

# 1/2 3-manifolds

Goal: give some examples of:

today + exos {  
- 3-mflds  
- knots & links ( $\subset S^3$ )  
- branched covers of 3-mflds

next week { -  $\Omega_3 = 0$

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def A 3-manifold is a smooth mfd of  $\dim = 3$ . i.e. it is locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

ex.  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $B^3$  is a 3-mfd w/  $\partial = S^2$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow$  closed 3-ball

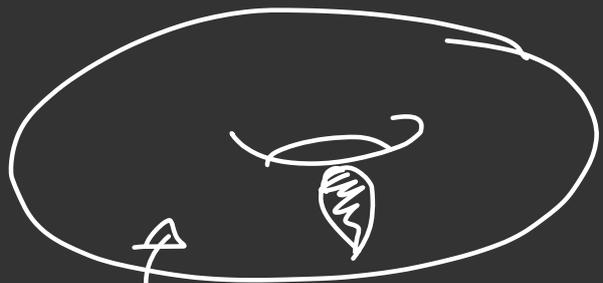
$$S^3 = \{ |z|^2 + |w|^2 = 1 \} \subset \mathbb{C}_{z,w}^2$$

$$S^1 \times D^2 =$$

$\downarrow$

Solid torus

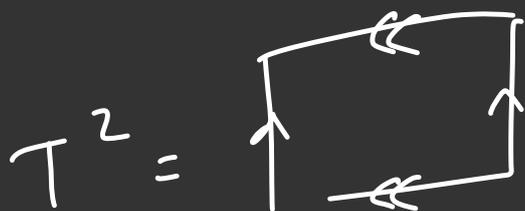
$$\mathbb{T}^3$$



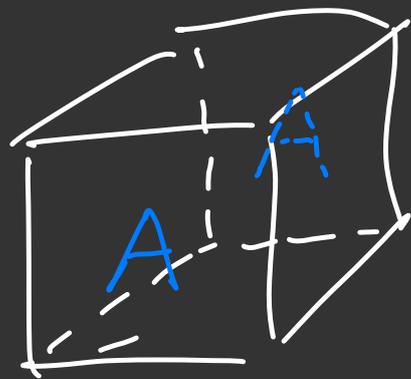
filled in

$$\partial S^1 \times D^2 = T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$$

$T^3 = S^1 \times S^1 \times S^1$



3rd dim.



$S^1 \times F$

↳ surface of genus  $g$ .

↳ can take  $F$  to be non-orientable

~ non-orientable 3-manifolds.

def A lens space is the quotient of  $S^3$  by the action of  $C_p$

where the action is given

$C_p$   
 ↓  
 cyclic  
 gr of  
 order  $p$ .

by  $\begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \omega^q \end{pmatrix}$  → another integer  
 is a primitive  $p$ -th root of unity

$$G_{p,q} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \underline{\underline{\omega^q}} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \subset GL(2, \mathbb{C})$$

check:  $\bullet G_{p,q}(S^3) = S^3$

$\bullet$  acts freely on  $S^3$  if  $(q,p)=1$

$\bullet |G_{p,q}| = p.$

$S^3/G_{p,q}$  is a 3-manifold

$$\pi_1(S^3/G_{p,q}) \cong G_{p,q} \cong C_p.$$

$$L(p,q) := S^3/G_{p,q}.$$

$\hookrightarrow$  lens space

$q$ : When is  $L(p,q) \cong L(p',q')$ ?

easy : •  $L(p, q) \cong L(p', q')$

$\Rightarrow p = p'$ .

•  $L(p, q) \cong L(p, p+q)$

•  $L(p, q) \cong L(p, q^*)$ ,

where  $qq^* \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

•  $L(p, q) \cong -L(p, p-q)$

i.e. there is an orientation-reversing diffeomorphism.

example In  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , consider

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$H :=$

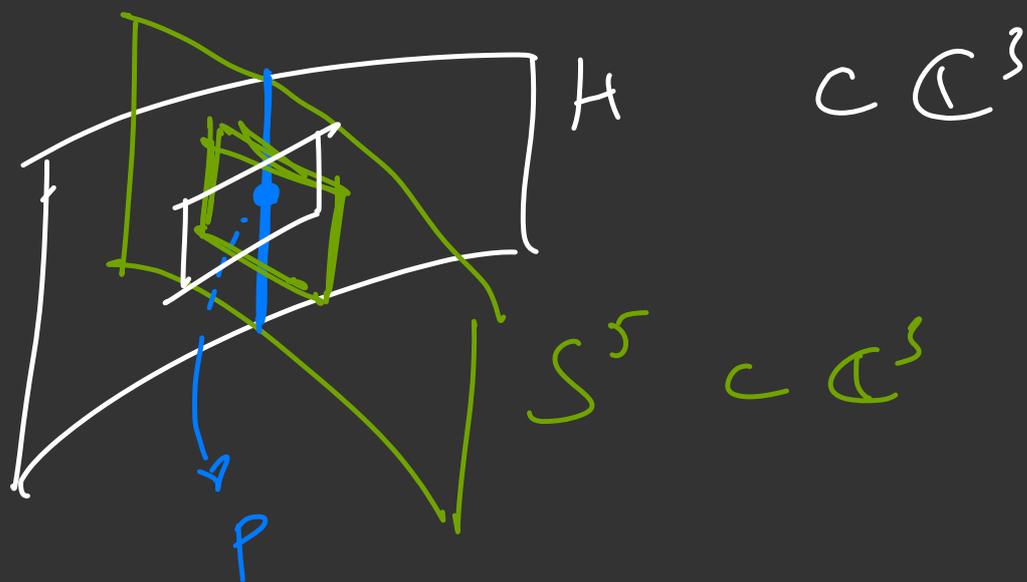
$$\{F=0\} \cap S^5 =$$

$$\left\{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0 \\ |x|^2 + |y|^2 + |z|^2 = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$\rightarrow$  this intersection is transverse.  $\neq$

$$\text{that is } \langle T_p S^5, T_p H \rangle = T_p \mathbb{C}^3$$

$\sim$  3-d picture of what's happening:



Whenever this happens,

$H \cap S^5$  is a submanifold  
of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  around  $p$ .

$\leadsto$  consequence of the implicit  
function theorem.

