

# The 3D index and Dehn surgery

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# Overview

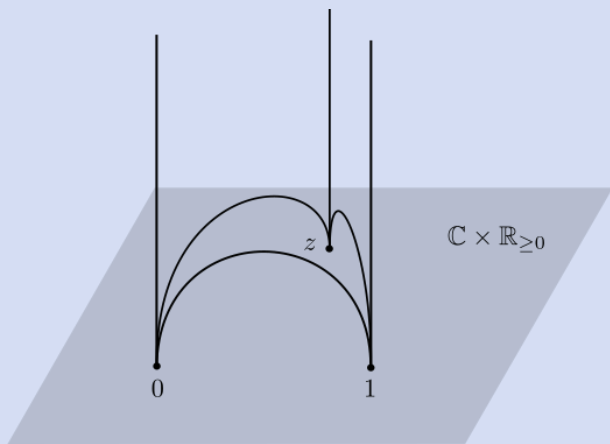
Idea: rigorous proof of a Dehn surgery formula for the 3D index.

- hyperbolic geometry in dimension 3
- the DGG 3D index
- Dehn surgery
- the proof
- applications & open questions

## Introduction

In what follows,  $M =$  compact, connected, orientable 3-manifold with  $\partial M = c$  tori (e.g. link complement).

$M$  can be described via an ideal triangulation:



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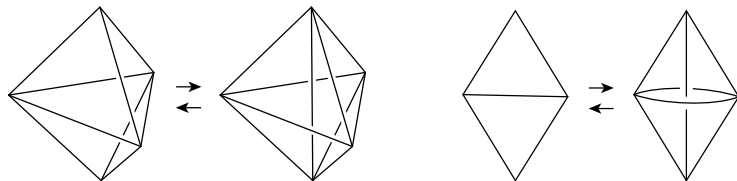
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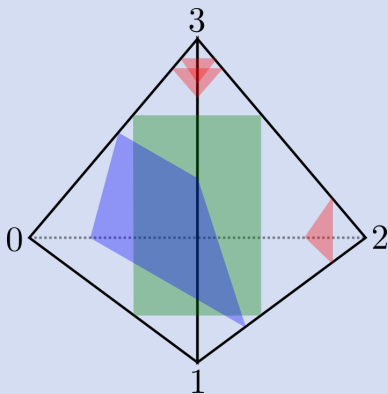
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## Pachner moves



## Normal surfaces

Surfaces intersecting each tetrahedron in a 'straight' disk.



Can be described as  $\mathbb{N}$ -solutions of a linear system in  $(\mathbb{R}^{3+4})^n$ .

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Encodes and detects many geometric/topological properties of  $M$ :

- hyperbolicity
- is a “generating function” over normal surfaces
- coefficients related to the topology of  $M$
- connections with  $\hat{A}$  polynomials



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## Remark

$$I_{\Delta}(m, e) = \frac{q^{-\frac{me}{2}} (q^{e+1}; q)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty}} {}_1\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ q^{e+1}; q, q^{1-m} \end{matrix} \right].$$

(In this form it is a specialised Hahn-Exton  $q$ -Bessel function)

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### Example:

$$e_q(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} = {}_1\phi_0 \left[ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ - \end{matrix}; q, z \right] = \frac{1}{(z; q)_\infty} \quad \text{then} \quad \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} e_q(z) = e^z$$

## Some useful identities

- *symmetry*  $I_{\Delta}(m, e) = I_{\Delta}(-e, -m)$
- *3 term relations*

$$\begin{aligned}q^{\frac{e}{2}} I_{\Delta}(m+1, e) + q^{-\frac{m}{2}} I_{\Delta}(m, e+1) - I_{\Delta}(m, e) &= 0 \\q^{\frac{e}{2}} I_{\Delta}(m-1, e) + q^{-\frac{m}{2}} I_{\Delta}(m, e-1) - I_{\Delta}(m, e) &= 0\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

- *quadratic identity*

$$\sum_{e \in \mathbb{Z}} I_{\Delta}(m, e) I_{\Delta}(m, e+c) q^e = \delta_{c,0},$$

- *pentagon identity*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{e \in \mathbb{Z}} q^e I_{\Delta}(m_1, e+x_1) I_{\Delta}(m_2, e+x_2) I_{\Delta}(m_1+m_2, e+x_3) = \\q^{-x_3} I_{\Delta}(m_1-x_2+x_3, x_1-x_3) I_{\Delta}(m_2-x_1+x_3, x_2-x_3).\end{aligned}$$

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where  $k(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} k(e)$  and  $\mathcal{E}'$  is a suitable choice of  $r$  edges.  
(For  $r = 1$  any edge is suitable.)

