

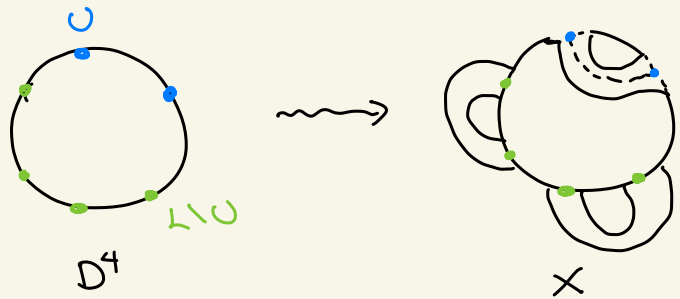
Kirby calculus (II)

Recall: A Kirby diagram D is a link L in S^3 . Each component is decorated with \bullet or an integer a_i , s.t. the dotted component form a unlink U .

From D , we can recover a 4-mfld $X = X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2$ as follows:

- 1) Let $\cup D^2 \hookrightarrow S^3$ be the disks bounded by U .
- 2) Push $\cup D^2$ into interior of D^4 . Remove small neighborhoods.
- 3) Attach 2-handles along the framed link $L \setminus U$ to get

$$X = X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2$$



4) $\partial X = \text{Surgery of } S^3 \text{ along } L$

$$\text{Surgery coefficient} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{dotted components} \\ a_i & \text{undotted components} \end{cases}$$

If $\partial X \cong \#^n(S^2 \times S^1)$, then \exists unique way to complete X into

$$\text{closed } \tilde{X} = X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3 \cup X_4$$

More generally, given any decomposition $\partial X = \Upsilon \# \Upsilon'$ with $\Upsilon' \cong \#^k(S^2 \times S^1)$

\exists unique way to form $\tilde{X} = X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3$ with $\partial \tilde{X} = \Upsilon$.

Classical invariants of X can be directly read from D .

- $\pi_1(X) \cong \pi_1(\tilde{X}) = \pi_1(S^3 \setminus \{\text{dotted components}\}) / \text{undotted components}$

In particular, no dotted component \Rightarrow no 1-handles $\Rightarrow \pi_1(X) = 0$

We say X (or \tilde{X}) is geometrically simply connected if it has a handle decomposition without 1-handles.

\tilde{X} : simply-connected, smooth 4mfd.

Conjecture A: \tilde{X} is geometrically simply-connected.

Conjecture B: \tilde{X} admits a Morse function without index 1 and 3 critical points.

(Conjecture B \Rightarrow Conjecture A)
 \Rightarrow SPC 4

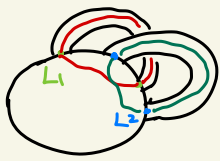
- $$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_*(X; \mathbb{Z}) &= H_*(0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle 2\text{-handles} \rangle \xrightarrow{[\text{incidence numbers}]} \mathbb{Z}\langle 1\text{-handles} \rangle \rightarrow 0) \\ &= H_*(0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle L \setminus U \rangle \xrightarrow{[(K_{(-,-)})]} \mathbb{Z}\langle U \rangle \rightarrow 0) \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if no 1-handles, then $H_2(X) = \mathbb{Z}\langle L \rangle$.
 $(U = \emptyset)$

These generators can be explicitly described:

- $L \supset L_i$ bounds: 1) Seifert surface $\bar{F}_i \hookrightarrow S^3$
- 2) core of the attached 2-handle $0 \times D^2 \hookrightarrow H_i^2 = D^3 \times D^2$

Let $S_i = \bar{F}_i \cup_{L_i} (0 \times D^2) \hookrightarrow X$ Then $H_2(X) = \mathbb{Z}\langle [S_i] \rangle$.



Corollary: $S_i \cdot S_j = (K(L_i, L_j))$

Proof: $S_i \cdot S_j = \bar{F}_i \cdot \bar{F}_j = (K(L_i, L_j)) \quad \square$

For a 4-manifold X with $\partial X \neq \emptyset$, we define Q_X as ^{intersection form} a bilinear form on $V = \text{Im}(H_2(X) \xrightarrow{\iota_*} H_2(X, \partial X)) / \text{torsion}$

$Q_X(\iota_*(\alpha), \iota_*(\beta)) = (\text{P.D.}(\alpha) \cup \beta) \cdot [X]$.

Fact: When $b_1(\partial X) = 0$, $V = H_2(X) / \text{torsion}$

- Q_X is nondegenerate over \mathbb{R} (i.e. $\det Q_X \neq 0$) but not necessarily unimodular.