$$F: \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

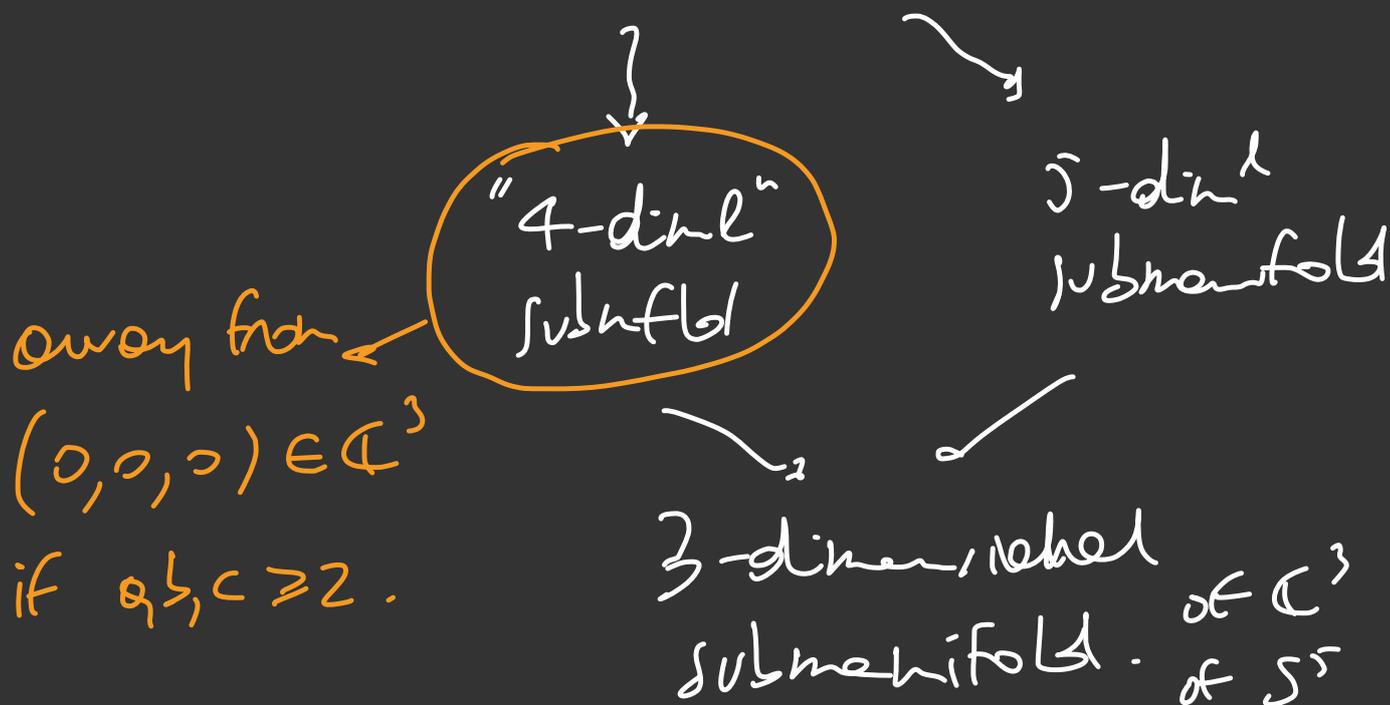
$\psi$   
 $p$  is a reg. vlr for  $F$

$F^{-1}(F(p))$  is a submfd  
of dim  $m-n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , near  $p$ .

manifolds: • smooth functions, at  
reg. pts behave like linear funct.  
• transverse interactions behave like

a generic int. of linear subspaces.

in this case:  $H \cap S^5$



mantra: codimension, etc up.

call  $H \cap S^5 =: \Sigma(a, b, c)$

Brieskorn manifold.

example (that we will not see)

hyperbolic 3-manifolds;

manifolds that admit a complete

Riemannian metric w/

constant scale curvature  $-1$ .

$\iff \begin{matrix} H^3 \\ \cong \\ \mathbb{R}^3 \end{matrix} / \Gamma$ , subgroup of  $\text{Isom}(H^3)$

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Thm (Perelman 104)  
(conj Poincaré 1911,  
Thurston 1970s)

If  $M$  is a closed, simply-con.  
3-mfld,  $M \cong S^3$ .

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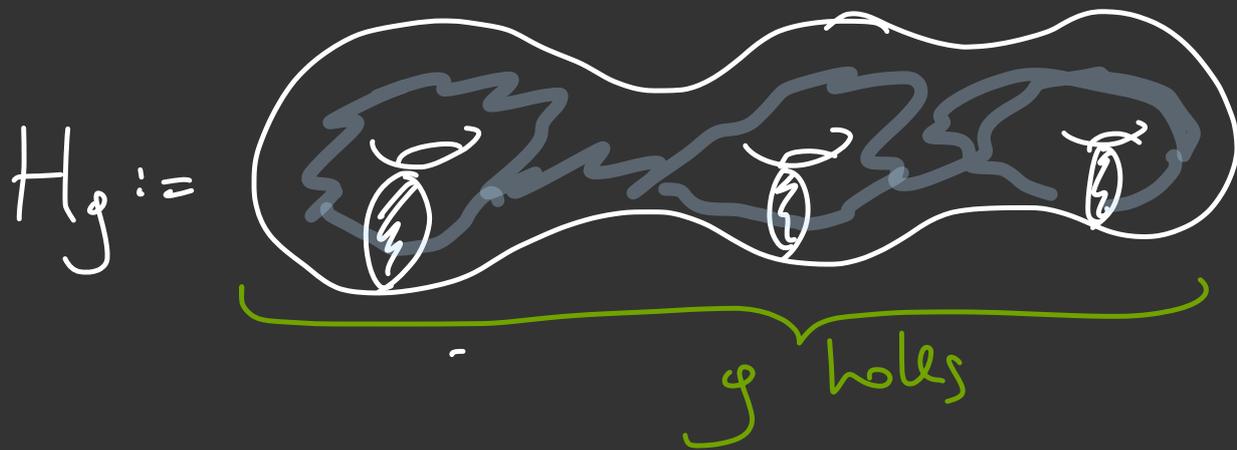
def A Heegaard splitting of  
a closed, orientable 3-mfld  $M$   
is a decomposition

$$M = A \cup B$$

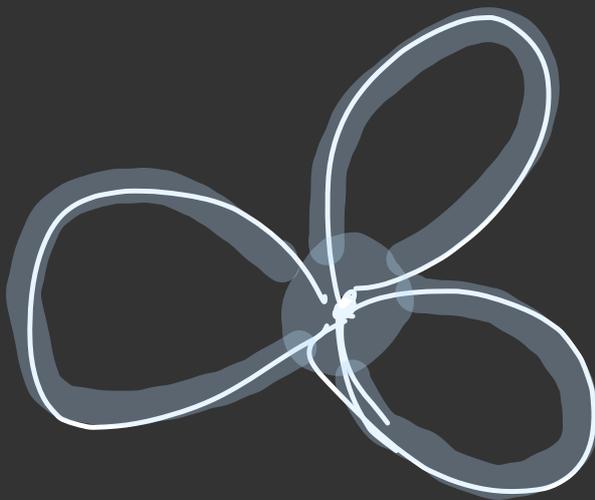
when  $A, B \subset M$ ,  $A, B$  both

diffomorphic to a genus- $g$  handlebody

$$* \quad \partial A = \partial B \subset M.$$



that is:  $H_g \cong$  ~~to~~ reg. neighborhood  
of a wedge of  $g$  circles  
in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



$\leadsto \partial = \text{genus } g$   
surface.

$$H_0 = \mathbb{B}^3, \quad H_1 = \mathbb{T}^3$$

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~~$$S^n, \mathbb{T}^n$$~~

$S^n, T^n$   $\leftarrow$  I'm one of  
them ppl.

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$\leadsto$  there's a way to represent

$M$  or  $\mathcal{DA} = \mathcal{DB}$  as Heegaard

diagram: drawing a coll.

