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**Doodles, Gauss words and the topology of singularities of surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$**

**Opis:** According to a theorem due to Fukuda, any analytic map germ from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^p$  with  $n \leq p$  and with isolated instability has a cone structure on its link, obtained by taking the intersection of the image with a small enough sphere. The link is a  $C^0$ -stable mapping between spheres whose isotopy class determines the topology of the initial map germ. In the case of surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the link is a doodle on the sphere  $S^2$ , that is, a closed curve with only transverse double points. The combinatorial model to describe the topology of doodles on the sphere is given by the Gauss words. We will present a survey on this classification and also some other new results about topological triviality of families and finite  $C^0$ -determinacy.