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Theorem: Suppose that Y is a closed 3-manifold with universal cover \tilde{Y} .

- If $\pi_1(Y)$ is finite, then $\tilde{Y} \cong S^3$.
- If $\pi_1(Y)$ is infinite + Y is prime then either $\tilde{Y} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$ or $Y \cong S^1 \times S^2$.

Proof: • If $\pi_1(Y)$ is finite then \tilde{Y} is closed.

Thus Lemma (A) $\Rightarrow \tilde{Y} \cong S^3$

• Now, suppose $\pi_1(Y)$ is infinite.

Since Y is prime, either $Y \cong S^1 \times S^2$ or Y is irreducible. It suffices to show

Y irreducible $\Rightarrow \tilde{Y} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$.

Since $\pi_1(Y)$ is infinite, \tilde{Y} is non-compact, $\partial\tilde{Y} = \emptyset$

Thus, by Lemma (B), $\tilde{Y} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$

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Corollary: ① If Y is a closed prime 3-manifold with $\pi_1(Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, then $Y \cong S^1 \times S^2$

② If Y, X are closed + prime with $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X)$ infinite, then $Y \cong X$.

Proof: ① We begin by showing that such a manifold must have $\pi_2(Y) \neq 0$.

If not, then \tilde{Y} is a non-compact 3-mfd with $\pi_i(\tilde{Y}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1$

and $\tilde{Y} \cong \mathbb{R}^3$.

Now, let $f: S^1 \rightarrow Y$ be a map representing a generator of $\pi_1(Y) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Since $\pi_i(S^1) = 0$ for $i \geq 2$, we have that

$$f_*: \pi_i(S^1) \rightarrow \pi_i(Y)$$

is an isomorphism $\forall i$ and f is a homotopy equivalence by Whitehead's theorem.

In particular, $0 = H_2(Y) \stackrel{PD}{\cong} H^1(Y) = \text{Free}(H_1(Y)) \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \times$

(a) Therefore, $\pi_2(Y) \neq 0$ and we must have $Y \cong S^1 \times S^2$

(a) Now, suppose we have $Y \simeq X$ with $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X)$ infinite.

If $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$, then both are homeomorphic to $S^1 \times S^2$ by the above.

If $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X) \neq \mathbb{Z}$, then it must be the case that $\pi_2(Y) = \pi_2(X) = 0$ and $Y \cong \mathbb{R}^3 \cong X$

In particular,

$$\pi_i(Y) = \pi_i(X) = 0 \quad i \geq 2$$

Thus, Y and X are both $K(\pi, 1)$'s and, in turn,

$$Y \cong X$$



3-Manifolds with Finite π_1

Consider the Lie group $SO(4) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{group of OP} \\ \text{rigid motions} \\ \text{of } \mathbb{R}^4 \end{array} \right\}$

Observe that any rigid motion of \mathbb{R}^4 preserves the unit sphere. Thus $SO(4)$ acts on S^3 as well.

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4 \times 4 \text{ matrices} \\ \text{with } A^T A = I \\ \text{and } \det(A) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Let $\pi < SO(4)$ be a finite subgroup which acts freely on S^3 . Then $Y = S^3/\pi$ is a closed 3-manifold with

no fixed points

$$\pi_1(Y) = \pi$$

and an explicit covering map

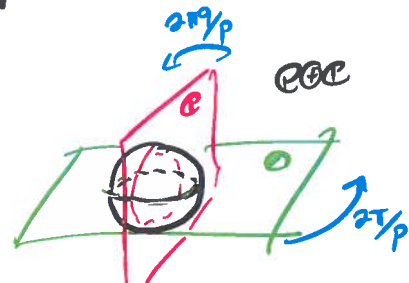
$$S^3 \xrightarrow{p} S^3/\pi = Y$$

Example

Lens Spaces: Let t generate \mathbb{Z}/p

$$\mathfrak{f} \cdot (z, w) = (e^{2\pi i t/p} z, e^{2\pi i q/p} w)$$

\mathbb{Z}/p



③ Then the action of ξ is given by the matrix

$$\xi \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi/p) & -\sin(2\pi/p) & & 0 \\ \sin(2\pi/p) & \cos(2\pi/p) & & 0 \\ & & \cos(2\pi/p) & -\sin(2\pi/p) \\ & & \sin(2\pi/p) & \cos(2\pi/p) \end{pmatrix}$$

Elliptization Conjecture (follows from Perelman's proof of GC)
A closed 3-manifold with finite fundamental group is

$$Y = S^3/\pi$$

for some finite subgroup $\pi \subset SO(4)$.