of curves on a genus- $g$

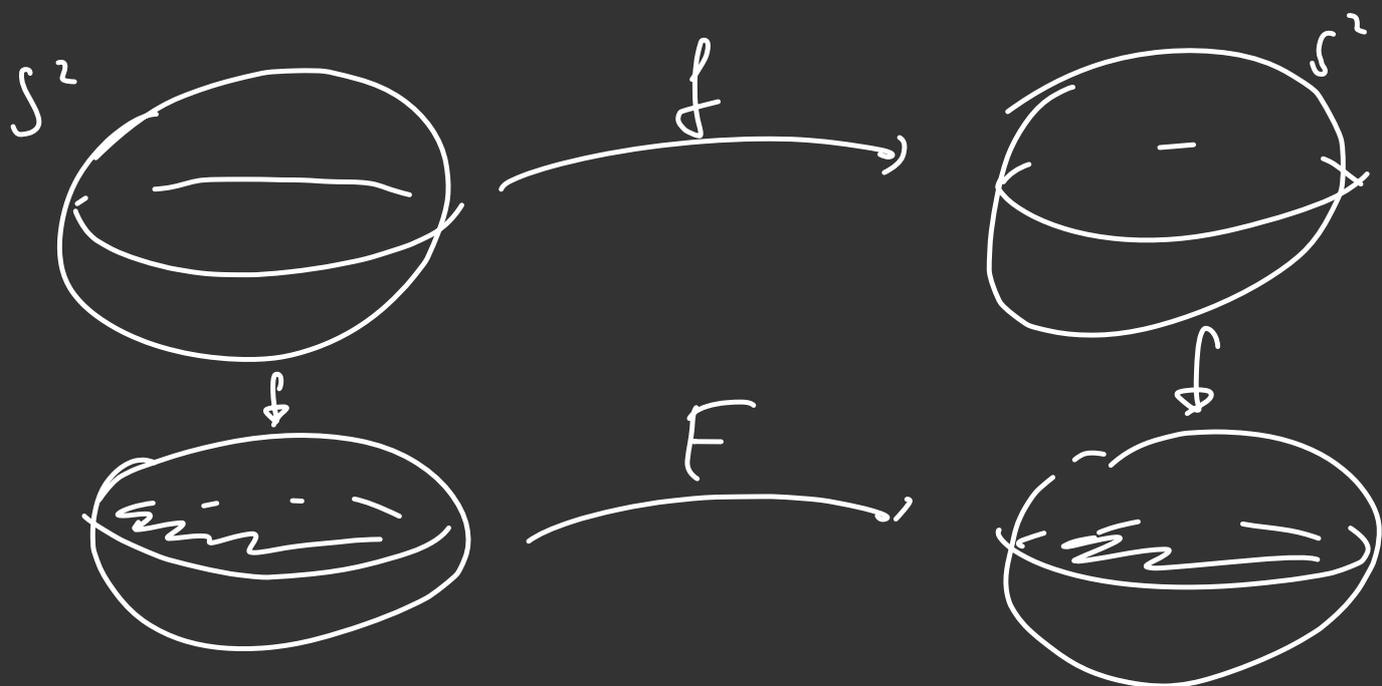
surface.

ex.  $S^3 = B^3 \cup \underbrace{(\mathbb{R}^3 \cup \{\infty\} \setminus B^3)}_{\text{another 3-ball}}$

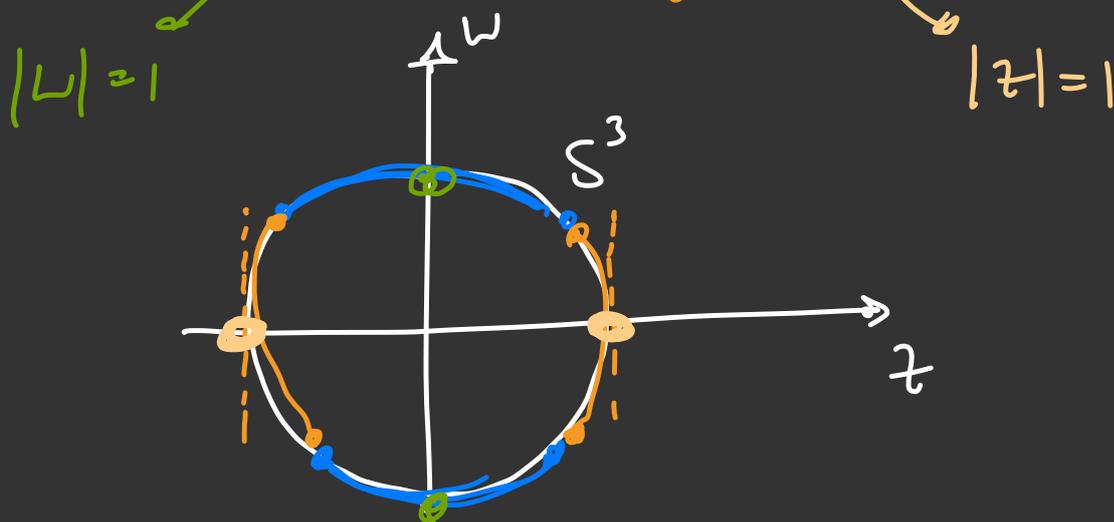
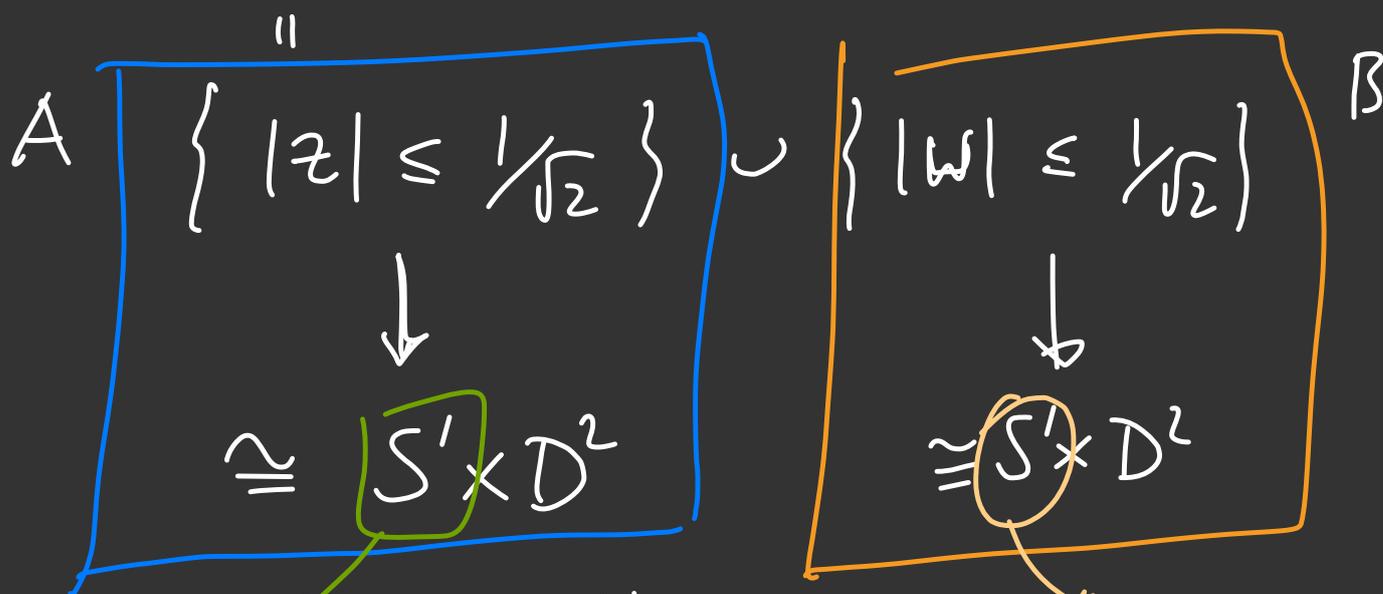
$\hookrightarrow$  genus-0 Heegaard dec. of  $S^3$ .

thm (Alexander) If  $M$  has a genus-0 Heegaard decomposition, then  $M \cong S^3$ .

Follows from the fact that every self-diffeomorphism of  $S^2$  extends to a diffeo of the 3-ball



ex.  $S^3 \subset \mathbb{C}^2$



$$A \cap B = \left\{ |z| = |w| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \cong T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$$

$$= \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\varphi} \right) \right\}$$

ex . The HD of genus -1 that  
we just saw is  $G_{p, g}$ -equiv.

$G_{p, g}$  preserves  $A$  &  $B$

$$A/G_{p, g} \simeq \mathbb{T}^3$$

$$B/G_{p, g} \simeq \mathbb{T}^3.$$

$\leadsto L(p, g)$  has a genus-1

Heegaard decomposition

$$A/G_{p, g} \cup B/G_{p, g}.$$

fact. If a closed, oriented 3-manifold  
has a HD of genus = 1,  
then it is either  $S^3$ ,  $L(p, q)$ ,  
or  $S^1 \times S^2$ .

