Topology of surfaces



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Theorem. (oriented case) Any closed connected orientable surface is homeomorphic to a sphere with g handles.



Theorem. Any connected surface is homeomorphic to a sphere with g handles and k holes or a sphere with μ Möbius bands (cross-caps) and k holes.





Construction of a surface (with boundary) from a chord diagram.



Theorem. Any compact connected surface with boundary can be represented by a (possibly crossed) chord diagram.

Two-term relation (2T):



Theorem. The surfaces represented by two chord diagrams in the 2T relation are homeomor-



Classification Theorem.

Theorem. Any (twisted) chord diagram is equivalent, modulo 2T relations, to a caravan.

Proof. Step1. Clearing a twisted chord.



Step 2. Factoring two-humped camel.



Step 3. Twisted camel kills two-humped camel.



Theorem. Any connected closed (without boundary) surface is homeomorphic to a sphere with g handles or a sphere with μ Möbius bands (cross-caps), that is either to the connected sum of g tori or the connected sum of μ copies of $\mathbb{R}P^2$.

Exercises.

- 1. Draw the surfaces for all 18 chord diagrams with 4 chords.
- 2. Represent a sphere with a hole by a chord diagram.
- **3.** Represent a sphere with two holes by a chord diagram.
- 4. Represent a torus with a hole by a chord diagram.
- 5. Represent a torus with two holes by a chord diagram.
- 6. Represent a double torus with one hole by a chord diagram.
- 7. Represent a double torus with two holes by a chord diagram.
- 8. Represent the following non-orientable surfaces by twisted chord diagrams.



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- 9. Represent a Möbius band with one hole by a (crossed) chord diagram.
- **10.** Represent a projective plane with a hole by a (crossed) chord diagram.
- 11. Represent a projective plane with two holes by a (crossed) chord diagram.
- **12.** Represent a Klein bottle with a hole by a (crossed) chord diagram.
- 13. Represent a Klein bottle with two holes by a (crossed) chord diagram.
- 14. Prove the Lemma that modulo 2T relation the product of chord diagrams is well-defined.
- 15. Consider the surface on the right figure. Is it oriented? Find her genus and the number of holes.

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16. Prove that the connected sum of a projective plane $\mathbb{R}P^2$ and a torus \mathbb{T}^2 is homeomorphic to the connected sum of a projective plane $\mathbb{R}P^2$ and a Klein bottle \mathbb{B}^2 , and also to the connected sum of three projective planes

$$\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{T}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{B}^2 \cong \mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2$$

(Hint: This is Step 3 of the proof of the Classification Theorem.)