

# Surfaces

## 1. Metric setting



Def:  $n, d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \leq d$ . A metric space  $X$  is an  $n$ -manifold if  $\forall x \in X \exists r_x$ :

$$B(x, r_x) \cong \mathbb{R}^n \cong B_n(0, 1) \quad \text{or} \quad B(x, r_x) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \times [0, \infty).$$

$\nearrow$  interior points

surfaces are 2-manifolds.

$\searrow$  boundary points

they form the boundary of a

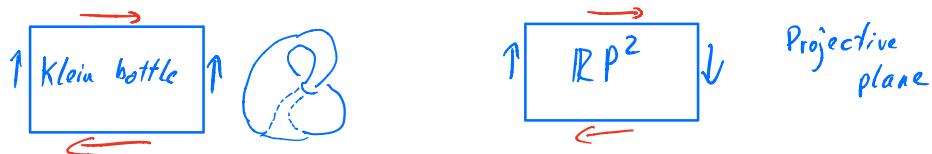
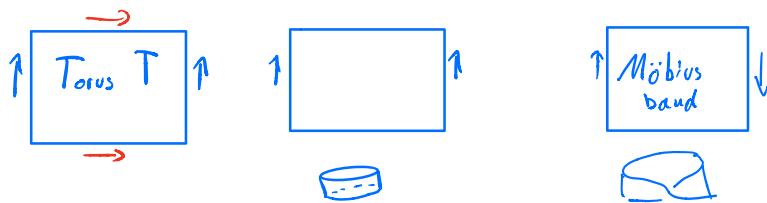
manifold:  $\partial X$

Examples:

- 1-manifolds

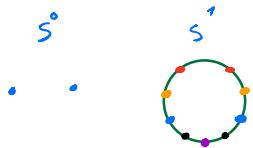


- 2-manifolds (surfaces)



- $n$ -manifolds include  $S^n, D^n, \mathbb{R}^n$

- $S^3$



Remark:  $\rightarrow$  A manifold is without boundary if  $\partial X = \emptyset$ .

$\rightarrow$  If  $X$  is an  $n$ -manifold with a boundary, then  $\partial X$  is an  $(n-1)$ -manifold without boundary. ( $\partial \partial X = \emptyset$ ).

$\rightarrow$  closed manifold: a manifold without boundary admitting a finite triangulation.

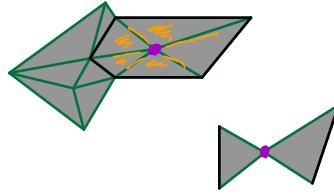
## 2. Combinatorial setting

Def:  $K$  sxs,  $\alpha \in K$

Star  $St(\alpha) = \{\tau \in K; \alpha \leq \tau\} \leftarrow$

Link  $Lk(\alpha) = \{\tau \in K; \tau \cap \alpha = \emptyset, \tau \cup \alpha \in K\} \leq K$

$K$  is a combinatorial  $n$ -manifold, if  $\forall \alpha \in K^{(0)}$ ,  $Lk(\alpha) \cong S^{n-1}$  or  $Lk(\alpha) \cong B^{n-1}$ .



Proposition: let  $K$  be a comb.  $n$ -manifold. Then:

a)  $|K| \cong n$ -manifold

b) If  $n < 4$ ,  $X$  is an  $n$ -manifold  $\Rightarrow \exists$  a combinatorial  $n$ -manifold triangulating  $X$ .

## 3. Orientability

$\alpha$  asx:  $\alpha = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k\}$

orient

Def: oriented asx  $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is an oriented

$(k+1)$ -tuple:

We identify

$\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle = \langle v_{\pi(0)}, v_{\pi(1)}, \dots, v_{\pi(k)} \rangle$  if permutation  $\pi$  on  $\{0, 1, \dots, k\}$  is even

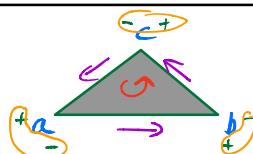
$\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle = \langle v_{\pi(0)}, v_{\pi(1)}, \dots, v_{\pi(k)} \rangle$  if permutation  $\pi$  on  $\{0, 1, \dots, k\}$  is odd

Comments: oriented sxes have sign + or -

oriented vertex  $b$  is either  $+ \langle b \rangle$  or  $- \langle b \rangle$

each transposition changes the orientation

Geometric idea:  
 $\langle a \rangle \quad \langle b \rangle$   
 0-dim  $a^+$   $b^-$  charge  
 1-dim  $c \rightarrow d$  direction  
 $\langle c, d \rangle = - \langle d, c \rangle$   
 2-dim  $e \quad f$   
 $\langle e, f, g \rangle = \langle f, g, e \rangle = \langle g, e, f \rangle = - \langle e, g, f \rangle = \dots$



$$\partial \langle a, b, c \rangle = \langle b, c \rangle - \langle a, c \rangle + \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$\langle c, b \rangle - \langle b, a \rangle + \langle a, c \rangle - \langle c, a \rangle + \langle b, a \rangle - \langle a, b \rangle = 0$$

Important feature: oriented  $n$ -xes induce an orientation on their facets

$$\partial \langle \underbrace{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_k}_{\sigma} \rangle = \sum_{p=0}^k (-1)^p N_p$$

boundary operator.

