

# Topology analysis of complex curves singularities using knot theory

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- 👉 The proposed algorithm is stable w.r.t. small perturbations!

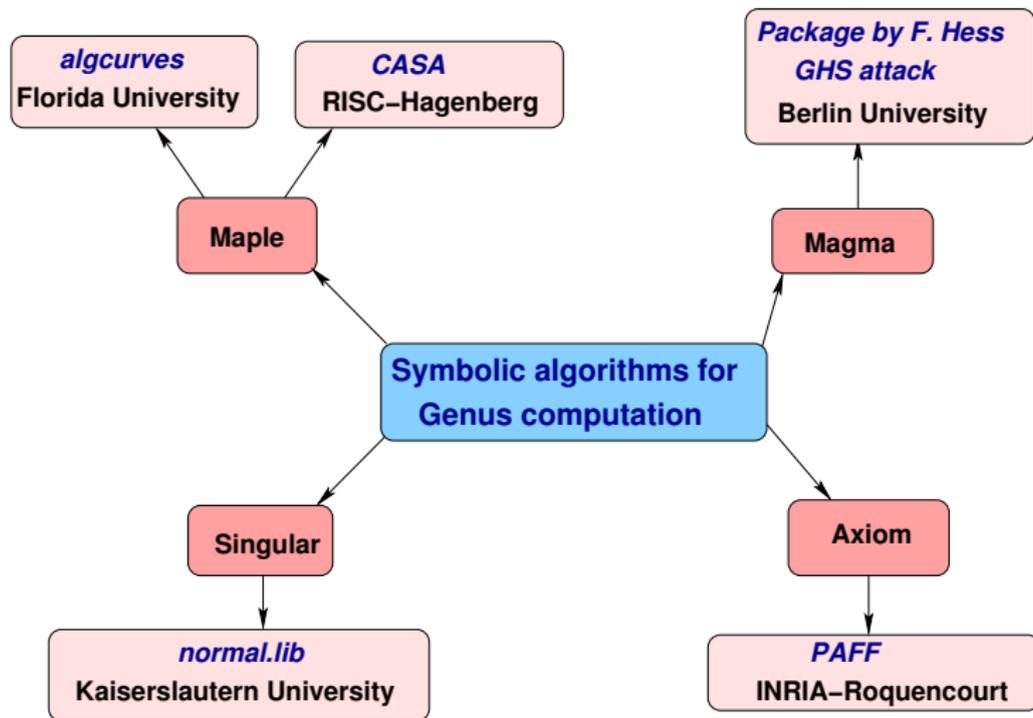
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Why is this proposed symbolic-numeric algorithm "special"?



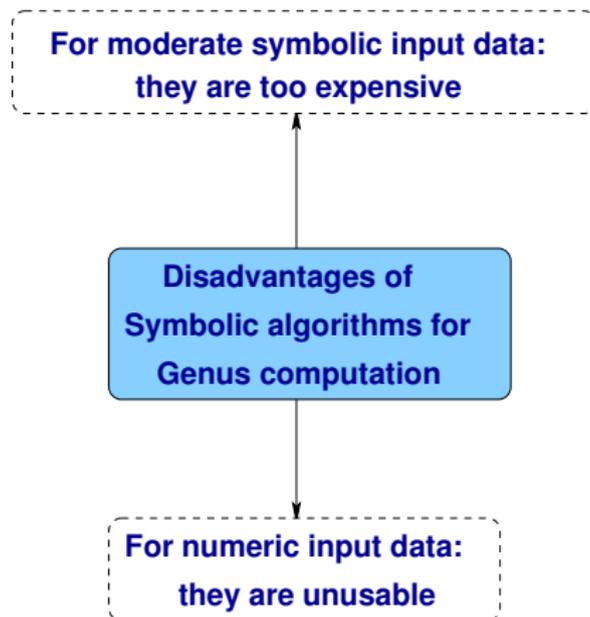
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*At present, there exists several...*



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*But...*



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For instance, in Maple using *algcures* package...

> with(algcures);  
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homogeneous, homology, implicitize, integral\_basis, is\_hyperelliptic,  
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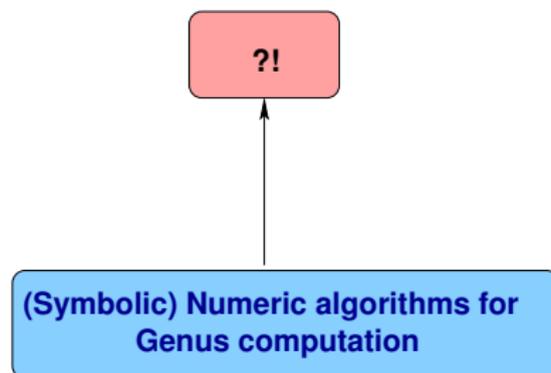
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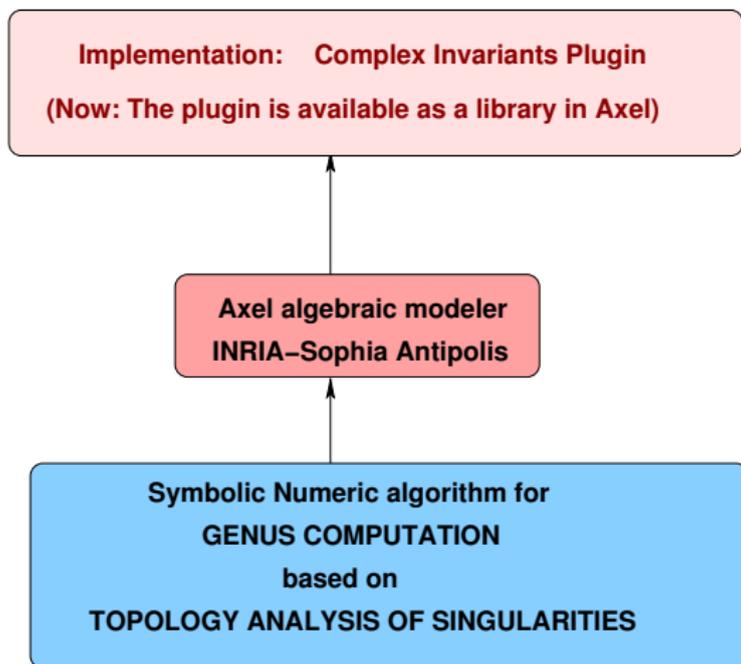
*Thus we need...*



# Motivation

*Hopefully...*

Project: Symbolic-Numeric techniques for genus computation (initiated by J. Schicho).



