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## Dedication

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## Summary

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## CHAPTER 1

### Introduction

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THEOREM 1.1. *This is a theorem*

We reference Theorem 3.1.

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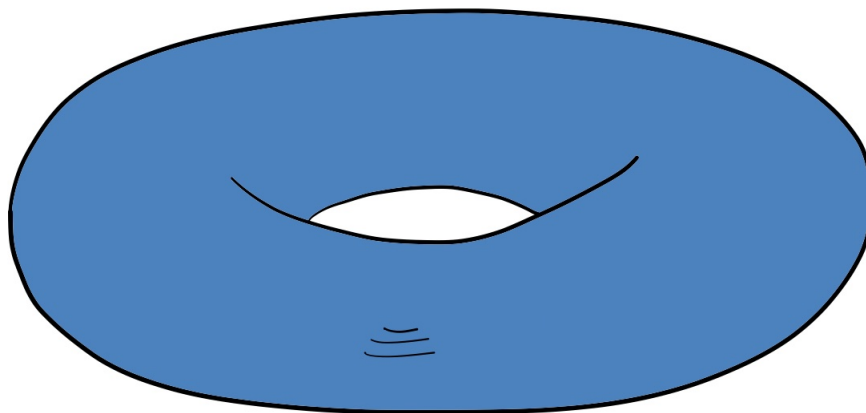


FIGURE 1. This is a torus

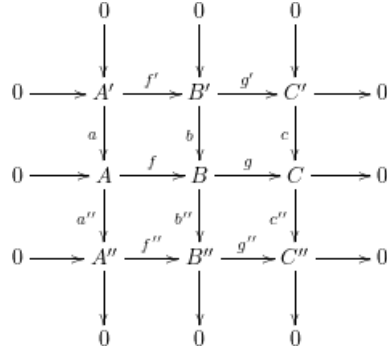


FIGURE 2. The Snake Lemma

## 1. Motivation

**1.1. Historical context.** A brief overview of how the problem developed.

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx = 2 \tag{1}$$

How to solve (1)

**1.2. Open questions.** Some questions remain open for future work.

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TABLE 1. Example Table

## 2. Outline of the thesis

We summarize the structure of the thesis.

## CHAPTER 2

### Background

This chapter gives necessary background.

#### 1. Group theory

DEFINITION 2.1. A group is a set  $G$  with a binary operation satisfying closure, associativity, identity, and inverses.

THEOREM 2.2. *Every finite subgroup of the multiplicative group of a field is cyclic.*

PROOF. This is a standard result from algebra.

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## CHAPTER 3

### Main Results

Here we present the main contributions of the thesis.

#### 1. A computer simulation

```
def factorial(n):  
    """Compute the factorial of n recursively."""  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n * factorial(n - 1)  
  
print(f"5! = {factorial(5)}")
```

#### 2. Second main result

Another significant theorem.

## APPENDIX A

### **Technical Lemmas**

Here we collect some supporting lemmas.

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