

Solve  $N(U_f + \frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{1}{0}) = \text{unknot}$ ,  
 $N(U_f + \frac{t}{w}) = N(\frac{0}{1}) = \text{unlink of two components}$ .

Method 1:

1.) Since  $N(\frac{0}{1})$  is a  $(2, p)$  torus link,  $N(\frac{1}{0}) = \text{unknot}$ , and  $E$  is rational,  $U_f$  is rational.

Suppose  $U_f = \frac{a}{b}$ . Then

$$N(U_f + \frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{a}{b}) = N(\frac{1}{0}).$$

Hence  $a = 1$  since we can take  $a$  to be nonnegative ( $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{-a}{-b}$ ).

Thus  $U_f = \frac{1}{b}$ .

$$N(U_f + \frac{t}{w}) = N(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{t}{w}) = N(\frac{w+tb}{t}) = N(\frac{0}{1})$$

Hence  $w+tb = 0$ . Thus  $w = -tb$ . Since  $\gcd(w, t) = 1$  and we can take  $t$  to be nonnegative,  $t = 1$ . Hence  $w = -b$ .

Thus the solutions to the above system of tangle equations is  $U_f = \frac{1}{b}$  and  $\frac{t}{w} = -\frac{1}{b}$  where  $b$  is an arbitrary integer.

Method 3: Use KnotPlot

Method 2:

Solve  $N(U_f + \frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{1}{0}) = N(\frac{a}{b}) = \text{unknot}$ ,  
 $N(U_f + \frac{t}{w}) = N(\frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{z}{v}) = 2 \text{ component unlink}$ .

$a = 1, b = 0, x = 0, y = -1, z = 0, v = 1$ ,  
and  $v'$  is any integer such that  $v'v^{\pm 1} = 1 \pmod{z}$

By corollary 2 if  $w \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{t}$  or if  $U_f$  is rational,

$$\text{then } \frac{t}{w} = \frac{xz - av'}{bv' - yz - kt} = \frac{v'}{-kt} =$$

$$\text{and } U = \frac{a}{b + ka} = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{t}{w} = \frac{bz - av'}{xv' - yz - kt} = \frac{v'}{-kt} =$$

$$\text{and } U = \frac{a}{x + ka} = \frac{1}{k}$$

By Thm 3, if  $w \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{t}$ ,  $N(\frac{z}{v}) = N(\frac{tp(pb - qa) \pm a}{tq(pb - qa) \pm b})$

Hence  $tp(pb - qa) \pm a = z$  or  $-z$ .

Thus  $tp(pb - qa) = z \mp a$  or  $-z \mp a$ .

Hence  $tp \mid (z \mp a)$ .

IF  $t \neq \pm 1$ , then  $U = (\frac{da - jb}{pb - qa} + \frac{j}{p}) \circ (h, 0)$  or  $(\frac{j}{p} + \frac{da - jb}{pb - qa}) \circ (h, 0)$ . Hence if  $|z \mp a|$  is prime,  $U$  is rational.

If  $t = \pm 1$ , then  $U$  is rational by Hirasawa and Shimokawa

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve } N(U'_f + \frac{f_1}{g_1}) &= N(\frac{1}{0}) = N(\frac{a}{b}) = \text{unknot}, \\ N(U'_f + \frac{f_2}{g_2}) &= N(\frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{z}{v}) = 2 \text{ component unlink.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{given that } U_f = -\frac{1}{k} \text{ and } \frac{t}{w} = \frac{1}{k} \text{ are the solutions to} \\ N(U_f + \frac{0}{1}) &= N(\frac{1}{0}) = N(\frac{a}{b}) = \text{unknot}, \\ N(U_f + \frac{t}{w}) &= N(\frac{0}{1}) = N(\frac{z}{v}) = 2 \text{ component unlink.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } \frac{f_1}{g_1} = (c_1, \dots, c_n), f_1 = E[c_1, \dots, c_n], g_1 = \\ E[c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}], e_1 = E[c_2, \dots, c_n], i_1 = E[c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{f_2}{g_2} = \frac{te_1 + wf_1}{ti_1 + wg_1} = (b_1, \dots, b_k + c_1, \dots, c_n) \text{ where} \\ \frac{t}{w} = (b_1, \dots, b_k). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \frac{t}{w} = \frac{1}{k} = (k, 0), \\ \frac{f_2}{g_2} = \frac{e_1 + kf_1}{i_1 + kg_1} = (k, 0 + c_1, \dots, c_n) = (k, c_1, \dots, c_n). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U'_f = U_f \circ (-c_1, \dots, -c_n) = (-k, 0) \circ (-c_1, \dots, -c_n) = \\ (-k, 0 + -c_1, \dots, -c_n) = (-k, -c_1, \dots, -c_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } U_f = \frac{a}{b'}, \text{ then } U'_f = U_f \circ (-c_1, \dots, -c_n) = \frac{-f_1 b' + e_1 a}{g_1 b' - i_1 a}.$$

$$\text{Since } U_f = \frac{1}{-k}, U'_f = \frac{f_1 k + e_1}{g_1 k - i_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note: } (1) &= (0, 1, 1), \text{ but} \\ (3) &= (2) \circ (1) \neq (2) \circ (0, 1, 1) = (2, 1, 1) \end{aligned}$$