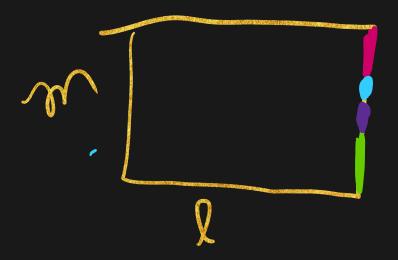
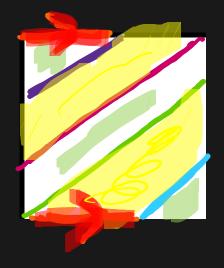
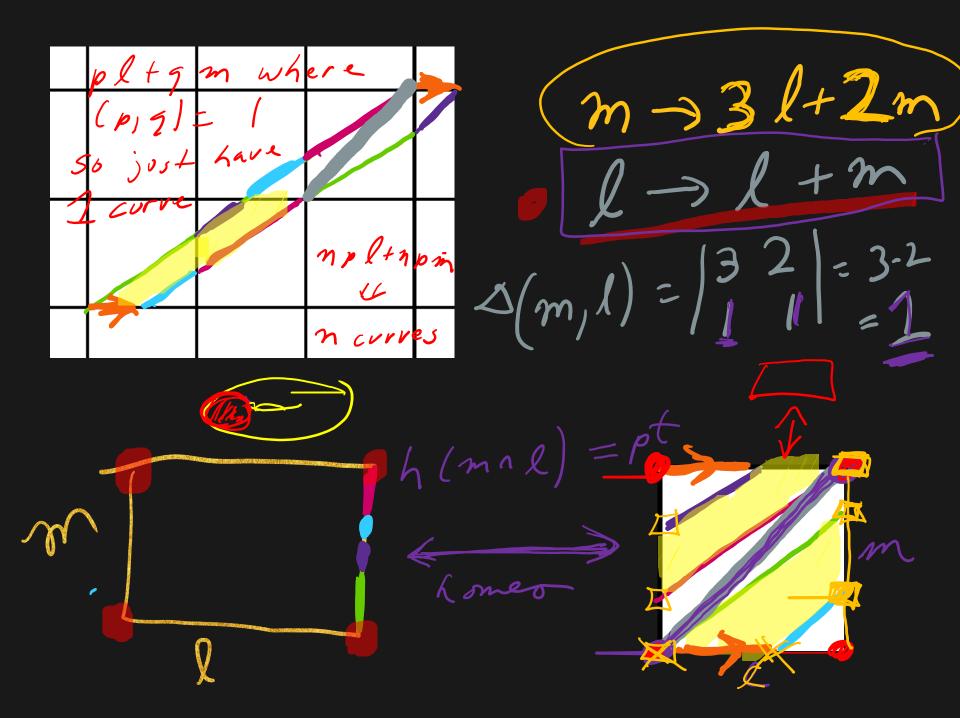
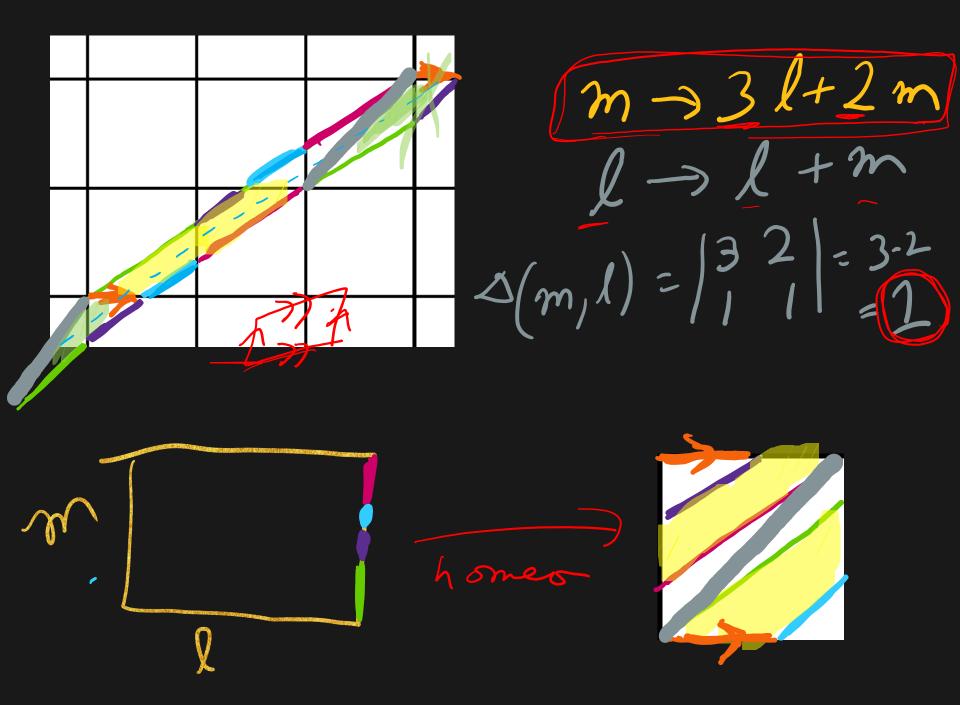


