrow A_{n+1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{n+1}} A_n \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} A_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots$  is **exact** if
  - $\ker \alpha_n = \text{im } \alpha_{n+1}$  for all  $n$



# RELATIVE HOMOLOGY

- $C_n(X, A) = C_n(X) / C_n(A)$
- $\partial_n: C_n(X, A) \rightarrow C_{n-1}(X, A)$



- **THEOREM.** If  $A$  is a closed subcomplex of  $X$ , then

$$H_n(X, A) = H_n(X/A) \quad \text{if } n > 0.$$



# CONNECTING MAP

•  $\partial_*: H_n(X, A) \rightarrow H_{n-1}(A)$

$[\gamma] \in H_n(X, A)$

$\exists \beta \in C_n(X) : j(\beta) = \gamma$

$\partial \gamma = \partial j(\beta) = j(\partial \beta) = 0$

Thus  $\exists \alpha \in C_{n-1}(A) : i(\alpha) = \partial \beta$

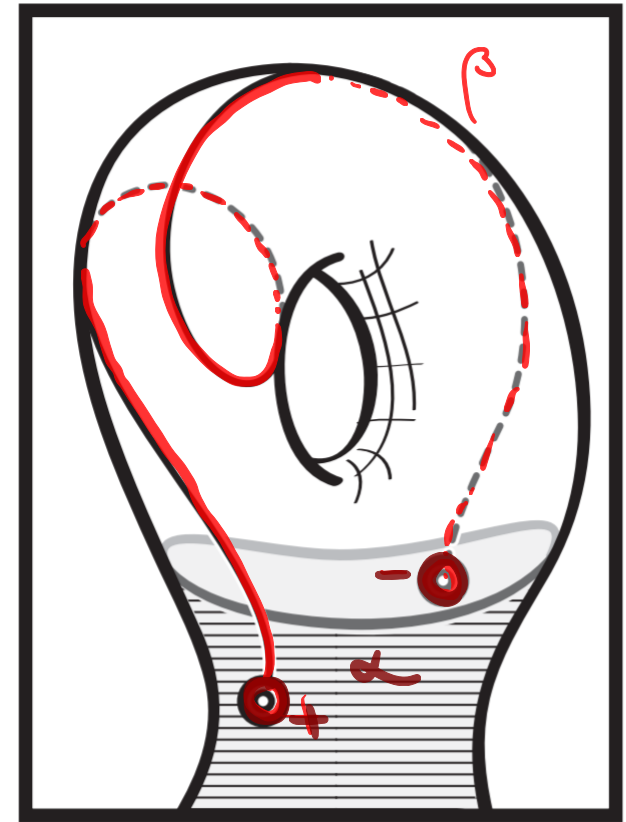
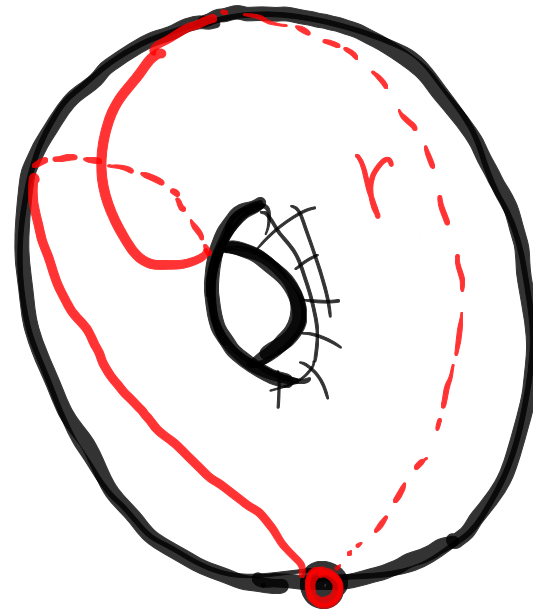
Define  $\partial_*[\gamma] := [\alpha]$

"Snake Lemma":

$X/A$

$$0 \rightarrow C_n(A) \xrightarrow{i} C_n(X) \xrightarrow{j} C_n(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow C_{n-1}(A) \xrightarrow{i} C_{n-1}(X) \xrightarrow{j} C_{n-1}(X, A) \rightarrow 0$$



$$A \xrightarrow{i} X \xrightarrow{j} (X, A)$$



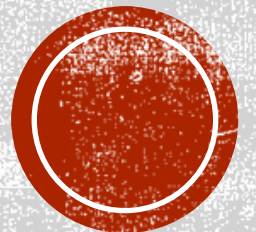
### 329. Witold Hurewicz: *On duality theorems.*