↓

$(S^1 \times \text{equator}) \subset S^1 \times S^2$   
exhibits a genus-1 HD  
of  $S^1 \times S^2$ .

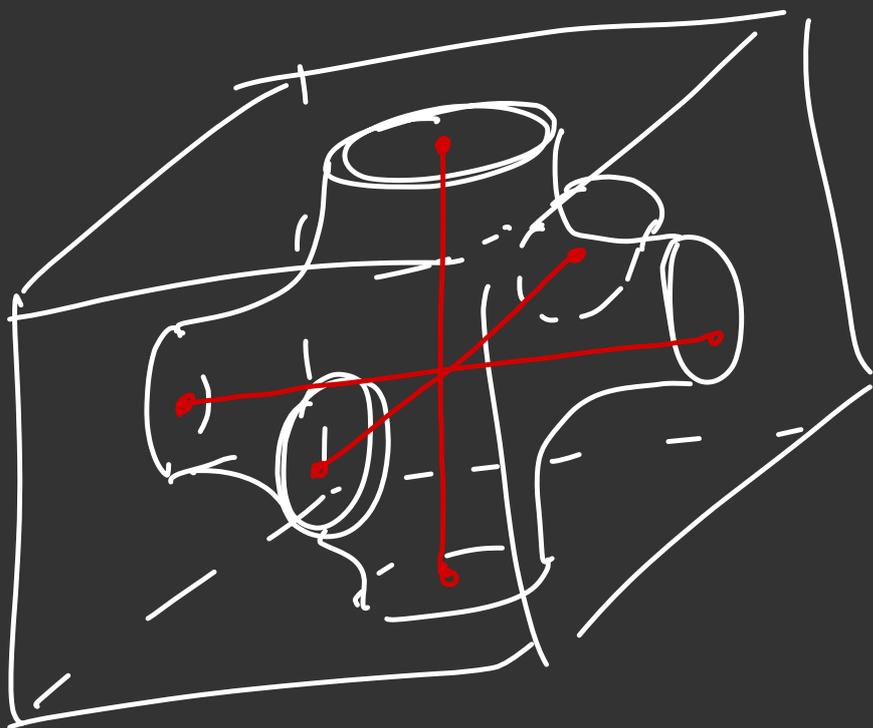
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prp Every closed oriented 3-manifold  
admits a HD.

proof (sketch): if you take  
triangulation of  $M$  (which  
exists)

then a subset of the 1-skeleton  
of the triangulation is one  
half of a Heegaard decomp.

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this is a genus - ?  
HD of  $T^3$ .  
ex?

# knots & links

def A knot in a 3-manifold  $M$

i) an embedding  $S^1 \hookrightarrow M$ .

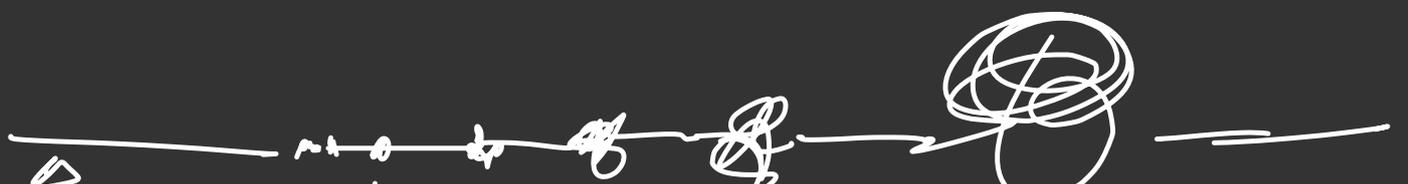
↓  
smooth, injective, immersion.

unk Whatever we do w/ smooth emb.  $S^1 \rightarrow M$ , we can do with triangulated embeddings (PL embeddings) the imp. thing is the existence of a tubular neighborhood that is homeo/diffe to  $\mathbb{T}^3$ .

If we were looking at  $C^0$ -emb.

i.e.  $C^0$  + injective, then we

could incur into trouble.

  
wild knots. not gonna talk about this.

ex The unknot is the only knot in  $M$  that bounds an embedded disc.



link We will be looking at knots up to isotopy: two knots

$\alpha, \beta : S^1 \rightarrow M$  are isotopic

if  $\exists (\gamma_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$  of smooth embeddings,  $S^1 \rightarrow M$  s.t.

$$\gamma_0 \equiv \alpha, \quad \gamma_1 \equiv \beta,$$

$\gamma_t$  varies smoothly w/t.

$$\gamma : S^1 \times I \rightarrow M.$$

s.t.  $\gamma(S^1 \times \{t\})$  is a knot  $\forall t$ .

the def<sup>n</sup> of the unknot makes sense  
b/c every two embeddings of  $D^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$   
are isotopic.

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$$S^3 \subset \mathbb{C}^2_{z,w}$$
$$C_{a,b} = \{ z^a = w^b \}, \quad a, b, \text{ coprime positive integers.}$$

$$C_{a,b} \cap S^3 = 1\text{-dim}^k \text{ mfd}$$

Compact.

↳ if connected, it's  
a knot.

$$C_{a,b} \cap S^3 = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\theta^b, \theta^a) \mid \theta \in S^1 \subset \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

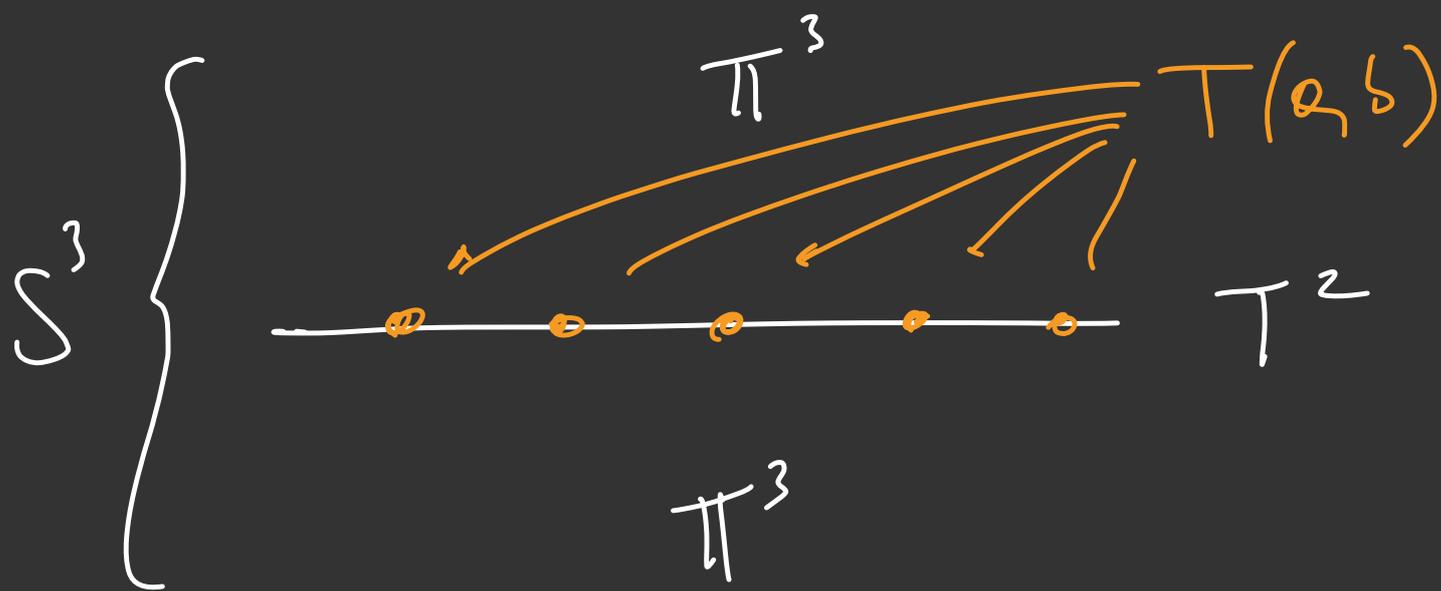
note: | or implicitly using that  
 $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ .

