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# Continued fractions of even type related to amphicheiral two bridge links

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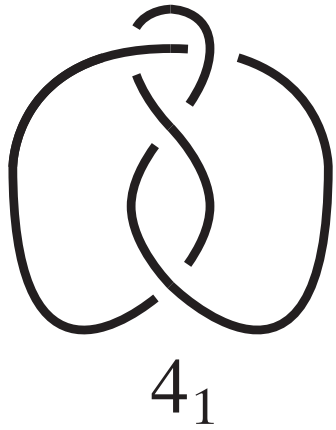
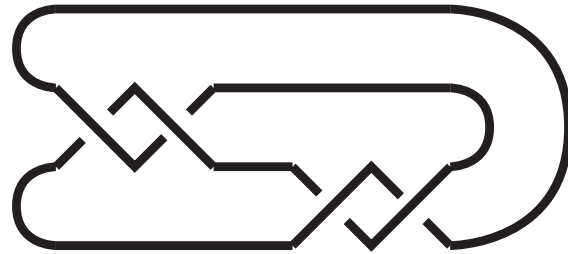
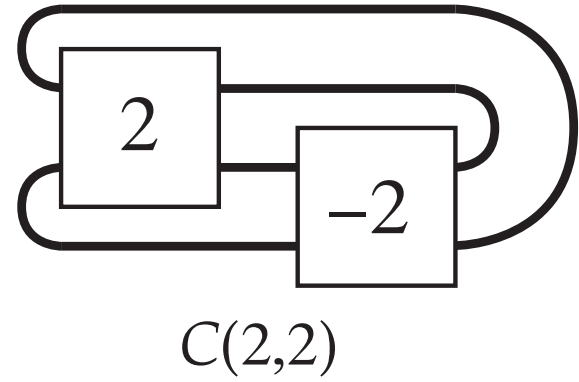
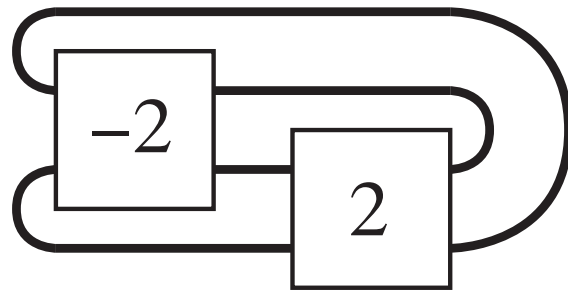
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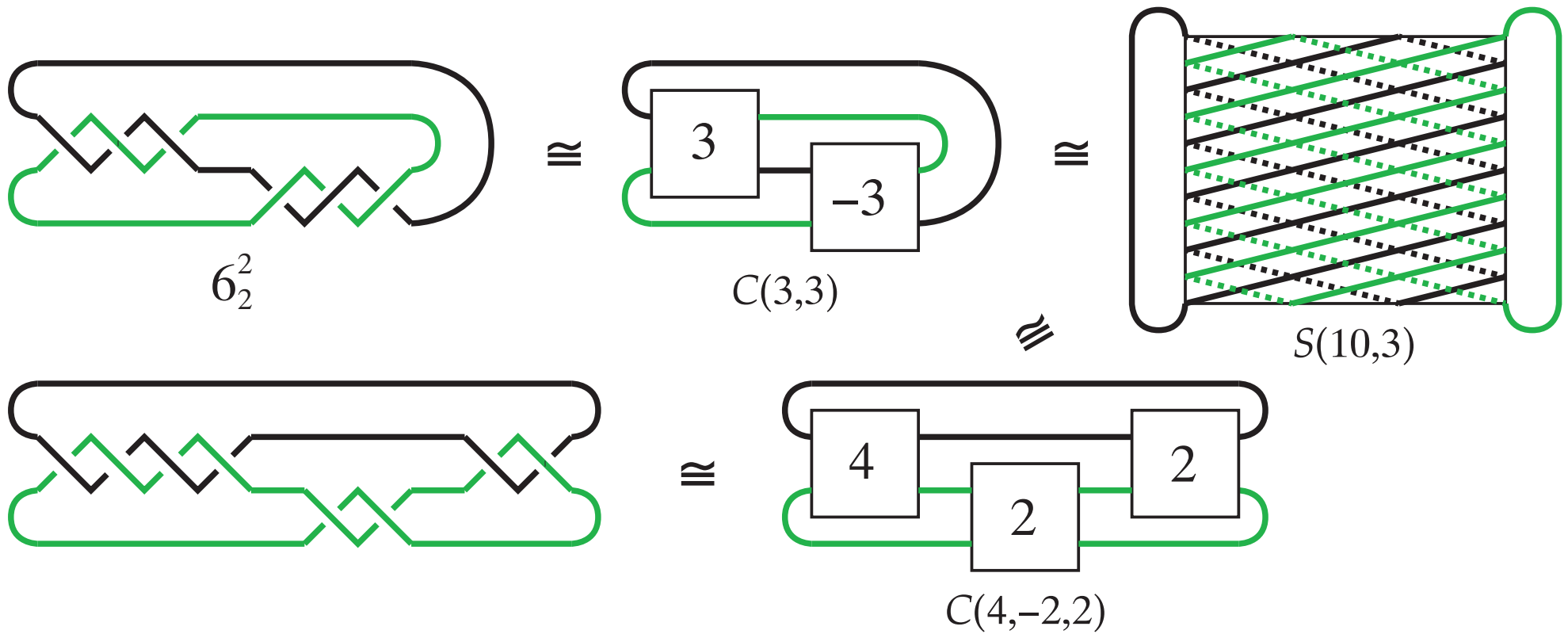
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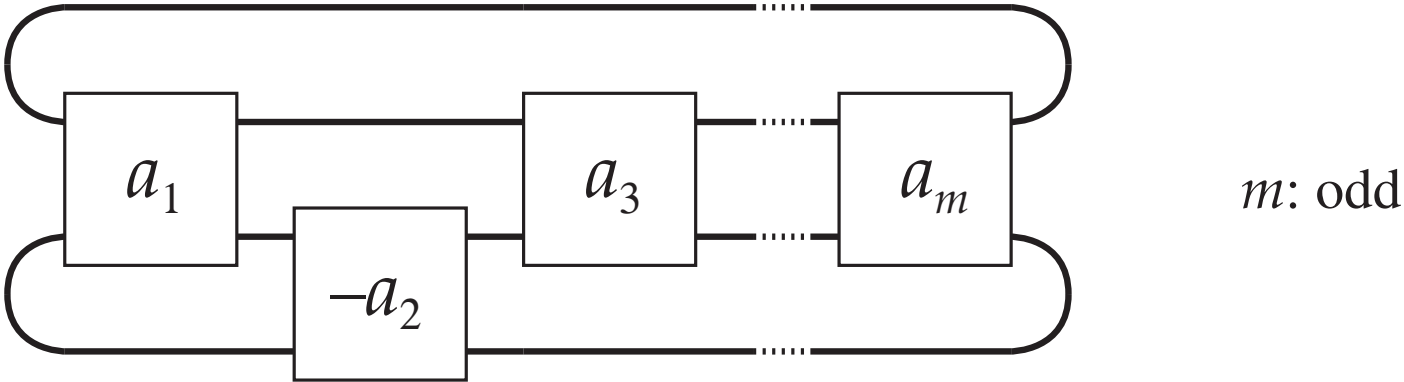
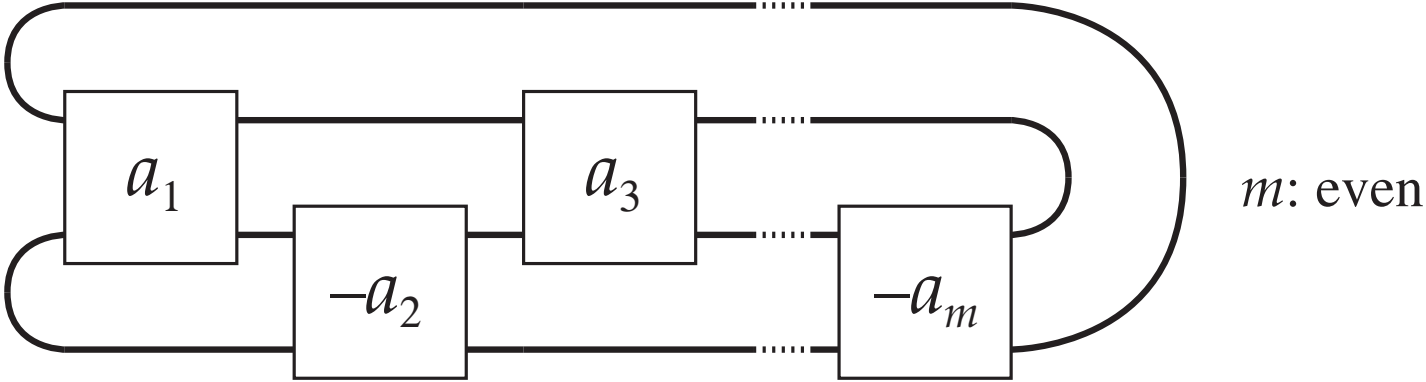
# §1. Introduction


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 $4_1^*$ 
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 $C(-2,-2)$ 
 $\cong$



$$3 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{10}{3} = 4 + \frac{1}{-2 + \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$3^2 = 9 \equiv -1 \pmod{10}.$$



$$C(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$$

$$[a_1, \dots, a_m] = a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_{m-1} + \frac{1}{a_m}}}} = \frac{p}{q} = \frac{-p}{-q}$$

$a_i, p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ),  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$  ( $|p| \geq |q|$ ).

