

# VI 4-Manifolds and Surgery

## A. Handlebody Theory and Morse Functions

an  $n$ -dimensional  $k$ -handle is

$$h^k = D^k \times D^{n-k}$$

set  $\partial_- h^k = (\partial D^k) \times D^{n-k}$  attaching region

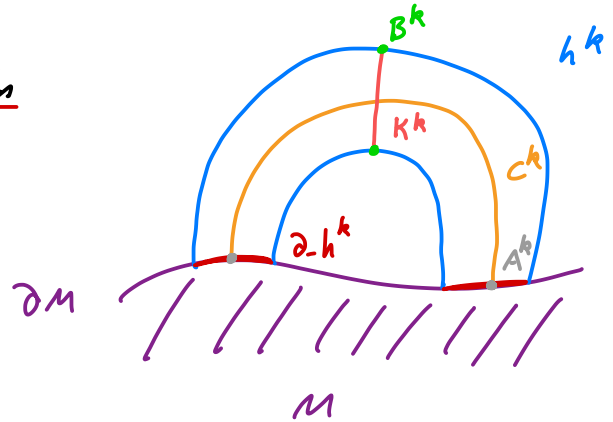
$$\partial_+ h^k = D^k \times \partial D^{n-k}$$

$A^k = \partial D^k \times \{0\}$  attaching sphere

$C^k = D^k \times \{0\}$  core

$K^k = \{0\} \times D^{n-k}$  co-core

$B^k = \{0\} \times \partial D^{n-k}$  belt sphere



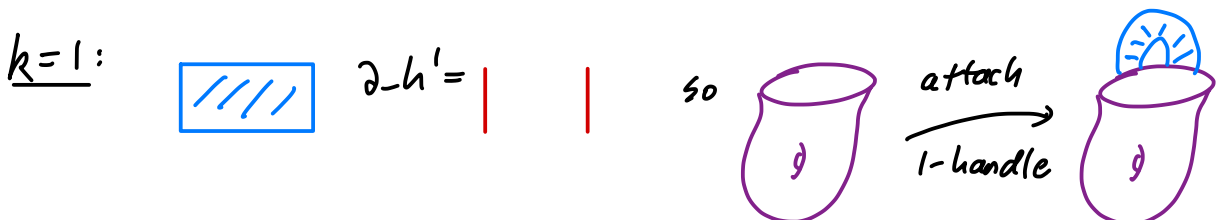
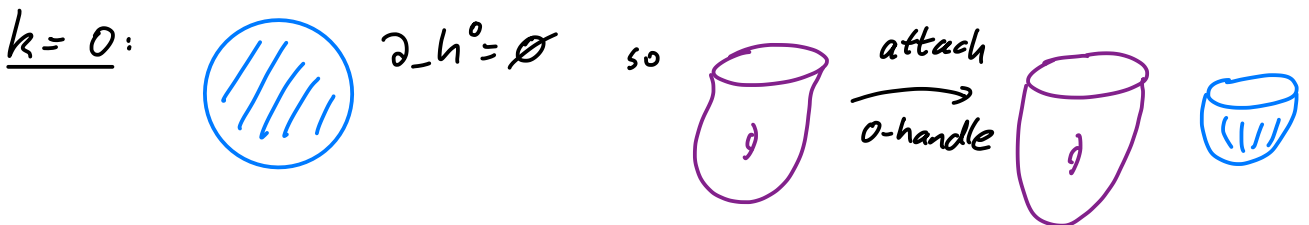
given an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  and an embedding

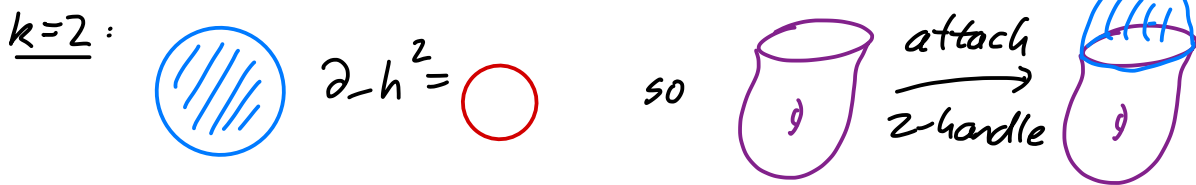
$$\phi: \partial_- h^k \rightarrow \partial M$$

we attach  $h^k$  to  $M$  by forming the identification space

$$M \amalg h^k / (x \in \partial_- h^k) \sim (\phi(x) \in \partial M)$$

e.g. dimension 2:



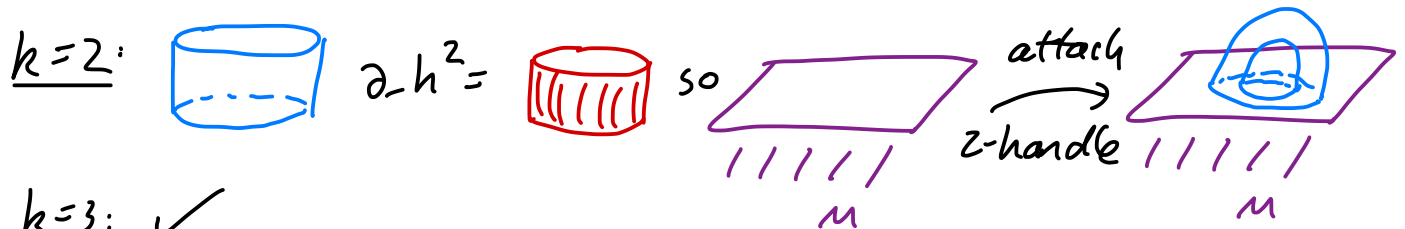
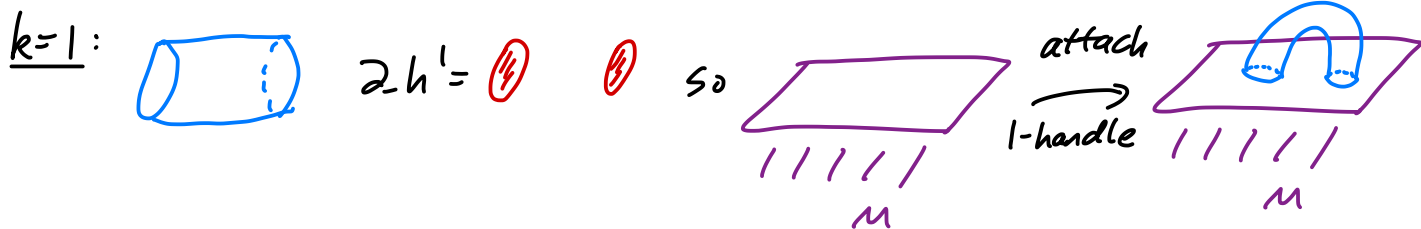


Remark:

- 1) In all dimensions, attaching a 0-handle is just taking a disjoint union with  $D^n$
- 2) In all dimensions  $n$ , attaching an  $n$ -handle is just "capping off" an  $S^{n-1}$  boundary component

dimension 3:

$k=0$ : ✓



$k=3$ : ✓

Remark: Note when attaching a handle one has a manifold with "corners", there is a standard way to smooth them out (see Wall "Differential Topology")

exercise:

- 1) if  $\phi_0, \phi_1 : \partial_h^k \rightarrow \partial M$  are isotopic, then the result of attaching a handle to  $M$  via  $\phi_0$  is diffeomorphic to attaching a handle to  $M$  via  $\phi_1$

2) the isotopy class of  $\phi: \partial_h^k \rightarrow M$  is determined by

1) isotopy class of  $\phi|_{A^k}$  ( $A^k = S^{k-1} \times \{0\}$ )

(i.e. a  $S^{k-1}$  knot in  $\partial M$ )

2) the "framing" of the normal bundle of

$\phi(A^k)$  given by  $\phi|_{\partial_h^k} = A^k \times D^{n-k}$

i.e. an identification of  $\nu(\phi(A^k))$  with  $S^{k-1} \times D^{n-k}$

eg. notice that  $S^1 \times D^2$  has an integers worth of framings

$$S^1 \times D^2 \xrightarrow{\phi_n} S^1 \times D^2$$

$$(\phi, (r, \theta)) \longmapsto (\phi, (r, \theta + n\phi))$$



3) more generally show the framings on a  $k$ -dimensional sphere in  $Y^n$  is in one-to-one correspondence

