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Virtualized n-gon moves for virtual knots

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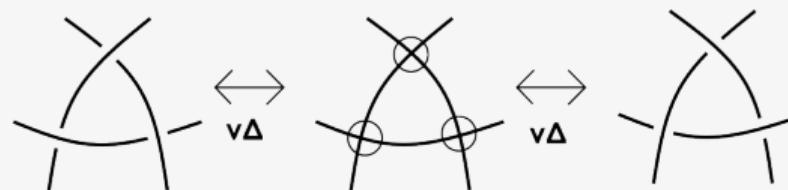
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Background

- Not every virtual knot can be unknotted by crossing changes.
[D.Hrencein-L.H.Kauffman(2003)]
- Every virtual knot can be unknotted by virtualized Δ -moves.
[Nakamura-Nakanishi-Satoh-Wada(2024)]

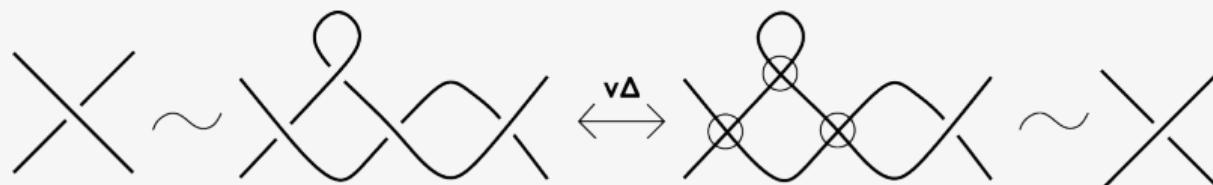


Background

- Virtualized Δ -move is more elemental than crossing change.

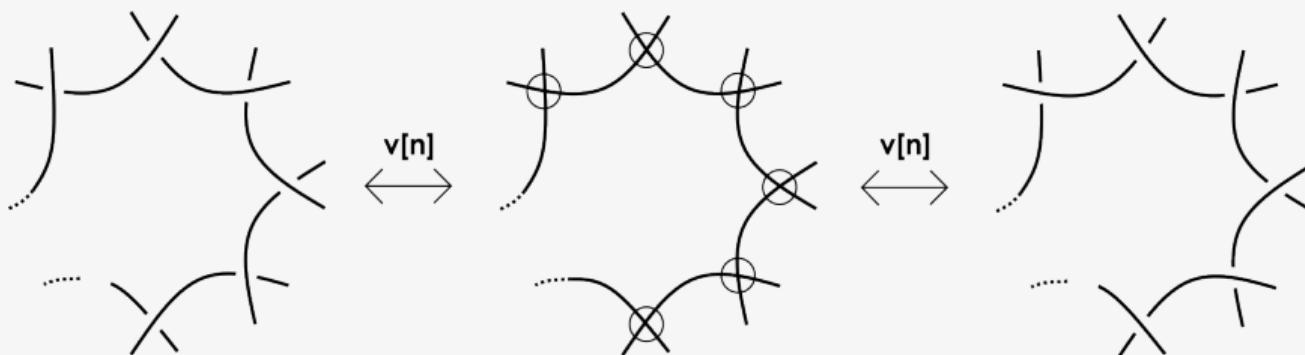
The crossing change at a real crossing is realized by a combination of a virtualized Δ -move and generalized Reidemeister moves.

Nakamura-Nakanishi-Satoh-Wada(2024)



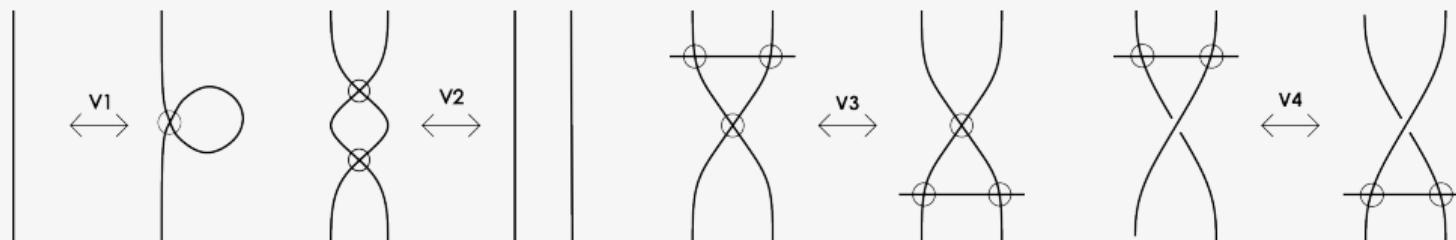
Background

- We introduce a local deformation called the virtualized n -gon move ($v[n]$ -move) as generalization of virtualized Δ -move.



