

Non-left-orderability of
double branched coverings
via "coarse" presentation

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Non-left-orderable double branched coverings,
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§ I. Introduction

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G : group

$<_G$: Total ordering of G

- $<_G$ is a left-ordering

$$\iff a <_G b \Rightarrow ca <_G cb \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$$

- G is left-orderable (LO)

$$\iff G \text{ has at least one left-ordering}$$

example.

- $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$: natural ordering of \mathbb{Z} is a left-ordering.

- Σ : compact, orientable surface with **non-empty boundaries**

$MCG(\Sigma, \text{rel } \partial\Sigma)$: Mapping Class group of Σ (fixing $\partial\Sigma$)

$MCG(\Sigma, \text{rel } \partial\Sigma)$ is LO.

Motivating Problem

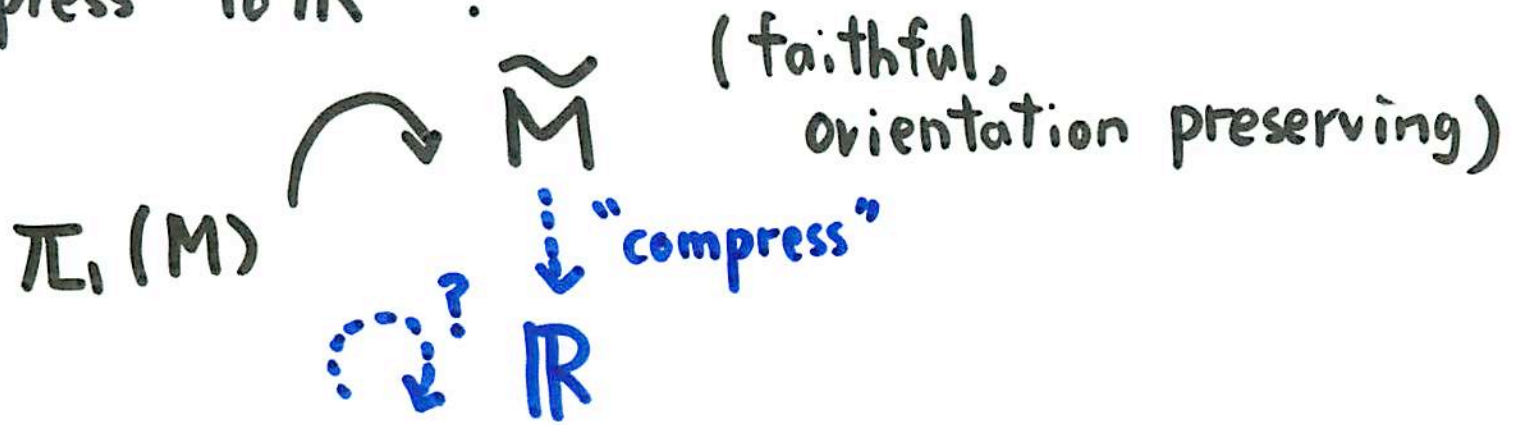
M : compact orientable 3-manifold

When $\pi_1(M)$ is LO ?

[Background]

$$G \text{ is LO} \iff G \hookrightarrow \text{Homeo}^+(\mathbb{R})$$

• When \tilde{M} "compress" to \mathbb{R} ?



Theorem (Boyer-Rolfesen-Wiest '05)

M is not QHS $\Rightarrow \pi_1(M)$ is LO

So, the problem is :

Motivating Problem'

$M : \text{QHS}$

When $\pi_1(M)$ is LO ?

L-space conjecture

$\pi_1(M)$ is NOT LO \iff M is an L-space

(hat version)
 $\widehat{HF}(M)$: Heegaard Floer homology

For QHS, $\text{rank } \widehat{HF}(M) \geq |H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})|$

