

*K*₁-valued Alexander polynomials of knots

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- Invariants of $\pi_1(S^3 \setminus K) \rightarrow G$, where $|G| < \infty$.
 - Settings for Casson-Gordon invariants

REM. Metabelian twited Alexander poly [Kirk-Livingston]

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Merits of Novikov rings

- Invertibility of $1 - \tau$: $(1 - \tau)^{-1} = 1 + \tau + \tau^2 + \dots$.
- Many matrices on Novikov rings are invertible.
- We can define Logarithm.
- Relations to S^1 -valued Morse theory, fibered-knots.

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\forall grp. hom $\rho : \pi_1(S^3 \setminus K) \longrightarrow G$. $H := \text{Im}(\rho([\pi_K, \pi_K]))$,
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invariant w.r.t. elementary transformations.

Example R a field $\implies \det: K_1(R) \cong R^\times$.

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Thm.(N.) (cf. [Wada, Kitayama])

Suppose $[\Phi_{\rho, k}]$ is invertible. K_1 -Alexander polynomial is

$$\Delta_{\rho} := [\Phi_{\rho, k}] \in K_1(\mathcal{A}[\tau]) / \{\pm \tau^m\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

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Prop. The followings are equivalent.

- K is a fibered knot.
- For $\forall \rho$, $\Phi_{\rho,k}$ is invertible.

✂ For some non-fibered knots, $\exists \rho$ s.t. $\Phi_{\rho,k}$ is invertible.

✂ Key is a work of [Friedl] on the relation to acyclicity of Novikov homology.

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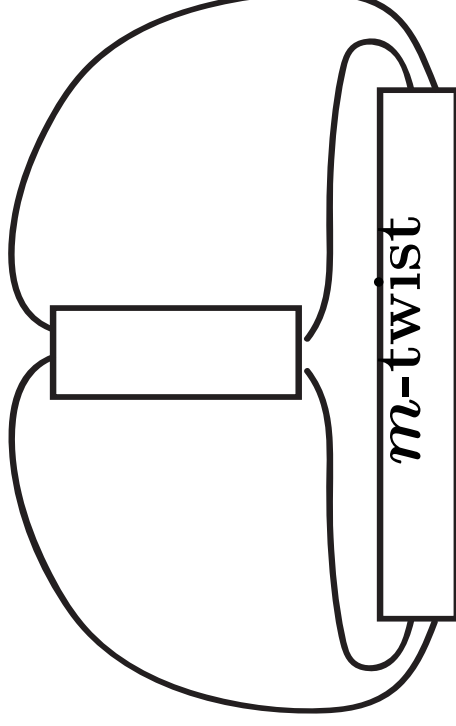
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$\pi_1(S^3 \setminus L) \cong \langle x, y | w^n x = y w^n \rangle$, where $w = (xy^{-1})^m (x^{-1}y)^m$,

Prop. Let $n > 0$. Δ_ρ equals

$$\rho(w^n) + (1 - \rho(y)) \frac{1 - \rho(w^n)}{1 - \rho(w)} (1 - \rho(wx^{-1})) \frac{1 - \rho(xy^{-1})^m}{1 - \rho(xy^{-1})}$$

Examples of non-triviality for $3_1, 4_1, 5_2$.

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Thm. (A slight generalization of [Kirk-Livingson])[N.]

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