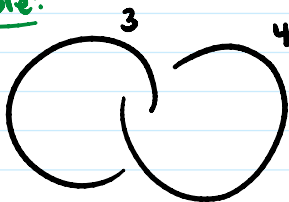
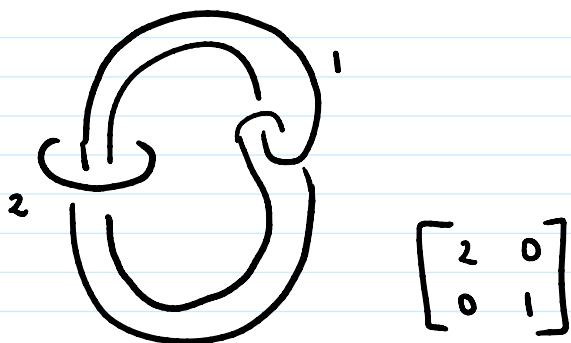


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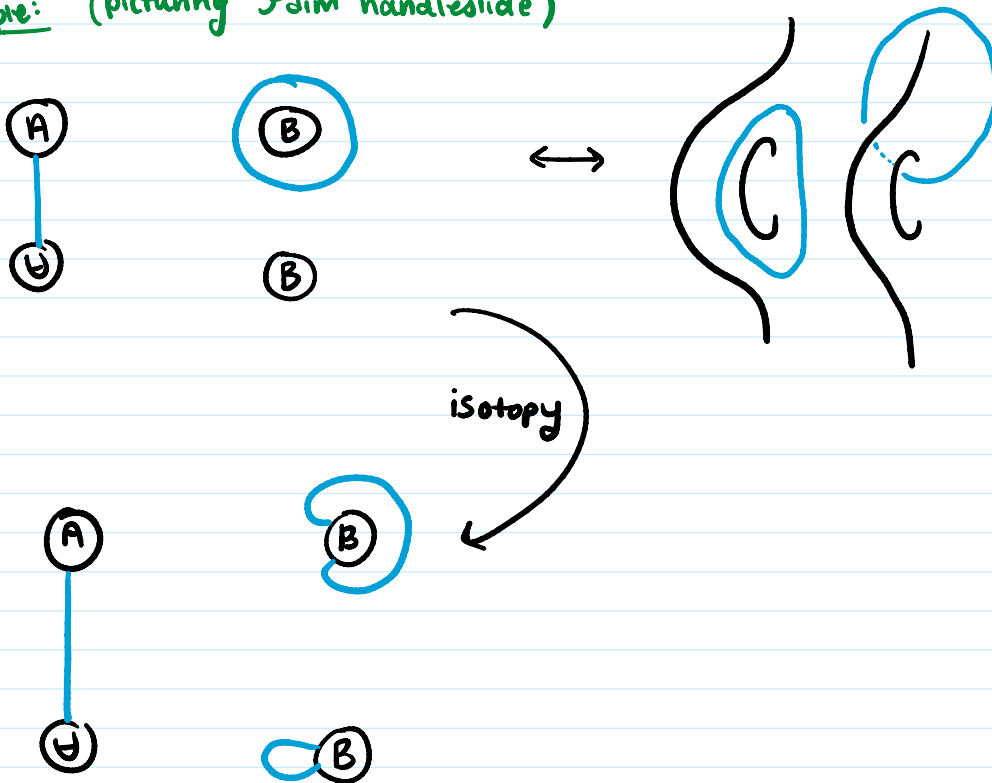


