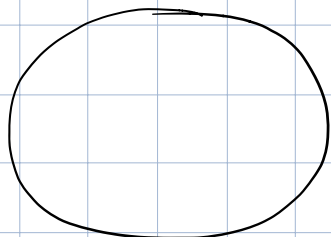
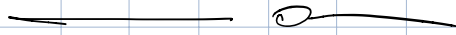


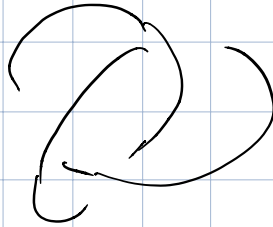
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→ WWW



unknot



trefoil

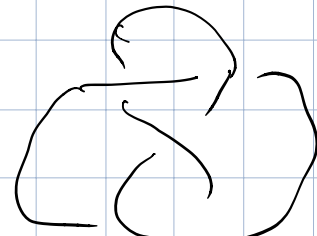
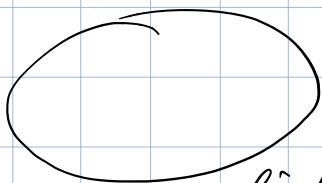
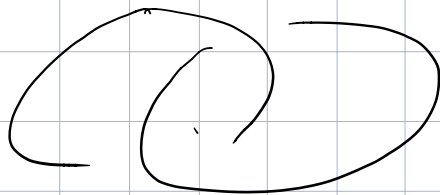
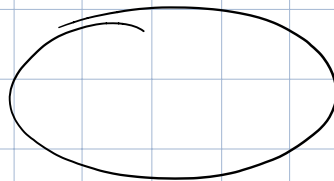


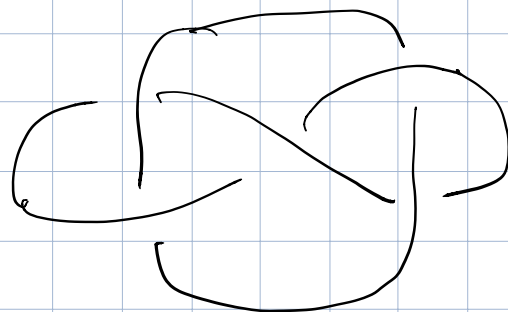
figure-eight



2-link



Hopf link



Whitehead link

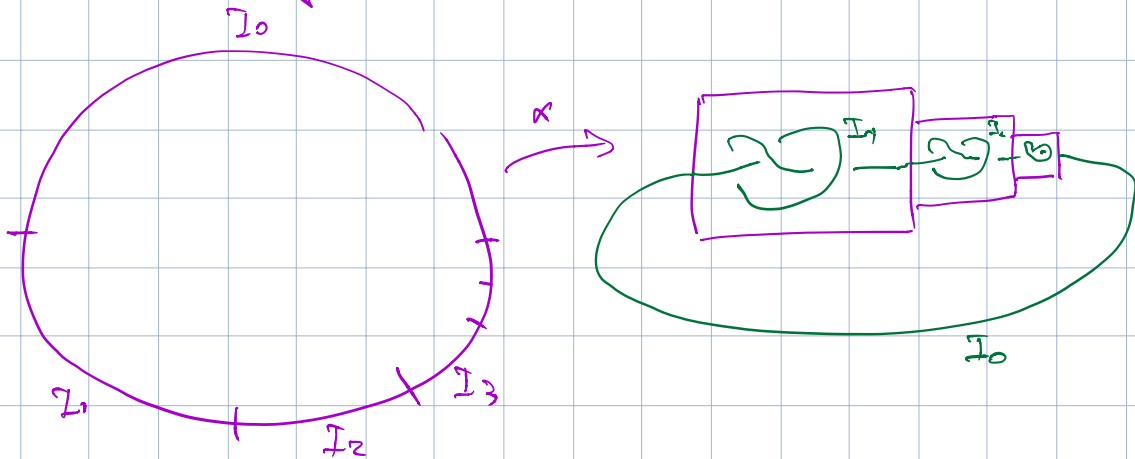
Naif def: image of an embedding of S^1
in \mathbb{R}^3 or S^3 knot
 $\dots S^1 \cup \dots \cup S^1 \dots$ link

Equivalent

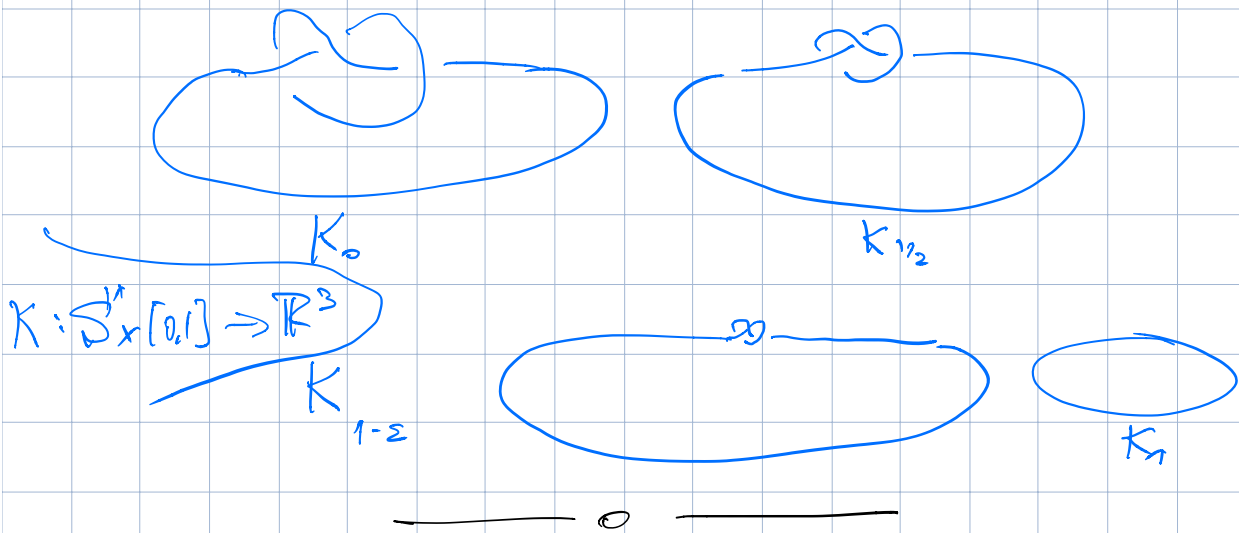
$K_0 \sim K_1$ if

$\exists (K_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$

Wild embeddings:



Wild isotopy



Smooth viewpoint

Smooth knot:
 $\widehat{\text{Knot}}$

$$\alpha: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

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$$C^1, \alpha'(z) \neq 0 \forall z$$

$$S^3 = \widehat{\mathbb{R}^3} = \mathbb{R}^3 \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$\alpha_0 \underset{\text{isotopic}}{\sim} \alpha_1 \quad \text{iff} \quad \alpha: S^1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \alpha'_t(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in S^1$$

Remarks:

- every knot is $\widehat{\text{knot}}$
- every $\widehat{\text{knot}}$ is isotopic to knot
- two knots that are isotopic are isotopic

\Rightarrow same theory in \mathbb{R}^3 or S^3 .