with  $\pi_k(O(n-k))$

↑ dim of normal bundle fiber

so we see to attach an  $n$ -dimensional  $k$ -handle, one must specify

1) an  $S^{k-1}$  knot in  $\partial M$  and

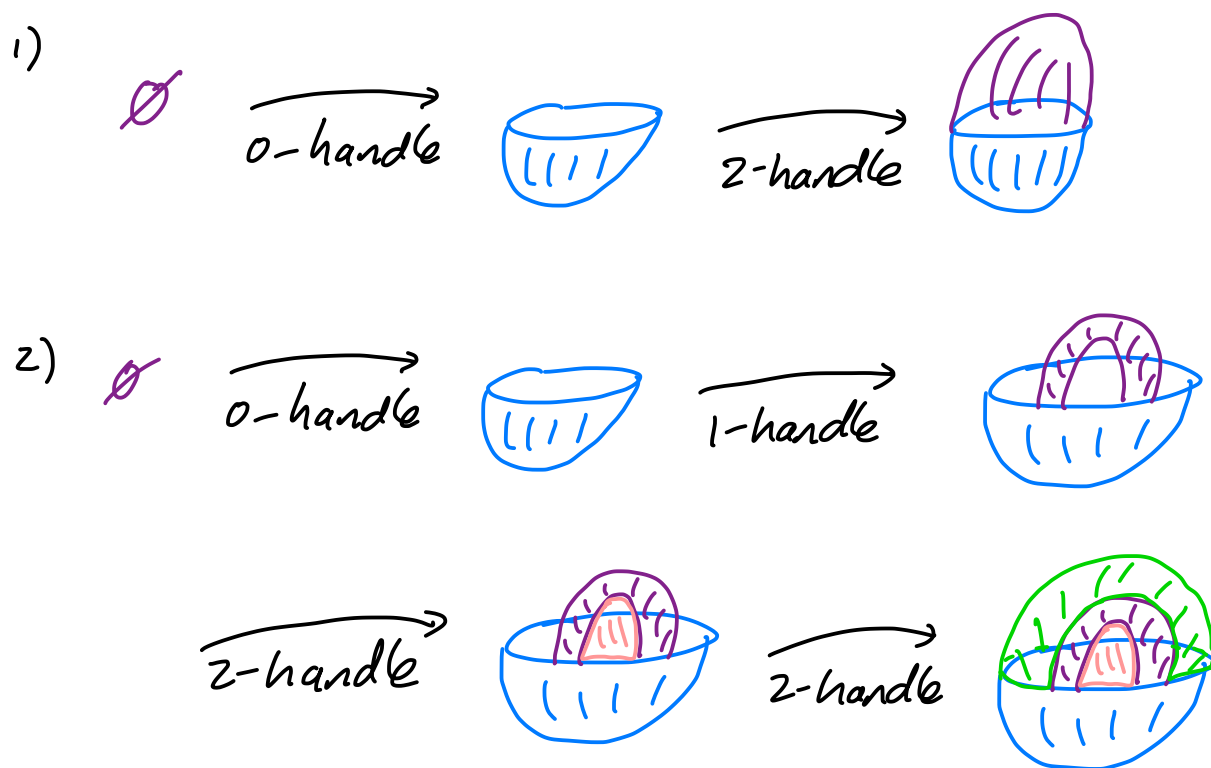
2) "elt" of  $\pi_{k-1}(O(n-k))$

↑ really to get such an element need a canonical "zero" framing

A handle decomposition of an  $n$ -manifold  $M$  is a sequence of manifolds  $M_0, M_1, \dots, M_g$  such that

- 1)  $M_0 = \emptyset$  and  $M_g \cong M$
- 2)  $M_{i+1}$  is obtained from  $M_i$  by a  $k$ -handle attachment for some  $k$

example: handle decompositions of  $S^2$



Th<sup>m</sup>:

Any smooth compact manifold has a handle decomposition

a brief sketch of the proof goes as follows

recall a Morse function

$$f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a function all of whose critical points are



non-degenerate, that is if  $p \in M$  is a critical point, then in local coordinates about  $p$ , the matrix

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (p) \right)$$

is invertible

- exercise:
- 1) Show  $p$  is a non-degenerate critical point of  $f \Leftrightarrow df$  is transverse to the zero section of  $T^*M$  at  $df(p)$
  - 2) Every function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can be perturbed to be a Morse function
  - 3) If  $p$  is a non-degenerate critical point of  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  then  $\exists$  coordinates about  $p$  such that  $f$  takes the form

Fundamental lemma of Morse theory  $\rightarrow$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(p) - x_1^2 - \dots - x_k^2 + x_{k+1}^2 + \dots + x_n^2$$

$k$  is called the index of  $p$

Main Th<sup>m</sup> of Morse theory:

let  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Morse function

I) if  $[a, b]$  contains no critical values then

$$f^{-1}([a, b]) \cong f^{-1}(a) \times [a, b]$$

$\leftarrow$  manifold since a reg. value

II) if  $\exists!$  critical point  $p \in f^{-1}([a, b])$  s.t.  $f(p) \in (a, b)$

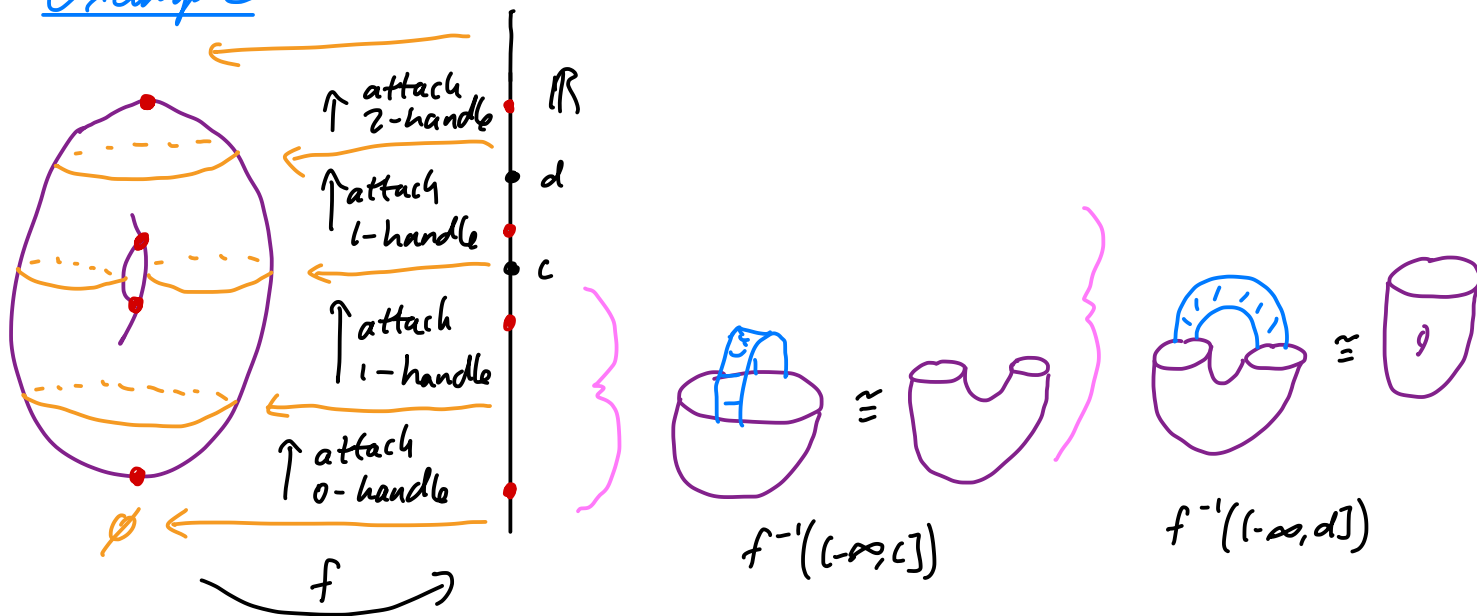
then

$f^{-1}([a, b])$  is obtained from  $f^{-1}(a) \times [a, a+\epsilon]$

by attaching a  $k$ -handle to  $f^{-1}(a) \times \{a+\epsilon\}$

$\leftarrow$  index of  $p$

example:



Remark: handle decomposition theorem clearly follows

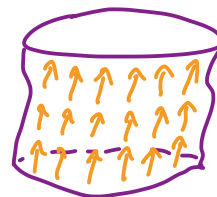
Idea of Proof of Main Th<sup>m</sup>:

I) let  $\Phi_t: M \rightarrow M$  be the (normalized) gradient flow of  $f$

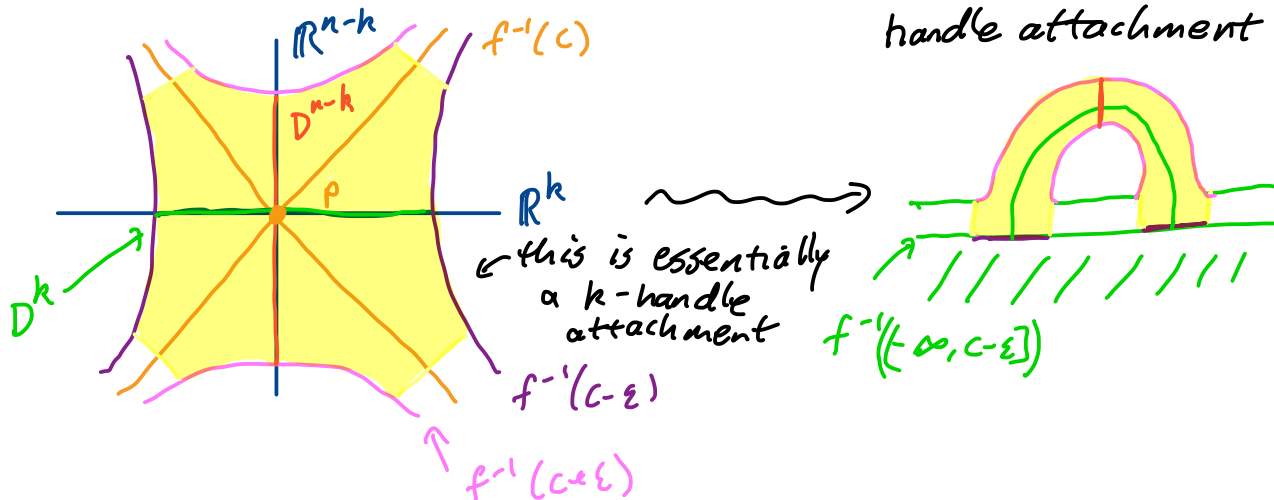
then  $f^{-1}(a) \times [a, b] \rightarrow M$

