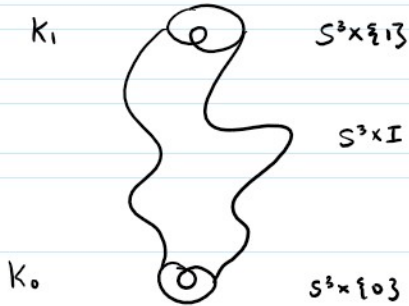


defn: two knots  $K_0$  and  $K_1$  are concordant denoted  $K_0 \sim K_1$  if they cobound a smooth, properly embedded annulus  $A$  in  $S^3 \times [0,1]$

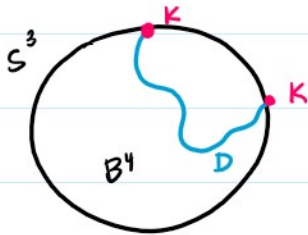


Exercise:

this is an equivalence relation

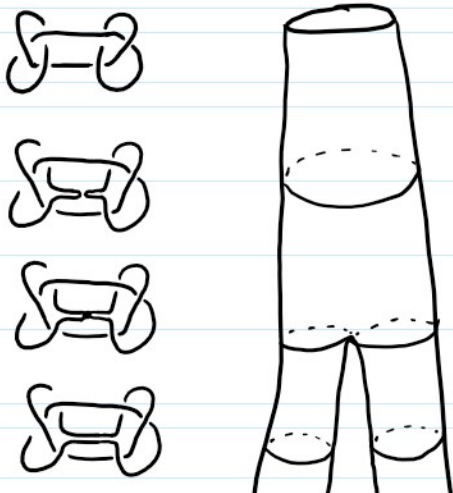
defn: A knot  $K \subset S^3$  is slice if  $K$  bounds a smoothly embedded disk in  $B^4$

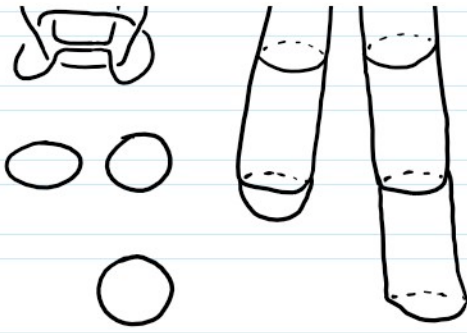
Exercise:  $K$  is slice  $\iff K \sim \text{unknot}$



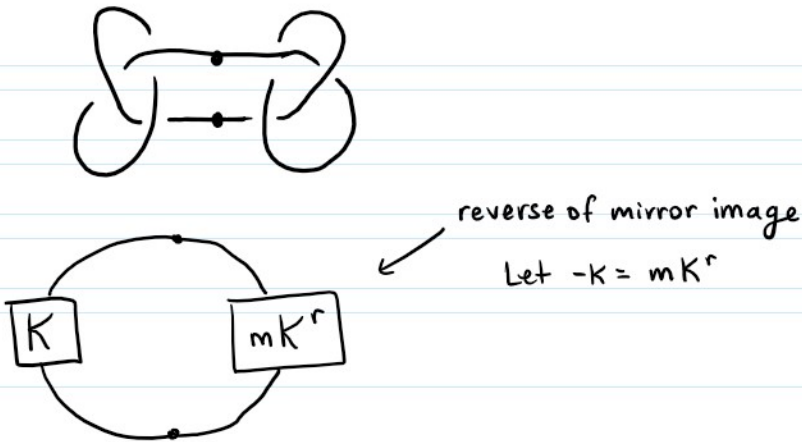
Example:

The square knot is slice:





Another way to see this knot is slice:



$\Rightarrow K \# mK^r$  is slice

knot concordance group

$$\mathcal{C} = \left( \{ \text{knots in } S^3 \} / \sim, \# \right)$$

$$-[K] = [-K]$$

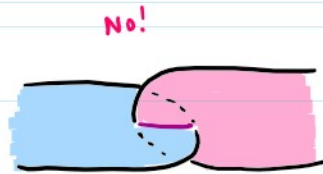
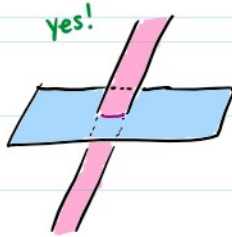
identity = unknot or any slice knot

def'n:

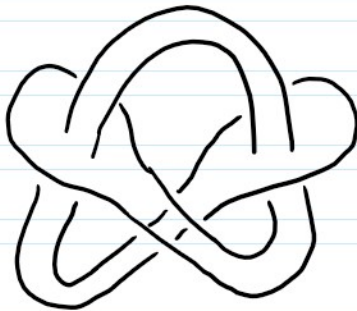
- ① A knot  $K$  is called **ribbon** if  $K$  bounds a smoothly embedded disk in  $B^4$  with no local maxima w.r.t. the radial Morse function

② Equivalently, if  $K$  bounds an immersed disk in  $S^3$  with only ribbon singularities

defn: pre-image of any arc of self intersection is two arcs in  $D^2$ , one of which is interior

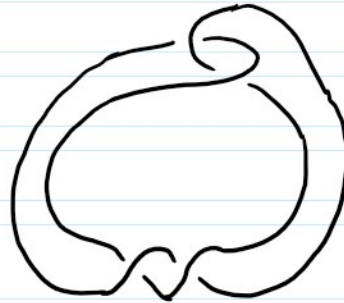


Example:



ribbon knot

Nonexample:



this surface is not ribbon  
(this knot is not slice)

proof that defn ②  $\Rightarrow$  defn ① of ribbon

With an extra dimension, push the part of the disk with the interior self-intersection deeper into  $B^4$

①  $\Rightarrow$  ②

exercise: hint: saddle points give bands

Remark:  $K$  is ribbon  $\Rightarrow$   $K$  is slice

**Slice-Ribbon conjecture**

A knot is slice  $\iff$  it is ribbon

Exercise:

$K \# -K$  is ribbon



Question: If  $K_1$  and  $K_1 \# K_2$  are ribbon, is  $K_2$  ribbon?

Theorem:

If  $K$  is slice, then  $\sigma(K) = 0$

Example:  $\sigma(\text{RHT}) = -2$  so trefoil is not slice

Corollary:

$\sigma: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z}$   
surjective homomorphism

$\Rightarrow$  RHT infinite order in  $\mathbb{C}$

Proposition:

If  $K$  is slice, then for any Seifert surface  $F$ , there exists a basis for  $H_1(F)$  such that the associated Seifert matrix has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ D & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} B, C, D \text{ square} \\ \text{integral} \\ \text{matrices} \end{array}$$

i.e. Seifert form is **metabolic**, i.e. vanishes on a half-dim subspace

to prove, we need following:

Lemma

If  $M$  is a compact, connected, oriented 3-mfd with  $\partial M = \Sigma_g$ , then there exists a basis for  $H_1(\partial M)$

If  $M$  is a compact, connected, oriented 3-manifold with  $\partial M = \Sigma_g$ , then there exists a basis for  $H_1(\partial M)$  represented by 1-cycles, half of which bound rational 2-chains in  $M$

"half lives, half dies"

going to do  
homology with  
rational coefficients

proof:

$\mathbb{Q}$  coefficients

$\Rightarrow$  homology groups are vector spaces

$f: V \rightarrow W$  linear map of vector spaces

$$\text{rank } V = \text{rank}(\ker f) + \text{rank}(\text{im } f)$$

consider exact sequence of the pair  $(M, \partial M)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_3(M, \partial M) & \longrightarrow & H_2(\partial M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Q} & & \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \text{ is an isomorphism}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_0(\partial M) & \longrightarrow & H_0(M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{Q} & & \mathbb{Q} \end{array} \text{ is an isomorphism}$$

thus,

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(M) \rightarrow H_2(M, \partial M) \rightarrow H_1(\partial M) \rightarrow H_1(M) \rightarrow H_1(M, \partial M) \rightarrow 0$$

