

Last time:

Stokes' thm: M manifold (with-boundary), oriented, $\omega \in \Omega_C^{m-1}(M)$.

Then $\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$.
with ∂ -induced orientation

- Showed true for $M = [0,1]^m$ or $(0,1] \times [0,1]^{m-1}$ directly (by extending to $[0,1]^m$ & etc).
- (on virtual lecture notes-forthcoming): general proof follows by decomposing M into charts (U_α, ϕ_α) with $U_\alpha \xrightarrow[\phi_\alpha]{\cong}$ either $(0,1)^m$ or $(0,1]^m \times (0,1)^{m-1}$,
 & decomposing ω into \sum_1 forms ω_i supported on each such chart using a partition of 1. \Rightarrow reduces to above special cases.
if $U_\alpha \cap M$ interior if U_α intersects ∂ .

Cor: M^m manifold, oriented (no ∂). Then $\int_M (-)$: exact \wedge -forms $\rightarrow 0$ $\left(\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega \stackrel{=0}{=} 0 \right)$
 $\Rightarrow \int_M (-) : H_C^m(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Note: $\int_M (-)$ is surjective: \exists "bump forms" supported in $\overset{\mathbb{R}^m}{U} \subseteq M$ with $\int_M \omega > 0$.
(arbitrarily, top forms are closed)
 $\Rightarrow \dim H_C^m(M) \geq 1$.

Then (from forthcoming lecture notes): If M is connected, oriented, then (no ∂)

$\int_M (-) : H_C^m(M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}$ (in particular, $\int_M (-)$ is injective too
 \Leftrightarrow if $\int_M \omega = 0$ then ω is exact, so $[\omega] = 0$.)

Note a consequence: If $\int_M \omega = \int_M \omega'$ then $[\omega] = [\omega']$.

In particular, any $[\omega]$ can be represented by a bump form ϵ supported in a given $U \subseteq M$ with $\int_M \epsilon = \int_M \omega$.

The cohomological degree of a map (between cpct, oriented connected manifolds).

Now, say M^m is compact, (so $H_c^k(M) = H^k(M)$) oriented, connected.

The above theorem says that $\int_M (-) : H^m(M) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}$.

Say N^m is another compact, oriented, connected manifold of the same dimension m , and let $\phi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map.

We can extract a number from ϕ as follows: by comparing \int_M ^{with integration} \int_N as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^m(M) & \xleftarrow{\phi^*} & H^m(N) \\ \int_M \downarrow & & \int_N \downarrow \\ \mathbb{R} & \xleftarrow[\int_M (-) \circ \phi^* = \int_N (-)]{(\star)} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

we get a linear map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which must be multiplication by some scalar c_ϕ .

Def: The homological degree of $\phi : M^m \rightarrow N^m$ is the ^{unique} scalar c_ϕ such that

for any $[\omega] \in H^m(N)$,

$$\int_M \phi^* \omega = c_\phi \int_N \omega. \quad (\text{i.e., mult. by } c_\phi \text{ in } (\star) \text{ makes the diagram commute.})$$

Prop: c_ϕ only depends on the smooth homotopy class of ϕ ; i.e., if $\phi \simeq \phi'$ then $c_\phi = c_{\phi'}$.

PF: By homotopy invariance, $\phi^* = (\phi')^*$. \square .

There's another, more differential topological way to extract a number from ϕ :

The (topological) degree of a map:

Let $\phi : M^m \rightarrow N^m$ smooth map with M, N compact, oriented, connected.

• Pick a regular value $y \in N$; (exist by Sard's theorem).

Lemma: $\phi^{-1}(y)$ is finite, so $\phi^{-1}(y)$ is infinite.

(i.e., a limit point of a convergent subsequence)

Pf: Assume otherwise. Then, \exists an accumulation point x (by compactness of M), meaning any neighborhood of x contains infinitely many $p \in \phi^{-1}(y)$.

\Rightarrow By continuity, $x \in \phi^{-1}(y)$.

Now, for every $p \in \phi^{-1}(y)$, $d\phi_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_y N$ is an isomorphism, in particular $d\phi_x: T_x M \rightarrow T_y N$ isomorphism.