$(p, t) \mapsto \Phi_{t-a}(p)$

is an embedding onto  $f^{-1}([a, b])$



II) let  $U$  be nbhd about  $p$  where  $f$  has the form as in exercis 3 above. In  $U$  we see



exercise: finish proof of II) 

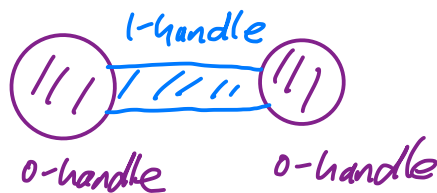
Facts (exercises):

1) In a handle decomposition, can assume handles are attached in order of non-decreasing index

Hint: if  $h^k$  attached after  $h^l$  and  $k \leq l$ , show you can make the attaching sphere of  $h^k$  disjoint from the belt sphere of  $h^l$

2) if the attaching sphere of  $h^{k+1}$  intersects the belt sphere of  $h^k$  exactly once and transversely, then  $M \cup h^k \cup h^{k+1} \cong M$

3) if  $M$  is connected then it has a handle decomp. with only one 0-handle

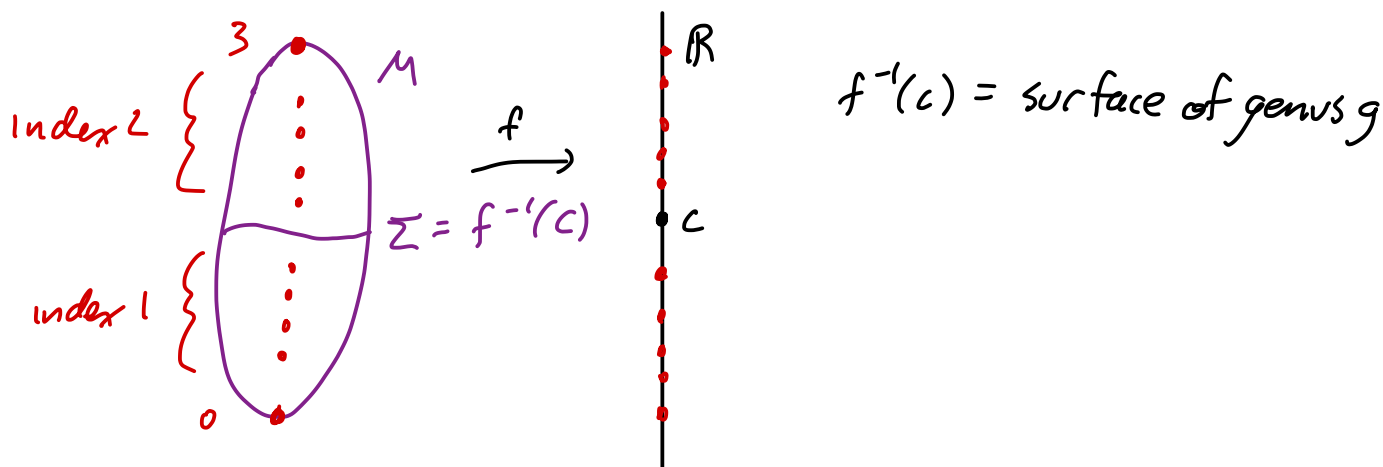


4) if  $f: M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Morse then so is  $-f$

and index  $k$  for  $f \iff$  index  $n-k$  for  $-f$

(so if  $\partial M = \emptyset$  then can assume only one  $n$ -handle and if  $\partial M \neq \emptyset$  then can assume no  $n$ -handles)

example:  $M$  a closed, connected, oriented 3-manifold  
 $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a Morse function with  
 one index 0 critical point  
 one index 3 " " "



note:  $M_c = f^{-1}((-\infty, c]) = 0\text{-handle} \cup 1\text{-handles}$   
 is a "handlebody" in the sense of  
 section I:

$M_c \setminus \text{co-cores of 1-handles}$   
 " "  
 0-handle (= 3 ball)

so follows from lemma I.1



Similarly  $\overline{M - M_c} = f^{-1}([c, \infty))$   
 $= (f)^{-1}([-\infty, -c])$   
 $= \text{handle body too}$



so  $\Sigma$  is a Heegaard splitting!

New proof of Th<sup>m</sup> I.3 using Morse Theory.

## B 4-manifolds

$X$  a connected 4-manifold

so  $X$  has a handlebody structure with one 0-handle

so other handles attached to  $S^3 = \partial(D^4) = \mathbb{R}^3 \cup \{\infty\}$

that is, we can draw them in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

1-handle:  $h^1 = D^1 \times D^2$  attaching region  $\partial D^1 \times D^2 = S^0 \times D^2$

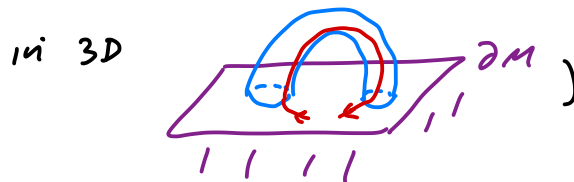
framing  $\in \pi_0(O(3)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$

exercise: one of these framings gives a non-orientable manifold

so if  $X$  orientable attaching  $h^1$  determined by image of  $\partial-h^1$



(if walking around boundary and walk in one  $D^3$  will pop out other one



$$\text{now } h^0 \cup h^1 = D^4 \cup (D^1 \times D^3) = (D^1 \times D^3) \cup (D^1 \times D^3)$$

glue  $\partial-h^1$  to  $\partial D^1 \times D^3$

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

$$\text{and } h^0 \cup m h^1 = \natural_m S^1 \times D^3$$

where  $\natural$  is boundary sum

that is, given  $X_1$  and  $X_2$

let  $D_1, D_2$  be  $D^3$ 's is  $\partial X_1$  and  $\partial X_2$

$$X_1 \cup_{D_1=D_2} X_2$$

2-handles:  $h^2 = D^2 \times D^2$  attaching region  $\partial h^2 = S^1 \times D^2$

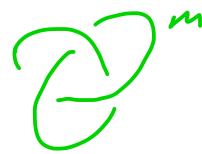
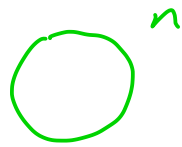
framing in  $\pi_1(SO(2)) \cong \mathbb{Z}$

so we need to specify a knot  $K$  in  $\partial((0,4) \cup (1,4)_S)$

and a framing on  $K$

(identified with  $\mathbb{Z}$  using a Seifert surface for  $K$  if  $K$  is null-homologous)

example:



what is  ?

0-h  $\cup$  2-h

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$$(D^2 \times D^2) \cup (D^2 \cup D^2)$$

glue  $A = S^1 \times D^2$  in 2<sup>nd</sup> factor to

$S^1 \times D^2$  in 1<sup>st</sup> factor

nbhd of unknot in  $\partial D^4$



if one glues  $S^1 \times D^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times D^2$  by identity

then get  $S^2 \times D^2$

exercise: in general get  $D^2$ -bundle over  $S^2$   
 an the Euler class of  $\bigcirc^n$   
 is  $n$

(recall  $D^2$ -bundles over  $S^2$  are  
 in one-to-one correspondence  
 with  $\mathbb{Z}$  via Euler class)

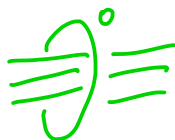
note:  $\partial(0-h \cup 1-h) = S^1 \times S^2$  and  
 $\partial(\bigcirc^0) = S^1 \times S^2$

so if we are only interested in  $\partial X$   
 then can replace   with  $\bigcirc^0$

exercise: more generally if you see



this has same boundary as



$\therefore$  if  $M^3 = \partial X^4$  and  $X^4 = 0-h \cup (1-h)'s \cup (2-h)'s$   
 then  $\exists X'$  a 4-manifold with only 0- and  
 2-handles such that  $\partial X' = M$

Fact: if a 4-mfd is closed then there is a  
 unique way to attach 3- and 4-handles

to get the closed manifolds

so we don't need to keep track of them!

note: if  $X$  is a 4-manifold such that  $\partial X = M^3$

then from above we can assume  $X$  has no 4-handles and we can replace 1-handles with 2-handles, moreover by "turning upside down" (replace  $f$  by  $-f$ ) can replace 3-handles by 2-handles too.

That is if  $M = \partial(\text{4-manifold})$  then  $M$  is the boundary of a 4-manifold with only a 0-handle and 2-handles

what happens to the boundary of an  $n$ -manifold when you attach a  $k$ -handle?

