

# THE MANIFOLDS OF LINEAR ELEMENTS OF AN $n$ -SPHERE

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**1. Introduction.** The 3-manifolds of oriented and non-oriented linear elements of closed surfaces have been investigated by Nielsen,<sup>1</sup> Hotelling,<sup>2</sup> Threlfall,<sup>3</sup> van der Waerden and others.<sup>4</sup> In the present paper we take up the case of the space  $M$  of oriented linear elements, and the space  $M'$  of non-oriented linear elements, of an  $n$ -sphere,  $n \geq 1$ . The chief tools in the present investigation are certain orthogonal transformations (§§3-4) and theorems on addition of complexes.<sup>5</sup> Our success in the determination of certain homology classes (§§7-8, 14) leads to complete determination of (integral) Betti groups of  $M$  and  $M'$ . Our results may be summarized as follows:

(M1) For  $n > 1$ ,  $M$  is an orientable  $(2n-1)$ -manifold. Its Betti groups, which are not the null groups, are the following: For even  $n$ ,  $B^0$  and  $B^{2n-1} \approx G_0$  (AH, p. 556) and  $B^{n-1} \approx G_2$ ; for odd  $n$ ,  $B^0$ ,  $B^{2n-1}$ ,  $B^{n-1}$ , and  $B^n \approx G_0$ .

(M2) For  $n = 2$ ,  $M$  is the projective space. For  $n > 2$ , its fundamental group is the identity.

(M3) For  $n = 1, 3, 7$ ,  $M$  is the topological product of an  $n$ -sphere and an  $(n-1)$ -sphere.

(M'1) For  $n > 1$ ,  $M'$  is an orientable or a non-orientable  $(2n-1)$ -manifold according as  $n$  is even or odd. Its Betti groups, which are not the null, are the following: For even  $n$ ,  $B^0$  and  $B^{2n-1} \approx G_0$ ,  $B^{n-1} \approx G_4$ , and  $B^r \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-3; n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-3$ . For odd  $n$ ,  $B^0$  and  $B^n \approx G_0$ , and  $B^r \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-2; n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-2$ .

(M'2) For  $n = 2$ ,  $M'$  is the lens space (Linsenraum) (4, 1).<sup>6</sup> For  $n > 2$ , its fundamental group is the cyclic group of order 2.

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<sup>1</sup> J. Nielsen, *Untersuchungen zur Topologie der geschlossen zweiseitigen Flächen*, Acta. Math. vol. 50 (1927) pp. 302-306.

<sup>2</sup> H. Hotelling, *Three-dimensional manifolds of states of motions*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. vol. 27 (1925) pp. 329-344; *Multiple-sheeted spaces and manifolds of states of motions*, ibid. vol. 28 (1926) pp. 479-490.

<sup>3</sup> W. Threlfall, *Räume aus Linienelementen*, Jber. Deutschen Math. Verein. vol. 42 (1933) I, pp. 88-110.

<sup>4</sup> *Solutions of problem 124* by B. L. van der Waerden, H. Kneser, H. Seifert, E. R. van Kampen, and W. Threlfall, Jber. Deutschen Math. Verein. vol. 42 (1933) II, pp. 112-117.

<sup>5</sup> Alexandroff-Hopf, *Topologie I*, Berlin (1935), pp. 287-293. This book will be referred to as AH.

<sup>6</sup> Seifert-Threlfall, *Lehrbuch der Topologie*, Leipzig, 1934, p. 210. This book will be referred to as ST.

(M'3) For  $n=1, 3, 7$ ,  $M'$  is the topological product of an  $n$ -sphere and an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional projective space.

### I. THE MANIFOLD $M$ OF ORIENTED LINEAR ELEMENTS

2. **The representation of  $M$ .** The  $n$ -sphere,  $n \geq 1$ , may be represented in the Euclidean  $(n+1)$ -space  $X$  of the points  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  by the unit sphere:  $x'x = x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1$ , where  $x$  denotes the matrix of one column of the coordinates of the point, and  $x'$  the transposed of the matrix  $x$ . Similarly we have  $y, y'$  and the space  $Y$ . The space  $M$  is then represented by the subspace of the topological product  $R = X \times Y$ , defined by the equations

$$M \quad x'x = 1, \quad x'y = 0, \quad y'y = 1.$$

Evidently this subspace is a closed  $(2n-1)$ -manifold when it is connected (AH, p. 404). Henceforth we shall take this subspace as the space  $M$ , and speak of the points of  $M$  instead of oriented linear elements.

3. **The two "halves" of  $M$ .** The decomposition of the  $n$ -sphere  $x'x=1$  into the two  $n$ -cells corresponding to  $x_0 \geq 0$  and  $x_0 \leq 0$  gives rise to that of  $M$  into the two halves:

$$\begin{array}{ll} M_1 & x_0 \geq 0, \quad x'x = 1, \quad x'y = 0, \quad y'y = 1; \\ M_2 & x_0 \leq 0, \quad x'x = 1, \quad x'y = 0, \quad y'y = 1. \end{array}$$