Poincaré-Lefschetz duality:

$$H_1(M, \partial M) = H^2(M) = H_2(M)$$

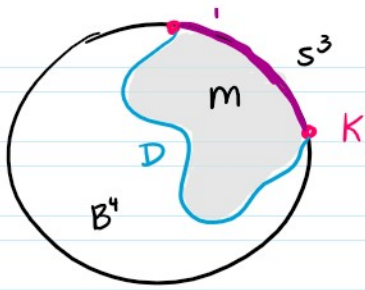
$$H_2(M, \partial M) = H_1(M)$$

even dimensional

Exercise: finish proof

Proof of Proposition:





$K$  is slice  
 $F$  Seifert surface

If  $K$  bounds a slice disk  $D$  and a Seifert surface  $F$ , then there exists  $M^3 \subset B^4$  such that

$$M \cap S^3 = F$$

and  $\partial M = F \cup D$

Exercise:

$$H_1(F) \cong H_1(F \cup D) = H_1(\partial M)$$

Lemma  $\Rightarrow \exists$  basis  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{2g}$  for  $H_1(F)$  such that  $x_{g+1}, \dots, x_{2g}$  bound rational 2-chains in  $M$

Exercise:

check that  $\ellk(x_i, x_j) = 0$  for  $g+1 \leq i, j \leq 2g$

hint: Rolfsen ch. 5 section D exercise 9

$\ellk(J, K) =$  signed count of points in  $A \cap B$  where  
 $A, B$  are 2-chains in  $B^4$  s.t.  $\partial A = J$   
 $\partial B = K$

Exercise: (linear algebra)

Proposition  $\Rightarrow \sigma(K) = 0$  if  $K$  is slice

Theorem

(Fox-Milnor)

up to a factor of  $\pm t^n$

If  $K$  is slice, then  $\Delta_K(t) \equiv p(t)p(t^{-1})$  for some  $p(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$

proof:

$$\Delta_K(t) = \det(S - tS^T)$$

$$S = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} B & C \\ \hline D & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \det \left( \begin{array}{c|c} B - tB^T & C - tD^T \\ \hline D - tC^T & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$S$   
 $2g \times 2g$  matrix

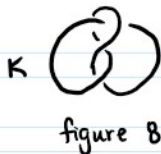
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \det(D - tC^T) \cdot \det(C - tD^T) \\
 &= (-t^9) \det(C - tD^T) \det(C - t^{-1}D^T)
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Corollary:**

If  $K$  is slice, then  $|\Delta_K(-1)|$  is a perfect square.

**Example:**

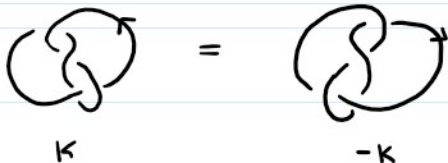


$$\sigma(K) = 0$$

$$\Delta_K(t) = t^{-3} + t^{-1}$$

$$|\Delta_K(-1)| = 5 \text{ not slice.}$$

**Exercise:**



$K = -K$  and  $K$  is not slice

$\Rightarrow K$  is order 2 in  $\mathcal{C}$

(negative amphichiral)

$K \rightsquigarrow S$  Seifert form (up to equivalence)

$-K \rightsquigarrow -S$

$K_1 \# K_2 \rightsquigarrow S_1 \oplus S_2$

$K$  is slice  $\rightsquigarrow S$  is metabolic

**Theorem:** (J. Levine)

$$\mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \left( \frac{\{\text{Seifert forms}\}}{\text{metabolic forms}}, \oplus \right)$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}^{\infty} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2^{\infty} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4^{\infty}$$

$\uparrow$  signatures                       $\uparrow$  Fox-Milnor condition

defn: Algebraic concordance group  $\mathcal{A}$

Corollary:

$\mathcal{C}$  infinitely generated

Open Question:

Does  $\mathcal{C}$  have any torsion beside 2-torsion?

