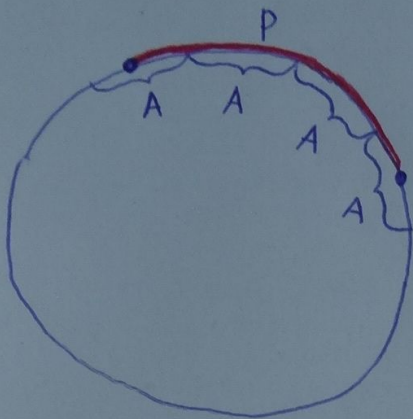


Lem 19.5.

Let  $\Delta$  be reduced of rank  $i$

Let  $p$  be a section of  $\partial\Delta$  whose label  $\varphi(p)$  is A-periodic, where



- A is simple in rank  $i$  :

$$A \underset{G(i)}{\sim} B^k, \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

(\*)

$$A \underset{G(i)}{\sim} A', \quad |A'| < |A|$$

- or • A is a period of rank  $j \leq i$

(i.e.  $|A|=j$  and (\*))

and  $\Delta$  has no cells of rank  $j$  A-compat. with  $p$ .

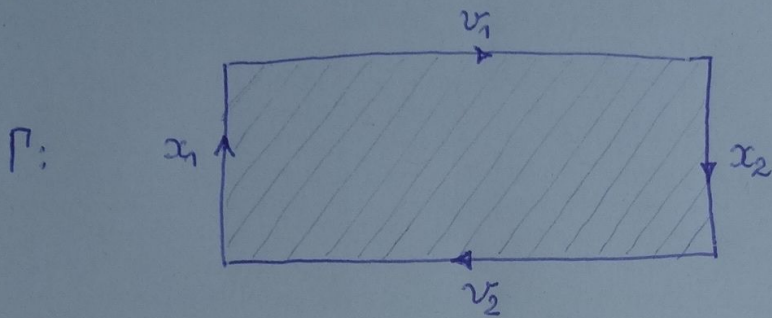
Additionally: If  $p$  is a cyclic section, then we require  $\varphi(p) = A^m$  for some  $m$ .

Then  $p$  is  $|A|$ -smooth.

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Part 4) of the proof of Lemma 18.6

$$Y^{-1} \varphi(s) Z^{-1} B^{-ml} = 1 \quad (6)$$



**Idea**  $|x_1|, |x_2|$  are small,  
 $|v_1|, |v_2|$  are <sup>smooth</sup> large with  
 many A and B-periods  
 18.8  $\Rightarrow A \sim B^{\neq 1}$ , a contr.  
 since A is simple  $rk i$   
 and  $|B| < |A|$  by (5)

$$|x_1| = |Y| < |A| \quad (6)$$

$$|x_2| = |Z| = |Y^{-1} \varphi(s')| < |A| + (\gamma(\beta^{-1} - 1)|q_2| + 2|A|) \quad (6)+(4)$$

from formulation L. 18.6

$$|v_1| = |S| \geq |q_2| > \frac{5}{6} h |A| \quad (h \text{ is large since } h^{-1} = \delta < \gamma)$$

↑  
earlier

$$\varphi(v_2) = B^{-ml}$$

By Lemma 19.5,  $v_1$  is  $|A|$ -smooth,  $v_2$  is  $|B|$ -smooth.