Virtual knots

- A virtual knot diagram is a knot diagram possibly with some \times 's.
- A virtual knot is an equivalence class of virtual knot diagrams under generalized Reidemeister moves R1-R3 and V1-V4.
- $\{\text{classical knot in } S^3\} \subset \{\text{virtual knots}\}$ [Goussarov-Polyak-Viro(2000)]



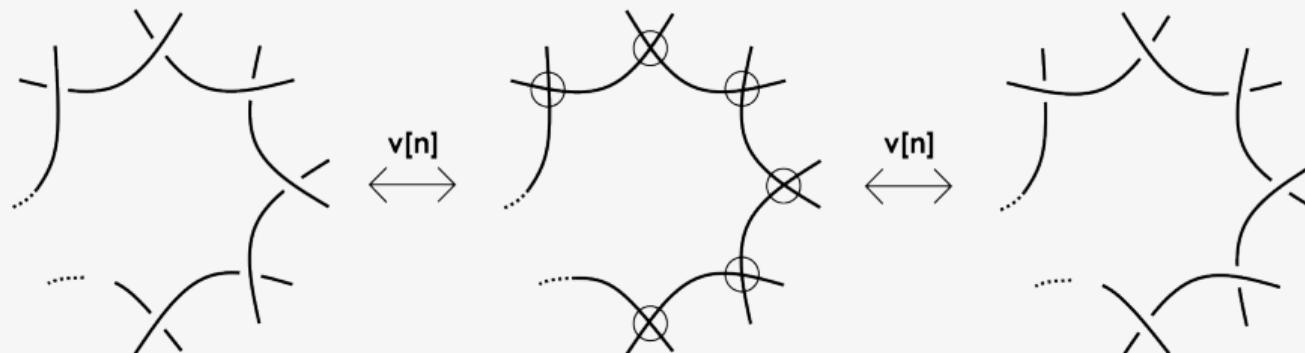
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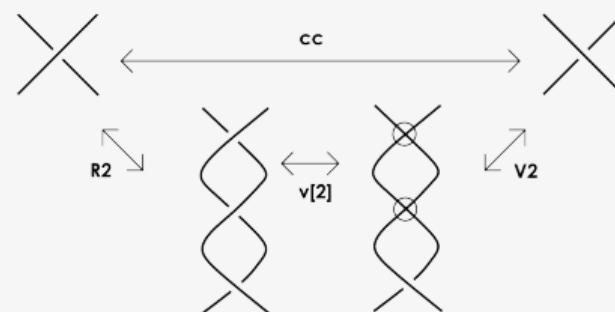
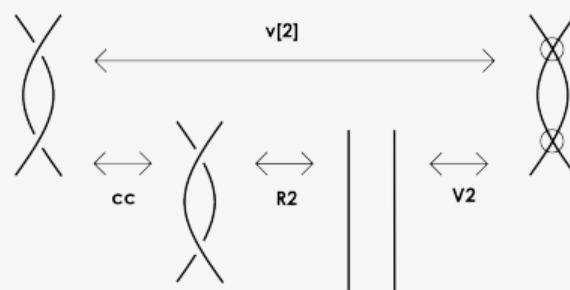
Virtualized n-gon moves (Recall)

- Now, we think about this local deformation :



