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# Basic Surface Topology - II

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#### Orientability

#### Connected Sum

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- Exercise: the Klein bottle tic-tac-toe game.

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# Notations/Abbreviations

$E^2$ : the Euclidean plane	$S^2$ : the sphere
$T^2$ : the torus	<i>K</i> <sup>2</sup> : the Klein bottle
$P^2$ : the projective plane	$D^2$ : the disk
$E^3$ : the Euclidean 3D space	<i>T</i> <sup>3</sup> : the 3-torus
$D^3$ : a solid ball (3D disk)	$P^3$ : projective 3-space
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# The Operation of Connected Sum

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The connected sum  $S_1 \# S_2$  is formed by deleting the interior of disks  $D_i \subset S_i$  and attaching the resulting punctured surfaces  $S_i - D_i$  to each other by a homeomorphism  $h : \partial D_1 \to \partial D_2$ , where  $\partial D_i$  represents the boundary of  $D_i$ , so

$$S_1 \# S_2 = (S_1 - D_1) \bigcup_h (S_2 - D_2).$$



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