

* Knot is tame if it is ambient isotopic to a piecewise-linear knot.

* Every PL-knot is ambient isotopic to a smooth knot:

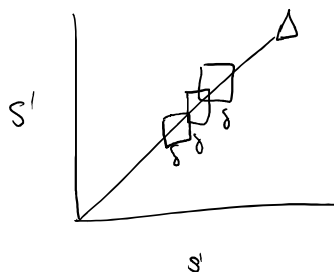


* Every Smooth knot is ambient isotopic to a PL-knot.

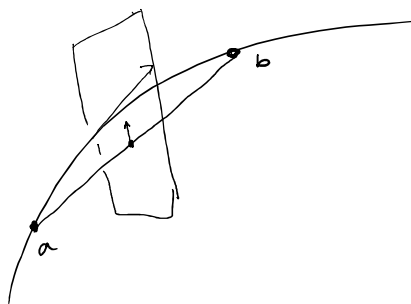
$$S' \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$S' \times S' \longrightarrow S^2$$

$$(a, b) \longmapsto \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma(a) - \gamma(b)}{\|\gamma(a) - \gamma(b)\|} & a \neq b \\ \frac{\gamma'(a)}{\|\gamma'(a)\|} =: \hat{\gamma}(a) & a = b \end{cases}$$



$$\Delta = \{(a, a) : a \in S'\}$$



Lemma: A knot is tame iff it is ambient isotopic to a smooth knot.

Isotopy Extension Theorem:

Suppose M and N are smooth manifolds and N is compact.

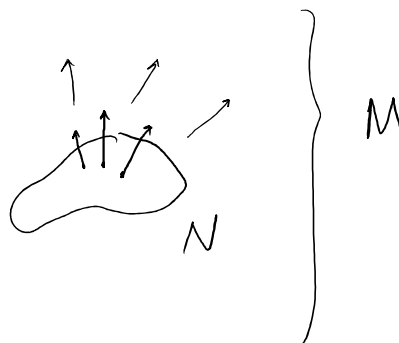
Suppose $h: N \times I \longrightarrow M$ is a smooth isotopy.
 $(x, t) \longmapsto h_t(x)$

Then h extends to an ambient isotopy $\Phi: M \times I \longrightarrow M$

$$(\Phi_0 = \text{id}, \quad h_t = \Phi_t \cdot h_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_t(x)$$

(Hirsch, Chapter 9)

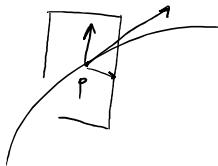


Key here is "smooth."

In C^∞ -world, isotopy \iff ambient isotopy.

Tubular neighborhoods of knots

Normal bundle



\mathbb{R}^3

$E_p =$ directions \perp to
tangent at p .

$$\bigcup_{p \in K} E_p = \mathcal{V}_M(K)$$

Tubular nhd Thm: $N \hookrightarrow M$

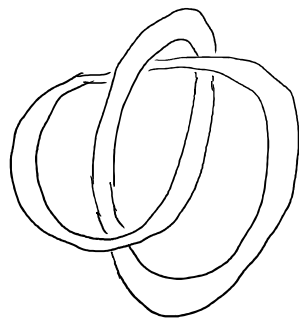
There is a diffeom. $\mathcal{V}_M(N) \longrightarrow \underbrace{N(N)}_{\text{open nhd of } N} \subset M$

$$\mathcal{V}_M(K) \longrightarrow N(K) \subset S^3$$

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oriented

In oriented case,

$$\mathcal{V}_M(S') \cong \mathbb{R}^2 \times S'.$$



open disk
↓
 $D^2 \times S'$

←

where $0 \times S' \longrightarrow \text{the knot.}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_0, f_1: & \mathbb{R}^2 \times S' & \longrightarrow \mathcal{V}_M(S') \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & S' & \end{array}$$

$$f_1^{-1} f_0 : \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1$$

$$(v, \theta) \longmapsto (\mu(\theta)v, \theta)$$

where $\mu : S^1 \longrightarrow GL^+(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

\parallel
 $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^3$

\rightsquigarrow winding # for μ .