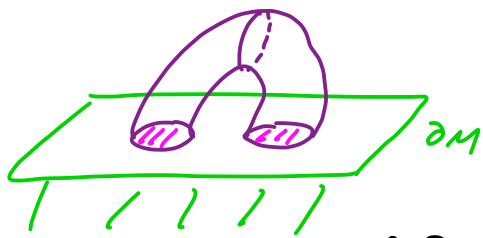
lemma 1:

if  $X' = X \cup k\text{-handle}$  then  $\partial X' = \partial X$  with a nbhd of the attaching sphere removed and  $\partial_+ h^k = D^k \times S^{n-k-1}$  glued in via attaching map restricted to  $\partial(\partial_- h^k) = \partial(\partial_+ h^k)$  (ie remove  $S^{k-1} \times D^{n-k}$  reglue  $D^k \times S^{n-k-1}$  this is called surgery on the  $S^{k-1}$  in  $\partial X$ )

if  $\dim X = 4$  and  $h^2$  is attached along an  $S^1 \subset \partial X$  with framing  $n$ , then  $\partial X' = \partial X$  after  $n$ -framed Dehn surgery on  $K$



example: in 3D attach a 1-handle



note the image of  $\partial_- h'$  becomes part of the interior of  $X'$   
and we glue a copy of  $\partial_+ h'$  to  $\partial X - (\text{nbhd } \partial_- h')$  along  
 $\partial(\partial_+ h') = \partial D' \times \partial D^2 = S^0 \times S^1$

Proof: assume  $h^k$  is glued via  $\phi: \partial h^k \rightarrow \partial X$

then as above  $\phi(\partial_- h^k) = (\text{nbhd attaching sphere})$  is  
removed from  $\partial X$  (it becomes part of the interior)

and we add  $\partial_+ h^k$  to get  $\partial X'$

we glue  $\partial_+ h^k = D^k \times \partial D^{n-k} = D^k \times S^{n-k-1}$  to  $\partial X - \phi(\partial_- h^k)$

via  $\phi|_{\partial(\partial_+ h^k)}: S^{k-1} \times S^{n-k-1} \rightarrow \overline{\partial X - \phi(\partial_- h^k)}$

exercise: convince yourself of last part of lemma

(hopefully clear) 

note: from Section I and V we know any oriented  
3-manifold is obtained from  $S^3$  by Dehn surgery  
on a link with integer coefficients, thus  
it is the boundary of a 4-manifold!

We can prove this independent of Section I and  
therefore give an alternate proof that 3-mflds  
can be obtained from  $S^3$  via Dehn surgery!  
(Wallace)

## Thm 2:

any closed orientable 3-manifold is the boundary of a 4-manifold built with only a 0-handle and 2-handles ( $\Rightarrow$  obtained from  $S^3$  via Dehn surgery)

Proof: the Whitney immersion theorem says an orientable  $n$ -manifold immerses in  $S^{2n-1}$

let  $i: M^3 \rightarrow S^5$  be an immersion in  $S^5$  we can isotop  $i$  so it is self-transverse i.e. the double points of  $i(M)$  are  $\perp \gamma_i$ , each  $\gamma_i$  an  $S^1$  in  $i(M)$

Claim: 1)  $\exists$  a 4-manifold  $X$  such that

$$\partial X = M \cup M' \text{ where } M' \text{ is embedded in } \mathbb{R}^5$$

2) if  $M'$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  then there is an embedded "Seifert submanifold"  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  such that  $\partial W = M'$

given claims  $M = \partial(\underbrace{X \cup W}_{X'})$  and from above  $X'$  can

be assumed  $X'$  to have a 0-handle and 2-handles

$\therefore$  lemma 1  $\Rightarrow \partial X' = M$  is obtained by surgery on a link in  $S^3$

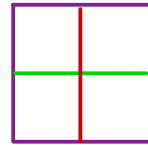
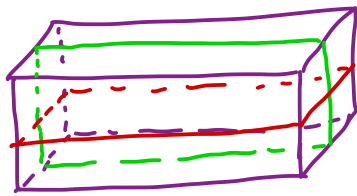
for Claim 1: consider the double points of  $i: M \rightarrow S^5$

if  $i^{-1}(\Gamma_i) = \gamma_i \cup \gamma_i'$  is disconnected

then  $N(\gamma_i) = \gamma_i \times D^2$  and

$$N(\gamma_i') = \gamma_i' \times D^2$$

$$\text{so } N(\Gamma_i) = \Gamma_i \times D^4 \cong \overbrace{\gamma_i \times D^2}^{N(\gamma_i)} \times \overbrace{D^2}^{N(\gamma_i')} = \gamma_i \times D^4$$

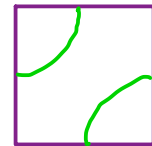
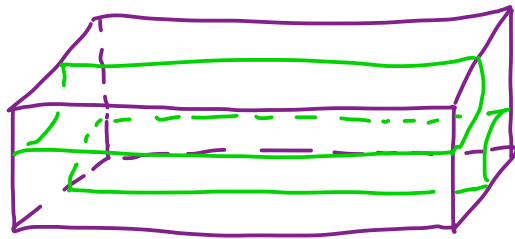


for each  $p \in \gamma_i$  replace 2 disks in  $D^4$  with

an annulus  $A = S^1 \times [1, 2]$

with  $A \times \{1\} = \gamma_i \times \partial D^2$  in  $N(\gamma_i)$

and  $A \times \{2\} = \gamma_i' \times \partial D^2$  in  $N(\gamma_i')$



so let  $M' = \overline{M - (N(\gamma \cup \gamma'))} \cup (A \times S^1)$

note:  $M' \rightarrow S^5$  has one less double point set

and  $X = M \times \{0, 1\} \cup (D^2 \times [1, 2] \times S^1)$  where

$D^2 \times \{1\} \times S^1$  glued to  $N(\gamma)$  and

$D^2 \times \{2\} \times S^1$  " "  $N(\gamma')$  in  $M \times \{1\}$

then  $\partial X = -M \cup M'$

exercise: if  $i^{-1}(\Gamma_1)$  is connected give a similar construction

for Claim 2: this follows from

Th<sup>m</sup> 3:

if  $M$  is a connected, closed, oriented  $m$ -manifold smoothly embedded in an oriented  $W^{m+2}$  and

$$[M] = 0 \text{ in } H_m(W)$$

then  $\exists$  an embedded  $\Sigma^{m+1} \subset W^{m+2}$  s.t.

$$\partial \Sigma = M$$

ultimate generalization of a "Seifert surface"!

for this we need

lemma 4:

if  $M$  is a connected, closed, oriented  $m$ -manifold smoothly embedded in an oriented  $W^{m+2}$  and

$$[M] = 0 \text{ in } H_m(W)$$

then it has a trivial normal bundle

in particular  $M$  has a nbhd  $\cong M \times D^2$

Proof: recall the Euler class of an oriented vector bundle

$\begin{array}{c} E \\ \downarrow \\ M^m \end{array}$  with fiber  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is the Poincaré dual  $e(E)$

of  $[\sigma^{-1}(\text{zero section})] \in H_{m-k}(M)$

where  $\sigma: M \rightarrow E$  is a section that is transverse to the zero section

exercise:

- 1) show this is well-defined i.e. independent of  $\sigma$ .
- 2) If  $k=2$ , then  $e(E)=0 \Leftrightarrow E$  has a non-zero section

Warning: Not true in general! only get  $(\Leftarrow)$

Hint:  $e(E)$  is the "obstruction" to  $E$  having a non-zero section over the  $k$ -skeleton but for  $k=2$  no other obstructions

now since the normal bundle  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \nu(M)$  is

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \nu(M) \\ \downarrow \pi \\ M \end{array}$$

an orientable bundle (since  $M$  and  $W$  are oriented)

it will be trivial if  $\exists$  a nonzero section (exercise)

we build a vector bundle  $\xi$  over  $W$  with fiber dimension 2 and  $\xi|_M = \nu(M)$  such that  $e(\xi) = 0 \therefore e(\nu(M)) = 0$  and done by exercise above.

