

# HOPF INVARIANT ONE

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- $\pi_k(S^m) = 0 \quad \forall k < m$  (cellular approximation)
- $\pi_m(S^m) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  (Freudenthal + degree)

$\pi_k(S^m) \quad k > m ?$

$\pi_3(S^2)$  is not trivial

You can construct

$$\mathbb{CP}^{m-1} = S^{2m-1} / \sim \quad \begin{array}{l} x, y \in S^{2m-1} \\ x \sim y \\ (\Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } x = \lambda y) \end{array}$$

$$x \sim y \Rightarrow x = \lambda y$$

$$1 = \|x\| = \|\lambda y\| = |\lambda| \|\tilde{y}\|^2 = |\lambda|$$

$$S^{2m-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^{m-1}$$

$m=2$

$$p: S^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1 \cong S^2 = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$(z_0, z_1) \mapsto \frac{z_0}{z_1}$$

$p$  is called Hopf fibration (or Hopf bundle)

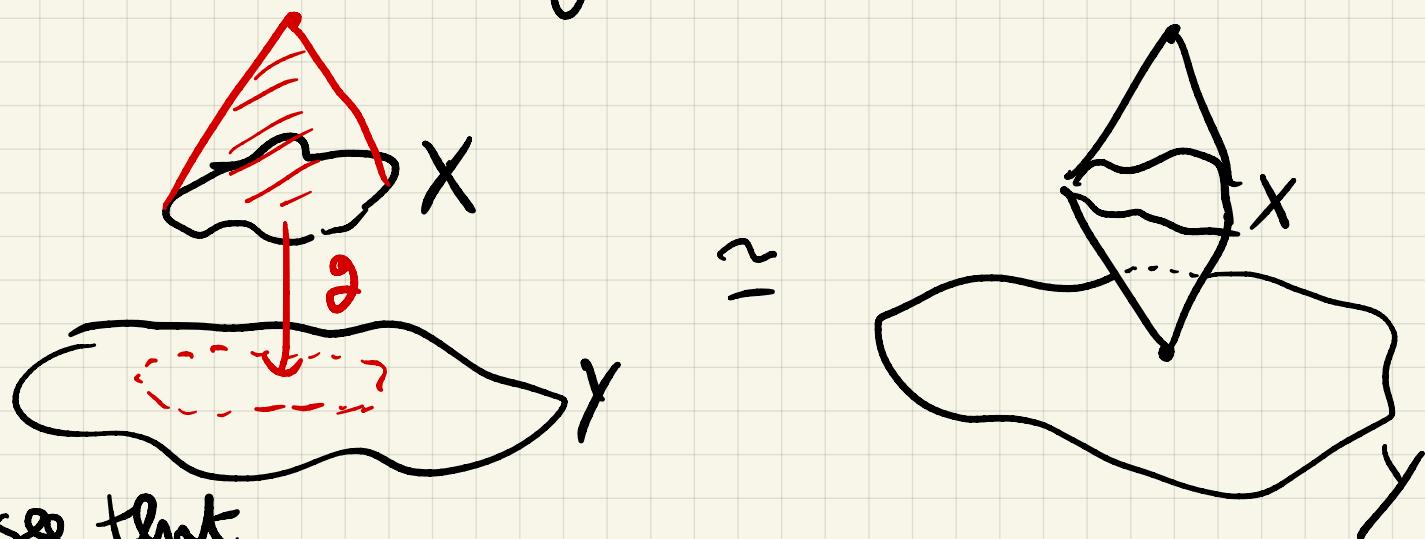
$\pi_3(S^2)$  IS NOT TRIVIAL

if  $\pi_3(S^2)$  was trivial

EVERY  $f: S^3 \rightarrow S^2$  would be null-homotopic  
(in particular, the Hopf fibration  $p$ )

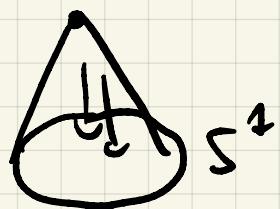
Rank  
if  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is null-homotopic

$$\text{cone}(g) = CX \cup_g Y \simeq SX \cup Y$$



We see that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cone}(p) &= CS^3 \cup_p S^2 \simeq D^4 \cup_p S^2 \simeq \mathbb{CP}^1 \cup_p e^4 \\ &\simeq \mathbb{CP}^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$SS^3 \vee S^2 \simeq S^4 \vee S^2$$

but  $H^*(\mathbb{CP}^2) \neq H^*(S^4 \vee S^2)$  AS RINGS

## Hopf invariant

$$\rho: S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

$$f: S^{2m-1} \rightarrow S^m$$

Since  $S^{2m-1} \cong \partial D^m$ , we can attach

a  $2m$ -cell to  $S^m$  via  $f$   $K := S^m \cup_f e^{2m}$

$$H^k(K, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z} & k=0, m, 2m \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = H^m(K, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\langle \tau \rangle = H^{2m}(K, \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\begin{aligned} H^m(K, \mathbb{Z}) &\rightarrow H^{2m}(K, \mathbb{Z}) \\ \sigma &\longmapsto \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma^2 = H(f) \mathbb{Z}$$