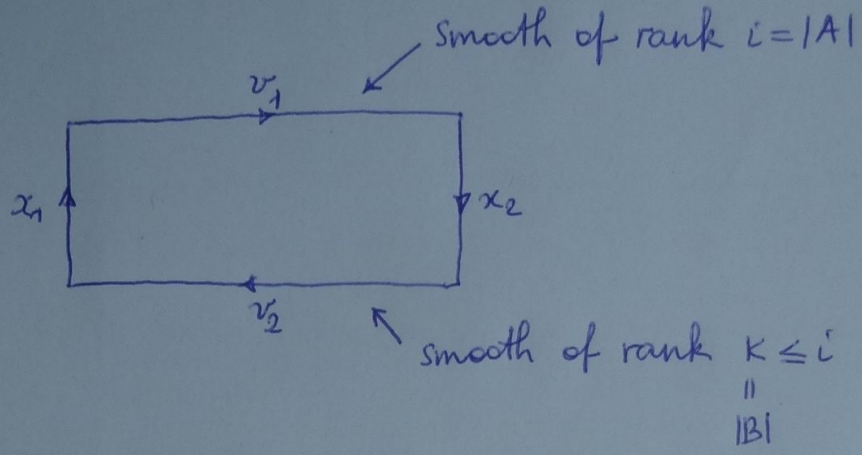
Indeed:  $v_1$  has label  $\varphi(s)$  ← was A-periodic with A-simple in  $rk = i$ .  
 $v_2$  has label  $B^{-ml}$  ←  $B$  is simple in  $rk i$  or  
 a period of  $rk k \leq i$  }

was deduced from Lem. 18.1

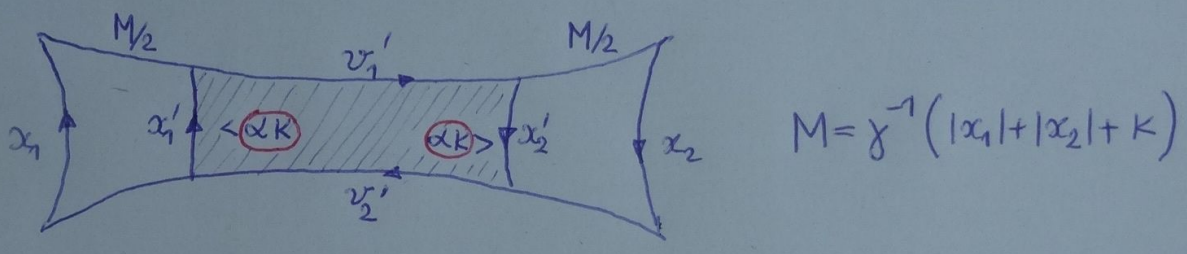
$\Rightarrow$  Note: B is simple in rank  $k \leq i = |A|$ .

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We want to apply Lem. 17.5



We shall verify the conditions of Lem 17.5.  $|v_1'| > M$  and  $|v_2'| > M$

Ex:  $|v_1'| = |v_1| - \gamma^{-1}(|x_1| + |x_2| + \cancel{|A|})$

$> |q_2| - \gamma^{-1}(\gamma(\beta^{-1} - 1)|q_2| + 5|A|)$  (see page 2)

$= (2 - \beta^{-1})|q_2| - 5\gamma^{-1}|A|$

$> (2 - \beta^{-1}) \cdot \frac{5}{6}h|A| - 5\gamma^{-1}|A|$

$= \left[ (2 - \beta^{-1}) \frac{5}{6}h - 5\gamma^{-1} \right] \cdot |A|$  (Recall  $h^{-1} = 5 < \gamma$   
 $\Rightarrow h > \gamma^{-1}$ )

$> \frac{3}{4}h \cdot |A| > 0.$

Now apply Theorem 17.1 about smooth sections:

$|v_2'| > \beta(|v_1'|) - |x_1| - |x_2| > \beta \cdot \frac{3}{4}h|A| - 2\alpha \cdot |A| \geq \frac{2}{3}h|A| > h \cdot |B|$  (5)

Lem. 18.8 says that in this situation  $A \sim_{G(\mathbb{R})} B^{\pm 1}$  (we can apply it since  $|A| \cdot |B| < |A| \cdot |A|$ )

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Lem 18.8 says that in this situation

$$\begin{array}{c} A \sim B \neq 1 \\ G(i) \end{array}$$

(Note, we can apply it since  $|A| + |B| < |A| + |A|$ , induction.)

But  $A$  is simple in rank  $i$  and  $|B| < \frac{2}{3}|A|$ .

A contradiction.

$\Downarrow$

The assumption that  $\varphi(p_i) \neq 1$  is wrong (see page 200)

$\Rightarrow q_1$  and  $q_2$  are  $A$ -compatible in  $\Delta$ .