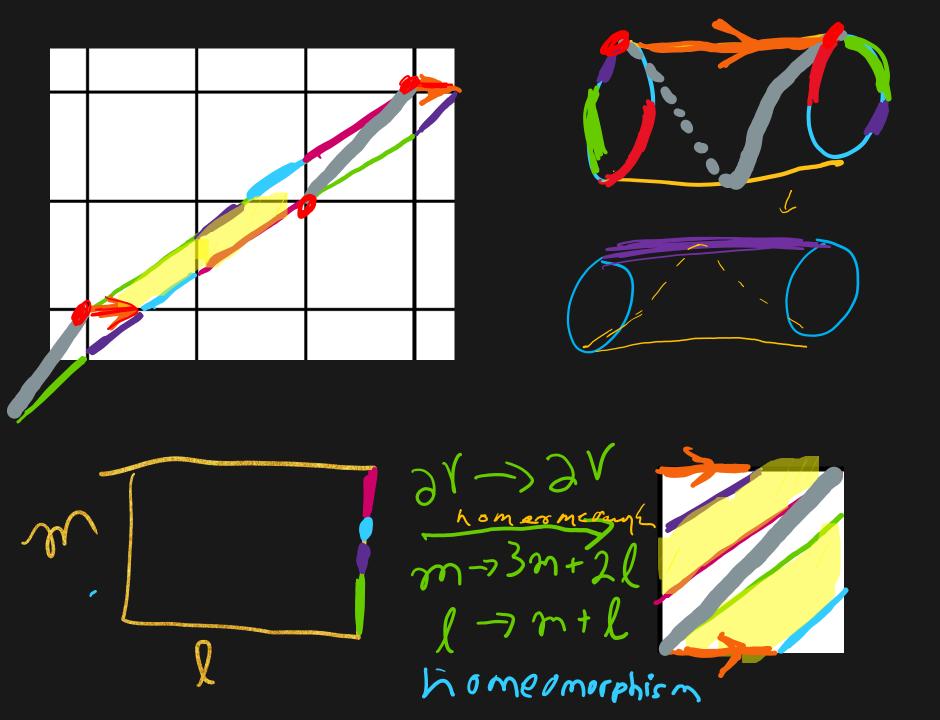
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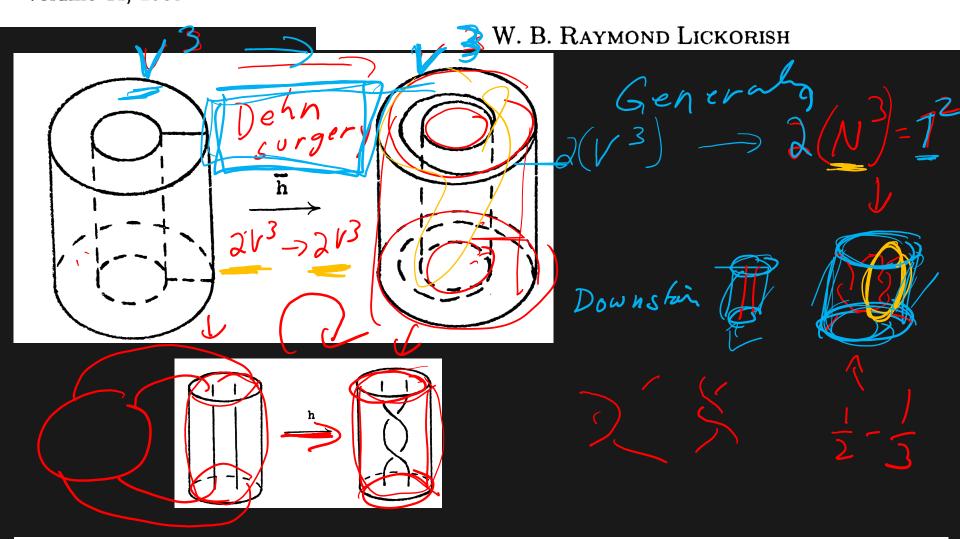