$N_p = \sigma$  without  $n_p =$

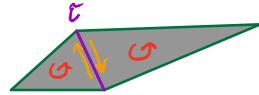
$$= \langle n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{p-1}, n_{p+1}, \dots, n_k \rangle$$

Proposition:  $\partial \cdot \partial = 0$ .

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Def:  $K$  ascx.  $\sigma, \sigma' \in K$  oriented  $n$ -xes with a common facet  $\Gamma^{(n-1)}$

$\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$  are oriented consistently if the induced orientations on  $\Gamma$  are different.



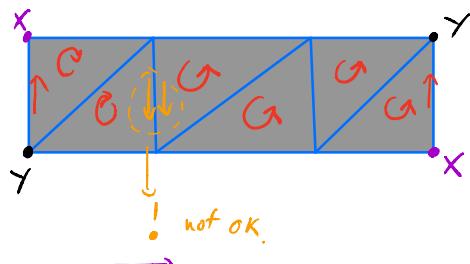
A combinatorial  $n$ -manifold is:

homeomorphic  
invariant.

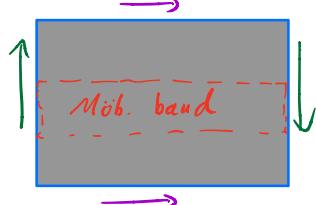
(a) orientable, if its  $n$ -xes CAN be oriented consistently.

(b) oriented, if its  $n$ -xes ARE oriented consistently.

Example:

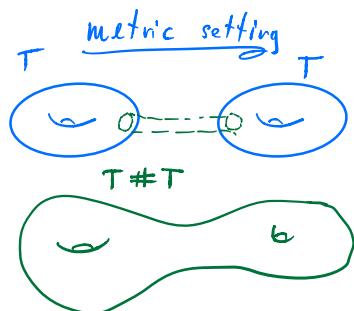


$\Rightarrow$  Möbius band not orientable



$\Rightarrow$  Klein bottle ( $\mathbb{RP}^2$ ) not orientable.

#### 4. Connected sum



combinatorial setting

$K_1, K_2$  comb. surfaces

$-2T \} \hookrightarrow$  take a triangle out of each surface

$-3E \} \hookrightarrow$  glue the boundaries of the obtained triangles.  
 $-3V \}$

$$\parallel \chi(K_1 \# K_2) = \chi(K_1) + \chi(K_2) - 2.$$

## 5. Classification of surfaces

Theorem:  $K$  closed connected (comb.) surface. Then  $K$  is homeomorphic to one the following:

$$\textcircled{1} S^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} T^2 \# \underbrace{T^2 \# \dots \# T^2}_g \quad \leftarrow \text{genus } g \text{ surface}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \mathbb{RP}^2 \# \mathbb{RP}^2 \# \dots \# \mathbb{RP}^2$$

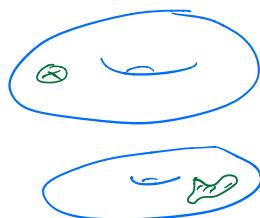
Table:

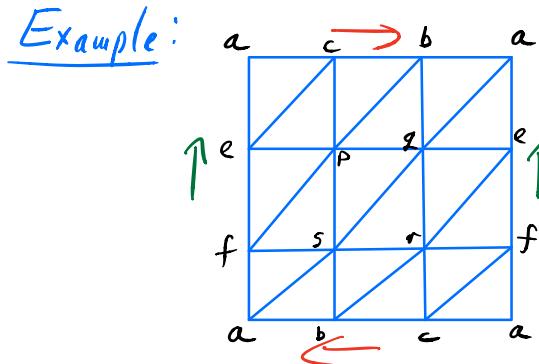
$K$	$\chi$	genus $g$	
$S^2$	2	0	Orientable
$T^2$	0	1	
$T^2 \# T^2$	-2	2	
$\vdots$	$2 - 2g$	$g$	
$\mathbb{RP}^2$	1		
$K = \mathbb{RP}^2 \# \mathbb{RP}^2$	0	Non-orientable	
$\vdots$			
$\mathbb{RP}^2 \# \mathbb{RP}^2 \# \dots \# \mathbb{RP}^2$	$2 - K$		
$K$			

Workflow for a recognition of a closed connected surface:

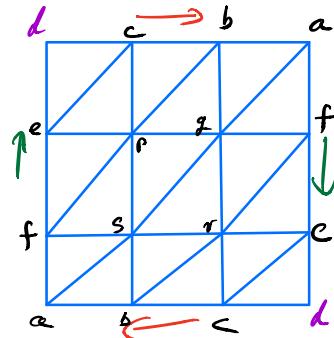
② decompose into components. For each component:

- attach  $K$ -many discs  $D^2$  to boundary
- compute  $\chi$
- check for orientability
- consult the table  $\rightsquigarrow S$
- component  $\cong S \setminus K$ -many  $D^2$  discs.



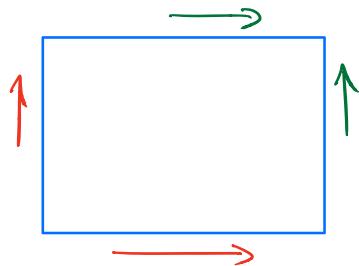


$\text{K}$   $\chi = 0$



$\mathbb{RP}^2$

$\chi = 1$



Which surface?  
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