Let  $A$  be a locally compact space,  $B$  a closed subset of  $A$ , and  $H^n(A)$ ,  $H^n(B)$ ,  $H^n(A-B)$  the  $n$ -dimensional cohomology groups of the sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $A-B$  (with integers as coefficients). Consider "natural homomorphisms"  $H^n(A) \rightarrow H^n(B) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(A-B) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(A) \rightarrow H^{n+1}(A-B)$ . It can be shown that the kernel of each of these homomorphisms is the image of the preceding homomorphism. This statement contains Kolmogoroff's generalization of Alexander's duality theorem and has many applications. Using the preceding theorem one can prove: If  $A$  and  $B$  are compact spaces of dimensions  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, the necessary and sufficient condition that the topological product  $A \times B$  be of dimension  $n+m$  is the existence of an open set  $U \subset A$  and an open set  $V \subset B$  such that  $H^n(U)$  and  $H^m(V)$  contain elements  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfying the following conditions: If the integer  $d$  is a factor of the order of  $\alpha$ , then  $\beta \neq 0$  modulo  $d$  (that is, there is no element  $\gamma$  of  $H^m(V)$  satisfying  $\beta = d\gamma$ ); if the integer  $e$  is a factor of the order of  $\beta$ , then  $\alpha \neq 0$  modulo  $e$ . (Received May 3, 1941.)

## LONG EXACT SEQUENCE [Hurewicz 1941]

$$\dots \rightarrow H_n(\mathbb{A}) \xrightarrow{i_*} H_n(X) \xrightarrow{j_*} H_n(X, \mathbb{A}) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} H_{n-1}(\mathbb{A}) \rightarrow \dots$$

is an exact sequence



# EXACT SEQ. OF BALL & SPHERE

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \rightarrow H_3(\partial D^3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{z}_*} H_3(D^3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{j}_*} H_3(D^3/\partial D^3) \\ \downarrow \tilde{z}_* \quad \downarrow \tilde{j}_* \\ \dots \rightarrow H_2(\partial D^3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{z}_*} H_2(D^3) \xrightarrow{\tilde{j}_*} H_2(D^3/\partial D^3) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \boxed{H_3(D^3/\partial D^3)} \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} \boxed{H_2(\partial D^3)} \rightarrow \textcircled{0}$$

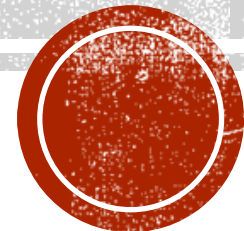
$$\dots \cong \underbrace{H_3(S^3)}_{\text{exact seq.}} \cong \underbrace{H_2(S^2)}_{\text{inclusion}} \cong \underbrace{H_1(S^1)}_{\text{already proved.}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

Claim. Any exact  $\textcircled{0} \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \textcircled{0}$  implies  $A \cong B$ .



