

Twisted cohomology pairings of knots

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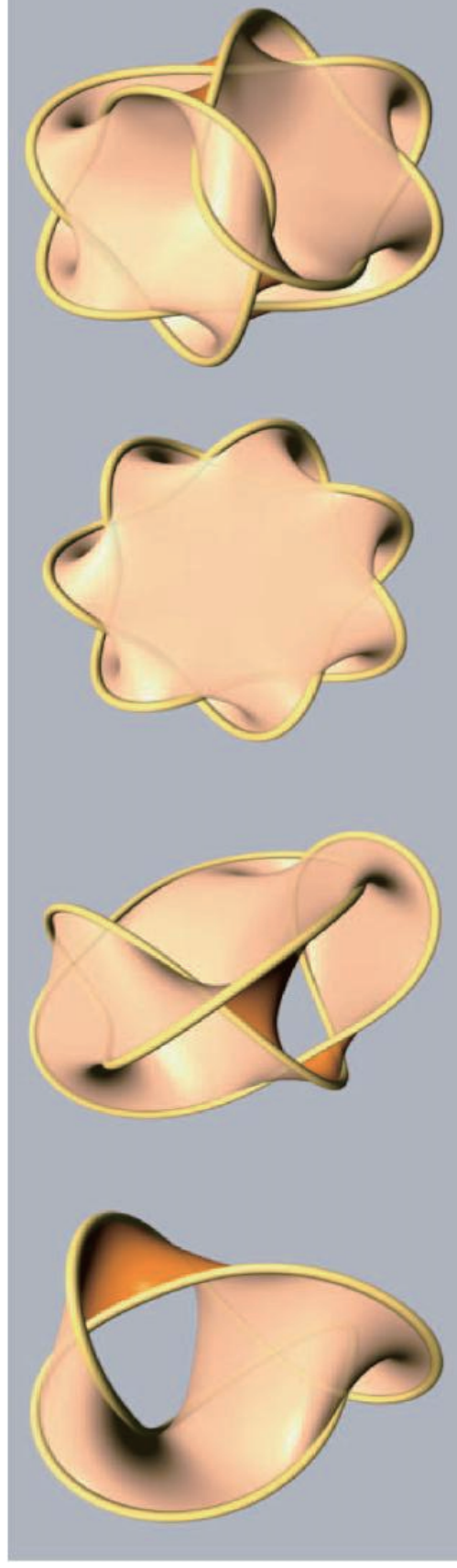
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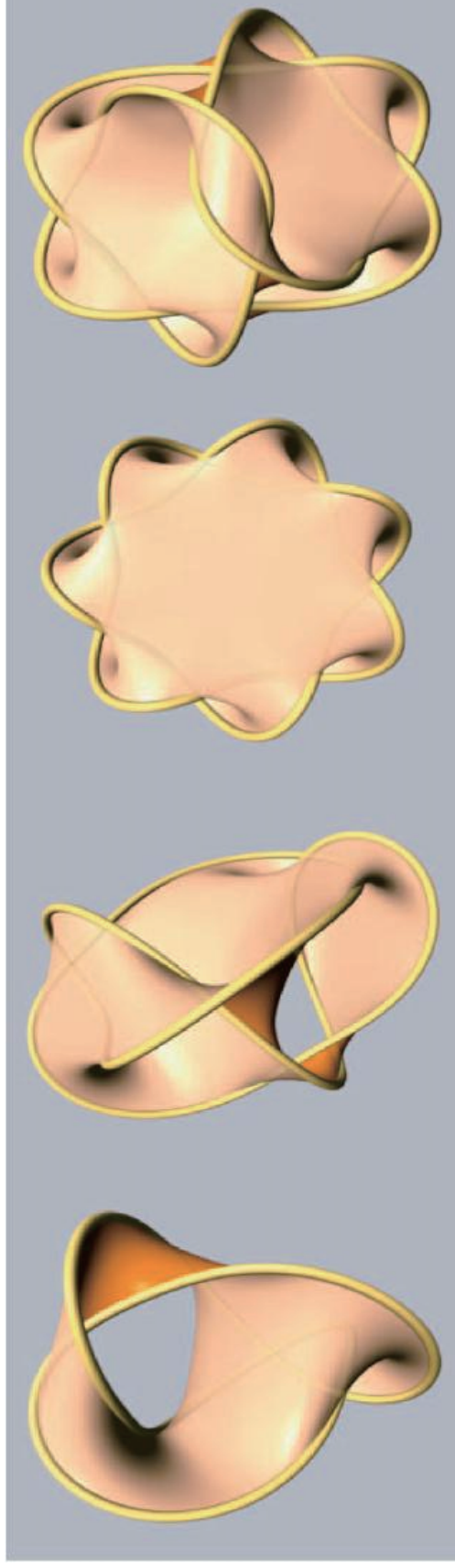
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\implies The pairing is a bilinear form.