**Theorem 1.1**  $C(a_1, \dots, a_m) \cong S(p, q)$ .

$$(\star) \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} a_m & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ q & s \end{pmatrix}$$

### Lemma 1.2

- (1)  $ps - qr = (-1)^m$ .
- (2)  $qr \equiv (-1)^{m+1} \pmod{p}$ .
- (3)  $[a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}] = r/s$ .
- (4)  $[a_m, \dots, a_1] = p/r$ .

**Assumption**  $|a_i| = 1 \implies a_{i-1}a_i > 0 \ \& \ a_i a_{i+1} > 0$ .

### Definition

$[a_1, \dots, a_m], (a_1, \dots, a_m) (\forall a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}; i = 1, \dots, m) : \text{even type}$   
 $\iff \forall a_i : \text{even} (i = 1, \dots, m)$ .



## Definition

$L = K_1 \cup \cdots \cup K_n$  :  $n$ -component link

$L^*$  : mirror image of  $L$

$L$  : **amphicheiral**  $\iff L \cong L^*$  as unoriented links.

$L$  : oriented,  $L$  : **invertible**  $\iff L \cong -L$  as oriented links.

$L$  : oriented ordered,

$L$  :  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n; \sigma)$ -**amphicheiral**  $\iff$

$L^* = \varepsilon_{\sigma(1)} K_{\sigma(1)} \cup \cdots \cup \varepsilon_{\sigma(n)} K_{\sigma(n)}$  as oriented ordered knots  
 $(\varepsilon_i \in \{\pm\}, \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n)$ .

In particular,  $\sigma = \iota \implies$  we may omit  $\sigma$ .

## Lemma 1.3

(1) A 2-bridge knot/link is strongly invertible.  $S(p, q) \cong S(-p, -q)$ .

(2)  $S(p, q)^* \cong S(p, -q)$ ,  $C(a_1, \dots, a_m)^* \cong C(-a_1, \dots, -a_m)$ .

(3) A 2-component 2-bridge link is interchangeable.

## §2. Basic properties

### Lemma 2.1

(1)  $[a_1, \dots, a_m] = p/q$  : even type

$m$  : even

$\implies p$  : odd,  $q$  : even,  $r$  : even,  $s$  : odd,  $qr \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ ,

$C(a_1, \dots, a_m) = S(p, q)$  : knot,

Seifert genus  $g = m/2$ .

(2)  $[a_1, \dots, a_m] = p/q$  : even type

$m$  : odd

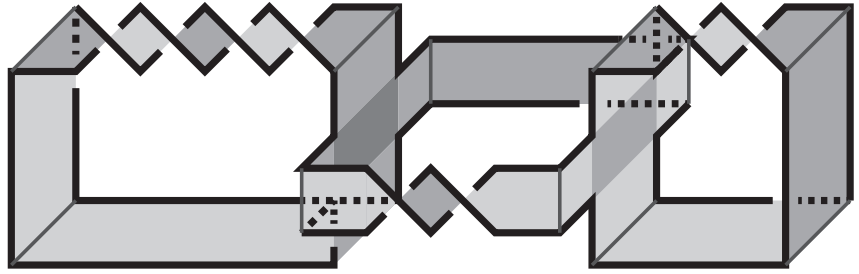
$\implies p$  : even,  $q$  : odd,  $r$  : odd,  $s$  : even,  $qr \equiv 1 \pmod{2p}$ ,

$C(a_1, \dots, a_m) = S(p, q)$  : 2-component link,

Seifert genus  $g = (m - 1)/2$ .



$C(4,-2,2)$



## Theorem 2.2

(1)  $L(p, q)$  : 2-fold branched covering over  $S(p, q)$ .

(2)  $p$  : odd,  $S(p, q) \cong S(p', q')$

$\implies p = p'$  &  $q = q'$  or  $qq' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

(3)  $p$  : even,  $S(p, q) \cong S(p', q')$  as oriented links

$\implies p = p'$  &  $q = q'$  or  $qq' \equiv 1 \pmod{2p}$ .

