

3-MANIFOLD COHERENCE

Thm [Scott/Shalen 73]

If $\pi_1 M^3$ is f.g then $\pi_1 M^3$ is f.p.

Corollary $\pi_1 M^3$ is coherent

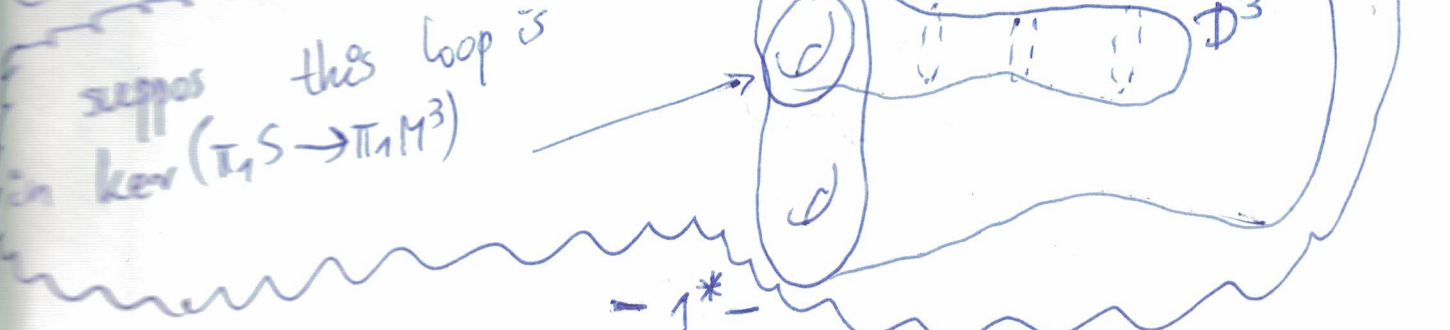
Thm [Scott] M^3 has compact core property.

Def. G is indecomposable if $G \neq A * B$ for $A, B \neq 1$

Scott's Lemma. Let G be f.g. indecomposable group.

Suppose each subgroup $S \subseteq G$ with $\text{rk}(S) < \text{rk}(G)$ is f.p. Then \exists f.p. K and $K \twoheadrightarrow G$ s.t. any intermediate group I is indecomposable. [Intermediate means that I sits in: $K \twoheadrightarrow I \twoheadrightarrow G$].

Thm [Loop + Disk (Papa 50's)]
 Let S be component of ∂M^3 . Suppose $\pi_1 S \rightarrow \pi_1 M^3$ is not injective. There exist a proper embedding $(D^3, \partial D^3) \rightarrow (M^3, S)$ s.t. ∂D^3 is essential in S .



Proof of f.p. of $\pi_1 M^3$ Induction on $\text{rk}(\pi_1 M^3)$

True when $\text{rk} = 0$ or $\text{rk} = 1$. Suppose $\pi_1 M = A * B$ then $\text{rk} A, \text{rk} B < \text{rk}(\pi_1 M)$ by Gushko theorem.

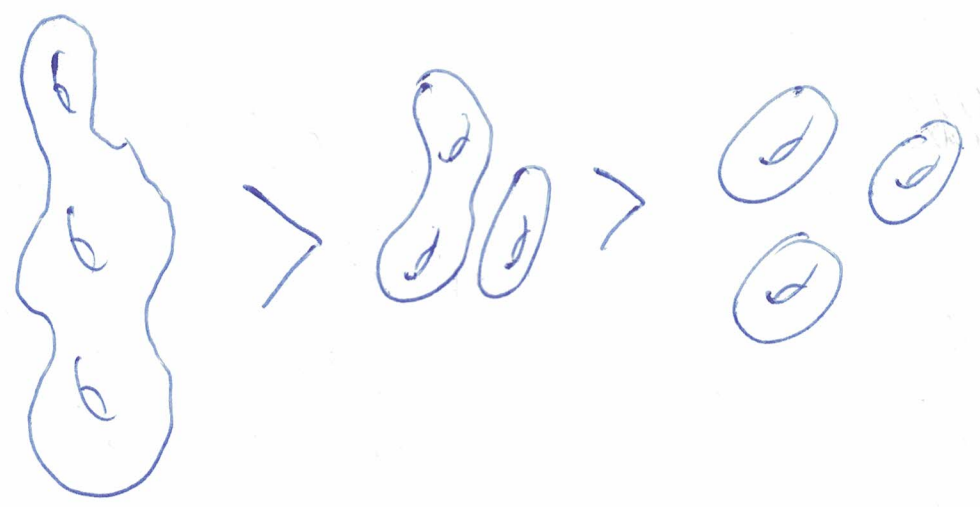
Hence A and B are f.p. hence $\pi_1 M^3$ is f.p.

