



1 0-cell  
 1 1-cell  
 2 2-cells

$$\chi(S^2) = 1 - 1 + 2 = 2$$

$$H_0(S^2) = \mathbb{Z} \quad \dim = 1$$

$$H_1(S^2) = \{0\} \quad \dim = 0$$

$$H_2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z} \quad \dim = 1$$

1-handle



0-handle

$$\chi(T^2) = 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

$$H_0(T^2) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(T^2) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_2(T^2) = \mathbb{Z}$$



$$\chi(P^2) = 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

$$H_0(P^2; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H_1(P^2; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$H_2(P^2; \mathbb{Z}) = \{0\}$$



But with field coefficients

$$H_0(P^2; \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$H_1(P^2; \mathbb{Q}) = \{0\}$$

$$H_2(P^2; \mathbb{Q}) = \{0\}$$

$$H_0(P^2; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$$H_1(P^2; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2$$

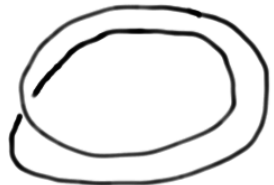
$$H_2(P^2; \mathbb{Z}/2) = \mathbb{Z}/2$$

$\chi$  is additive:

$$\chi(X \cup Y) = \chi(X) + \chi(Y) - \chi(X \cap Y)$$

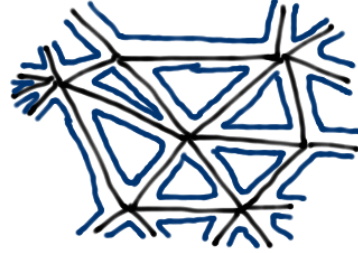
Now  $\chi(S^1) = 0$ ,  $\chi(D^2) = 1$ . So:

$$\chi(F \# G) = \chi(F) + \chi(G) - 2$$



Th<sup>m</sup> Every closed surface can be triangulated.

Triangulations  $\rightsquigarrow$  handle decompositions



Poincaré duality




Cell decomposition

vertices  $\leftrightarrow$  2-cells

edges  $\leftrightarrow$  edges



cocycles  $\leftrightarrow$  cycles

- $\cdot$   0 cells  $\rightsquigarrow$  0 handle  $D^0 \times D^1$
- $-$   1 cells  $\rightsquigarrow$  1 handle  $D^1 \times D^1$
- $\triangle$   2 cells  $\rightsquigarrow$  2 handle  $D^2 \times D^0$

$n$ -dim'l  $k$ -handle :  $D^k \times D^{n-k} \cong D^n$   
attached along  $\partial(D^{n-k}) \times D^k$

$$\partial(D^k \times D^l) = \partial D^k \times D^l \cup_{\partial D^k \times \partial D^l} D^k \times \partial D^l$$

$$\partial(D^1 \times D^1) =$$

$$\partial(\text{rectangle } D_x^1) = \text{rectangle}$$



Th<sup>m</sup> Every closed surface is homeomorphic (PL, smooth) to connected sum of tori or projective planes. (Homeo classes of) Surfaces form a commutative monoid under connected sum, with identity  $S^2$ , generators  $T, P$  and a single relation:  $P \# P \# P = T \# P$ .

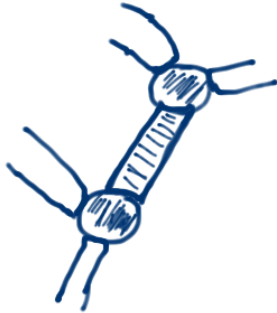
$\chi$	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4
Orientable	$S^2$		$T$		$2T$		$3T$
Non orientable		$P$	$2P$	$3P$	$4P$	$5P$	$6P$

$$\chi(F \# T) = \chi(F) - 2 \Rightarrow \chi(\underbrace{T \# \dots \# T}_g) = 2 - 2g$$

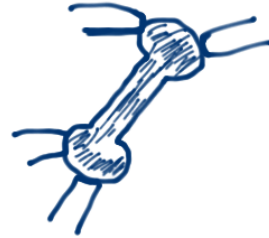
$$\chi(F \# P) = \chi(F) - 1 \Rightarrow \chi(\underbrace{P \# \dots \# P}_p) = 2 - p$$