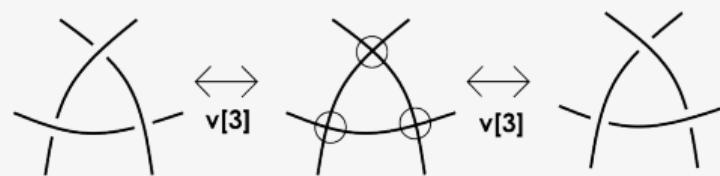
$n = 2$

$v[2]$ -move \Leftrightarrow crossing change



$n = 3$

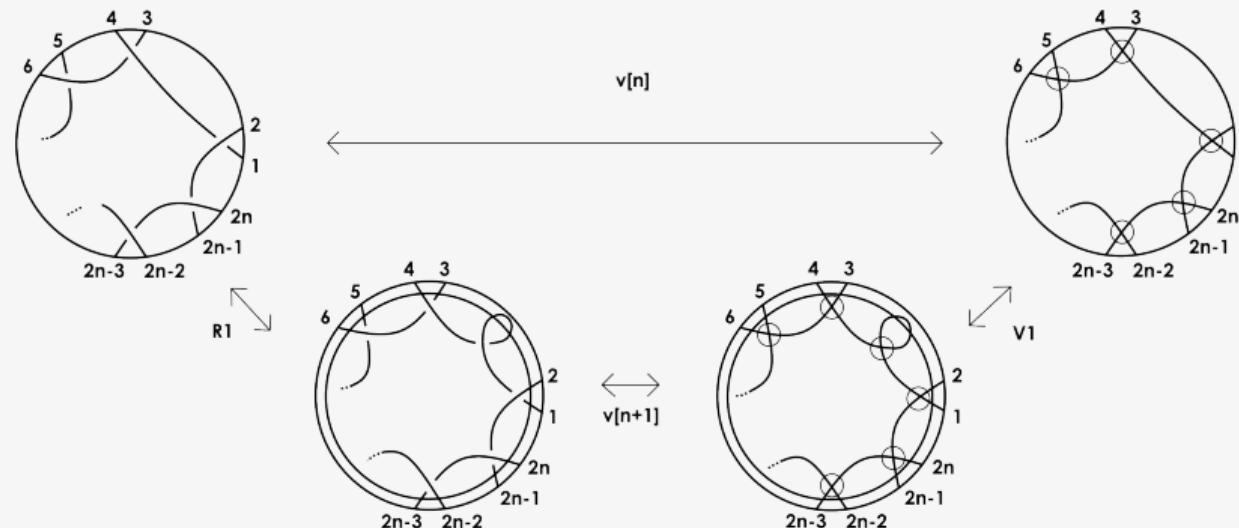
$v[3]$ -move = $v\Delta$ -move



$v[n]$ and $v[n+1]$

Proposition 1

A $v[n]$ -move is realized by a $v[n+1]$ -move. (for $\forall n \geq 2$)



$v[n]$ unknotting number

Corollary 1

A $v[n]$ -move is an unknotting operation when $n \geq 3$.

Definition 1

$d_{v[n]}(K, K')$: the minimal number of virtualized n -gon moves needed to deform a diagram of K into a diagram of K'

In particular, $u_{v[n]}(K) = d_{v[n]}(K, O)$ (O : trivial knot)

Corollary 2

$u_{v[n]}(K) \geq u_{v[n+1]}(K)$ (more generally $d_{v[n]}(K, K') \geq d_{v[n+1]}(K, K')$)

Main Result

Theorem 1

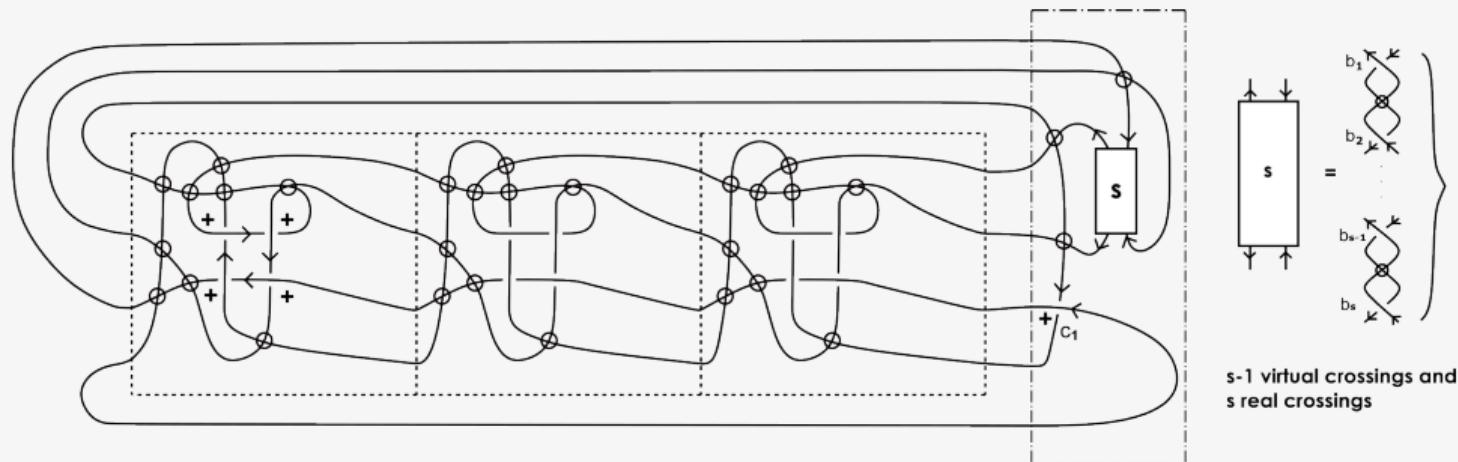
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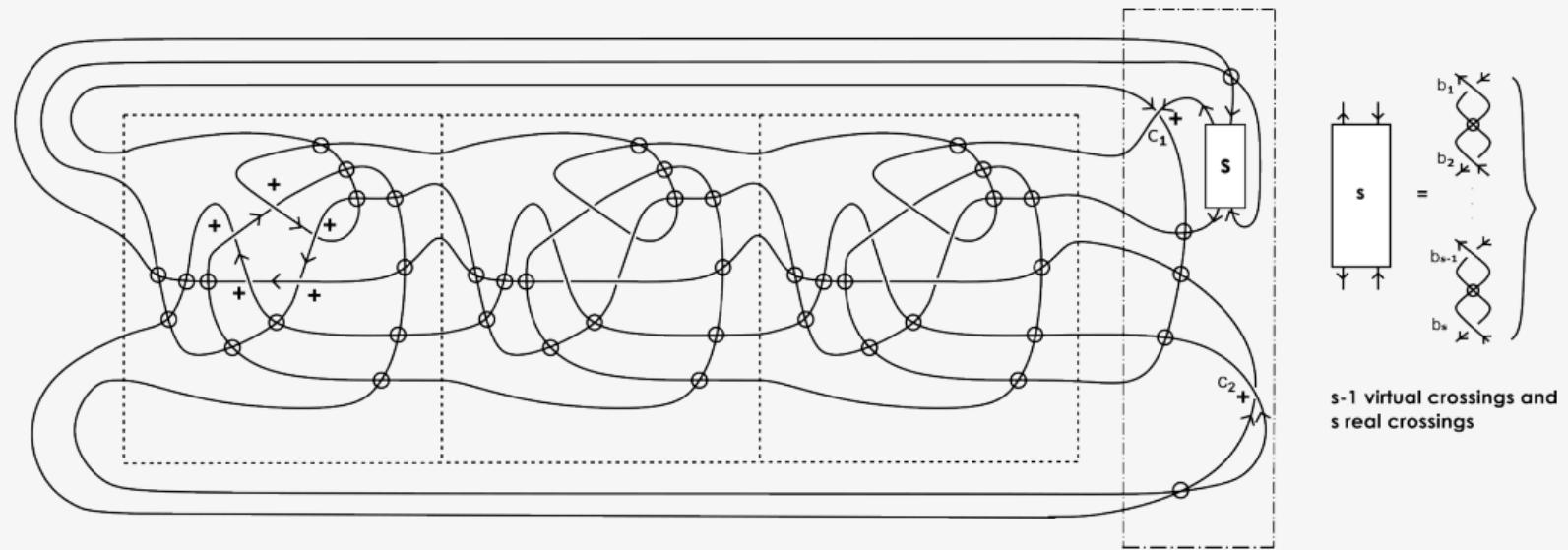
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3 Outline of the proof of the main result