Other numeric method was reported (in the group of R. Sendra).

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# What?

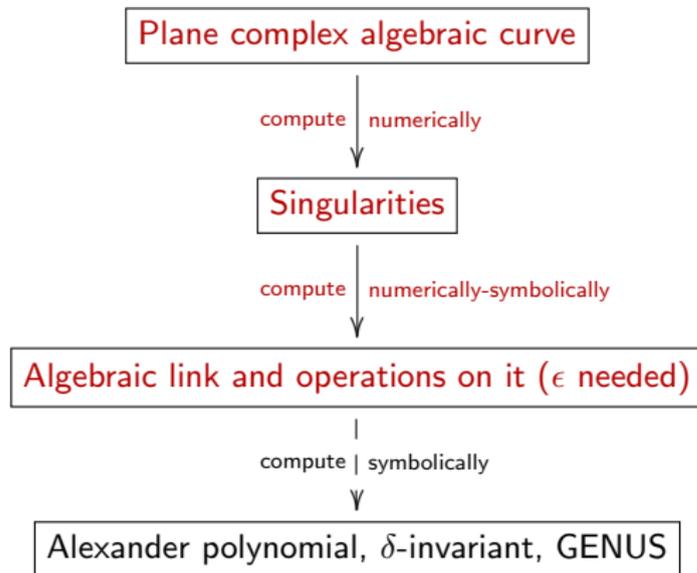
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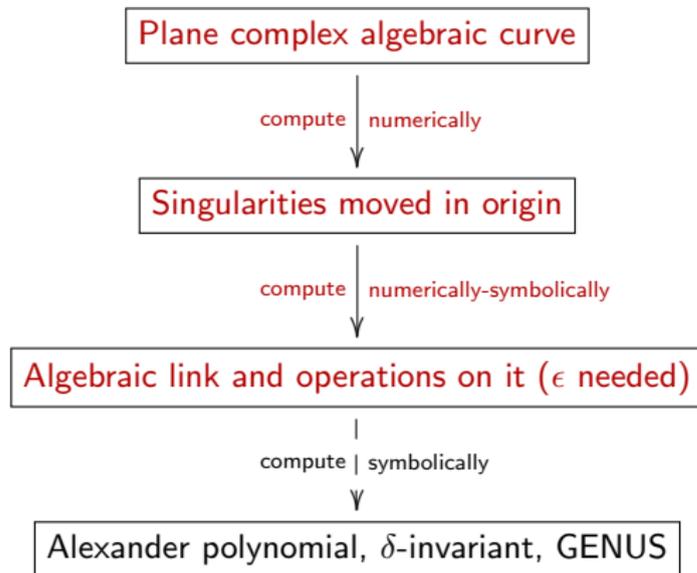
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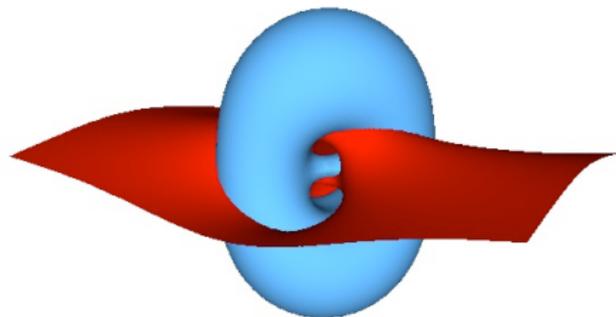
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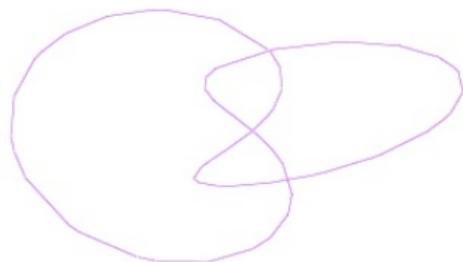
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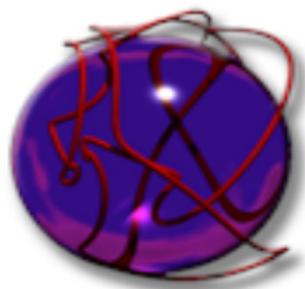
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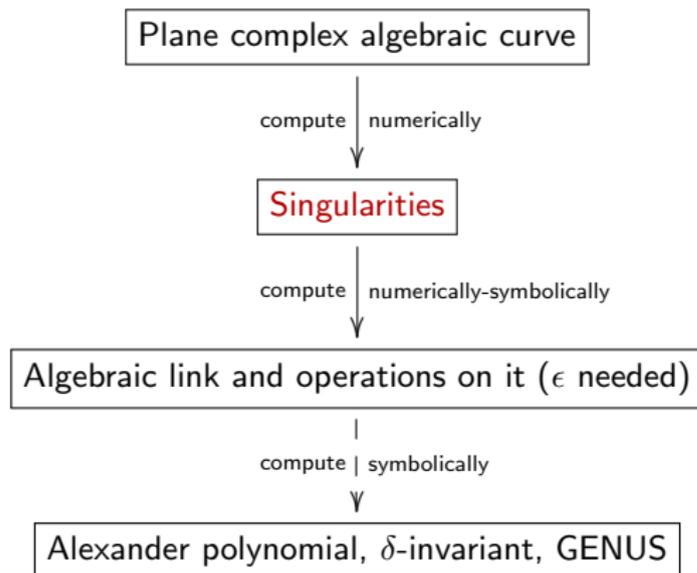