Proposition: Given any symmetric Q with $\det(Q) \neq 0$, \exists

a simply connected 4-manifold X s.t. 1) $Q_X = Q$

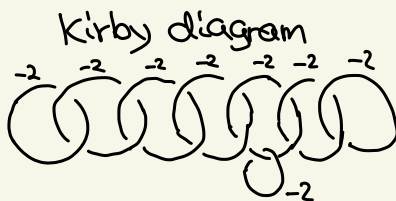
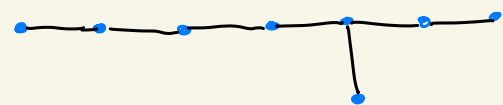
2) $|\det(Q)| = |H_1(\partial X)|$

Proof: Let $Q = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$. Then we pick a link $L = L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_n$ s.t. $(K(L_i, L_j)) = a_{ij}$. We attach 2-handles H_i^2 to the framed links (L_i, a_{ii}) and get X . Then $Q_X = Q$.

$\partial X = S^3_{(a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn})}(L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_n)$ so

so $H_1(\partial X) = \mathbb{Z}^n / (a_{ij}) \cdot \mathbb{Z}^n \Rightarrow |H_1(\partial X)| = |\det(a_{ij})|. \quad \square$

Example $Q = E_8$



Note: ∂X is actually the Poincaré homology 3-sphere $S_{\mathbb{H}}^3(\Gamma_{2,3})$.

Theorem (Freedman) Any ^{integer} homology 3-sphere bounds a contractible topological 4-mfd.
 \widehat{IHS}^3 , i.e. $H_1(Y; \mathbb{Z}) = 0$

Corollary: Any unimodular Q can be realized as $Q \widetilde{X}$ for some simply connected, topological \widetilde{X} .

proof: $Q = Q_X$ for some S.C. smooth X with boundary.

Q unimodular $\Rightarrow \partial X$ is a homology 3-sphere

$\Rightarrow \partial X$ bounds a contractible W

$$\widetilde{X} = X \cup_{\partial X} W$$

□

Remark: Most IHS^3 do not bound smooth, contractible 4-mfds.

E.g. $\overline{\Sigma}(2,3,5)$ does not bound a contractible smooth 4-mfd.

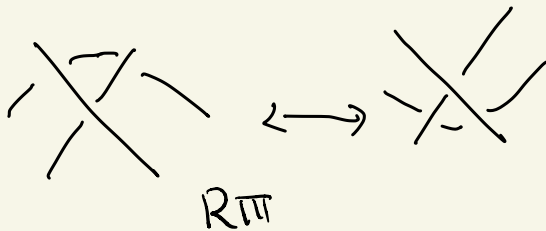
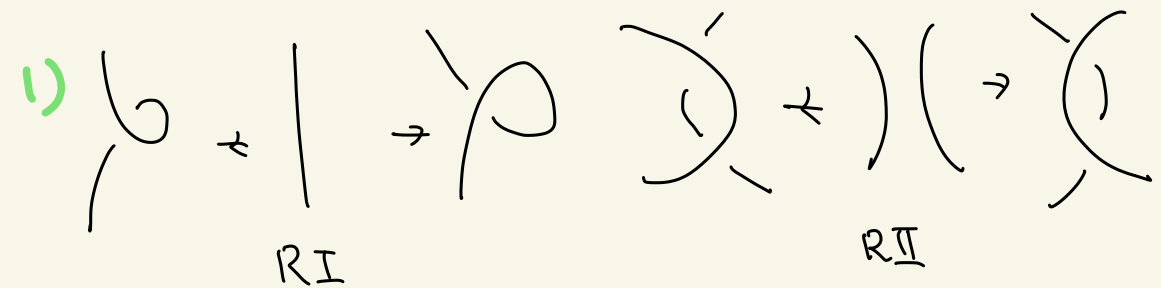
E.g. (Casson-Harer) $\overline{\Sigma}(r, r\pm 1, r\pm 1)$ r even s odd
 $\overline{\Sigma}(r, r\pm 1, r\pm 2)$ r odd

bounds contractible 4-manifold.