Let  $e$  denote the matrix of one column of the  $n+1$  elements  $1, 0, \dots, 0$ . The matrix

$$A_1 = (x + e)(x + e)' / (x_0 + 1) - I,$$

where  $x'x=1, x_0+1 \neq 0$ , and the matrix

$$A_2 = (x - e)(x - e)' / (x_0 - 1) + I,$$

where  $x'x=1, x_0-1 \neq 0$ , are symmetric and orthogonal, and have  $x'$  and  $x$  as their first rows and columns.<sup>7</sup> Let  $u^{(i)} = (u_0^{(i)}, u_1^{(i)}, \dots, u_n^{(i)})$  and  $v^{(i)} = (v_0^{(i)}, v_1^{(i)}, \dots, v_n^{(i)})$  denote points in the Euclidean  $(n+1)$ -spaces  $U_i$  and  $V_i$  respectively,  $i=1, 2$ . Form the mappings<sup>8</sup>

$$t_i \quad u^{(i)} = x, \quad v^{(i)} = A_i y.$$

<sup>7</sup> H. W. Turnbull and A. C. Aitken, *An introduction to the theory of canonical matrices*, London, 1932, Lemma II, p. 104.

<sup>8</sup> The author wishes to express his gratitude to his colleague Professor P. L. Hsu for the construction of the matrices  $B_{n+1}$  and the mapping  $t_0$  in §10 and for the reference in footnote 7. The construction of  $t_i$  is then immediate.

$t_1$  and  $t_2$  are topological mappings of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively on

$$K_1 \quad u_0^{(1)} \geq 0, \quad u^{(1)'} u^{(1)} = 1, \quad v_0^{(1)} = 0, \quad v^{(1)'} v^{(1)} = 1$$

in  $R_1 = U_1 \times V_1$  and

$$K_2 \quad u_0^{(2)} \leq 0, \quad u^{(2)'} u^{(2)} = 1, \quad v_0^{(2)} = 0, \quad v^{(2)'} v^{(2)} = 1$$

in  $R_2 = U_2 \times V_2$ . Let  $E_1$  be the  $n$ -cell:  $u_0^{(1)} \geq 0$ ,  $u^{(1)'} u^{(1)} = 1$  in  $U_1$ ,  $E_2$  the  $n$ -cell:  $u_0^{(2)} \leq 0$ ,  $u^{(2)'} u^{(2)} = 1$  in  $U_2$ , and  $S_i$  the  $(n-1)$ -sphere:  $v_0^{(i)} = 0$ ,  $v^{(i)'} v^{(i)} = 1$  in  $V_i$ . Evidently  $K_i = E_i \times S_i$ .

**4.  $M$  as sum. The case  $n=1$ .** Let us denote the subspace:  $x_0=0$ ,  $x'x=1$ ,  $x'y=0$ ,  $y'y=1$  in  $R$  by  $\text{Bd}(M_1) = \text{Bd}(M_2)$ , and the subspace:  $u_0^{(i)}=0$ ,  $u^{(i)'} u^{(i)}=1$  in  $U_i$  by  $\text{Bd}(E_i)$ , and finally set  $\text{Bd}(K_i) = \text{Bd}(E_i) \times S_i$ , the topological product of two  $(n-1)$ -spheres. Let  $P$  be any point of  $\text{Bd}(M_i)$ . Then  $t_i(P) = P_i$  of  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ , and  $P_2 = t_2 t_1^{-1}(P_1)$  is a topological mapping of  $\text{Bd}(K_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ . Since the symmetric and orthogonal matrix  $A_1 = A_1' = A_1^{-1}$ , the topological mapping  $t = t_2 t_1^{-1}$  of  $\text{Bd}(K_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$  is given by  $A_2 A_1$ , with  $x$  in the two factor matrices replaced by  $u^{(1)}$ . Let  $\bar{u}^{(1)}$  denote the matrix of one column of the  $n+1$  elements:  $0, u_1^{(1)}, \dots, u_n^{(2)}$ . Then evidently

$$t \quad u^{(2)} = u^{(1)}, \quad v^{(2)} = \{2(\bar{u}^{(1)} \bar{u}^{(1)'} + ee') - I\} v^{(1)}.$$

Through identification of all pairs of points of  $\text{Bd}(K_1)$  and  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ , corresponding under  $t$ , there results from  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  a *sum*<sup>5</sup>  $K_1 + K_2$ . Since  $M$  is homeomorphic with  $K_1 + K_2$ , we shall write  $M = K_1 + K_2$ .

For  $n=1$ ,  $K_i$  consists of two semicircles. By means of  $t$ , the two end points of each semicircle of  $K_1$  or  $K_2$  are identified with the two end points of one and only one semicircle of  $K_2$  or  $K_1$  respectively. Hence  $M$  is the topological product of a 1-sphere and a 0-sphere.

**5. The fundamental group. The case  $n=2$ .** For  $n > 2$ , all the fundamental groups of the topological products  $K_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$  are the identity (ST, p. 156), and therefore that of  $M$  is also the identity (ST, p. 179).

For general  $n$ , let  $\epsilon$  denote the point  $(0, \dots, 0, 1)$  in a Euclidean  $(n+1)$ -space. Let  $m_i$  and  $b_i$  denote respectively the  $(n-1)$ -spheres  $\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \epsilon$  and  $\epsilon \times S_i$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ , and be called the *meridian* and *latitude* of  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ .

In the remaining part of this section we confine ourselves exclusively to the case  $n=2$ . Denote by  $O_i$  the point  $(\epsilon; \epsilon)$  of the torus  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$  and take it as the initial point of closed oriented curves on  $K_i$ . Obviously  $t(O_1) = O_2$ . The meridian and latitude circles  $m_i$  and  $b_i$  will

be regarded as with definite orientations, fixed as follows. First, take the senses of increasing  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  in the parametric representations

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \quad u_0^{(1)} &= 0, \quad u_1^{(1)} = \sin \theta, \quad u_2^{(1)} = \cos \theta; \quad v_0^{(1)} = 0, \quad v_1^{(1)} = 0, \quad v_2^{(1)} = 1, \\ b_1 \quad u_0^{(1)} &= 0, \quad u_1^{(1)} = 0, \quad u_2^{(1)} = 1; \quad v_0^{(1)} = 0, \quad v_1^{(1)} = -\sin \phi, \quad v_2^{(1)} = \cos \phi \end{aligned}$$

as the orientations of  $m_i$  and  $b_i$ , respectively. Now

$$\begin{aligned} t(m_1) \quad u_0^{(2)} &= 0, \quad u_1^{(2)} = \sin \theta, \quad u_2^{(2)} = \cos \theta; \\ v_0^{(2)} &= 0, \quad v_1^{(2)} = \sin 2\theta, \quad v_2^{(2)} = \cos 2\theta, \\ t(b_1) \quad u_0^{(2)} &= 0, \quad u_1^{(2)} = 0, \quad u_2^{(2)} = 1; \\ v_0^{(2)} &= 0, \quad v_1^{(2)} = \sin \phi, \quad v_2^{(2)} = \cos \phi. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(u^{(i)}; v^{(i)})$  denote a variable point of a subspace  $\Gamma$ . We shall call the subspace of  $(u^{(i)}; \epsilon)$  and that of  $(\epsilon; v^{(i)})$  the *projections*  $g_1(\Gamma)$  and  $g_2(\Gamma)$ .  $g_i$  are evidently continuous mappings of  $\Gamma$ . The projections  $g_1 t(m_1)$  of  $t(m_1)$  and  $g_2 t(b_1)$  of  $t(b_1)$  are respectively  $m_2$  and  $b_2$ . Moreover  $g_1 t$  is a topological mapping of  $m_1$  on  $m_2$ , and  $g_2 t = t$  a topological mapping of  $b_1$  on  $b_2$ . Now fix the orientations of  $m_2$  and  $b_2$  by demanding that  $g_1 t$  maps the oriented  $m_1$  on the oriented  $m_2$  and that  $g_2 t$  maps the oriented  $b_1$  on the oriented  $b_2$ .

Let  $[m_i], [b_i]$  denote the classes of closed oriented curves through  $O_i$  on  $K_i$ , homotopically deformable into  $m_i$  and  $b_i$  when the point  $O_i$  is kept fixed. The fundamental group of  $K_i$  is given by the two generators  $[m_i], [b_i]$  and the defining relation  $[m_i] = 1$ . From the representation of  $t(m_1)$  it is obvious that, when a variable point  $P_1$  starts from  $O_1$  and describes the oriented  $m_1$  once, the point  $t(P_1)$  starts from  $O_2$  and describes a closed oriented curve on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$  in such a way that its projection  $g_1 t(P_1)$  describes the oriented  $m_2$  once and its projection  $g_2 t(P_1)$  the oriented  $b_2$  twice. Furthermore  $t$  maps the oriented  $b_1$  on the oriented  $b_2$ . From the usual consideration of the Euclidean plane as the universal covering of  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ , we conclude that in the fundamental group of  $K_2$ ,

$$[t(m_1)] = [m_2] [b_2]^2, \quad [t(b_1)] = [b_2].$$

Hence the fundamental group of  $M$  is given by the single generator  $[b_1]$  and the defining relation  $[b_1]^2 = 1$  (ST, pp. 177-178), or is the cyclic group of order 2.

In fact,  $K_1, K_2$  and the mapping  $t$  of  $\text{Bd}(K_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$  define the Heegaard diagram of the 3-manifold  $M$ . From the enumeration of all the 3-manifolds whose Heegaard diagrams lie on a torus (ST,

pp. 210, 220),  $M$  is the 3-dimensional projective space. This is a new proof of a well known result.<sup>9</sup>

**6. The projections of  $t(m_1)$ .** These projections were used in the preceding section for the determination of the fundamental group of  $M$  for  $n = 2$ , and will be investigated here and in the next two sections for the determination in §9 of  $B^{n-1}(M)$  and  $B^n(M)$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Henceforth suppose always  $n \geq 2$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} u_0^{(2)} &= 0, & u_1^{(2)} &= u_1^{(1)}, \dots, u_n^{(2)} = u_n^{(1)}; \\ (tm_1) \quad v_0^{(2)} &= 0, & v_1^{(2)} &= 2u_1^{(1)} u_n^{(1)}, \dots, v_{n-1}^{(2)} = 2u_{n-1}^{(1)} u_n^{(1)}, \\ & & v_n^{(2)} &= 2(u_n^{(1)})^2 - 1, \\ i(b_i) \quad u_0^{(2)} &= 0, & u_1^{(2)} &= 0, \dots, u_{n-1}^{(2)} = 0, & u_n^{(2)} &= 1; \\ & & v_0^{(2)} &= 0, & v_1^{(2)} &= -v_1^{(1)}, \dots, v_{n-1}^{(2)} = -v_{n-1}^{(1)}, & v_n^{(2)} &= v_n^{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Again obviously  $g_2t$  is a topological mapping of  $m_1$  on  $m_2$  and  $g_2t = t$  a topological mapping of  $b_1$  on  $b_2$ . The most important projection  $g_2t(m_1)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_2t(m_1) \quad u_0^{(2)} &= 0, & u_1^{(2)} &= 0, \dots, u_{n-1}^{(2)} = 0, & u_n^{(2)} &= 1, \\ & & v_0^{(2)} &= 0, & v_1^{(2)} &= 2u_1^{(1)} u_n^{(1)}, \dots, v_{n-1}^{(2)} = 2u_{n-1}^{(1)} u_n^{(1)}, \\ & & v_n^{(2)} &= 2(u_n^{(1)})^2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

