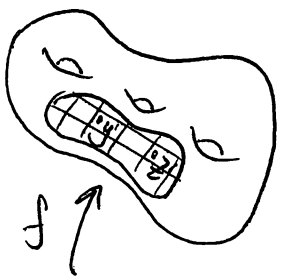
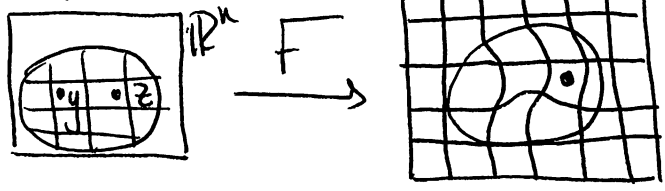


Within a coordinate patch all points are isotopic



Can find a deformation that moves y to z and doesn't touch anything around it (can do this smoothly)

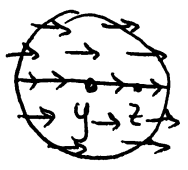


Consider the problem of an isotopy  $F_t$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  sending some  $y$  to some chosen  $z$  with  $y, z \in D_1$  and  $F_t$  smooth.  $F_t(x) = x$  for  $\|x\| \geq 1$

write a smooth ODE with initial value ( $t=0$ ) solution:  $\varphi_t(0) = y$  and  $\varphi_t(1) = z$

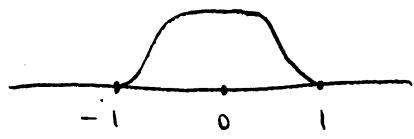
The way to do it:

without loss of generality assume  $y=0$   
can rotate disk so that  $z = (r, 0, 0, \dots)$   
( $0 < r < 1$ )

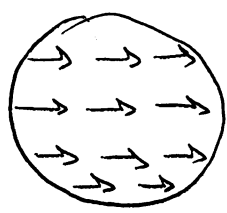


Can take DE which has  $\dot{x}_1 = \text{constant} > 0$   
 $\dot{x}_j = 0, j \neq 1$

The only problem with this DE is that it affects the outside of the disk so need to adjust DE by multiplying each vector by a smooth function whose graph looks like:



so now we have:



same solution inside the disk but nothing changes outside

so we get a family of functions depending on what  $t$  is

for each  $t$ ,  $F_t(x) = \alpha(t, x)$

smooth so it's a diffeomorphism.

$F_1(y) = z$        $F_0(x) = x$

varies smoothly in  $t$  as well so it gives us an isotopy from  $y$  to  $z$

Lemma: if  $N$  is a smooth, connected manifold, any point  $y \in N$  is isotopic to any other point  $z \in N$ .

Theorem: if  $y, z$  are regular values of  $f: M \rightarrow N$  where  $N$  is connected, ~~where~~ and  $\dim M = n$   $\dim N = n$  then  $\#f^{-1}(y) \equiv \#f^{-1}(z) \pmod{2}$ .

pf: we already have pf for case where

$\#f^{-1}(y) \equiv \#g^{-1}(y) \pmod{2}$  if  $f \sim g$ .

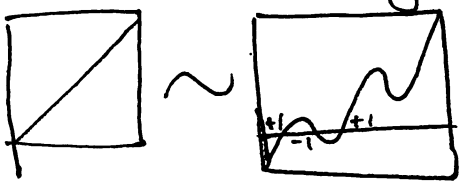
and now we can just take the identity and isotope  $y$  to  $z$ .

So this means "odd degree function"

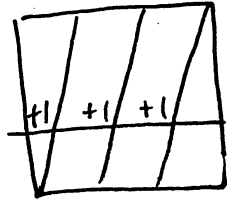
and "even degree function"

is a topological property

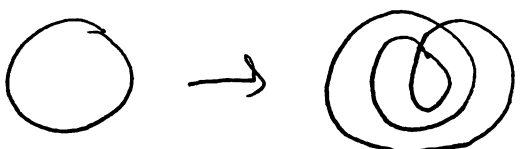
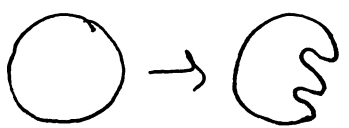
Want to say  $f: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  is degree 1



and is fundamentally different from



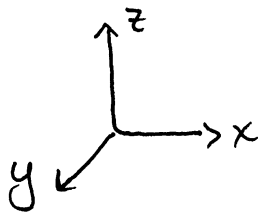
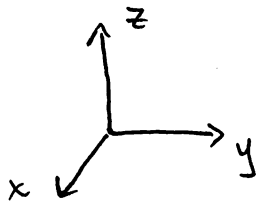
which has degree 3



(wraps around 3 times)

Idea: want to make sense of the notion of degree but want to have signs.

to make this work, we have to introduce orientation on  $M$ .

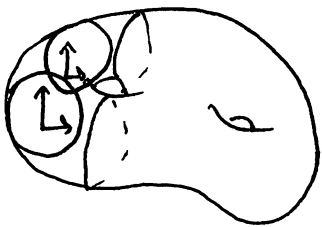


(can choose different orientation)

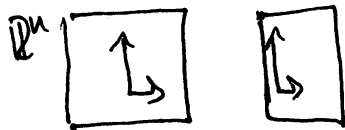
Right-handed coord. system for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

left handed coord system for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Can choose orientation on manifold



pick some orientation at base point and "push it around" using overlap of the charts

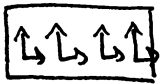


go from one chart to the next making sure they agree.

2 possibilities: ① everything agrees

② it doesn't.

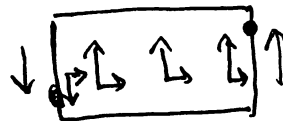
cylinder:



(the charts agree)



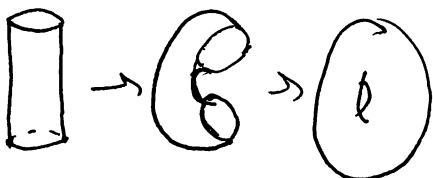
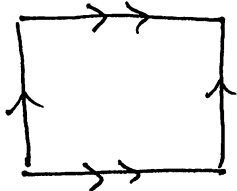
möbius strip:



charts don't agree (not orientable)

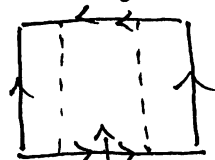


torus:



orientable

klene bottle:



möbius strip inside klene bottle

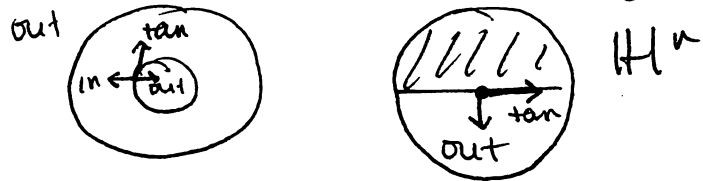


not orientable

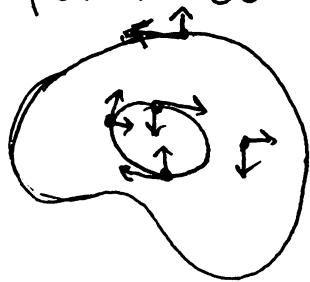
if orientable manifold has boundary

can prefer one orientation

since there is an inside and an outside there's a vector we can tell apart (vectors that point out and vectors that point tangentially)



can change our vectors so that all of them point tangentially except the one that points out



the two curves need to have different orientations.