

29. Deforming Twist Spun 2-Bridge Knots of Genus One

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We work in the PL category. Zeeman's k -twist spin of an n -knot K , $k \neq 0$, is a fibered $(n+1)$ -knot with fiber punctured k -fold branched cyclic cover of S^{n+2} branched over K [11]. Combining an untwisted deformation of an n -knot with k -twist spinning, $k \neq 0$, Litherland [4] constructed a new fibered $(n+1)$ -knot; especially he identified the fiber of an l -roll k -twist spun knot. A 2-bridge knot of genus one $C(2m, 2n)$ has a period q of order 2, that is, rotation q of S^3 with period 2 and axis J which leaves $C(2m, 2n)$ invariant. See Fig. 1, where m (resp. n) denotes the number of half twists, right handed if $m > 0$ (resp. $n < 0$), left if $m < 0$ (resp. $n > 0$); $C(4, 6)$ in illustration. Making use of this period, we can construct a deforming twist spun 2-knot. We visualize the fiber (theorem), using the surgery technique by Rolfsen [8]. From this we have:

Corollary. *There exists a fibered 2-knot in S^4 whose fiber is a punctured Seifert manifold with invariant $(b; (2, 1), (2, 1), (2, 1))$, $b=1, 4$, that is, a prism manifold [6] with fundamental group $Q \times Z_{|2b+3|}$, where Q is the quaternion group of order 8.*

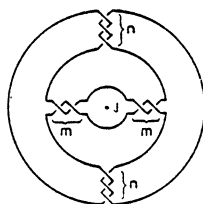


Fig. 1

Hillman [1] determined all the 2-knot groups with finite commutator subgroups. Yoshikawa [10] realized them as twist spun knots in S^4 except in the case when the commutator subgroup is $Q \times Z_m$, $m (> 1)$ is odd, when any twist spun knot cannot realize [2, Chapter 5] and Yoshikawa only got a fibered 2-knot in a homotopy 4-sphere. Morichi [5] realized an embedding of every punctured prism manifold in S^4 . Plotnick and Suciu [7] determined all the fibered 2-knots in a homotopy 4-sphere with fiber a punctured spherical space form; it is not known whether all of them, including the above case, can be realized as fibered 2-knots in S^4 .

Construction of a fibered 2-knot. The circle S^1 is taken to be the quotient space either

$$R/\theta \sim \theta + 1 \quad \text{for all } \theta \in R, \text{ or } I/0 \sim 1,$$

where I is the unit interval $[0, 1]$.

In the quotient space

$$S^3 \cong S^1 * S^1 = S^1 \times S^1 \times I / \sim$$

with the identification

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, 0) &\sim (x, y', 0) && \text{for all } x, y, y' \in S^1, \\ (x, y, 1) &\sim (x', y, 1) && \text{for all } x, x', y \in S^1, \end{aligned}$$

let V_0, V_1, V'_1 be the solid tori $S^1 \times S^1 \times [0, 1/2] / \sim, S^1 \times S^1 \times [1/2, 1] / \sim, S^1 \times S^1 \times [3/4, 1] / \sim$, respectively; so $S^3 \cong V_0 \cup V_1$. Let $C_i = S^1 \times S^1 \times \{i\} / \sim$ be the core of $V_i, i=0, 1$. Define the homeomorphisms $f_s, g_s, h_s : S^3 \rightarrow S^3, s \in R$, by

$$\begin{aligned} f_s(x, y, t) &= (x, y + s, t); \\ g_s(x, y, t) &= \begin{cases} (x, y + s, t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1/2, \\ (x, y + (3 - 4t)s, t) & \text{if } 1/2 \leq t < 3/4, \\ (x, y, t) & \text{if } 3/4 \leq t \leq 1; \end{cases} \\ h_s(x, y, t) &= \begin{cases} (x + s, y, t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t < 1/2, \\ (x + (3 - 4t)s, y, t) & \text{if } 1/2 \leq t < 3/4, \\ (x, y, t) & \text{if } 3/4 \leq t \leq 1; \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

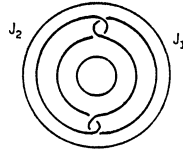


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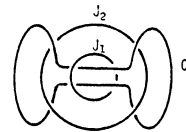
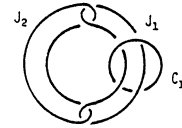