$g_2t$  maps  $m_1$  continuously in  $b_2$ . It maps all the points  $(0, u_1^{(1)}, \dots, u_{n-1}^{(1)}, 0) \times \epsilon$  of  $m_1$  on the single point  $\epsilon \times (0, \dots, 0, -1)$  of  $b_2$ . When  $v_n^{(2)} \neq -1$ , that is, when  $u_n^{(1)} \neq 0$ , the last  $n$  equations above can be solved for  $u^{(1)}$  in terms of  $v_1^{(2)}, \dots, v_n^{(2)}$ . Hence  $g_2t$  maps  $m_1$  on  $b_2$ . Moreover, on the same point  $\epsilon \times (0, v_1^{(2)}, \dots, v_n^{(2)})$  of  $b_2$ ,  $g_2t$  maps the pair of points  $(0, \pm u_1^{(1)}, \dots, \pm u_n^{(1)}) \times \epsilon$  of  $m_1$ , but no other point of  $m_1$  when  $v_n^{(2)} \neq -1$ . In fact,  $g_2t$  maps continuously each of the closed halves,  $m_1'$  and  $m_1''$ , of  $m_1$  corresponding to  $u_n^{(1)} \geq 0$  and  $u_n^{(1)} \leq 0$ , on  $b_2$ ; and it maps topologically each of the open halves of  $m_1$ , corresponding to  $u_n^{(1)} > 0$  and  $u_n^{(1)} < 0$ , on  $b_2$  minus the point corresponding to  $v_n^{(2)} = -1$ .

Take a simplicial decomposition of the meridian  $m_1$ , symmetric with respect to the center and to the topological product of the hyperplane  $u_n^{(1)} = 0$  and the point  $\epsilon$ . Take a coherent orientation of this simplicial  $m_1$ . Denote respectively again by  $m_1, m_1', m_1''$  the  $(n-1)$ -cycle and the  $(n-1)$ -complexes, which are the sums of all the

<sup>9</sup> See, for example, Seifert's *Solution of problem 124*, mentioned in footnote 4; and C. Weber's *Solution of problem 84*, *ibid.* pp. 5-6.

$(n-1)$ -simplexes on  $m_1, m_1', m_1''$ , so oriented. By means of the mapping  $g_2t$ , the coherent orientation of  $m_1'$  induces an orientation of  $b_2$ . Take any simplicial decomposition of  $b_2$  and a coherent orientation determined by this induced orientation. Denote again by  $b_2$  the  $(n-1)$ -cycle which is the sum of all the  $(n-1)$ -simplexes on  $b_2$  so oriented. Then, from the last paragraph, on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$  the homology class of the singular cycle (ST, p. 97)  $g_2t(m_1')$  and that of the cycle  $b_2$  are the same:  $(g_2t(m_1'))^* = b_2^*$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ .

Now let  $Q_0Q_1 \cdots Q_{n-1}$  be an oriented simplex in the coherent orientation of the simplicial  $m_1$ . Let  $Q_i'$  be the diametrically opposite point of  $Q_i$  on  $m_1$ . Then either the oriented simplex  $Q_0'Q_1' \cdots Q_{n-1}'$  or the oppositely oriented simplex  $-Q_0'Q_1' \cdots Q_{n-1}'$  is in the coherent orientation of  $m_1$  according as  $n$  is even or odd. Hence, on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ ,  $(g_2t(m_1'))^* = b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= -b_2^*$  for odd  $n$ . Hence, on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ , and therefore also on  $K_2$ ,  $(g_2t(m_1))^* = 2b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ .

**7. The homology classes of  $t(m_1)$  and  $t(b_1)$  on  $K_2$ .** To determine the homology class of  $t(m_1)$  on  $K_2$ , let us regard the  $2n+2$  equations of  $t(m_1)$  in §6 as parametric equations of  $t(m_1)$  with the  $n$  parameters  $\bar{u}^{(1)}$ , which are the coordinates of a variable point of the  $(n-1)$ -sphere  $S: \bar{u}^{(1)'}\bar{u}^{(1)} = 1$ . Introduce as another parameter the point  $\tau$  of the interval  $T: 0 \leq \tau \leq 1$ . After proper simplicial decomposition and coherent orientation of  $D = T \times S$ , we have as boundary  $\text{Bd}(D)$  of  $D$ :  $\text{Bd}(D) = S_0' - S_1'$ , where  $S_\tau'$  denotes the topological product of the point  $\tau$  and  $S$ . Now map  $D$  continuously in  $R_2$  by the mapping:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1 \quad u_0^{(2)} &= -(1-\tau)^{2/2}, & u_1^{(2)} &= \tau u_1^{(1)}, \cdots, & u_n^{(2)} &= \tau u_n^{(1)}; \\
 v_0^{(2)} &= 0, & v_1^{(2)} &= 2u_1^{(1)}u_n^{(1)}, \cdots, & v_{n-1}^{(2)} &= 2u_{n-1}^{(1)}u_n^{(1)}, \\
 & & & & v_n^{(2)} &= 2(u_n^{(1)})^2 - 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously  $f_1(D)$  is on  $K_2$ , and  $f_1 = t$  on  $S_0' = m_1$ . Hence

$$t(m_1) \sim f_1(S_0') \text{ on } K_2.$$

Again after proper simplicial decomposition and coherent orientation of  $H = \Sigma \times S$ , where  $\Sigma$  is the interval:  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ , we have  $\text{Bd}(H) = S_0'' - S_1''$  where  $S_\sigma''$  denotes the topological product of the point  $\sigma$  and  $S$ . Map  $H$  in  $R_2$  by the continuous mapping