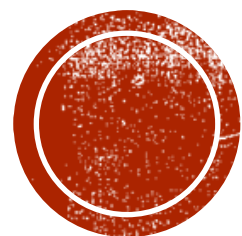


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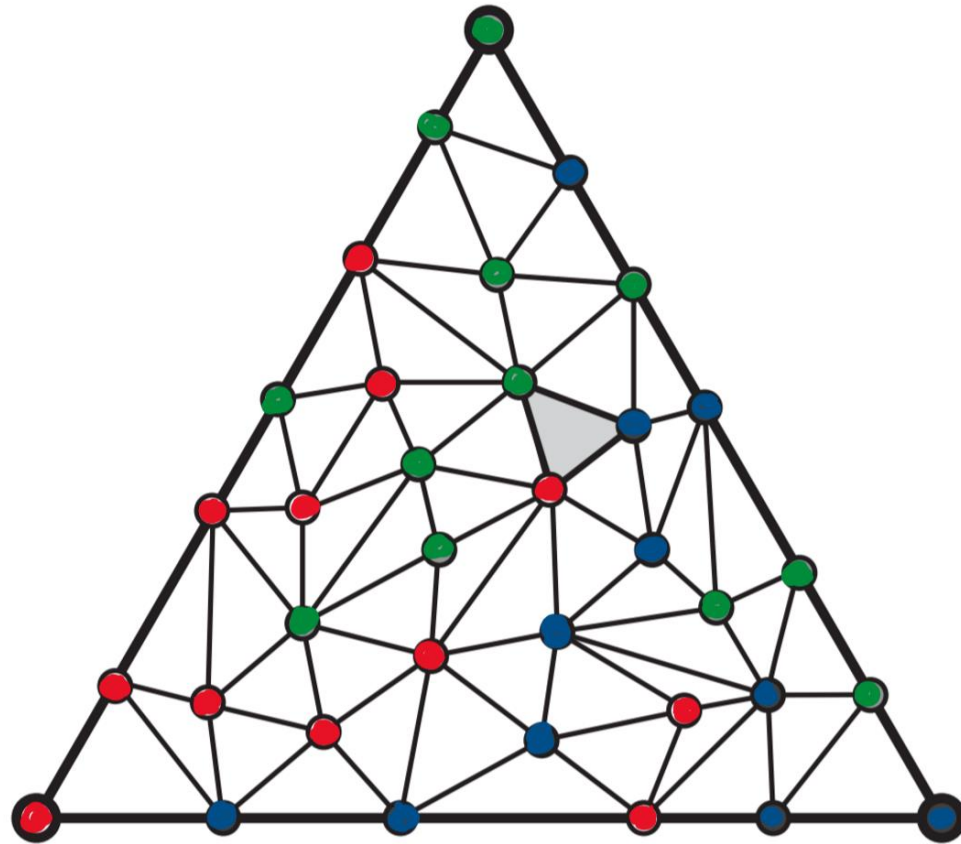
**FOOD FOR THOUGHT.**