$$\mu^* : H_1(S^1) \longrightarrow H_1(GL^+(\mathbb{R}^3))$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n \longmapsto \text{winding \#} \cdot n.$$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \xrightarrow{J \circ f} S^3$$

$$\bullet \times S^1 \xrightarrow{\text{knot}} S^3$$

$$\odot \times S^1 \longrightarrow S^3$$

$$\odot \times S^1 \xrightarrow[\text{nhd}]{\text{tubular}} S^3$$

$$\odot \times S^1 \xrightarrow{\quad} S^3$$

↑
something
that twists

around the knot. it winds around the core

(corresponding to _____)

$$\odot \times S^1 \xrightarrow[\text{Ribbon}]{\quad} S^3$$

Def a framing of a knot is an isotopy class
of trivializations of its normal bundle.

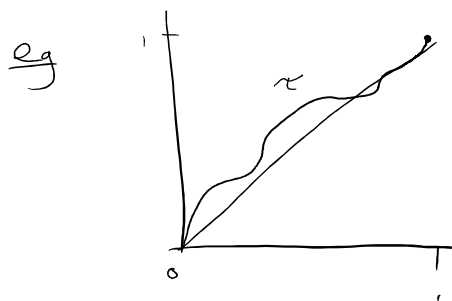
Lemma. if the relative winding # of two trivializations is 0,
then the framings are the same.

Cor. Every tame knot admits a topological
tubular neighborhood.

Lemma Two knots that only differ by parameterization
w/ same orientation are equivalent.

$$K_1, K_2: S' \longleftrightarrow S^3$$

where $K_1 = K_0 \circ \tau$ where $\tau: S' \rightarrow S'$ orientation preserving homeomorphism.



$sx + (1-s)\tau(x)$
homotopes τ to id.

τ is isotopic to id on S'

τ_s .

$K_s = K_0 \circ \tau_s$ is an isotopy.

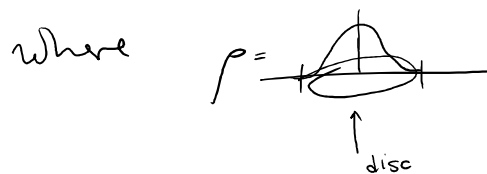
J_0 is tub. nhd of K_0 .

$$\bigcirc \longrightarrow S^3$$

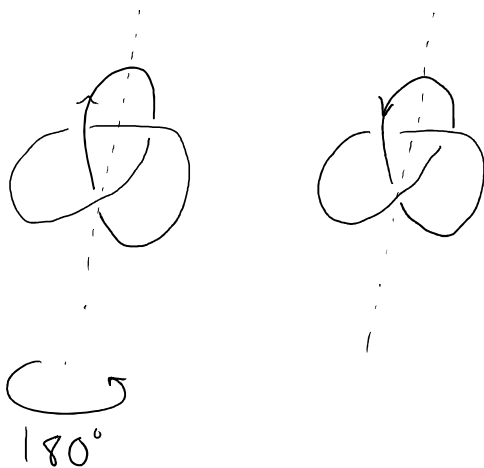
Shift along
tube to extend
to ambient isotopy:



$$\neg((\theta, v), s) = (\tau(\theta, s p(v)), v)$$

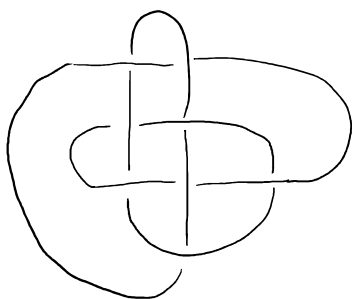


if τ isn't orientation preserving,
the above argument doesn't work



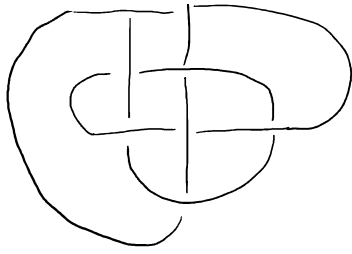
↗ aka invertible

this knot is reversible: it's equivalent
to the one w/ reversed orientation.



8_{17} is not reversible.
(invertible)

this is the first one
(of many)



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(invertible)

this is the first one
(of many)