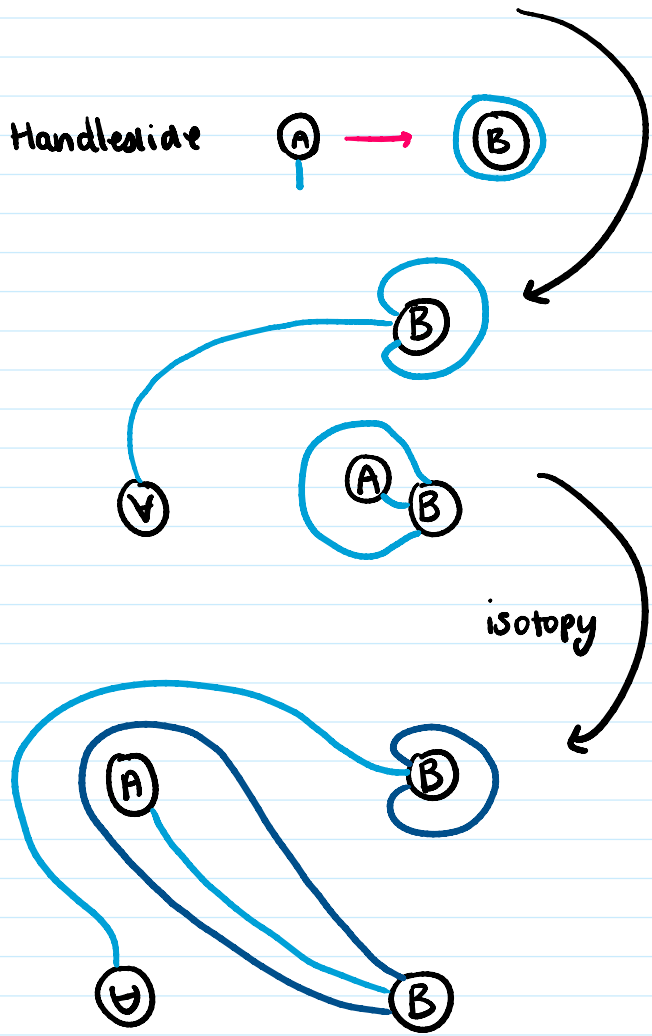
linking matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex:

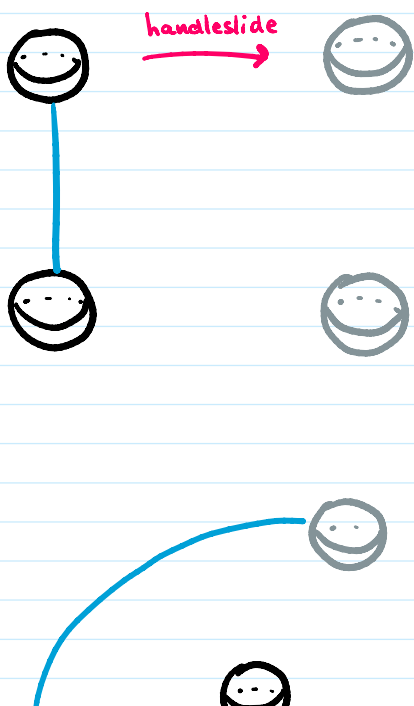


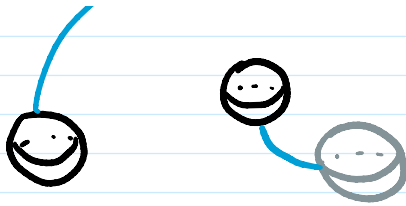
Example: (picturing 3-dim handleslide)



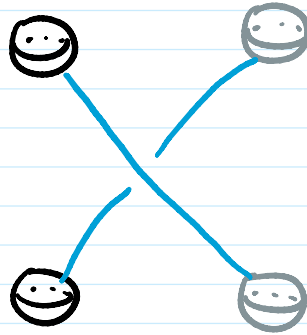
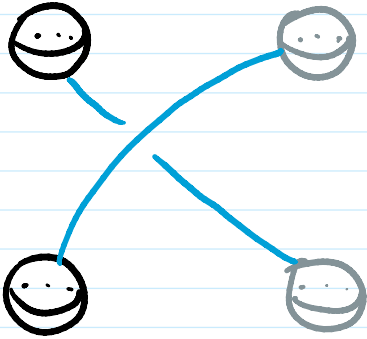


Example: (picturing 4-dim handle slide)