**Hmm. Is this actually a math course in disguise? (Yes.)**



# **FIXED-POINT THEOREMS**

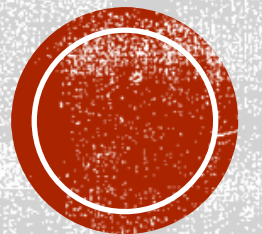




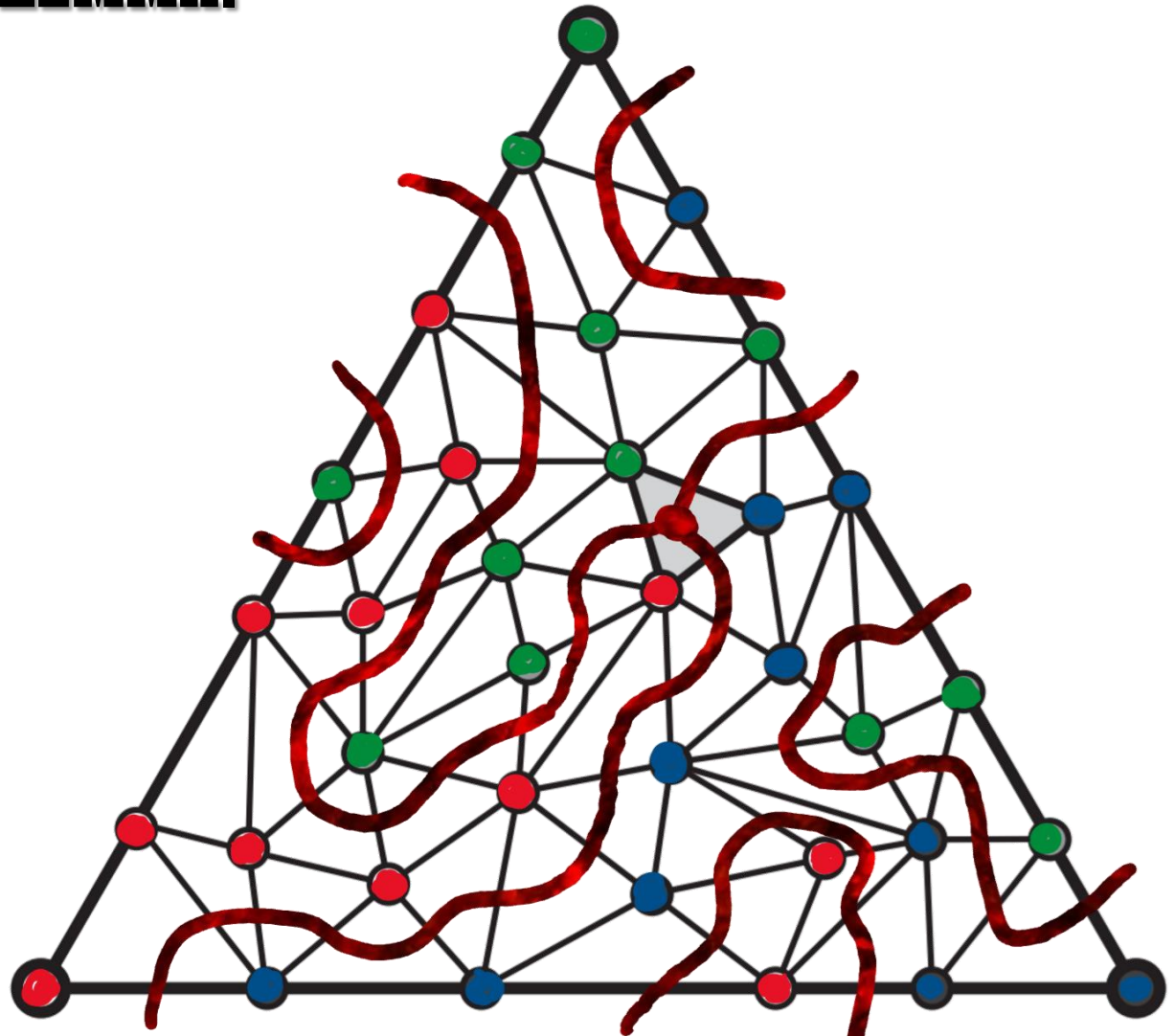
# SPERNER'S LEMMA

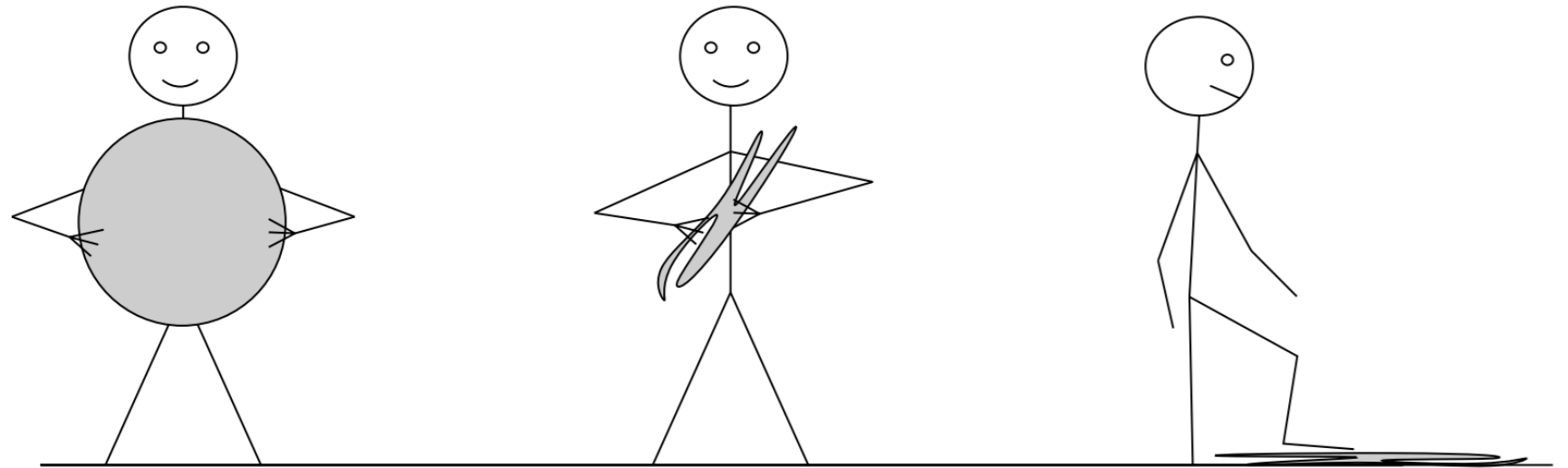
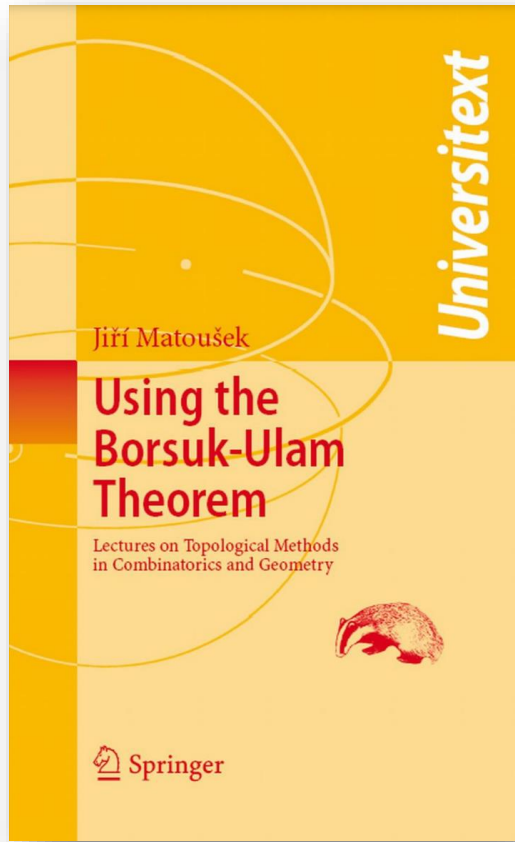
[Sperner 1928] [Knaster–Kuratowski–Mazurkiewicz 1929]

