

Lecture 3: (from next Sunday - Shreiber 007) only on Sundays.

Thm.: connected

Classification of closed surfaces (Dehn - Heegard 1907):

Every closed surface is one of the following.

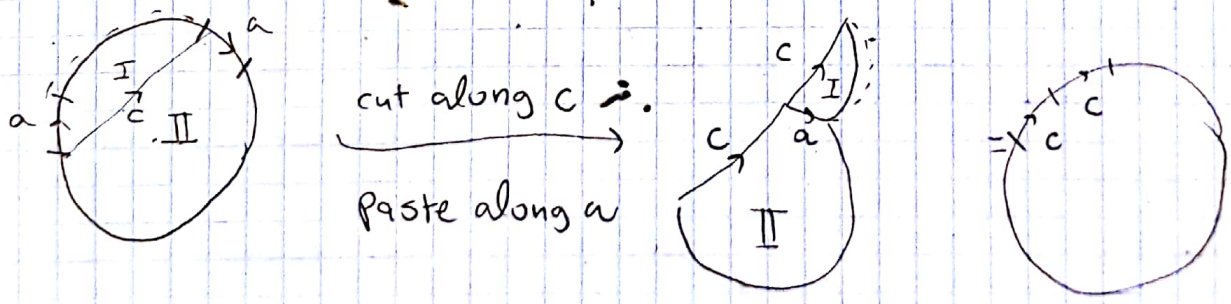
	Canonical form	E.C	orientability	π_1
1) Sphere S^2		2	+	$\{e\}$
2) $T \# T \# \dots \# T$ n		$2-2n$	+	$\langle a_1, b_1, \dots, a_n, b_n \mid [a_1, b_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n] \rangle$
3) $P \# \dots \# P$ n		$2-n$	-	$\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \mid a_1^2 a_2^2 \dots a_n^2 \rangle$

Why every connected closed surface is homeomorphic to one of these?

Step 1: Reduction to a single equivalence class of vertices.

Step 2: Crosscap normalization:

All pairs of like oriented edges replaced by adjacent pairs.



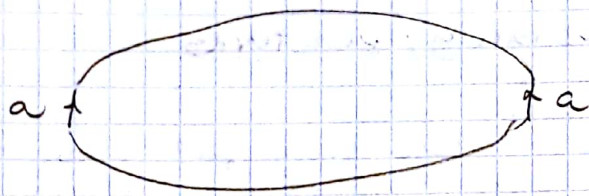
Step 3: Handle normalization.

Claim:

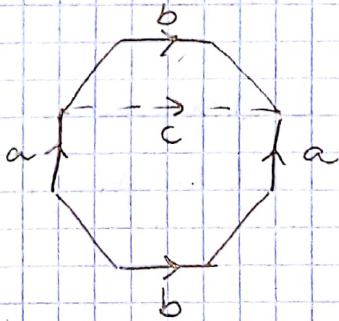
Every pair of opposite oriented edges must occur as "crossed" pairs.

..... a ... b ... a' ... b' ...

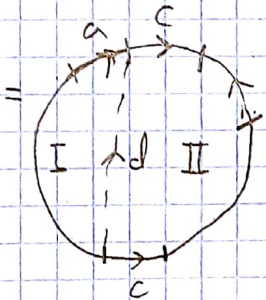
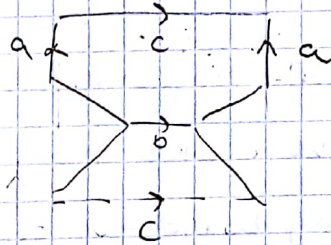
Pf.:



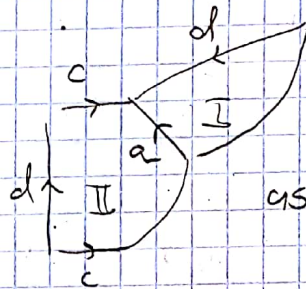
Otherwise, the upper vertices are not glued with the bottom ones.



cut along c
paste along b

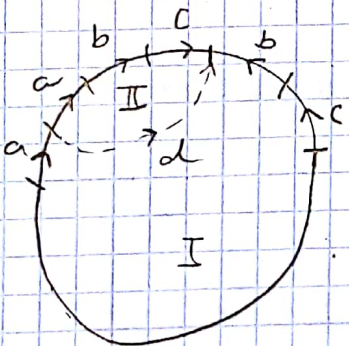


cut along d
paste along a

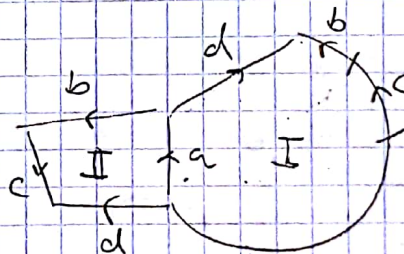


here $c^{-1}dc d^{-1}$
as a subword.

Step II: If both crosscaps & handles \implies only crosscaps.

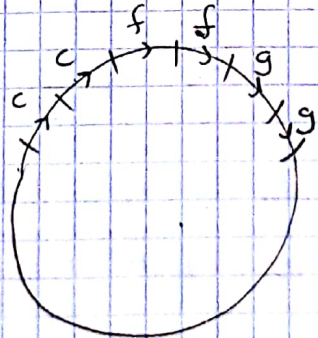


cut along d
paste along a

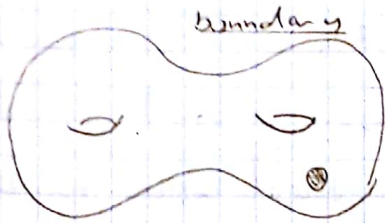


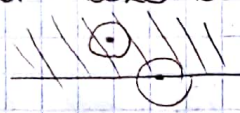
(exercise)

crosscap normalization
b then c then d



Surfaces with boundary/punctures



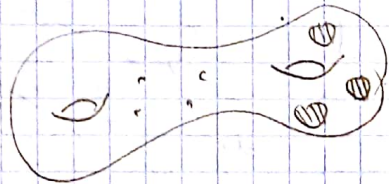
where every point looks locally, either like \mathbb{R}^2 or like: 

Punctures: points removed from the surface. \Rightarrow no longer compact

classification of connected compact surfaces with punctures:

On top of the choice from the above list, we need to specify

- 1) how many boundary components $\in \mathbb{N}$
- 2) how many punctures $\in \mathbb{N}$



Note:

All compact surfaces with a boundary can be embedded into \mathbb{R}^3 .