Fig. 3

Let J_1 and J_2 be the simple closed curves in $int V_0$ as shown in Fig. 2 such that $g_{1/2}(J_i) = J_i, i=1, 2$. Let V_0^* be the result of a Dehn surgery on $J_1 \cup J_2$ in V_0 with surgery coefficients $1/n_1$ and $1/n_2, n_i \in Z$, that is, V_0^* is the manifold obtained from V_0 by removing a tubular neighborhood N_i of J_i and sewing it back by means of a homeomorphism $N_i \rightarrow N_i$, which takes a meridian to (meridian) + n_i (longitude); cf. [8, Chapter 9]. Then $V_0^* \cup V_1$ is again a 3-sphere Σ^3 , and C_1 is a 2-bridge knot $C(-2n_1, 2n_2)$ in Σ^3 . See Fig. 3, where $J_1 \cup J_2 \cup C_1$ constitutes the Borromean ring, see e.g., [8, 3F4]. Let $X = \Sigma^3 - int V_1^*$, the exterior of $C(-2n_1, 2n_2)$. Let f_s^*, g_s^*, h_s^* be the homeomorphisms $\Sigma^3 \rightarrow \Sigma^3$ induced by f_s, g_s, h_s , respectively. Then $f_{1/2}^*$ is just the period q given in the introduction. Let $p : X \rightarrow S^1$ be a map extending the projection

$$\partial X = \partial V_1^* = S^1 \times S^1 \times \{3/4\} / \sim \ni (x, y, 3/4) \rightarrow x \in S^1.$$

Cf. [4, Definition 2.3]. Note that $p(g_{b/2}^* | X) = p, b \in Z$. Let $B_- = S^1 \times [0, 1/2] \times [3/4, 1] / \sim$ and $C_- = C_1 \cap B_-$. Then (B_-, C_-) is a standard ball pair. Using the complementary ball pair (B_+, C_+) in (Σ^3, C_1) we construct a deforming twist spun 2-knot:

$$(S^4, K_{a,b}) = \partial(B_+, C_+) \times B^2 \cup_{\beta} (B_+ \times \partial B^2, \cup_{s-t} (\phi_s(C_+), s)),$$

where $\phi_s = h_{as}^* g_{bs/2}^*$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $M = V'_1 \cup \{(v, t) \in X \times S^1 / g_{b/2}^* \mid p(v) = at\}$, where $X \times S^1 / g_{b/2}^*$ is the mapping torus $X \times I / [(v, 0) \sim (g_{b/2}^*(v), 1); v \in X]$ and $\beta: \partial V'_1 \rightarrow \{(v, t) \in \partial X \times S^1 / g_{b/2}^* \mid p(v) = at\}$, $\beta(x, y, 3/4) = ((ax, y, 3/4), x)$. By [4, Section 4] if $a \neq 0$, then $K_{a,b}$ is a fibered knot with fiber $punc M = M - \{pt\}$ with characteristic map given by

$$(v, t) \rightarrow (v, t + 1/a) \text{ on } \{(v, t) \in X \times S^1 / g_{b/2}^* \mid p(v) = at\}$$

If b is even, then $K_{a,b}$ is a $b/2$ -roll, a -twist spin of $C(-2n_1, 2n_2)$; cf. [4, Corollary 5.2]. Thus we have

Theorem. *Let M be the result of a Dehn surgery on S^3 along the $2a$ -component link $L = J_1^1 \cup J_2^1 \cup J_1^2 \cup J_2^2 \cup \dots \cup J_1^a \cup J_2^a$ as shown in Fig. 4, where b denotes the number of half twists, left handed if $b > 0$, and right if $b < 0$, with coefficients $1/n_i$ for J_i^k , $i = 1, 2, k = 1, 2, \dots, a$. Then if $a > 0$, $K_{a,b}$ is a fibered 2-knot with fiber $punc M$.*