Every properly  $[d]$ -colored triangulation of  $\Delta^d$   
contains a simplex with all the colors



# PROOF OF 2D SPERNER'S LEMMA.





# BORSUK-ULAM THEOREM

[Borsuk 1933]

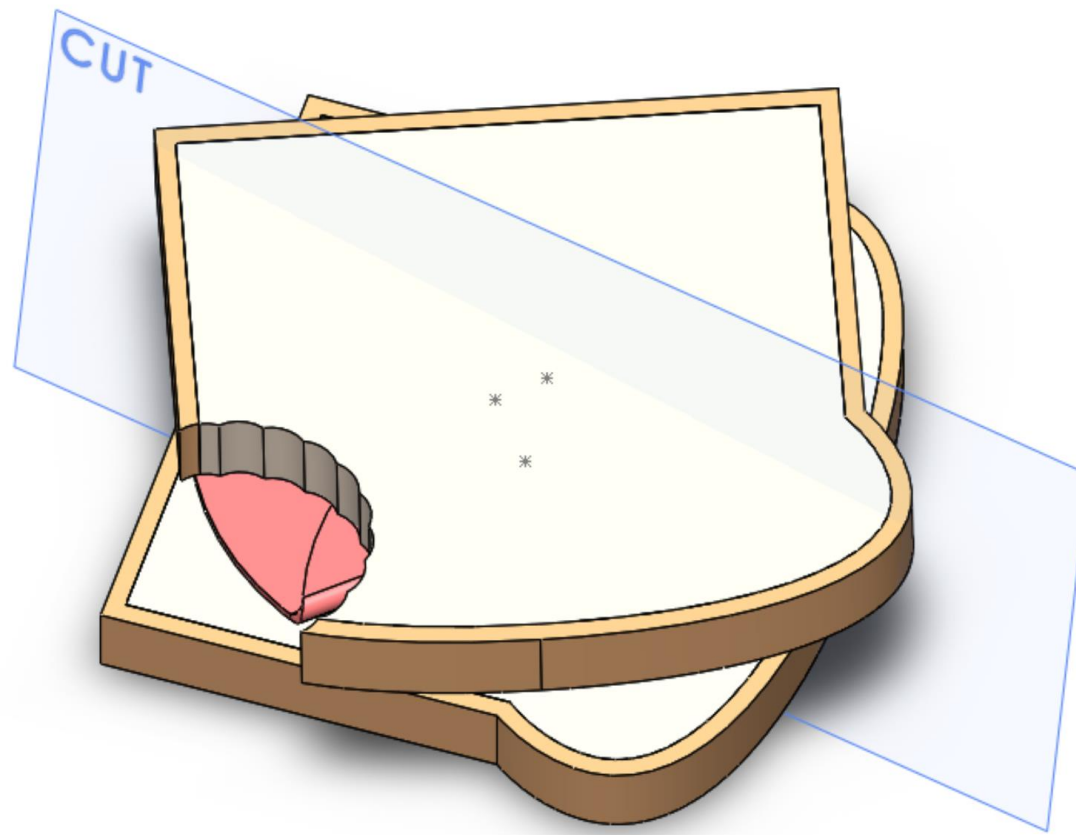
Every map  $f: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  has a point  $x$  where  
 $f(x) = f(-x)$