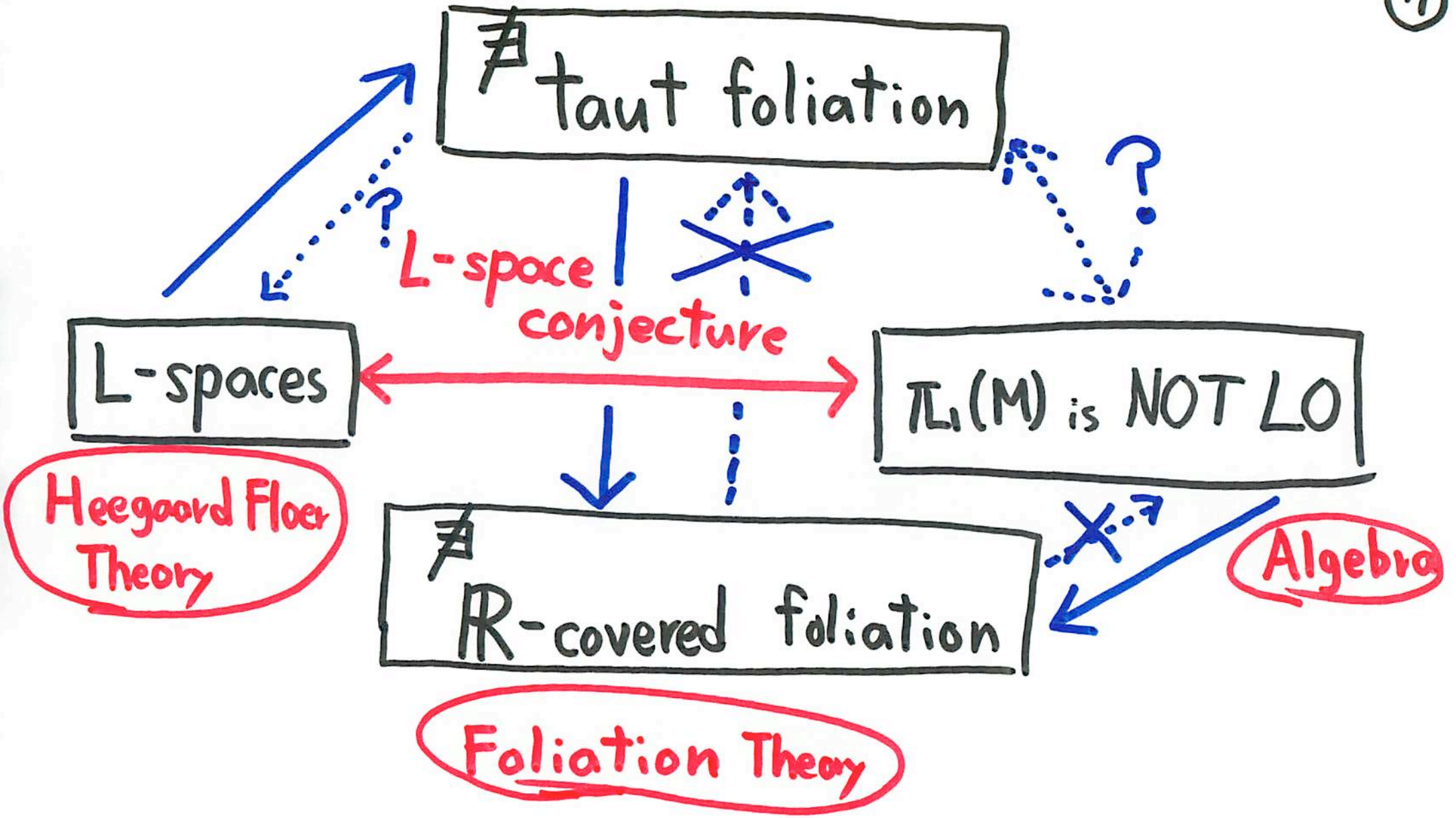
M is an L-space

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \text{rank } \widehat{HF}(M) = |H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})|$

"Heegaard-Floer theoretical generalization of
 Lens spaces"

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- L-space conjecture
was confirmed for many cases .
- * Seifert fibered 3-manifolds
- * 3-manifolds admitting
Sol geometry
- * Graph manifolds which are ZHS
- * Many known L-spaces



Today's talk

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$L \subset S^3$: (oriented) link

$M = \Sigma_2(L)$: double branched covering

A method to show $\pi_1(M)$ is **NOT** LO
via "coarse" presentation

presentation

$\chi = \mathfrak{z}$ (equality)



"coarse" presentation

$\chi \leq \mathfrak{z}$ (inequality)

Why $\Sigma_2(L)$?

