

# Math 760: Introduction to 3-manifolds

Day 1

Contact: ryblair@math.upenn.edu

OH: By Request

4C4

Course Goals:

- ① Learn the fundamental theorems in 3 manifolds
- ② Learn the major proof techniques in 3-manifolds
- ③ Applications of high distance Surfaces (last  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ )

Major Topics Will include

- Prime decomposition Theorem
  - Heegaard Splittings
  - Incompressible Surfaces
  - Dehn Surgery
  - High distance Surfaces \*
- Suh tyahn  
satyana  
saal te on a

Theme "Understanding 3-manifolds by studying the surfaces they contain"

Any Questions?

Take attendance

# What is your favorite 3-manifold?

- If you are here to figure that out, that's OK.
- Figure 8 knot complement.

Robert

Def: A topological space  $M$  is an  $n$ -manifold if

$M$  is ① Hausdorff

②  $M$  has a countable basis

③  $\forall x \in M$  there is a nbh of  $x$  homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x, y, z) | z \geq 0\}$

$M$  is a closed  $n$ -manifold if ① and ② hold and  
 $\forall x \in M$  there is a nbh of  $x$  homeomorphic to an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (In other words,  
 $M$  has no boundary)

## - Examples of compact manifolds

1-manifolds classified

$S^1$  closed

2-manifolds classified



$S^1 \times S^1$



closed  
orientable

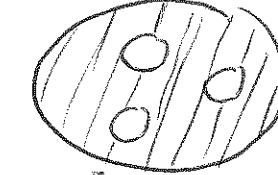
$D^1$

genus  $n$  surface



$D^2$ ,

$S^1 \times S^1$ -disk



orientable

$S^2$ -disks

## 3-manifolds far from classified.

$S^3$ ,  $S^2 \times S^1$ , surface  $\times S^1$ , Lens Spaces, Closed 3-manifolds



$D^3$

genus  $n$ -handlebody



$S^3 - \eta^o$  (fig 8)

A difficulty in the study of 3-manifolds

Thm | No closed compact 3-manifold embeds in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Sketch of Proof | Let  $M$  be a closed & compact 3-manifold.

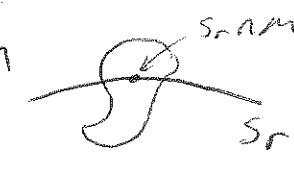
Suppose  $h: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is an embedding.

Since  $M$  is cpt.  $h(M)$  is compact.

Let  $S_r$  be family of the 2-sphere of radius  $r$  centered at the origin.

For  $r$  large  $M$  is contained inside  $S_r$ .

Let  $r_0$  be the largest  $r$  s.t.  $S_r \cap M \neq \emptyset$ .

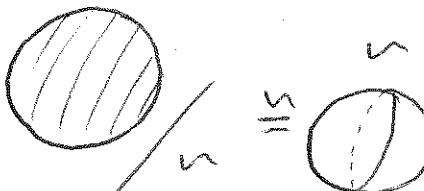
Claim: Any point of  $S_{r_0} \cap M$  can not have an open nbhd in  $M$  homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . 

~~So, we can~~ So, we can not visualize closed, cpt. 3 manifolds, yet they are often the most interesting to study.

Central Theme: Understand 3-manifolds by decomposing them into simple pieces ~~and then~~ <sup>and</sup> understanding how the pieces are glued together.

# Quotient topology:

Let  $(X, \tau_x)$  be a topological space with equivalence relation  $\sim$ . The quotient space  $Y = X/\sim$  is the set of equivalence classes of  $X$  with the topology where open sets are the sets of equivalence classes whose unions are open sets in  $X$ .

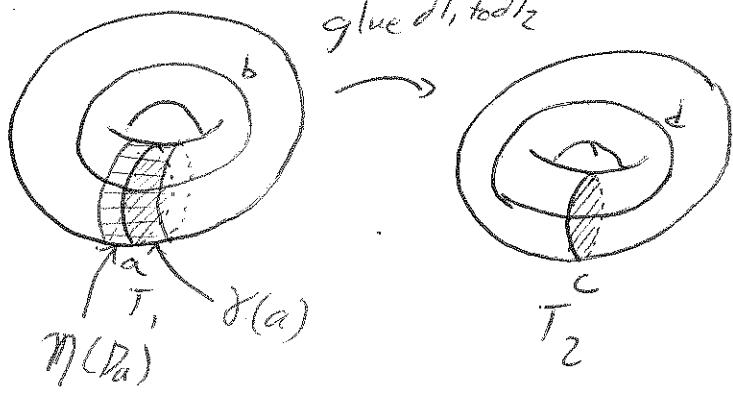
Ex   $\sim = x \sim y \text{ iff } |x| = |y| = 1$

Lets use the quotient topology and the notion of understanding 3-manifolds by cutting them up into smaller pieces to study a proto typical class of 3-manifolds

## Lens Space

Given  $T_1 = D^2 \times S^1$ , and  $T_2 = D^2 \times S^1$ , and  $h: \partial T_1 \rightarrow \partial T_2$  a homeomorphism, a lens space is any 3-manifold of the form

$$T_1 \cup T_2 / \sim \quad \text{where } x \sim y \text{ if } x \in \partial T_1, y \in \partial T_2 \text{ and } h(x) = y.$$



Claim: The isotopy class of  $h(a)$  determines the homeomorphism class of the lens space  $M$ .