I will call  $C_{a,b} \cap S^3$  a twu  
knott,  $T(a,b)$

s.c. it lies on the twu

$$|a| = |b| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

useful observation:



$$\sim S^3 \setminus T(a,b) = \pi^3 \cup \pi^3$$

glued along  $T^2 \setminus T(a,b)$ .

$$\simeq S^1 \times (\text{open int.})$$

sub-example

$$a = 2, b = 3$$



(right-handed)

→ trefoil

This is called a knot projection

→ works for knots (& links)

in  $S^3$  or in  $\mathbb{R}^3 = S^3 - \{pt\}$ .

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def A link in a 3-manifold  $M$   
is an embedding of  $\bigsqcup_e S^1 \hookrightarrow M$ .  
i.e. a collection of pairwise  
disjoint knots.

ex torus links in  $S^3$

which are  $C_a \times C_b \cap S^3$

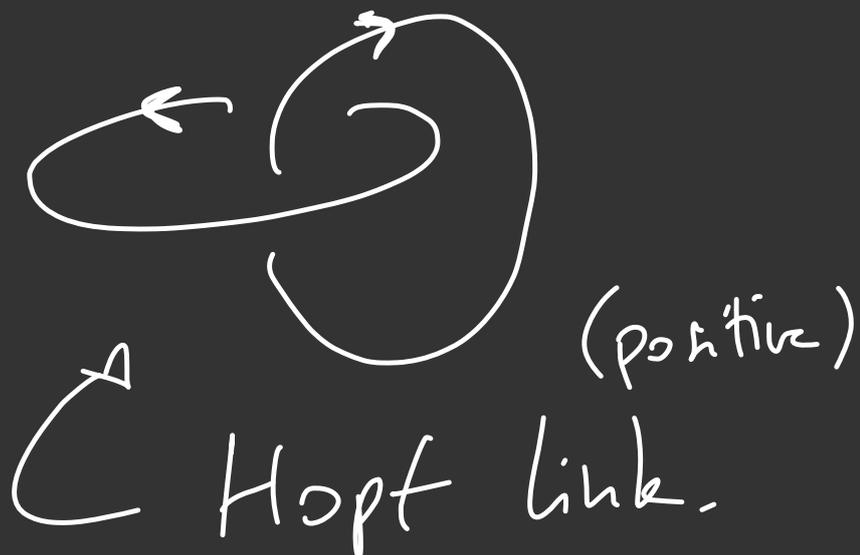
When now we allow  $a, b$  to have a common divisor  $l > 1$ .

$\leadsto C_a \times C_b \cap S^3$  is a link with  $l$  components, each

isotopic to  $T\left(\frac{a}{l}, \frac{b}{l}\right)$ .

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ex  $a = b = 2$



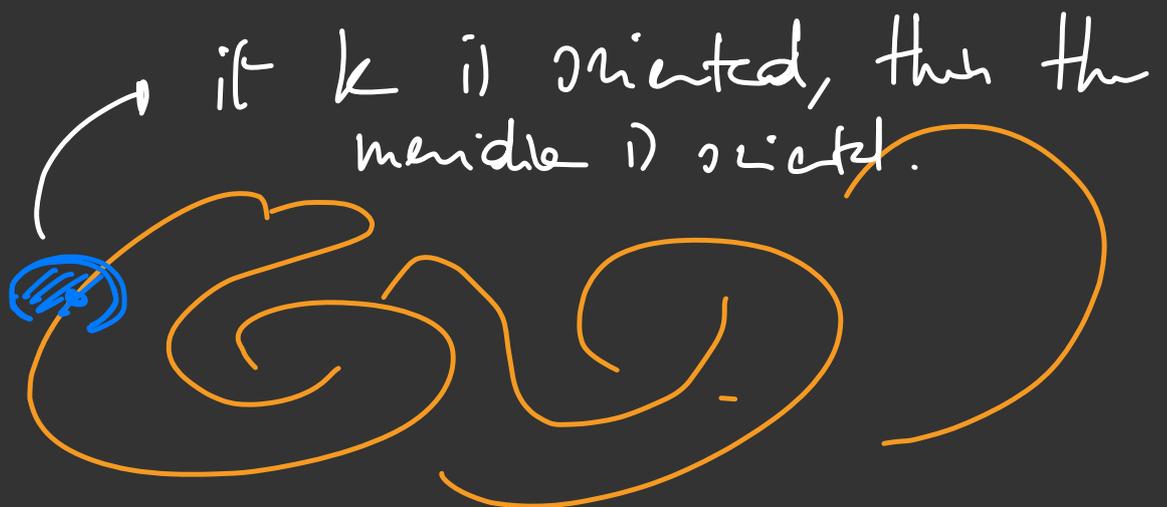
prop let  $k \subset S^3$  be a knot.

The homology of  $S^3 \setminus k$  is

$$H_k(S^3 \setminus k) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } k=0,1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

( $\Rightarrow S^3 \setminus k$  is connected)

Moreover,  $H_1(S^3 \setminus k)$  is generated by the meridian of  $k$ .

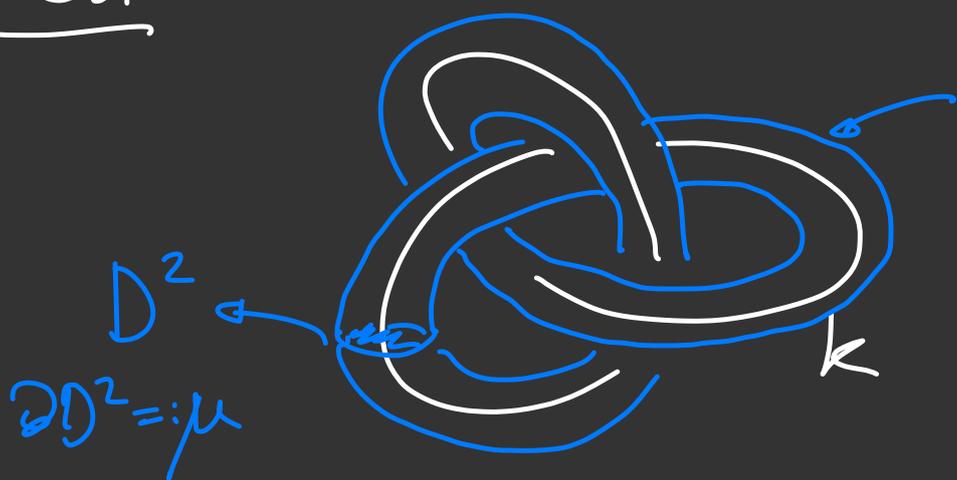


$k \subset M$  take  $p \in k$ , take  $V$   
any complement of  $T_p k$ , take  
 $\exp(\text{small ball in } V)$

proof

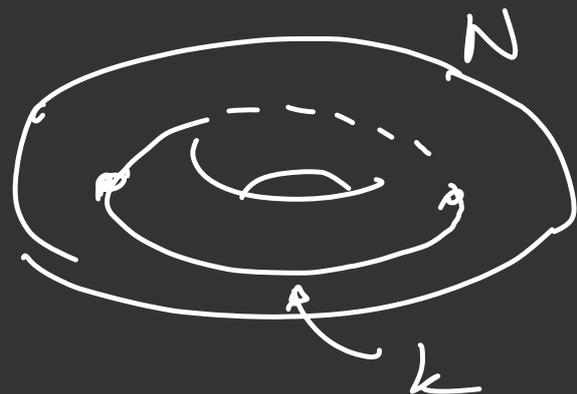
$$M := S^3 \setminus k$$

$$N := \text{nbhd}(k)$$



$$\text{so } N \cong S^1 \times D^2$$

$$k \hookrightarrow S^1 \times \{0\}$$



$$\mu = \{\text{pt}\} \times \partial D^2, \text{ a meridian.}$$

$$S^3 = M \cup N$$

$$\star \quad M \cap N = N \setminus k = S^1 \times (D^2 \setminus \{0\})$$

which retracts onto  $S^1 \times S^1 = S^1 \times \partial D^2$

$M \cap N$  is homotopy equivalent to  $T^2$ .