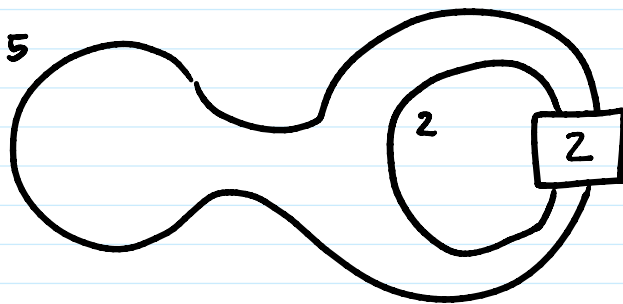
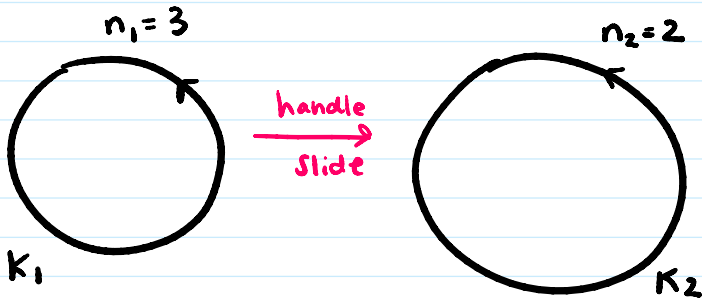
isotopy
TWO OPTIONS:


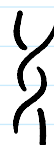


4-dim 2-handle slide:

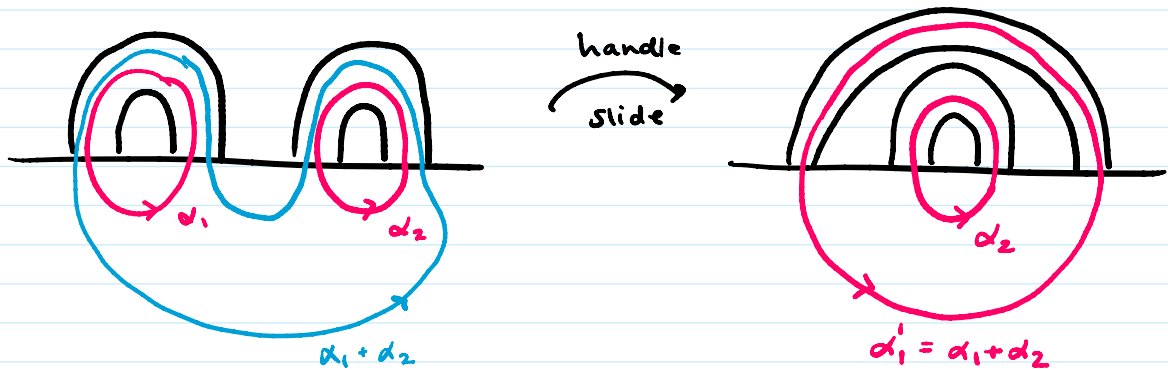
slide K_1 over K_2

Example:



Recall:  = 

change of basis induced by handleslide



α_1, α_2 was canonical basis for $H_2(X)$. New framing on K_1' is

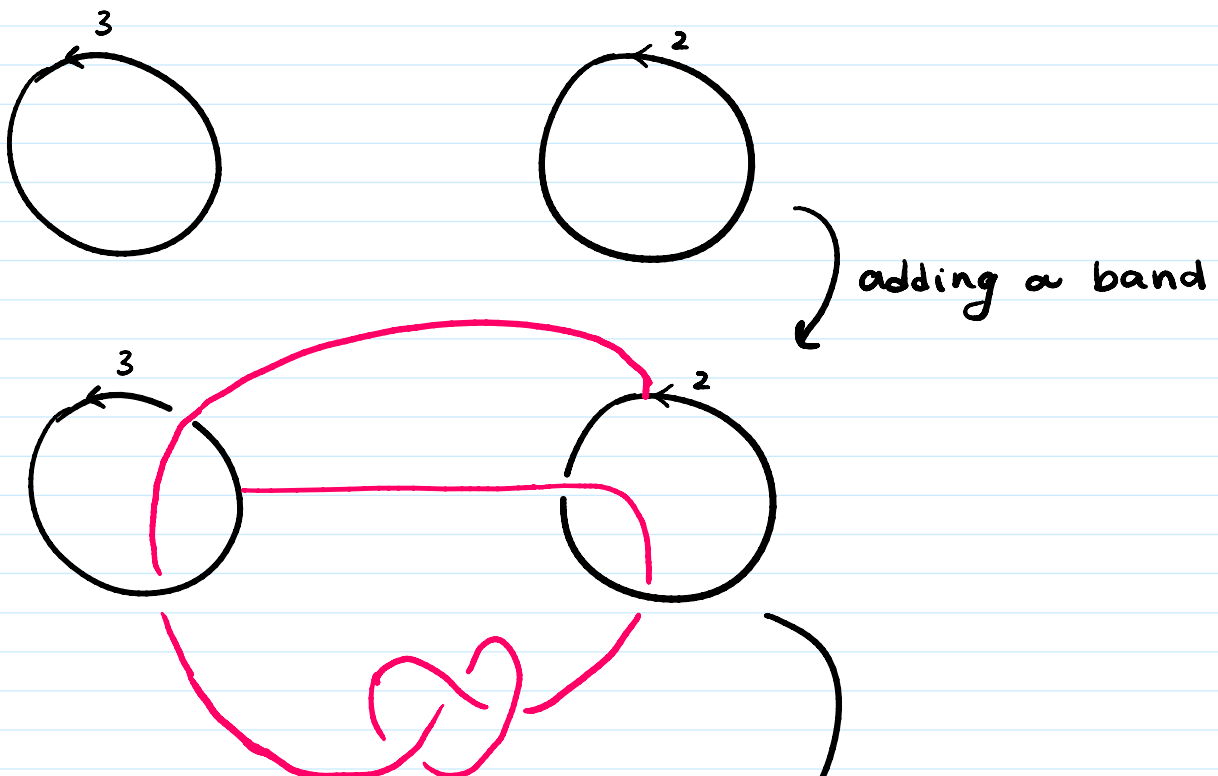
$$(d_1 \pm d_2)^2 = d_1^2 + d_2^2 \pm 2\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2$$

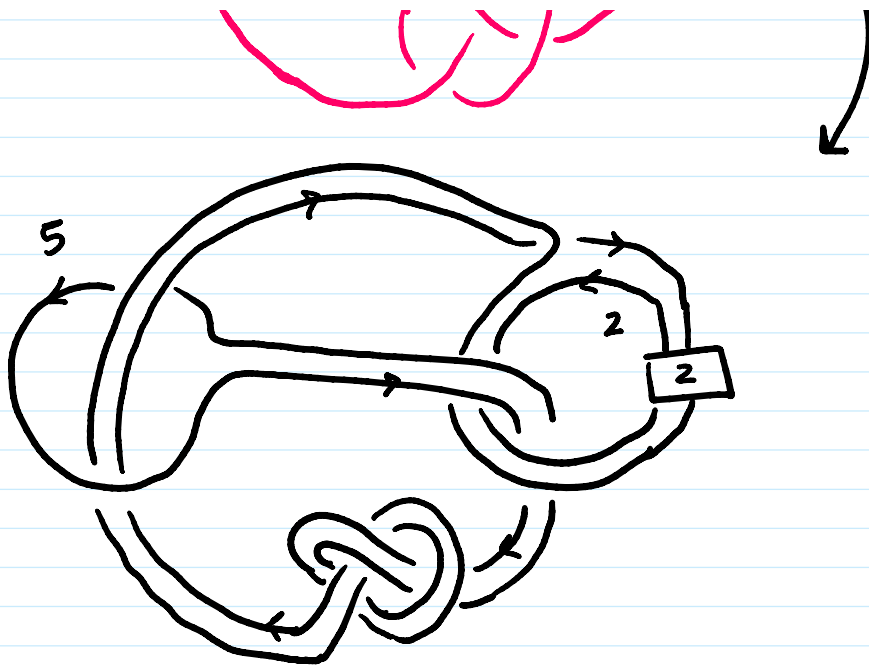
given by framing on K_1

given by framing on K_2

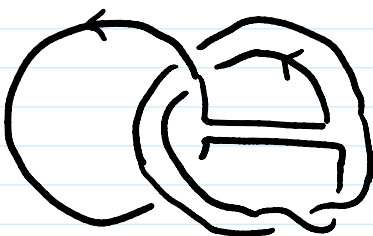
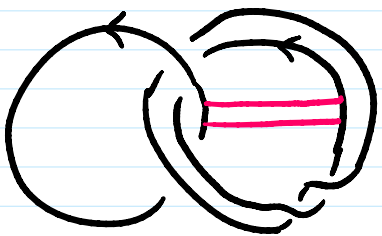
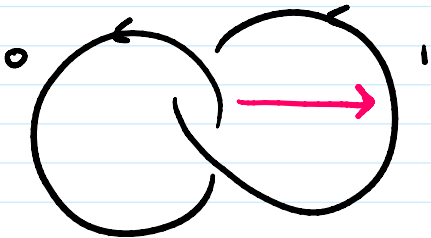
twice the linking number of K_1 & K_2