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LEMMA 1. If k has unknotting number equal to one, then M_k is obtained by n/2-surgery on some knot in S^3 , n being an odd integer.

PROOF. Let A be the annulus $\{re^{i\theta}: 1 \le r \le 2\} \subset \mathbb{C}$, and let $\tau: A \to A$ be the twisting homeomorphism defined by

 $\tau(re^{i\theta}) = re^{i(\theta + 2\pi r)}$

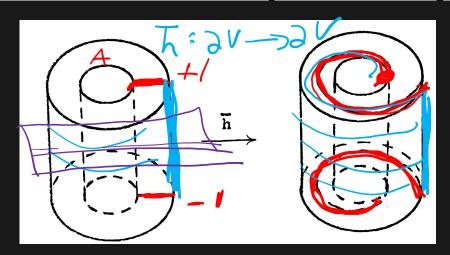
Let ρ be the rotation about the real axis of the solid torus $V = A \times [-1, 1] \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$ given by $\rho(re^{i\theta}, t) = (re^{-i\theta}, -t)$. Define a homeomorphism \overline{h} from the boundary

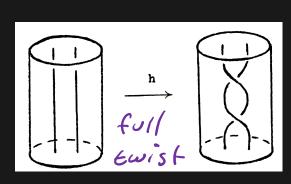
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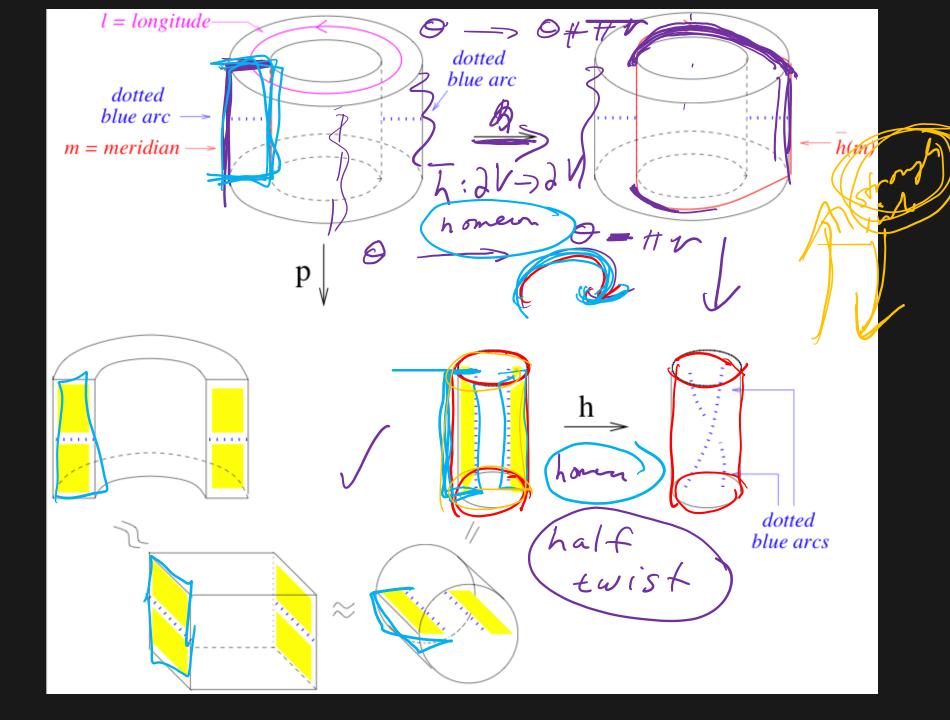
$$\overline{h(re^{i\theta},1)} = (\tau re^{i\theta},1) \qquad 5' \times D^2 = V = V^3$$