Actually, a much stronger version of this theorem follows from Perelman's work

Theorem (Perelman)

Let Y and X be closed, prime 3-manifolds with $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X)$. Then either $Y \cong X$ or both are lens spaces

Theorem (Reidemeister '35)

Let $L(p, q)$ and $L(p, q')$ be lens spaces

① $L(p, q)$ and $L(p, q')$ are homotopy equivalent iff

$$q' \equiv \pm q^2 \pmod{p} \text{ for some } q$$

② $L(p, q)$ and $L(p, q')$ are diffeomorphic iff

$$q' \equiv \pm q^{\pm 1} \pmod{p}$$

We might try and prove this last thm, but not quite yet.

Prime 3-manifolds with Infinite π_1

Again, we have

Theorem (Perelman)

Let Y and X be closed, prime 3-manifolds with $\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(X)$. Then either $Y \cong X$ or both are lens spaces

④ Parts of this theorem were known earlier, though

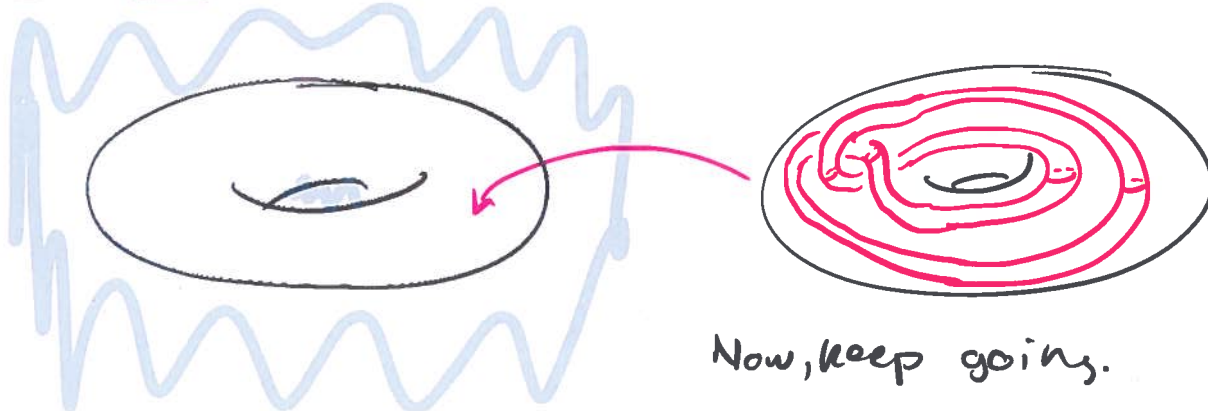
- Waldhausen showed it if Y contains an incompressible surface in '68.
- Gabai - Otel proved it if Y has an essential lamination in 89

Theorem (Mostow Rigidity)

Suppose that M + N are complete, finite volume hyperbolic manifolds and $f: M \rightarrow N$ induces an isomorphism $f_*: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(N)$. Then f is isotopic to a unique isometry.

If we omit the closed condition, then we have

Example (Whitehead manifold)



The result is a space W (the Whitehead manifold) with $\pi_i(W) = 0 \quad \forall i \Rightarrow W$ is contractible, but with W not "simply connected at ∞ ".
 $\Rightarrow W \not\cong \mathbb{R}^3$.

Theorem: Let Y be a compact, irreducible 3-manifold with $\pi_1(Y)$ free. Then Y is a handle body or $S^1 \times S^2$.

To prove this, we need a few lemmas

Lemma: Suppose Σ is a closed surface which is not S^2 , then $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ is not free.

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proof: Suppose to the contrary that $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ is free of rank n .

Let $V = \bigvee S^1$. Then $\pi_1(V) = \ast_n \mathbb{Z}$ is free of rank n .