let  $\eta = \pi^* \nu(M)$  be the pull-back of  $\nu(M)$  to  $\nu(M)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \eta = \pi^* \nu(M) & \longrightarrow & \nu(M) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \nu(M) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \end{array}$$

recall  $\pi^*(M) = \{(a,b) \in V(M) \times V(M) : \pi(a) = \pi(b)\}$

define  $s: V(M) \rightarrow \eta: e \mapsto (e,e)$

identify  $M$  with the zero section  $Z \subset V(M)$

note  $s \neq 0$  on  $V(M) - Z$

so  $\eta$  is trivial on  $V(M) - Z$


from differential topology we know that

$M \subset W$  has a nbhd  $N(M)$  diffeomorphic  
to a nbhd of  $Z$  in  $V(M)$

so define  $\zeta$  on  $N(M)$  to be  $\eta$  and  
extend to rest of  $W$  via the trivial bundle  
now  $s$  extends to  $\zeta$  to be nonzero except  
on  $M \subset N(M) (\cong Z \subset V(M))$

so  $e(\zeta) = \text{Poincaré Dual}([\zeta^{-1}(\text{zero section})])$   
 $= [M] = 0$

since  $V(M) = \zeta|_M$  (exercise)

we have  $e(V(M))$  has a non zero section 

For Th<sup>m</sup> 3 proof need simple case of

Brown Representation Th<sup>m</sup>:

for a CW complex  $H^n(X; \mathbb{Z}) \cong [X, K(\mathbb{Z}, n)]$

homotopy classes  
of maps

$K(\mathbb{Z}, n)$  is a space such that

$$\pi_k(K(\mathbb{Z}, n)) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

eg.  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 1) = S^1$  so

$$H^1(X) \cong [X, S^1]$$

### Proof of Th<sup>m</sup> 3:

let  $N(M)$  be a tubular nbhd of  $M$  in  $W$

by lemma 4,  $N(M) \cong M \times D^2$

but there might be many such identifications

exercise: show the identifications are in one-to-one correspondence with  $H^1(M)$

let  $S^1 = \partial(\{p\} \times D^2)$  for any  $p \in M$

no power of  $S^1 \subset (W - N(M))$  is trivial in  $H_2(W - N(M))$

since if it were there would be a 2-chain

$$C \text{ s.t. } \partial C = nS^1$$

so  $C \cup n(\{p\} \times D^2)$  is a closed 2-chain

and gives a homology class in  $H_2(W)$

that intersects  $M$ ,  $n$  times

but  $[M] = 0$  so must intersect everything zero times

$\therefore [S']$  generates a  $\mathbb{Z} \subset H_1(W-N(M))$

let  $\alpha \in H^1(W-N(M))$  be its dual

now the inclusions

$$S' \xrightarrow{i} \partial(W-N(M)) \xrightarrow{j} W-N(M)$$

induce

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^1(W-N(M)) & \xrightarrow{J^*} & H^1(\partial(W-N(M))) & \xrightarrow{I^*} & H^1(S') \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ [W-N(M); S'] & \rightarrow & [\partial(W-N(M)); S'] & \rightarrow & [S'; S'] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} [W-N(M); S'] & \rightarrow & [\partial(W-N(M)); S'] & \rightarrow & [S'; S'] \\ & & \uparrow \text{restriction} & & \uparrow \text{restriction} \end{array}$$

$J^* \alpha$  is represented by a map

$$f: \partial(W-N(M)) \rightarrow S'$$

exercise: one can choose

$$h: \partial(W-N(M)) \rightarrow M \times S'$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial(W-N(M)) & \xrightarrow{f} & S' \\ \downarrow h & \circlearrowright & \nearrow \text{project} \\ M \times S' & & \end{array}$$

but now  $\alpha$  is represented by  $F: (W-N(M)) \rightarrow S'$


s.t.  $F|_{\partial} = f = \text{projection}$

let  $x \in S'$  be a regular value



$\Sigma = F^{-1}(x)$  is a  $(m+1)$ -submanifold of  $(W - N(M)) \subset W$

$$\text{and } \partial \Sigma = M \times \{x\}$$

↑ isotopic to  $M$  so can isotop  $\Sigma$   
st.  $\partial \Sigma = M$  

## C. Homology of 3- and 4-manifolds

### Lemma 5:

If  $X^4 = (0\text{-handle}) \cup k(2\text{-handles})$  then

$$H_0(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}, H_1(X) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$1) H_2(X) \cong \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z} \text{ generated by 2-handles}$$

specifically: 2-handles attached to  $L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_k$ , let  $\Sigma_1$  be a Seifert surface for  $L_k$  pushed into interior( $B^4$ ) and  $A_2 = \Sigma_1 \cup C_1$  where  $C_1$  is the core of 2-handle

$$2) H_2(X, \partial X) \cong \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z} \text{ generated by the co-cores of the 2-handles}$$

### Proof:

$$1) \text{ let } X_2 = (0\text{-handles}) \cup 1^{\text{st}} \text{ } 2\text{-handles}$$

$$\text{note } X_{i+1}/X_i \cong S^2$$

$$\text{so } \begin{array}{ccccccc} H_3(X_{i+1}, X_i) & \rightarrow & H_2(X_i) & \rightarrow & H_2(X_{i+1}) & \rightarrow & H_2(X_i, X_{i+1}) & \rightarrow & H_1(X_i) \\ \parallel & & & & & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & & & \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\pm 1} & \mathbb{Z} & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore H_2(X_{n+1}) \cong H_2(X_n) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \quad \leftarrow \text{gen by } A_{n+1}$$

so inductively  $H_2(X)$  is as claimed.

2) since  $H_1(X) = 0$ , Universal Coefficients gives

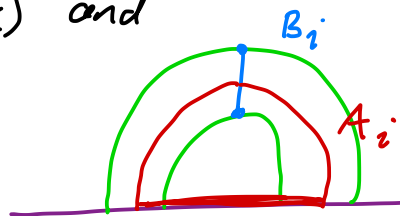
$$H^2(X) \cong H_2(X)$$

and Poincaré duality gives  $H_2(X, \partial X) \cong H^2(X) \cong \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z}$

note: if  $B_i$  is the cocore to  $i^{\text{th}}$  2-handle

then  $[B_i] \in H_2(X, \partial X)$  and

$$B_i \cdot A_j = \delta_{ij}$$



so  $B_i$  gives elt  $H^2(X) \cong \text{Hom}(H_2(X), \mathbb{Z})$

that is dual to  $A_i$

i.e.  $B_i$ 's generate  $H_2(X, \partial X)$  

### Theorem 6:

let  $L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_k$  be a link in  $S^3$  and  $X$  be the 4-mfd obtained from  $B^4$  by attaching 2-handles to  $B^4$  along the  $L_i$  with framing  $n_i$

$$\text{let } a_{ij} = \begin{cases} \text{lk}(L_i, L_j) & i \neq j \\ n_i & i = j \end{cases}$$

the matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  is called the linking matrix

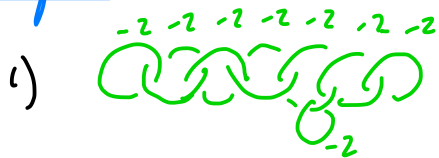
$$\text{we have } \begin{array}{ccccccc} H_2(X) & \longrightarrow & H_2(X, \partial X) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_1(\partial X) & \longrightarrow & H_1(X) \\ \cong & & \cong & & \cong & & 0 \\ \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{A} & \bigoplus_k \mathbb{Z} & & & & \end{array}$$

where we use  $A_i$  as a basis for  $H_2(X)$  and  
 $B_i$  " " "  $H_2(X, \partial X)$

thus if  $\mu_i$  is the meridian to  $L_i$  then we  
 have a presentation for the homology of  
 $\partial X$ :

$$H_1(\partial X) \cong \langle \mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \mid a_{11}\mu_1 + a_{12}\mu_2 + \dots, \dots \rangle$$

example:



linking matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & & & & & \\ & & 1 & -2 & & & & \\ & & & 1 & -2 & & & \\ & & & & 1 & -2 & & \\ & & & & & 1 & -2 & \\ & & & & & & 1 & -2 \\ & & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\swarrow$  Eg matrix

you can compute  $\det A = 1$

so  $A$  is an isomorphism  $\oplus_k \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \oplus_k \mathbb{Z}$

and so  $H_1(\partial X) = 1$

2)



$A = [1]$  so  $H_1(\partial X) = 1$

(of course  $\partial$  in 1) & 2) are same  
 as we showed earlier)

3) if  $M^3 = n$ -surgery on a knot then

$$H_1(M) = \mathbb{Z}_n$$

exercise:

- 1) if  $X = \mathbb{Q}^n$ , then see directly that any loop in  $\partial X$  is null-homologous in  $\partial X$
- 2) let  $X = \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^m \mathbb{Q}^n \right) \cup \Sigma_2$  what is  $H_1(\partial X)$ ?

