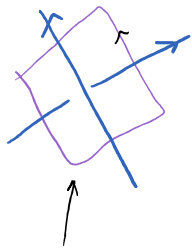
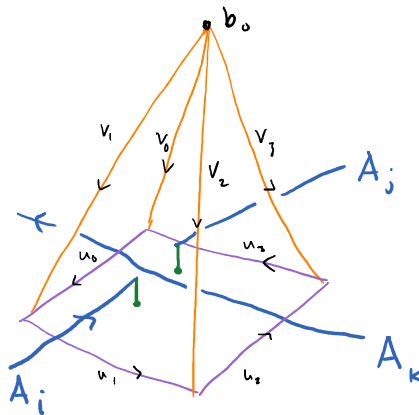


gluing in a disc  $\longleftrightarrow$  dividing  $\pi_1$  by  
along a curve the curve



Curve of disc  
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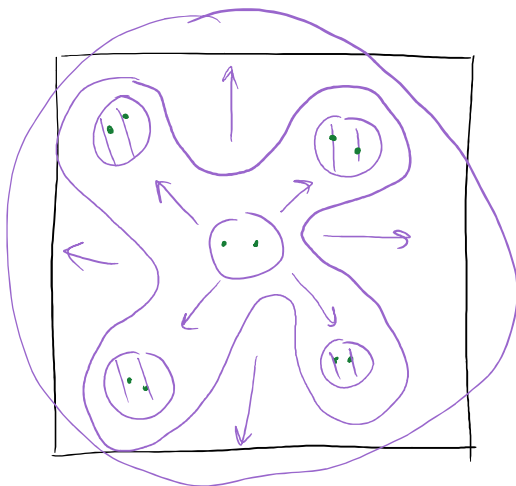
$\eta$



$\chi_i \in \pi_1$  corresponding to  $A_i$

$$\text{so } \eta = \chi_j \chi_k^{-1} \chi_i^{-1} \chi_k$$

(inverse rel'n for positive crossing)



- the last relation is trivial, unnecessary

# Wirtinger Presentation

Given link-diagram  $\hat{L}$  w/  $N$  crossings

\* Choose an orientation on  $\hat{L}$ .

\* Denote each max'l over-crossing arc by a label  $j \in A$ ,  
 $|A| = N$ .

\* For each  $j \in A$  introduce generator  $x_j$

\* Choose subset  $\mathcal{C}$  w/  $(N-1)$  crossings.

\* for each  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  assign relators:

$$c = \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \quad \nearrow i \\ \nwarrow \quad \nwarrow k \\ \nearrow j \quad \nwarrow \end{array} \rightsquigarrow r_c = x_j x_k^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_k$$

$$(x_i = x_k x_j x_k^{-1})$$

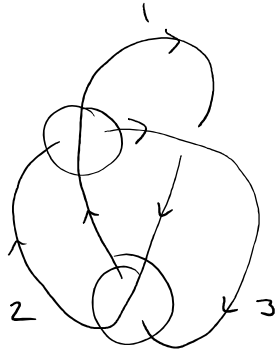
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$$(x_i = x_k^{-1} x_j x_k)$$

Thm  $\pi_L \cong \langle x_j : j \in A \mid r_c : c \in \mathcal{C} \rangle$

(defect = 1)

Example



$$\pi_{\text{Trefoil}} \cong \langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \mid x_3 = x_1 x_2 x_1^{-1}, x_1 = x_2 x_3 x_2^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\cong \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1 = x_2 x_1 x_2 x_1^{-1} x_2^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\cong \langle x_1, x_2 \mid x_1 x_2 x_1 = x_2 x_1 x_2 \rangle$$

$$\cong B_3 \leftarrow \text{Braid gr}$$

Conjugacy Classes of  $\pi_{\text{Trefoil}} = [S', \text{Trefoil gr element}]$

↓

{class of links w/ Braid index  $\leq 3$ }

Trefoil =  $T_{3,2}$ , so

$$\pi_{\mathcal{G}} \cong \langle u, v \mid u^2 = v^3 \rangle \quad \text{as well.}$$

Exercise: find explicit isomorphism.

Abelianization:



$$x_i = x_k x_i x_k^{-1}$$



$$x_i = x_i$$

So each part in the link gives  $\mathbb{Z}$  to homology.