Def  $H(f)$  is called the Hopf invariant  
of  $f$

Rmk If  $m$  is odd, then  $H(f)=0$

In fact  $xy = (-1)^{\deg x \deg y} yx$

$$\sigma^2 = (-1)^{n^2} \sigma^2 = -1 \cdot \sigma^2 = -\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = 0 \Rightarrow H(f) = 0$$

Remark The homotopy type of  $K$  only depends on the homotopy class of  $f \Rightarrow H(f)$  depends only on the homotopy class of  $f$

therefore we have a function

$$H: \pi_{2m-1}(S^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Theorem There is no map of Hopf invariant one for  $n \neq 3, 4, 8$

Theorem If  $f: S^{2m-1} \rightarrow S^n$  is st.

$H(f) = 1 \Rightarrow n$  is a power of 2

Prop If  $n$  is even, there exist

a map  $f: S^{2n-1} \rightarrow S^n$  s.t.  $H(f) = 2$

Proof

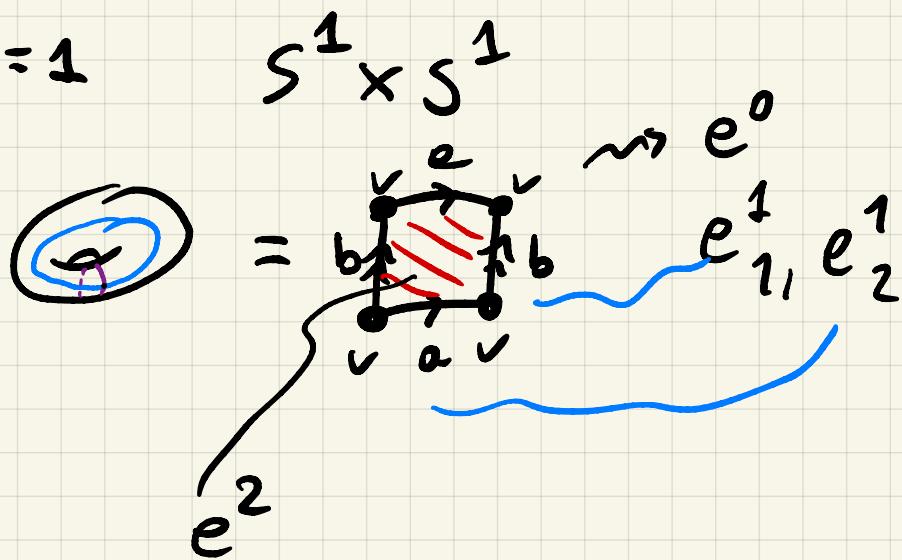
$$S^{2n-1} \xrightarrow{f} S^n$$
$$g \downarrow \quad \Delta \nearrow$$
$$S^n \vee S^n$$

$$\Delta = (\text{id}, \text{id})$$

$g$  is the map  
used to construct

$$S^n \times S^n = (S^n \vee S^n) \cup_{g} e^{2n}$$

$$n=1$$



$$K = S^n \cup_f e^{2n}$$

we have to show

that

$$\sigma^2 = 2\pi$$

CW

$$H(f) = 2$$

$$i: S^n \hookrightarrow K$$

$$S^n \times S^n \rightarrow K$$

$$i \circ g: S^{2n-1} \rightarrow K$$

null-homotopic

$$(S^m \vee S^m) \wedge e^{2m} \xrightarrow{\bar{\nabla}} K = S^m \wedge e^{2m}$$

$\bar{\nabla}$  agrees with  $\nabla$  on  $S^n \vee S^n$

$\bar{\nabla}$  is a relative frames on  $(e^{2m}, S^{2m-1})$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\nabla}^*$  is an iso in dimension  $2m$

$$\boxed{\bar{\nabla}^* \sigma^2 = \bar{\nabla}^*(H(f)\tau) = H(f) \underbrace{\bar{\nabla}^*(\tau)}_{\rho} = H(f)\rho}$$

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  generators of  $H^n(S^n)$   $\rho$  is the generator of  $H^{2m}(S^m \times S^m)$

$$\bar{\nabla}^*(\sigma^2) = (\bar{\nabla}^* \sigma)^2 = (\nabla^* \sigma)^2 = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 =$$

$$= \underbrace{\sigma_1^2}_{0} + \underbrace{\sigma_2^2}_{0} + \underbrace{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_1}_{\rho} = 2\rho$$

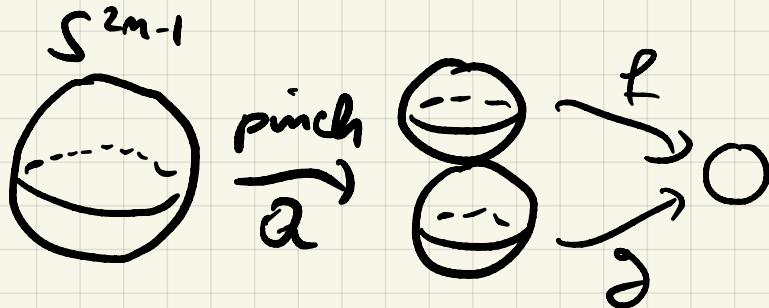
$$(-1)^{m^2} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = (-1)^{m^2} \rho = \rho$$

$$\Rightarrow H(f) = 2$$

Prop  $H: \pi_{2m-1}(S^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is an homomorphism  
of groups (i.e.  $H(f+g) = H(f) + H(g)$ )

