

Cup Products in Motion Planning and Coverage Problems

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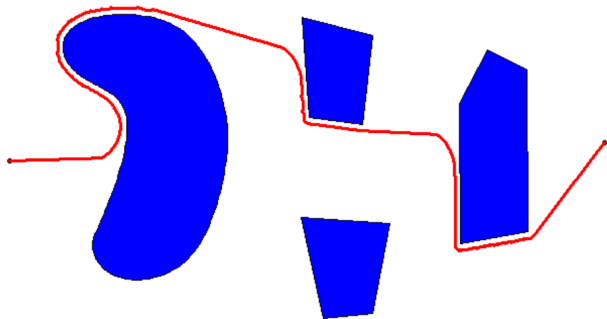
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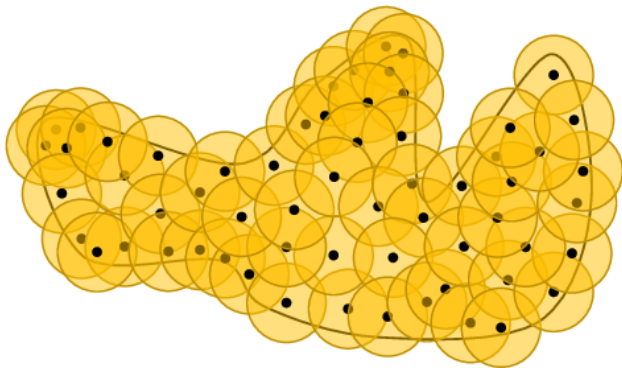
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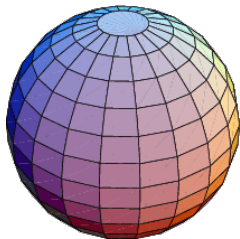
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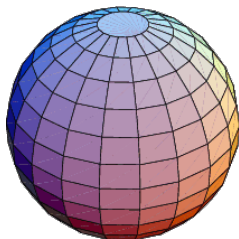
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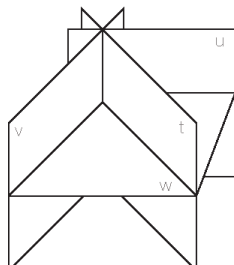
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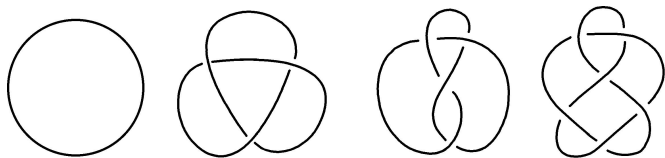
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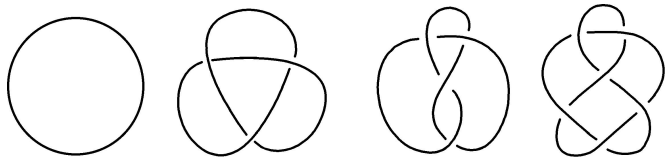
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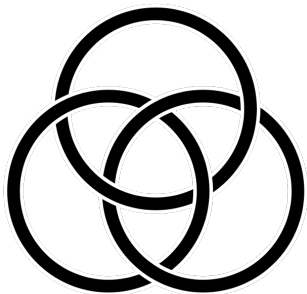
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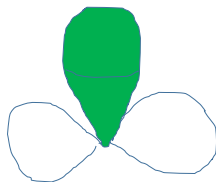
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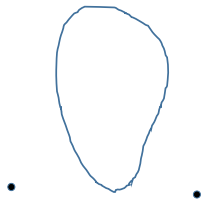
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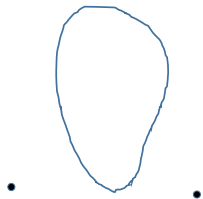
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- ▶ This can be done, using the fact that cup products are induced by a map, namely the diagonal map, and a functoriality result for the duality theorems

Functoriality of Alexander Duality

All the Alexander Duality isomorphism for $X = S^n$ described above is functorial, in the sense that for an inclusion $Y_0 \subseteq Y_1 \subseteq X$, the diagram

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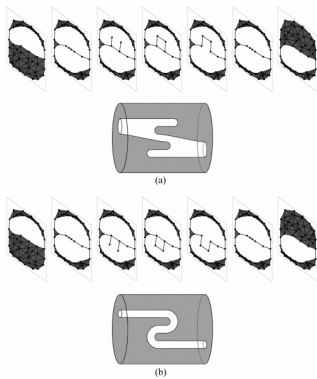
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