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_2 \quad u_0^{(2)} &= -\cos(\sigma\pi/2), & u_1^{(2)} &= 0, \cdots, & u_{n-1}^{(2)} &= 0, & u_n^{(2)} &= \sin(\sigma\pi/2); \\
 v_0^{(2)} &= 0, & v_1^{(2)} &= 2u_1^{(1)}u_n^{(1)}, \cdots, & v_{n-1}^{(2)} &= 2u_{n-1}^{(1)}u_n^{(1)}, & v_n^{(2)} &= 2(u_n^{(1)})^2 - 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously  $f_2(H)$  is on  $K_2$ ,  $f_2 = f_1$  on  $S_0'' = S_0'$ , and  $f_2(S_1'') = g_2 t(m_1)$ . Hence

$$f_1(S_0') = f_2(S_0'') \sim f_2(S_1'') = g_2 t(m_1) \quad \text{on } K_2.$$

This homology together with the preceding one gives

$$t(m_1) \sim g_2 t(m_1) \quad \text{on } K_2.$$

From the result at the end of §6, we have finally that, on  $K_2$ ,  $(t(m_1))^* = 2b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ .

Obviously  $(t(b_1))^* = b_2^*$  on  $K_2$ .

On the sum  $K_1 + K_2$ , formed by means of the mapping  $t$ ,  $m_1^* = 2b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ , and  $b_1^* = b_2^*$ .

**8. The homology classes of  $t(m_1)$  and  $t(b_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ .** From Künneth's theorem on the Betti groups of topological product of complexes (AH, p. 308), the Betti groups of  $K_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$  together with their bases can be easily determined. All  $K_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$  have no torsion coefficients. Their only Betti numbers, which are not zero, are  $p^0(K_i) = p^{n-1}(K_i) = 1$ , and  $p^0(\text{Bd}(K_i)) = p^{2n-2}(\text{Bd}(K_i)) = 1$ ,  $p^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K_i)) = 2$ .

Let  $m_i^*$  and  $b_i^*$  denote respectively the homology classes of the  $(n-1)$ -cycles on  $K_i$  or  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ , which are the sums of all the coherently oriented  $(n-1)$ -simplexes on certain simplicial decompositions of  $m_i$  and  $b_i$ .<sup>10</sup> Then the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional homology basis of  $K_i$  consists of  $b_i^*$  only, while that of  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ , of  $m_i^*$  and  $b_i^*$ .

The  $(n-1)$ -dimensional Betti group  $B^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K_i))$  is the free Abelian group with the two free generators  $m_i^*$  and  $b_i^*$ . The topological mapping  $t$  of  $\text{Bd}(K_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$  induces an isomorphism of  $B^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K_1))$  on  $B^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K_2))$  (ST, p. 98). This isomorphism must be given by

$$(t(m_1))^* = \alpha m_2^* + \beta b_2^*, \quad (t(b_1))^* = \gamma m_2^* + \delta b_2^*,$$

on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ , where the coefficients are integers and  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = \pm 1$ .<sup>11</sup> From the equations of  $t(b_1)$  in §6,  $\gamma = 0$ ; and therefore  $\delta = \pm 1$ . Hence  $\alpha = \pm 1$ . Take the simplicial decompositions and coherent orientations of  $m_1$  and  $b_2$  as given in §6. We can then, and shall, assign coherent orientations to  $m_2$  and  $b_1$  such that  $\delta = 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . Hence  $(t(m_1))^* = m_2^* + \beta b_2^*$ , and  $(t(b_1))^* = b_2^*$  on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ . The first equation implies

<sup>10</sup> The two interpretations of the symbols  $m_i^*$  and  $b_i^*$  (namely, on  $K_i$  or on  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$ ) will give rise to no confusion, as we shall always state explicitly the complex on which the homology classes are considered.

<sup>11</sup> K. Reidemeister, *Einführung in die kombinatorische Topologie*, Braunschweig, 1932, p. 95.

$(t(m_1))^* = \beta b_2^*$  on  $K_2$ , since  $m_2^* = 0$  on  $K_2$ . From the result at the end of §7,  $\beta = 2$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ . Hence, on  $\text{Bd}(K_2)$ ,  $(t(m_1))^* = m_2^* + 2b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= m_2^*$  for odd  $n$ .

Let  $K_1 \cdot K_2$  denote either of the isomorphic sub-complexes of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , which are to be identified in forming the sum  $K_1 + K_2$ :  $K_1 \cdot K_2 = \text{Bd}(K_1) = \text{Bd}(K_2)$ . On  $K_1 \cdot K_2$ ,  $m_1^* = m_2^* + 2b_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= m_2^*$  for odd  $n$ , and  $b_1^* = b_2^*$ .

