

We know

- if we have

$f: M \rightarrow N$ (M, N are same dimension)

$g: M \rightarrow N$

and $f \sim g$

$\Rightarrow \deg(f) = \deg(g)$

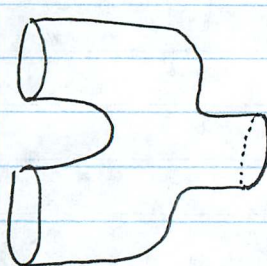
Goal: Thrm (hopf)

M oriented, compact, $\partial M = \emptyset$, $\dim M = n$

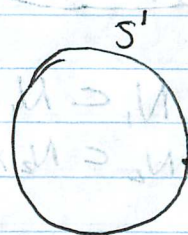
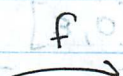
$f, g: M \rightarrow S^k$

$f \sim g \Leftrightarrow \deg(f) = \deg(g)$

Motivating example



or



$y = f(x_1) = f(x_2) = f(x_3) = f(x_4)$

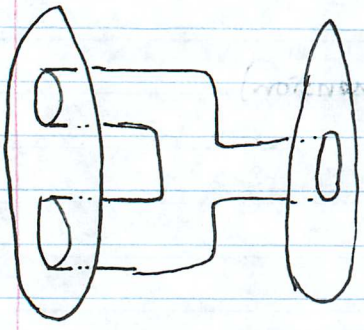
Stuff inside "cancels out" if $\deg f$ on ends is the same.

n - m lemma (inverse image of y is a connected manifold with boundary)

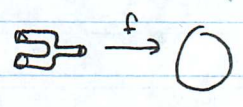
inside is "Controlled" by ends
(or can understand inside by understanding the outside)
(all of the rest is same up to an isomorphism)

step (3)
mp

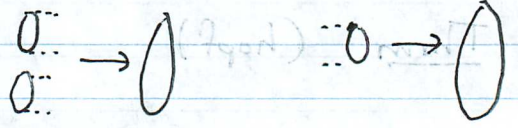
So what's going on here?



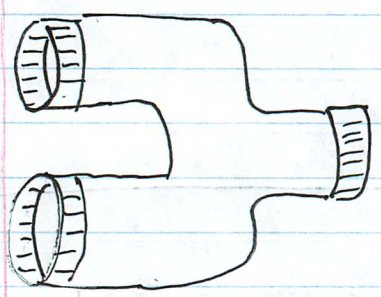
$f: X \rightarrow S^1$ w/ $\partial X = N_1 \cup N_2$



$N_1 \rightarrow S^1$ $N_2 \rightarrow S^1$

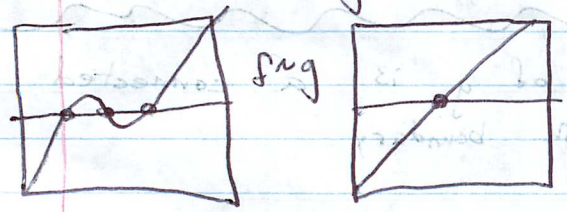
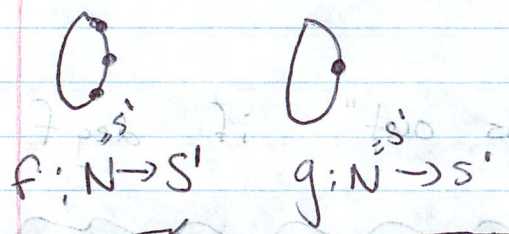


can "fatten" N_1 and N_2 into a collar at end of X



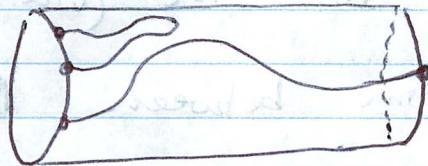
$N_1 \subset N_1 \times [0, \epsilon]$
 $N_2 \subset N_2 \times [1-\epsilon, 1]$

an even easier example



(... of the left is some no on ...)

Now I can "fill in" with a cylinder



f g

to get our homotopy
 $F: S^1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow S^1$

w/ $F(x,0) = f(x)$
 and $F(x,1) = g(x)$

here we can take
 $\epsilon = 1$ but maybe
 stuff inside is more
 complicated

Another way to think about this:

Homotopy is the Entire Story

Cobordism is once upon a time ...
 (stuff happened)

... they lived happily ever after
 we just need to make sure "stuff that happened"
 isn't too bad and the beginning and end have
 some alignment (just like in homotopy $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$).

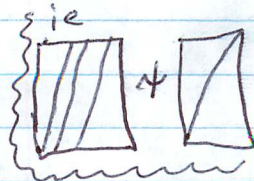
2 (sub manifolds) $N_1, N_2 \subset M$ are
 cobordant if we can "fill them"
 ie) $N_1 \times [0, \epsilon] \subset M \times [0, 1]$

$N_2 \times [1-\epsilon, 1] \subset M \times [0, 1]$

and these can be embedded into
 $X \subset M \times [0, 1]$ (compact)

w/ $\partial X = N_1 \times \{0\} \cup N_2 \times \{1\}$

$X \cap (M \times \{0\} \cup M \times \{1\}) = \partial X$

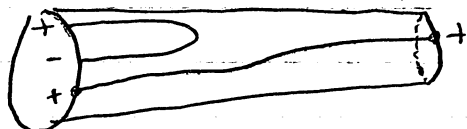


this is saying $N_1 \cup N_2$ are boundary of X and can homotope $N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ (via $M \times [0,1]$)

here X is a cobordism between N_1 and N_2

Cobordant means together (Co) they make a boundary (bordant)

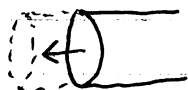
(back to homotopy)



Need orientations on N_1 and N_2 in order to make sign on degree

Such a choice of orientation is a framing

given $N \subset M$



a framing is smooth assignment of basis for,

$$(TN_x)^\perp \subset TM_x$$

(ie smooth choice of Normal)

as x moves in N

if basis is B , (N, B) is the framed (Sub)-manifold