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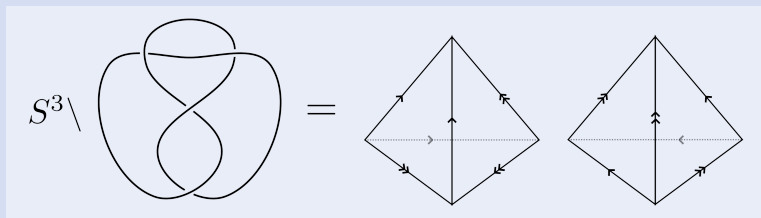
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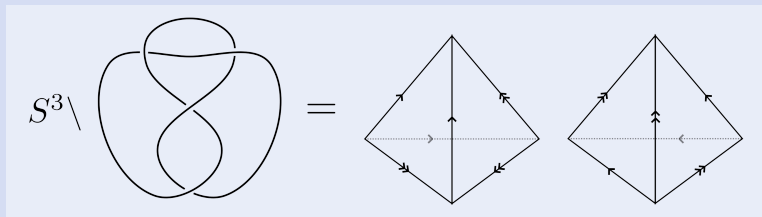
- Physics predicts that  $I_{\mathcal{T}}$  should be a topological invariant of  $M$ . However, it is not defined for all triangulations  $\mathcal{T}$ !

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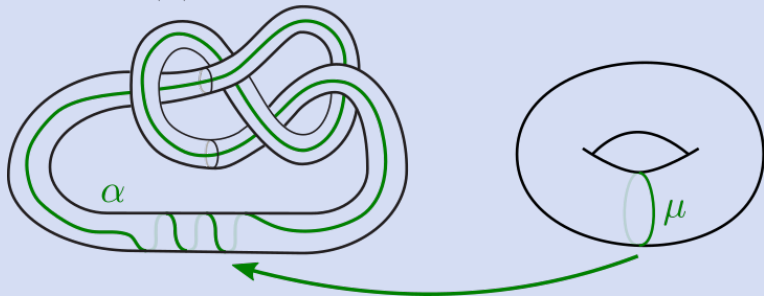
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# Dehn surgery

$$\nu(K) \cong S^1 \times D^2$$



## 3D-index and Dehn filling

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If  $K = \ker(H_1(T; \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}_2))$ ,  $|\gamma| = \#$  components of  $\gamma$ :

$$I_{M(\alpha)}(q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in K \\ \gamma \cdot \alpha = 0}} (-1)^{|\gamma|} (q^{\frac{|\gamma|}{2}} + q^{-\frac{|\gamma|}{2}}) I_M^\gamma(q) - \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in K \\ \gamma \cdot \alpha = \pm 2}} I_M^\gamma(q) \right)$$

## Main result

We wanted to show that this formula holds for Dehn fillings on some (but not all!) cusps of a multi-cusped manifold.

### Theorem [CHR]

Let  $M$  be a compact orientable 3-manifold with boundary consisting of at least 2 tori, and let  $T$  be one component of  $\partial M$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_M$  be a *1-efficient triangulation* with a *standard cusp* at  $T$ .

Given a surgery curve  $\alpha \subset T$ , let  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$  be the ideal triangulation of  $M(\alpha)$  obtained from  $\mathcal{T}$  by replacing the standard cusp by the *layered solid torus* with  $\alpha$  bounding a meridian disc.

Then the Gang-Yonekura formula holds for the triangulations  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$  with at most 3 exceptions.



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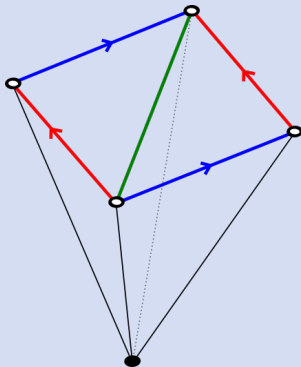
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**Proof:** By first expanding the cusp at  $T$  until it bumps into itself, then expanding the other cusps, we obtain a canonical (Epstein-Penner) ideal triangulation  $\mathcal{T}$  with a standard cusp at  $T$ . Then work of Guéritaud-Schleimer shows that for almost all  $\alpha$ , the corresponding canonical triangulation of  $M(\alpha)$  is isomorphic to the triangulation  $\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ .

So we obtain  $I_M = I_{\mathcal{T}}$  and  $I_{M(\alpha)} = I_{\mathcal{T}(\alpha)}$ . □

## Explanation of the theorem

A *standard cusp* has a triangulation by two ideal tetrahedra:

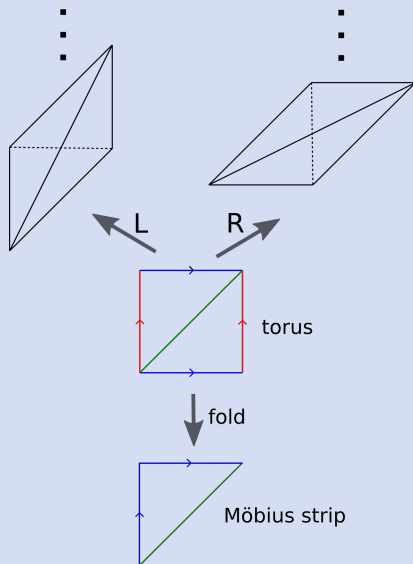


**Theorem [Howie-Mathews-Purcell] (paraphrased)**

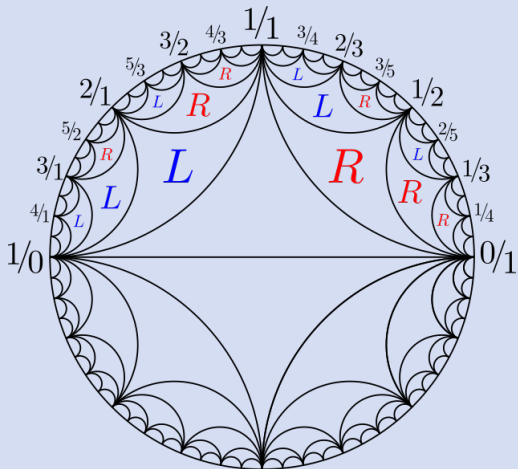
If there's more than one cusp, there exists a triangulation where all but one cusps are standard.

