

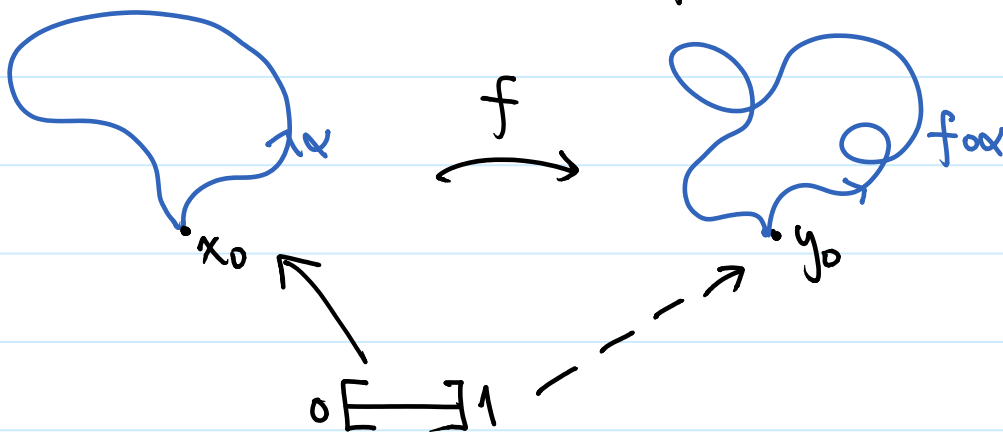
Recall several facts

Theorem Let X, Y be path connected
 $f: (X, x_0) \rightarrow (Y, y_0)$ be continuous

Then $f_{\#}: \pi_1(X, x_0) \rightarrow \pi_1(Y, y_0)$ is

a homomorphism where

$$\alpha \xrightarrow{f_{\#}} f \circ \alpha$$



Obviously, we used $\alpha_0 \simeq \alpha_1 \implies f \circ \alpha_0 \simeq f \circ \alpha_1$
 and $f \circ (\alpha * \beta) = (f \circ \alpha) * (f \circ \beta)$

Fact. $\pi_1(S^1) = \mathbb{Z}$, $\pi_1(\mathbb{D}^2)$ is trivial

where $S^1 = \{ |z| = 1 \} \subset \mathbb{D}^2 = \{ |z| \leq 1 \}$

Theorem. S^1 is never a retract of \mathbb{D}^2

The proof makes use of π_1

In general. S^{n-1} is never a retract of \mathbb{D}^n
 by using high dimensional algebraic topology

Suppose $\exists r: \mathbb{D}^2 \longrightarrow S^1$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} S^1 & \xrightarrow{i} & \mathbb{D}^2 & \xrightarrow{r} & S^1 \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & & & \text{roi} = \text{id}_{S^1} \end{array}$$

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_1(S^1) & \xrightarrow{i_{\#}} & \pi_1(\mathbb{D}^2) & \xrightarrow{r_{\#}} & \pi_1(S^1) \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & & & r_{\#} \circ i_{\#} = (r \circ i)_{\#} = \text{id} \end{array}$$

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Exercise

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (\mathbb{Z}, +) & \xrightarrow{i_{\#}} & (0, +) & \xrightarrow{r_{\#}} & (\mathbb{Z}, +) \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & & & \text{id} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} n \neq 0 & \xrightarrow{i_{\#}} & 0 & \xrightarrow{r_{\#}} & 0 \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & & & \text{id} \end{array}$$

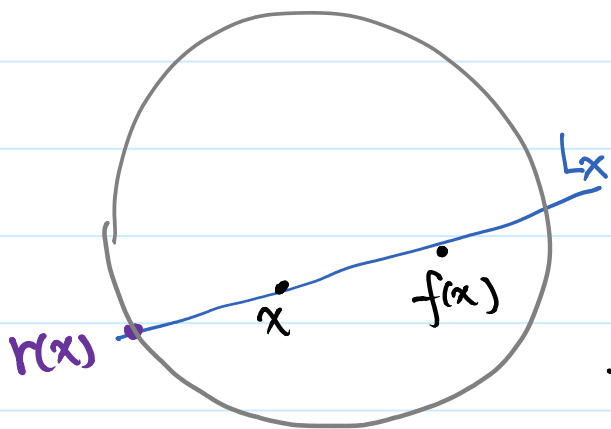
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Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem

