

Fixed Point, Hopf-Poincarè Index Theorem, Characteristic Class

David Gu

Yau Mathematics Science Center
Tsinghua University
Computer Science Department
Stony Brook University

gu@cs.stonybrook.edu

July 11, 2020

Fixed Point

Brouwer Fixed Point

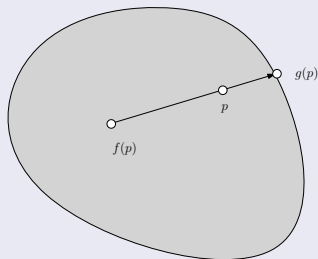


Figure: Brouwer fixed point.

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 λ is an integer, the algebraic index of p , $\text{Ind}(f, p) = \lambda$.

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

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

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.

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



Lefschetz Fixed Point

Lemma

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

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

Proof.

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

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



Poincaré-Hopf Theorem

Isolated Zero Point

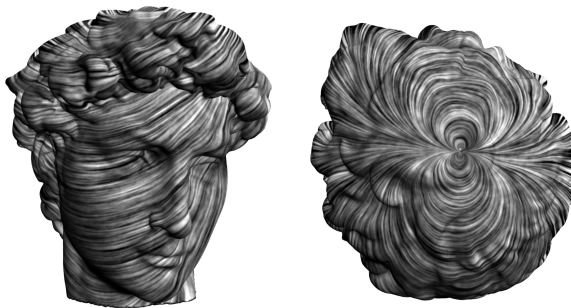
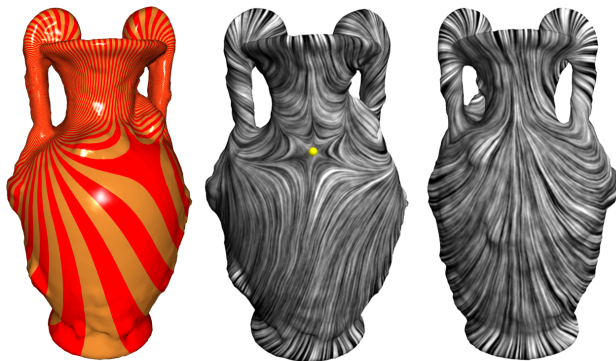


Figure: Isolated zero point.

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.

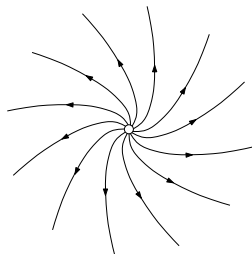
Zero Index



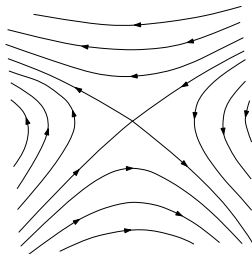
Definition (Zero Index)

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.

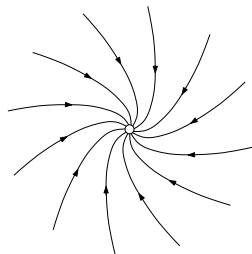
Zero Index



source $+1$



saddle -1



sink -1

Figure: Indices of zero points.

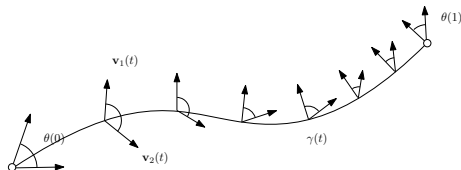
Theorem (Poincaré-Hopf Index)

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.

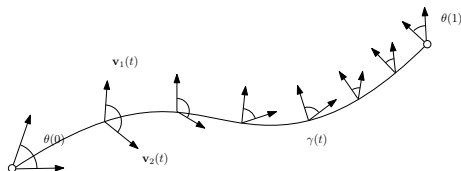
Given two vector fields v_1 and v_2 with different isolated zeros. We construct a triangulation T , such that each face contains at most one zero. Define two 2-forms, Ω_1 and Ω_2 .

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

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

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

Poincaré-Hopf Theorem



continued.

Given a triangle Δ , then the relative rotation of v_2 about v_1 is given by

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

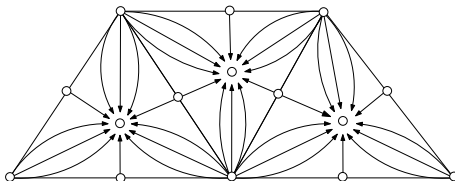
then we get

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

Therefore Ω_1 and Ω_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

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



Unit Tangent Bundle of the Sphere

Smooth Manifold

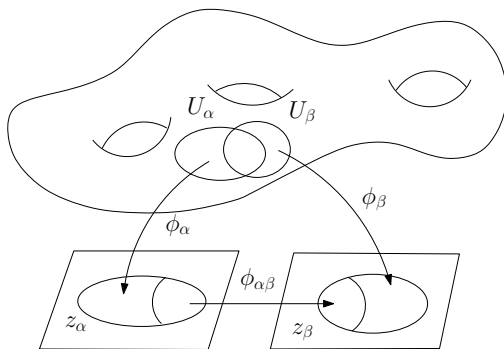


Figure: A manifold.

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_α to the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n . (U_α, ϕ_α) 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 ξ 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 ξ assigns a tangent vector for each point of M , it has local representation

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

$\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\}$ 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 ϕ .

