

Surgery calculus  
for  
3-manifolds  
with  
hyperbolic structures

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To obtain 3-manifold  $M$ :

- cut out tubular nbhd of  $\text{link } L \subset S^3$
- glue back in along  $(p, q)$  curve:

$$p \overset{m}{\uparrow} + q \overset{l}{\uparrow} = 0 \text{ in } M$$

meridian

longitude

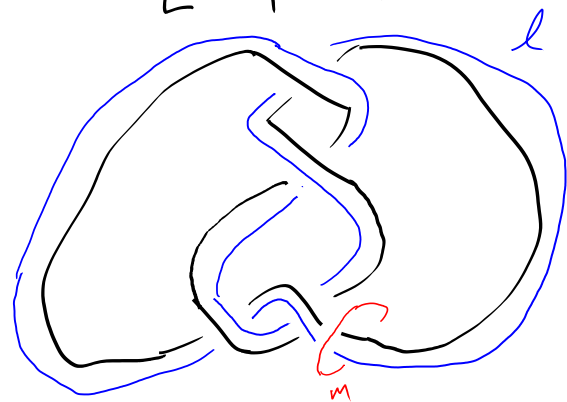
- need to specify  $p/q$  for each cpt. of  $L$

Thm: All compact oriented  $M$  occur this way.

Thm:  $L, L'$  give same  $M \iff$

related by Kirby-Fenn-Rauzy  
moves

$L = 4_1$  knot



(Want  $l$  to be  
0-framed.  
This one is.  
If not,  
adjust.)

Bonus: This  $L$  is hyperbolic,  
so most  $p/q$  surgeries are too.  
Come from deformations of complete  
hyperbolic structure.

Hyperbolic = uniform curvature -1 metric

Thurston: There are lots of interesting hyperbolic manifolds.

Alg description:

{hyp structure on  $M$ }



$\{ \rho: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \} / \text{conjugation}$

Not necessarily complete! That means  $\rho$  is discrete + faithful.

Model:  $\mathbb{H}^3 = \mathbb{C} \times (0, \infty)$

$\partial \mathbb{H}^3$  at  $\infty$  is  $\mathbb{C} \cup \infty = \hat{\mathbb{C}}$   
Riemann sphere

$\text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^3) = \text{Isom}(\hat{\mathbb{C}})$   
with Euclidean metric  
 $= \text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{C})$   
with hyp. metric

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

fractional linear transfs.

How do we do this for surgery presentations?

$\pi_1(S^3 \setminus L) =$  generated by meridians



one  $x_i$  per arc,  
conjugation relations  
at crossings

$$\rho: \pi_1(S^3 \setminus L) \rightarrow \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{C})$$

pick  $\rho(x_i)$  for each, satisfying rels

$$\pi_1(M) = \pi_1(S^3 \setminus L) / \langle (p_i)^c \text{ curves to } 1 \rangle$$

so need to write longitudes in terms  
of the  $x_i$  (not so bad) and check

$$\rho(x_i)^p \rho(l_j)^q = 1$$

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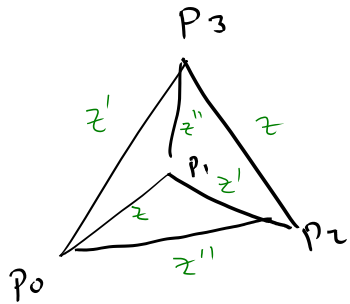
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Thurston gave another description!

Triangulate  $S^3 \setminus L$  with  
ideal tetrahedra with  
vertices in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \partial \mathbb{H}^3$   
on cpts of  $L$



Cross-ratio  $[p_0 : p_1 : p_2 : p_3]$

$= [z : 1 : \infty : 0]$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$   
act by  $PSL_2(\mathbb{C})$

To get hyperbolic structure, make  
sure  $\prod_j z_j^{r_j} = 1$  at each  
edge.

