

J-B separation thm

(classical) Jordan Curve Theorem

Every simple closed curve (= Jordan curve)^c in \mathbb{R}^2 divides the plane into two connected $= \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus C$ components, the "inside" and "outside" =

↳ Not so obvious



We will prove this theorem in n -dimensions. It's the

Jordan-Brouwer Separation Theorem

First, we introduce the

Winding number

X -compact connected manifold

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ smooth map

Here, suppose $\dim(X) = n-1$

$\Rightarrow f$ might be the inclusion map of a hypersurface into \mathbb{R}^n

Q: How does f wrap X around in \mathbb{R}^n ?

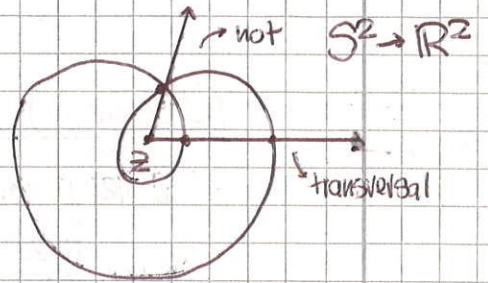
\rightarrow Take $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $z \notin f(X)$

Define $u: X \rightarrow S^{n-1}$, $u(x) = \frac{f(x) - z}{|f(x) - z|}$, unit vector

\nearrow indicates direction from z to $f(x)$

How $f(x)$ winds around $z \leftrightarrow$ how often $u(x)$ points in a given direction

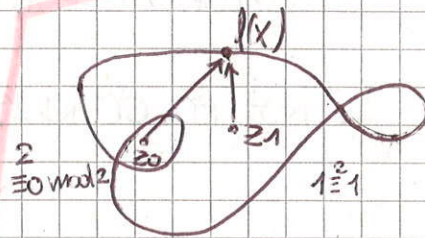
$u: X \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ hits almost every direction vector the same number of times mod 2 (Intersection Theory)
 " $\deg_z(u)$ times
 ! invariant!



We define the **mod 2 winding number** of f around z to be

$$W_2(f, z) = \deg_z(u)$$

1 - inside $\downarrow \text{mod } 2$
 0 - outside



$$(\deg_z(u) = I_z(u, \gamma_z)) \text{ same } \forall \gamma_z \text{ (reg. value)}$$

First, we prove

Theorem

Suppose X is the boundary of D , a compact manifold with boundary and let $F: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a smooth map extending f ($\partial F = f$). (X compact connected manifold, f smooth map, $\dim(X) = n-1$)

Let z be a regular value of F and $z \notin f(X)$

Then $F^{-1}(z)$ is a finite set (regularity of z)

$$W_2(f, z) = \#F^{-1}(z) \text{ mod } 2$$



$$W_2(f, z) = 0 = \#F^{-1}(z) \text{ mod } 2$$

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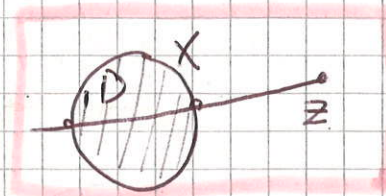
• $z \notin F(D) \Rightarrow W_z(f, z) = 0$

Γ We can extend $u \rightarrow u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$x \mapsto \frac{f(x) - z}{|f(x) - z|}$ (well defined)

$\partial D = X$

$\Rightarrow \deg_z(u) = 0$



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• $F^{-1}(z) = \{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$. B_i ball around each y_i

(actually B_i image of ball in \mathbb{R}^n , ...)

with B_i all disjoint from e_0 and $X = \partial D$

$f_i := \partial B_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, f_i := F|_{\partial B_i}$