1) Every closed surface has a handle decomposition with one 0-handle and one 2-handle

Take a spanning tree of the 1-skeleton and combine 0-handles and 1-handles along this spanning tree to form a single 1-handle.



two 0-handles  
and one 1-handle



one 0-handle

Dually we can combine 2-handles and 1-handles along a spanning tree of the dual cell decomposition to get a single 2-handle.



two 2-handles  
one 1-handle



one 2-handle

2) So look at how we can attach 1-handles to a 0-handle

Two kinds of 1-handle attaching:



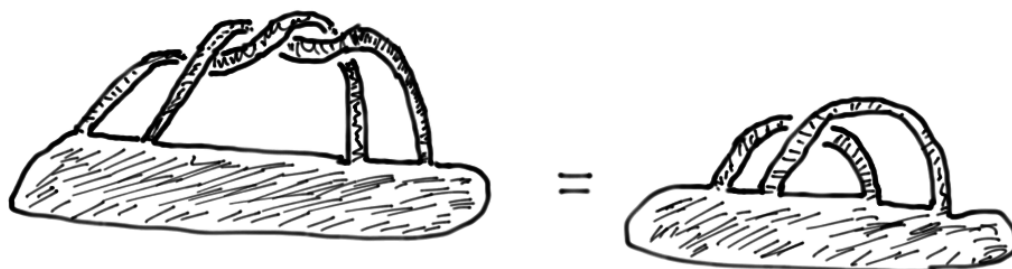
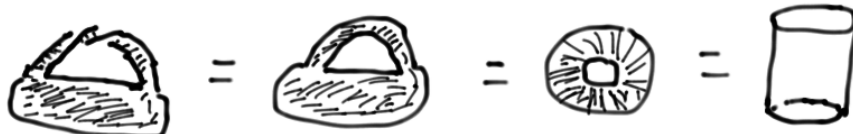
vs



straight

twisted

Up to homeo:



### 3) Handle sliding etc.

Since we have a single 2-handle straight 1-handles come in interlocking pairs.



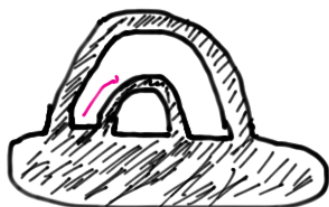
Two  $\partial$  comp.



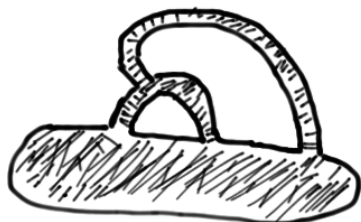
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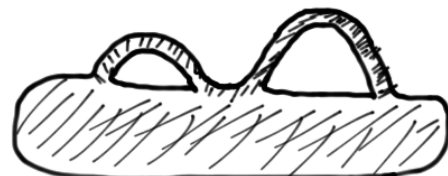
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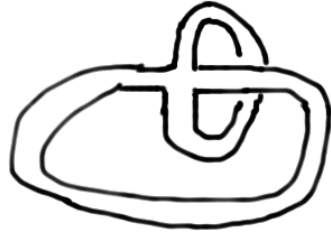
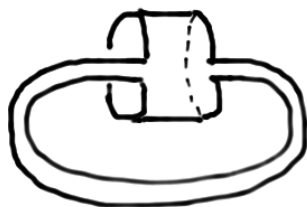
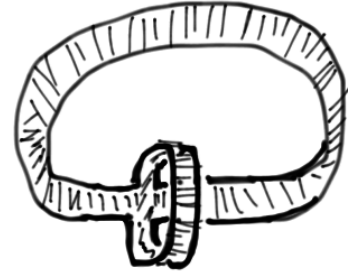
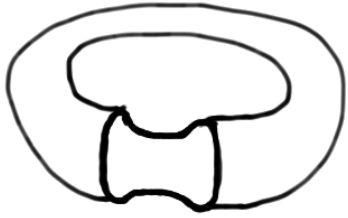


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$$T^2 \# P^2 = P^2 \# P^2 \# P^2$$