$\Rightarrow \exists U \ni x$ s.t. $\phi|_U$ is a diffeomorphism $\Rightarrow U \not\ni q$ for any other $q \in \phi^{-1}(y)$, (IFT) which is a contradiction as x was an accumulation point. \square

Given a point $p \in M$, the local degree of ϕ at p is $\deg_p \phi = \begin{cases} +1 & d\phi_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_{\phi(p)} N \text{ orientation preserving} \\ -1 & \text{orientation reversing} \end{cases}$

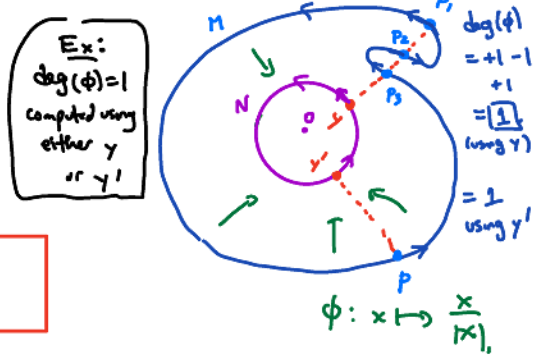
Def: $\phi: M \rightarrow N$ as above. Define the topological degree of ϕ as follows:

• pick a regular value $y \in N$

$\Rightarrow \deg(\phi) := \sum_{p \in \phi^{-1}(y)} \deg_p \phi \in \mathbb{Z}$ (integer).
 (finite sum by Lemma)

A priori, this depends on a choice of regular value but

Thm: This number is well-defined — independent of choice of regular value $y \in N$ of ϕ — and homotopic ϕ_0, ϕ , have the same degree.



This thm is an immediate consequence of

Thm: (topological = cohomological degree) $\deg \phi = C_\phi$

topological degree (defined using any fixed regular value) \leftarrow cohomological degree

Note: It also follows that $C_\phi \in \mathbb{Z}$; a priori, we only knew $C_\phi \in \mathbb{R}$!

Pf: c_ϕ is defined to be the unique number s.t. $\int_M \phi^* \omega = c_\phi \int_N \omega$
 for any ω , equivalently for some ω with $\int_N \omega \neq 0$.

(b/c such $[\omega]$ spans $H^m(N)$ & \int only depends on $[\omega]$ & is linear).
 (adapted to choice of regular value y)

Let's pick a very specific ω with $\int_N \omega \neq 0$ & show in fact that

$$\int_M \phi^* \omega = \deg(\phi) \int_N \omega$$

topological degree!

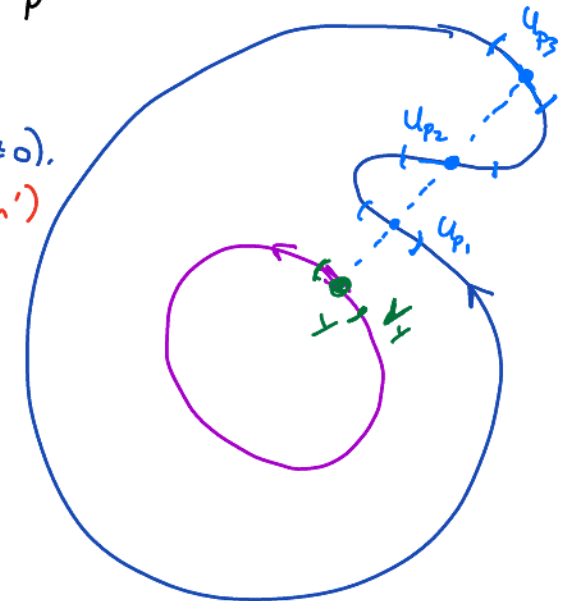
Let y be the regular value used to define $\deg(\phi)$. Pick a nbhd $V_y \ni y$ such that
 for every $p \in \phi^{-1}(y) \exists U_p \ni p$ such that $\phi|_{U_p} : U_p \xrightarrow{\cong} V_y$.

s.t., $V_y \cong \mathbb{R}^m$ oriented diff.

