

Now pulling the arm containing  $AB$  over to the left gives



which is a 4-holed torus.

$\chi(S) = -6$ ,  $\beta(S) = 0$  and  $S$  is orientable.

#### Question 10

- (i) Each of the  $F$  faces has seven edges, but each edge occurs in exactly two faces, so

$$7F = 2E.$$

At each vertex there are  $k$  faces, and so  $k$  edges. Thus (since each edge has two vertices)

$$\begin{aligned} kV &= 2E \\ &= 7F. \end{aligned}$$

- (ii)  $F - E + V = \chi = -2$ .

Therefore

$$\left(\frac{2}{7} - 1 + \frac{2}{k}\right)E = -2.$$

If  $k = 8$ , then

$$E = -2 / \left(\frac{2}{7} - 1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{56}{13} \text{ which is not an integer.}$$

This is impossible.

- (iii)  $\frac{2}{k} = \frac{5}{7} - \frac{2}{E}$ , so

$$k = \frac{14E}{5E - 14}, \text{ and } E = \frac{14k}{5k - 14}.$$

The second formula shows that  $k \geq 3$ , since  $E > 0$ . Also, since there must be at least one face,  $E \geq 7$ . Thus

$$\frac{14k}{5k - 14} \geq 7,$$

$$\text{and then } 14k \geq 35k - 98,$$

$$\text{or } 21k \leq 98.$$

Hence  $k \leq 4$ .

But if  $k = 4$  then  $E = \frac{56}{6}$  which is not an integer. If  $k = 3$  then a genuine possibility exists with

$$E = 42, F = 12, V = 28.$$