$\Rightarrow W_z(f, z) = W_z(f_1, z) + \dots + W_z(f_k, z) \pmod 2$

Γ Define $\tilde{X} = X \cup \partial B_i$

$\tilde{D} = D \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Int}(B_i)$

$F|_{\tilde{X}} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

extends to

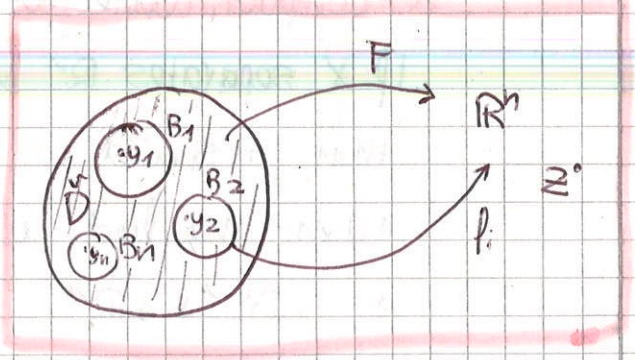
$\tilde{D}, (z \notin F^{-1}(\tilde{D}))$

1st step $\Rightarrow W_z(\tilde{f}, z) = 0, \tilde{f} = \partial F|_{\tilde{X}}, \tilde{u} = \dots$

" $\deg_z(u|_{\tilde{X}}) = \deg_z(u) - \deg_z(u|_{B_1}) - \dots - \deg_z(u|_{B_k})$

" $W_z(\tilde{f}, z) = W_z(f, z) - W_z(f_1, z) - \dots - W_z(f_k, z)$

$\Rightarrow W_z(f, z) = W_z(f_1, z) + \dots + W_z(f_k, z) \pmod 2$



3. $\exists B_i$ so that $W_2(f_i, z) = 1 \forall i$

z regular value $\Rightarrow dF_z: D \rightarrow V$ surj.

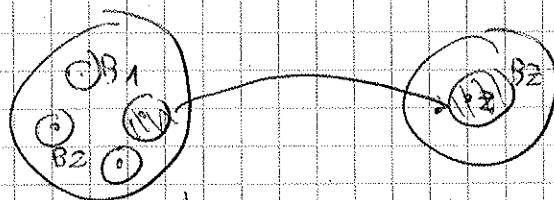
\nearrow bij (n dim)
 \nearrow small sphere centered at z

f_i is loc. diffeo, i.e. $f_i: \partial B_i \rightarrow B_r(z)$

$\rightarrow u_i: \partial B_i \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ bijective

$\rightarrow 1 = \deg_z(u_i) = W_2(f_i, z)$

(we can choose all B_i so that $\partial B_i \cap B_j(z) = \emptyset$)



$$\rightarrow W_2(f, z) \stackrel{Z}{=} \sum_{i=1}^l \underset{\text{mod } 2}{W_2(f_i, z)} = \sum_{i=1}^l \underset{\text{mod } 2}{1} = 1 = \# F^{-1}(z) \pmod{2}$$

\nwarrow
 B_i chosen like $\uparrow 3$ □

X - compact, connected hypersurface in \mathbb{R}^n

if X separates \mathbb{R}^n into inside and outside,

then X should be the boundary of a compact n -dim manifold w/ boundary (= inside)

i.e. $\iota: S^{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $w(\iota, z) = 0, 1$
 $z \in \mathbb{R}^n, z \notin X$
 $= \text{inside, outside}$

(inclusion map of X around z

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X, u_i: X \rightarrow S^{n-1} \text{ is } u_i(X) = \frac{x-z}{|x-z|}$$

$\rightarrow W_2(X, z)$

Jordan-Brouwer Separation Theorem

X - compact connected hypersurface in \mathbb{R}^n

Then, $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ consists of 2 connected open sets,

the "outside" D_0 and the "inside" D_1 .

Moreover, \bar{D}_1 is a compact manifold with

boundary $\partial \bar{D}_1 = X$

$$D_0 = \{z \mid Wz(x, z) = 0\} \quad D_1 = \{z \mid Wz(x, z) = 1\}$$

Proof

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• Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$.

$\forall x \in X, \forall U$ nbhd of x in $\mathbb{R}^n, \exists p \in U$ st.