Proof

$f+g$



$$\text{i.e. } f+g: S^{2m-1} \xrightarrow{Q} S^{2m-1} \vee S^{2m-1} \xrightarrow{f+g} S^m \vee S^m \xrightarrow{\nabla} S^n$$

$$S^n \leftarrow S^n \vee S^n = S^n \vee S^n \quad k = S^n \underset{f+g}{\cup} e^{2m}$$

$$K := S^n \underset{f+g}{\cup} e^{2m} \xleftarrow{P} (S^n \vee S^n) \cup e^{2m} \xrightarrow{(f+g)Q} (S^n \underset{f}{\cup} e^{2m}) \vee (S^n \underset{g}{\cup} e^{2m})$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = H^M(K) \quad =: L \quad =: M \quad \langle \tau \rangle = H^{2m}(K)$$

$$p^*(\sigma^2) = P^*(H(f+g)\tau) = H(f+g)p^*\tau$$

$$= H(f+g)\rho$$

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in H^n(S^n \vee S^n)$

$$p^*(\sigma^2) = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 \quad \langle \rho \rangle = H^{2m}(L) \quad \text{generator}$$

$$\underline{\text{CLAIM}} \quad H(f+g)\rho = (H(f) + H(g))\rho$$

$$H(f+g)\rho = H(f+g)p^*\tau = P^*(\sigma^2) = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2$$

$$= H(f)q^* \tau_1 + H(g)q^* \tau_2 = (H(f) + H(g))\rho$$

$\underbrace{q^* \tau_1}_{=\rho} + \underbrace{q^* \tau_2}_{=\rho}$

$\tau_1, \tau_2$   
generators

of  $H^{2m}(M)$

particular case

Corollary (Serre finiteness theorem)

If  $m$  is even,  $\pi_{2m-1}(S^m)$  contains  $\mathbb{Z}$  as direct summand.

Proof take  $f$  s.t.  $H(f) = 2$

$f$  must have infinite order

since otherwise  $\mathbb{Z}$  would have finite order in  $\pi_1$

$$\Rightarrow \langle f \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

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$$\sigma^2 = H(f) \in$$

Theorem  $f: S^{2m-1} \rightarrow S^m$  s.t.  $H(f) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2^m \text{ for some } m$$

We will prove this by looking at  
the mod 2 cohomology of  $K := S^m \cup_f e^{2m}$

In fact,  $H(f) \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$

$$Sq^m \sigma = \sigma^2 = H(f) \cdot \tau = \tau \text{ in } H^{2m}(K; \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

where

$$0 < t < m$$

$$Sq^t: H^m(K; \mathbb{Z}_2) \rightarrow H^{m+t}(K; \mathbb{Z}_2) = 0$$

We will show that  $m \neq 2^m \Rightarrow$

$Sq^m$  is decomposable ( $Sq^m = \sum_{0 < t < m} a_t Sq^t$ )

$\Rightarrow Sq^m = 0$  but this cannot be the

case since

$$Sq^m \sigma = \tau \neq 0$$

Theorem  $Sq^i$  indecomposable  $\Rightarrow i = 2^m$

Proof if  $i \neq 2^m$  we can write

$$i = a + 2^m \quad 0 < a < 2^m$$

$$= a + b \quad b := 2^m$$

Adem relations

$$Sq^a Sq^b = \sum_{c \geq 0} \binom{b-c-1}{a-c} Sq^{a+b-c} Sq^c =$$

$$= \binom{b-1}{a} Sq^{a+b} + \sum_{c>0} \binom{b-c-1}{a-c} Sq^{a+b-c} Sq^c$$

$$= Sq^i$$

Now we use Lucas theorem

$$b = 2^m$$

$$b-1 = 2^m - 1 = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} 2^k$$

(a famous sum,  
easy exercise on  
mathematical induction)

$$\binom{b-1}{a} \equiv \prod_{n=0}^{m-1} \binom{1}{a_k} \equiv \prod_{k=0}^{m-1} 1 = 1 \pmod{2}$$

LUCAS THM

$$a = \sum a_i p^i$$

$$b = \sum b_i p^i$$

$$\binom{b}{a} \equiv \prod_i \binom{b_i}{a_i} \pmod{p}$$

$$b_n = 1 \quad \forall 0 \leq k \leq m-1$$

$$\binom{1}{0} = \binom{1}{1} = 1$$

&  $a \in \{0, 1\}$

when we

consider the  
p-adic expansion  
of a

$$Sq^i = Sq^a Sq^b - \sum_{c>0} \binom{b-c-1}{a-2c} Sq^{a+b-c} Sq^c$$

$\Rightarrow Sq^i$  decomposable