Any continuous map $f: \mathbb{D}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{D}^n$
must have a fixed point,

Suppose not, then $\forall x \in \mathbb{D}^n$ $f(x) \neq x$

\exists straight line $L_x = \left\{ (1-t)x + tf(x) : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$



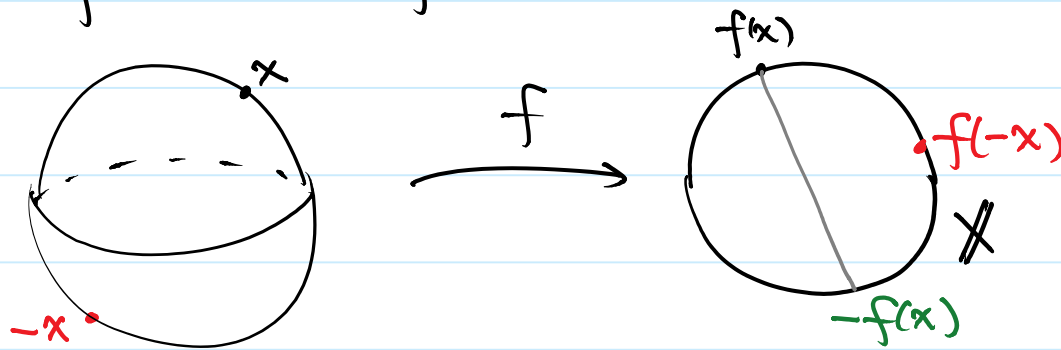
Let $r(x) = (1-t)x + tf(x)$ with $|r(x)| = 1$ and $t \leq 0$

Then $r: D^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ with $r|_{S^{n-1}} = id_{S^{n-1}}$

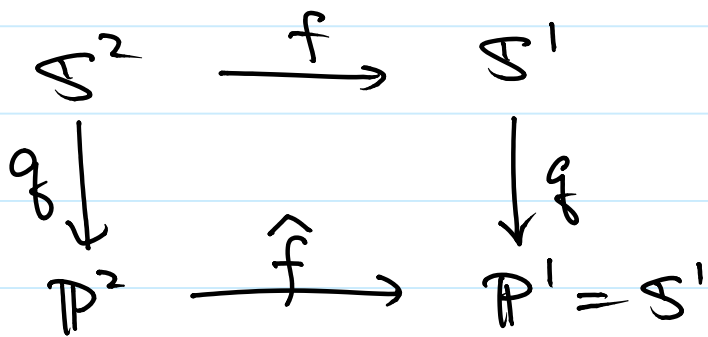
This makes S^{n-1} a retract of D^n **Contradiction**

Borsuk-Ulam Theorem

There is no continuous $f: S^n \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ with $f(-x) = -f(x)$



The proof makes use of projective space
For $n=2$, assume there exists such f



Then \hat{f} is defined

$$\hat{f} [x] = [f(x)]$$

$$f(x) \mapsto f(x)$$

$$f(-x) \mapsto -f(x)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (0, +) = \pi_1(S^2) & \xrightarrow{f\#} & \pi_1(S^1) = (\mathbb{Z}, +) \\
 \downarrow g\# & & \downarrow g\# \\
 (\mathbb{Z}/2, +) = \pi_1(\mathbb{P}^2) & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}\#} & \pi_1(\mathbb{P}^1) = \pi_1(S^1) = (\mathbb{Z}, +)
 \end{array}$$

By Algebra, $\hat{f}\# \equiv 0$ (Exercise)

But we can create a loop $\alpha: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$
 which has $\hat{f}\alpha$ non-trivial in S^1

Hairy-Ball Theorem

Every vector field on S^{2n} has a zero.

Ham-Sandwich Theorem

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be bounded measurable sets in \mathbb{R}^n . Then \exists hyperplane which divide all A_j into half measure.