$$\overline{h(re^{i\theta},-1)} = (\tau^{-1}re^{i\theta},-1) \qquad \partial V^2 = T^2 \neq T^3$$

 \overline{h} being the identity on the remainder of ∂V . This \overline{h} commutes with $\rho | \partial V$ and so induces a homeomorphism on the quotient space $h : \partial T/\rho \to \partial T/\rho$.







Classification of rational tangles is simpler:

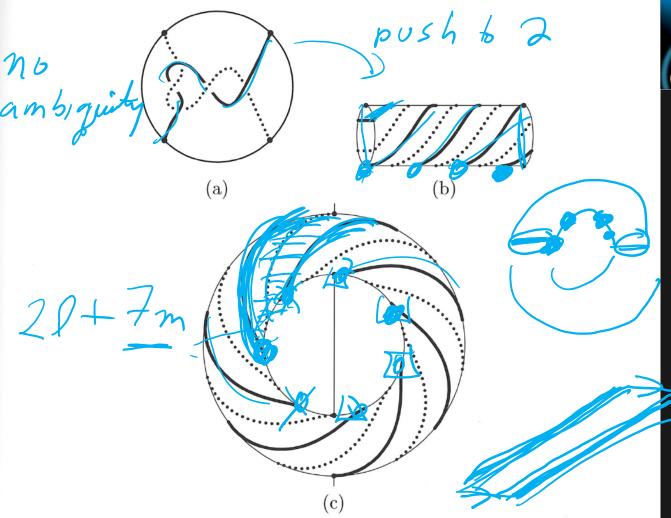
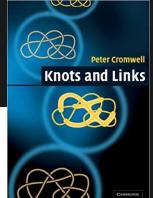
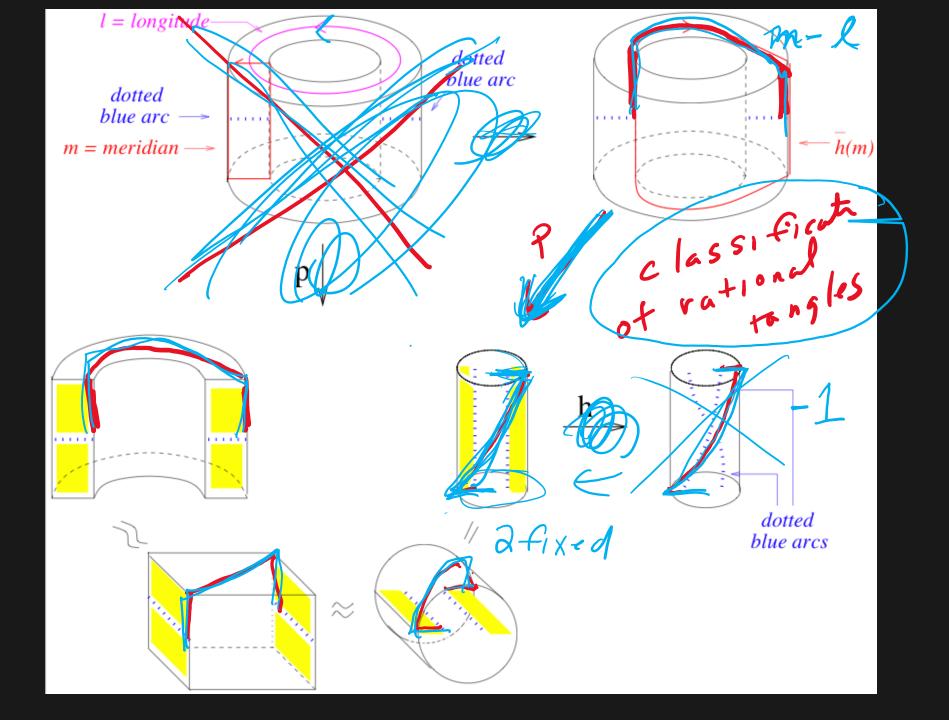