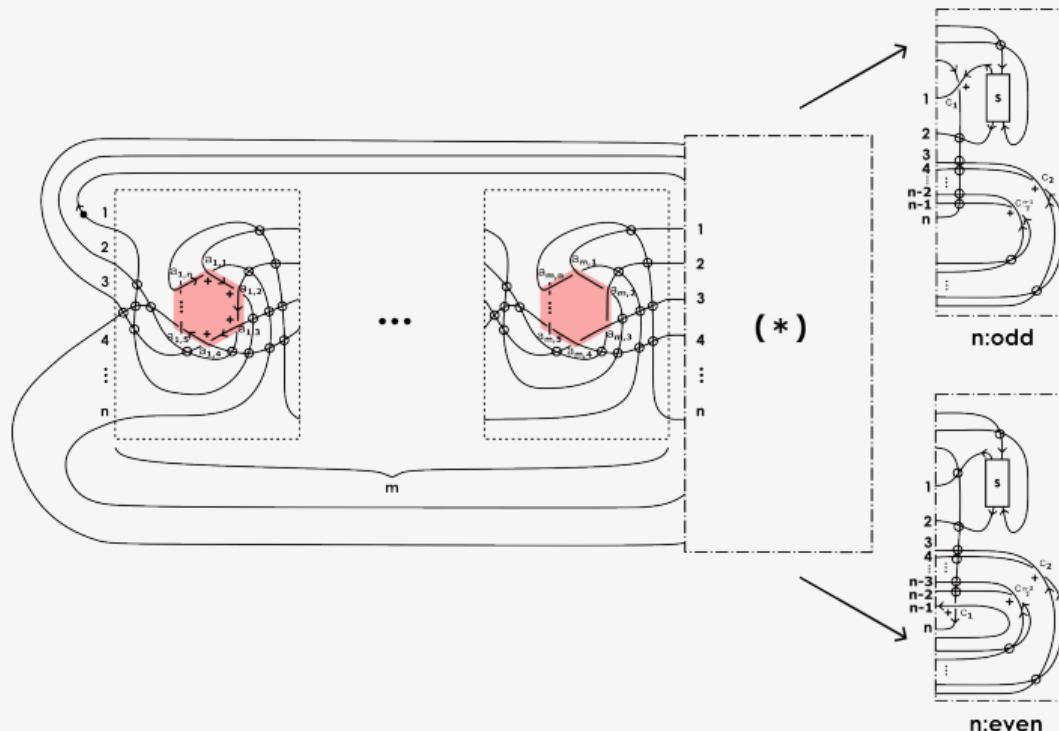
Construction (ex. $m = 3, n = 4, s \in \mathbb{N}$)



Construction (ex. $m = 3, n = 5, s \in \mathbb{N}$)



Construction ($m \geq 1, n \geq 3, s \in \mathbb{N}$)