Proposition: if $K \subset S^3$ is image of a knot then it is the image of ≤ 2 / isotopy.

Rem: happens only 1

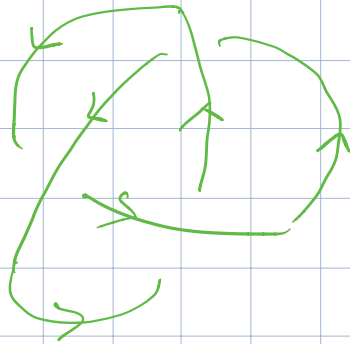
Proof: suppose $\alpha_0, \alpha_1: S^1 = [0,1] / \sim_{0=1} \rightarrow K$

- * up to rotation one S^1 agrees $\alpha_0(0) = \alpha_1(0)$;
- $\alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_0$ self-diffeo of S^1 ; can agree up to mirroring (not isotopy) one S^1 orientation - mirroring i.e. $[0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ increasing with fixed ends.

$$\alpha_t(t) = (1-t) \alpha_0 + t \cdot (\alpha_1^{-1} \circ \alpha_0)(t)$$

$$\alpha_t = \alpha_1 \circ \sigma_t \quad \text{isotopy} \quad \alpha_0 \sim \alpha_1. \quad \square$$

So: parametrized knot is oriented



Alternative viewpoints on equivalence:

The following are equivalent for $\alpha_0, \alpha_1: S^1 \rightarrow S^3$

(i) $\exists \alpha: S^1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow S^3$ s.t. $\alpha_0 = \alpha(\cdot, 0)$ $\alpha_1 = \alpha(\cdot, 1)$

(ii) $\exists f: S^1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow S^3$ f_t self-diffeo of S^1

$f_0 = \text{id}$ $f_1 \circ \alpha_0 = \alpha_1$

(iii) $\exists f: S^3 \rightarrow S^3$ orientation-pres self-diffeo
s.t. $\alpha_1 = f \circ \alpha_0$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) $\alpha_t = f_t \circ \alpha_0$

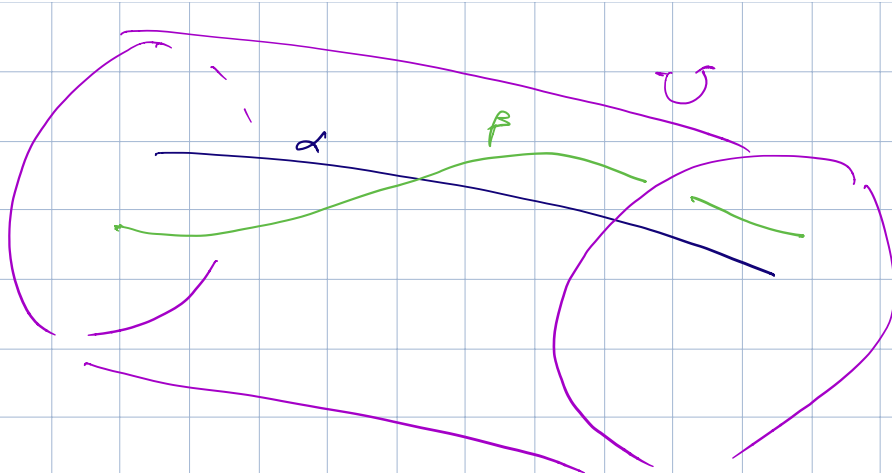
(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) $f = f_1$

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) - ambient isotopy

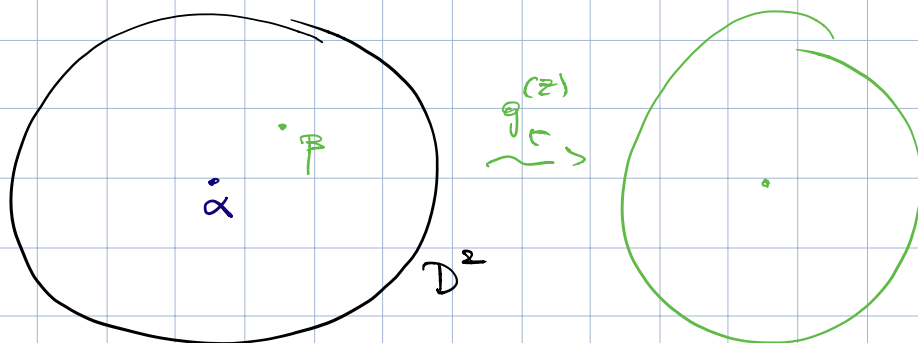
$\exists \alpha: S^1 \times [0,1] \rightarrow S^3$

Since $[0,1]$ is cpt enough to show that given α any β sufficiently close as C^1 map is ambient isotopic:

take $U = S^1 \times D^2$ regular neighbourhood
with $\alpha(S^1) = S^1 \times \{0\}$



In every $z \in D^2$ I see:

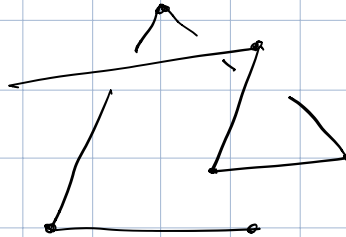


(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) Enough to show that a self-diffeo of S^2 orientation preserving is isotopic to id.

- wlog assume fixes $0 \times \infty$
- isotope it on balls of growing radius to 0 $d_0 f \in GL_+(n, \mathbb{R})$
- $GL_+(n, \mathbb{R})$ connected.

