

# Surface-links which bound immersed handlebodies

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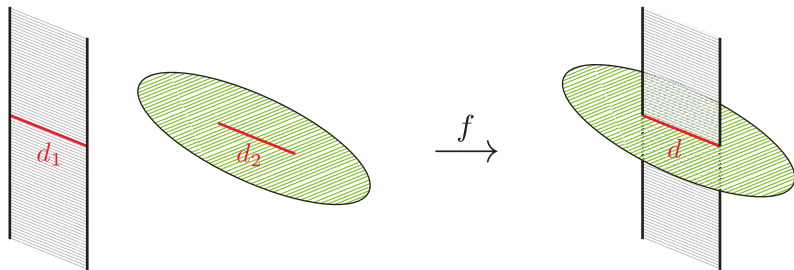
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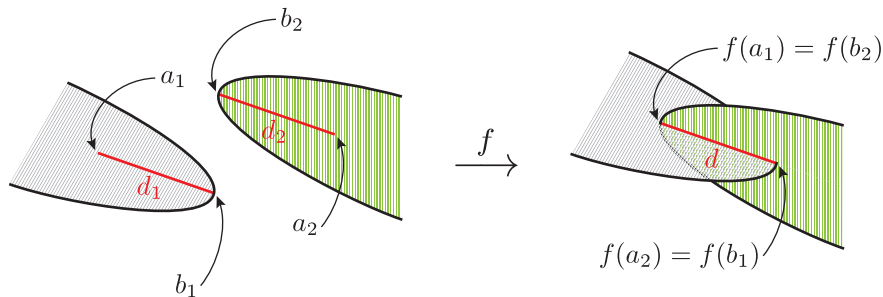
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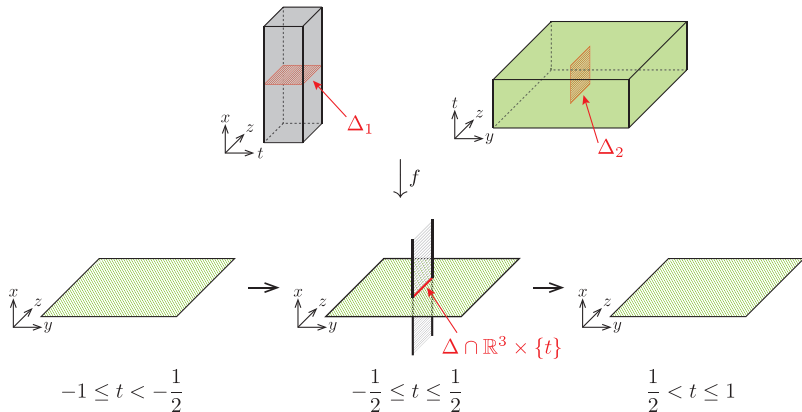
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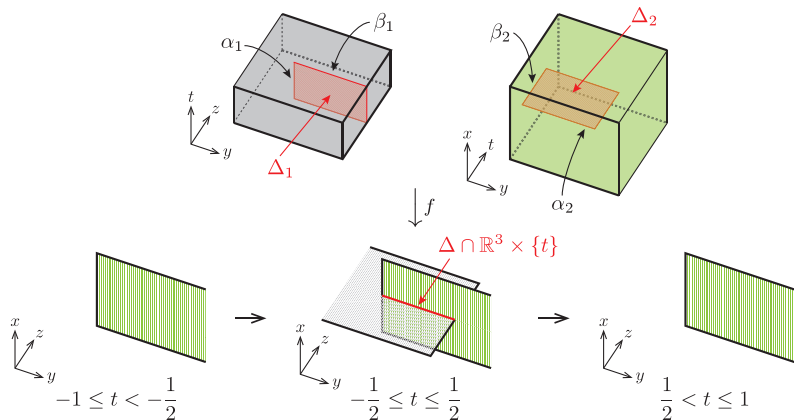
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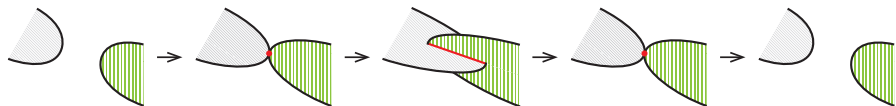
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# Surface-links

- An (**immersed**) **surface-link** is a closed, oriented surface generically immersed in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- When it is embedded, we also call it an **embedded surface-link**.
- Two surface-links are said to be **equivalent** if they are ambient isotopic in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- A surface-link is called **trivial** if it is the boundary of a disjoint union of embedded handlebodies in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

- A **Montesinos twin** is a surface-link which is the boundary of a pair of embedded oriented 3-disks  $B_1^3$  and  $B_2^3$  with a single clasp singularity between  $B_1^3$  and  $B_2^3$ .