9. **The Betti groups of  $M$ .** It is obvious that  $B^0(M) \approx G_0$ .

Let  $N^r(K_1 \cdot K_2)$  be the subgroup of  $B^r(K_1 \cdot K_2)$ , whose elements are the homology classes of those  $r$ -cycles, which are null-homologous on both  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ ;  $S^r(K_1 + K_2)$  the sub-group of  $B^r(K_1 + K_2)$ , whose elements are the homology classes of those  $r$ -cycles, each of which is the sum of one  $r$ -cycle on  $K_1$  and one  $r$ -cycle on  $K_2$ . We shall determine as follows  $B^r(M)$  by means of the theorem:

$$B^r(M) - S^r(K_1 + K_2) \approx N^{r-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2)$$

for every  $r \geq 1$  (AH, p. 293).

Let  $n$  be even. We say that  $S^{n-1}(K_1 + K_2) \approx G_2$ ,  $N^{2n-2}(K_1 \cdot K_2) \approx G_0$ , and  $S^r(K_1 + K_2)$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2)$  are the null for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ . Let us prove first for example  $S^{n-1}(K_1 + K_2) \approx G_2$ . Any  $(n-1)$ -cycle on  $K_i$  is homologous on  $K_i$  to an integral multiple of  $b_i$ . Hence any  $(n-1)$ -cycle on  $K_1 + K_2$ , which is a sum of one  $(n-1)$ -cycle on  $K_1$  and one  $(n-1)$ -cycle on  $K_2$ , is homologous on  $K_1 + K_2$  to a linear combination of  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  with integral coefficients. From the results in §7,  $2b_2^* = 0$  and  $b_1^* = b_2^*$  on  $K_1 + K_2$ . Moreover,  $b_1^* \neq 0$  on  $K_1 + K_2$ . For, if otherwise, let  $C$  be a complex on  $K_1 + K_2$ , such that  $\text{Bd}(C) = b_1$ . Let  $C = C_1 + C_2$ , where  $C_i$  is on  $K_i$ . Then  $b_1 - \text{Bd}(C_1) = \text{Bd}(C_2)$ . This shows that the right member would be on  $K_2$ , while the left member would be on  $K_1$ . Hence  $\text{Bd}(C_2)$  and  $b_1 - \text{Bd}(C_1)$ , and therefore  $\text{Bd}(C_1)$ , would be all on  $K_1 \cdot K_2$ . Being on  $K_1 \cdot K_2$  and null-homologous on  $K_i$ ,  $\text{Bd}(C_i)$  would be homologous on  $K_1 \cdot K_2$  to an integral multiple of  $m_i$ , say  $\lambda_i m_i$ . Hence  $b_1^* = \lambda_1 m_1^* + \lambda_2 m_2^*$  on  $K_1 \cdot K_2$ , which is impossible from §8. Hence  $b_1^* \neq 0$  on  $K_1 + K_2$ , and  $S^{n-1}(K_1 + K_2) \approx G_2$ . Next  $N^{n-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2) \approx G_1$  follows from §8. The other isomorphisms stated are obvious, and we shall omit the proof.

Hence for every  $r \geq 1$ , at least one of the two groups  $S^r(K_1 + K_2)$  and  $N^{r-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2)$  is the null, and, from the theorem stated above,  $B^r(M)$  is isomorphic with the other group. Consequently  $B^{n-1}(M) \approx G_2$ ,  $B^{2n-1}(M) \approx G_0$ , and  $B^r(M) \approx G_1$  for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ .

Similarly, when  $n$  is odd,  $S^{n-1}(K_1 + K_2)$ ,  $N^{n-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2)$ ,  $N^{2n-2}(K_1 \cdot K_2)$  all  $\approx G_0$ , and  $S^r(K_1 + K_2)$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K_1 \cdot K_2) \approx G_1$  for all other values

of  $r \geq 1$ . Consequently  $B^{n-1}(M)$ ,  $B^n(M)$  and  $B^{2n-1}(M)$  all  $\approx G_0$ , and  $B^r(M) \approx G_1$  for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ .

Thus the proof of the statements in (M1) and (M2) in §1 is completed.

10. The cases  $n = 1, 3, 7$ .<sup>8</sup> Let

$$B_8 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_7 \\ x_1 & -x_0 & x_3 & -x_2 & x_5 & -x_4 & -x_7 & x_6 \\ x_2 & -x_3 & -x_0 & x_1 & x_6 & x_7 & -x_4 & -x_5 \\ x_3 & x_2 & -x_1 & -x_0 & x_7 & -x_6 & x_5 & -x_4 \\ x_4 & -x_5 & -x_6 & -x_7 & -x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_5 & x_4 & -x_7 & x_6 & -x_1 & -x_0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_6 & x_7 & x_4 & -x_5 & -x_2 & x_3 & -x_0 & -x_1 \\ x_7 & -x_6 & x_5 & x_4 & -x_3 & -x_2 & x_1 & -x_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $B_4$  be the four-rowed square matrix at the upper left corner of  $B_8$ , and  $B_2$  the two-rowed square matrix at the upper left of  $B_4$ . For  $n = 1, 3, 7$ ,  $B_{n+1}$  has  $x'$  and  $x$  as the first row and column, and is orthogonal. The mapping

$$i_0 \quad u = x, \quad v = B_{n+1}y$$

is a topological mapping of the whole  $M$ , for  $n = 1, 3, 7$ , on

$$u'u = 1, \quad v_0 = 0, \quad v'v = 1,$$

the topological product of an  $n$ -sphere and an  $(n-1)$ -sphere. Hence we have our statement (M3) in §1.

