

Brouwer fixed point theorem

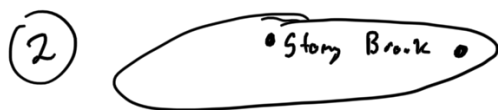
Last time: simply connected means any loop is contractible



Then  $S^1$  is not simply connected



Thm (Brouwer) Let  $B^n$  closed  $n$ -dimensional ball  
 $F: B^n \rightarrow B^n$  continuous. Then  $F$  has a  
 Fixed point, i.e.  $\exists x \in B^n$  s.t.  $F(x) = x$ .



$$F: LI \rightarrow LI$$

$p \mapsto$  pt on map that represents  $p$

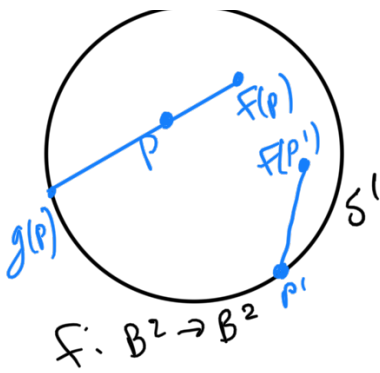
Brouwer  $\Rightarrow F$  has fixed pt  $x$

In HW, gave pf of  $n=1$  case using Intermediate Value thm.

PF ( $n=2$  case)

Suppose otherwise, i.e.  $F$  does not have a f.p.

$$\therefore \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^1$$



Get new map  $g: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$   
 $p \mapsto$  intersection of ray  $F(p)P$  w/ boundary circle

$g$  is continuous (relies on  $F$  cts)  
 IF  $x \in S^1, g(x) = x$   
 ( $g$  is a "retraction" from  $B^2$  to  $S^1$ )

Let  $\gamma: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  continuous that is not contractible  
 (since  $S^1$  is not simply connected)

But  $\gamma$  is contractible as a loop in  $B^2$   
 (since  $B^2$  is simply connected)

So  $\exists \gamma_t: S^1 \rightarrow B^2$ ,  $t \in [0,1]$   
 s.t.  $\gamma_0 = \gamma$ ,  $\gamma_1 =$  constant map  
 $x \mapsto p$



Now consider

$S^1 \xrightarrow{\gamma_t} B^2 \xrightarrow{g} S^1$   
 $g \circ \gamma_t: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  continuous.  
 $g \circ \gamma_0 = \gamma_0 = \gamma$   
 $g \circ \gamma_1 = \gamma_1 =$  constant map

So  $g \circ \gamma_t$  gives homotopy <sup>in  $S^1$</sup>  between  $\gamma$  and constant map.

But  $\gamma$  is not contractible in  $S^1$  ~~X~~  
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