Reorganize  $M$  as a different quotient space.

Let  $\eta(D_a)$  be the closed regular nbh of the disk bounded by  $a$

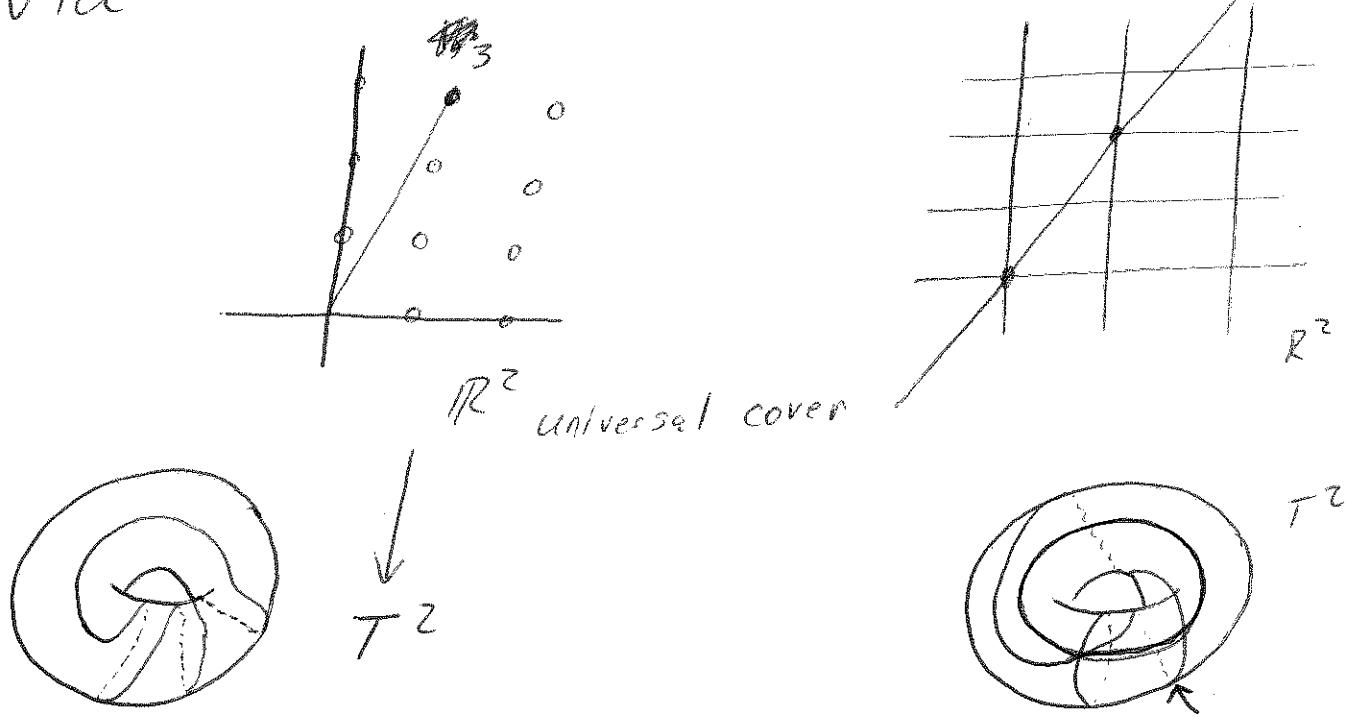
Let  $N$  be the manifold with boundary obtained by identifying  $\delta(a)$  with  $h(\delta(a))$ .

$$M = \text{torus} \times N / \sim$$

Since the group of automorphisms of  $S^1$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  there is a unique way of gluing a 3-ball to the  $\partial N$ .  $\square$

Recall: Isotopy classes of simple closed curves  
in  $T^2$  are in 1-1 correspondence with  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

Via



So,  $L_{p/q}$  is the lens space where  $h(a)$  has slope  $p/q$ .

Ex] Use Van Kampen to calculate  
 $\pi_1(L_{p/q})$ .

Harder Ex] Determine when  $L_{p/q} \cong L_{p'/q'}$ .