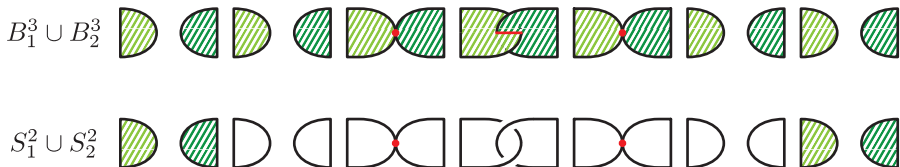
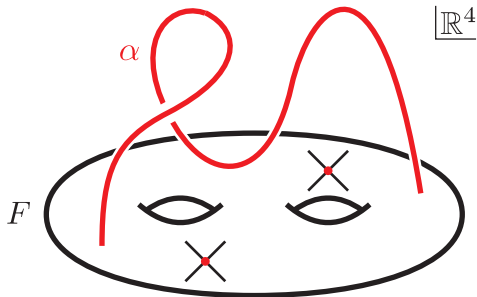


Figure: Montesinos twin  $S_1^2 \cup S_2^2 = \partial B_1^3 \cup \partial B_2^3$

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# Chord attached to a surface-link

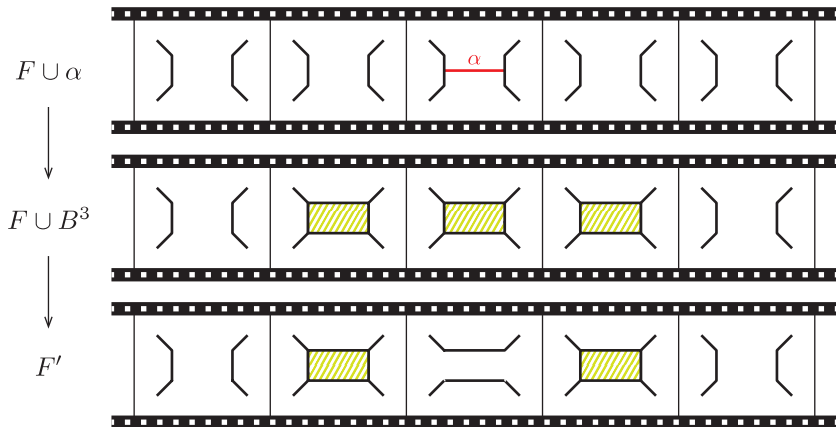
- A **chord** attached to a surface-link  $F$  means a simple arc  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $F \cap \alpha = \partial\alpha$ , which misses the double points of  $F$ .



- Two chords attached to  $F$  are **equivalent** if they are ambient isotopic in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  keeping  $F$  setwise fixed.

# 1-handle surgery

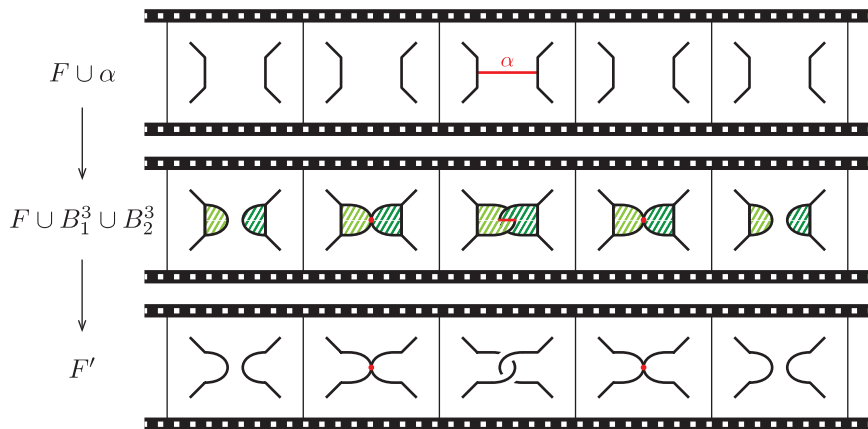
$\alpha$ : a chord attached to a surface-link  $F$ .



- $F'$  is obtained from  $F$  by **1-handle surgery** along  $\alpha$ .
- $[F']$  is uniquely determined by  $[F]$  and  $[\alpha]$ .