Remark: Can define concordance  $\mathcal{C}_n$  in any dimension knotted  $S^n$  in  $S^{n+2}$

Kervaire (1965):  $\mathcal{C}_n = 0$  for  $n$  even

Levine (1969):  $\mathcal{C}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}^\infty \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty \oplus \mathbb{Z}/4^\infty$   $n$  odd,  $n \geq 3$

Casson-Gordan (1975): kernel  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is non trivial

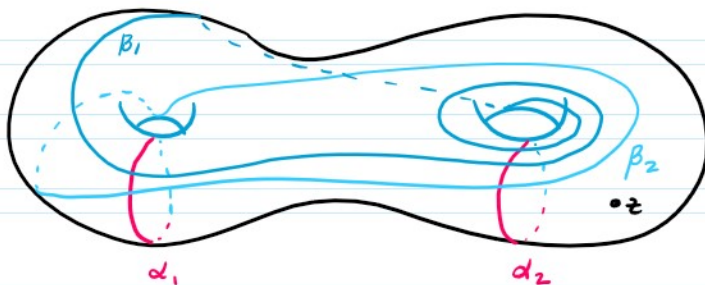
## Heegaard Floer Homology

- defined by Ozsváth-Szabó

- lecture notes on Arxiv on HF homology (by Hom)

$\exists$  mfd  $\gamma$  described by a (pointed) Heegaard diagram

↓  
fix a base point



$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are in standard position (and in red)

but then  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  are determined (and in blue)

$$\mathcal{H} = (\Sigma, \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, z)$$



Osváth-Szabó build a chain complex  $CF(\mathcal{H})$

- chain homotopy type of  $CF(\mathcal{H})$  is an invariant of  $Y$

proof of idea:

Show that the chain homotopy type of  $CF(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant under Heegaard moves

↳ isotopies, handle slides, de/stabilizations

$$HF(Y) := H_* (CF(\mathcal{H}))$$

$HF^-(Y)$ ,  $\widehat{HF}(Y)$  depending on which coefficients you use

$\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  (no worry of orientation)

coefficients over polynomial ring  $\mathbb{F}[U]$

generators of  $CF(\mathcal{H})$ :

$g = \text{genus of surface } \Sigma$

$g$ -tuples of intersection points between  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -circles  
(unordered)

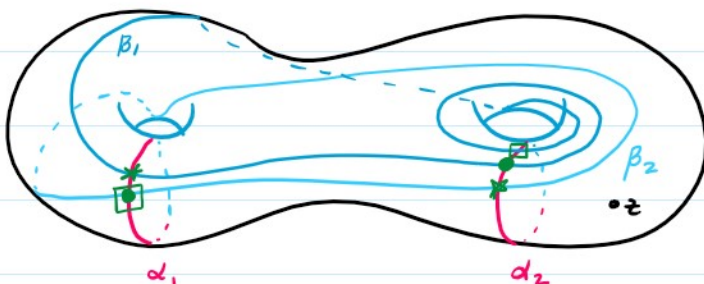
$$\text{Sym}^g \Sigma = \Sigma^g / S_g$$

symmetric group on elements

$$\mathbb{T}_\alpha = \alpha_1 \times \alpha_2 \times \dots \times \alpha_g$$

$$\mathbb{T}_\beta = \beta_1 \times \beta_2 \times \dots \times \beta_g$$

i.e. points in  $\mathbb{T}_\alpha \cap \mathbb{T}_\beta$  are sitting in  $\text{Sym}^g \Sigma$



Example: this pair of points is generator a •  
 second generator b □  
 third generator c ★

(3 total generator choices)

↓ as seen here

	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	← table of # of intersections for each permutation
$\alpha_1$	1	1	
$\alpha_2$	2	1	

$$1(1) + 2(1) = 3 \text{ generators total}$$

### Chain complex

$$\hat{CF}(\mathcal{H}) = \langle a, b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}}$$

$$CF^-(\mathcal{H}) = \langle a, b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]}$$