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# First



# Computing the singularities of the curve

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- **Output:**

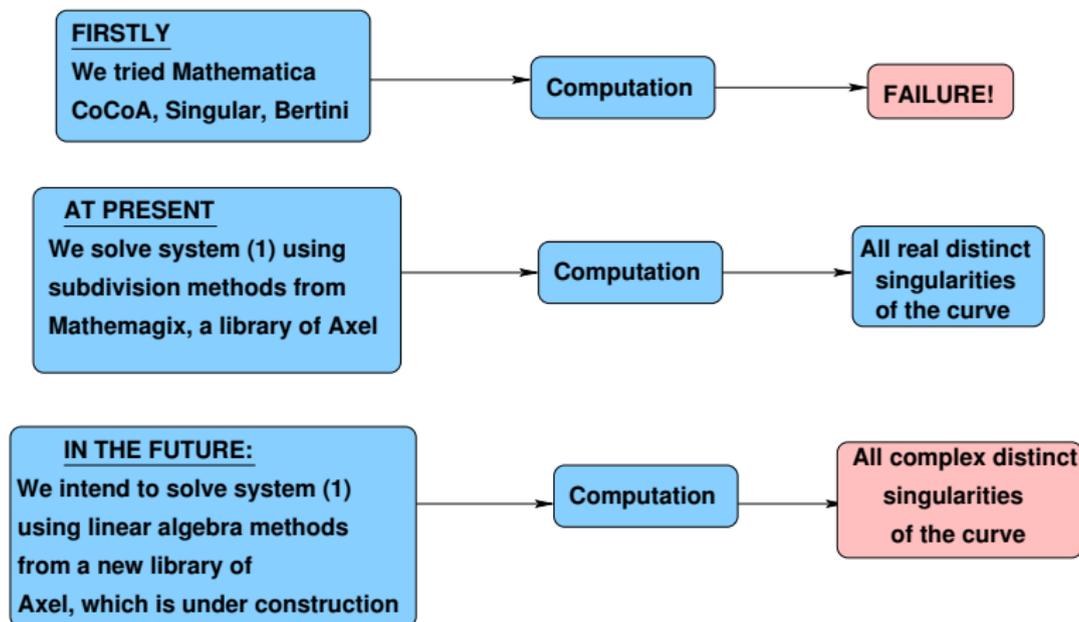
- $Sing(C) = \{(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid F(x_0, y_0) = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = 0, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = 0\}$

- **Method:** We solve the overdeterminate system of polynomial equations with coefficients of limited accuracy in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  :

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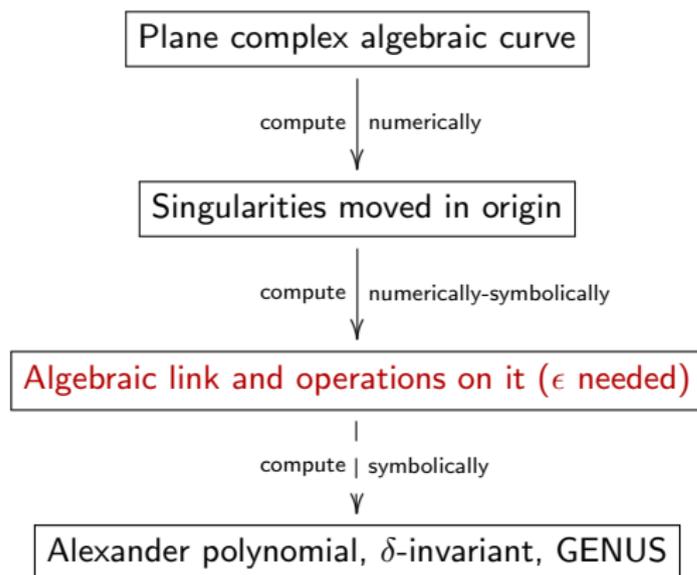
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For input polynomials with coefficients of limited accuracy:



Note: We assume the subdivision methods return all the singularities.

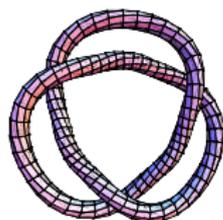
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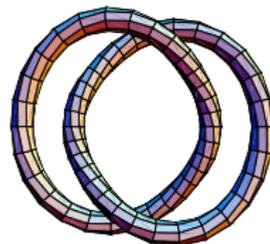
# Knot theory - preliminaries

- A **knot** is a piecewise linear or a differentiable simple closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- A **link** is a finite union of disjoint knots.
- Links resulted from the intersection of a given curve with the sphere are called **algebraic links**.

Trefoil Knot

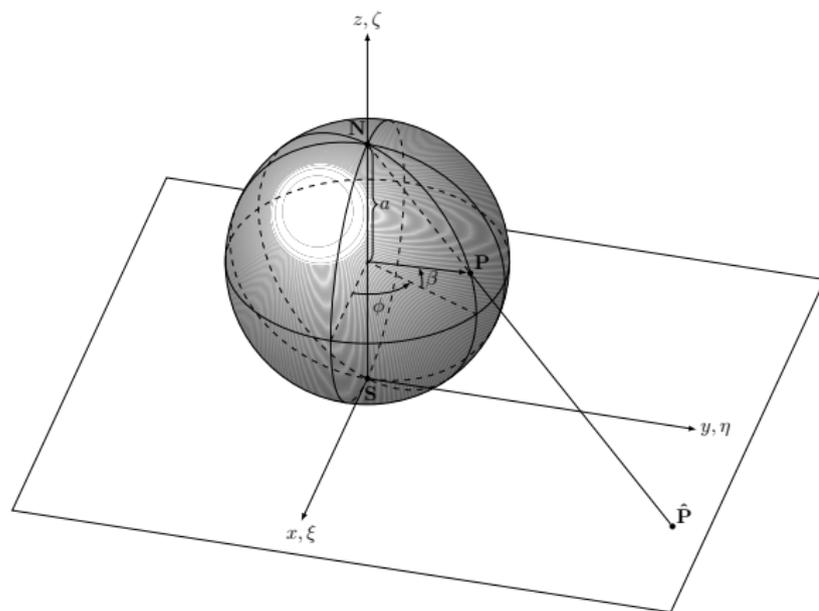


Hopf Link



# Computing the algebraic link of the singularity

- Why the algebraic link of a singularity?
  - helps to study the topology of a complex curve near a singularity;
- How do we compute the algebraic link?
  - use the generalization of the stereographic projection;



# Computing the link of the singularity

## Method (based on Milnor's results)

1. Let  $C = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid F(a, b, c, d) = 0\}$  s.t.  $(0, 0, 0, 0) \in \text{Sing}(C)$
2. Consider  $S_{(0, \epsilon)} := S = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = \epsilon^2\}$ ,  
 $X = C \cap S_{(0, \epsilon)} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$
3. For  $P \in S \setminus C$ ,  $f : S \setminus \{P\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $(a, b, c, d) \mapsto (u = \frac{a}{\epsilon-d}, v = \frac{b}{\epsilon-d}, w = \frac{c}{\epsilon-d})$ ,  
 $f^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow S \setminus \{P\}$   
 $(u, v, w) \mapsto (a = \frac{2u\epsilon}{n}, b = \frac{2v\epsilon}{n}, c = \frac{2w\epsilon}{n}, d = \frac{\epsilon(u^2+v^2+w^2-1)}{n})$ , where  
 $n = 1 + u^2 + v^2 + w^2$ .
4. Compute  $f(X) = \{(u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid F(\frac{2u\epsilon}{n}, \frac{2v\epsilon}{n}, \dots) = 0\} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $f(X) = \{(u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \text{Re}F(\dots) = 0, \text{Im}F(\dots) = 0\}$   
 $f(X)$  is an implicitly defined algebraic curve!  
For small  $\epsilon$ ,  $f(X)$  is a link (a differentiable algebraic link).