this corresponds to  $\mu$ .

$$H_*(S^3) \leftarrow \text{known}$$

$$M \cup N \quad H_*(M \cap N) \leftarrow \text{known.}$$

$$H_*(N) \leftarrow \text{known}$$

Write the Mayer-Vietoris by ex.  
sequence. (MV), keeping in

mind  $H_1(S^3) = H_2(S^3) = 0,$

$$H_2(N) = 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow H_3(S^3) \rightarrow H_2(M \cap N) \rightarrow H_2(M) \oplus H_2(N) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow H_2(M) \rightarrow 0$$

↓

at least torsion.

in fact  $= 0$ : one way is to  
use Poincaré-Lefschetz  
duality & univ. GF. th.

We know that  $H_k(M) = 0$   
 whenever  $k \geq 3$  : b/c  $M$  is  
 a 3-manifold,  $k=3$  b/c  
 $M$  is not a closed 3-manifold.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_1(S^3) & \rightarrow & H_0(M \cup N) & \rightarrow & H_0(M) \oplus H_0(N) & \rightarrow & H_0(S^1) \\
 \downarrow & & \cong & & \cong & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} & & 0 \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & \text{generated: } \mathbb{Z} & & 
 \end{array}$$

Now, onto  $H_1(M)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H_2(S^3) & \rightarrow & H_1(N \cup M) & \rightarrow & H_1(M) \oplus H_1(N) & \rightarrow & H_1(S^1) \\
 \downarrow & & \cong & & \cong & & \downarrow \\
 0 & & \mathbb{Z}^2 & & ? \oplus \mathbb{Z} & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} & & & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & & \text{generated} & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\mu$  survives in  $H_1(M)$ , &  $k$  generates a free subgrp.  
 $\rightarrow$  dies in  $H_1(N)$

$\hookrightarrow$  a multiple of  $k$

$\Sigma$ , at least, in  $H_1(M) \cong \mathbb{Z} \langle \mu \rangle$ .

$\leadsto$  the only other thing:

$$\text{b.c. } H_1(M) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}^2.$$

(by MV).

$$\Rightarrow H_1(M) = \mathbb{Z} \langle \mu \rangle.$$

$\leadsto$  this is a primitive class in  $H_1(N \cap M)$   
 $\cong$   
 $H_1(\partial N)$

that dies in  $H_1(M)$ .

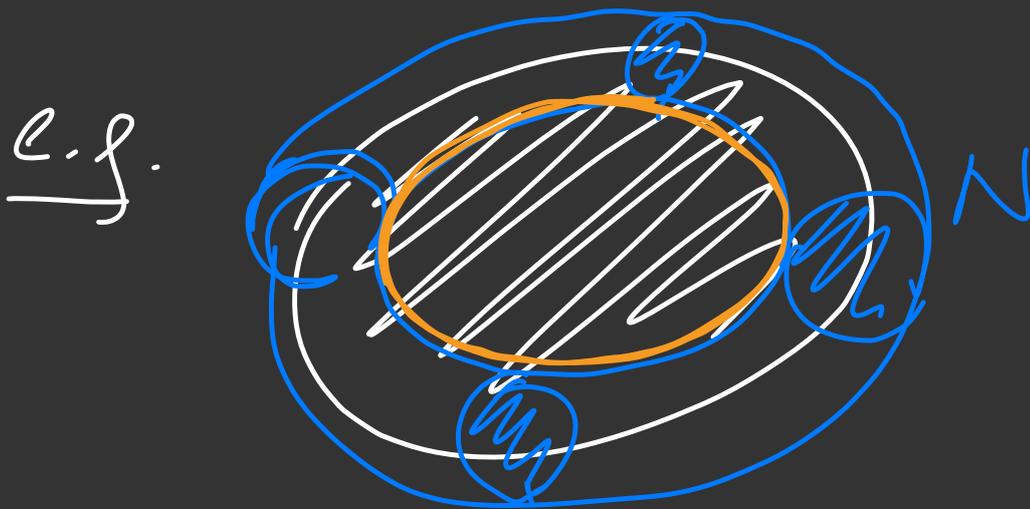
& in fact it generates  $H_1(N)$ .

def Any simple closed curve in  $\partial N$  in this hom class is called a Seifert boundary of  $k$ .

moreally : dying in homology  
↕ (true in the dim.)

boundary of submanifold.

⇒  $k$  is the boundary of  
an embedded surface in  $S^3$ ,  
that we call a Seifert surface.



cor For every  $d \geq 1$   $\exists$  a  $d$ -fold  
cyclic cover  $p: \Sigma_d(k) \rightarrow S^3$   
 branched over  $k$ , has degree

$d$ , & for which the associated

cover

$$\Sigma_d(k) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} S^1 \times k$$

i) a

cyclic cover

$$:= p^{-1}(k)$$

$Y_d$

this mean, that the deck transf.

of  $Y_d \rightarrow Y$  is cyclic

$$* Y = Y_d / \text{Deck}(Y_d \rightarrow Y)$$

$$* \text{Deck}(Y_d \rightarrow Y) \cong C_d.$$

proof Recall that if there

exists a quotient  $\tilde{X}/G \rightarrow X$   
for some free action  $G \curvearrowright \tilde{X}$ ,

then  $\pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \triangleleft \pi_1(X, x_0)$

$$\star \quad \pi_1(X, x_0) / \pi_1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{x}_0) \cong G.$$

$\implies \exists$  surj homomorphism

$$\pi_1(X, x_0) \longrightarrow G.$$

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$$\pi_1(U, x_0) \xrightarrow{\varphi} C_d$$

Abelian

we're  
looking  
for

$$\underbrace{\pi_1(U, x_0)}_{\text{abelians of } \pi_1} \xrightarrow{\varphi} C_d$$

$$\downarrow \text{ob} \quad \nearrow \tilde{\varphi}$$

$$H_1(U)$$

$$H_1(Y) \xrightarrow{\tilde{F}} C_d$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow$  up to automorphisms of  $C_d$ ,

$\exists!$  surj hom.  $H_1(Y) \rightarrow C_d$

$\Rightarrow \exists!$  " "  $\pi_1(Y, x_0) \rightarrow C_d$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists!$  cyclic  $d$ -fold cover

$$Y_d \rightarrow Y.$$

$\exists!$  cyclic  $d$ -fold

branched over

$$\Sigma_d(k) \rightarrow S^3.$$

branched over  $k$ .