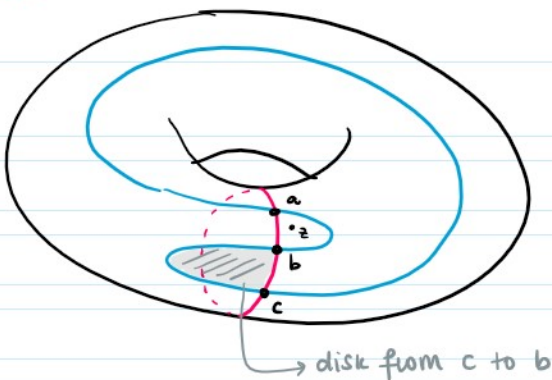
$$\text{degree } u = -2$$

differential: counts holomorphic disks in  $\text{Sym}^g \Sigma$

$$x \in \Pi_\alpha \cap \Pi_\beta$$

$$\partial x = \sum_{y \in \Pi_\alpha \cap \Pi_\beta} \sum_{\substack{\phi \in \Pi_2(x,y) \\ \mu(\phi)=1}} \# \hat{M}(\phi) u^{n_z(\phi)} y$$

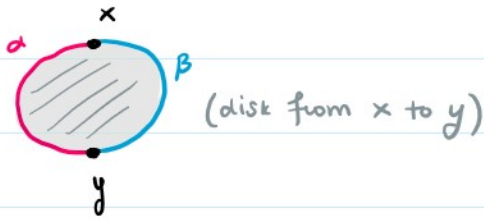
### Example:



Roughly, the idea for the differential is to look for disks

↳ disk from c to b

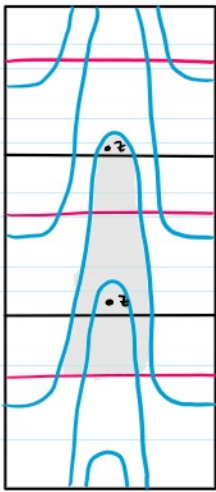
Roughly, the idea for the differential is to look for disks like this



and  $U$  counts how many times you see base point in a disk

$$\begin{array}{l} \therefore \partial c = b \\ \partial b = 0 \quad (\text{no disk from } b) \\ \partial a = Ub \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \therefore \partial c = b \\ \partial b = 0 \\ \partial a = Ub \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{gr}(Ub) = \text{gr}(a) - 1 \\ \text{gr}(b) = 2 \\ \text{gr}(b) = \text{gr}(c) - 1 \end{array}$$

Q: How could  $oz$  show up in multiple disks?



← sufficiently complicated enough and it happens

$$CF^{-1}(\mathbb{H}) = \langle a, b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]}$$

$$HF^{-1}(\gamma) = H_*(CF^{-1}(\mathbb{H})) = \ker \partial / \text{Im } \partial$$

$$= \langle b, a + Uc \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]} / \langle b \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]}$$

↓  
 $U$  equivariant so  $Ub$  is

↓  
 $u$  equivariant so  $u_b$  is  
 also in here

$$= \langle a + uc \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{F}[u]$$

weaker invariant

↓

$$\widehat{CF}(\mathbb{H}) = \langle a, b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}} \quad (\text{set } u=0)$$

$$\partial a = 0$$

$$\partial b = 0$$

$$\partial c = b$$

↓  
 equivalently, don't allow any  
 disks that cross the basepoint

$$\widehat{HF}(Y) = H_*(\widehat{CF}(\mathbb{H})) = \langle a, b \rangle_{\mathbb{F}} / \langle b \rangle_{\mathbb{F}}$$

$$= \langle a \rangle_{\mathbb{F}}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{F}$$

There is a short exact sequence of chain complexes

$$0 \rightarrow CF^-(\mathbb{H}) \xrightarrow{\cdot u} CF^-(\mathbb{H}) \xrightarrow{\text{set } u=0} \widehat{CF}(\mathbb{H}) \rightarrow 0$$

gives a long exact sequence on homology

$$\begin{array}{ccc} HF^-(Y) & \xrightarrow{\cdot u} & HF^-(Y) \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ & \widehat{HF}(Y) & \end{array}$$

is an exact triangle

Example:



$$\partial a = 0$$

$$\widehat{HF}(Y) = \langle a \rangle_{\mathbb{F}} \cong \mathbb{F}$$

$$HF^-(Y) = \langle a \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]} \cong \mathbb{F}[u]$$