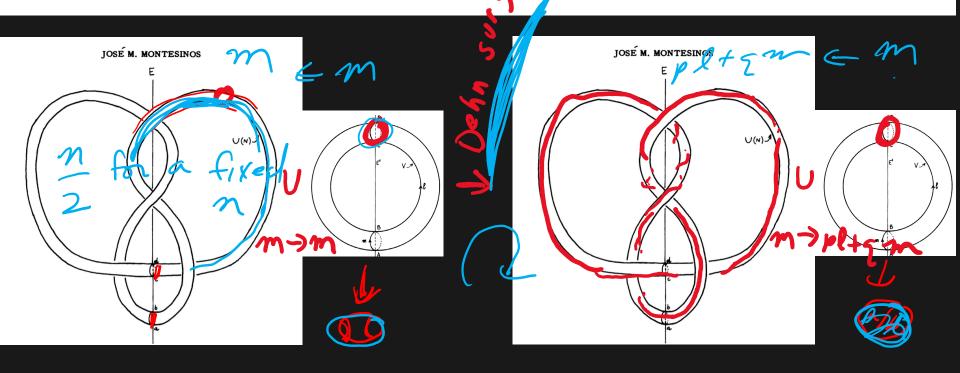
Figure 8.6. A rational tangle can be isotoped to lie on the boundary, then lifted to the covering torus.