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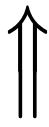
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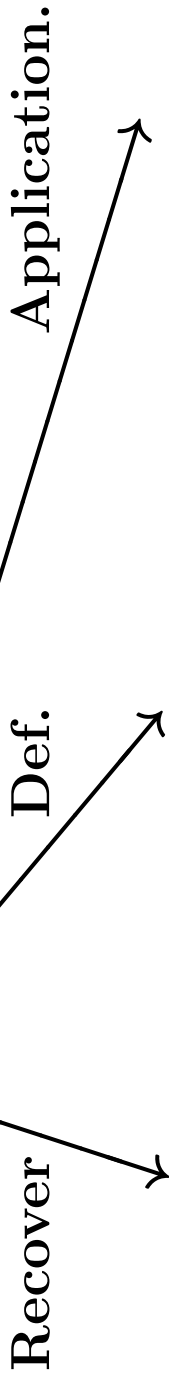
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Classical objects

- Blanchfield pairing of knots.
- Casson-Gordon's related signatures

∞ -ld coverings

- Bilinear forms on twisted Alex. module w/ non-degeneracy (cf. Milnor duality)

4-dim objects

- Def.** invariants of 4-dim Lefschetz fibrations over S^2 . (Not told today)

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Rem. This is a survey, without proofs (13 sheets).
Several statements today hold for links in S^3 .
However, we focus on only knots.

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can be described as a “quandle cocycle inv.” diagrammatically.

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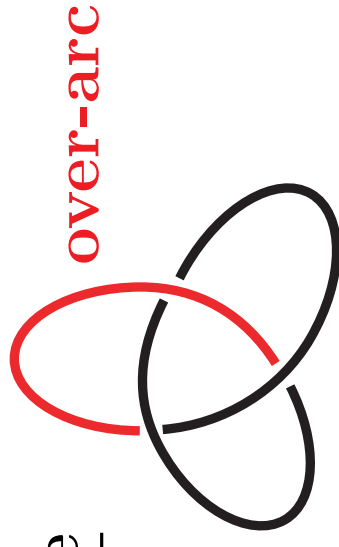
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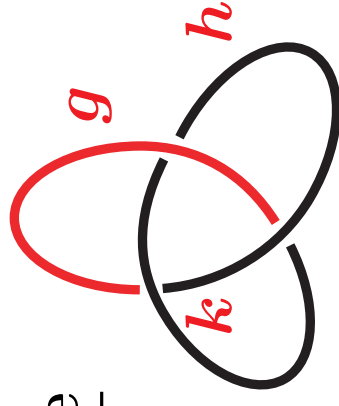
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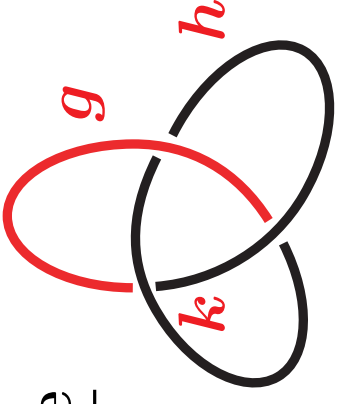
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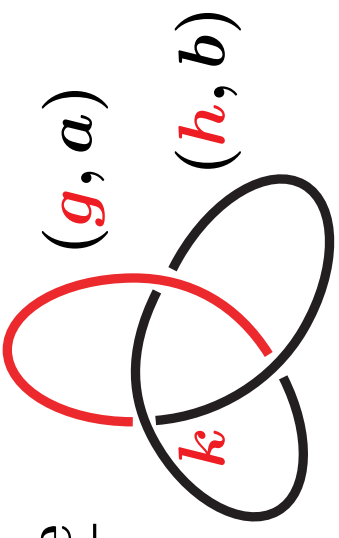
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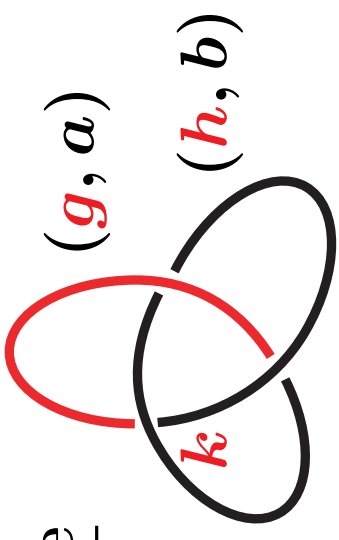
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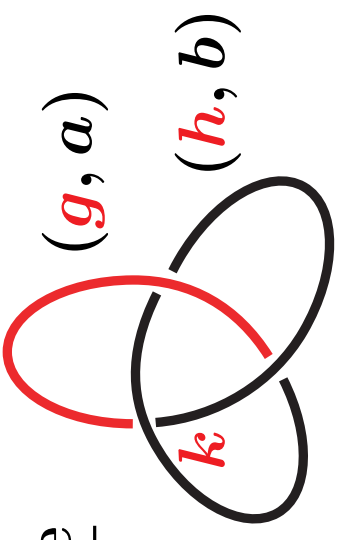
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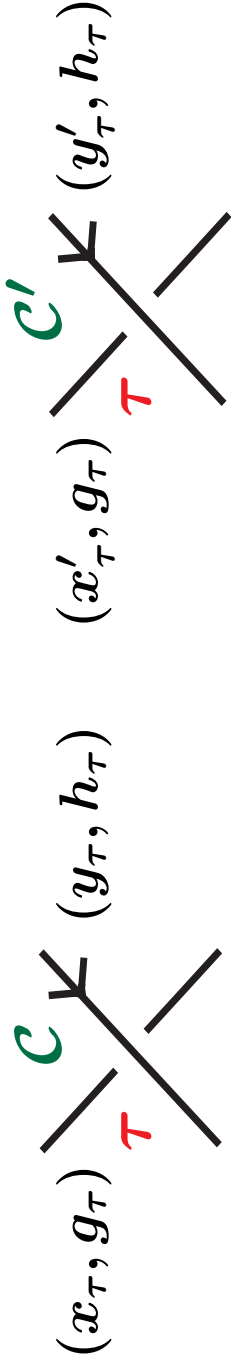
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Def.[N.] cf. diagonally [CJKLS].)