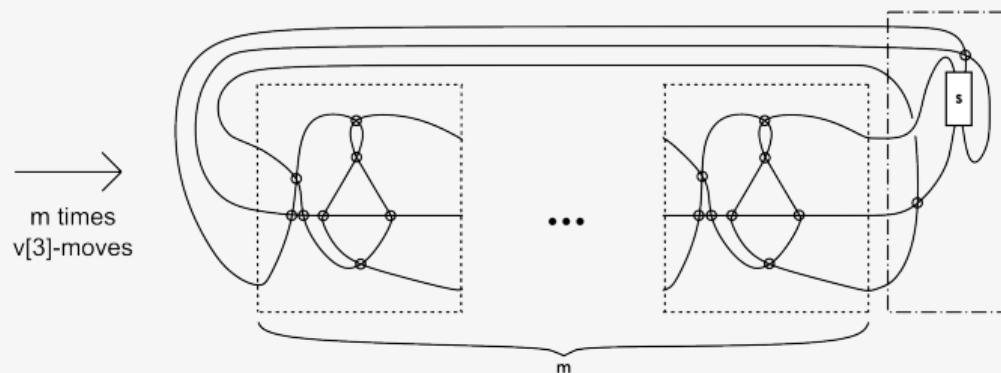
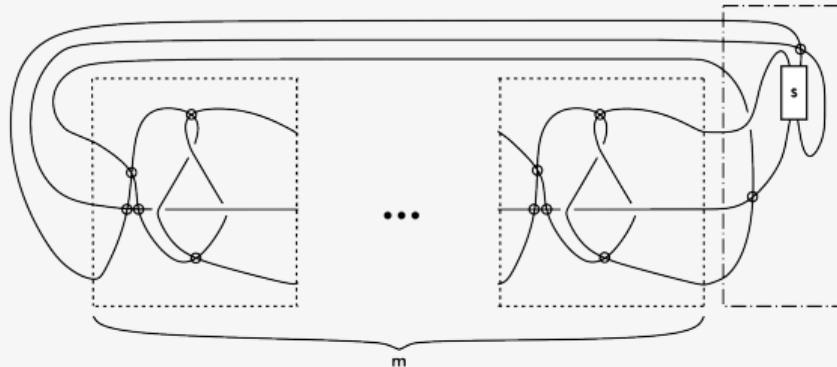
Proof of theorem

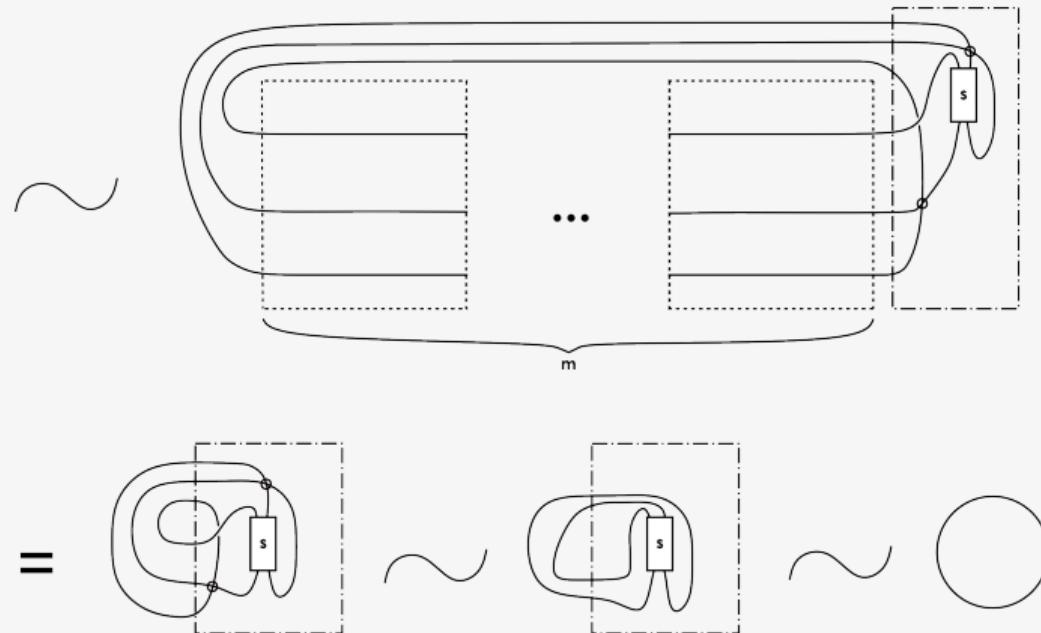
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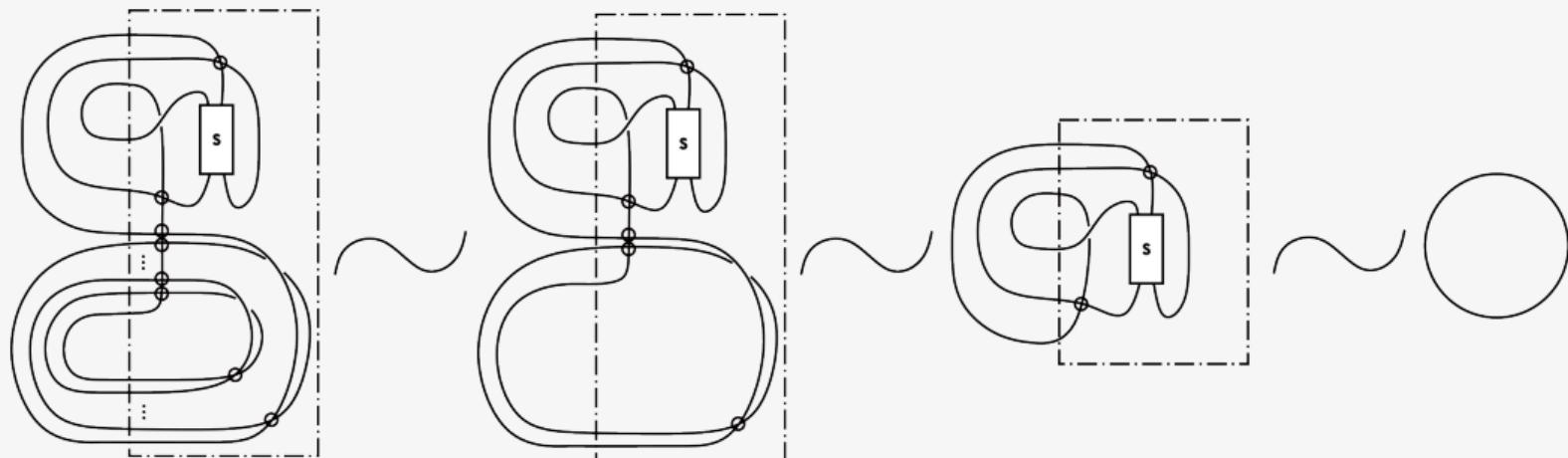
- (1) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \leq m$
- (2) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq m$
- (3) $K_s \neq K_{s'} \Leftrightarrow s \neq s'$

