

# Lagrangian Cobordisms

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## §1 - Definition

$(M, \omega)$  closed symplectic manifold.

$L_1, \dots, L_{k_-}, L_1', \dots, L_{k_+}' \subset M$  closed Lagrangian submanifolds

A Lagrangian cobordism  $V: (L_j') \rightsquigarrow (L_i)$  is a

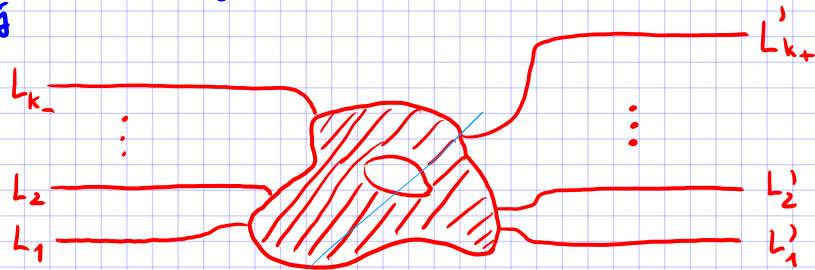
Lagrangian submanifold  $V \subset (\mathbb{R}^2 \times M, dt ds + \omega)$  such that

$$V \cap \pi_{\mathbb{R}^2}^{-1}((-\infty, 0] \times \mathbb{R}) = \bigsqcup_i (-\infty, 0] \times \{i\} \times L_i,$$

$$V \cap \pi_{\mathbb{R}^2}^{-1}([1, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}) = \bigsqcup_j [1, +\infty) \times \{j\} \times L_j'$$

$V \cap \pi_{\mathbb{R}^2}^{-1}([0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$  is compact

Picture of  $\pi_{\mathbb{R}^2}^{-1}(V)$ :



## §2 - Lagrangian Suspension

$H: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Hamiltonian function with

$$H_t = H(t, -) = 0 \text{ for } t \notin (0, 1).$$

Its flow:

$$\phi_t^H: M \rightarrow M, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad \phi_0^H = \text{id}$$

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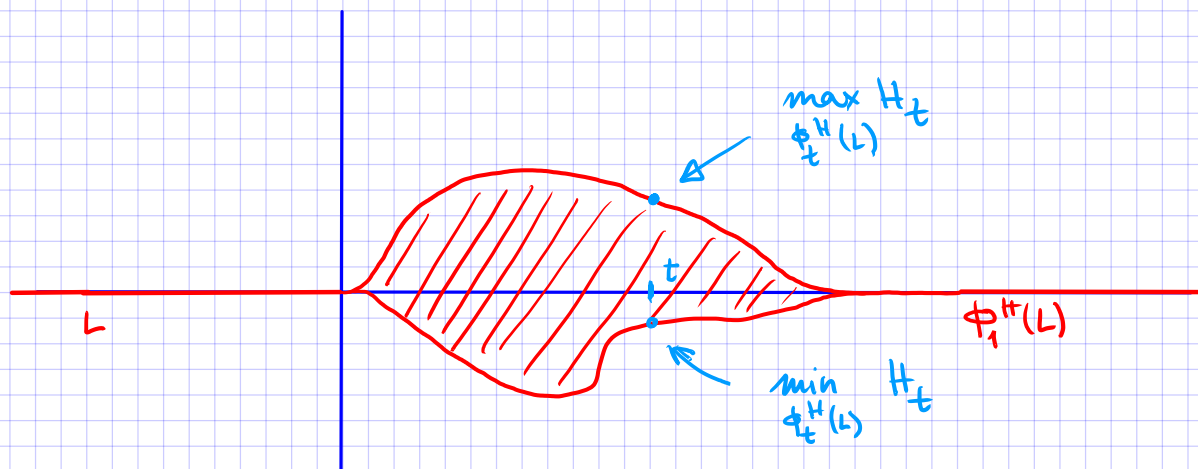
$$\frac{d}{dt} \phi_t^H(x) = X_t^H(\phi_t^H(x)), \quad \omega(X_t^H(\cdot), \cdot) = -dH_t(\cdot).$$