Example:





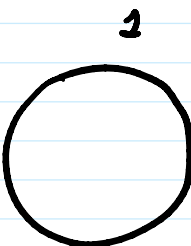
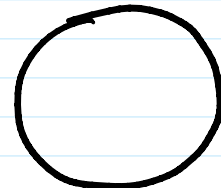
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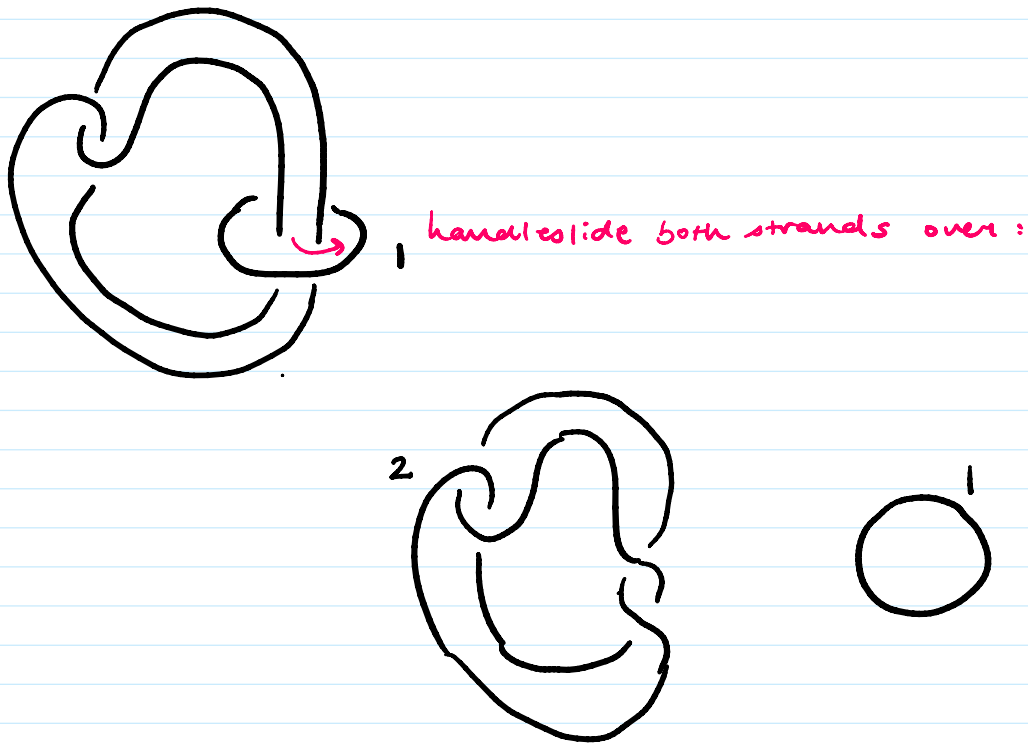
isotopy →

$$0 + 1 - 2(1)$$

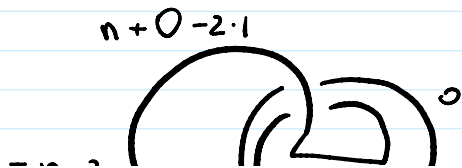
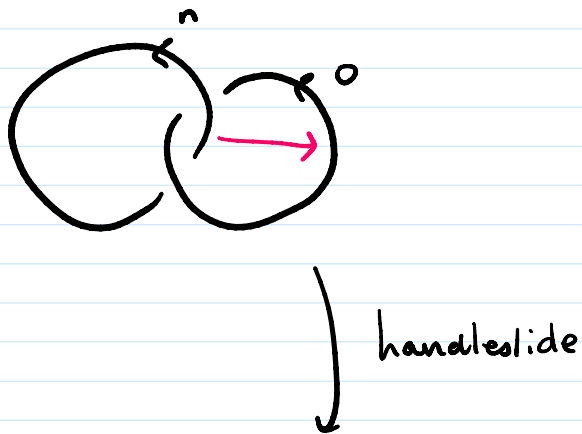
$$= -1$$