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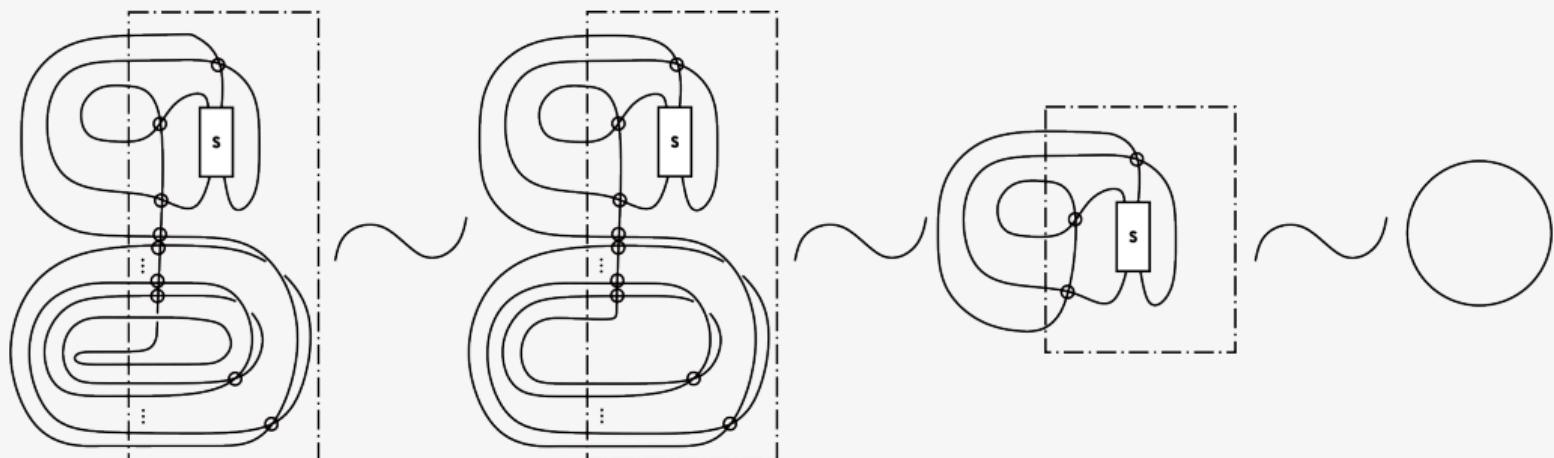


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(2) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq m$

Lemma 1

$$u_{v[n]}(K) \geq \frac{1}{n} |J_*(K)| \quad (d_{v[n]}(K, K') \geq \frac{1}{n} |J_*(K) - J_*(K')|)$$

D : a diagram of K

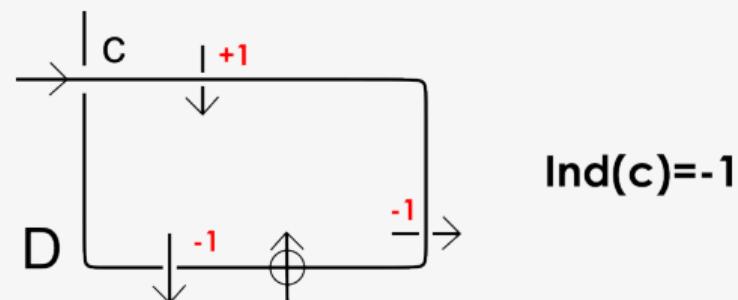
- For a real crossing c of D , $\text{sgn}(c) := \begin{cases} +1 & (\nearrow \nwarrow) \\ -1 & (\nearrow \nearrow) \end{cases}$: the sign of c

(2) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq m$

- For a real crossings c of D ,

$\text{Ind}(c) :=$ the sum of following numbers :

When we encounter a real crossing in walking along D from the over crossing to the under crossing at c , the number is $+1$ if the crossing intersects us transversely from left to right, -1 if the crossing intersects us transversely from right to left.