Let $f: V \rightarrow \Sigma$ be a map which induces an isomorphism

$$f_*: \pi_1(V) \rightarrow \pi_1(\Sigma).$$

Since the universal covers of both V and $\Sigma \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ are contractible (V is a "sweatshop" + $\Sigma \cong \mathbb{R}^2$), we have that $\pi_1(V) = \pi_1(\Sigma) \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus, f is a homotopy equivalence. But

$$f_*: H_2(V) \rightarrow H_2(\Sigma)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 17 & & 17 \\ 0 & & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

is not an isomorphism, a contradiction ~~XX~~

Lemma: Every subgroup of a free group is free. ~~XX~~

proof: This is a standard exercise in topology. It follows from the fact that every cover of a graph is a graph. \square

Lemma (Half-lives, half-dies)

Let Y be a compact, orientable 3-mfd. then the rank of the kernel of the inclusion

$$i_*: H_1(\partial Y) \rightarrow H_1(Y)$$

is half that of $H_1(\partial Y)$

pf Since we're talking about rank, we can work over \mathbb{Q} . From Poincaré-Lefschetz duality, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H_2(Y, \partial Y) & \xrightarrow{\partial} & H_1(\partial Y) & \xrightarrow{i_*} & H_1(Y) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ H^1(Y) & \xrightarrow{i^*} & H^1(\partial Y) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^2(Y, \partial Y) \end{array}$$

Since we're working over \mathbb{Q} , i^* is the Hom dual of i_*

⑥ Thus, $\dim(\text{coker}(i^*)) = \dim(\text{Ker}(i_*))$ ⊙

Corollary: If Y is compact with finite $H_1(Y, \mathbb{Z})$,
then $\partial Y \cong \mathbb{Z}S^2$.

proof: If ∂Y consists of something other than
2-spheres, then $\text{rank } H_1(\partial Y) > 0$.

By the previous lemma, this implies $\text{rank } H_1(Y) > 0$ ✱

Proof of the

Suppose that $\pi_1(Y)$ is free of rank n .
We induct on n .

Base Case: ($n=0$). Then $\pi_1(Y) = 1$

If $\partial Y = \emptyset$, then $Y \cong S^3$
If $\partial Y \neq \emptyset$, then $\partial Y = \mathbb{Z}S^2$

Since Y is irreducible, $\partial Y = S^2$ and $Y \cong B^3$.

Inductive step ($n \geq 1$)

Since Y is irreducible, we know $\pi_2(Y) = 0$.

Since $\pi_1(Y)$ is infinite, we get that \tilde{Y} is
non-compact and that

$$H_i(\tilde{Y}) = 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i(Y) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1.$$

Let $X = \bigvee_n S^1$ and choose a map
 $f: \bigvee_n S^1 \rightarrow Y$

st $f_*: \pi_i(\bigvee_n S^1) \rightarrow \pi_i(Y)$ is an isom $\forall i \geq 1$

So Whitehead $\Rightarrow f$ is a homotopy equivalence
and

$$H_i(Y) = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 2.$$

In particular, since $H_3(Y) = 0$,
 $\partial Y \neq \emptyset$.

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Now, if some component of ∂Y is a 2-sphere then

$$Y \text{ irreducible} \Rightarrow Y \cong B^3$$

Since $\pi_1(Y)$ is infinite, this can't be true.

Let $\Sigma \subset \partial Y$ be component of ∂Y .

Since $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$, the first two lemmas above imply that

$$\pi_1(\Sigma) \longrightarrow \pi_1(Y)$$

has non-trivial kernel

Disk Thm $\Rightarrow \exists$ a nontrivial loop on Σ that bounds a disk in Y .

Case 1: This disk separates Y .

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In this case we have

$$Y \setminus D \cong Y_1 \sqcup Y_2$$

Seifert Van-Kampen \Rightarrow

$$\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(Y_1) * \pi_1(Y_2)$$

Since subgroups of free groups are free,

$\pi_1(Y_i)$ is free of rank $= n_i$ and

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

If either $n_i = 0$, then the base case implies that $Y_i \cong B^3$, contradicting the fact that $[\partial D] \neq 0$ in $\pi_1(\Sigma)$.

By induction, both Y_i 's are handlebodies.

Case 2: The disk is non-separating

Again, by SVK,

$$\pi_1(Y) \cong \pi_1(Y \setminus D) * \mathbb{Z}$$

And, again, by induction,

$Y \setminus D$ and, therefore, Y are handlebodies

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