

Topology: key questions:

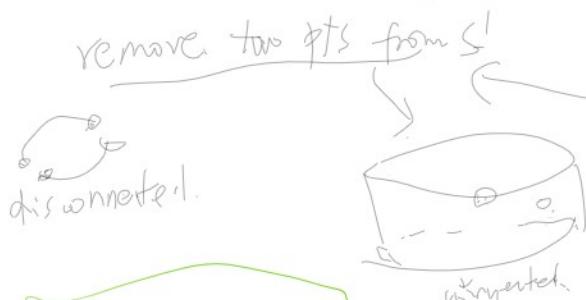
Yes  $\hookrightarrow$  ① whether two spaces are homeomorphic?

No  $\hookrightarrow$  ② For a class of object (topological spaces), how to classify up to homeo?

① Yes, easier  $\rightarrow$  Explicit construction. (homeomorphism)

① No, hard.  $\rightarrow$  need to prove no homeo.

$\hookrightarrow$  invariant properties



compactness

separation properties

connectedness

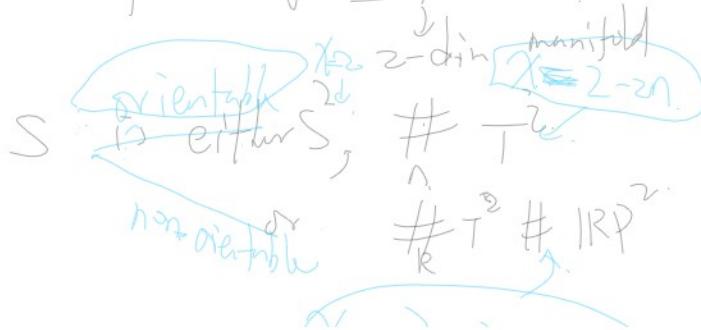
Euler number

orientability



1860's  $\rightarrow$  1900's poincaré

② Classification of topological surfaces



orientability,  
Euler number,  
are completely invariant.

(No complete)

Are complete invariant  
for  $S$

Orientable  $\mathbb{H}^1 \oplus \mathbb{H}^{n-1}$

$$(x = 2 - 2n+1)$$

No complete invariant

(1905) Poincaré Q: flow about  $M^3 \rightarrow$  3-dim manifolds  
what's a good characterisation of  $S^3$  (2003)

Poincaré Conjecture

Advanced invariants

$\rightarrow$  algebra

group

$G \rightarrow$  set

$\rightarrow$  multiplication

closedness

$$(a \cdot b) \in G$$

s.t. ① associative  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$

② unit element  $e \in G$  i.e.  $e \cdot a = a \cdot e = a$   $\forall a$

③ inverse,  $\forall a, \exists a^{-1}$  s.t.  $a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$ .

fundamental group

& homology groups

correct, today:

connected, closed  $M^3$  has the same fundamental group as  $S^3$ . thus  $M^3 \cong S^3$

wrong!

connected

closed  $M^3$ : whole homology is the sum

$S^3$

then  $M^3$  homo.  $S^3$ ?

Recall:

continuous path

$f: [0,1] \rightarrow (X, x_0)$



loop:  $f: I \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $f(0) = f(1)$

inverse of a path

$f^{-1}: I \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $f(f^{-1}(t)) = f(t)$

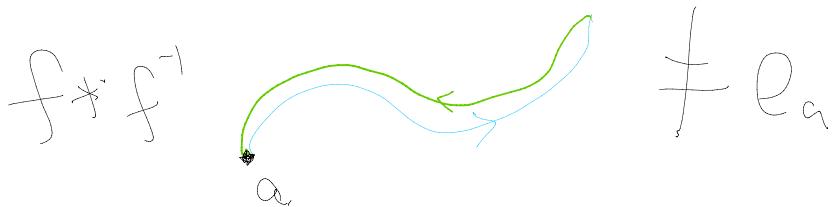
$f^{-1}(0) = f(1)$   
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inverse of a path  $f|_{[0,1]} := f(1-t) \rightarrow Y$   $f'(1) = f(0)$

~~multiplication~~  $\star$  cancellation  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow X$   
 $g: [0,1] \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $f(0) = g(0)$

$$f * g = \begin{cases} f(2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ g(2t-1) & \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

unit element:  $e_a: I \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $e_a(t) = a$



Conclusion: Space of paths, even with fixed initial point, does NOT form a group, w.r.t.  $\star$  and  $\circ$ .