$z$  = shape parameter  
= complex dihedral  
angle

$z' = \frac{1}{1-z}, z'' = 1 - \frac{1}{z}$  other edges

$z_j = \underline{\text{geometric coordinates}}$   
for hyperbolic structures

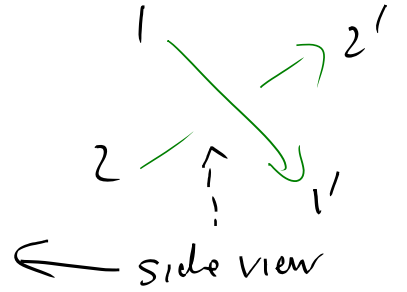
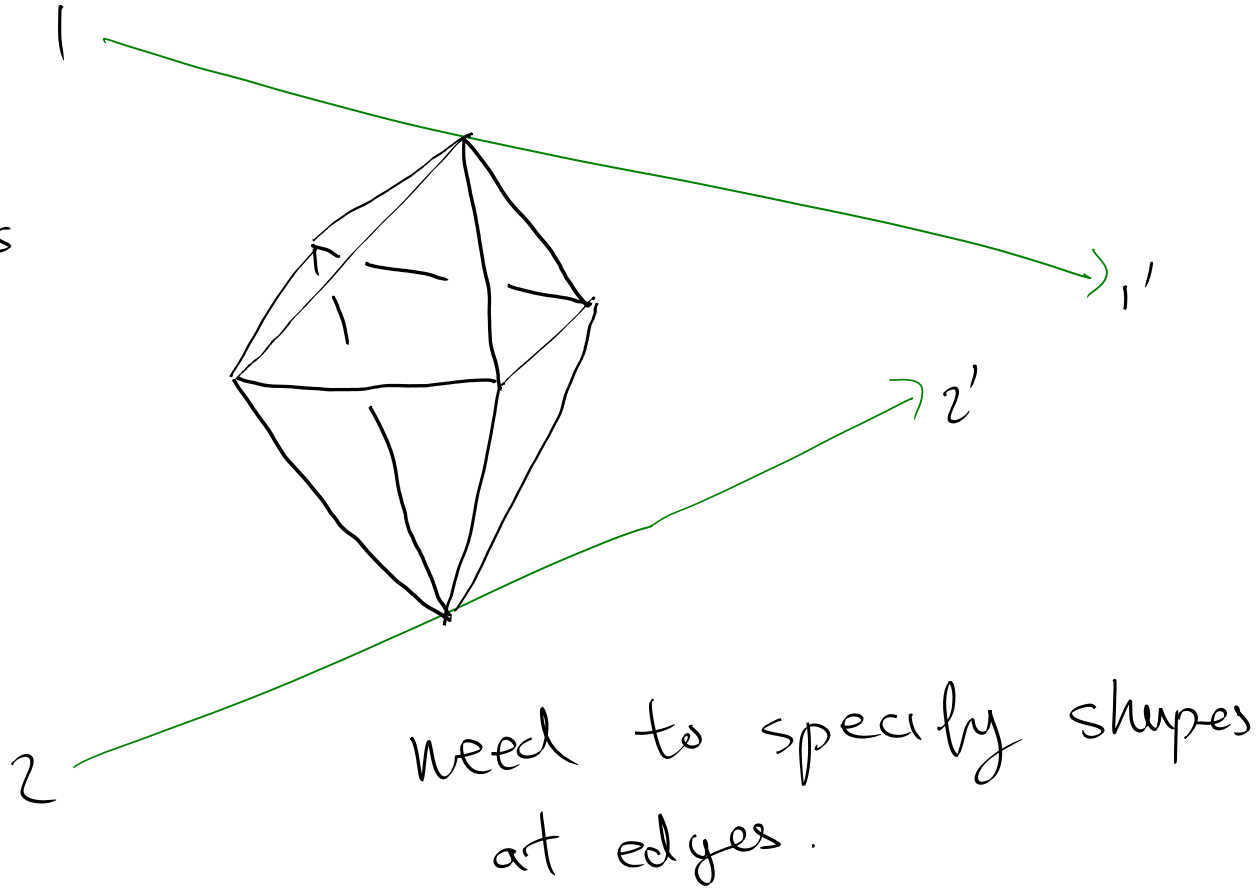


How to relate to surgery  
diagrams?

Pick standard ideal triangulation  
coming from a link diagram

octahedron at each crossing

(technically, yields  
2 extra ideal  
points)



My preferred way:

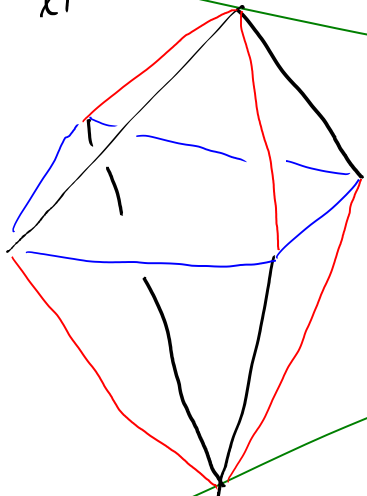
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red edges =  
a-variables

blue edges =  
b-variables

black edges are  
specified by these

$$(a_1, b_1, m_1) = \chi_1$$



$$\chi_{1'} = (a_{1'}, b_{1'}, m_{1'})$$

$m_{1'}$  meridian eigenvalue

1'

