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# Cluster algebras and symplectic topology II

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• New technique: weaves, a planar diagrammatic calculus to construct and study Lagrangian fillings of  $\Lambda_{\beta}$  and their L-compressing systems.

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 Caveat: the above is done for the case β = w<sub>0</sub>γw<sub>0</sub>: general case follows by an additional localization procedure. (← partial L-compressible systems)

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(iv) Any two such weaves with same boundary conditions connected by a sequence of equivalences and mutations.

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4. Then apply Lagrangian disk surgeries using weave mutations:



Direct computation then shows that mutated variable is regular: the configuration of flags is such that when the denominator vanishes in the new transversality condition, so does the numerator.

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## A last hurrah: a non-Plücker seed with weaves

Here is a simple example for a positroid in Gr(3, 6):



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## Only one lecture to go, and mostly self-contained!

## Thanks a lot, see you tomorrow!