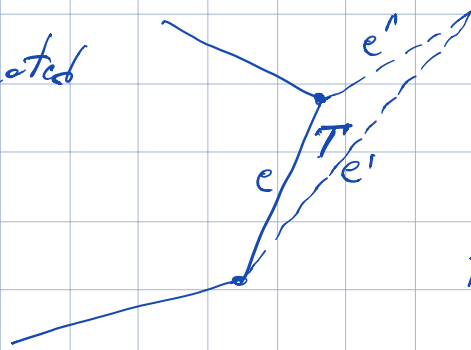
- Piecewise linear viewpoint

just in \mathbb{R}^3 : polygonal curve



in S^3 : curve in ~~the~~ 1-skeleton of triangulation of S^3 (S^3 : standard 3-simplex in \mathbb{R}^4 allow any subdivision)

Isotopy: generated



$TAK = 1 \text{ edge}$

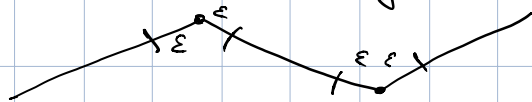
$$T \leftrightarrow T \cup (e' \cup e'')$$

in \mathbb{R}^3

in S^3 : same allowing also triangulation of S^3 to change

Fact: these viewpoints are equivalent. Strategy:

- define a standard way to smoothen

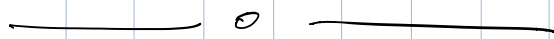




including - parametrizations

$$K \xrightarrow[\text{PL}]{\delta_\epsilon} \delta_\epsilon(K) \quad \text{for } 0 < \epsilon < \uparrow$$

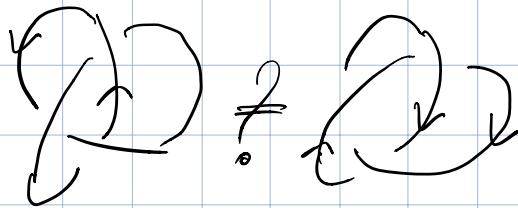
- show that all $\delta_\epsilon(K)$ are smoothly isotopic
- show that $K_0 \sim_{\text{PL}} K_1$ then $\delta_\epsilon(K_0) \sim_{\text{smoothly}} \delta_\epsilon(K_1)$
- given α smooth and K a very good PL approx of α show that $\alpha \sim_{\text{smoothly}} \delta_\epsilon(K)$
- α_0, α_1 smoothly isotopic $\Rightarrow K_0, K_1$ very good approx are PL isotopic



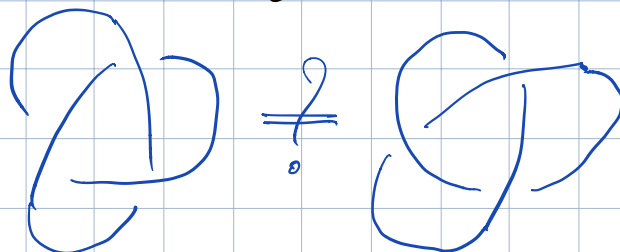
2 viewpoints : oriented or not

2 viewpoints : can decide to define $K \sim f(K)$ even with $f: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ orient-rev.

Knot : invertible?



chiral?



yes: amphichiral

no: chiral (left + right version)



Knots + isotopy are represented by projections
(planar diagrams) + moves.

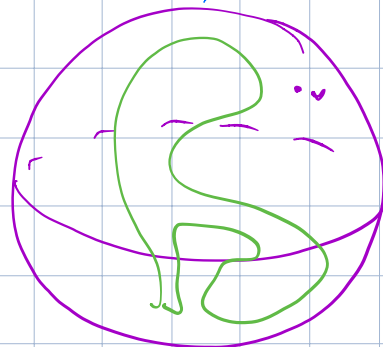
Smooth viewpoint: $\alpha: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

v vector in \mathbb{R}^3 $\pi_v \perp$ projection on v^\perp

up to small perturbation of v will have:

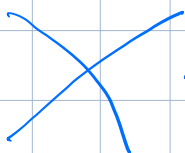
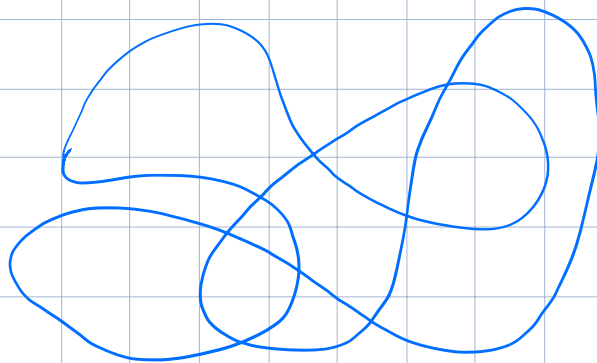
- $(\pi_v \circ \alpha)'(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z$ (\Rightarrow Dimension of S^1 in \mathbb{R}^2)