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- $\{L\text{-spaces}\} \cong \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{branched double covering of} \\ \text{quasi-alternating Links} \end{array} \right\}$

(Heegaard-Floer theoretical generalization
of alternating links)

- Montesinos trick

$\Sigma_2(L)$ \Downarrow is related to Dehn surgery.

◦ How to prove G is not LO
via usual presentation

* Assume \exists left-ordering $<_G$ of G
presentation, left-invariant \rightarrow Contradiction

(Ex.) $G = \langle x, \dots \mid x^n = 1, \dots \rangle$

If $1 <_G x$, then

$$1 <_G x <_G x^2 <_G \dots <_G x^n = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

If $1 >_G x$, then

$$1 >_G x >_G x^2 >_G \dots >_G x^n = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Contradiction

Problem to use presentation



- ad hoc (not general).
- presentation might be complex.

↳ it is not easy to apply

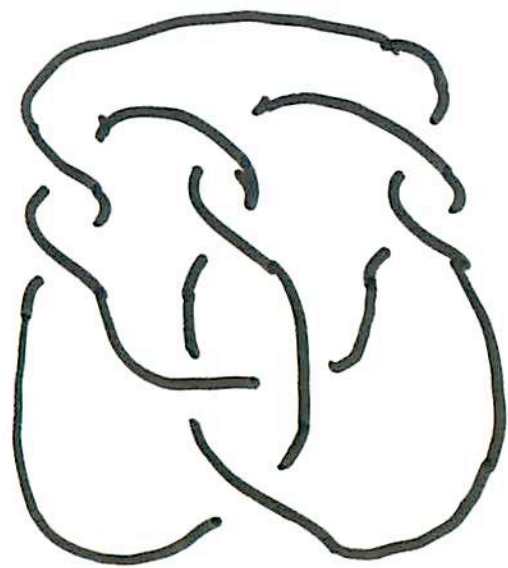
NON-LO proof for "similar" presentation

§ II Coarse presentation of $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$ ⑫

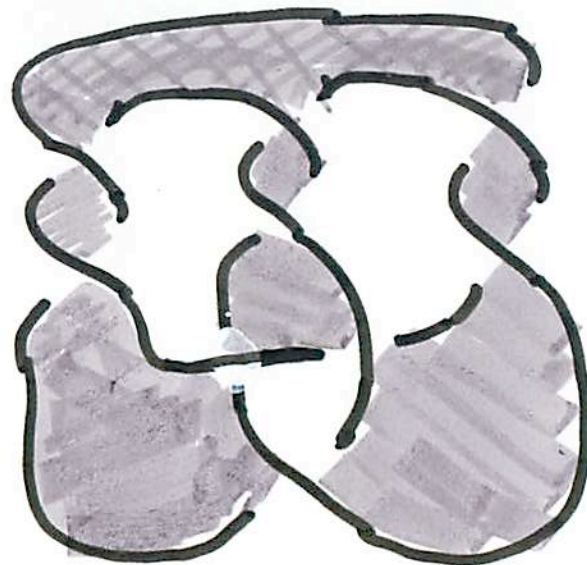
* Presentation of $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$ [Brunner]

D : link diagram of L

$S'(D)$: Checker board surface of D

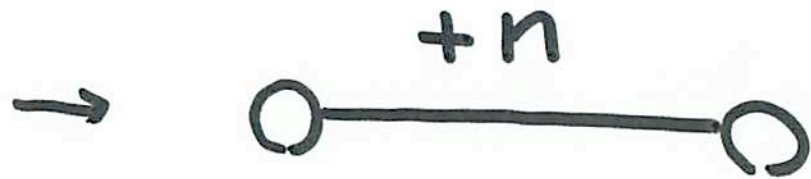
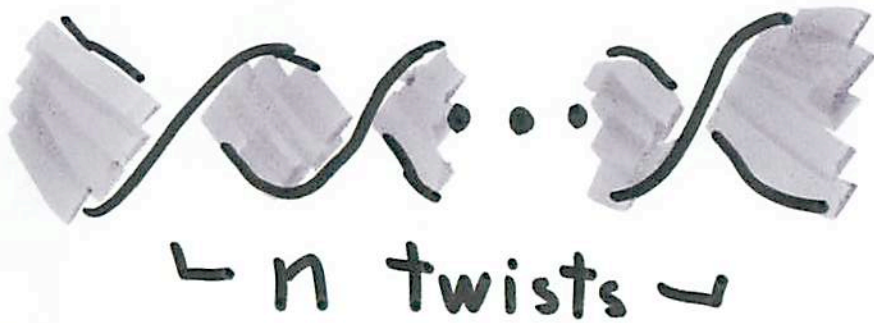


