Topology – week 9 Math3061

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• Can a surface be orientable and non-orientable for different polygonal decompositions? (That would be bad!)

















 $\ldots\,$ although it might be more accurate to say that the Klein bottle is a Möbius strip without boundary

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Warning: this is a drawing of \mathbb{K} in \mathbb{R}^3 but it is **not** the actual Klein bottle! Similarly, the pictures of the sphere S^2 in \mathbb{R}^3 are not really the sphere!

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Corollary

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You can't fill a liquid into the Klein bottle



Strictly speaking the liquid is neither in- nor outside

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The left is easy, but can you tell for the right what is "in" or "out"? — Topology – week 9

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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 $\chi(S) = 2 d p 2t$ 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?



$$a \ c \ \overline{e} \ f \ g \ b \ \overline{a} \ e \ f \ \overline{g} \ \overline{dh} \text{ (overline=opposite direction)}$$

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