



Topologically Inequivalent

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The key to solving this puzzle is to realize that the movements during the [DATA LOST] segments are impossible steps made possible by folding space. After each step, visualizing the “folding” of the compass rose in the same way that space was folded will produce a letter. Taking these letters in the order they appear gives the answer MANIFOLD. If you instead took the directions traveled, you would have gotten the hint to “ROTATE90”, producing the correct answer.

The Hazard begins outside Doherty Hall 1200. The Hazard stands at the top of a flight of stairs, facing towards a window next to an elevator, then takes a step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Alpha, at the base of a different flight of stairs on the same floor of the same building. (Doherty 1, East Segment -> Doherty 1, West Segment, Fold along N/S axis)

The Hazard walks around the stairs, through a set of double doors under a green square, and then takes a step d[DATA LOST]d thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Beta, marked by a large numeral

5. (Doherty-Wean connector floor 6 -> Doherty-Wean connector floor 5, Fold along N/S axis)

From there, the Hazard takes the nearest door outside, stands on a small metal square in a larger concrete square, faces a corner of a metal box and the word "No" written twice, and takes a step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Gamma outside a room named after a raptor. (Outside Wean -> Baker Floor A, outside the Giant Eagle Auditorium, Fold along NE/SW axis)

From here, the Hazard goes through the nearest glass door, heads up a set of stairs to a bicycle rack, then takes a single step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Delta next to a silver wall of figures. (Outside Baker 1 -> Hunt Library Lobby, Fold along N/S axis)



Then, the Hazard faces the smiling golden triangle, takes a step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, and arrives at point of interest Epsilon, beneath a hundred faces. (Hunt Library Lobby -> CFA Lobby, Fold along NW/SE axis)

The Hazard then passes through a glass box, and then faces the longest flight of stairs nearby, and takes a step forward and slightly upward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Zeta at the beginning of a long hallway, at the other end of which are a trio of receptacles.(Outside CFA -> UC 3 Hallway, Fold along E/W axis)

From there, the Hazard faces the nearest tree, then takes a step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Eta between skeletons and success stories, in a long straight hallway near a pair of cushioned chairs. (UC 3 Hallway, Drama 3 Hallway, Fold along N/S axis)

The Hazard proceeds to take the nearest staircase to ground level and exit the building, then turns right, before proceeding onto a bridge and walking about halfway down it. The Hazard then faces a line of three windows (which is multicolored at night), looking over a precipitous drop and a streetlight (second streetlight from the left), and takes a step forward thro[DATA LOST]ime, arriving at point of interest Theta at the bottom of a familiar flight of stairs. (Pausch Bridge -> Doherty A, fold along E/W axis)