

Gauss Integral formula:

$$\gamma, \eta : S^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad K = \gamma(S^1), \quad R = \eta(S^1) \quad \text{knots,}$$

$$\text{then } L_k(K, R) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{d\vec{\gamma}(t)}{dt} \times \frac{d\vec{\eta}(s)}{ds} \right) \cdot \frac{(\vec{\gamma}(t) - \vec{\eta}(s))}{\|\vec{\gamma}(t) - \vec{\eta}(s)\|^3} dt ds.$$

Cohomology

$M = \text{closed orient mfd}$

$$H_k(M) \xrightarrow[\cong]{P} H^{m-k}(M)$$

Poincare duality

$$a \in H_k(M), \quad b \in H_{m-k}(M)$$

$$a \cdot b = P^{-1}(P(a) \cup P(b)) \in H_0(M) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & H^{m-k} & H^k \\ & \uparrow & \\ & H^m & \end{array}$$

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 intersection
 product
 $= \text{intersection \# s.}$

$$= \langle P(a) \cup P(b), [M] \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A, B & \hookrightarrow & M \\ j^A, j^B & & \end{array} \quad a+b=m$$

$$\int_*^A ([A]) \cdot \int_*^B ([B]) = I(A, B)$$

Diff'l forms $A \hookrightarrow N$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{dim } A \\ \parallel \\ \Theta - \text{any } a\text{-form} \\ \text{in } \Omega^a(N) \end{array} \quad \int_A \Theta = \int_N \Theta \wedge \xi_A \quad (\xi_A \in \Omega^{n-a}(N))$$

if $A, B \hookrightarrow M, \quad a+b=m$

$$I(A, B) = \int \xi_A \wedge \xi_B$$

$$\dim K + \dim L = \dim M - 1 \quad (M = \text{homology sphere})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \int_K = d\rho_K \\ \cap \\ \Omega^{m-k} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \int_L = d\rho_L \\ \cap \\ \Omega^{m-l} \end{array}$$

$$L_K(K, L) = \int \underbrace{\rho_K \wedge d\rho_L}_{m-k-l-1+m=m} = \int \rho_L \wedge d\rho_K.$$

$$m-k-l-1+m=m$$

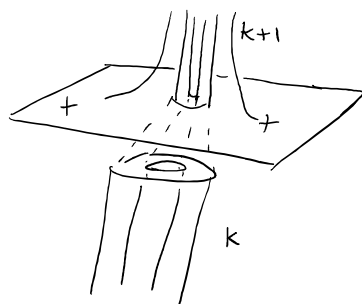
Lemma If $K \cup R$ is a 2-comp link in S^3 and $L_K(K, R) = 0$,
Then K has a Seifert surface Σ_K disjoint from R .

Pf Pick Seifert surface Σ^0 for K , $\Sigma^0 \not\cap R$.

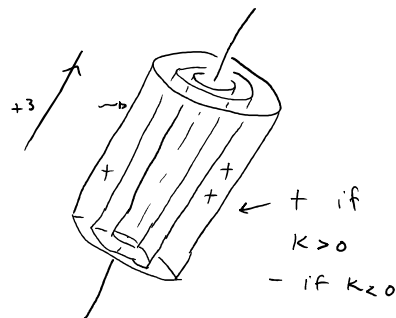
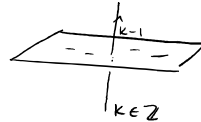
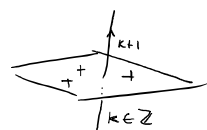
Label intervals of R with integers s.t:
then the labeling is consistent since $L_K(K, R) = 0$.

if an interval is labeled k , wrap it in k tubes:

cut disks from  and glue
in tubes:



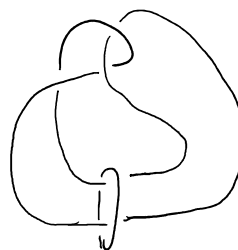
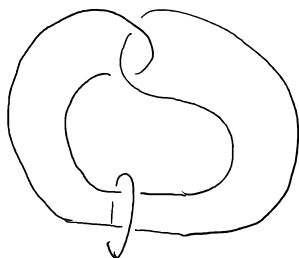
then R doesn't
intersect the modified
Seifert surface.



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It is generally not possible to get
 Σ_K and Σ_R to be disjoint.

eg



$$L = K_1 \cup K_2 \quad LK(K_1, K_2) = 0$$

$$\{K_i\} \subseteq \pi_1(S^3 - K_2, *)$$

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conjugacy class, lives in commutator $[\pi_1, \pi_1]$

Since it is 0 in homology ($0 = L_K$).

$$L = K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3$$

$\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3$ not disjoint.

Composition & factorization #

K_1, K_2

$$S^3 = B_1^3 \cup_{S^2} B_2^3$$



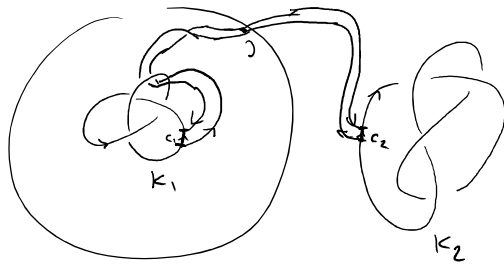
* Place $K_i \hookrightarrow B_i$

* Strip $R = [0,1]^2 = c_1 \times c_2$

Embed $R \hookrightarrow S^3$ s.t.

* $R \cap K_i = c_i$ (so $\text{int } R \subset S^3 - K_1 \cup K_2$) (orientation too

* $R \cap S_2$ is exactly an interval $J \subset S^2$



remove c_1 & c_2 from K_1 & K_2 , add I -segments.

Lemma $\underbrace{[K_1 \#_R K_2]}_{\text{ambient isotopy equiv. class}}$ does not depend on $R \hookrightarrow S^3$.
(only depends on $[K_1]$ & $[K_2]$).

Corollary $[K_1 \#_R K_2] = [K_1] \# [K_2]$
 \uparrow
 well-defined composition

\leadsto Monoid (identity is unknot).