(4)  $p$  : even,  $S(p, q) = K_1 \cup K_2$  as an oriented link,

$S(p', q') = K_1 \cup (-K_2) \implies p = p'$  &  $q' \equiv q + p \pmod{2p}$ .

### Corollary 2.3

$S(p, q)$  : amphicheiral  $\iff q^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

$q' = -q$ ,  $q(-q) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .  $\square$

**Remark**  $q^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \iff s(q, p) = 0$ .

### §3. Main Theorems

#### Main Theorem 1

$L$  : amphicheiral 2-bridge knot/link

$\iff \exists m$  : even &

$\exists a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ )

s.t.  $\forall a_i = a_{m+1-i}$  &  $L \cong C(a_1, \dots, a_m)$  : symmetric form.

In particular,  $L$  : knot  $\implies$  We can take  $\forall a_i$  : even.

#### Main Theorem 1'

$p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $p$  or  $q$  : even,  $q^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

$\iff \exists m$  : even &

$\exists a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ )

s.t.  $\forall a_i = a_{m+1-i}$  &  $[a_1, \dots, a_m] = p/q$ .

Suppose  $m$  : odd. Then  $m = 2g + 1$ .

$$\mathcal{E}_m = \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) : \text{even type}\},$$

$$\mathcal{E}_m^+ = \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{E}_m \mid a_1 > 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{E}_m^- = \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{E}_m \mid a_1 < 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \bigcup_{g=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{2g+1}, \quad \mathcal{E}^{\pm} = \bigcup_{g=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}_{2g+1}^{\pm}.$$

$$\mathcal{A}_g^{\pm} \subset \mathcal{E}_{2g+1}^{\pm}, \quad \mathcal{A}_g = \mathcal{A}_g^+ \cup \mathcal{A}_g^- \subset \mathcal{E}_{2g+1}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{g=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_g$$

are generating sets by (A1)–(A6).

$$(A1) : \mathcal{A}_0^+ = \{(2)\}, \mathcal{A}_0^- = \{(-2)\}.$$

$$(A2) : (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g \longleftrightarrow (a_m, \dots, a_1) \in \mathcal{A}_g.$$

$$(A3) : (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g^+ \longleftrightarrow (-a_1, \dots, -a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g^-.$$

$$(A4) : (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g^+ \longleftrightarrow (a_1 + 2, a_2, \dots, a_m, -2, 2) \in \mathcal{A}_{g+1}^+.$$

$$(A5) : (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g^+ \longleftrightarrow (2, a, a_1, \dots, a_m, -a - 2, 2) \in \mathcal{A}_{g+2}^+,$$

where  $a \neq -2$ .

$$(A6) : (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{A}_g^- \longleftrightarrow (2, a, a_1, \dots, a_m, -a, 2) \in \mathcal{A}_{g+2}^+.$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{E}, \quad C(\mathbf{a}) = C(a_1, \dots, a_m).$$

## Main Theorem 2

$\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{E}$ ,  $C(\mathbf{a})$  : amphicheiral  $\iff \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}$  : even amphicheiral form.

## Example

$$(1) \mathbf{a}_g = (2g + 2, \underbrace{-2, 2}_1, \dots, \underbrace{-2, 2}_g) \in \mathcal{E}_g^+, \quad L_g = C(\mathbf{a}_g).$$

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = (2) \xrightarrow{(A4)} \mathbf{a}_1 = (4, -2, 2) \xrightarrow{(A4)} \dots \xrightarrow{(A4)} \mathbf{a}_g \in \mathcal{A}_g^+.$$

$$L_g = C(2g + 1, 2g + 1).$$

$$(2) \mathcal{A}_1^+ = \{(4, -2, 2), (2, -2, 4)\},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2^+ = \{(6, -2, 2, -2, 2), (4, -2, 4, -2, 2), (2, -2, 2, -2, 6), \\ (2, -2, 4, -2, 4), (2, a, 2, -a - 2, 2) (a \neq -2), (2, a, -2, -a, 2)\}.$$



## §4. Problems

**Problem 1** What happens if we replace (A1) with another ?

**Problem 2** About Main Theorem 2, is there more direct characterization ?

**Problem 3** What is a translation between even amphicheiral form and symmetric form ?

**Problem 4** Is there purely number theoretical proof of Main Theorem 2 ?

**Problem 5** What are the corresponding notions of  $\#$  of components, linking number etc. in number theory ?

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