Using Scott's Lemma, there is f.p. group K and $\delta: K \rightarrow \pi_1 M^3$ without indecomposable intermediate

Let $N \subseteq M^3$ be compact submanifold s.t. $\pi_1 N$ contains image of $X \rightarrow M$ where $K = \pi_1 X$ and s.t. map $X \rightarrow M$ corresponds to $K \rightarrow \pi_1 M$.

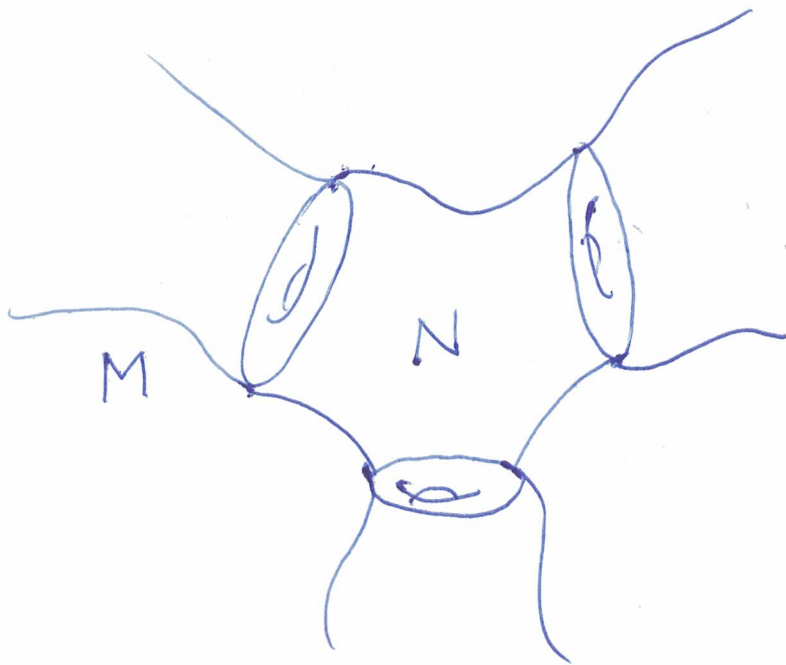
Complexity of ∂N is minimal, where complexity is defined to be: (\dots, c_2, c_1, c_0) where $c_i := \#$ components of ∂ with genus i .

For example:



Claim. $\pi_1 N$ injects to $\pi_1 M$.

Proof. Suppose $\partial N \rightarrow M$ is π_1 -injective on each component. Then $\pi_1 N \rightarrow \pi_1 M$ is injective.



Indeed we obtain graph of spaces with vertex groups and edge spaces. Hence π_1 injects in graph of groups.

Assume component S of ∂N has $S \rightarrow M$ and not π_1 -injective. By loop-disk theorem there exist compression disk D^2 with $\partial D^2 = S$. If D^2 is outside N then cut-paste gives lower complexity $N' = N + D^2 \times [0,1] - \partial D^2 \times [0,1]$. Then take S' to be boundary component of N' . And we have $S' < S$ which is not possible. If D^2 is inside N , then N splits along D^2 .



Thm [Gushko] Let $\varphi: F \rightarrow A * B$ where F is f.g. free. Then $F = A' * B'$ with: $\varphi(A') = A, \varphi(B') = B$.

Corollary. If $G = A * B$ then $rk(G) = rk(A) + rk(B)$

Strong Gushko: Let $G = G_1 * \dots * G_r * F_s$ and

suppose $G_i \not\cong \mathbb{Z}$ and indecomposable. F_s free

Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow H = H_1 * \dots * H_\ell$ and $\varphi(G_i) \subseteq H_i$

there exists decomposition $G = K_1 * K_2 * \dots * K_\ell$
 s.t. $\varphi(K_i) = H_i$

Complexity $(G) := (r+s, s)$, where $G = G_1 * \dots * G_r * F_s$.
 \uparrow f.g. $\uparrow \dots \uparrow$ non \mathbb{Z} indecomposables

Idea: higher complexity \rightsquigarrow closest to $F_{rk(G)}$

Def. $\varphi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ is semi-injective if injective in each non \mathbb{Z} free factor.

Thm If $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} \bar{G}$ is noninjective epimorphism then:
 Complexity $(G) >$ Complexity (\bar{G}) .

Sketch of proof of Scott's lemma: Let G be f.g. indecomposable with as in statement.

Among all epimorphisms $K \twoheadrightarrow G$ with $\text{rk}(K) = \text{rk}(G)$ and K f.p. and $K \twoheadrightarrow G$: semiinjective, choose K s.t. complexity of K is minimal.

Suppose \exists intermediate: $K \twoheadrightarrow B_1 * B_2 \xrightarrow{c} G$

Let $C_i := c(B_i)$. Then $\text{rk}(C_i) < \text{rk}(G)$, so

C_i is f.p. by hypothesis. Hence either $K \twoheadrightarrow C_1 * G$ is isomorphism or complexity of

$C_1 * G$ is less than K . ■