- transverse double pts only



$$\frac{\alpha'}{\|\alpha'\|}$$

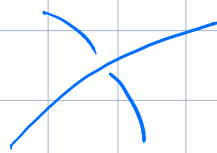
$\Rightarrow (\pi_v \circ \alpha)(S^1)$



\leadsto



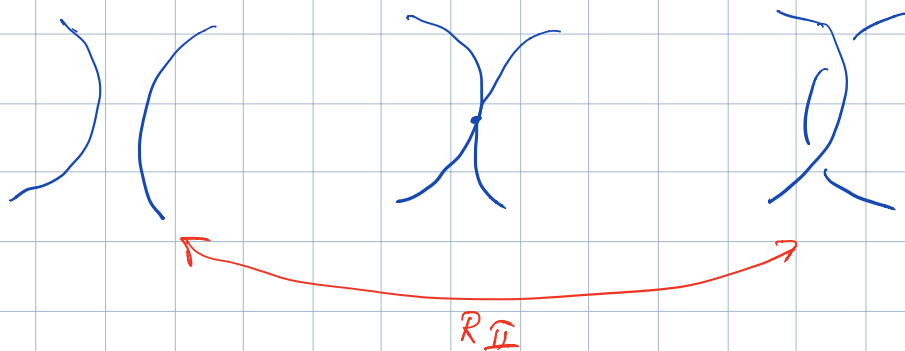
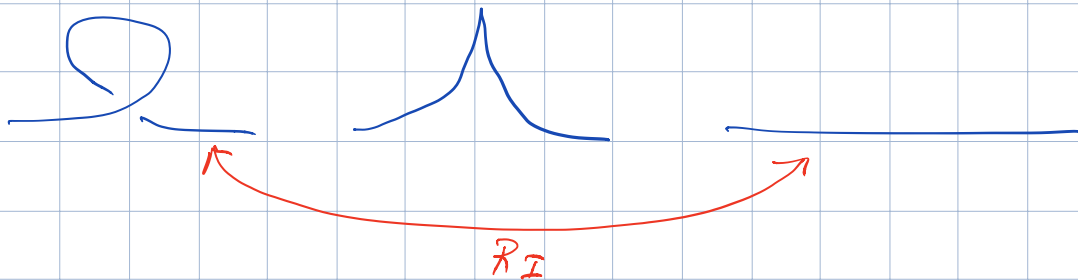
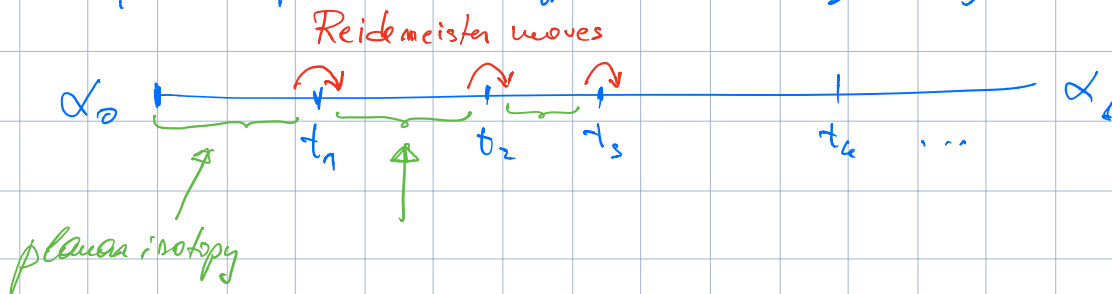
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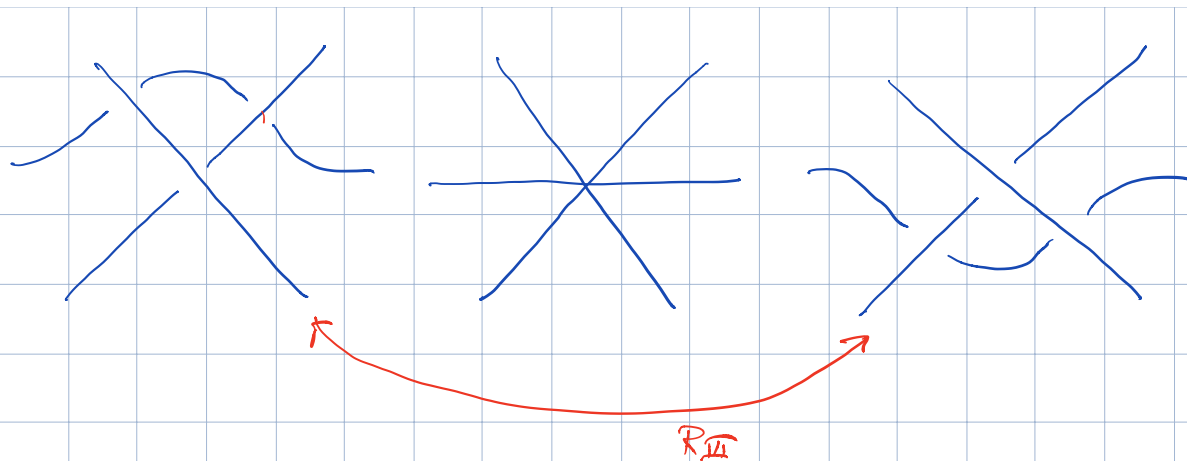


Fact: every knot has a diagram; every diagram gives a knot / isotopy.

Fact: given $(\alpha_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ an isotopy of knots up to small perturbation of v I have that

- $(\pi_v \circ \alpha_t)$ has at most
 - 1 point with 0 derivative
 - 1 non-transverse double pt
 - 1 transverse triple point
- previous phenomena happen at finitely many t 's.



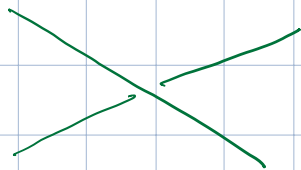


Theorem: two diagrams represent isotopic knots
 \iff related by planar isotopy plus R_I, R_{II}, R_{III} .

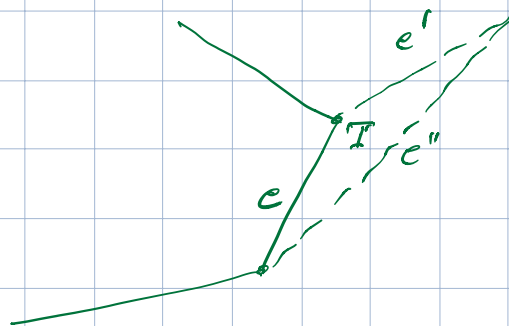
- Facts:
- true also for links
 - oriented version valid

PL viewpoint: $K \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

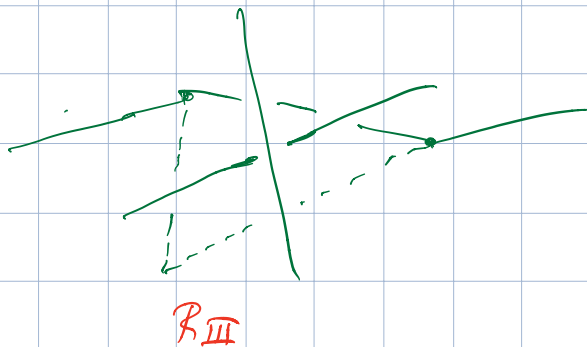
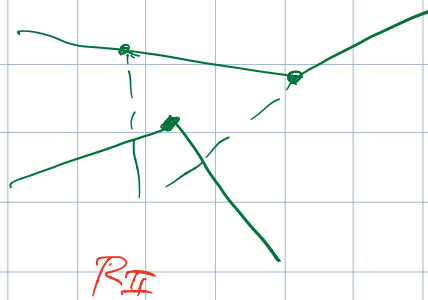
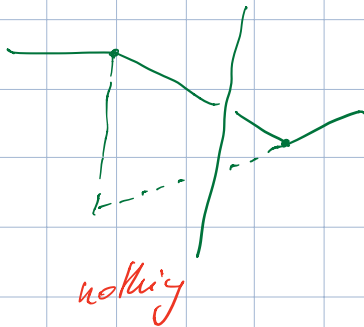
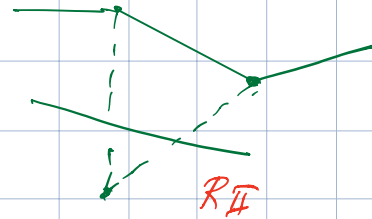
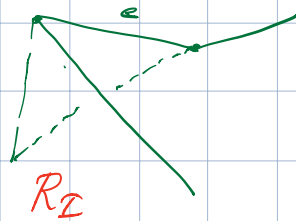
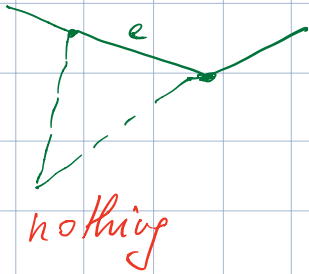
- wlog π_v send every segment of K to segment, vertices to different points non on segments and only transverse double pts