(Fox)  
 $\xrightarrow{\quad} \rightarrow$   
 (last  
 time)

idea of proof by hand of the  
implication in orange:

$$N \text{ nbhd of } k, \partial N \approx T^2$$

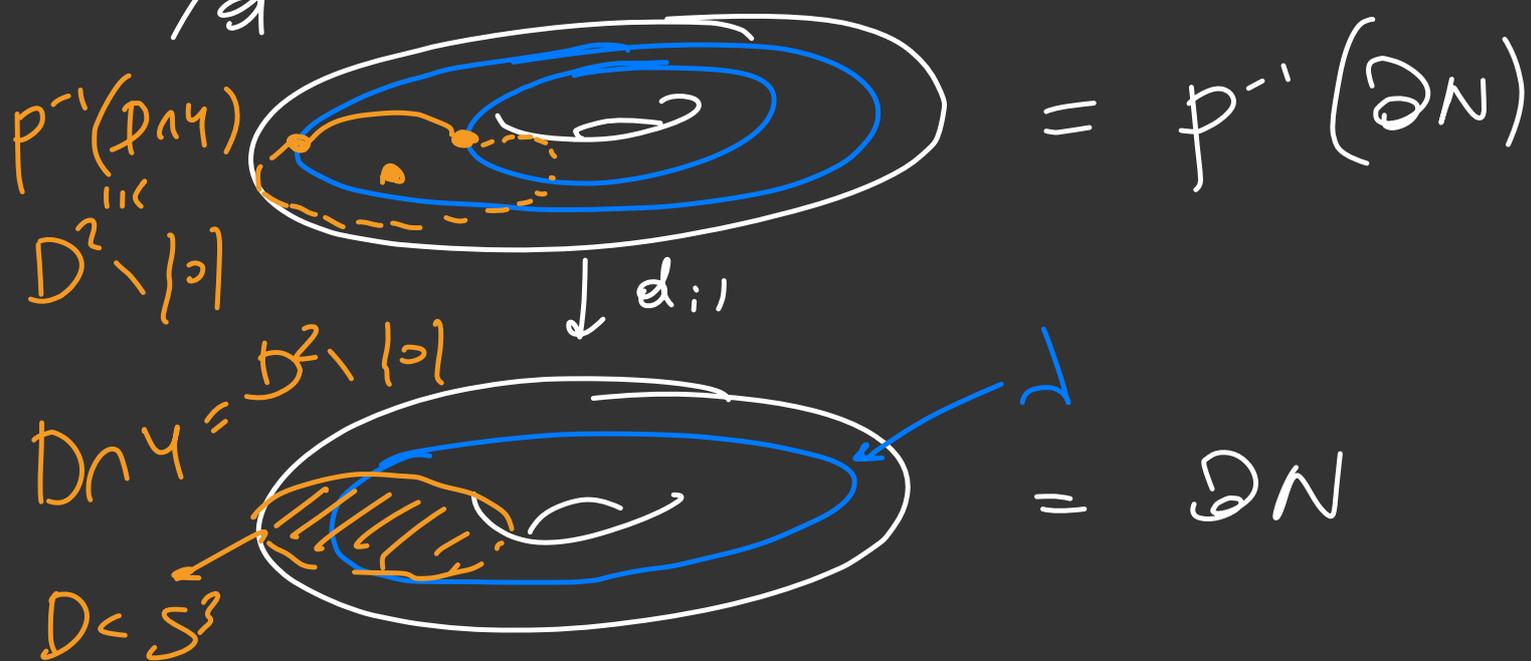
$p^{-1}(\partial N) \subset U_d$  is again a  
torus, and a lift by  $d$

of  $k$  lifts to  $d$  parallel

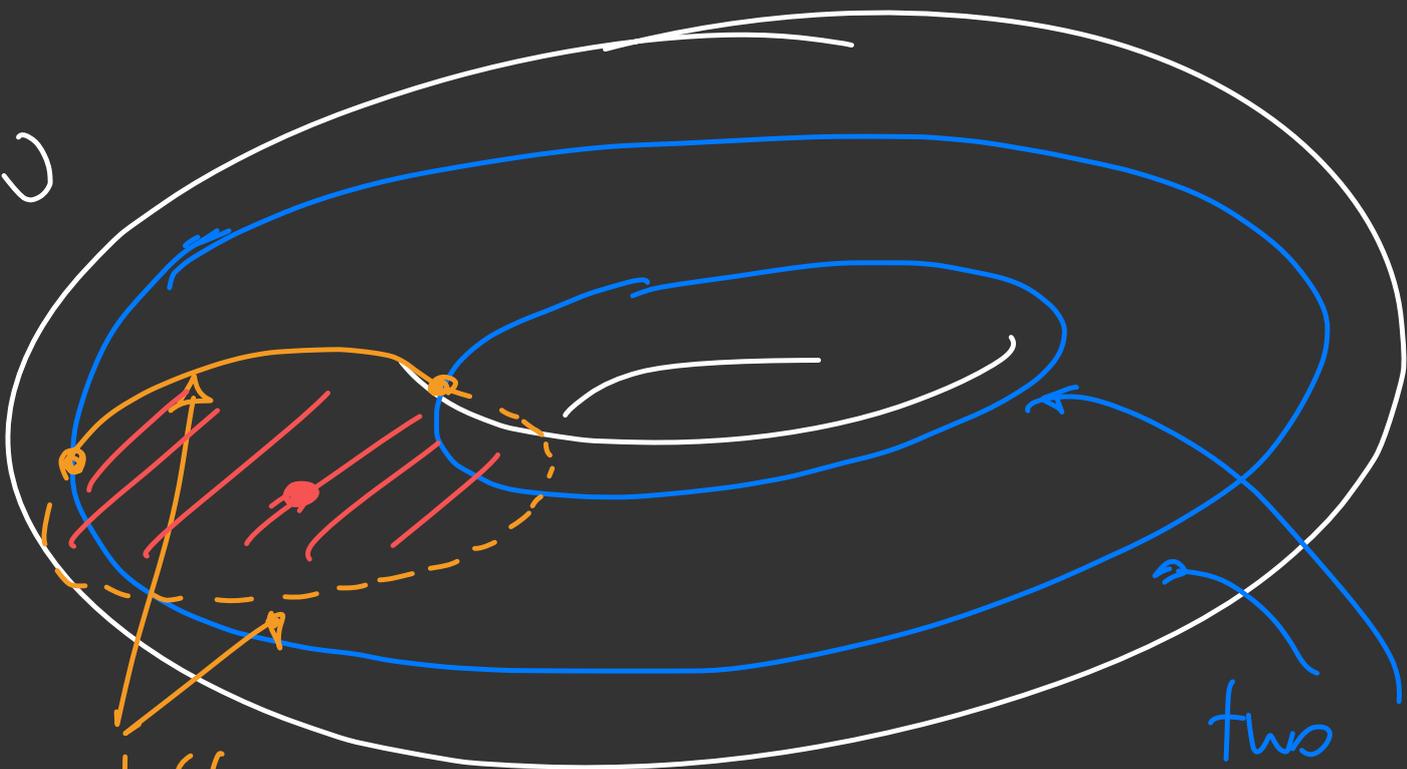
wires, and the meridian of

$k$  or wraps (each lift is

$1/d$ -th of a wire on  $p^{-1}(\partial N)$ )



