

**Problem 1.** Prove the Brouwer fixed point theorem for maps  $f : D^n \rightarrow D^n$  by applying degree theory to the map  $S^n \rightarrow S^n$  that sends both the northern and southern hemispheres of  $S^n$  to the southern hemisphere via  $f$ . [This was Brouwer's original proof.]

*Proof.*

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**Problem 2.** Given a map  $f : S^{2n} \rightarrow S^{2n}$ , show that there is some point  $x \in S^{2n}$  with either  $f(x) = x$  or  $f(x) = -x$ . Deduce that every map  $\mathbb{R}P^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{2n}$  has a fixed point. Construct maps  $\mathbb{R}P^{2n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^{2n-1}$  without fixed points from linear transformations  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  without eigenvectors.

*Proof.*

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**Problem 3.** Let  $f : S^n \rightarrow S^n$  be a map of degree zero. Show that there exist points  $x, y \in S^n$  with  $f(x) = x$  and  $f(y) = -y$ . Use this to show that if  $F$  is a continuous vector field defined on the unit ball  $D^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $F(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$ , then there exists a point on  $\partial D^n$  where  $F$  points radially outward and another point on  $\partial D^n$  where  $F$  points radially inward.

*Proof.*

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