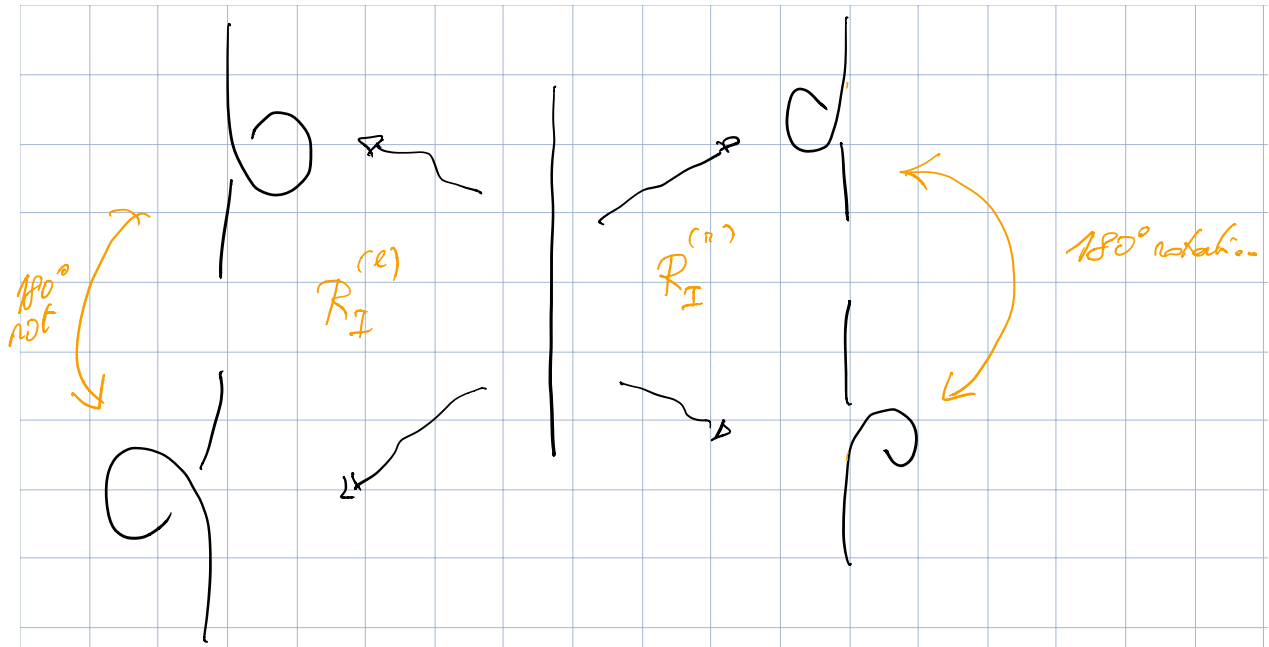
- if have



- can assume T projects to triangles
- up to subdividing assume $T_v(T)$ contains ≤ 1 vertex or ≤ 1 crossing :

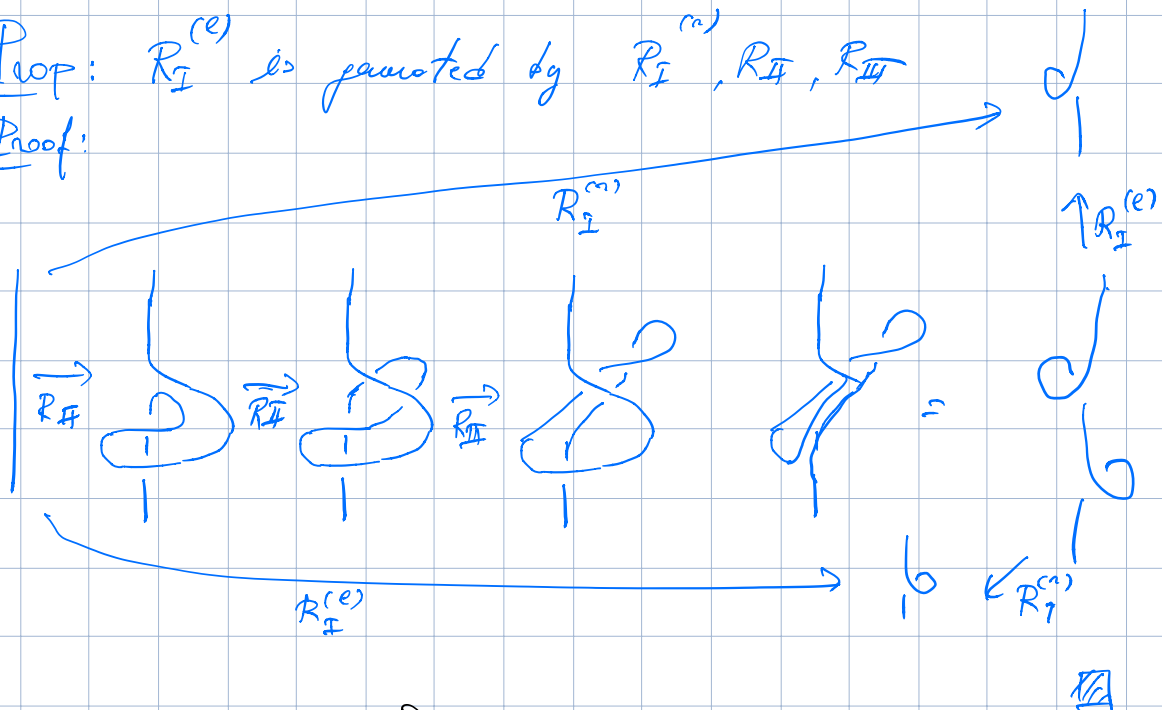


Thm: every PL planar diagram represents a knot/link type.
 Isotopy \Leftrightarrow planar isotopy + R_I, R_{II}, R_{III} .