$Y \supset \partial Y$



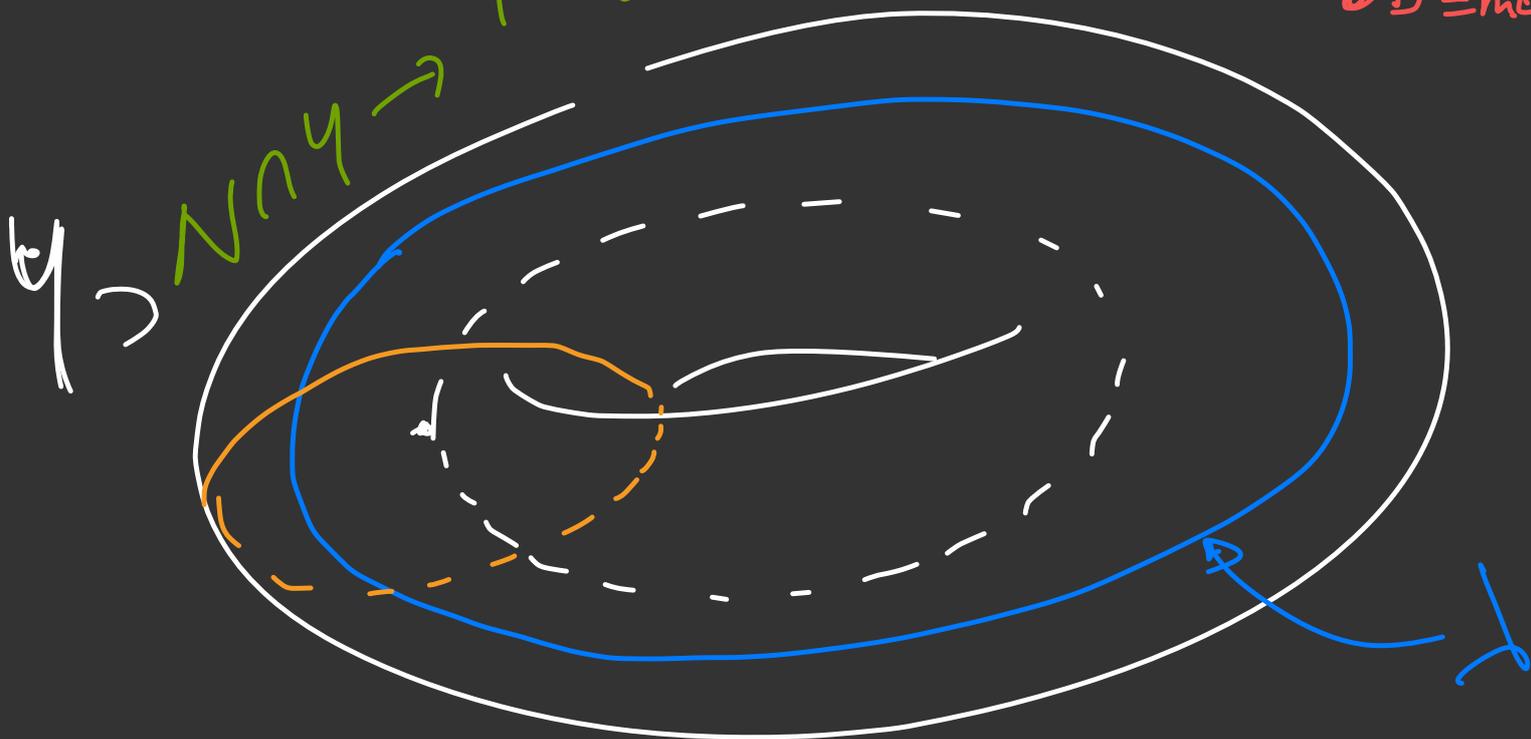
two lifts  
of the  
meridian

$$\tilde{N} := p^{-1}(N \cap Y) = T^2 \times [0, 1]$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$T^2 \times [0, 1] \approx S^1 \times (D^2 \setminus \{0\})$$

two lifts  
of  $S^1 \times (D^2 \setminus \{0\})$   
 $\partial = \text{union of 2 lifts of } m.$   
 $\partial D^2 = \text{mer}$



The map  $p|_{\tilde{N}}: \tilde{N} \rightarrow N \cup Y$

in the cobordate,

$$S^1 \times D^2 \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow S^1 \times D^2 \setminus \{0\}$$

$$i) (\theta, z) \longmapsto (\theta, z^{\#})$$

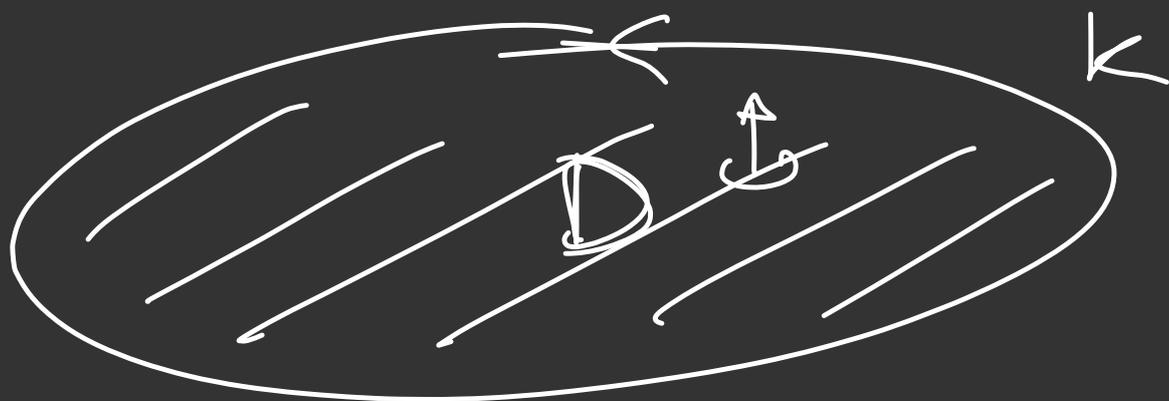
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A concrete way of constructing

branched covers of knots i)

by cut & paste.

e.g. take  $k = \text{unknot}$



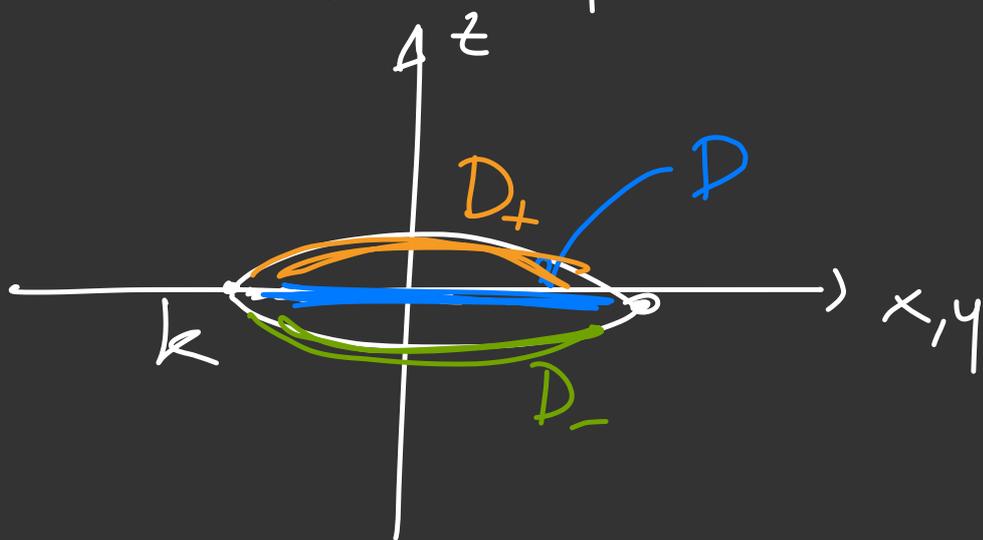
I want to construct it)

double cover: to do that,

I cut  $S^3$  along a disc

that  $k$  bounds, say  $D$ .

$$X = S^3 \setminus D$$



take two copies of  $X, X_1, X_2$

and glue  $X_1 \cup X_2$

by identifying  $D_+ \subset X_1$  with

$D_- \subset X_2$ , &  $D_- \subset X_1$  with

$D_+ \subset X_2$

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$$S^3 \setminus k \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$(S^3 \setminus k) \setminus D \cong S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{pt\} \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \quad D_+ = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \quad D_- = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$X_1 \cup X_2 = \begin{array}{ccc} \xrightarrow{\text{glue}} & I & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1 \\ \xrightarrow{\text{glue}} & & \uparrow I \\ X_1 & \xrightarrow{\text{glue}} & \mathbb{R}^2 \end{array}$$

$$\leadsto S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \leadsto S^3$$