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11.  $M'$  as sum. The cases  $n = 1, 3, 7$ . By the symbol  $(x; y) \rightleftharpoons (x; -y)$  we mean that the two points  $(x; y)$  and  $(x; -y)$  are to be identified. The space  $M'$  of non-oriented linear elements of an  $n$ -sphere is then represented by the equations of  $M$  and the additional condition  $(x; y) \rightleftharpoons (x; -y)$ . In this sense we shall say for simplicity that  $M'$  is  $M$  after diametrical identification  $(x; y) \rightleftharpoons (x; -y)$ . From the symmetry of  $x$  and  $y$  in the equations of  $M$ ,  $M'$  is homeomorphic with the space given by the equations of  $M$  and the additional condition  $(x; y) \rightleftharpoons (-x; y)$ , and therefore is also the space of oriented linear elements of an  $n$ -dimensional projective space.  $M'$  is obviously a closed  $(2n-1)$ -manifold if it is connected.

Let  $M'$  be decomposed also into two halves  $M'_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , namely

the  $M_i$  after diametrical identification  $(x; y) \rightleftharpoons (x; -y)$ . From the nature of the equations of the topological mapping  $t_i$  on  $M_i$ ,  $t_i$  carries  $(x; y)$  and  $(x^*; y^*)$  respectively into  $(u^{(i)}; v^{(i)})$  and  $(u^{(i)}; -v^{(i)})$  when and only when  $(x^*; y^*) = (x; -y)$ . Hence  $t_i$  is a topological mapping of  $M'_i$  on  $K'_i$ , namely the  $K_i$  after diametrical identification  $(u^{(i)}; v^{(i)}) \rightleftharpoons (u^{(i)}; -v^{(i)})$ . Let  $\pi_i$  be the  $S_i$  in  $V_i$  (§3) after diametrical identification  $v^{(i)} \rightleftharpoons -v^{(i)}$ , and  $\text{Bd}(M'_i)$ ,  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  the  $\text{Bd}(M_i)$ ,  $\text{Bd}(K_i)$  in §4 after diametrical identifications. Then we have here  $K'_i = E_i \times \pi_i$ ,  $\text{Bd}(M'_i) = \text{Bd}(M'_i)$  and  $\text{Bd}(K'_i) = \text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi_i$ . The mapping  $t$  is a topological mapping of  $\text{Bd}(K'_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K'_2)$ . Thus, in the sense of homeomorphism,  $M' = K'_1 + K'_2$ , the sum being defined by means of  $t$ .

In the particular cases  $n=1, 3, 7$ , from the mapping  $t_0$  in §10, topological on the whole  $M'$ , we conclude that  $M'$  is the topological product of an  $(n-1)$ -sphere and an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional projective space.

**12. The fundamental group. The case  $n=2$ .** Let us denote by  $\pi'_i$  the  $r$ -dimensional projective space:  $v_0^{(i)} = 0, v^{(i)'} v^{(i)} = 1, v_{r+2}^{(i)} = \dots = v_n^{(i)} = 0, v^{(i)} \rightleftharpoons -v^{(i)}$ . In particular,  $\pi_i^{n-1}$  is our  $\pi_i$  previously defined. Let  $\sigma'_i = \epsilon \times \pi'_i$ . For  $n > 2$ , the fundamental group of  $K'_i$  or  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  is the cyclic group of order 2 with the class of the oriented  $\sigma'_i$  as the generator (ST, p. 156). From the equations of  $t(b_1)$  in §6, we know that  $t$  maps the oriented  $\sigma'_1$  into properly oriented  $\sigma_2^1$ . Therefore the fundamental group of  $M'$  is the cyclic group of order 2 (ST, pp. 177-178).

When  $n=2$ ,  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  is the torus. From §5 together with a necessary change of notations, we know that the fundamental group of  $K'_i$  is given by two generators  $[m_i]$  and  $[\sigma_i]$  and the defining relation  $[m_i] = 1$ , and that

$$([t(m_1)]) = [m_2]([\sigma_2^1])^4, \quad ([t(\sigma_1^1)]) = [\sigma_2^1].$$

Hence the fundamental group of  $M'$  is the cyclic group of order 4 (ST, pp. 177-178), in agreement with Threlfall's result,<sup>3</sup> and  $M'$  is the Linsenraum (4, 1) (ST, pp. 219-220, 210, 215).

**13. The Betti groups of  $K'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$ .** Henceforth we always assume  $n \geq 2$ . For simplicity, let our  $\sigma_i^{n-1}$  previously defined be denoted by  $\sigma_i$ .

The Betti groups of the factors of  $K'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  together with their bases are well known. The Betti groups of  $K'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  together with their bases can be easily determined from Künneth's theorem. The Betti groups  $B^0$  of  $K'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(K'_i)$  are all  $\approx G_0$ , and the others are listed as follows.

