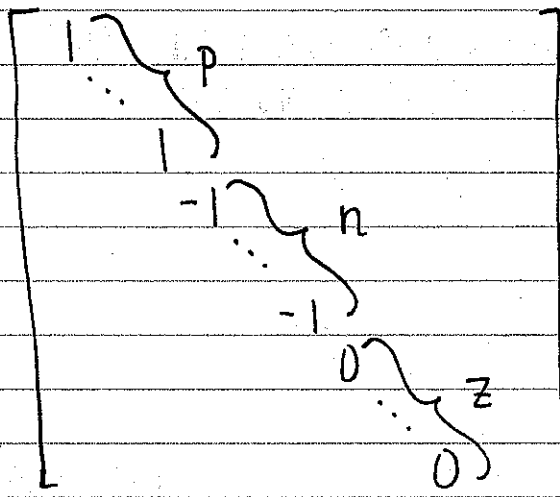


$$D \cong D' \cong$$



Def: The signature of S , denoted σ , is the number $p-n$.

Note: If S, T are symmetric, $S \cong T \Rightarrow \sigma(S) = \sigma(T)$

Suppose $\sigma(S) = \sigma(T)$, S, T same size,
 $\det(S) \det(T) \neq 0 \Rightarrow S \cong T$.

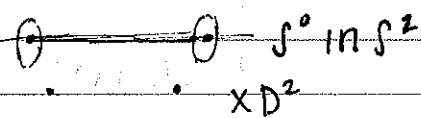
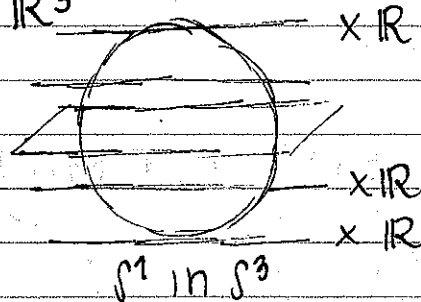
Def: $\sigma(K) = \sigma(V + V^T)$.

- $V + V^T = V^T + V$ so given Seifert surface M , choice of bicollar doesn't affect σ .
- We will show that σ does not depend on choice of M .

Slice Knots

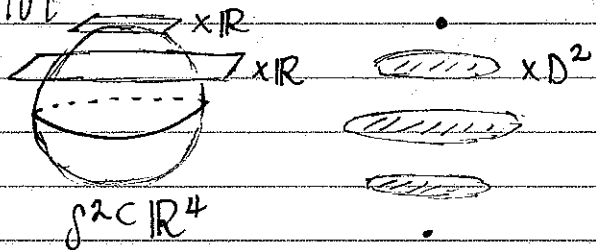
Ambient space: \mathbb{R}^3

S^1 :



Def: K is a slice knot if $\exists S^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+2} \ni K = S^2 \cap H_{t_0}$ where
 $H_{t_0} = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+2} \mid x_0 = t_0 \}$ smoothly embedded.

EX: unknot



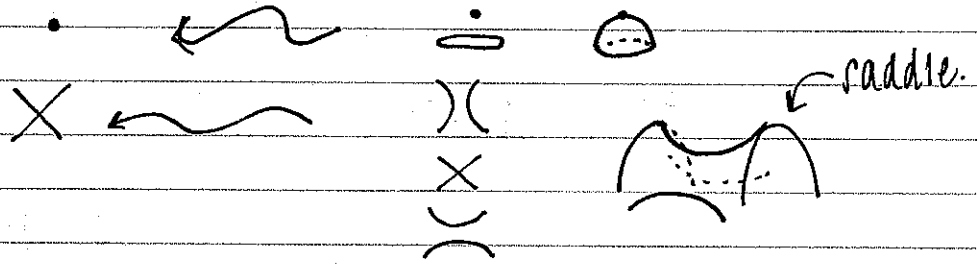
D_1 is a slice.



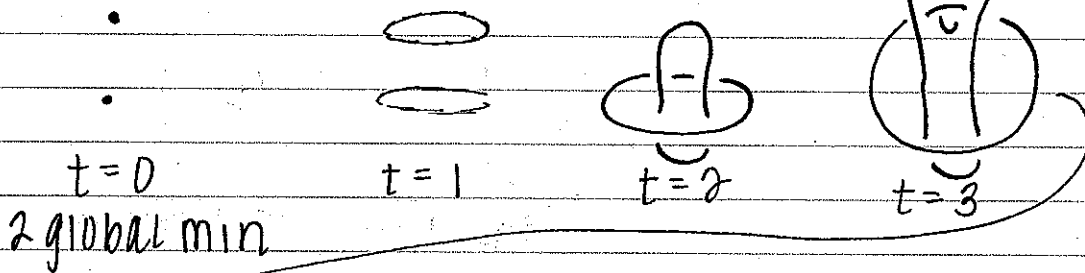
\mathbb{S}^1 as twist knot

Note: A smooth knotted S^2 can be deformed \ni all but a finite # of cross sections are classical links or \emptyset .