$$\chi_{2'} = (a_{2'}, b_{2'}, m_{2'})$$

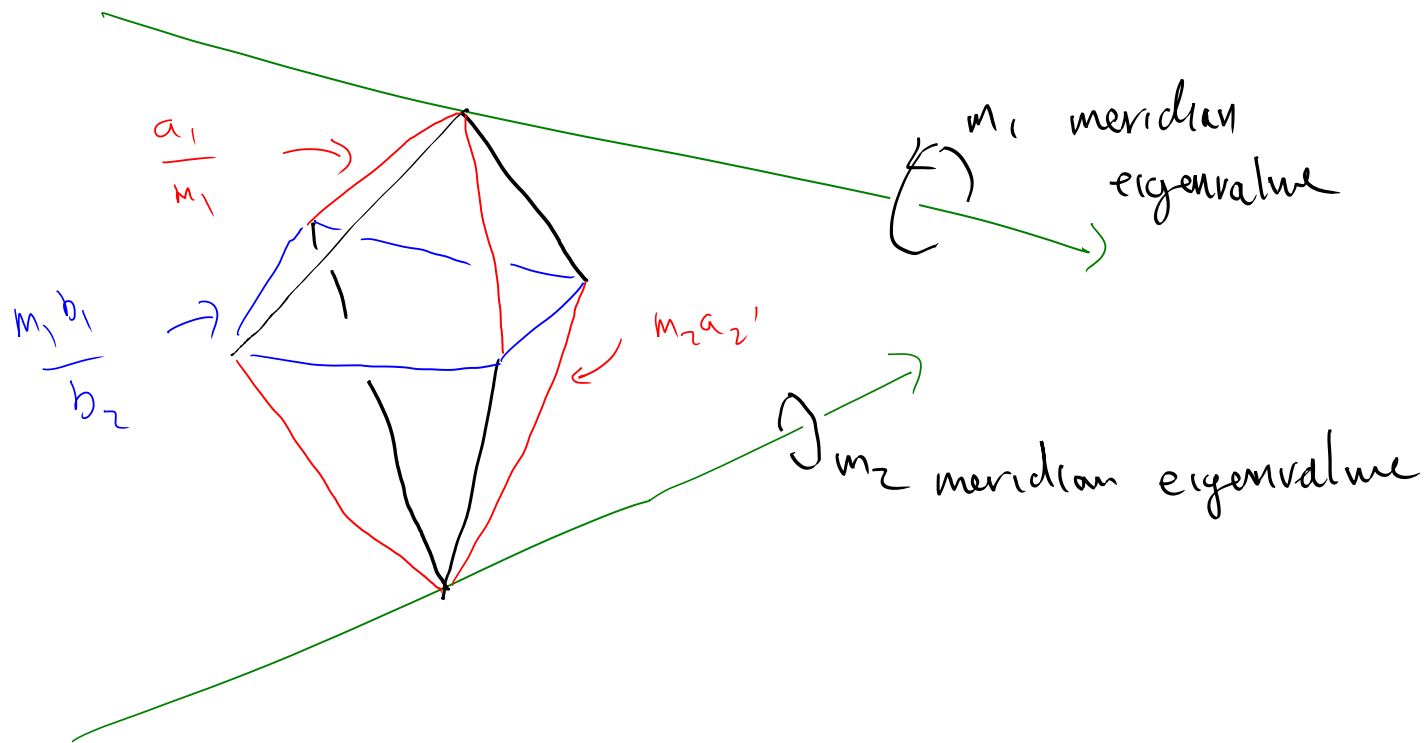
2'

$$m_{2'}$$
 meridian eigenvalue

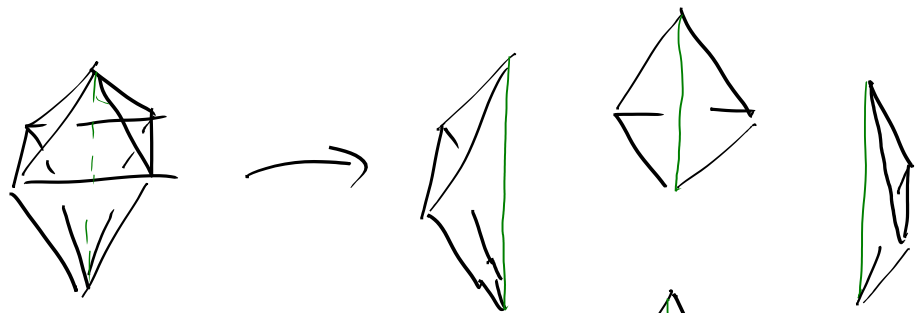
$$2 (a_2, b_2, m_2) = \chi_2$$

need to assign  $\chi_i = (a_i, b_i, m_i)$   
to each diagram segment

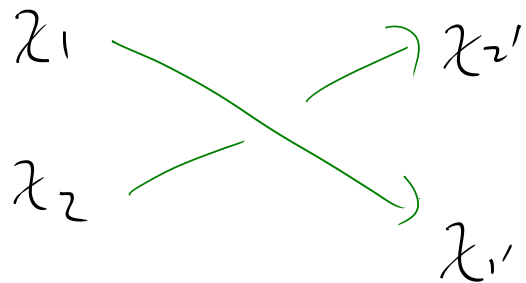
Ex:



When subdividing get  
internal conditions on  $\chi_i$



gluing eq. for internal  
edge gives  
conditions on the  $\chi_i$   
at each crossing



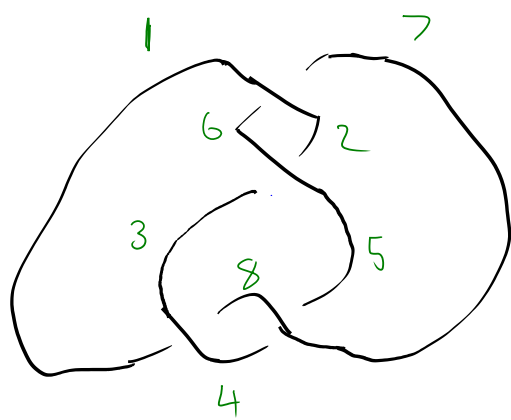
$$B(\chi_1, \chi_2) = (\chi_{2'}, \chi_{1'})$$

"shape braid"

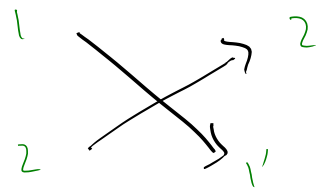
$\chi_i = \text{"shapes"}$

Ex: To give hyp structure on  $S^3 - 4_1$ , specify

$\chi_1, \dots, \chi_8$



with  $B^{\pm 1}(\chi_i, \chi_j) = (\chi_j, \chi_{i'})$  at crossings.



In practice:

- specify in ahead of time
- can eliminate  $\{a_i\}$  for  $\{b_i\}$  or vice-versa

To upgrade to surgery:

Fact:  $\underline{m}$  and  $\underline{l}$  commute, so in same basis

$$\rho(\underline{m}) \sim \begin{bmatrix} m & * \\ 0 & m^{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \rho(\underline{l}) \sim \begin{bmatrix} l & * \\ 0 & l^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

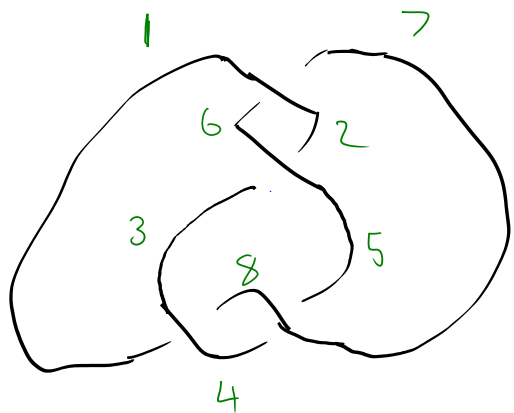
$$\rho(\underline{m})^p \rho(\underline{l})^q = 1 \iff m^p l^q = 1.$$

Much easier to solve!

give decorated  
or augmented  
representation

↑

Octahedral coords. specify  $m$  and  $\underline{l}$ .  $\underline{l}$  comes from explicit product!



$$\rightsquigarrow \underline{l} = b_1^{-1} b_2 b_3^{-1} b_4 b_5^{-1} b_6 b_7^{-1} b_8$$

Conclusion:  $\{\chi_i\}$  are a better way to parametrize hyperbolic structures on links and on surgery diagrams.

Other benefits:

- can get matrices of  $\rho$  back from  $\{\chi_i\}$
- can directly compute volume + i Chern-Simons = complex volume  
- why? Ptolemy coordinates  $\leadsto$  flattenings for free!
- $\chi =$  central characters of  $U_\zeta(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  at  $\zeta = \exp(\pi i/N)$

↑ Huh??



My real motivation (although stuff before was nice too)

(Jant w N. Reshetikhin)

Thm: There is a quantized complex volume  $\mathcal{V}_N(L, \rho, \hbar)$  "log decoration"

$\mathcal{V}_N$  is sort of like complex volume  $\mathcal{V} = \text{vol} + i \text{Chern-Simons}$

$\mathcal{V}_N$  is sort of like Nth colored Jones/Kashaev inv.

( $\mathcal{V}_N(L, \rho, 0) = \text{Nth Kashaev invariant}$ )  
↑ trivial  $\rho$

To define/understand/compute  $\mathcal{V}_N$ , need to use  $\{\chi_i\}$