MA4J2 Exercise sheet 11.

Please let me know if any of the problems are unclear or have typos.

**Exercise 11.1.** [Medium] After recalling the definitions show that the lens space L(2,1), the projective space  $\mathbb{RP}^3$ , the Lie group SO(3), and the unit tangent bundle UT  $S^2$  are all homeomorpic. The Hopf fibration on  $S^3$  descends to a Seifert fibered structure on L(2,1); this is isomorphic to the natural  $S^1$ -fibration of UT  $S^2$ . The Euler number is two.

**Exercise 11.2.** We say an unoriented simple closed curve  $\alpha \subset \mathbb{T}^2$  is *essential* if  $\alpha$  does not bound a disk in  $\mathbb{T}^2$ . Isotopy of essentially curves is an equivalence relation; the classes of the relation are called *slopes*.

Show the set of slopes is naturally in bijection with  $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{1/0\}$ . Show if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  correspond to p/q and r/s then the algebraic intersection number satisfies

$$|\alpha \cdot \beta| = |ps - qr|,$$

after chosing orientations for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**Exercise 11.3.** Suppose that M is a Seifert fibered space. Let  $B = M/S^1$ . There are three orientations to consider: orientability of M as a three-manifold, orientability of B as a two-orbifold, and orientability of the fibration. (The last is equivalent to the fibration arising as the orbits of an  $S^1$ -action on M.) Show, via examples, that none, all, or any two of these can be twisted. However, it is impossible for exactly one of them to be twisted.

**Exercise 11.4.** Check, directly from the definition, that  $e(S^1 \times F) = 0$ : the Euler number of a product fibration is zero.

## Exercise 11.5. [Medium]

- Let  $M_h$  be the half-turn manifold from Exercise 7.6. Compute the Euler number  $e(M_h)$  directly from the definition. Check also that  $M_h$  is double covered by the three-torus.
- Do the same for  $M_r$ , the quarter-turn manifold from Exercise 8.6. Show  $M_r$  is double covered by  $M_h$ .

**Exercise 11.6.** The Hopf fibration on  $S^3$  descends to give a fibration of L = L(p,q). Show that  $e(L) = p^{\pm 1}$ ; determine how q affects the answer.

**Exercise 11.7.** [Medium] Suppose F is a connected closed surface. Equipping UT F with the usual  $S^1$ -bundle structure, show  $e(\text{UT }F) = \chi(F)$ . (This fixes the sign convention for the Euler number.)

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