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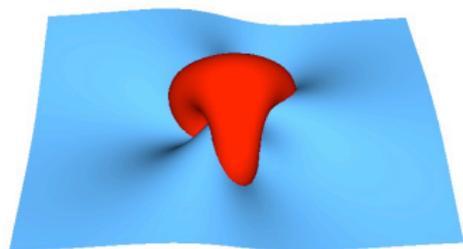


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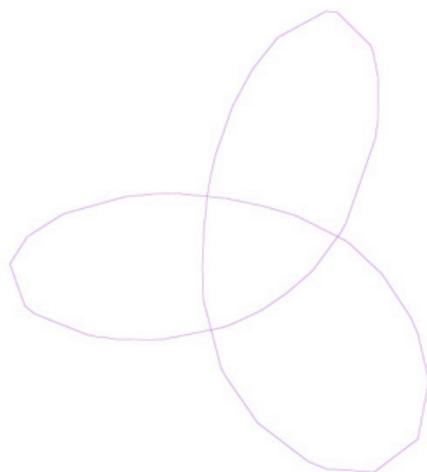


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- $\text{Graph}(L)$  is the topology of  $L$ ,  
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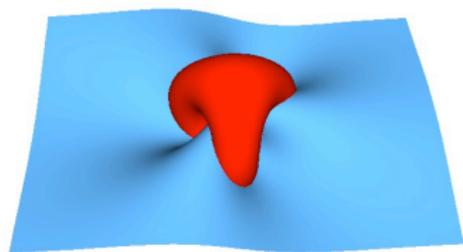


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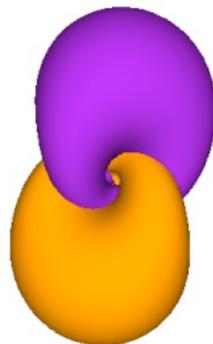


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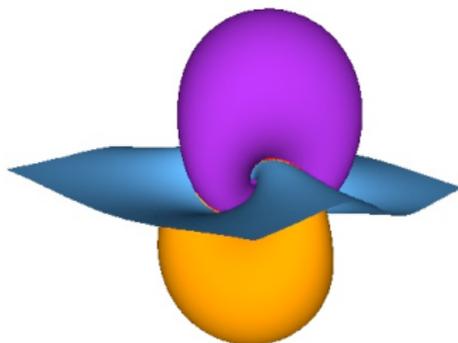


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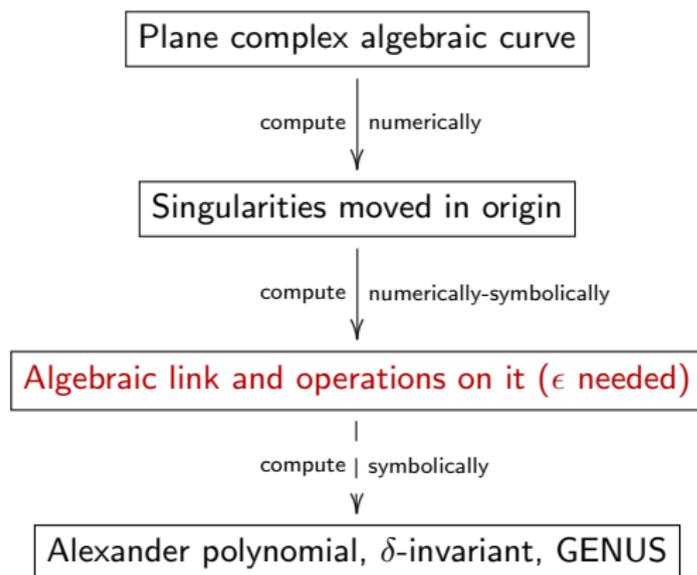
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- $L$  is the intersection of any 2 of the surfaces:  
 $\text{Re}F(\dots), \text{Im}F(\dots)$   
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# Next



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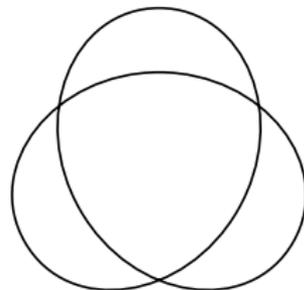
A knot projection is a **regular projection** if no three points on the knot project to the same point, and no vertex projects to the same point as any other point on the knot.

A double point of a regular projection is a **crossing point**.

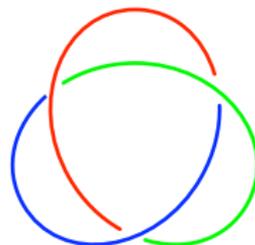
A **diagram** is the image under regular projection, together with the information on each crossing telling which branch goes over/under.

An **arc** is the part of a diagram between two undercrossings.

Regular projection



Diagram



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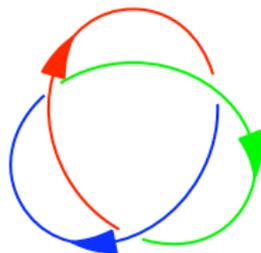
A diagram together with a given orientation of the link is called an **oriented diagram**.

A crossing is:

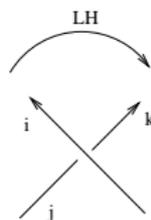
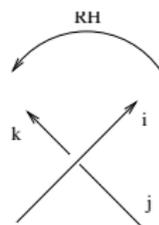
-**righthanded** if the underpass traffic goes from right to left.

-**lefthanded** if the underpass traffic goes from left to right.

