

$$D^n = \{x \in \mathbb{E}^n : \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

## Brouwer's Theorem

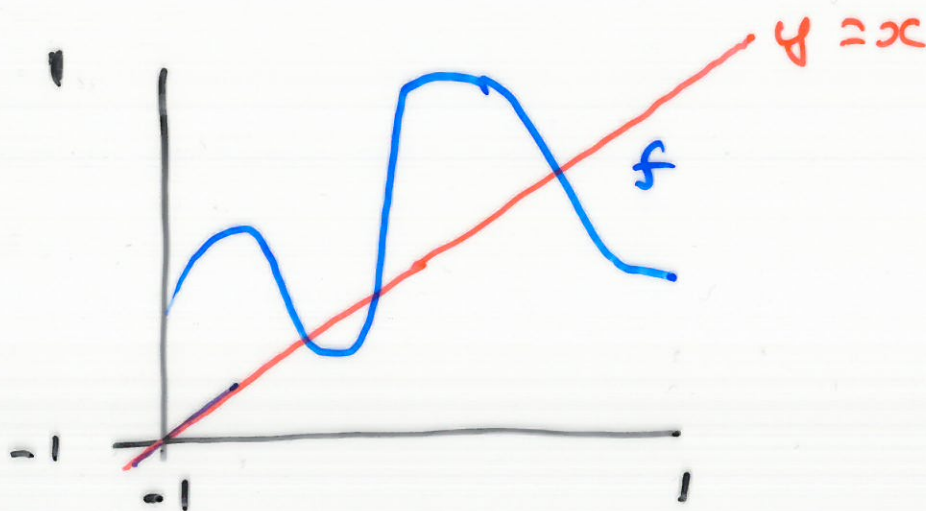
Any continuous map  $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$  has at least one fixed point,  $f(x) = x \in D^n$ .

$n=1$

$$D^1 = [-1, 1]$$

We picture a map

$f: D^1 \rightarrow D^1$  by its graph:



A fixed point is a point where the blue graph intersects the red line.

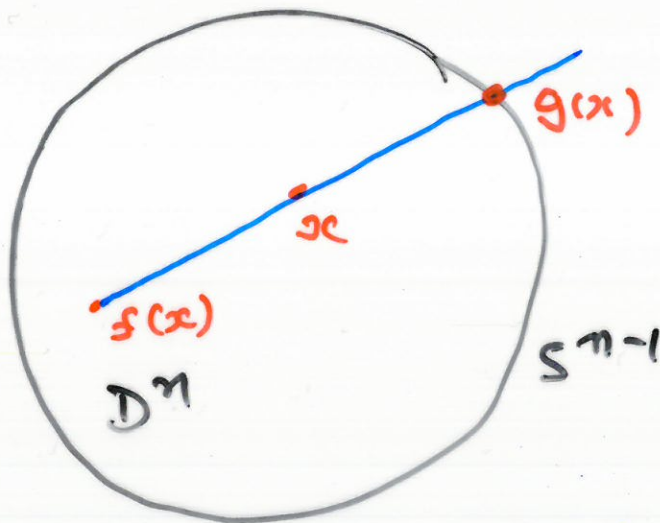
## Proof of Brouwer's Theorem ( $n \geq 1$ )

Let  $f: D^n \rightarrow D^n$  be continuous.

Suppose  $f$  has no fixed point.

Then we can define a continuous map

$$g: D^n \longrightarrow S^{n-1}, x \mapsto g(x)$$



where  $g(x)$  is the point in  $S^{n-1}$

where the ray from  $f(x)$  through  $x$  intersects  $S^{n-1}$ .

Note that  $g$  is continuous.



Let  $h: S^{n-1} \rightarrow D^n$ ,  $x \mapsto x$

Now  $gh: S^{n-1} \rightarrow S^{n-1}$  is the identity on  $S^{n-1}$ . Thus

$$gh \simeq 1_{S^{n-1}}$$

Now  $hg: D^n \rightarrow D^n$  is homotopic to the identity on  $D^n$ , via the homotopy

$$H(x, t) = x + t(g(x) - x).$$

$$H(x, 0) = x$$

$$H(x, 1) = g(x) = hg(x)$$

$$\text{So } hg \simeq 1_{D^n}.$$

Therefore  $D^n$  is homotopy equivalent to  $S^{n-1}$ .

Thus, our major theorem implies

$$\chi(D^n) = \chi(S^{n-1}).$$

But  $\chi(D^n) = 1$

and  $\chi(S^{n-1}) = 0$  or  $2$ .

This contradiction proves the theorem.  $\square$

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Theorem (Frobenius - Perron)

Let  $A$  be a real  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $a_{ij} > 0$  for all  $i, j$ .

Then  $A$  has a positive eigenvalue. Moreover, there is a corresponding eigenvector  $v = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  with each  $x_i \geq 0$ .



## Proof of Theorem

Define  $\sigma: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

$$\Delta^{n-1} = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \begin{array}{l} x_i \geq 0 \\ \text{and } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Define

$$g: \Delta^{n-1} \rightarrow \Delta^{n-1}, \quad x \mapsto \frac{1}{\sigma(Ax)} Ax$$

Now  $g$  is continuous, and

$\Delta^{n-1}$  is (homeomorphic to)  $D^{n-1}$ .

Brouwer's Theorem says that

$g$  has a fixed point  $x \in \Delta^{n-1}$

$$x = g(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma(Ax)} Ax$$

So  $Ax = \sigma(Ax) \cdot x$

Therefore  $x$  is an eigenvector  
of  $A$  with Eigenvalue  
 $\lambda(Ax)$ .