$p \rightsquigarrow z$ by a curve not intersecting X

$$V = \{x \in X \mid \dots\}$$

• $V \neq \emptyset$: take the straight line joining z to the closest point in X , any point arbitrarily close to x fits

• V closed: Take sequence $(x_n) \in V, x_n \rightarrow x \in X$

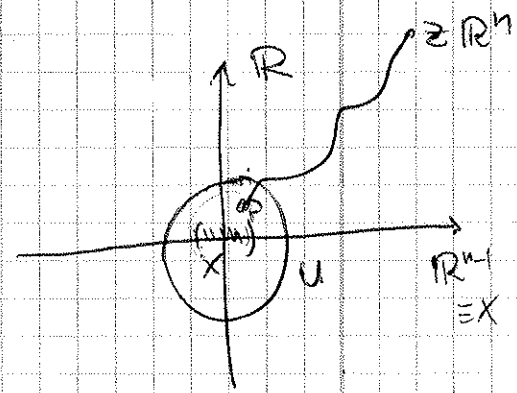
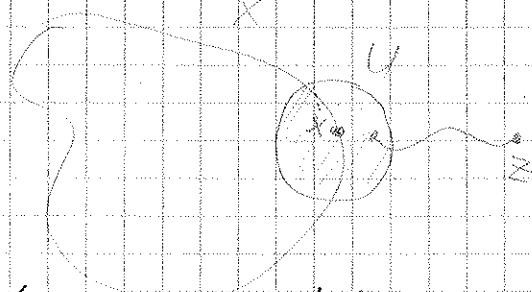
$\forall U, \exists N$ st $x_n \in U, \forall n \geq N$

Take U nbhd of x . $x_n \in U \Rightarrow \exists p \in U$ st $p \rightsquigarrow z$ by a curve not intersecting X



• V open: Let $x \in V$. Let U nbhd of x in \mathbb{R}^n

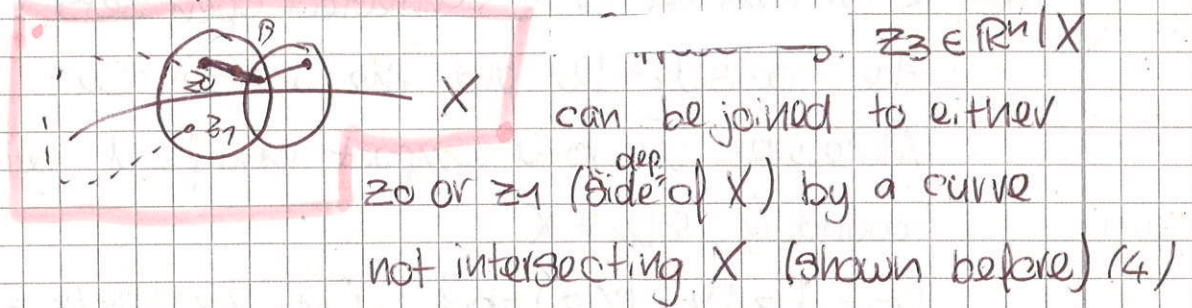
$\exists \epsilon: B_\epsilon(x) \subset U$



X connected $\Rightarrow V = X$

5. $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ has at most ≤ 2 ^{connected} components

Let B be a small ball such that $B \cap X$ has 2 components. Fix z_0, z_1 in opposite components



$\Rightarrow \leq 2$ components

6. $z_0, z_1 \in$ the same connected component of $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$
 $\Rightarrow W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1)$

Let z_0 and z_1 can be joined by a curve not intersecting X : z_t ($z_0 \rightsquigarrow z_1$)