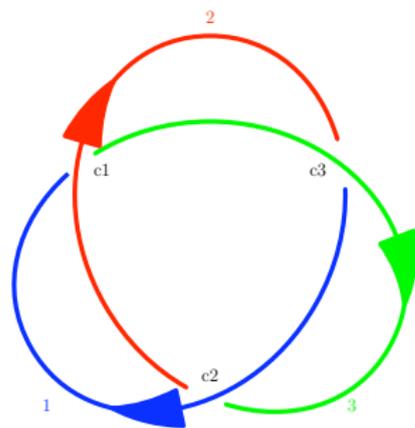
Oriented diagram



Crossings



# Computing operations on the algebraic link



$D(L)$

- 
- $G(L) = \langle P, E \rangle$

$p(\text{index}, x, y, z)$



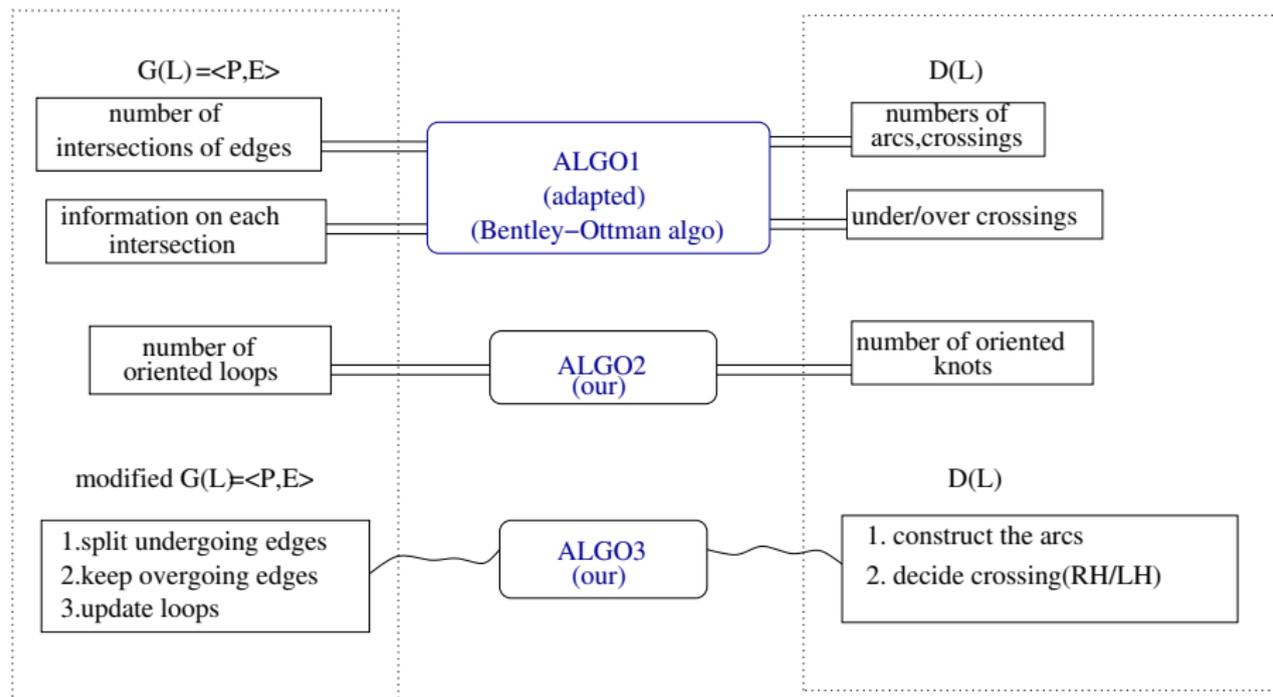
$e(\text{indexS}, \text{indexD})$



- number of arcs, crossings
- type of crossings (under, over)
- number of knots in the link(orientation)

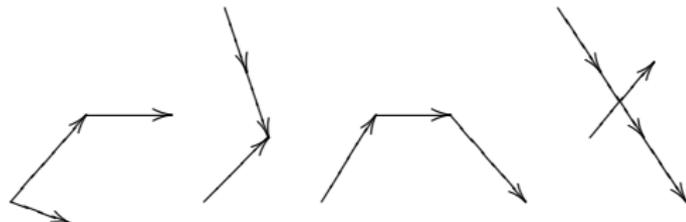
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By performing operations on  $G(L)$  we obtain the elements of  $D(L)$ !



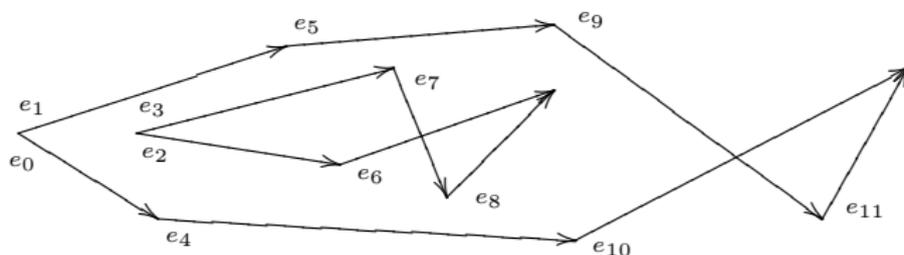
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- **Input:**  $S$  a set of "short" edges ordered from left to right:
  - A "short" edge is an edge whose projection contains at most one crossing point.



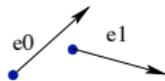
- **Output:**  $I$  - the set of all intersections among edges of  $S$  and
  - for each  $p = e_i \cap e_j \in I$ , the "arranged" pair of edges  $(e_i, e_j)$ , i.e  $e_i$  is below  $e_j$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

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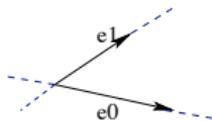


- First: the edges are ordered by criteria (1),(2),(3):

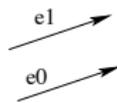
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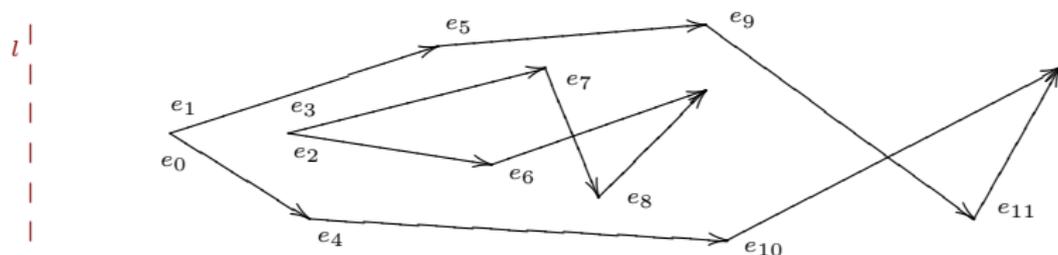
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slopes of edges