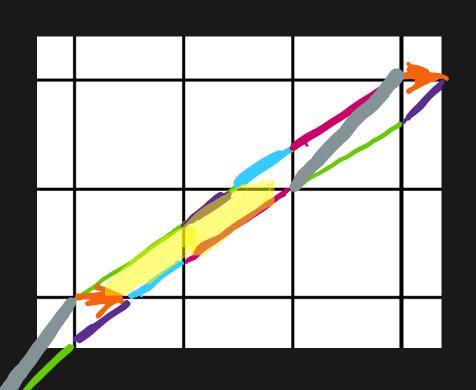


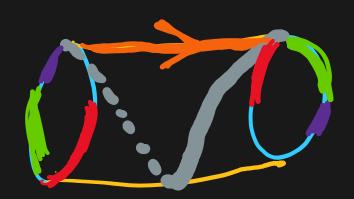


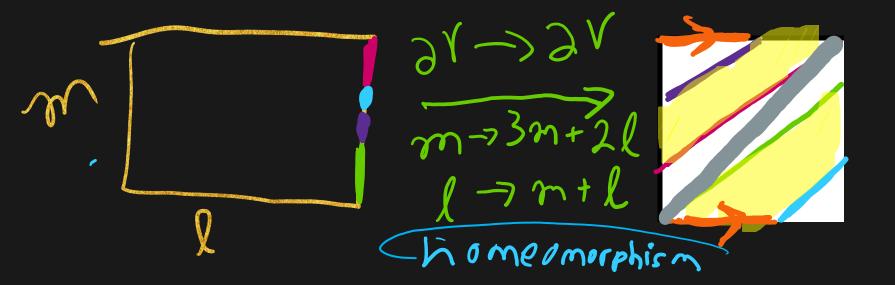
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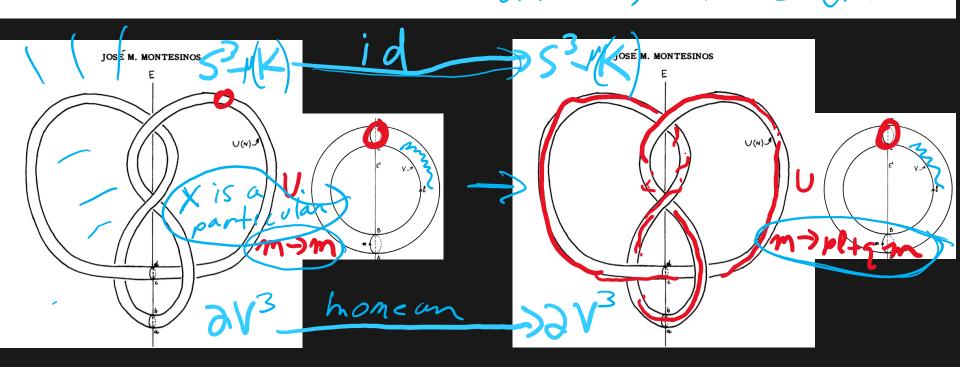






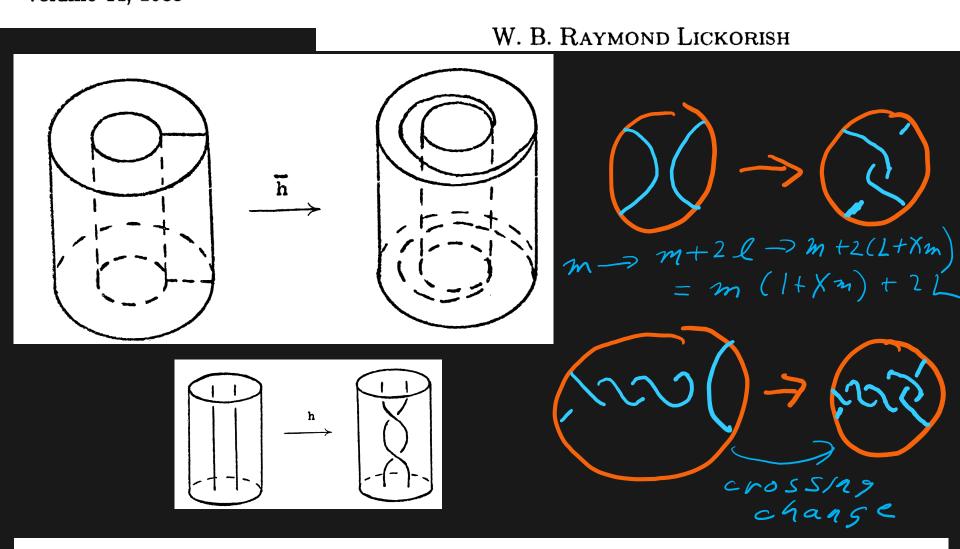
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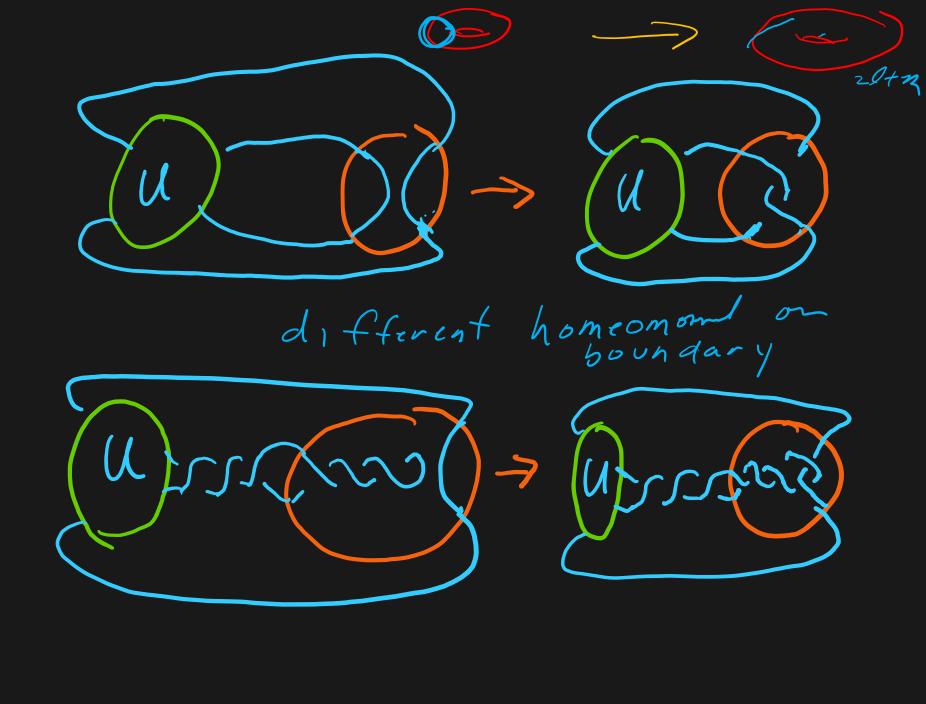