\Rightarrow Homotopy $u_t(x) = \frac{x - z_t}{|x - z_t|}$ defined $\forall t$

$$u_0(x) = \frac{x - z_0}{|x - z_0|}, \quad u_1(x) = \frac{x - z_1}{|x - z_1|}$$

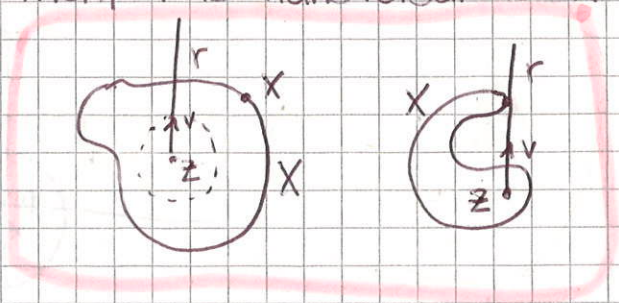
\Rightarrow Homotopic maps, same degree mod 2

$\Rightarrow W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1)$

7. Let $z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$, $v \in S^{n-1}$ direction vector and $r = \{z + tv \mid t \geq 0\}$ be the ray emanating from z in direction of \vec{v}

Then, r is transversal to $X \Leftrightarrow \vec{v}$ is a regular value of

$$u: X \rightarrow S^{n-1}$$



Proof

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Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{h} Z$ sequence of smooth maps of manifolds
 assume h is transversal to submanifold W of Z

$$\perp \pi h^{-1}(W) \Leftrightarrow h \circ \perp \pi W$$

Here define $g: \mathbb{R}^n / \{z\} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$, $g(y) = \frac{y-z}{|y-z|}$

Then $u: X \rightarrow S^{n-1}$, $u = g \circ f$

i inclusion map $i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\bullet g^{-1}(\{v\}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = z + tv, |v|=1, |t|=1\}$$

$$x \in g^{-1}(v) \Rightarrow v = \frac{x-z}{|x-z|}, t = |x-z| \dots g^{-1}(\{v\}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\bullet v$ reg value of g ($dx_x: T_x(\mathbb{R}^n / \{z\}) \rightarrow T_v(S^{n-1})$)
 n dim and $n-1$ dim, if v is the direction from
 x to z , then v is the only direction in which g
 remains constant at $x \Rightarrow \ker(dx_x g) = \text{span}\{v\}$
 \dim nullspace of $dx_x g$ is 1 $\Rightarrow dx_x g = \dim n-1$
 $\Rightarrow g$ submersion $\forall x \in g^{-1}(v)$

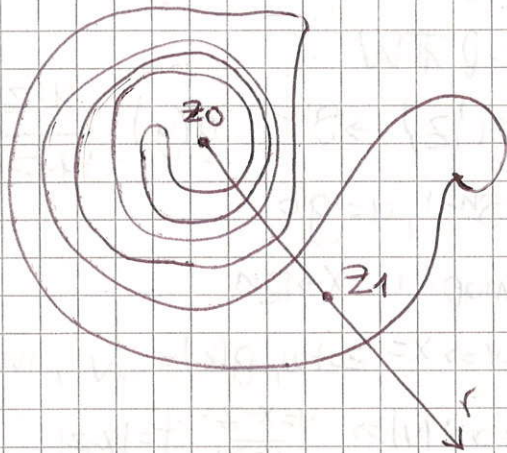
$$\bullet X \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{g} S^{n-1}$$

$$i \uparrow g^{-1}(\{v\}) \Leftrightarrow g \circ i \uparrow \pi \{v\}$$

$$X \uparrow v \Leftrightarrow u \uparrow \pi \{v\}$$

\bullet Sard's Theorem: almost every element u of U
 is a reg value of u , so almost every ray
 from z intersects X transversally.]

8. $r = \{z_0 + tv \mid t \geq 0\}$ emanating from z_0 , intersects X transversally in a nonempty (finite) set $\dim(X)$
- Let z_1 be another point on r (but not on X)
- $z_1 \in r$ ($z_1 \notin X$), $l = \# r$ intersects X between z_0 and z_1
- Then $W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1) + l \pmod 2$



$$W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1) + 5 \pmod 2$$

$$1 = 0 + 1$$

Γ r transversal to $X \stackrel{7}{\Rightarrow} \forall$ regular value for u_0 and u_1 ($u_0, u_1: X \rightarrow S^{n-1}$)

$$\#u_0^{-1}(v) = \#u_1^{-1}(v) + 1$$

" $\#$ intersections of u_0 with X along v starting from z_0

$$\Leftrightarrow W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1) + 1 \pmod 2$$