D



$S'(D)$

$$S'(D) = [\text{Discs}] \cup [\text{Twisted bands}]$$



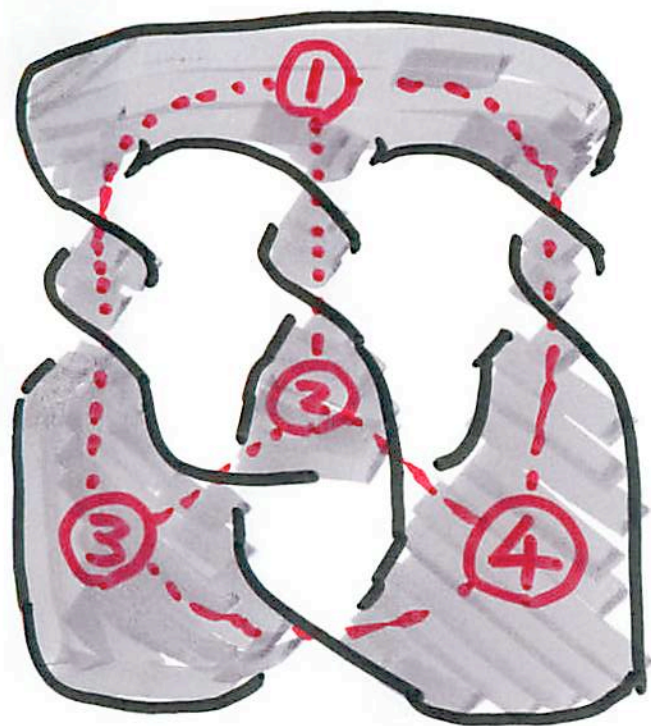
Disc \longrightarrow vertex

band \longrightarrow labelled edge

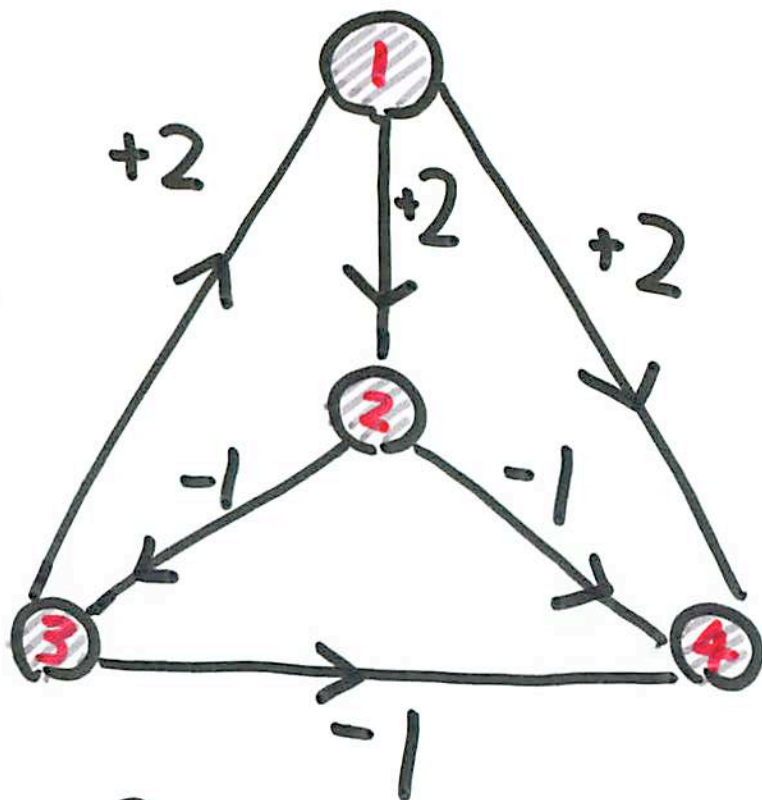
planer graph G
 "decomposition
 Graph"

ex.)