Example: Poincaré Homology Sphere

$$\widehat{HF}(PHS) = \mathbb{F}$$

$$HF^-(PHS) = \mathbb{F}_{(2)}[u]$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$gr 1 = 2$$

grading  
distinguishes these

Example:  $S^3$

$$\widehat{HF}(S^3) = \mathbb{F}$$

$$HF^-(S^3) = \mathbb{F}_{(0)}[u]$$

Example:

$$\widehat{HF}(\Sigma(2,3,7)) = \mathbb{F}^3$$

$$HF^-(\Sigma(2,3,7)) = \mathbb{F}[u] \oplus \mathbb{F}$$

Exercise: deduce this using exact triangle  
once you know that  $HF^-(\Sigma(2,3,7)) = \mathbb{F}[u] \oplus \mathbb{F}$

Example:

$$\widehat{HF}(L(p,q)) = \mathbb{F}^p$$

$$HF^-(L(p,q)) = (\mathbb{F}[u])^p$$

**Proposition:**

If  $Y$  is a QHS<sup>3</sup>,  $\dim(\widehat{HF}(Y)) \geq |H_1(Y; \mathbb{R})|$

sketch:

$\exists \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  grading on  $\mathbb{T}_\alpha \cap \mathbb{T}_\beta$

grading of intersection pt = sign of intersection point

matrix of intersections in  $\mathbb{T}_\alpha \cap \mathbb{T}_\beta$  similar to matrix for  $H_1$

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definition:

A  $\mathbb{Q}H\mathbb{S}^3$   $Y$  is an **L-space** if  $\dim \widehat{HF}(Y) = |H_1(Y; \mathbb{Z})|$

↑  
"Heegaard Floer homology lens space"

## Knot Floer Homology

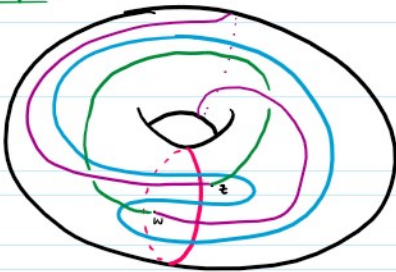
Ozsváth-Szabó, J. Rasmussen

doubly pointed Heegaard diagram

$$\mathcal{H} = (\Sigma, \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, w, z)$$

if you want your knot in  $S^3$ , you want  $\Sigma, \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}$   
to be a Heegaard diagram for  $S^3$

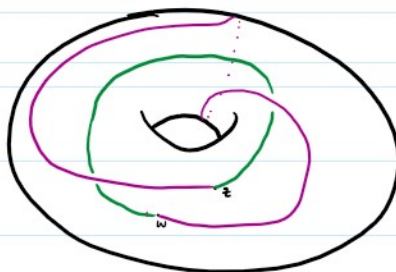
Example:



Claim:  $z, w$  specify a knot

- Find an arc connecting  $z, w$  and misses every  $\beta$  curve ) "outside"
- Find an arc connecting  $z, w$  and misses every  $\alpha$  curve ) on "inside"

↓  
to determine crossing

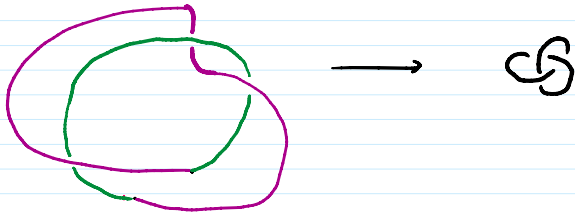


the isotopy class of knot  
is uniquely specified

(only 1 way to connect  $z, w$ )

↓ knot





Knot Floer complex:

CFK( $\mathcal{H}$ ) chain complex over  $\mathbb{F}[u, v]$

$$\partial a = Ub$$

$$\partial b = 0$$

$$\partial c = Vb$$

$$CFK^-(\mathcal{H}) = CFK(\mathcal{H}) /_{v=0}$$

$$HFK^-(K) := H_*(CFK^-(\mathcal{H}))$$

$$\partial a = Ub$$

$$\partial b = 0$$

$$\partial c = 0$$

Now working w/ a P.I.D

$$= \langle b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]} / \langle Ub \rangle_{\mathbb{F}[u]}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{F}[u] / \mathbb{F}$$