$L \subset M$  Lagrangian

Then

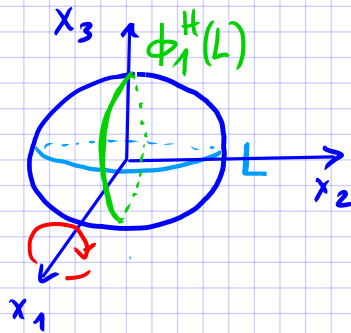
$$\mathcal{J}_{L,H} = \left\{ (t, H_t(\phi_t^H(x)), \phi_t^H(x)) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in L \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times M$$

is a Lagrangian cobordism  $\phi_1^H(L) \rightsquigarrow L$ .



$$\mathcal{S}_{L,H} = \{ (t, H_t(\phi_t^H(x)), \phi_t^H(x)) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in L \} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times M$$

Example  $M = S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  unit sphere,  $L = \{x_3 = 0\} \subset S^2$

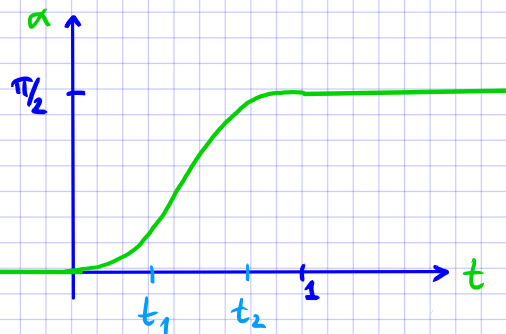


Idea: Rotate  $90^\circ$  around  $x$ -axis.

$$H_t(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \alpha'(t)x_1$$

$$\phi_t^H(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha(t)) & \sin(\alpha(t)) \\ 0 & -\sin(\alpha(t)) & \cos(\alpha(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

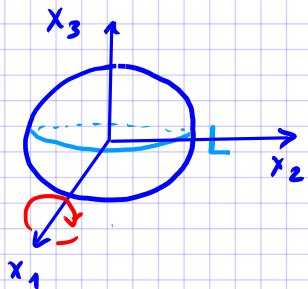
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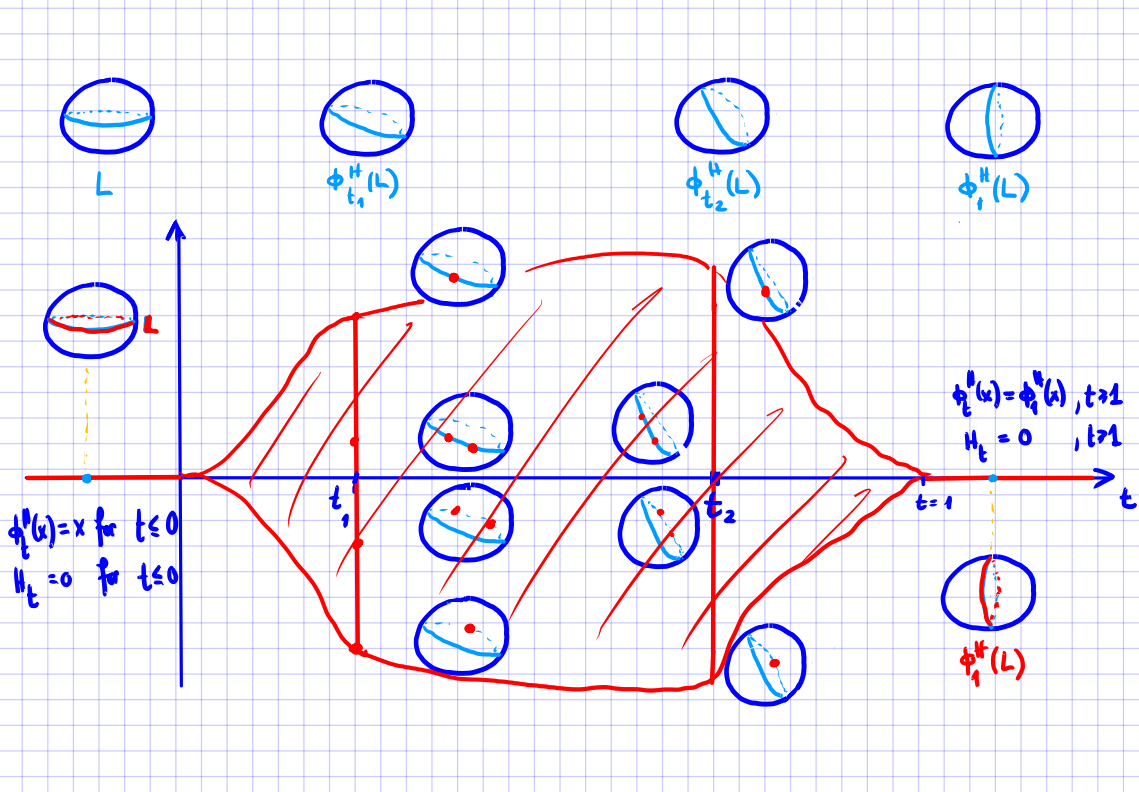
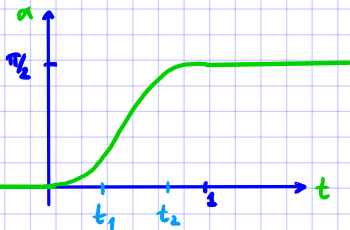
$\mathcal{S}_{L,H}$  is a Lagrangian cobordism from  $L$  to  $\phi_1^H(L)$ .