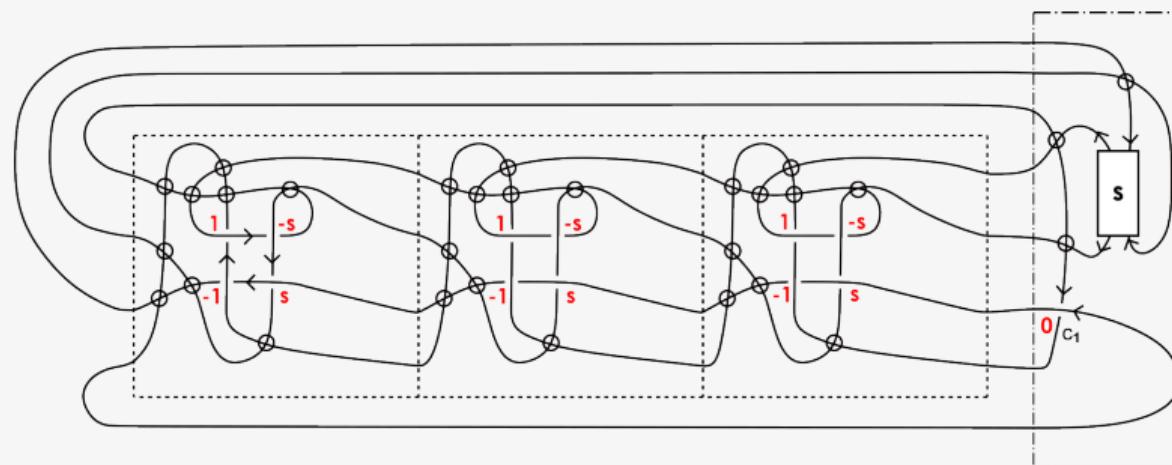
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- $J_k(D) := \sum_{\text{Ind}(c)=k} \text{sgn}(c)$: *k-writhe* of D
This is independent of D if $k \neq 0$ (cf.[Satoh-Taniguchi(2014)])
- $J_*(K) := \sum_{k \neq 0} J_k(K)$: *non-zero writhe* of K

(2) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq m$

We can see that $J_*(K_s) = nm$.

ex. The construction of $m = 3, n = 4, s \in \mathbb{N}$



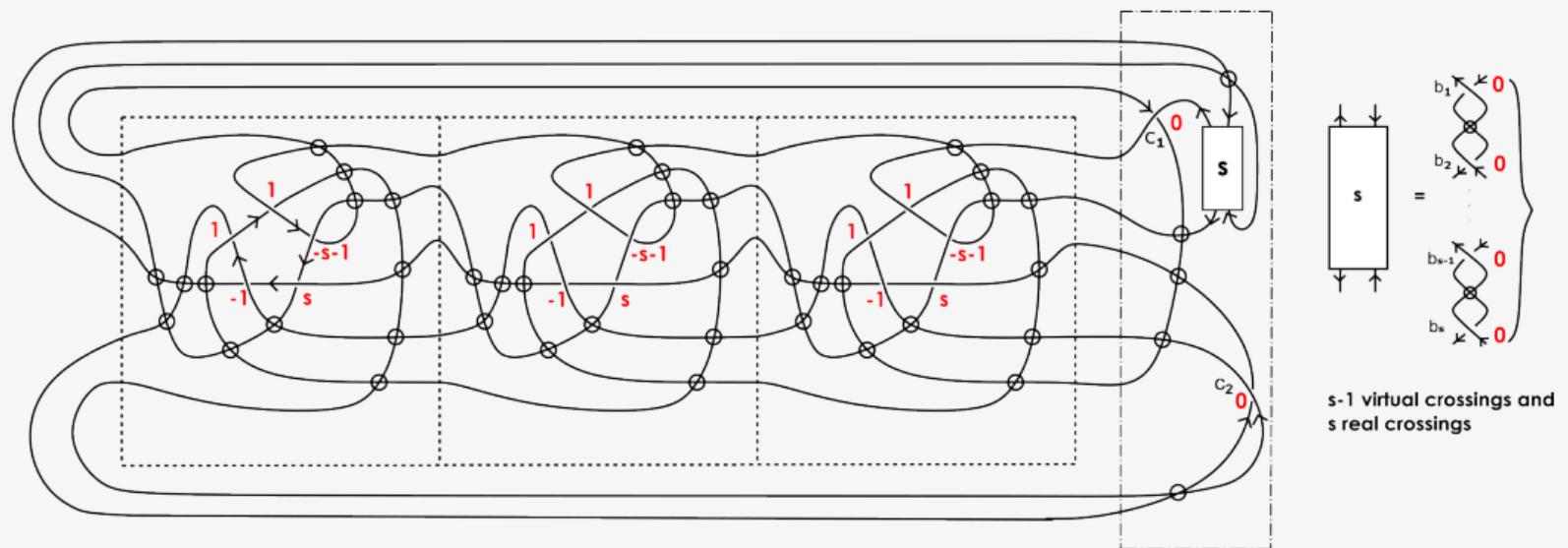
$$\begin{array}{c} b_1 \xleftarrow{\quad} 0 \\ b_2 \xleftarrow{\quad} 0 \\ \vdots \\ b_{s-1} \xleftarrow{\quad} 0 \\ b_s \xleftarrow{\quad} 0 \end{array} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ s \\ \downarrow \uparrow \end{array} \right.$$