(3)  
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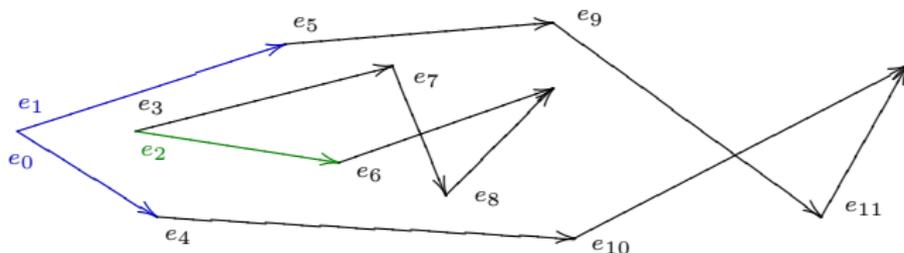


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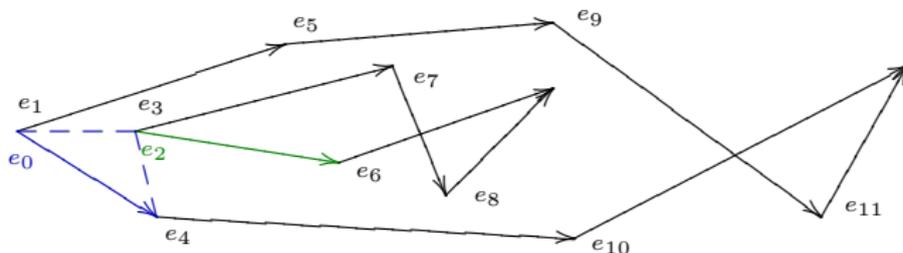
- we consider  $l$  a sweep line
- we keep track of two lists:  
 $E = \{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{11}\}$  the list of ordered edges  
 $Sw = \{?\}$  the list of event points
- while traversing  $E$  we insert the edges in  $Sw$  in the "right" position
- That is...

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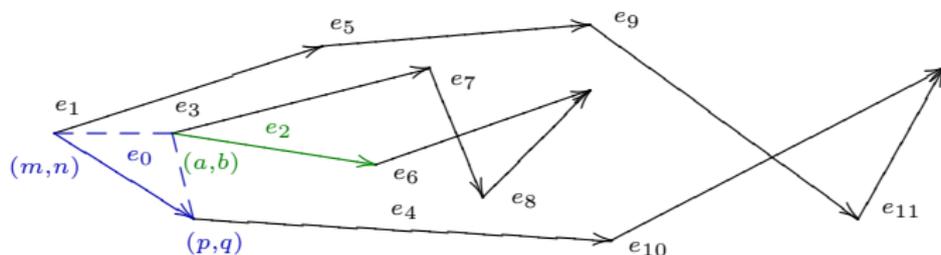
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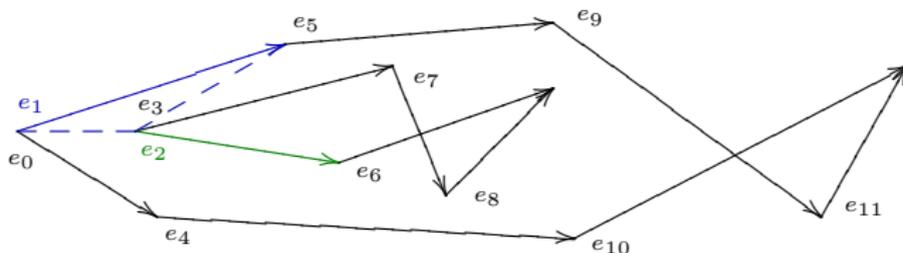
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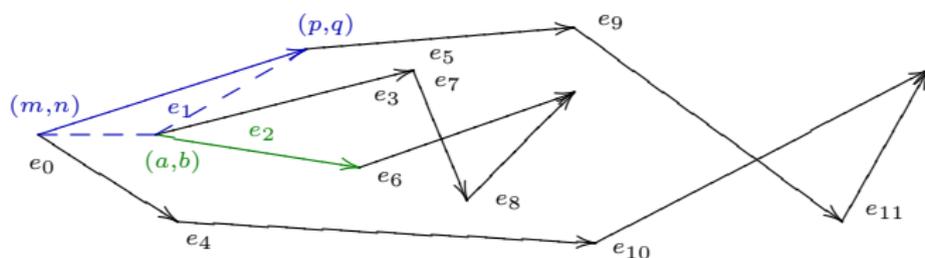
$$\det(e_2, e_0) = \begin{pmatrix} m & n & 1 \\ p & q & 1 \\ a & b & 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0 \Rightarrow e_2 \text{ after } e_0 \text{ in } Sw$$

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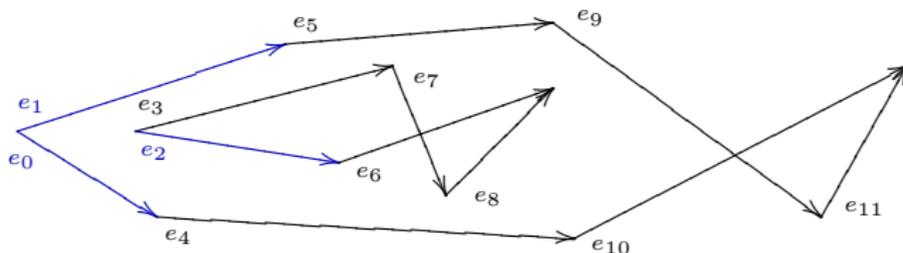
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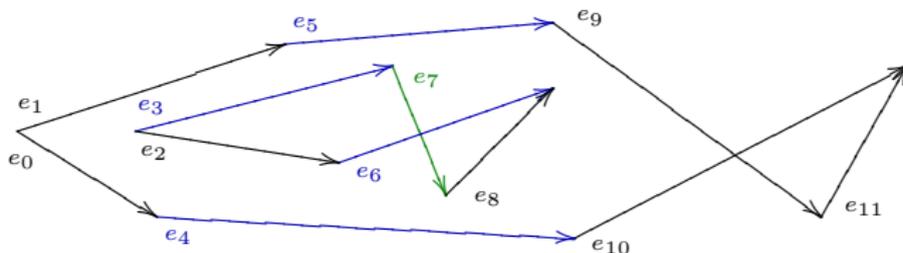
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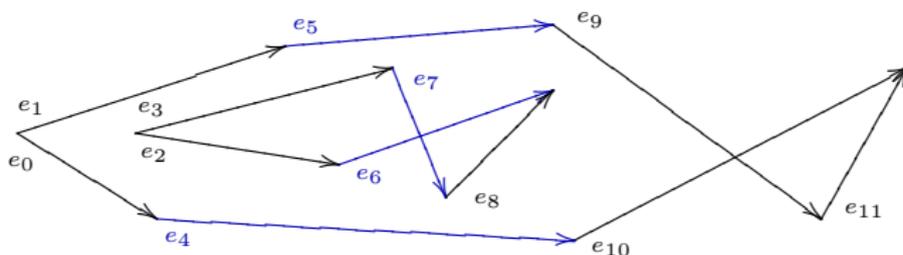
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- Test  $e_0 \cap e_2$ ? No!  
Test  $e_2 \cap e_1$ ? No!
- $I = \emptyset$   
 $E_I = \emptyset$