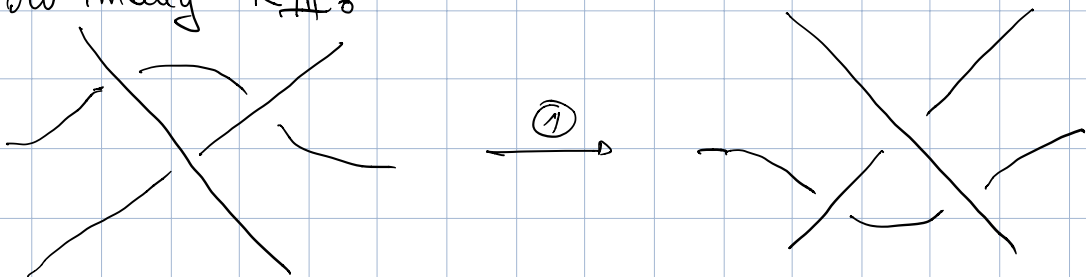


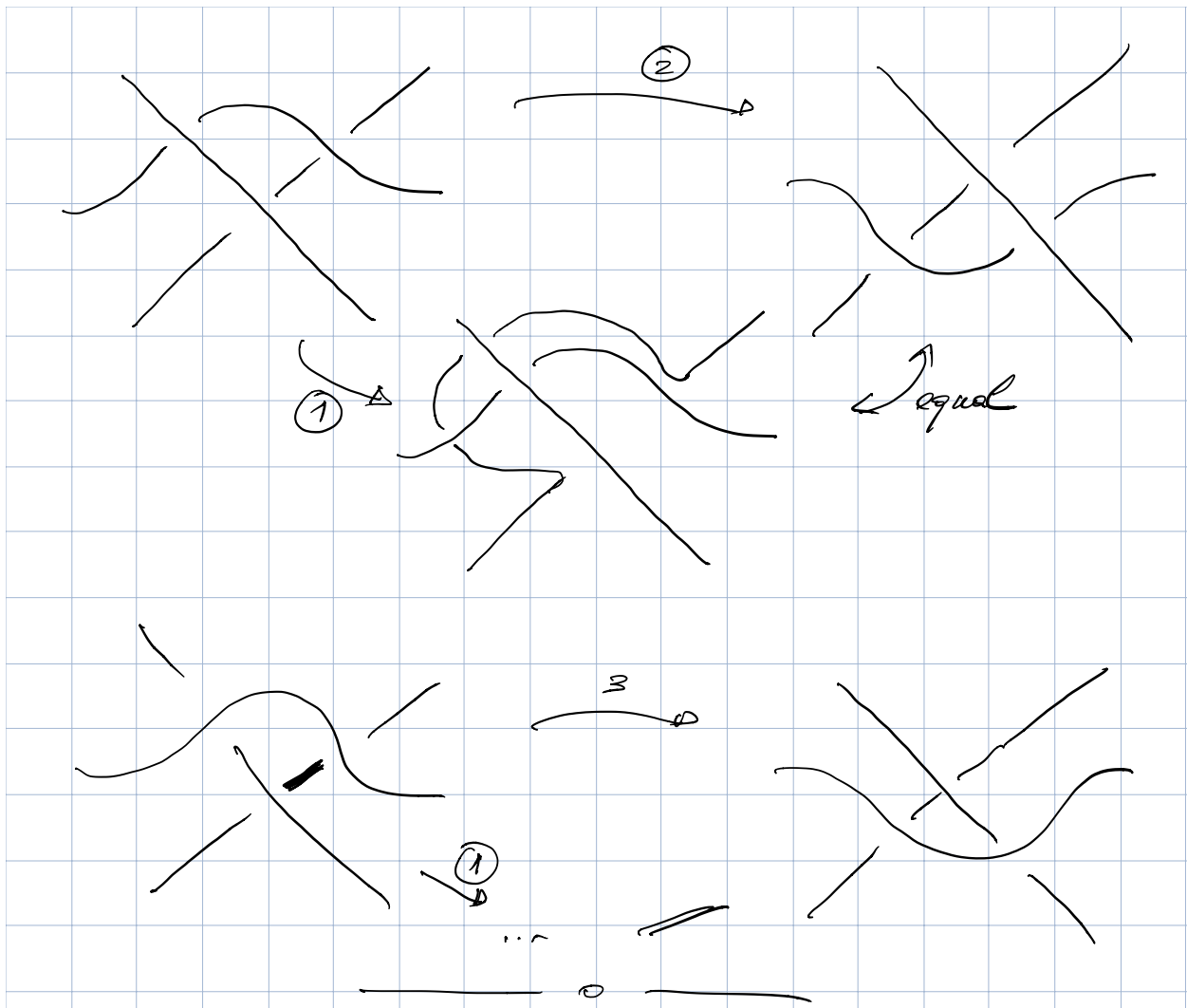
Prop: $R_I^{(e)}$ is generated by $R_I^{(r)}$, R_{II} , R_{III}

Proof:

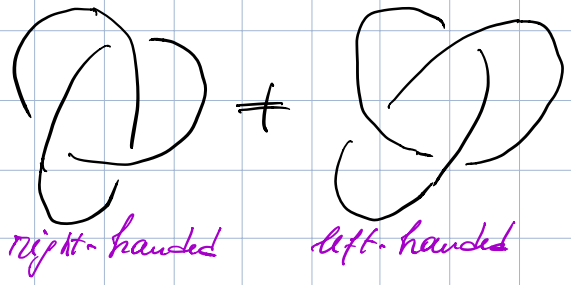


How many R_{III} ?