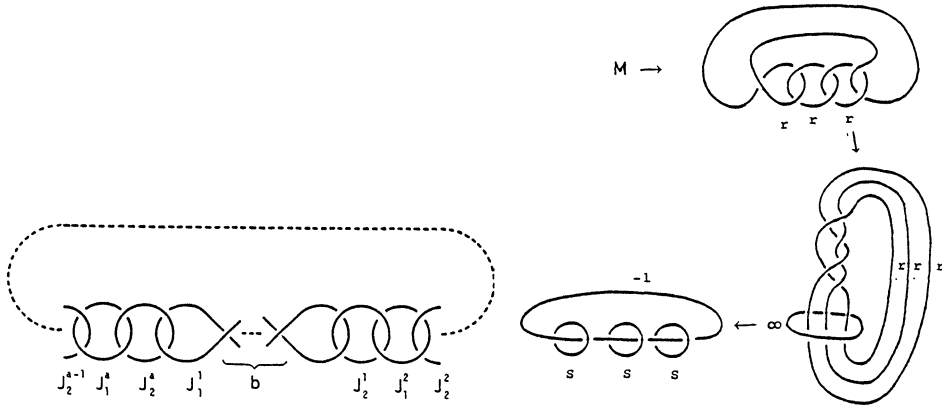


Fig. 4

Fig. 5

Proof of Corollary. In theorem, let $n_1 = 1, n_2 = -1, b = -1, a = 3$ (resp. $n_1 = -3, n_2 = -1, b = -1, a = 3$). Then M is the prism manifold as shown in Fig. 5, where $r = 3$ (resp. $5/3$), $s = 2$ (resp. $2/3$).

Example 1. The right-handed trefoil $C(-2, 2)$. Since the trefoil knot is the torus knot of type $(2, 3)$, $K_{a,b}$ is just the $(a - 3b)$ -twist spun trefoil; $K_{a,b} = K_{a-3b,0}$ [4, Corollary 6.4]. For the left-handed trefoil $C(2, -2)$, $K_{a,b} = K_{a+3b}$. We give in Fig. 6 the fibers of $K_{1,1}, K_{1,-1}, K_{3,1}$, which coincide with those of $K_{-2,0}, K_{4,0}, K_{0,0}$ [8, 10D].

Example 2. $C(2, 2n)$. The fibers of $K_{1,-1}$ and $K_{2,-1}$ are the lens space $L(4n + 1, n)$ and the connected sum of the lens spaces $L(2n + 1, n) \# L(2n + 1, n)$ (Fig. 7), so $K_{1,-1}$ is the 2-twist spun 2-bridge knot and $K_{2,-1}$ is the 2-cable about the 2-twist spun 2-bridge knot in the sense of [3] considering the characteristic map [9].

Example 3. $C(2n, 2n)$. The knot is amphicheiral. It is easy to see that the fiber of $K_{a,b}$ and $K_{a,-b}$ are homeomorphic by an orientation reversing homeomorphism.

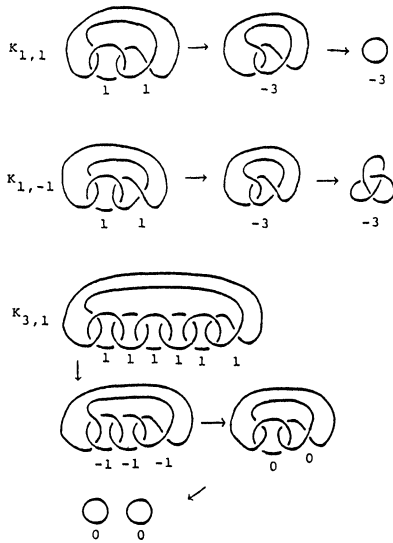


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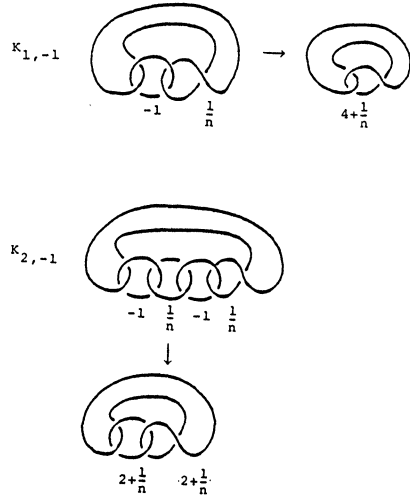


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