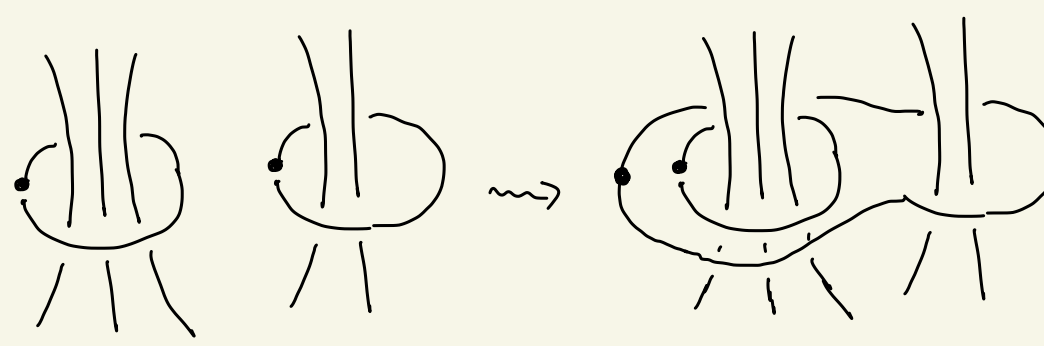
Kirby moves

Theorem. Any two Kirby diagrams for X^4 are related by a sequence of the following moves:

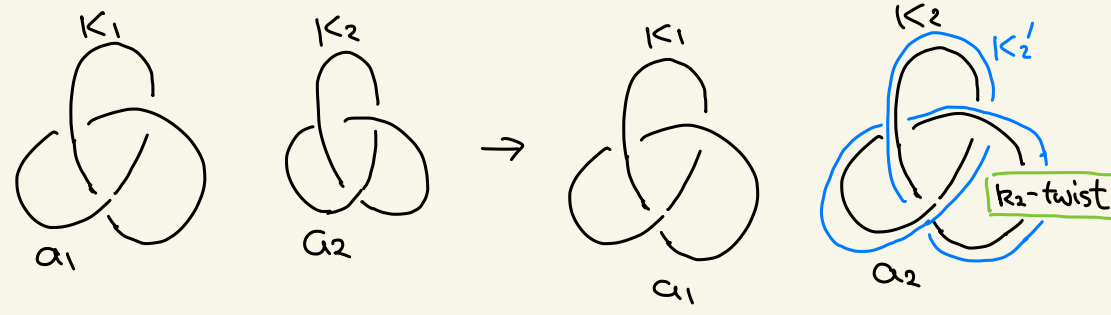
- 1) Isotopies of the link (Reidemeister moves)
- 2) Handle slides (1-handles, 2-handles)
- 3) Handle creation and cancellation
(between 1 and 2-handles, between 2 and 3 handles)
- 4) One more move due to the dotted notation
(slide 2-handles over 1-handles)



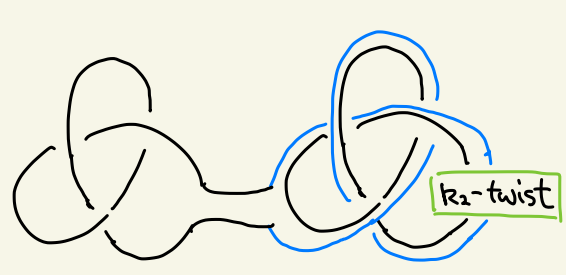
2)



Sliding of 1-handles



$$R_2 = a_2 - \#(+ \text{crossing of } K_2) + \#(- \text{crossing of } K_2)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 K_1 &\mapsto K_1 \# K_2' \\
 K_2 &\mapsto K_2 \\
 a_1 &\mapsto a_1 + a_2 \pm \ell K(K_1, K_2) \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \text{whether } \# \text{ respect orientation} \\
 a_2 &\mapsto a_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Sliding of 2-handles.



Cancellation of 1-handle U_1 and 2-handle K_1

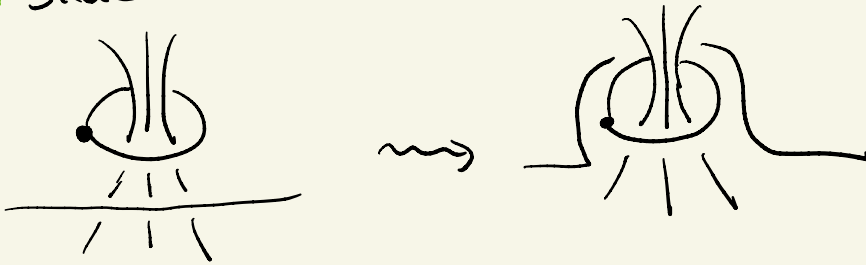
K_1 should be unknotted with other U_i

U_1 should be unknotted with other K_i (can be achieved by sliding over K_1)

Cancellation of 2-handle and 3 handle:

Remove an isolated

4) slide 2-handle over 1-handle



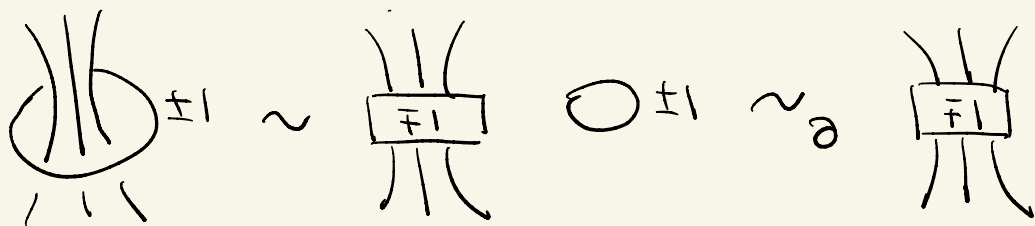
One move that doesn't change ∂X but change X :

5) blow up: add an isolated ± 1

$$X \rightsquigarrow X \# \mathbb{C}P^2 \text{ or } X \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$$

blow down: remove an isolated ± 1

Note: we can combine 5) with handle slide



3-dim version:

Theorem (Kirby) Two surgery diagrams represent the same 3-manifold iff they are related by Reidemeister moves, handle slides, blow-up/downs.

Mazur manifold

A smooth 4-manifold X is called a Mazur manifold if

- 1) M has a handle decomposition with a 0-handle, a 1-handle, a 2-handle, and nothing else.
- 2) $H_1(M) = 0$ ($\Leftrightarrow M$ contractible $\Leftrightarrow H_1(\partial M) = 0$)

The following are equivalent:

- 1) M is a Mazur manifold
- 2) M has a Kirby diagram $U \sqcup K$ with $lk(U, K) = \pm 1$
 - ↳ dotted
 - ↳ undotted
- 3) M is obtained by attach a 2-handle to $S^1 \times D^3$ along a link K that generates $H_1(S^1)$

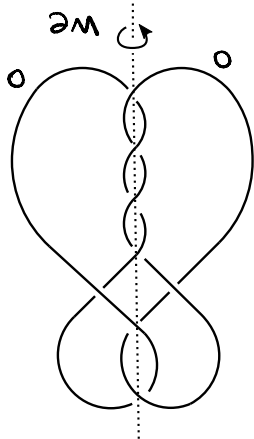
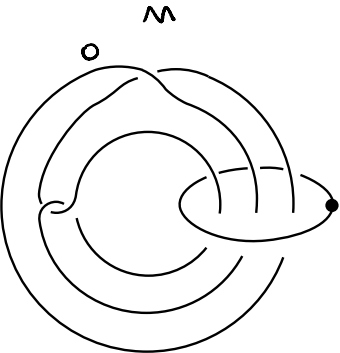
Theorem (Mazur) $M \cup_{\partial M} M \cong \text{diff } S^4$

Corollary: \exists orientation reversing involution

$\tau: S^4 \rightarrow S^4$ s.t.

$\text{Fix}(\tau) \neq S^3$

The Akbulut - Mazur cork



Definition: A cork is a contractible 4-mfd M with a diffeomorphism $f: \partial M \rightarrow \partial M$ that can not be extended as a diffeomorphism on M .

Note: f can always be extended as homeomorphism by the following theorem:

Theorem (Freedman) Let M, M' be contractible, topological 4-manifolds. Then any diffeomorphism $\partial M \xrightarrow{f} \partial M'$ can be extended as homeomorphism $M \rightarrow M'$.

Suppose we can embed a cork M into a closed X .

I.e. $X = (X \setminus \mathring{M}) \cup M$. Then we can form a new 4-mfd

$X' = (X \setminus \mathring{M}) \cup_f M$. We say X, X' are related by a cork twist. By Freedman's theorem, $X \cong_{\text{top}} X'$.

However, in general, a cork twist will change smooth structure.

Example (Akbulut) The Akbulut-Mazur cork $M \hookrightarrow K3 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2$

$K3 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{cork twist}} 3\mathbb{C}P^2 \# 20\overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2$

But $K3 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P}^2$ is symplectic so \nexists diff $X_1 \# X_2$ with $b^+(X) > 0$.

Theorem (Matveyev, Curtis-Freedman-Hsiang-Stong, Biczaca)

Let X, X' be s.c. smooth 4-mfds s.t. $X \cong_{\text{top}} X'$, $X \not\cong_{\text{diff}} X'$.

Then X, X' are related by a single cork twist.

So all exoticness can be "pushed" into a contractible piece.