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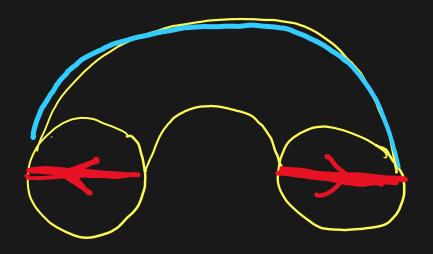


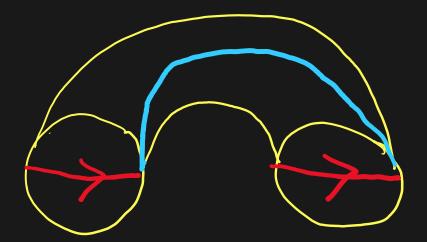
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Option 2: Relate tangle equations on previous slide to double branch cover.

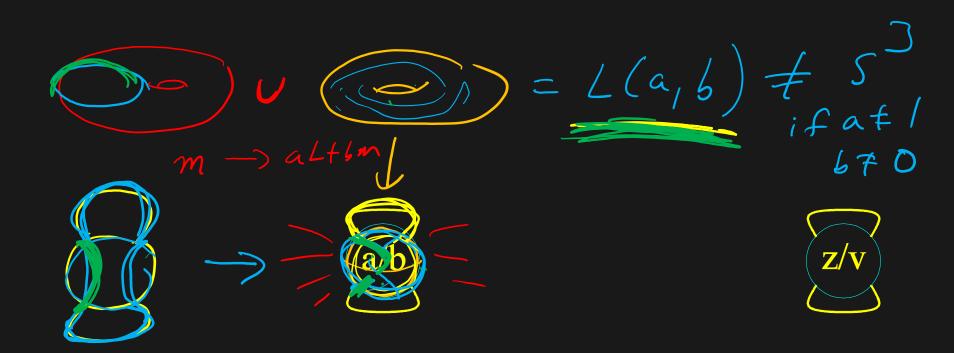
Hint:





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