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$S'(D)$



G

- orient edges of G .
- region $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{component of } \mathbb{R}^2 - G$.

Brunner's Presentation of $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$

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• Generator

- $\{W_i\}$: edge of G
- $\{R_i\}$: regions

• relation

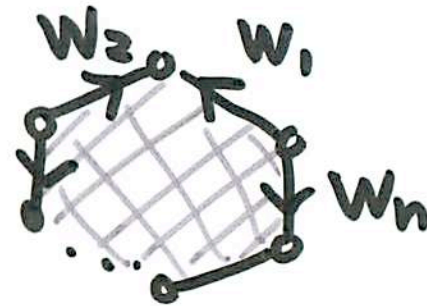
(i) $R_0 = 1$ R_0 : unbounded region

(ii) [Global cycle relation]

$$W_n^{\pm 1} \cdots W_1^{\pm 1} = 1 \quad \text{if}$$

(iii) [local edge relation]

$$W = (R_l^{-1} R_r)^a \quad \text{if}$$



[example:]

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[Generator]

$W_1, \dots, W_6, A, B, C, (D=1)$

[relation]

$$W_1 = A^2$$

$$W_2 = B^2$$

$$W_3 = C$$

$$W_4 = (B^{-1}A)^2$$

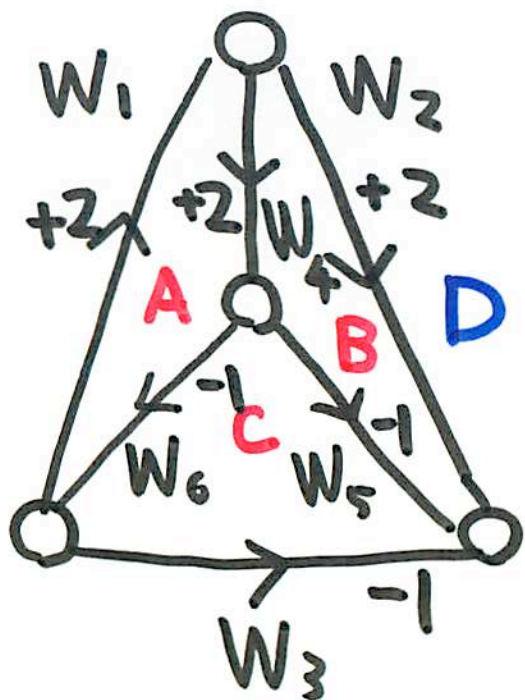
$$W_5 = (B^{-1}C)^{-1}$$

$$W_6 = (C^{-1}A)^{-1}$$

$$W_6 W_4 W_1 = 1$$

$$W_4^{-1} W_5^{-1} W_2 = 1$$

$$W_6^{-1} W_3^{-1} W_5 = 1$$



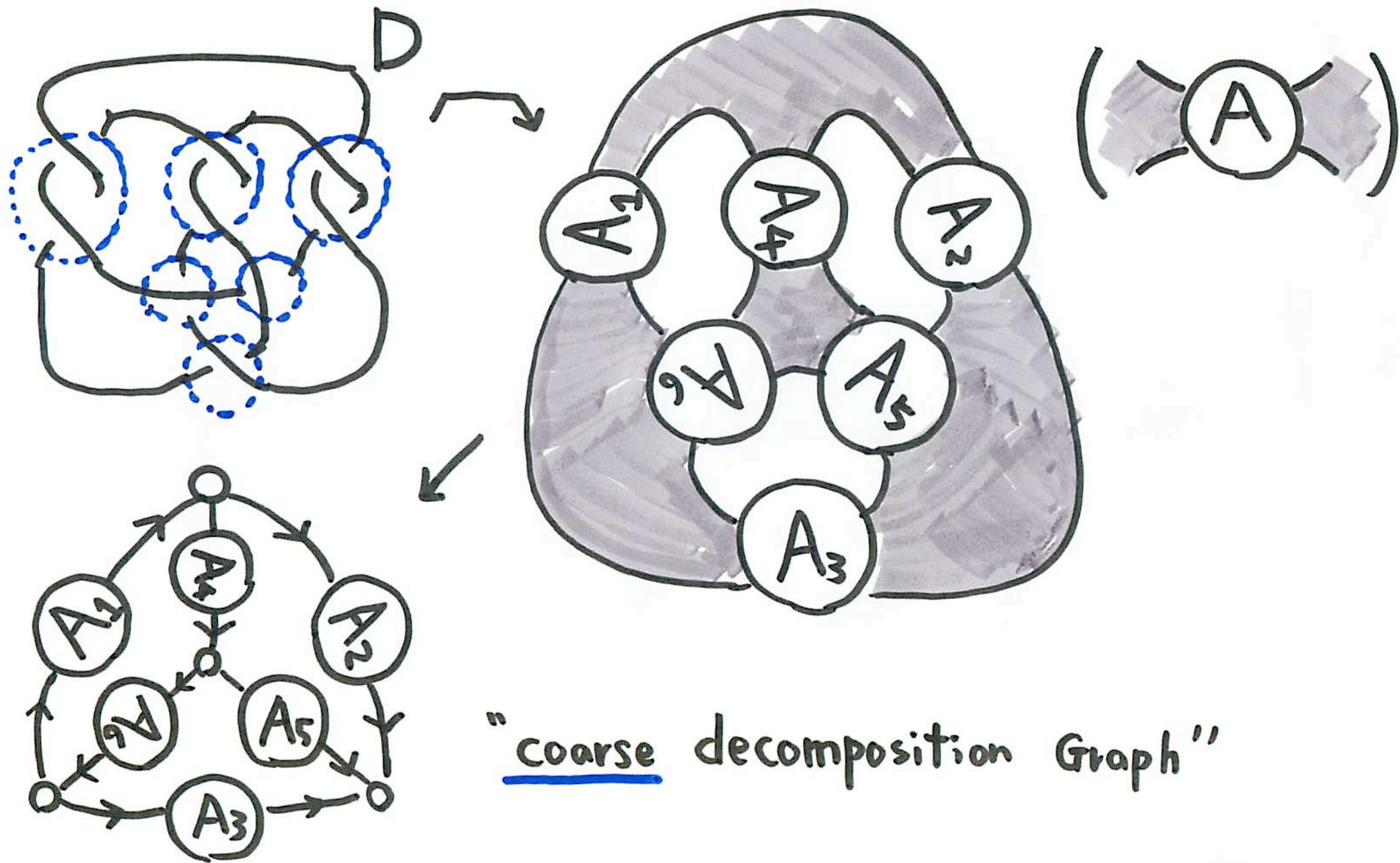
- Brunner's presentation has suitable for simple relations \rightarrow algebraic/combinatorial arguments