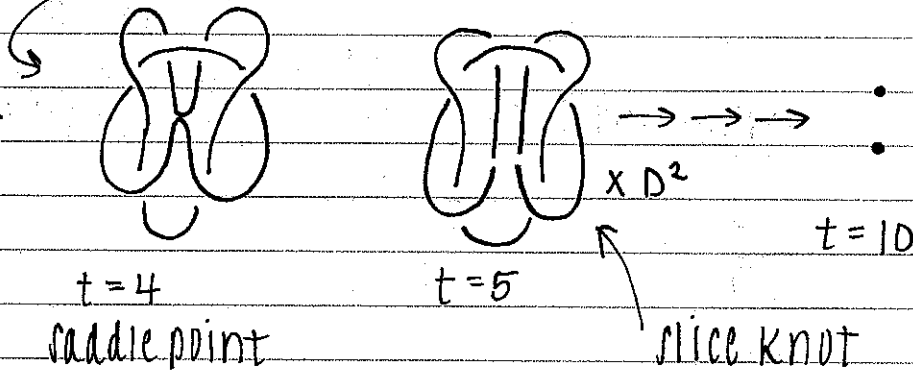
Exceptions:



Knotted 2-sphere (Spun Trefoil)



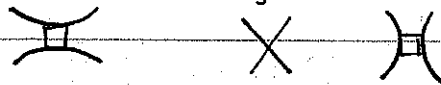
$t=0$
2 global min



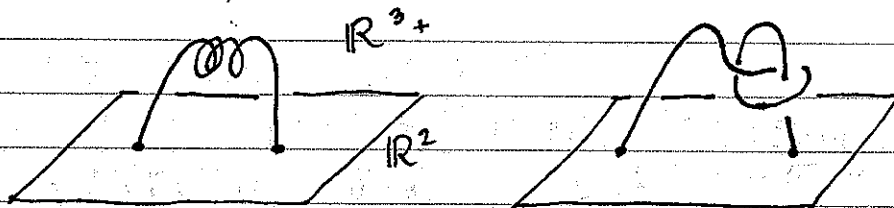
$t=4$
saddle point

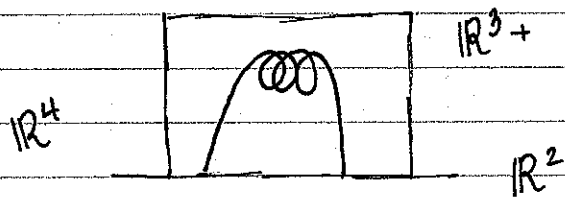
slice knot

Note: Slice Knots created by banding together unlinks.



Section 3J5: Spun Knots



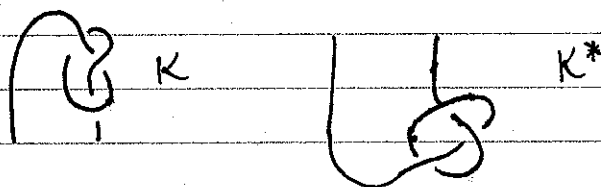


$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, 0) \rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3 \cos \theta, \sin \theta) \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 0, \pi$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3 \cos(0), 0) \cup (x_1, x_2, x_3 \cos(\pi), 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3, 0) \cup (x_1, x_2, -x_3, 0)$$

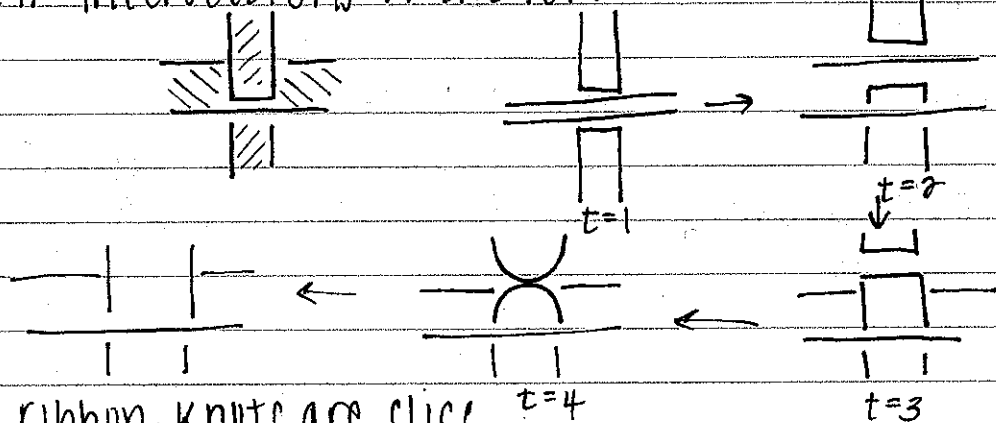


$\Rightarrow K \# K^*$ is slice knot

Ribbon knots

$\partial M = K$, M is a disc

M has self-intersections of the form



\Rightarrow All ribbon knots are slice

Conjecture: All slice knots are ribbon knots

Back to Signature (Section 8E)

Proposition 5: $r: S^3 \rightarrow S^3$ orientation reversing homeomorphism

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(r(K)) = -\sigma(K) \quad \& \quad \sigma(K^*) = -\sigma(K)$$

Proof: If M is Seifert surface for K , then $r(M)$ is S.S. for $r(K)$

$\sigma(4_1) = \sigma(4_1^*)$
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(4_1) = 0$
 achiral $\Rightarrow \sigma = 0$

$$K \rightarrow M \rightarrow V$$

$$r(K) \rightarrow r(M) \rightarrow -V$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{r(M)}(r(K)) = -\sigma_M(K)$$

σ can detect mirror images