## Layered solid tori

- start with two triangles giving a torus,
- add layers of tetrahedra on top to get a triangulation of  $T^2 \times [0, 1]$ ,
- “fold up” the bottom torus  $T^2 \times 0$  onto a Möbius strip.
- This gives a solid torus (which is a neighbourhood of the Möbius strip).

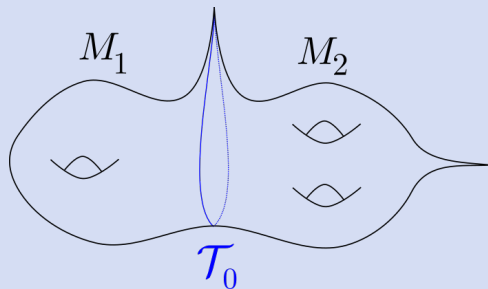


Layered triangulations of the solid torus are parameterised by finite words in the alphabet  $\{L, R\}$  giving triangles in the Farey tessellation (related to continued fraction expansion).



## Gluing formulas and relative index

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an ideal triangulation of  $M$  and  $\mathcal{T}_0$  be a union of triangles in  $\mathcal{T}$  splitting  $\mathcal{T}$  into triangulations  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  of submanifolds  $M_1, M_2$  respectively.



Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of all edges of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{E}'$  a collection of  $r$  edges “omitted” in computing the index of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  
 $\mathcal{E}_i$  the set of edges in  $\mathcal{T}_i$ , and  $\mathcal{E}'_i = \mathcal{E}_i \cap \mathcal{E}'$ .

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For any prescribed  $\gamma \in K \subset H_1(\partial M; \mathbb{Z})$  and “boundary weights”  $b_0 : \mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b_0|_{\mathcal{E}'_0} = 0$  we define *relative indices* for  $i = 1, 2$  by

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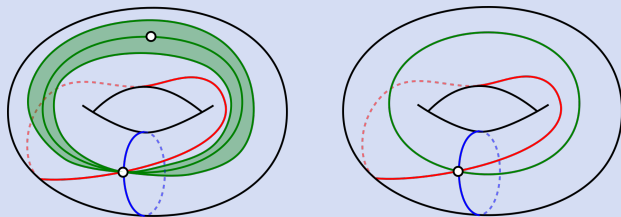
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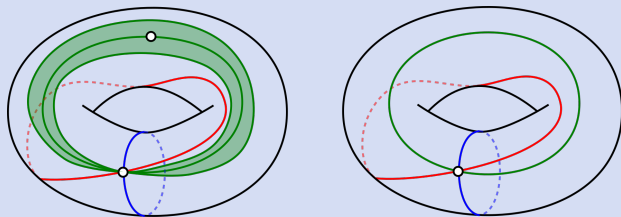


## Local version



By the gluing formula, it suffices to show:  
relative index of a layered solid torus = Gang-Yonekura formula  
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### **Proof of this local version:**

- Use induction on the number of tetrahedra in the solid torus.
- Inductive step is proved using the pentagon identity.
- The base case (much harder for us!) needs some new algebraic identities.

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**Sketch of Proof:** First introduce the “diagonal” generating functions:

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Then the LHS in the theorem is the coefficient of  $z^0$  in

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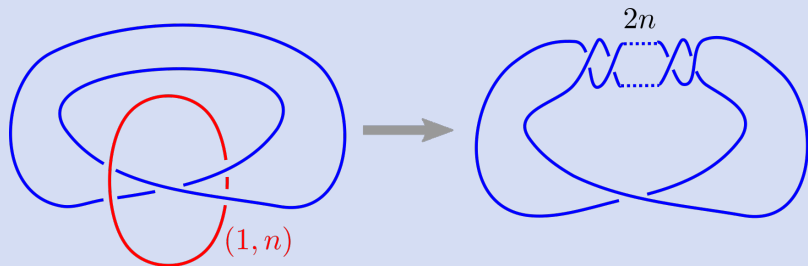
If  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  is even, then:

$$\sum_{e \in \mathbb{Z}} (-\sqrt{q})^e I_{\Delta}(e - r, e) = 1$$

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## Example: 3D-index for alternating torus knots



Using some of our identities for the tetrahedral index and applying the Gang-Yonekura formula we can show

$$I_{T(2n-1,2)}^{(x,y)}(q) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is a multiple of } (-2(2n-1), 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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### Surgeries on the Whitehead link

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