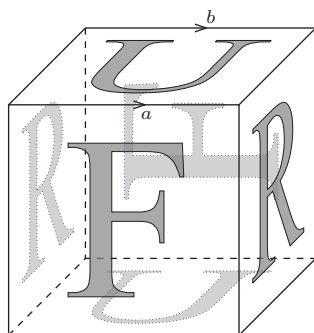


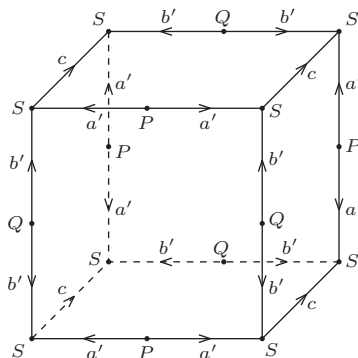
Addendum to Section 4.3 of *Topology Now!*

There is one situation in which gluing orange slices together around an edge does not result in a ball as is mentioned at the top of page 138. The following exercise illustrates this case and shows how to deal with it.

1. Consider a solid cube with front and back faces identified with a quarter twist and top and bottom faces identified with a reflection as indicated in the figure below.



- a. Show that the edge labeled a is identified with three other edges, and then is identified with itself with its orientation reversed. Show edge b suffers the same fate.
- b. Argue that the four orange-slice pieces of the neighborhood of the point P at the center of edge a are glued together to form a solid whose boundary is a projective plane rather than a sphere. Show that the same behavior occurs around the point Q at the center of edge b . It follows that this pseudo-manifold is not a manifold.
- c. Here is a way to reconcile this situation with the situation analyzed in the text where edges are glued with consistent orientations. Add two new vertices, P in the center of edge a and Q in the center of edge b . Let a' be half of a , and let b' be half of b . Check that edges and vertices are glued as shown below.



- d. Check that the Euler characteristic of this pseudo-manifold is nonzero.
- e. Check that the vertex S has a neighborhood bounded by the connected sum of two projective planes.
- f. Argue that all interior points of edges a' , b' , and c have neighborhoods bounded by spheres. Hence, vertices P , Q , and S are the only points that do not have neighborhoods that are solid balls.