

A NOTE ON: " THE DEGREE OF ISOMETRIC FOLDINGS
OF RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS
WITH BOUNDARY "

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A map $f : M \rightarrow N$, where M and N are smooth Riemannian manifolds of dimensions m and n respectively, is said to be an isometric folding of M into N iff for any piecewise geodesic path $\gamma : J \rightarrow M$, the induced path $f \circ \gamma : J \rightarrow N$ is a piecewise geodesic and of the same length. The set of all points $x \in M$ at which f is not differentiable is called the set of all singularities of f and is denoted by Σf . This set decomposes M into mutually disjoint connected totally geodesic submanifolds which are called strata [1].

Consider an isometric folding $f : M \rightarrow N$ for which the dimensions of M and N are equal. Suppose that both M and N are oriented, and that M is compact without boundary. Thus, Hopf degree of f ($\deg f$) is well defined and it is either ± 1 or 0, [2].

Now, let M be a smooth Riemannian manifold with boundary $\partial M = Q$, and suppose that $f : M \rightarrow M$ is an isometric folding. Let $\mathcal{F}(M)$ denotes the set of all isometric foldings of M into itself, and $\mathcal{F}(M, Q)$ the set of all isometric foldings of M into itself that preserve the boundary $\partial M = Q$. Then there is an inclusion $\mathcal{F}(M, Q) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(M)$, and a homomorphism

$$\mathcal{F}(M) \supset \mathcal{F}(M, Q) \xrightarrow{\theta} \mathcal{F}(Q) \text{ given by } \theta(f) = f/Q.$$

Suppose that M is compact, connected and oriented, and that $f \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ is such that $f/Q \in \mathcal{F}(Q)$. Then Q has an induced orientation.

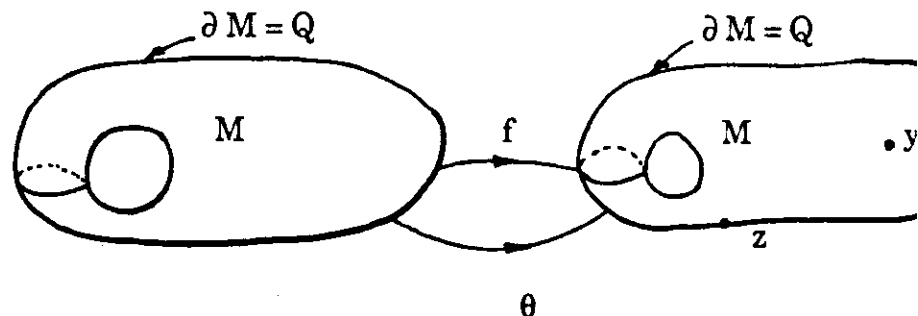
In this paper we show that both $f \in \mathcal{F}(M, Q)$ and f/Q have the same degree.

Main result:

Let M be a smooth oriented compact Riemannian manifold with an oriented compact boundary Q .

Theorem: If $f \in \mathcal{F}(M, Q)$ has degree $k, k = 1, -1, 0$. Then $\theta(f) = f/Q \in \mathcal{F}(Q)$ has also degree k .

Proof:



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Let Y be any regular value for f , and suppose that $f^{-1}(y)$ contains λ points of positive type and μ points of negative type. So that $[2] \deg(f; y) = \lambda - \mu = k$.

From the inverse function theorem [3], we can find an open set $U \subset M$ about y and an open set $V(x)$ about each $x \in f^{-1}(y)$ such that f maps each $V(x)$ diffeomorphically onto U preserving or reversing orientation according to the type of x .

Now let z be a point in the boundary of M , i.e., Q . If z is a regular value of f , then $f^{-1}(z)$ will contain λ' points of positive type and μ' points of negative type such that $\lambda' - \mu' = \deg f = k$. Since f preserves boundary of M , thus $\lambda' - \mu' = \deg f = \deg (f/Q) = \deg \theta (f)$.

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