- "similar" diagrams yield "similar" presentation $\dots \dashrightarrow$

Problem

complex diagram gives
complex Brunner's presentation!

\hookrightarrow extract "essential information"
needed to prove NON-LO.

- Decompose link diagram as Tangles \swarrow strands (18)

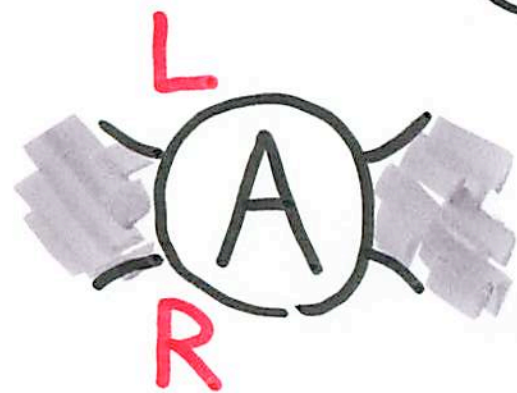


Key observation.

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A : algebraic tangle

$$\equiv W_A \in \pi_1(\Sigma_2(L)), \quad \frac{g}{p}, \frac{s}{r} \in \mathbb{Q}$$



s.t. for all left-ordering $<_G$ of $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$

$$(*) \begin{cases} W_A^g \leq_G (L^{-1}R)^p, & (L^{-1}R)^r \leq_G W_A^s \quad (\text{if } 1 \leq_G W_A) \\ W_A^s \leq_G (L^{-1}R)^r, & (L^{-1}R)^p \leq_G W_A^g \quad (\text{if } 1 \geq_G W_A) \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet (L^{-1}R)W_A = W_A(L^{-1}R)$$

Universal
inequality

We express (*) by $W_A \in \left[\left[\frac{g}{p}, \frac{s}{r} \right] \right]_{L^1 R}$ (20)

(*) ... "universal" inequality

which holds for all left-orderings.