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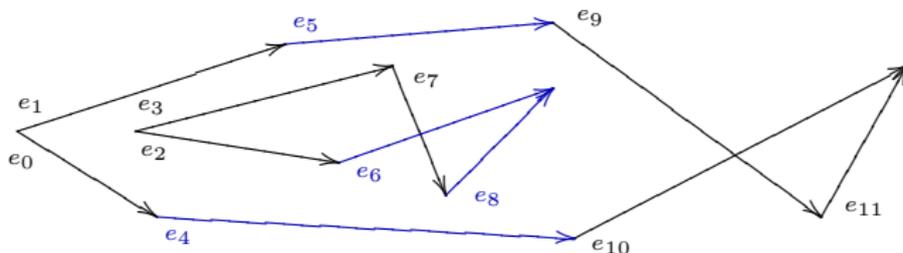
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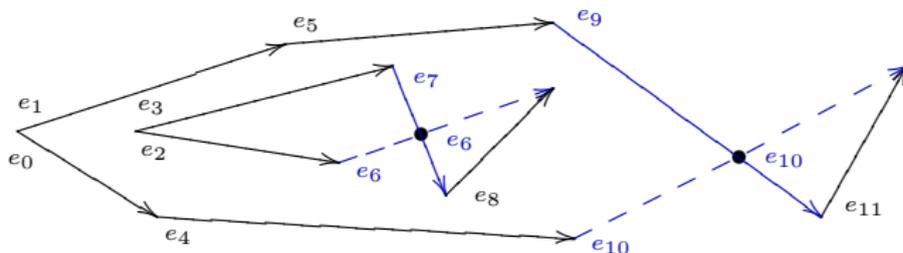
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- Test  $e_6 \cap e_7 = ?$  Yes!  
Test  $e_7 \cap e_5 = ?$  No!  $\Rightarrow I = \{(a_1, b_1)\}$   $E_I = \{(e_6, e_7)\}$   
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- Test  $e_4 \cap e_8 = ?$  No!  
Test  $e_8 \cap e_6 = ?$  No!
- Test  $dest(e_4) = dest(e_8)$ ? No!  
Test  $dest(e_8) = dest(e_6)$ ? Yes!  $\Rightarrow Sw = \{e_4, \cancel{e_8}, \cancel{e_6}, e_5\} = \{e_4, e_5\}$

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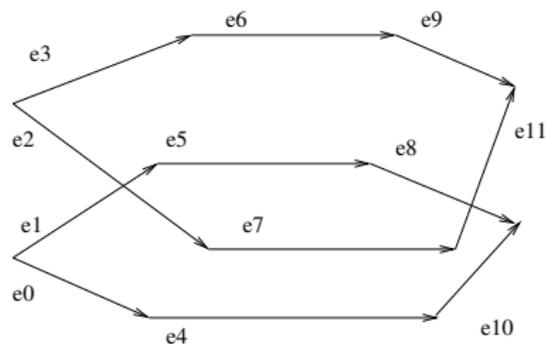
- The adapted Bentley-Ottman algorithm produces the final output:

$$I = \{i_1 = (x_1, y_1), i_2 = (x_2, y_2)\}$$

$$E_I = \{(e_6, e_7), (e_{10}, e_9)\} \text{ with}$$

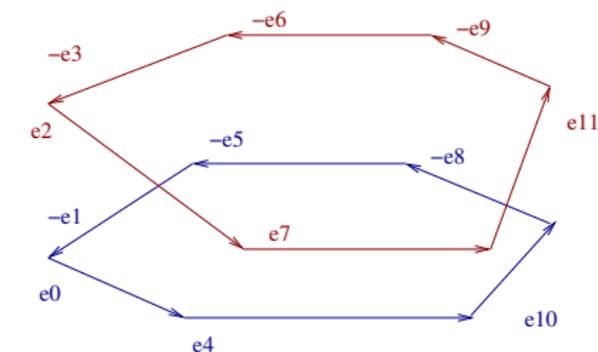
- $e_6$  below  $e_7$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and
- $e_{10}$  below  $e_9$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

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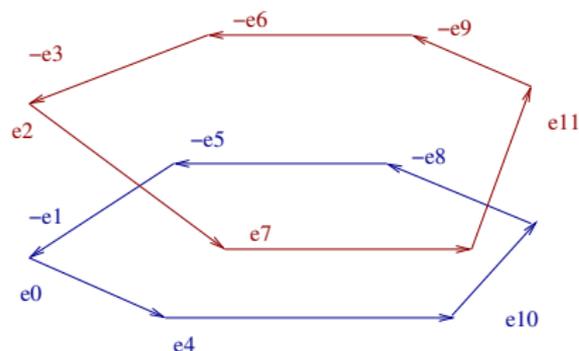
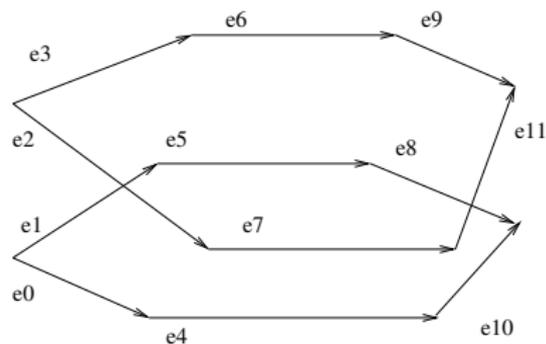
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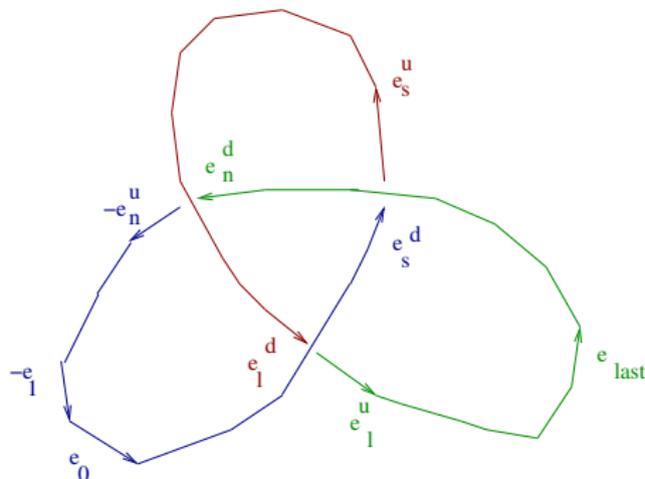
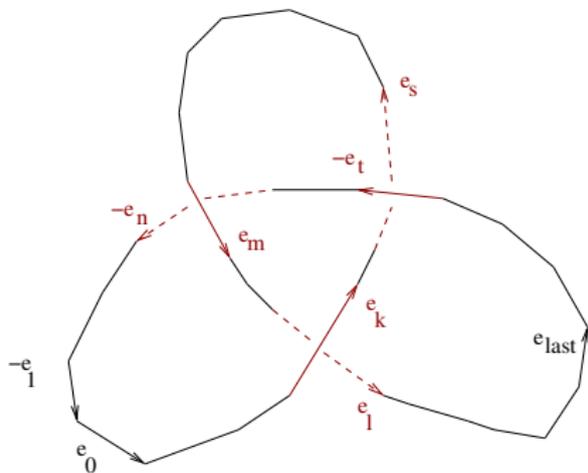