$$\widehat{CFK}(\mathcal{H}) = CFK(\mathcal{H}) /_{u=v=0}$$

$$\partial a = 0$$

$$\partial b = 0$$

$$\partial c = 0$$

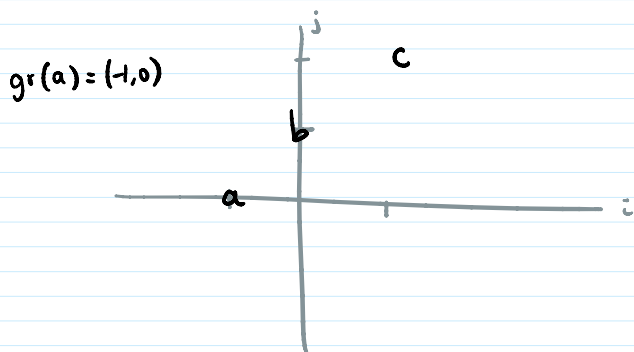
$$\widehat{HFK}(K) := H_*(\widehat{CFK}(\mathcal{H}))$$

$$= \langle a, b, c \rangle_{\mathbb{F}}$$

$$= \mathbb{F}^3$$

$$\widehat{HFK}(K) = \bigoplus_{i,j} \widehat{HFK}_j(K,i)$$

Complex is bigraded (see Arxiv notes)



**Theorem:** Ozsváth-Szabó

$\widehat{HFK}(K)$  categorifies  $\Delta_K(t)$

$$\Delta_K(t) = \sum_{i,j} (-1)^j t^i \dim \widehat{HFK}_j(K,i)$$

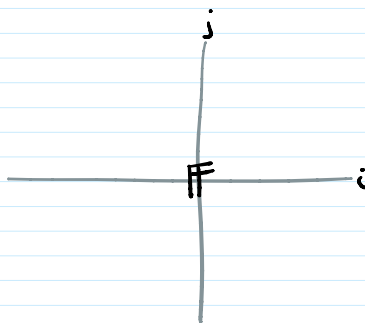
$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \Delta_K(\text{RHT}) &= (-1)^0 t^{-1} + (-1)^1 t^0 + (-1)^2 t^1 \\ &= t^{-1} - 1 + t \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$\widehat{HFK}(\text{unknot})$



$$\Delta_u(t) = 0$$



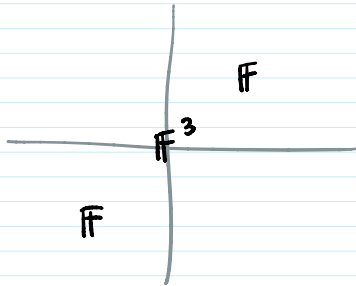
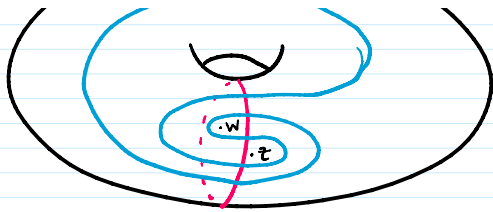
Example:

$\widehat{HFK}(\text{figure eight})$



(exercise: check diagram)

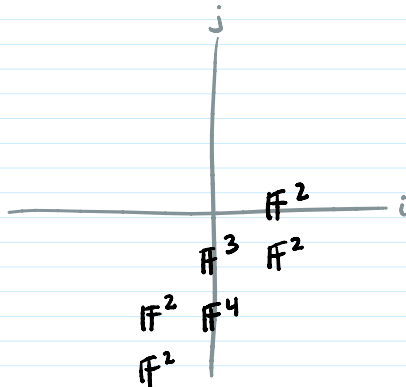
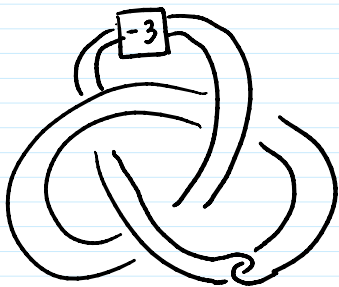




$$\Delta_k(t) = -t^{-1} + 3 - t$$

Example due to Hedden with interesting Euler char

$$\widehat{HFK}(Wh^+(RHT))$$



$$\Delta_k(t) = 1$$