- rationals $\frac{g}{p}, \frac{s}{r}$ are computed
(estimated) for an algebraic tangle A

ex.) $A = Q\left(\frac{g}{p}\right) \Rightarrow W_A \in \left[\left[\frac{g}{p}, \frac{g}{p} \right] \right]_{L^1 R}$

Coarse Brunner's Presentation

Generator.

$\{W_A\}$, R (regions of coarse decomposition graph)

Relation

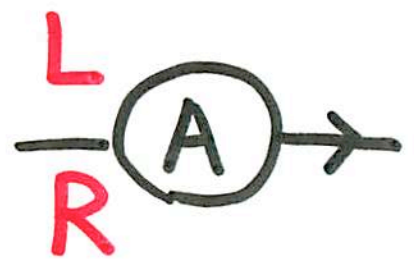
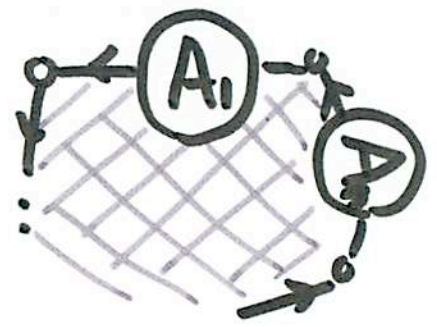
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(ii) [Global cycle relation]

$$W_{A_1}^{\pm 1} \cdots W_{A_n}^{\pm 1} = 1 \quad \text{if}$$

(iii) [Local coarse "relation"]

$$W_A \in \left[\left[\frac{g}{p}, \frac{s}{r} \right] \right]_{L \cdot R}$$





✱ Remark

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• "Coarse" presentation does not determine a group.

↳ Different link diagram might have
the same coarse presentation.

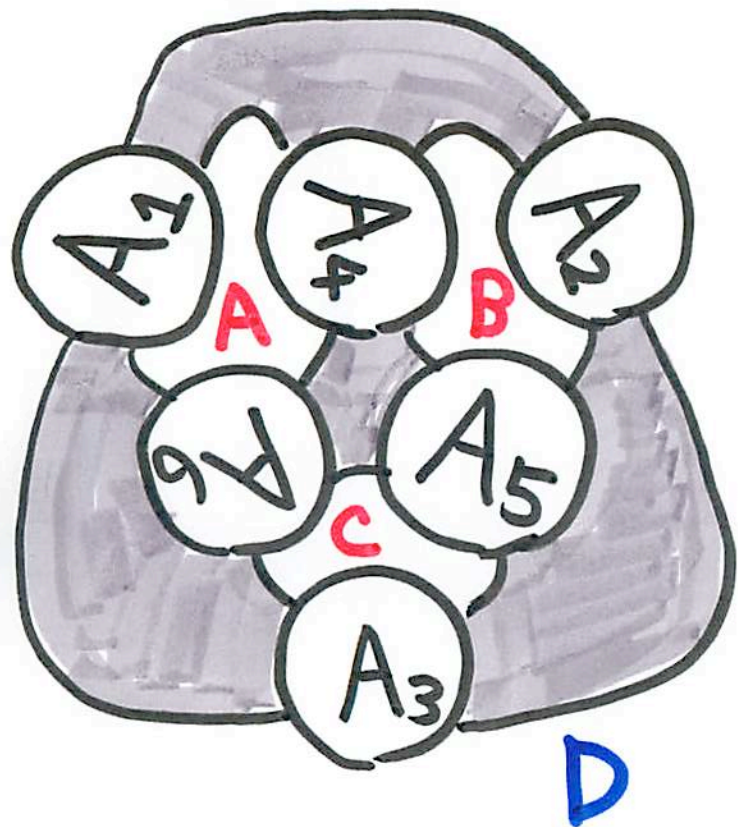
(Different (algebraic) tangles  , )
might give the same local coarse relation
 $W_A \in \left[\left[\frac{g}{P}, \frac{S}{r} \right] \right]_{L \cdot R}$, $W_B \in \left[\left[\frac{g}{P}, \frac{S}{r} \right] \right]_{L \cdot R}$

• replacing a tangle with another tangle

↳ replacing a local coarse relation
with another one.