Pick any finite group  $G$ .

$$X_L^G = \text{Hom}(\pi_L, G)$$

$$\rho: \pi_L \longrightarrow G$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\langle x_1, \dots, x_N \rangle$$

$$\text{given by } (\rho(x_1), \dots, \rho(x_N)) \in G^{x_N}$$

(maybe, we need

$$g_j = g_k g_i g_k^{-1}$$

$$\text{So } |\chi_L^G| \leq N \cdot |G|$$

↑  
Knot  
Invariant

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_L & \xrightarrow{\rho} & G \text{ abelian} \\ \searrow & & \uparrow \\ \frac{\pi_L}{\pi'_L} = H_1 & = & \mathbb{Z}^k \end{array}$$

# components

$$\text{So } |\chi_L^G| = k \cdot |G|$$

So abelian gps are boring.

Smallest non-ab gp  $S_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3 = D_6$

Theorem:  $|\chi_K^{S_3}| = 3 + (\text{Fox-3-coloring } \#)$

↑  
Knot

Fox 3-coloring #.

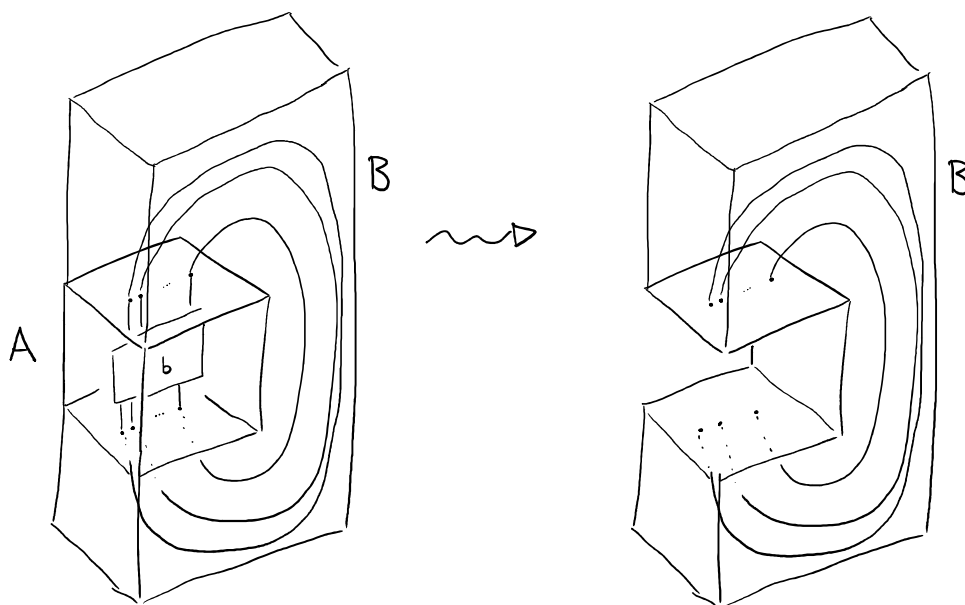


# of proper colorings

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \pi_K & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2 \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
 & & \mathbb{Z} = H_1 & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_K & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & \mathbb{Z} = H_1 & & \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{hint for proof} \\ \text{of theorem} \end{array}$$

Getting  $\pi_1$  thru braids

$$L = cl(b) = \text{[diagram of a torus with a square labeled } b \text{]} \quad A = \square \times [0, 1] \setminus b$$

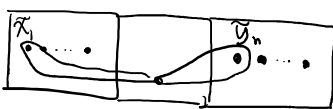


$$(box - cl(b) = A \cup B)$$

$$B \approx \text{[diagram of a cube with vertical lines]} \approx \text{[diagram of a square with dots]}$$

$$B \approx \left[ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \approx \left[ \dots \right]$$

$$\text{So } \pi_1(B) = F_n$$

$$P = A \cap B =$$


$$\pi_1(P) = F_{2n}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1(p) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \pi_1(B) \\ \downarrow & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{x}_i \quad \tilde{y}_i \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad \bar{x}_i \end{array} & \\ \pi_1(A) & \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ x_i \quad y_i \end{array} & \end{array}$$

$$\pi_1(A \cup_p B) = \pi_1(A) * \langle \bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n \rangle / \left\langle \begin{array}{l} x_i = \bar{x}_i \\ y_i = \bar{y}_i \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$= \pi_1(A) / \langle x_i = y_i \rangle$$