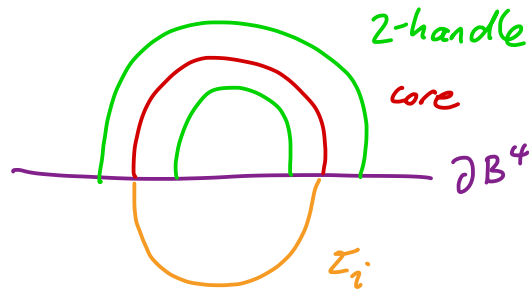
Proof: we first note that

$$H_2(X, \partial X) \rightarrow H_1(\partial X)$$

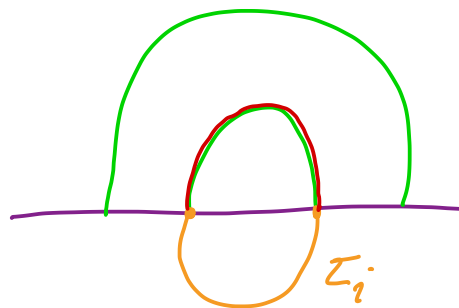
is just a boundary map so  $\partial(B_i) = \mu_i$ , so  $\mu_i$  generate  $H_1(\partial X)$

now  $H_2(X) \rightarrow H_2(X, \partial X)$  is just inclusion so we need to write the  $A_i$  in terms of the  $B_i$

recall  $A_i = \Sigma_i \cup \text{core}$

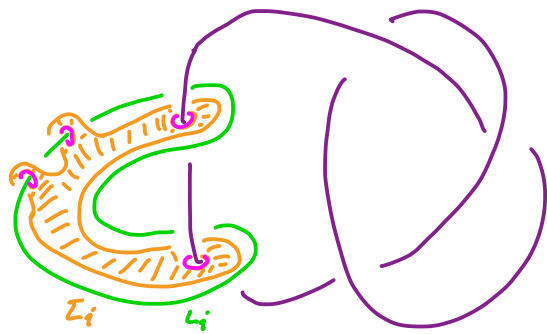


push core to  $\partial X$



anything in  $\partial X$  "disappears" in  $H_2(X, \partial X)$

so we just have  $\Sigma_i$  with its boundary linking  $L_i, n_i$  times in  $S^3$



now push  $\Sigma_i$  into  $\partial X$

can do this except for parts where some other component

$L_j \cap \Sigma_i$  and where  $L_i \cap \Sigma_i$

these are precisely meridian curves bounding  $B_i$  in  $X$

so  $A_i \mapsto a_{1i} B_1 + a_{2i} B_2 + \dots + a_{ki} B_k$



We now study  $H_2(X)$  when  $X$  is closed

Recall  $H_2(X) \cong H^2(X)$  (if  $H_1(X)$  has no torsion)

and  $H^2(X)$  has a cup-product pairing

$$H^2(X) \times H^2(X) \rightarrow H^4(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

we interpret this geometrically

lemma 7:

if  $X$  is a closed oriented 4-manifold then any  $a \in H_2(X)$  is represented by an oriented surface  $Z \subset X$

$$\text{z.e. } [Z] = a$$

Proof:  $H_2(X) \cong H^2(X) \cong [X; K(\mathbb{Z}, 2)]$

↑  
Broun

now  $K(\mathbb{Z}, 2) = \mathbb{C}P^\infty = 0\text{-cell} \cup 2\text{-cell} \cup 4\text{-cell} \cup \dots$

So any map  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  is homotopic to

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2$$

(indeed,  $f(X) \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$  some  $n$  since it is compact

now make  $f$  transverse to center of  $2n$ -cell  
 thus  $f$  disjoint from it if  $n > 2$ , and so  $f$  can be  
 homotoped off of it, i.e. into  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$

so inductively get  $f(X) \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$ )

$$H_2(\mathbb{C}P^2) \cong \mathbb{Z} \text{ generated by } \mathbb{C}P^1 \subset \mathbb{C}P^2$$

make  $f$  transverse to  $\mathbb{C}P^1$  and set  $\Sigma = f^{-1}(\mathbb{C}P^1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_2(X) & \cong & H^2(X) \\ \downarrow f_* & & \uparrow f^* \\ H_2(\mathbb{C}P^2) & \cong & H^2(\mathbb{C}P^2) \\ \cong & & \cong \\ \mathbb{Z} & & \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{gen by } [\mathbb{C}P^1] & & \text{gen by P.D. } [\mathbb{C}P^1] \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } P.D.(a) = f^*(P.D. [\mathbb{C}P^1]) = P.D. [f^{-1}(\mathbb{C}P^1)]$$

$$\text{i.e. } a = [\Sigma]$$



Big Question: given  $a \in H_2(X)$  what is the minimal genus  
 of a surface  $\Sigma \subset X$  such that  $[\Sigma] = a$ ?

given  $[\Sigma], [\Sigma'] \in H_2(X)$

define  $[\Sigma] \cdot [\Sigma'] =$  signed count of points in  $\Sigma \cap \Sigma'$   
 (after they are made transverse)

exercise:  $[\Sigma] \cdot [\Sigma'] = \langle \text{P.D.}([\Sigma]) \cup \text{P.D.}([\Sigma']), [X] \rangle$

so the "intersection pairing"

$$H_2(X) \times H_2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

and cup product pairing

$$H^2(X) \times H^2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

are "dual"

in particular, by Poincaré Duality, it is non-degenerate

it is also symmetric and bilinear

denote it  $Q_X: H_2(X) \times H_2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

lemma 8:

If  $X$  is a 4-manifold made with only 0,2-handles (can also have 4-handle) and  $A$  is the linking matrix of the attaching circles of the 2-handles, then

$$H_2(X) \times H_2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

is given by  $A$  in the basis  $A_i$  from lemma 5

Proof: recall  $\text{lk}(L_i, L_j) = \text{signed count } L_i \cap \tilde{\Sigma}_j$

but this = signed count  $\Sigma_i \cap \tilde{\Sigma}_j$

= signed count  $\Sigma_i \cap \Sigma_j$

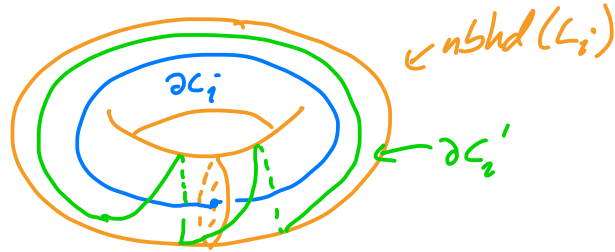
$$\text{so } A_i \cap A_j = (C_i \cup \Sigma_i) \cap (C_j \cup \Sigma_j)$$

$$= \Sigma_i \cap \Sigma_j = \text{lk}(L_i, L_j)$$

Seifert surface  
in  $S^3 = \partial B^4$

Seifert surface  
for  $L_j$  with interior  
pushed into  $B^4$

now for  $A_1 \cap A_i$  take  $(C_i \cup \Sigma_i)$  and  $C_i' =$  parallel to  $C_i$



since these link  $n_i$  times the surface  $\Sigma_i'$  that glues to  $C_i'$  intersects  $\Sigma_i$ ,  $n_i$  times ▣

$Q_X: H_2(X) \times H_2(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is an invariant of  $X$

in general, invariants of non-degenerate symmetric bilinear forms  $Q: \mathbb{Z}^r \times \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  are

1) rank  $(Q) = r$

2) type even if  $Q(v, v)$  even  $\forall v \in \mathbb{Z}^r$   
odd otherwise

3) signature

$$\sigma(Q) = b_+ - b_-$$

$b_{\pm}$  = number of  $\pm$  eigenvalues

4) definiteness

$Q$  is positive definite if  $b_- = 0$

negative definite if  $b_+ = 0$

indefinite if  $b_+ \neq 0 \neq b_-$

### Algebraic Facts:

1)  $Q$  even then  $\sigma(Q)$  divisible by 8



$$2) Q \text{ odd indefinite} \Rightarrow Q \cong \oplus^p (1) \oplus^q (-1) \quad p, q > 0$$

$$3) Q \text{ even indefinite} \Rightarrow Q \cong \pm \oplus^p E_8 \oplus^q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad q > 0$$

$$4) Q \text{ even definite} \Rightarrow$$

|             |   |    |    |      |             |     |
|-------------|---|----|----|------|-------------|-----|
| $\sigma(Q)$ | 8 | 16 | 24 | 32   | 40          | ... |
| # of $Q$    | 1 | 2  | 24 | 7107 | $> 10^{51}$ | ... |

lots!

$$5) Q \text{ odd definite} \Rightarrow \text{even} \oplus (\pm \oplus^p (1))$$

### Geometric Facts:

$$1) X^4 = X_1 \cup_2 X_2 \text{ then } \sigma(X) = \sigma(X_1) + \sigma(X_2)$$

↙  $:= \sigma(Q_X)$

(note  $X_i$  not closed, can still define  $Q_{X_i}$ ; it is just not non-degenerate but still has signature)

$$2) \sigma(X_1 \# X_2) = \sigma(X_1) + \sigma(X_2)$$

(clear from 1))

$$3) \sigma(-X) = -\sigma(X) \quad (\text{easy})$$

↖ reverse orientation

$$4) X \text{ closed oriented 4-manifold then}$$

$$X = \partial W^5 \Leftrightarrow \sigma(X) = 0$$

$$5) X \text{ closed, oriented, smooth 4-manifold with } \pi_1 = 1 \text{ and } Q_X \text{ even, then } \sigma(X) \text{ divisible by } 16$$

(Rokhlin's Th<sup>m</sup> 1952)

6) If  $X$  is closed, oriented, smooth 4-manifold with  $\pi_1 = 1$  and  $Q_X$  is definite, then  $Q_X = \pm \oplus_k (1)$   
(Donaldson 1983)

so the zoo of definite forms can be ignored when studying smooth 4-manifolds!