# Finger move

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## Ribbon 1-knot

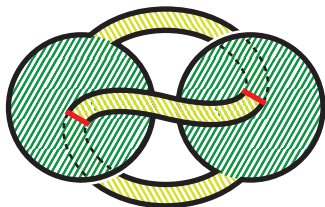
$K \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ : a ribbon 1-knot

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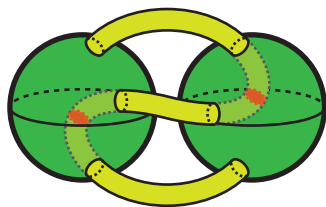
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# Ribbon surface-link

## Definition

An embedded surface-link is **ribbon** if it is the boundary of an immersed 3-manifold  $M^3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $M^3$  is a disjoint union of handlebodies and the singularity is a union of ribbon singularities.

## Theorem ([Yanagawa '69], [Kawauchi-Shibuya-Suzuki '83])

An embedded surface-link is ribbon if and only if it is obtained from a trivial 2-link by 1-handle surgeries.

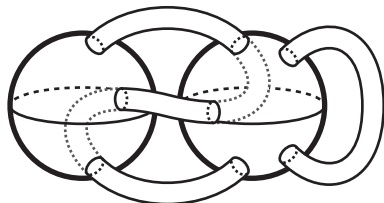


Figure: Ribbon torus-knot



# Ribbon-clasp surface-link

## Definition

A surface-link is **ribbon-clasp** if it is the boundary of an immersed 3-manifold  $M^3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $M^3$  is a disjoint union of handlebodies and the singularity is a union of ribbon singularities and clasp singularities.

## Theorem (Kamada-Kawamura)

For a surface-link  $F$ , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $F$  is a ribbon-clasp surface-link.
- (2)  $F$  is obtained from a ribbon surface-link by finger moves.
- (3)  $F$  is obtained from a trivial 2-link by 1-handle surgeries and finger moves.
- (4)  $F$  is obtained from an  $M$ -trivial 2-link by 1-handle surgeries.

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# The realizing surface

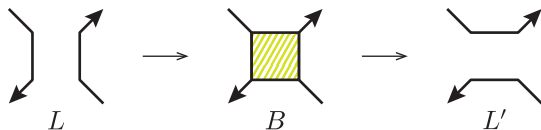


Figure: A band surgery on a link:  $L \rightarrow L'$

The **realizing surface** of a band surgery  $L \rightarrow L'$  by bands  $B_1, \dots, B_m$  is a compact oriented surface, say  $F$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^3[a, b]$  defined by:

$$F \cap \mathbb{R}^3 \times \{t\} = \begin{cases} L' \times \{t\} & \text{for } t \in ((a+b)/2, b] \\ (L \cup B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_m) \times \{t\} & \text{for } t = (a+b)/2 \\ L \times \{t\} & \text{for } t \in [a, (a+b)/2). \end{cases}$$

We denote the realizing surface by  $F(L \rightarrow L')_{[a,b]}$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{L} : L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow L_m$$

be a band surgery sequence.

The **realizing surface**  $F(\mathcal{L})_{[a,b]}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times [a,b]$  with a division  $a = t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_m = b$  is the union of the realizing surfaces  $F(L_i \rightarrow L_{i+1})_{[t_i, t_{i+1}]}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ .

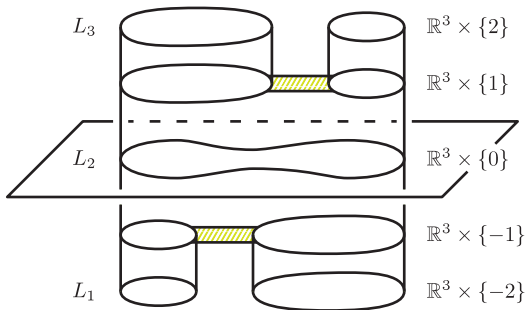


Figure: The realizing surface  $F(L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow L_3)_{[-2,2]}$

# The closed realizing surface

For the realizing surface  $F(\mathcal{L})_{[a,b]}$  of a band surgery sequence

$$\mathcal{L} : L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow L_m$$

with trivial links  $L_1$  and  $L_m$ , let  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$  be any disk systems bounded by  $L_1$  and  $L_m$  respectively.