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- Here, we introduce:
  - $\Rightarrow$  the positive edges ( $\xrightarrow{e}$ ):  $x.dest(e) > x.source(e)$
  - $\Rightarrow$  the negative edges ( $\xleftarrow{-f}$ ):  $x.dest(-f) < x.source(-f)$

## Algorithm 3 - Constructing the arcs



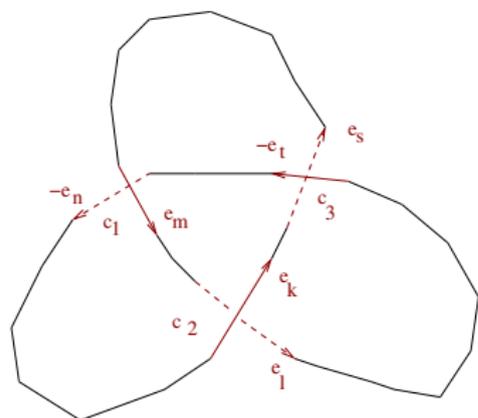
- $E = \{e_0, \dots, e_{last}\}$
- $E_I = \{(-e_n, e_m), (e_l, e_k), (e_s, -e_t)\} \Rightarrow$
- $L_0 = \{e_0, \dots, e_s, e_l, \dots, -e_1\}$
- While constructing the arcs we also decide the type of crossings (RH or LH).

$$a_0 = \{e_n^u, \dots, -e_1, e_0, \dots, e_k, \dots, e_s^d\}$$

$$a_1 = \{e_l^u, \dots, -e_t, \dots, -e_n^d\}$$

$$a_2 = \{e_s^u, \dots, e_m, \dots, e_l^d\}$$

## Algorithm 3 - Deciding the type of crossing



RH



LH



- For instance  $c_1 = (-e_n, e_m)$  is LH since:
  - $x.\text{source}(-e_n) > x.\text{dest}(-e_n)$ ,
  - $x.\text{source}(e_m) < x.\text{dest}(e_m)$ ,
  - $\text{slope}(e_m) < \text{slope}(-e_n)$
- $c_2 = (e_l, e_k)$  is LH,  $c_3 = (e_s, -e_t)$  is LH.

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# Summary

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About GENOM3CK: <http://people.ricam.oeaw.ac.at/m.hodorog/software.html>

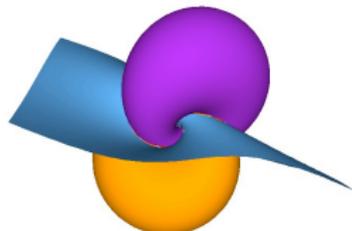
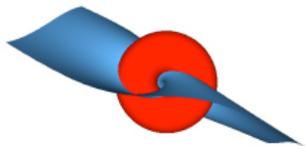
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$x^2 - y^4, \epsilon = 1.0$	2-knots link
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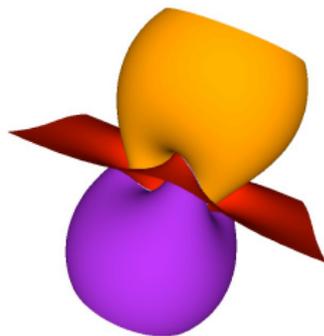
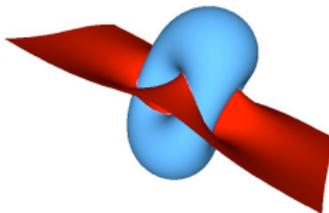
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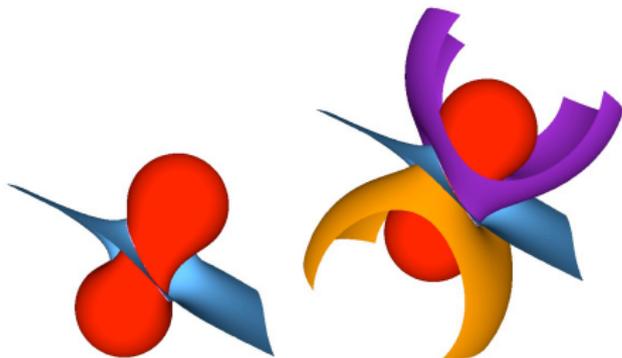
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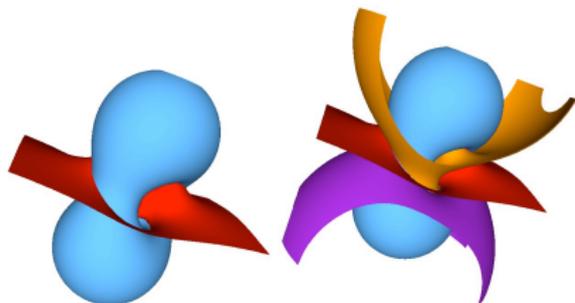
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Thank you for your attention.  
Questions?