

Two versions of mirror image:

① change crossings, ② reflect diagram in a line.

Why are they the same?

Consider coords on \mathbb{R}^3 so the projection plane is $\{z=0\}$.

Changing the crossings means reflect in $\{z=0\}$

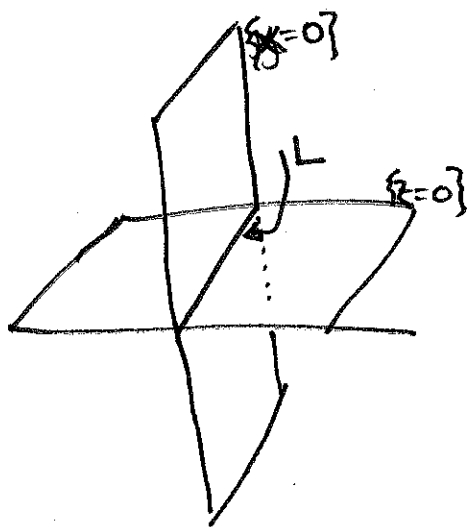
$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (x, y, -z)$$

Also adjust coords so line of reflection is

$\{x=0\} \cap \{z=0\}$. planar reflection in

that line is $(x, y) \mapsto (-x, y)$.

This suppresses $z \dots$ It's really $(x, y, z) \mapsto (-x, y, z)$



the two reflection planes.

Cool facts:

* These transformations r_z, r_x commute:

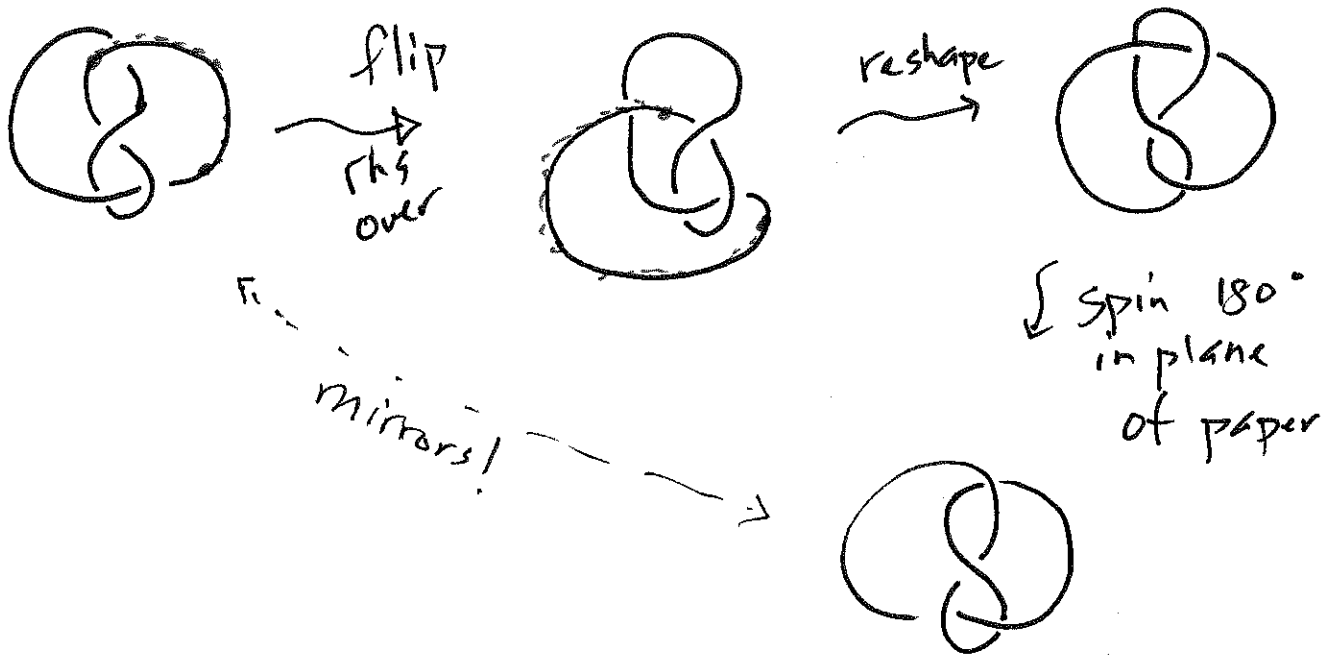
$$r_z \circ r_x = r_x \circ r_z$$

* the composition $r_x \circ r_z = r_z \circ r_x$ is rotation through 180° about the line L , which is an equivalence!

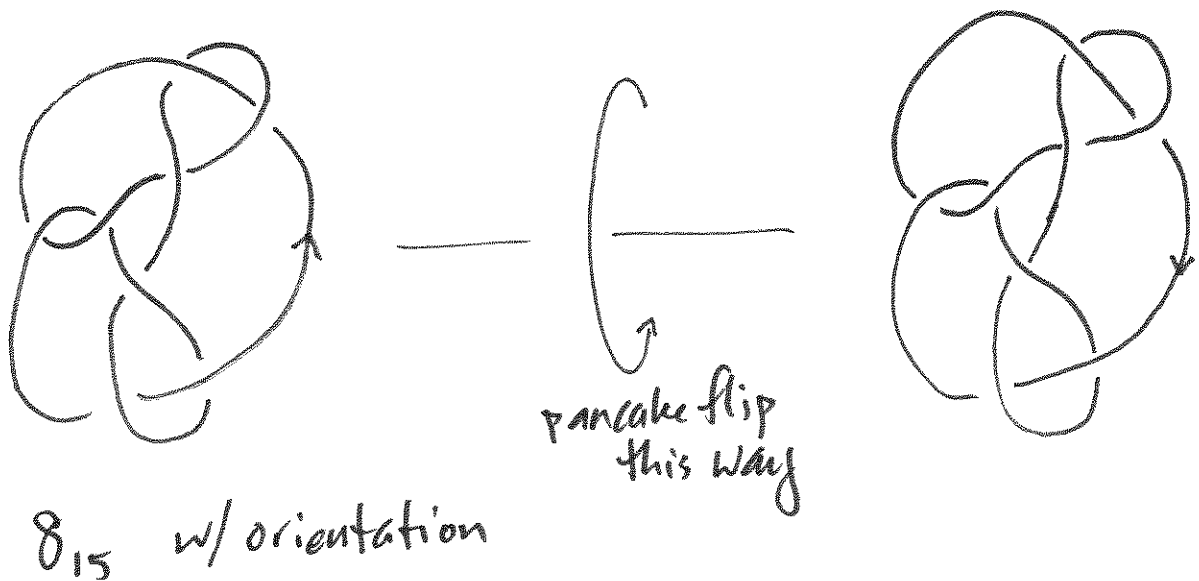
* Each r_x, r_z is involutive.

$$\text{So } r_x \circ (r_x \circ r_z) = r_x^2 \circ r_z = r_z \Rightarrow \text{equivalent!}$$

The knot 4_1 is equivalent to its mirror image.



Hardest Task: show 8_{15} is reversible



in the end a simple solution.