Unit Tangent Bundle

Definition (UTM)

The unit tangent bundle of the unit sphere is the manifold

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

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

Sphere

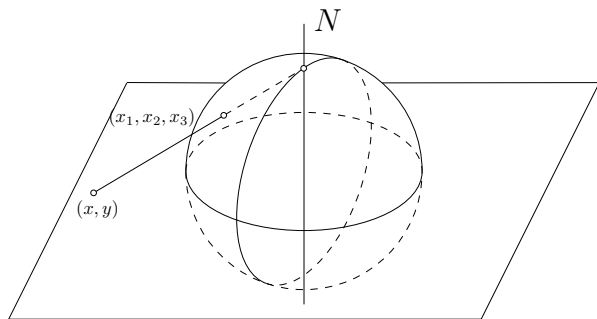


Figure: Stereo-graphic projection

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unit Tangent Bundle of the Sphere

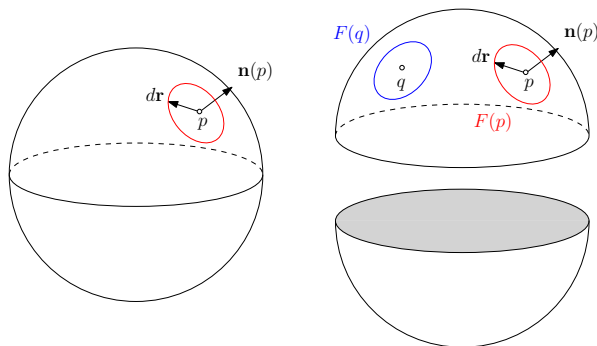


Figure: Unit tangent bundle.

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

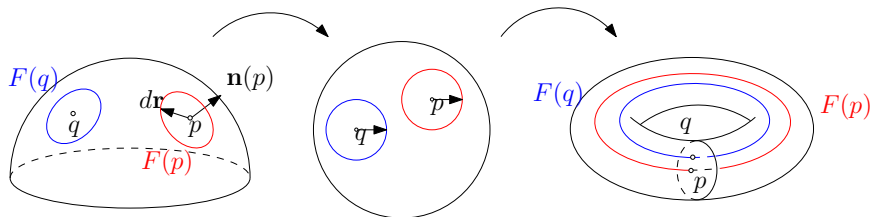


Figure: Unit tangent bundle.

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 $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \partial\mathbb{D}^2$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

φ	(τ, θ)	(τ', θ')
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: Caption

Torus Automorphism on UCS

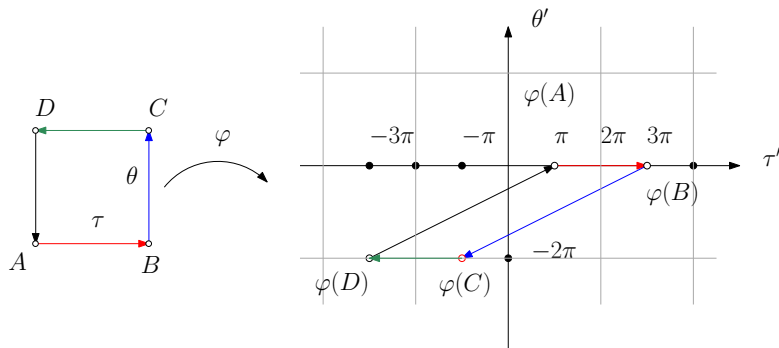


Figure: Torus automorphism.

This induces an automorphism of the fundamental group of the torus,
 $\varphi_{\#} : \pi_1(T^2) \rightarrow \pi_1(T^2),$

$$\varphi_{\#} : a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto a^{-2}b^{-1}.$$

Torus Automorphism on UCS

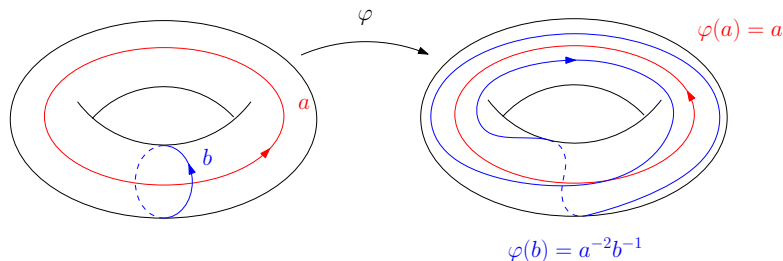
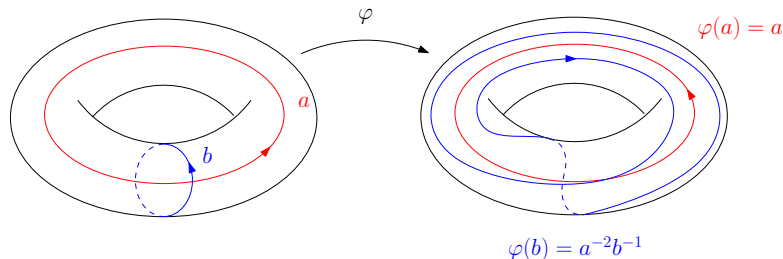


Figure: Torus automorphism.

This induces an automorphism of the fundamental group of the torus,
 $\varphi_{\#} : \pi_1(T^2) \rightarrow \pi_1(T^2)$,

$$\varphi_{\#} : a \mapsto a, \quad b \mapsto a^{-2}b^{-1}.$$

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 π_1 of the unit tangent bundle is

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