Now, pick $\omega \in \Omega^m(N)$ supported on V_y . (with $\int_N \omega \neq 0$).
 (e.g., 'bump form')

$\Rightarrow \phi^* \omega$ is supported on $\bigsqcup_{p \in \phi^{-1}(y)} U_p$.

$$\text{so } \int_M \phi^* \omega = \sum_{p \in \phi^{-1}(y)} \int_{U_p} (\phi|_{U_p})^* \omega$$



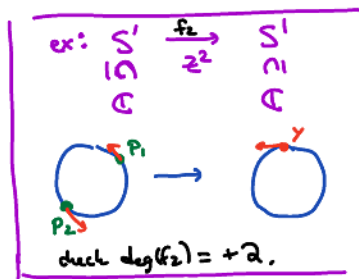
But each $U_p \xrightarrow[\phi|_{U_p}]{\cong} V_y$ diffeo, so

$$\int_{U_p} (\phi|_{U_p})^* \omega = \begin{cases} (+1) \cdot \int_{V_y} \omega & \text{if } \phi|_{U_p} \text{ orientation preserving } \Leftrightarrow d\phi_p \text{ orientation preserving} \\ (-1) \cdot \int_{V_y} \omega & \text{if } \phi|_{U_p} \text{ orientation reversing } \Leftrightarrow d\phi_p \text{ orientation reversing} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_M \phi^* \omega = \left(\sum_{p \in \phi^{-1}(y)} \deg_p \phi \right) \int_{V_y} \omega = \deg(\phi) \int_N \omega.$$

Some degree calculations & corollaries:

$f: M^m \rightarrow N^m$ map between cpct, oriented, connected manifolds.



(1) If f diffeomorphism, then $\deg(f) = \pm 1$

(b/c $f^{-1}(y) = \{p\}$ one point, whose local degree can be only ± 1 .
any point is a regular value)

Note: $|\deg(\text{id}_M)| = 1$.

(2) If f is not surjective, then $\deg(f) = 0$.

why? Let $y \in N \setminus f(M)$ a point, not in image(f). So $f^{-1}(y) = \emptyset$, so y a regular value

$$\Rightarrow \deg(f) \text{ (computed using } y) = \sum_{p \in f^{-1}(y)} \deg_p(f) = 0, \text{ b/c } \nexists p \in f^{-1}(y).$$

Cor: if f not surjective, y any reg. value, then $\#|f^{-1}(y)|$ is even.

\Rightarrow If f is a constant map, $\deg(f) = 0$ (unless $\dim(M) = 0$).

Cor: If $n > 0$, then id_M is not smoothly homotopic to any constant map $c_p: M \rightarrow M$.

(3) From HW: if $A: S^n \rightarrow S^n$ is the antipodal map then

$$\deg(A) = \begin{cases} (-1)^n & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow A$ & id_{S^n} are not homotopic if n even.

Cor: ("Hairy Ball theorem") Even dimensional spheres don't admit nowhere vanishing vector fields.

Pf: Let $S^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ unit sphere & X a non-vanishing vec. field on S^n .

By scaling assume $\|X_p\| = 1$ with respect to inner product on $T_p S^n \subset T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1} = \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. Euclidean.

Recall $T_p S^n = \{v \in T_p \mathbb{R}^{n+1} = \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid v \perp p\}$.

so $X_p \in T_p S^n$ means $X_p \perp p$.



Define $H(p, t) = \vec{p} \cos(\pi t) + \vec{X}_p \sin(\pi t)$ (move along great circle in direction of X_p at time t).

(note since $\vec{p} \perp \vec{X}_p$, $H(p, t) \in S^n \forall p, t$)

$$H: S^n \times I \rightarrow S^n.$$



$$H(p, 0) = p, \text{ i.e., } H(-, 0) = \text{id}$$

$H(0, 1)$

$$H(p, 1) = -p = A(p) \quad H(-, 1) = A.$$

\Rightarrow if X exists, then $\text{id} \simeq$ antipodal map $\Rightarrow n$ cannot be even. \square .

$$\deg(\text{id}) = 1$$

$$\deg(A) = (-1)^{n+1}$$