$s-1$ virtual crossings and
 s real crossings

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(2) $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq m$ **Lemma 1**

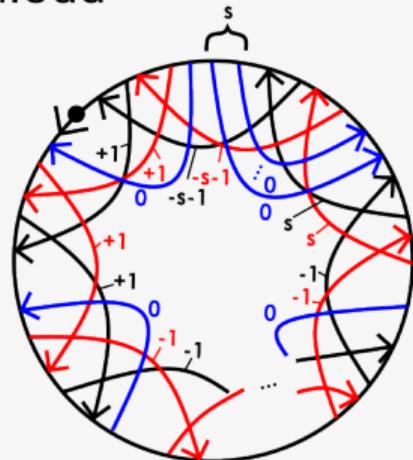
$$u_{v[n]}(K) \geq \frac{1}{n} |J_*(K)| \quad (d_{v[n]}(K, K') \geq \frac{1}{n} |J_*(K) - J_*(K')|)$$

Hence we have $u_{v[n]}(K_s) \geq \frac{1}{n} |J_*(K)| = \frac{1}{n} \cdot nm = m$ by Lemma 1.

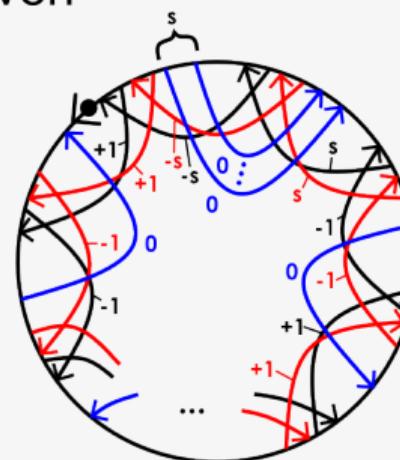
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cf. The Gauss diagram of K_s

n:odd



n:even



(3) $K_s \neq K_{s'} \Leftrightarrow s \neq s'$

Lemma [Satoh-Taniguchi(2014)]

If $K \sim K'$ then $J_k(K) = J_k(K')$ for any $k \neq 0$ (J_k : k -writhe).

- n : odd

$$J_1(K_s) = \frac{n-1}{2}m, \quad J_{-1}(K_s) = \frac{n-3}{2}m, \quad J_s(K_s) = m, \quad J_{-s-1}(K_s) = m,$$

$$J_k(K_s) = 0 \text{ if } k \neq 1, -1, s, -s-1, 0$$

- n : even

$$J_1(K_s) = \frac{n-2}{2}m, \quad J_{-1}(K_s) = \frac{n-2}{2}m, \quad J_s(K_s) = m, \quad J_{-s}(K_s) = m,$$

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(3) $K_s \neq K_{s'} \Leftrightarrow s \neq s'$

s	J_{-5}	J_{-4}	J_{-3}	J_{-2}	J_{-1}	J_1	J_2	J_3	J_4
1				m	$\frac{n-3}{2}m$	$\frac{n+1}{2}m$			
2			m		$\frac{n-3}{2}m$	$\frac{n-1}{2}m$	m		
3		m			$\frac{n-3}{2}m$	$\frac{n-1}{2}m$		m	
4	m				$\frac{n-3}{2}m$	$\frac{n-1}{2}m$			m

Table: n :odd

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s	J_{-4}	J_{-3}	J_{-2}	J_{-1}	J_1	J_2	J_3	J_4
1				$\frac{n}{2}m$	$\frac{n}{2}m$			
2			m	$\frac{n-2}{2}m$	$\frac{n-2}{2}m$	m		
3		m		$\frac{n-2}{2}m$	$\frac{n-2}{2}m$		m	
4	m			$\frac{n-2}{2}m$	$\frac{n-2}{2}m$			m

Table: n :even

Remark and Future work

- Examples of virtual knots with $v[3]$ unknotting number m are given by Nakamura-Nakanishi-Satoh-Wada.
- We are trying to give a necessary and sufficient condition for two virtual links to be related by a finite sequence of virtualized n -gon moves.
- For any virtual knot K , is there an integer n such that $u_{v[n]}(K) = 1$?

Theorem [Aida(1992)]

For any knot K , there exist an integer n such that $u_n(K) = 1$.

Thank you for your attention.