We need homotopy relation.

continuous deformation

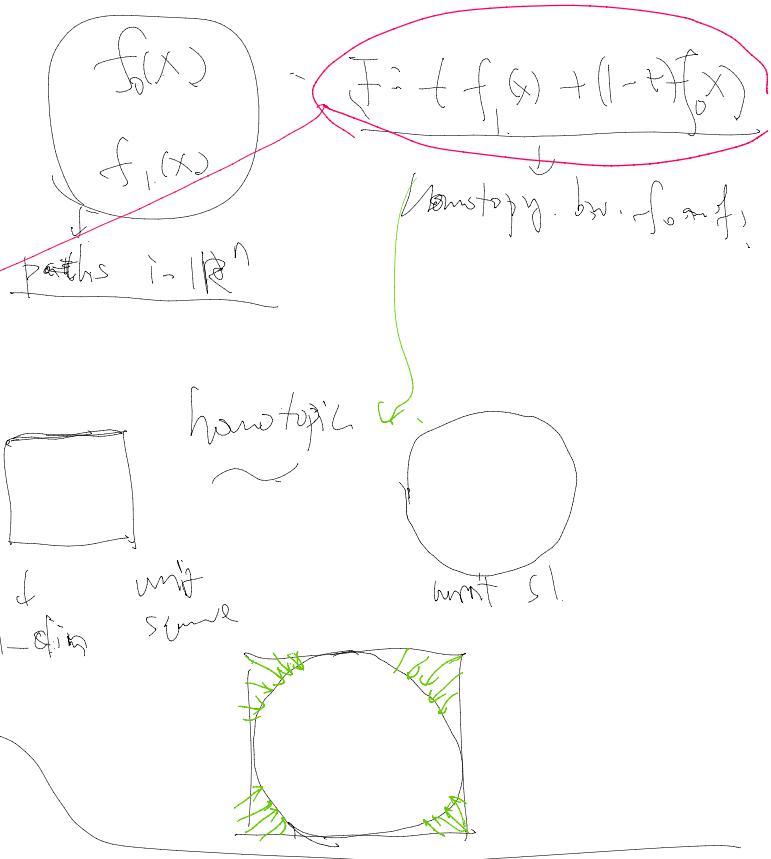
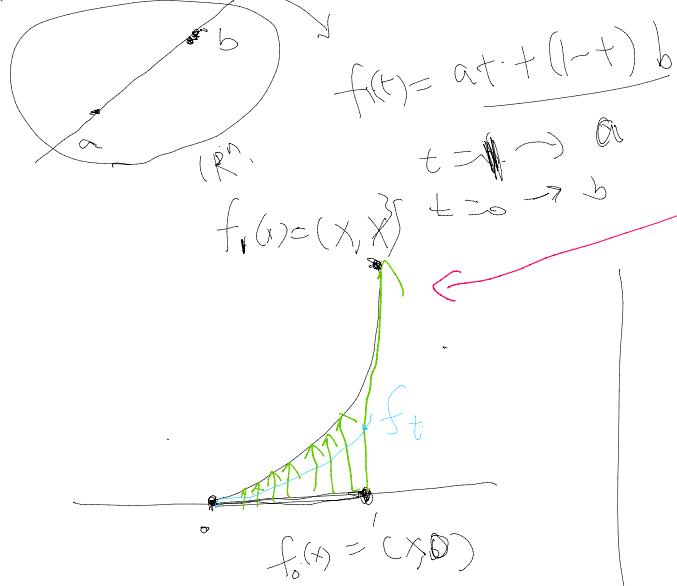
$$f_0: X \xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} Y$$

$$f_1: X \xrightarrow{\text{continuous}} Y$$

Def:  $(X, \tau_X), (Y, \tau_Y)$  are topological spaces,  $f_0: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f_1: X \rightarrow Y$  are continuous maps.  $f_0 \sim f_1$  if there exist a continuous map

$$H(x, t): X \times [0,1] \rightarrow Y \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H(x, 0) = f_0(x) \quad H(x, 1) = f_1(x)$$

Straight line homotopy



Rel (homotopy equivalence)

weaker eqn relation than homeo.

$(X, \tau_X), (Y, \tau_Y)$  are homotopy equivalent if there exists continuous functions

$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

$$g: Y \rightarrow X$$

$f \circ g \sim id_Y$  and  $g \circ f \sim id_X$