9. $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ has precisely 2 components

$$D_0 = \{z \mid W_2(X, z) = 0\} \text{ and } D_1 = \{z \mid W_2(X, z) = 1\}$$

Γ D_0, D_1 non empty

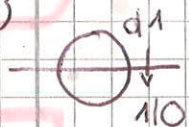
$z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ arbitrary, ray r . Let $z_1 \in r$ such that

$$l=1 \Rightarrow W_2(X, z_0) = W_2(X, z_1) + 1 \pmod 2$$

$\Rightarrow W_2(X, z_0) \neq W_2(X, z_1) \stackrel{6}{\Rightarrow} z_0, z_1$ don't belong to the same component

• There is at least 2 connected comp.

• There is ≤ 2 (5)



} exactly z_0 and D_1

① • z very large $\Rightarrow W_2(X, z) = 0$

Γ X compact \Rightarrow for $|z|$ large, the image $u(x)$ on S^{n-1} lies in a small nbd of $z/|z|$

$$(u(x) = \frac{x-z}{|x-z|} \approx \frac{-z}{|z|})$$

$\Rightarrow U$ not surjective $\Rightarrow \deg_2(U) = 0$

($x \in S^{n-1}, x \notin u(X)$) ^{no pre-image} is a reg. value " $W_2(X, z)$

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+ Intuition $D_0 =$ "outside"

|| \Rightarrow • $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X = D_0 \cup D_1$, connected components (9)

• D_0, D_1 open:

$z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X \Rightarrow \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(z) \cap X = \emptyset$ (X closed $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ open)

$y, z \in B_r(z) \stackrel{!}{\Rightarrow} \exists$ curve γ $\mapsto z$ that doesn't intersect X

$$\stackrel{!}{\Rightarrow} W_2(X, z) = W_2(Y, z)$$

$\Rightarrow \forall z \in D_0, \exists r > 0$ s.t. $B_r(z) \subset D_0$, idem for D_1

• \bar{D}_1 closed (by def) and D_1 bounded $\Rightarrow \bar{D}_1$ bounded (10)

$\hookrightarrow \bar{D}_1$ compact

• $\partial \bar{D}_1 = X$ (clear but \downarrow)

$\mathbb{R}^n \setminus X = D_0 \cup D_1 \Rightarrow D_0^c = X \cup D_1$ closed

$\Rightarrow \bar{D}_1 \subset D_1 \cup X$. Then $D_1 \cup X \subset \bar{D}_1$ ($X \subset \bar{D}_1$)

$x \in X, z \in D_1$. Sequence $(z_n) \in D_1, z_n \rightarrow x$.

$\Leftarrow U$ arbitrarily small nbd of x and $\exists z \in U$ s.t. $z \in D_1$

$z \in D_1$ and D_1 connected comp $\Rightarrow z \in \bar{D}_1 \Rightarrow X \subset \bar{D}_1$ (true)

$\Rightarrow \bar{D}_1 = D_1 \cup X$ and $\partial \bar{D}_1 = X$

• \bar{D}_1 manifold with boundary

- $x \in \text{Int}(D_1) \Rightarrow$ open nbhd of x is an open set in \mathbb{R}^n
 \rightarrow diffeom to open set in \mathbb{R}^n , OK
- $x \in X$

Locally identify X with hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^n

inclusion map $i: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $\dim(X) < n \Rightarrow i$ immersion

$\stackrel{\text{local}}{\Rightarrow} \stackrel{\text{imm}}{\Rightarrow} \exists$ local coord. $\{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ around X s.t

$i(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0)$ (translation, $x = (a, \dots, a)$)

\rightarrow In nbhd U of X , the manifold X is identified

w/ the hyperplane $H = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0\}$

\rightarrow divides U into $H^+ = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_n > 0\}$,