[coarse
presentation]

example



Generator

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$W_1, \dots, W_6, A, B, C, (D=1)$

Relation

$W_1 \in [[m_1, M_1]]_A$ $W_4 \in [[m_4, M_4]]_{B^{-1}A}$
 $W_2 \in [[m_2, M_2]]_B$ $W_5 \in [[m_5, M_5]]_{B^{-1}C}$
 $W_3 \in [[m_3, M_3]]_{C^{-1}}$ $W_6 \in [[m_6, M_6]]_{C^{-1}A}$

$$W_6 W_4 W_1 = 1$$

$$W_4^{-1} W_5^{-1} W_2 = 1$$

$$W_6^{-1} W_3^{-1} W_5 = 1$$

Good point to use coarse presentation

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- We are able to treat "complex" diagrams
(complex diagram might give a
simple coarse presentation)
- If we prove NON-LO for one coarse presentation
we get a proof of NON-left-orderability
for (infinitely many) links.

§ III. Application

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Theorem (I.)

D : link diagram with tangle-strand decomposition

If all local coarse relations are of the form

$$\underline{w_A \in [0, \infty]}$$

$\hookrightarrow \pi_1(\Sigma_2(D))$ is NON-LO

Corollary. (Boyer-Gordon-Watson, Greene)

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L : Alternating link

$\Rightarrow \pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$ is NON-LO

(Remark: $\Sigma_2(L)$ is an L-space)

[Proof of Theorem]

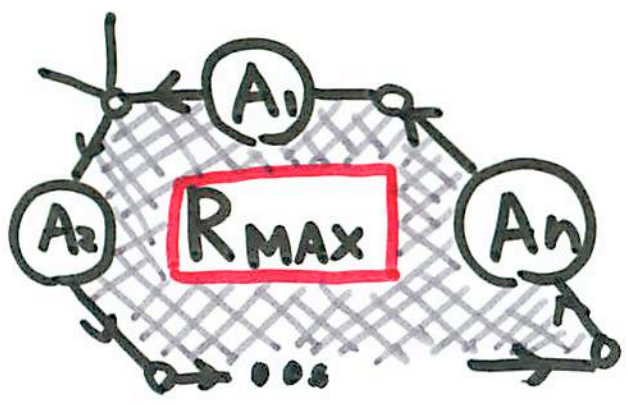
Assume $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$ is LO, and

take a left-ordering $<$ of $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$.

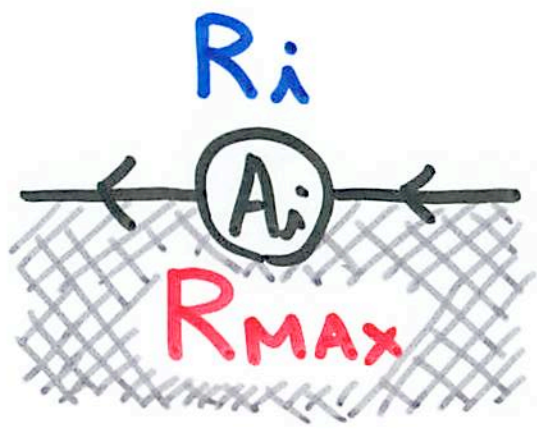
Let R_{\max} be the $<$ -maximal region generator r .

• Global cycle relation for ∂R_{max}

$$W_{A_1} \cdot W_{A_2} \cdots W_{A_n} = 1 \dots \textcircled{1}$$



• Local coarse relation



$$W_{A_i} \in [0, \infty] \quad R_{max}^{-1} R_i$$

$$R_i < R_{max} \Rightarrow R_{max}^{-1} R_i < 1$$

So $W_{A_i} < 1$... $\textcircled{2}$

Then $W_{A_1} \cdot W_{A_2} \cdots W_{A_n} < 1$, contradicts $\textcircled{1}$ \square

- In a similar manner, we can prove $\pi_1(\Sigma_2(L))$ is NON-LO for many other cases.

Forexample :

Theorem (I.)

K : positive knot of genus two

$\pi_1(\Sigma_2(K))$ is NON-LO

(Remark:)

- K might be non-alternating.
- $\Sigma_2(K)$ is an L-space