# EQUIVALENT FORMULATIONS

- Every map  $f: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that is antipodal has a point  $x$  where  $f(x) = 0$
- There is no antipodal map  $g: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$
- There is no map  $h: D^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$  that is antipodal on  $\partial D^n$

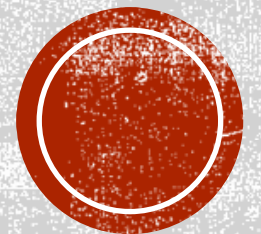




# HAM SANDWICH THEOREM

[Banach 1938] [Stone-Tukey 1942]

A ham sandwich has a straight cut that divides the ham and two breads evenly



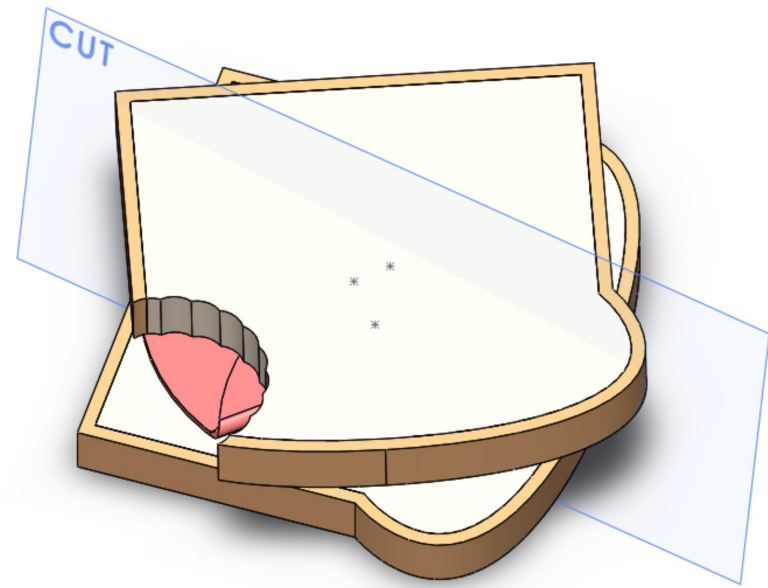
# PROOF OF HAM SANDWICH THEOREM.

$$f: S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$

$$\frac{\alpha_1}{c}x + \frac{\alpha_2}{c}y + \frac{\alpha_3}{c}z = \frac{1}{c}$$

$f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) := (\text{bread, ham, cheese})$   
on one side of the cut.

$f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = f(-\alpha_1, -\alpha_2, -\alpha_3)$  by Borsuk-Ulam.

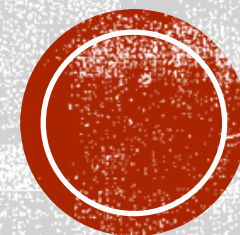






## NECKLACE SPLITTING THEOREM [Alon-West 1986]

Every (open) necklace with  $d$  colors of jewels can be divided between two thieves using at most  $d$  cuts



# PROOF OF NECKLACE SPLITTING THEOREM.

Moment curve  $(t, t^2, t^3) \dots t^d$   
 $\dots + \alpha_d x^d$

$$\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 y + \alpha_3 z = 1$$

$$\alpha_1 t + \alpha_2 t^2 + \alpha_3 t^3 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  hyperplane  $\cap$  moment curve at most  $\frac{d}{3}$  times.

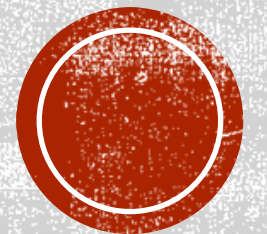




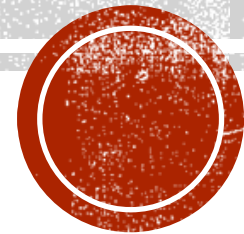
## SPICY CHICKEN THEOREM

[Karasev-Hubard-Aronov 2014]

A spicy fat chicken can be cut into  $p$  pieces,  
each with equal amount of meat and spice



# **FAIR PARTITIONING THROUGH TOPOLOGY TOOLS**



**NEXT TIME.**

**More homology in action, on data analysis**