# Geometry, topology, and topography 

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http://maths.org/~ims25/maths/presentations/Bletchley2011.pdf

GEOMETRY

What is topography?

## TOPOGRAPHY

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## SEnse of direction



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## Antipodal Points


http://www.antipodemap.com/

## Great circles


http://maps.forum.nu/gm_flight _path.html

http://www.earthbrowser.com /

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## Compass directions




MOUSE PROBLEM



## HOW FAR TO THE HORIZON?



## Topology

What is topology?

## TOPOLOGY

No straight lines...

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No straight lines...

No angles...

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No distances...

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No straight lines...

No angles...

No distances...

Just shapes and distortion of shapes.

## From Get knotted!



Neon signs


Dimensions


Dimensions


## Dimensions



Torus


UnReliable builders


CONTINUOUS DISTORTION


## Count crossings



## Count crossings



Fill


LAKE OR SEA?



Winding numbers


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Deforming loops


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Deforming Loop with obstacles


Deforming loop with obstacles


## HOPF'S DEGREE THEOREM

## Hopf's Degree theorem

Theorem.

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Theorem. A loop $\gamma_{1}$

## HOPF'S DEGREE THEOREM

THEOREM. A loop $\gamma_{1}$ can be deformed on to another loop $\gamma_{2}$

## Hopf's Degree theorem

THEOREM. A loop $\gamma_{1}$ can be deformed on to another loop $\gamma_{2}$ whilst avoiding the obstacle $p$

## HOPF'S DEGREE THEOREM

ThEOREM. A loop $\gamma_{1}$ can be deformed on to another loop $\gamma_{2}$ whilst avoiding the obstacle $p$ if and only if $\gamma_{1}$ and $\gamma_{2}$ have the same winding number about $p$.

Connectivity using winding numbers


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How to calculate winding numbers


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## Hanging problem



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Dividing walls


Dividing walls


## Problem



Is there a dividing wall for this set of towns?

Experiment with other configurations of towns.

## A general strategy

A general strategy


COASTAL TOWNS


# Experiment with other configurations of coastal towns and inland towns. 

Simplist problematic configuration


DISCARD THE PROBLEM CASE


## Think topologically



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## THINK TOPOLOGICALLY



## Think topologically



## Think topologically



DIVIDING WALLS THEOREM

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Theorem.

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Theorem. A collection of blue and green towns

## DIVIDING WALLS THEOREM

ThEOREM. A collection of blue and green towns can be separated (blue from green) by a dividing wall

## DIVIDING WALLS THEOREM

THEOREM. A collection of blue and green towns can be separated (blue from green) by a dividing wall if and only if there are not four coastal towns configured in the same way as the simplist problematic example.

LAKES


## Connecting roads



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# Investigate dividing walls and connecting roads for three town colours. 