The closed oriented surface

$$\overline{F}(\mathcal{L})_{[a,b]} = F(\mathcal{L})_{[a,b]} \cup \mathcal{D} \times [a] \cup \mathcal{D}' \times [b]$$

is called the **closed realizing surface** of  $\mathcal{L}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3[a, b]$ .

Note that by Horibe-Yanagawa's lemma,  $\overline{F}(\mathcal{L})_{[a,b]}$  does not depend on choices of disk systems  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$ .

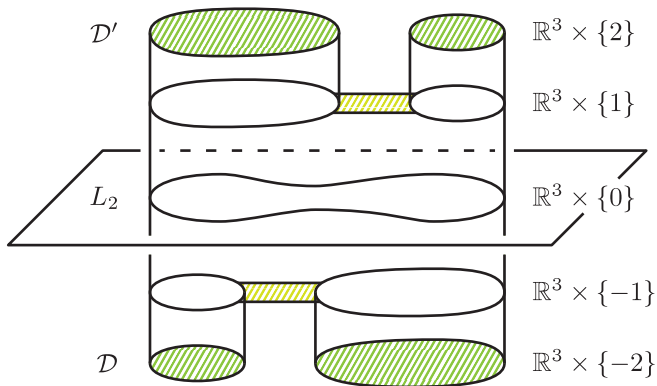


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# Normal forms for embedded surface-links

## Theorem (Normal form, [Kawauchi-Shibuya-Suzuki '83])

Every embedded surface-link with  $\mu$  components and  $g$  total genus is equivalent to the closed realizing surface of a band surgery sequence

$$O \rightarrow L_- \rightarrow L_0 \rightarrow L_+ \rightarrow O',$$

where  $O$  and  $O'$  are trivial links,  $L_-$  and  $L_+$  are  $\mu$ -component links and  $L_0$  is a  $(\mu + g)$ -component link.

## Theorem (Ribbon normal form, [KSS '83])

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where  $O$  is a trivial link and the band surgery  $L \rightarrow O$  is the inverse of  $O \rightarrow L$ .

# $H$ -trivial link and Hopf-splitting deformation

- An  $H$ -trivial link is a split union of a trivial link and some (or no) Hopf links.
- A Hopf-splitting deformation is a crossing change deformation from an  $H$ -trivial link into a trivial link such that each crossing change occurs for a Hopf link to change it into a trivial 2-component link.

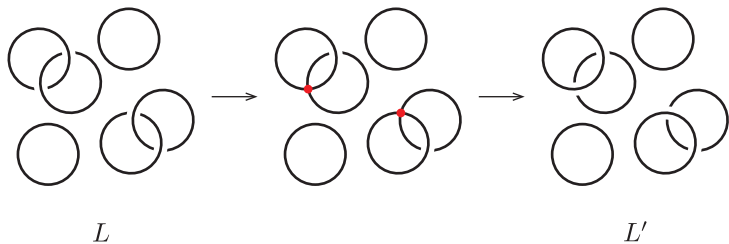


Figure: A Hopf-splitting deformation:  $L \rightarrow L'$



Let

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be a band surgery sequence with  $H$ -trivial links  $L_1$  and  $L_m$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{L}' : L'_1 \rightarrow L_1 \rightarrow L_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow L_m \rightarrow L'_m$$

denote a sequence of links, where  $L'_1 \rightarrow L_1$  is the inverse operation of a Hopf-splitting deformation and  $L_m \rightarrow L'_m$  is a Hopf-splitting deformation.

Then, we can construct the “realizing surface”  $F(\mathcal{L}')_{[a,b]}$  of  $\mathcal{L}'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3[a, b]$ .

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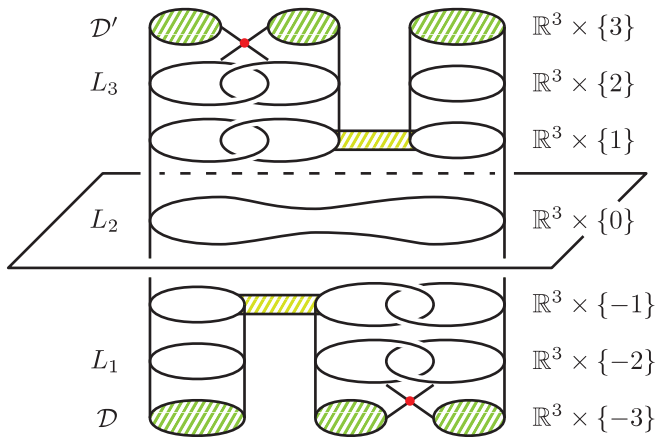


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