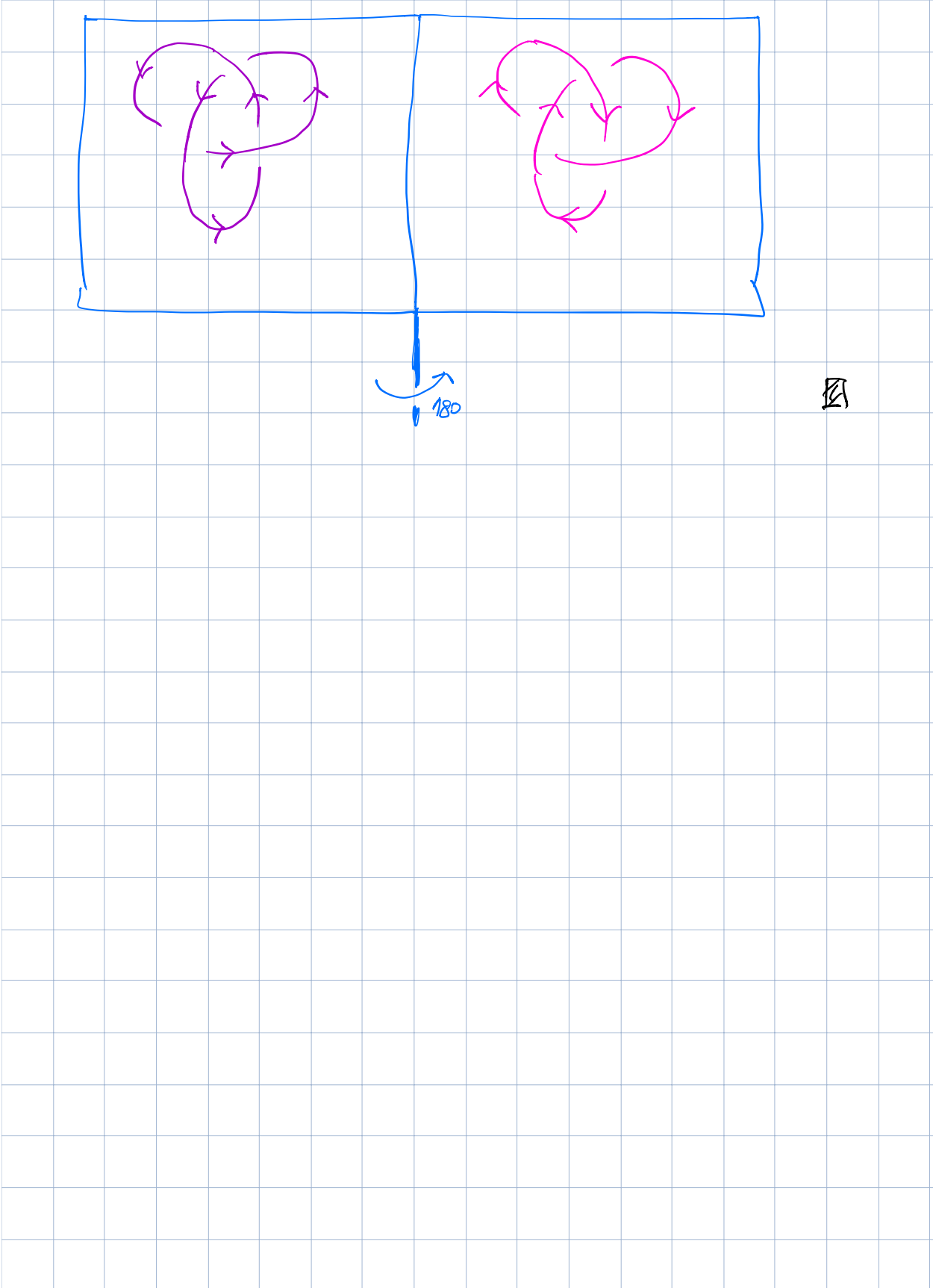




Fact: trefoil is chiral

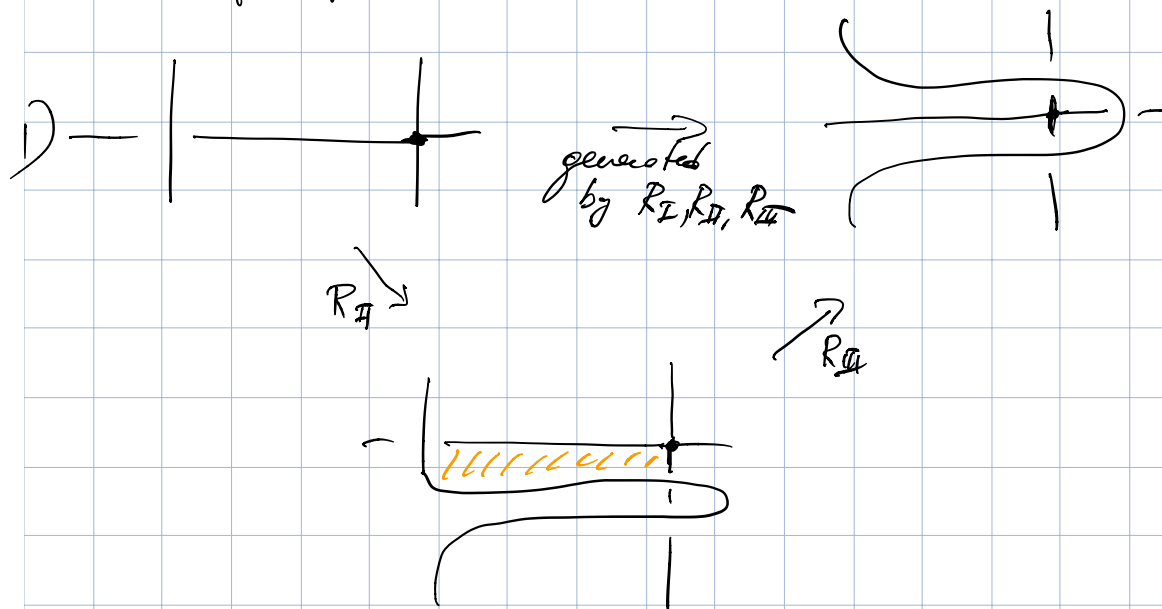


Prop: trefoil is invertible
Proof:

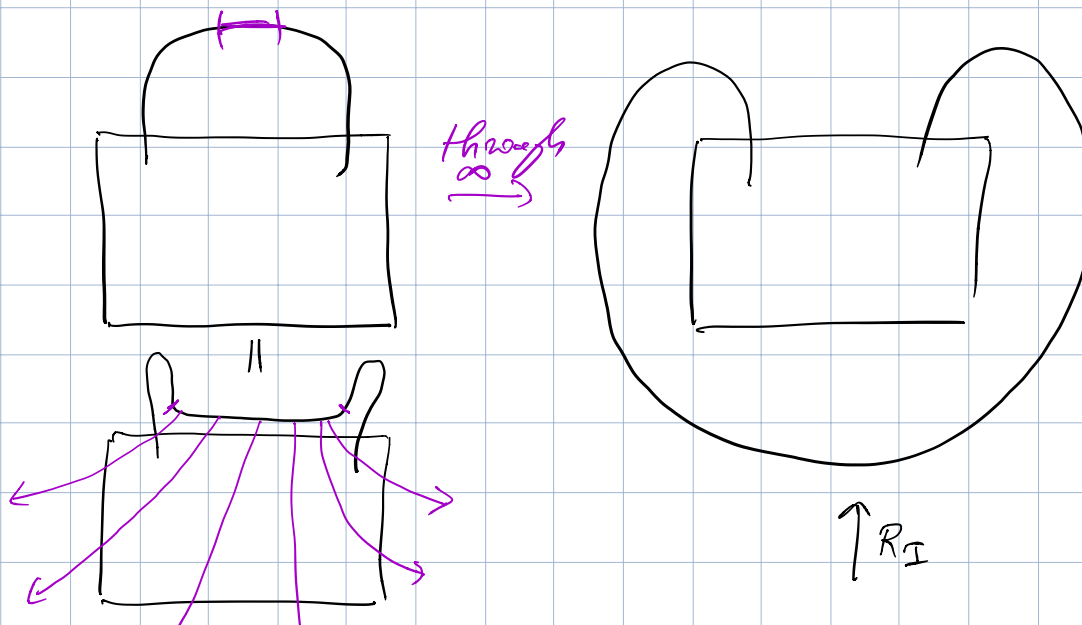


Exercise: expand this isotopy using R_I, R_{II}, R_{III}

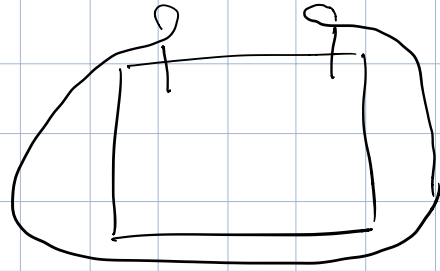
Two useful facts:



2) isotopy of diagram on S^2 (rather than \mathbb{R}^2) is generated by R_I, R_{II}, R_{III} :

