# Topology - week 9 Math3061 

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## Corollary

Let $S$ be a non-orientable closed surface. Then $S$ does not embed in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$.

## You can't fill a liquid into the Klein bottle



Strictly speaking the liquid is neither in- nor outside

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[^0]The main meat is that one needs to deal with "crazy" curves:


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Let $S$ be a connected surface. Then there exist non-negative integers $d, p$ and $t$ such that
(1) $S \cong S^{2} \# \#^{d} \mathbb{D}^{2} \# \#^{p} \mathbb{P}^{2} \# \#^{t} \mathbb{T}$
(2) the boundary of $S$ is the disjoint union of $d$ circles
(3) $S$ is orientable if and only if $p=0$

Moreover, we can assume that $p t=0$, in which case $S$ is uniquely determined up to homeomorphism by ( $d, p, t$ )
Remark If $d+p+t \neq 0$ we can omit the sphere $S^{2}$
Proof We argue by induction on the number of edges in a polygonal decomposition of $S$ with one face to first prove (1)
Base case: If $S$ has one edge then either

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S=\mathrm{a} \cong S^{2} \quad \text { or } \quad S=\mathrm{b} \quad \mathrm{~b} \cong \mathbb{P}^{2}
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$\Longrightarrow$ The theorem is true in this case

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All parts of the classification theorem are now proved!!

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Let $T=S^{2} \# \#^{e} \mathbb{D}^{2} \# \#^{q} \mathbb{P}^{2} \# \#^{s} \mathbb{T}$, with $s q \neq 0$
$\Longrightarrow$ We need to show that $S \cong T$ if and only if $(d, p, t)=(e, q, s)$
If $(d, p, t)=(e, q, s)$ there is nothing to prove, so suppose $S \cong T$

- $d=e$ as homeomorphism preserve boundary circles
- $p \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow q \neq 0$ as homeomorphisms preserve orientability
- Homeomorphisms preserve Euler characteristic. By tutorial 9,

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All parts of the classification theorem are now proved!!
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## Putting a surface in standard form

Given a polygonal decomposition for a surface we can put it in standard form by:

- Find all of the vertices (identified edges implicitly identify vertices)
- Count the number $d$ of boundary circles
- $S$ is orientable $(p=0)$ if all edges are oriented otherwise it is non-orientable $(t=0)$
- Compute $\chi(S)=2-d-p-2 t$ to determine the missing variable, which is $t$ if $S$ is orientable and or $p$ if non-orientable


## Example 1

What is the surface with the below polygonal decomposition?

$a c \bar{e} f g b \bar{a}$ e $f \bar{g} \overline{d h}$ (overline=opposite direction) $\Longrightarrow$ This is $\#^{1} \mathbb{D}^{2} \# \#^{0} \mathbb{T} \# \#^{4} \mathbb{P}^{2}$

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