Define the **quandle cocycle inv. of f** by the binary map

$$\mathcal{Q}_\psi : (\text{Col}(D_f))^2 \xrightarrow{\quad} A \xrightarrow{\quad \Psi} \sum_{(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}')} \epsilon_{\tau} \psi(x_{\tau} - y_{\tau}, y'_{\tau} (1 - h_{\tau}^{-1})).$$

τ : crossing



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Key (Poincaré duality) [Trotter, Levine]

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\Downarrow with some discussion in quandle theory.

Cor. (topological meaning)

∇ the 2-cocycle inv. w.r.t ∇ Alexander q'dl recover from Bl_K
i.e., the inv. is a complete inv. of the “S-equivalence”.

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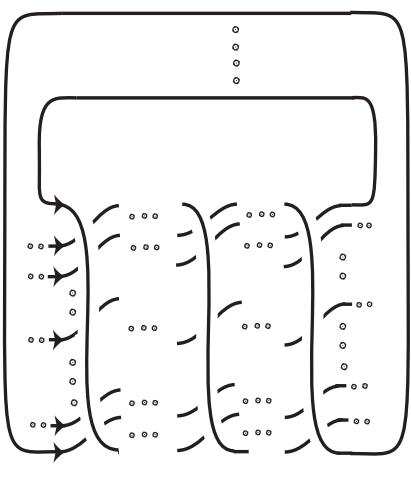
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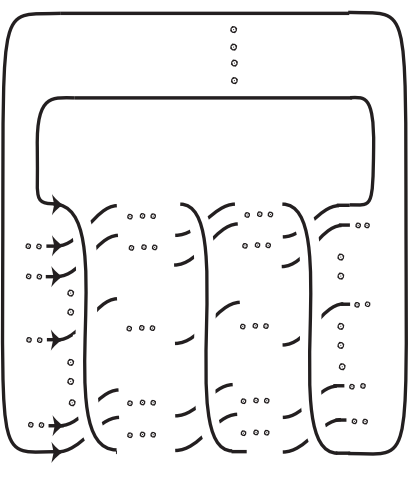
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for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}[t^{\pm 1}]/(\Delta_K)$.

Rem. (I) The proof is done within **One-page**.

(II) Seifert matrix is of rank $g_* = (n-1)(m-1)/2$.

(cf. signature [T. Matsumoto, '77])



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$\smile_\psi H^1(S^3 \setminus K; (\mathbb{F}[t^{\pm 1}] / \Delta_f)^n \otimes 2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}[t^{\pm 1}] / \Delta_f$ bilinear.

Assumption (technical, but a week condi. You may forget)

- 1 The poly $\Delta_f \neq 0$. that is, H_1 is of fin. dim over \mathbb{F} .
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Rem. Conversely, \smile_ψ can recover from \smile_{KL} as

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$\chi : H_1(S^3 \setminus K; \Lambda) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/d$ with “Gilmer’s condi.”.

Output

$\text{Sign}_w(\text{Int}(W_{\text{ab}} \otimes \hat{\chi}) - \text{Int}(W_{\text{tri}})) \in \mathbb{Q}$. concordance inv.

- Rem.** • W : 4-mfd s.t. $\partial W = \sharp^q$ (q -fold cover bra. over K)
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(Here they used q'dl cocycles in [N.'12])

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