

By a standard transversality argument, we may take the chain  $C$  to meet  $B$  transversely almost everywhere, so that the intersection  $C \cap B$  will consist of a collection  $\{\gamma_i\}$  of piecewise smooth arcs. The endpoints of these arcs will, of course, constitute the points of intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ : we claim that for each  $\gamma$ , the two endpoints  $\gamma(0), \gamma(1) \in A \cap B$  will have opposite intersection index for  $A$  and  $B$ .

We can find  $C^\infty$  vector fields  $\{v_i(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)}(C)\}_{i=1,2,\dots,k}$  to  $C$  along  $\gamma$  and  $\{v_i(t) \in T_{\gamma(t)}(B)\}_{i=k+2,\dots,n}$  to  $B$  along  $\gamma$ ,

s.t. ①  $v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_k(t), \gamma'(t)$  is an oriented basis for  $T_{\gamma(t)}(C)$ .

②  $\gamma'(t), v_{k+2}(t), \dots, v_n(t)$  is an oriented basis for  $T_{\gamma(t)}(B)$ ,

③  $v_1(t), \dots, v_k(t), \gamma'(t), v_{k+2}(t), \dots, v_n(t)$  is an oriented basis for  $T_{\gamma(t)}(M)$

and such that

$v_1(0), \dots, v_k(0)$  is an oriented basis for  $T_{\gamma(0)}(A)$ ,  
 $v_1(1), \dots, v_k(1)$  is a basis for  $T_{\gamma(1)}(A)$ .

Then since  $\gamma'(1)$  is outward normal to  $C$  and  $v_1(1), \dots, v_k(1), \gamma'(1)$  is positively oriented for  $C$ , the basis  $v_1(1), v_2(1), \dots, v_k(1)$  for  $T_{\gamma(1)}(A)$  must be negatively oriented.

Thus  $\bar{I}_{\gamma(0)}(A \cdot B) = +1$  &  $\bar{I}_{\gamma(1)}(A \cdot B) = -1$

These two cancel each other out.  $\Rightarrow \#(A \cdot B) = 0 \Rightarrow$  We are done.

Now if  $\alpha \in H_k(M, \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\beta \in H_{n-k}(M, \mathbb{Z})$ , we may find