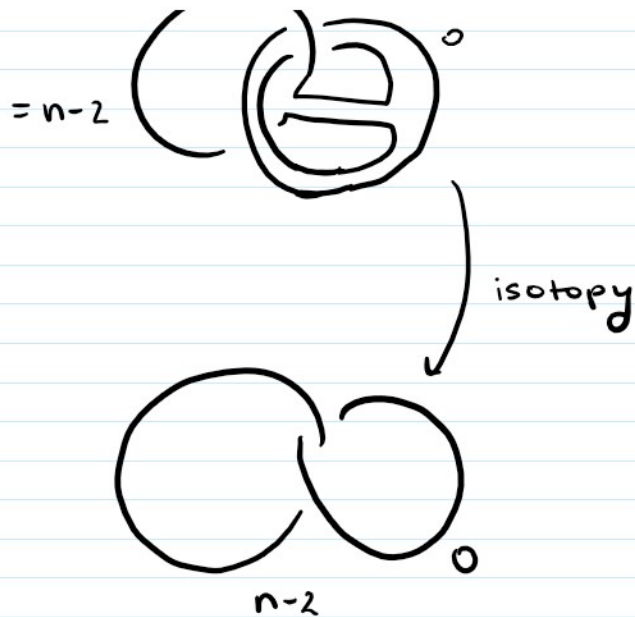


Example: (Exercise - check this 1 slide at a time)



Example:





Can always adjust by ± 2

Note:

Nothing else goes through K_2 geometrically

Proposition

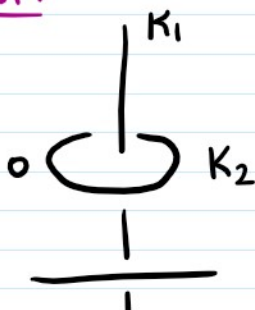
Let X^4 be given by a Kirby diagram. Suppose K_1 and K_2 are attaching circles such that K_1 lies entirely in ∂D^4 and K_2 is a **0-framed meridian** of K_1 .

Then $X = X' \# S$

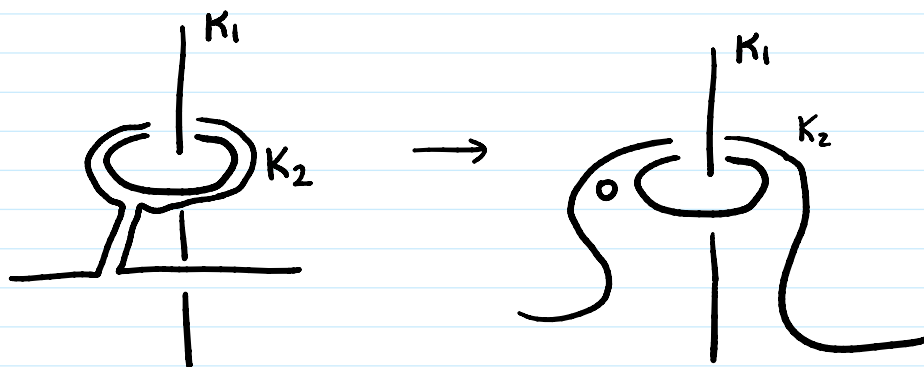
where X' is obtained from X by erasing K_1 and K_2 and $S = S^2 \times S^2$ if framing coeff. n_1 of K_1 is even and

$S = \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ otherwise

proof:

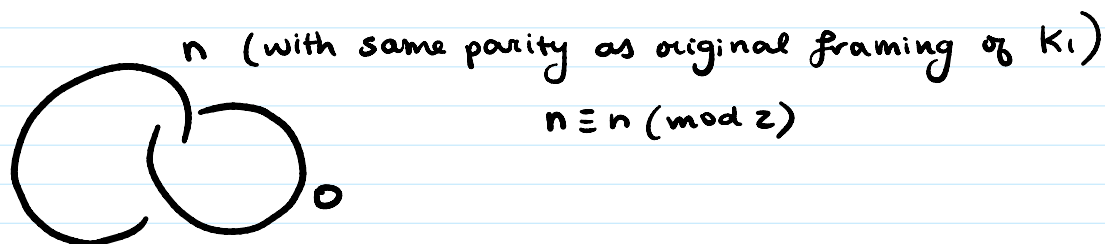


Use 0-framed meridian to bring K_1 and K_2 entirely to the front.
 Want to slide over K_2 :



Then, unknot K_1

Self-crossing of $K_1 \rightsquigarrow$ framing changes by 2



n even : this is $S^2 \times S^2$

n odd : this is $\mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$

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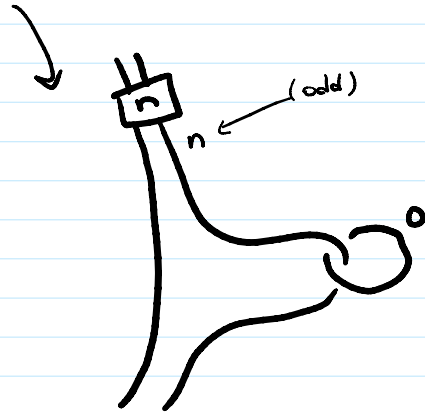
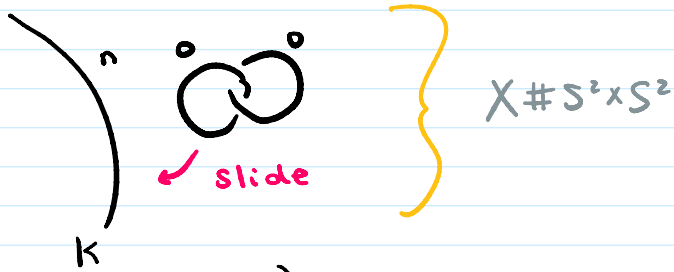
Corollary

Let X^4 be given by a Kirby diagram without 1-handles and with odd intersection form. Then $X \# S^2 \times S^2$ and $X \# \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2}$ are diffeomorphic

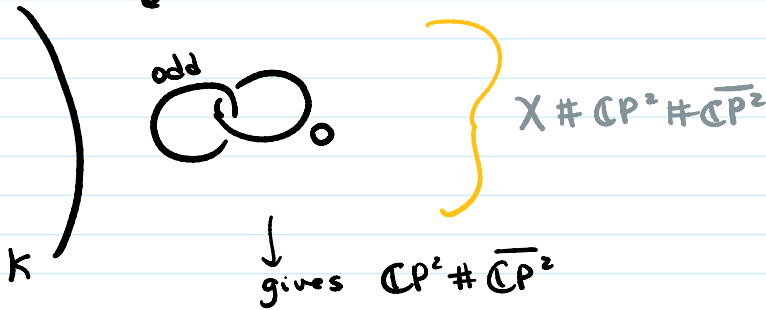
proof:

odd intersection form \Rightarrow Kirby diagram has a component

K with odd framing



apply Proposition



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Corollary

Let X^4 consist of a 0-h and m 2-handles. Then the double

$$DX \cong_{\text{diff}} \begin{cases} \#_m S^2 \times S^2 & \text{if } Q_X \text{ even} \\ \#_m \mathbb{C}P^2 \# \overline{\mathbb{C}P^2} & \text{if } Q_X \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

In particular, if X is a closed 4-mfd without 1- or 3-handles, then $X \# \bar{X}$ admits such a connected sum splitting.

Open Question:

Does every simply-connected closed 4-mfd admit a handle decomposition without 1- or 3- handles?

Weaker: " " without 1- handles?

Handle cancellation:

$(k-1)$ handle h_{k-1} and a k -handle h_k can cancel if attaching sphere of h_k intersects belt sphere of h_{k-1} in a single point (regardless of framings)

Example: 3-dim $1/2$ cancelling pair



attaching sphere of 1-handle
belt sphere of 2-handle

Example: 4-dim $1/2$ cancelling pair