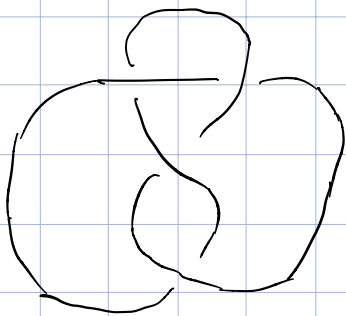


\downarrow \downarrow \searrow
 $R_{\mathbb{R}^4}, R_{\mathbb{R}^4}$

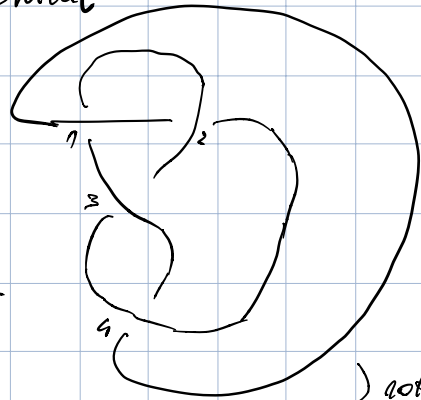


Prop: The figure-8 knot is amphichiral

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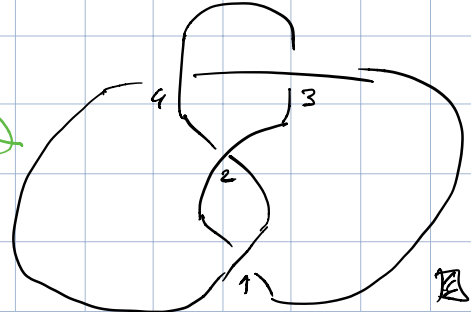


isotopy
on S^2

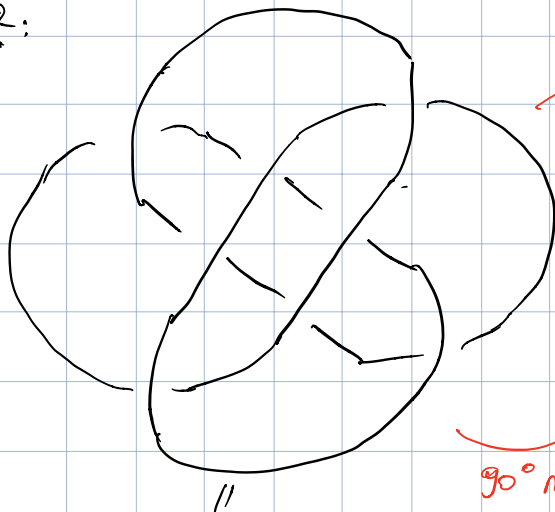


\downarrow rotation
 180°

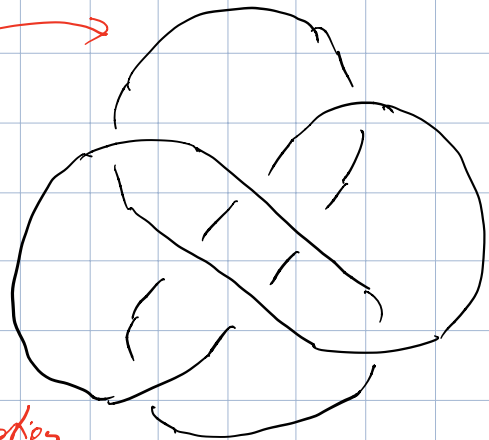
mirror



Proof 2:



mirror



90° rotation



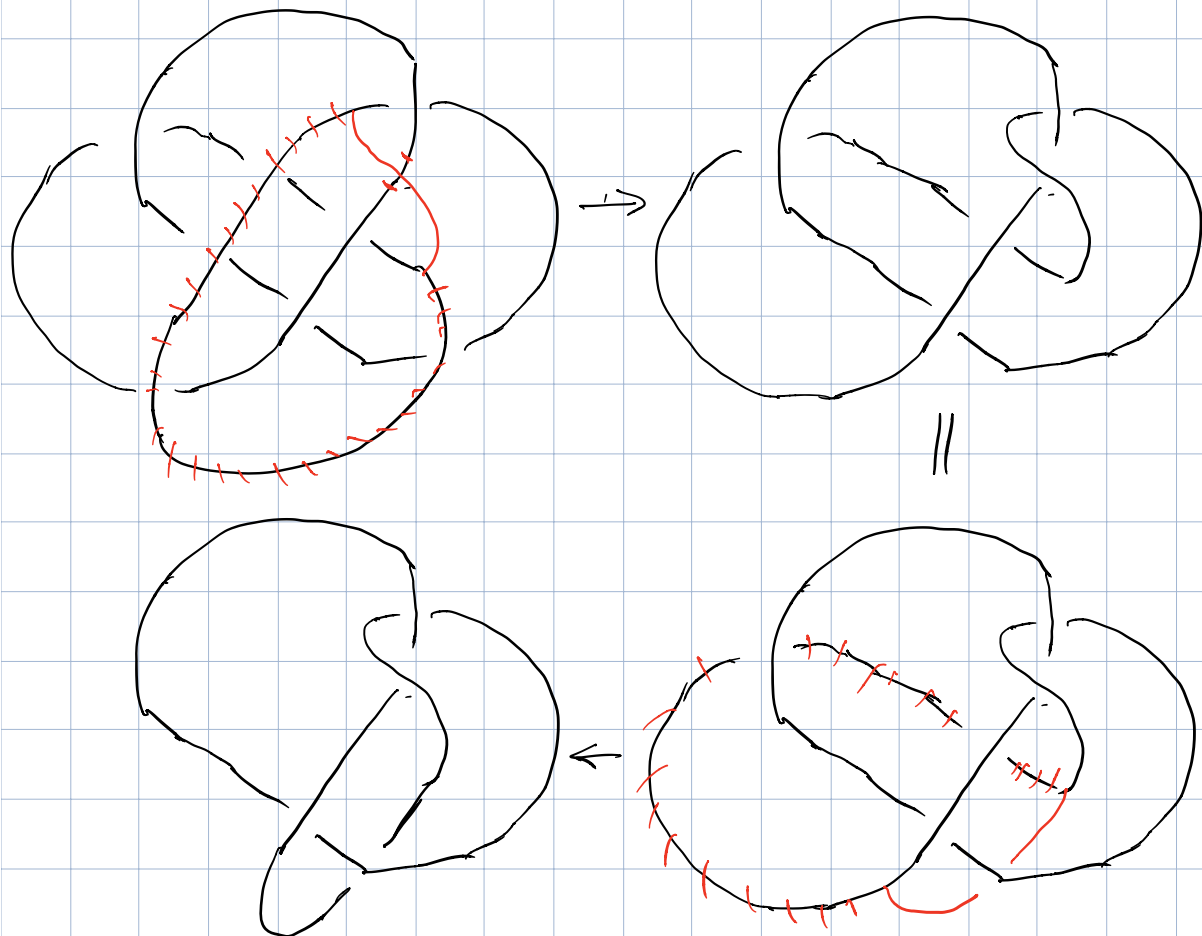


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