Fact: Every closed orientable 3-manifold bounds a 4-manifold  $X = 0\text{-handle} \cup 2\text{-handles}$  where the framings are even  
(proof is just Kirby calculus, but a bit long)

now let  $M$  be a homology 3-sphere  
(i.e.  $H_*(M) \cong H_*(S^3)$ )

let  $X$  be a 4-manifold as in fact above with  $\partial X = M$

since  $M$  a homology sphere  $Q_X$  is non-degenerate

$\therefore$  Alg. fact 1)  $\Rightarrow \sigma(Q_X)$  is divisible by 8

set  $\mu(M) = \sigma(X)/8 \pmod{2}$

lemma 9:

$\mu(M)$  is well-defined

Proof: need to see  $\mu(M)$  is independent of  $X$

so let  $X, X'$  be 2 such 4-manifolds

i.e.  $Q_X, Q_{X'}$  even, simply connected,  
and  $\partial X = M = \partial X'$

$$\text{let } W = X \cup_M -X'$$

$W$  is a closed smooth 4-manifold with  $\pi_1(W) = 1$   
and  $Q_W$  is even

$\therefore$  Rokhlin (geom. fact 5)  $\Rightarrow \sigma(Q_M)$  divisible by 16

that is  $\sigma(Y) = \sigma(X) + \sigma(-X') = \sigma(X) - \sigma(X') \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$   
↑ geom fact 1)
↑ geom fact 3)

$$\text{so } \sigma(X) \equiv \sigma(X') \pmod{16}$$

$$\text{and } \sigma(X)/8 \equiv \sigma(X')/8 \pmod{2} \quad \square$$

$\mu(M)$  is called the Rokhlin invariant of  $M$

example:

1)  $P =$  Poincaré homology sphere

$$= \mathcal{G}^{-1} = \text{diagram of 8 crossings} \leftarrow \sigma = -8$$

$$\text{so } \mu(P) = 1$$

note: this implies  $P$  does not bound a homology 3-ball!

Determining when a homology 3-sphere bounds a homology ball is a major area of study

$$2) \mu(S^3) = 0$$

## D. Kirby's Theorem

we are finally ready to prove

Th<sup>m</sup> 10 (Kirby 1978):

manifolds obtained from two surgery diagrams in  $S^3$  with integer surgery coefficients are

diffeomorphic  $\Leftrightarrow$  they are related by blowup/down and handle slides

Proof: ( $\Leftarrow$ ) we have already shown this in lemma V.4 and the discussion after it

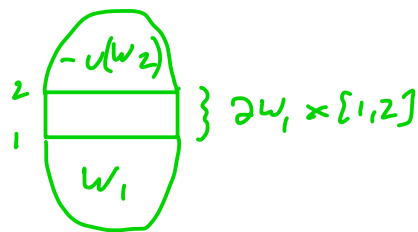
( $\Rightarrow$ ) let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be manifolds obtained from the surgery diagrams  $L_1$  and  $L_2$

let  $\phi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a diffeomorphism

let  $W_i$  be the 4-manifold obtained from  $B^4$  by attaching 2-handles to  $L_i$

so  $\partial W_i = M_i$

set  $N = W_1 \cup_{id} ((\partial W_1) \times [1, 2]) \cup_{\phi} (-\nu(W_2))$



exercise: 1)  $\bigcirc^{+1} \cup 4\text{-handle} \cong \mathbb{C}P^2$

$\bigcirc^{-1} \cup 4\text{-handle} \cong \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$

2) taking connect sum of closed 4-manifolds corresponds to disjoint union of their handle pictures

3)  $\sigma(\mathbb{C}P^2) = 1$ ,  $\sigma(\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}) = -1$

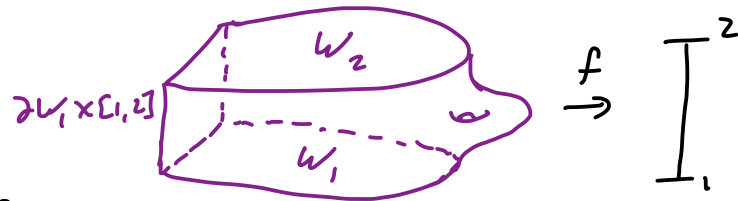
so by taking the connect sum of  $N$  with  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ 's or  $\overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ 's we can arrange  $\sigma(N) = 0$

note: we can do this in  $W_1$  part so we change the surgery picture for  $M_1$  by blowups

by Geometric Fact 4) we know  $\exists$  5-manifold  $X$  such that  $\partial X = N$

$\exists$  Morse function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  st.

- $f|_{\partial W_1 \times [0,1]}: \partial W_1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is projection
- $f^{-1}(1) = W_1$
- $f^{-1}(2) = W_2$
- no 0- and 5- handles



can think of  $X$  as  $W_1 \times [1, 1+\epsilon] \cup (1-h)$ 's  $\cup (2-h)$ 's  $\cup (3-h)$ 's  $\cup (4-h)$ 's just as in 4D we can exchange 1-handles for 2-handles without changing boundary similarly we can exchange 4-handles for 3-handles without changing boundary so can assume  $X$  only has 2- and 3-handles

let the 2-handles be in  $f^{-1}([1, 1+2\epsilon])$  and  
 the 3-handles be in  $f^{-1}([2-2\epsilon, 2])$   
 and set  $W = f^{-1}(1.5)$

we get  $f^{-1}([1, 1.5])$  from  $W_1 \times \epsilon[1, 1+\epsilon] = f^{-1}([1, 1+\epsilon])$   
 by attaching 2-handles:

$$h^2 = D^2 \times D^3 \quad \text{along } \partial h^2 = (\partial D^2) \times D^3$$

on the level of the boundary, we remove  
 $S^1 \times D^3$  and glue in  $D^2 \times S^2$

since the attaching sphere  $S^1 \times \{0\}$  in  $W_1 \times \{1+\epsilon\}$   
 is null-homotopic (and in dim 4, homotopy  
 implies isotopy) can assume it bounds  
 a disk in  $B^4 \subset W_1$

there are 2 framings  $\pi_1(SO(3)) = \mathbb{Z}/2$

exercise:

1) this changes  $W_1 \times \{1+\epsilon\}$  by connect  
 sum with  $S^2 \times S^2$  or  $S^2 \tilde{\times} S^2$

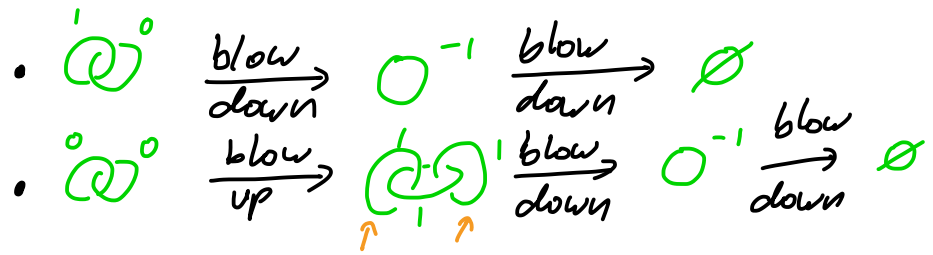
2)  $\textcircled{\circ} \cup 4\text{-handle} = S^2 \times S^2$   
 $\textcircled{\circ} \cup 4\text{-handle} = S^2 \tilde{\times} S^2$   
↖ twisted  $S^2$   
bundle over  $S^2$

thus if  $L_1$  is a handle diagram for  $W_1$

$$\text{then } L_1' = L_1 \cup \underbrace{\textcircled{\circ} \dots \textcircled{\circ}}_{S^2 \times S^2's} \cup \underbrace{\textcircled{\circ} \dots \textcircled{\circ}}_{S^2 \tilde{\times} S^2's}$$

is a link diagram for  $W$

note:  $\partial W = M_1 = \partial W_1$



so surgery diagram  $L_1$  for  $M_1 = \partial W_1$  is related to the surgery diagram  $L_1'$  for  $\partial W$  by blowups and blowdowns

turn  $f^{-1}([1.5, 2])$  upside down and we see it is built from  $W_2 \times [1, 1+\epsilon]$  by attaching 2-handles so  $L_2$  is related to a surgery diagram  $L_2'$  for  $\partial W$  by blowup and blowdowns

now we have two handle body diagrams for  $W$   
 $L_1'$  and  $L_2'$

these correspond two Morse functions

$$f_2: W \rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

with only one index 0 crit pt in  $(-1, 0)$  and index 2 critical points in  $(0, 1)$

Cerf theory:  $\exists$  1-parameter family of functions

$$f_t: W \rightarrow [-1, 1] \quad t \in [1, 2]$$

from  $f_1$  to  $f_2$  such that all  $f_t$  are Morse with distinct critical values except for a finite number of  $t$ 's at these  $t$ 's

① 2 critical points have same value

② birth-death of critical points

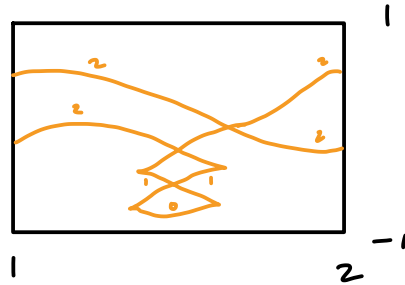
pairs: either 0,1 pair

1,2 pair

2,3 pair

3,4 pair

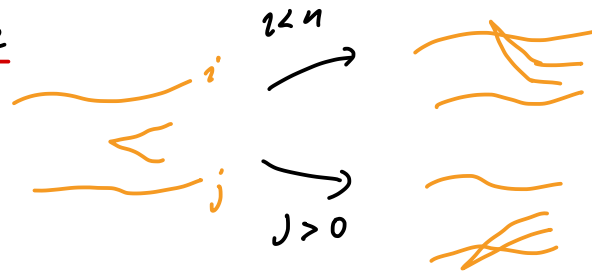
consider the Cert graphic: plot the critical values of  $f_\epsilon$  in  $[1,2] \times [-1,1]$