When  $n$  is even,  $B^r(K'_i) \approx G_2, r = 1, 3, \dots, n-3$ , with the basis  $(\sigma'_i)^*$ ,  $B^{n-1}(K'_i) \approx G_0$  with the basis  $\sigma'_i$ ,  $B^r(\text{Bd}(K'_i))$  and  $B^{n-1+r}(\text{Bd}(K'_i)) \approx G_2$  with the respective bases  $(\sigma'_i)^*$  and  $(\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi'_i)^*$ ,  $B^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K'_i)) \approx G_0 + G_0$  with the basis  $m'_i$  and  $\sigma'_i$ ,  $B^{2n-2}(\text{Bd}(K'_i)) \approx G_0$  with the basis  $(\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi_i)^*$ , and all the rest are the null.

When  $n$  is odd,  $B^r(K'_i) \approx G_2, r = 1, 3, \dots, n-2$ , with the basis  $(\sigma'_i)^*$ ,  $B^r(\text{Bd}(K'_i))$  and  $B^{n-1+r}(\text{Bd}(K'_i)) \approx G_2$  with the respective bases  $(\sigma'_i)^*$  and  $(\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi'_i)^*$ ,  $B^{n-1}(\text{Bd}(K'_i)) \approx G_0$  with the basis  $m'_i$ , and all the rest are the null.

**14. The homology classes of  $t(m_1)$ ,  $t(\sigma_1)$  and  $t(\text{Bd}(E_1) \times \pi'_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K'_2)$ .** We shall assume as in §6 that, for even  $n$ ,  $\sigma_i$  has a simplicial decomposition and a proper orientation. For odd  $n$ , the projective space  $\sigma_i$  is non-orientable and there is no longer any non-null (integral)  $(n-1)$ -cycle on it. We assume only that  $\sigma_i$  in this case has a simplicial decomposition and that all its  $(n-1)$ -simplexes are oriented so that  $t$  carries the integral complex  $\sigma_1$  into the integral complex  $\sigma_2$ . Regarding  $\sigma_i$  as  $b_i$  after diametrical identification, we can apply to  $M'$  the discussions in §§6-8 with only slight modification in arguments and with necessary change of notations. From these sections we have evidently the following results: On  $K'_i$ ,  $(t(m_1))^* = 4\sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ , and  $(t(\sigma_1))^* = \sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ . Hence on the sum  $M' = K'_1 + K'_2$ ,  $m_1^* = 4\sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= 0$  for odd  $n$ , and  $\sigma_1^* = \sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ . On  $\text{Bd}(K'_2)$ ,  $(t(m_1))^* = m_2^* + 4\sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= m_2^*$  for odd  $n$ , and  $(t(\sigma_1))^* = \sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ . Hence on  $K'_1 \cdot K'_2$ ,  $m_1^* = m_2^* + 4\sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ , but  $= m_2^*$  for odd  $n$ , and  $\sigma_1^* = \sigma_2^*$  for even  $n$ .

Suppose that  $\sigma'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi'_i, r = 1, 3, \dots, n-3, n-1$  for even  $n$  and  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-2$  for odd  $n$ , has simplicial decompositions and proper coherent orientations. From the nature of the equations of  $t(b_1)$  in §6,

$$(t(\sigma'_1))^* = \pm (\sigma'_2)^* ;$$

and since  $t$  is a topological mapping of  $\text{Bd}(K'_1)$  on  $\text{Bd}(K'_2)$ , it induces an isomorphism of  $B^{n-1+r}(\text{Bd}(K'_1))$  on  $B^{n-1+r}(\text{Bd}(K'_2))$ :

$$(t(\text{Bd}(E_1) \times \pi'_1))^* = \pm (\text{Bd}(E_2) \times \pi'_2)^* .$$

We can, and shall, assume that the coherent orientations of  $\sigma'_i$  and  $\text{Bd}(E_i) \times \pi'_i$  have been so chosen that the signs in the above equations are all positive. Hence on  $K'_1 \cdot K'_2$ ,  $(\sigma'_1)^* = (\sigma'_2)^*$ ,  $(\text{Bd}(E_1) \times \pi'_1)^* = (\text{Bd}(E_2) \times \pi'_2)^*$ .

**15. The Betti groups of  $M'$ .** Obviously  $B^0(M')$  is the infinite cyclic group, and  $M'$  is connected.

Let  $n$  be even. We say that  $S^r(K'_1 + K'_2) \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-3$ ,  $S^{n-1}(K'_1 + K'_2) \approx G_4$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2) \approx G_2$ ,  $r = n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-3$ ,  $N^{2n-2}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2) \approx G_0$ , and  $S^r(K'_1 + K'_2)$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2)$  are the null for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ . The proof of these isomorphisms is based on the results in §§13–14 and an argument similar to that used in §9. Then, as in §9, we have  $B^r(M') \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-3; n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-3$ ,  $B^{n-1}(M') \approx G_4$ ,  $B^{2n-1}(M') \approx G_0$ , and  $B^r(M')$  are the null for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ .  $M'$  is therefore orientable, when  $n$  is even.

Similarly, when  $n$  is odd,  $S^r(K'_1 + K'_2) \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-2$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2) \approx G_2$ ,  $r = n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-2$ ,  $N^{n-1}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2) \approx G_0$ , and  $S^r(K'_1 + K'_2)$ ,  $N^{r-1}(K'_1 \cdot K'_2)$  are the null for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ . Hence  $B^r(M') \approx G_2$ ,  $r = 1, 3, \dots, n-2; n+1, n+3, \dots, 2n-2$ , and  $B^n(M') \approx G_0$ , and  $B^r(M')$  are the null for all other values of  $r \geq 1$ .  $M'$  is therefore non-orientable when  $n$  is odd.

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