$H^- = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_n < 0\}$ open

$x \in X$. $\psi: B \rightarrow U$; B open ball around 0 in \mathbb{R}^n , U nbhd of x in \mathbb{R}^n
 $\stackrel{\text{st}}{\Rightarrow} \psi = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow \psi|_{U \cap X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0)$
 $(\text{dth } \psi(B \cap \mathbb{R}^{n-1}) = X \cap \psi(B))$

• U separated into D_0, D_1 by X

$z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X \stackrel{\text{lc}}{\Rightarrow}$ can be joined by a path to $p \in U$

$\stackrel{\text{S}}{\Rightarrow} W_z(X, z) = W_z(X, p) \Rightarrow z, p \in D_0$ or $z, p \in D_1$

True $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$ and $D_0 \neq \emptyset, D_1 \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow U =$ separated into D_0 and D_1 by X

$\psi(B \cap (H^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n-1})), \psi(B \cap (-H^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n-1}))$

$H^n =$ upper half space in \mathbb{R}^n

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{connected (inside connected + } \psi \text{ continuous)}}$

maps entirely D_0 and D_1 . Idem pour autre

ψ diffeom $\Rightarrow \psi$ surj $\Rightarrow \psi(B \cap (H^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n-1})) \cap \psi(B \cap (-H^n \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n-1})) = \emptyset$. SPDG.

$\Rightarrow \psi|_{B \cap H^n} = \text{param of } \bar{D}_1 \Rightarrow \bar{D}_1 \text{ man. w boundary. } \square$

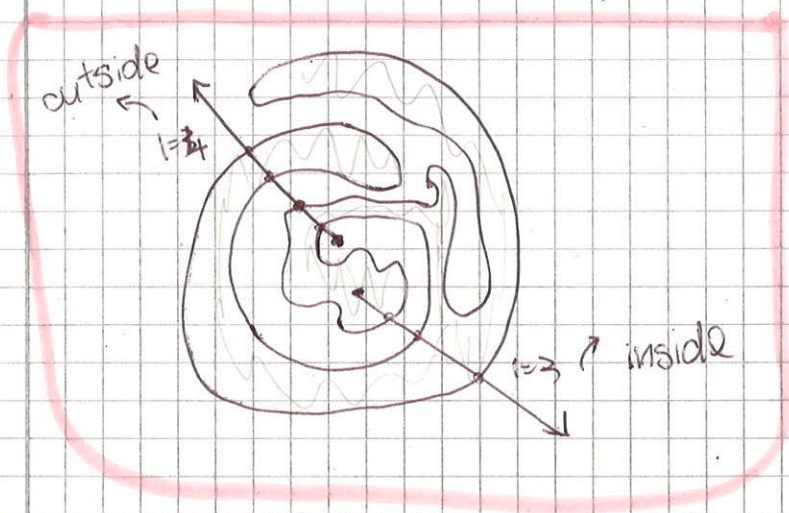
→ Derived process to determine whether z given
lies inside or outside of X

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Lemma

$z \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus X$, r ray emanating from z transversal
to X .

Then, z is inside of $X \Leftrightarrow r$ intersects X in
an odd number of points



Proof

(finite)

$$\boxed{\Rightarrow} z \text{ inside of } X \Rightarrow W_2(X, z) = 1$$

$$m = \# r \cap X \text{ finite}$$

$$\exists M_0 \text{ s.t. for } y \in r, |y| > M_0 \Rightarrow W_2(X, y) = 0$$

$$M_1 = \text{distance between } z \text{ and last } r \cap X$$

$$\text{Choose } y \in r \text{ s.t. } |y| > M_0 \text{ and } d(y, z) > M_1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow W_2(X, z) = W_2(X, y) + 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 = 0 + 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow 1 = \text{odd}$$

$$\boxed{\Leftarrow} \text{Supp. } m \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow W_2(X, z) = 1 \dots$$

□

(+ extra)

Schönflies Problem

Jordan Theorem + the inside and outside
are homeomorphic to inside and outside
of a standard circle