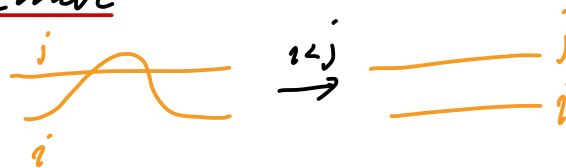
(#'s are index of critical points)

there are "moves" you can make to a Cert diagram

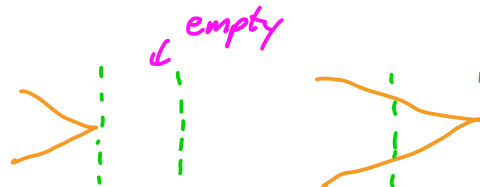
Beak move



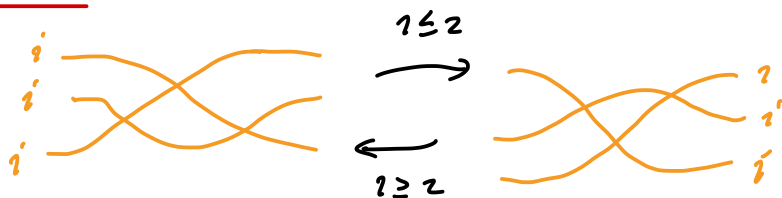
Independence move



beak isotopy



triangle move

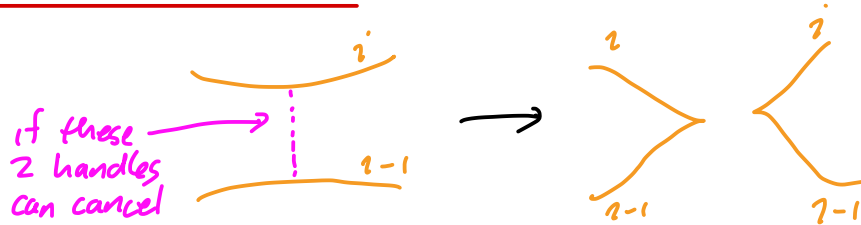




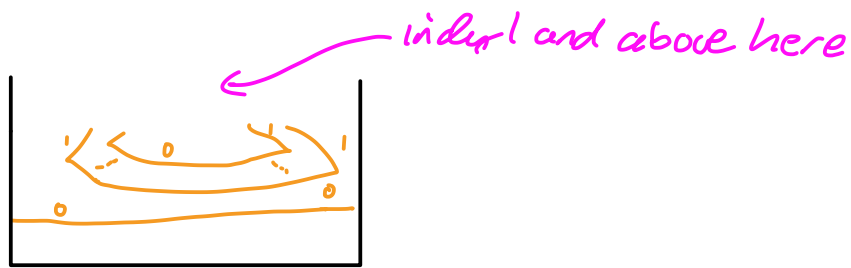
Dove tail move



cancellation move



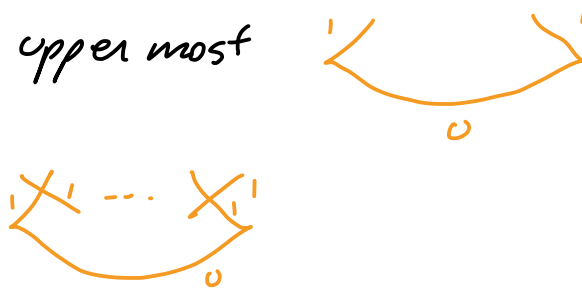
exercise: can assume graphic looks like



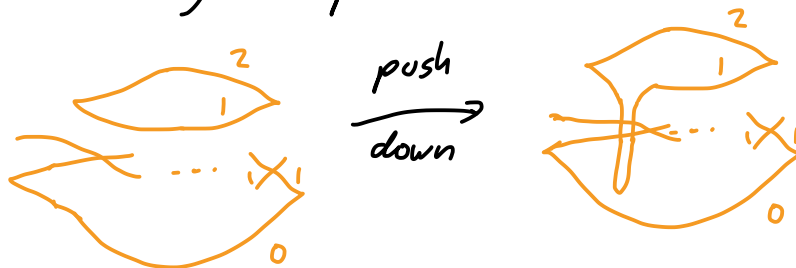
Claim: can eliminate extra index 0 critical points

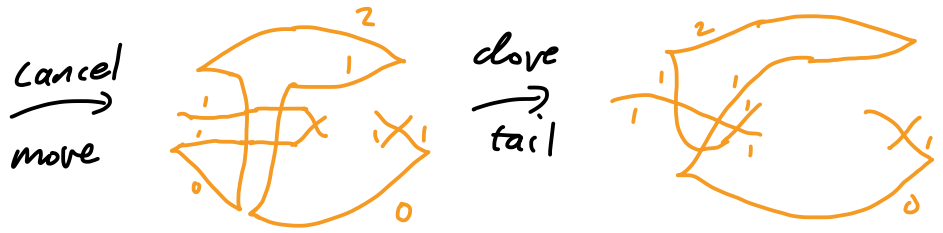
indeed: consider upper most


looks like



add cancelling 1-2 pair





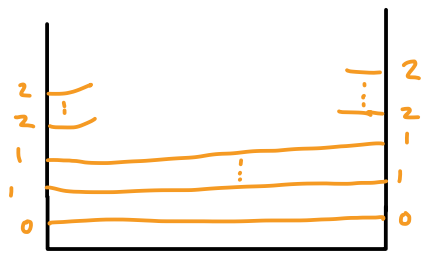
so we remove one   
just keep doing this

similarly, can remove all index 4-critical points

exercise: can arrange all index 1-critical points



now just push "beaks" of edge to get



recall we can replace   with   
1-handle                      2-handle

just do this for all  $f_+$  at once to get

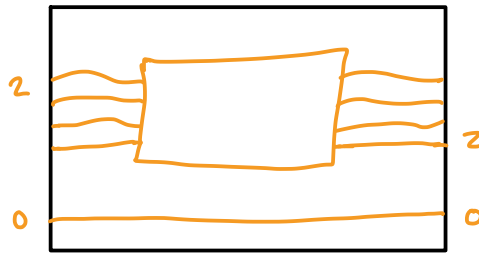


exercise: we know  $\ominus \quad \ominus \rightarrow \bigcirc^0$   
 doesn't change  $\partial W$ , but show this  
 change sends  $W$  to  $W \# S^2 \times S^2$

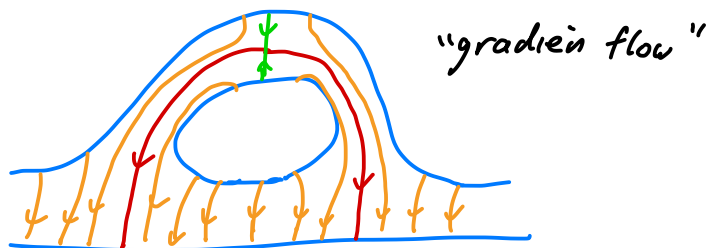
so the links  $L_1'$  and  $L_2'$  corresponding to  $f_1$  and  $f_2$   
 are changed by blowups and blow downs

we can similarly get rid of 3-handles

so we have



recall, a 2-handle seen through Morse  $f^n$  is



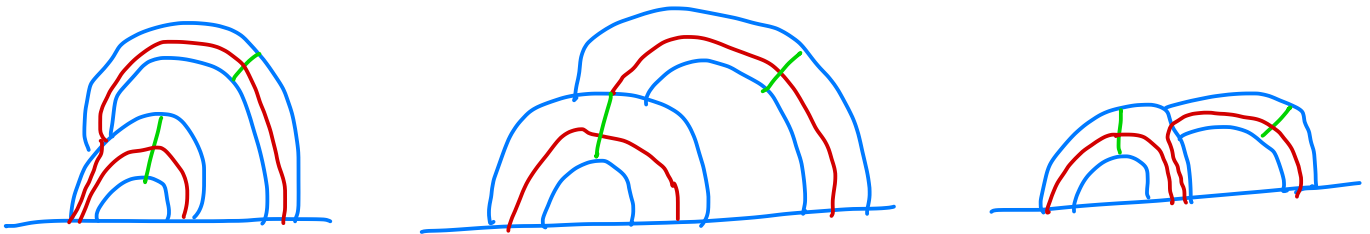
the red is the core extended by gradient flow  
 if the red (called the unstable manifold of the  
 critical point) doesn't hit the green of

another critical point then it reaches

$$\partial h^0 = S^3$$

so if none of the red hit green then get a link in  $S^3$ , this is the handlebody diagram!

Smale: for all but finitely many  $t$ , the "red" and "green" are disjoint and at those finitely many  $t$ , the red hits the green in one point



such points give handle slides!

so as  $t$  increases the link  $L_t'$  associated to  $f_t$  is isotoped until a handle slide

so a finite # of handle slides from  $L_1'$  to  $L_2'$  and we are done 