

Homework Solutions

We consider the map ϕ from $U = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 0 < |x| < 2\}$ to S^{n-1} by $\phi(x) = x/|x|$. Then ϕ is a restriction map. And consider $\phi + c$ for c small enough. Then the fixed point of $\phi + c$ is $c\lambda$ for one $\lambda > 1$ and another $0 > \lambda > -1$. For $\lambda > 1$ The map $1 - T\phi$ has positive eigenvalue on the perpendicular directions and have positive eigenvalue along the line generated by c too. Hence its sign of determinant is 1. For the negative λ , we have all eigenvalues along the perpendicular direction are negative and still positive along c . Thus the Lefschetz number is $(-1)^{n-1} + 1$, which is 0 for n even, and 2 for n odd.