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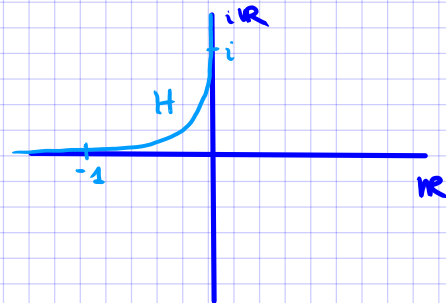
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### §3 - Surgery cobordism

$$\mathbb{R}^n, i\mathbb{R}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^n,$$

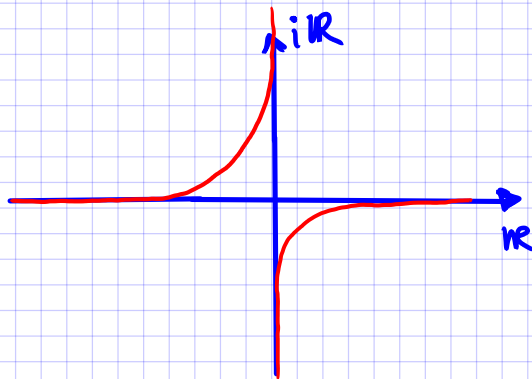
Curve  $H \subset \mathbb{C}$  parametrized by  $a(t) + ib(t)$



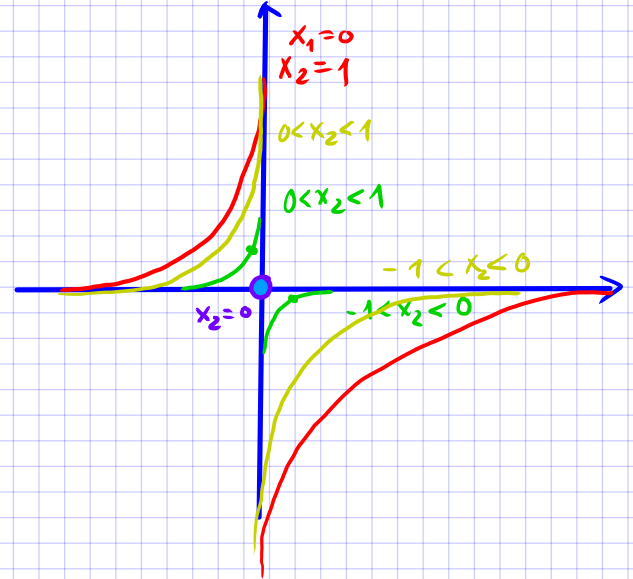
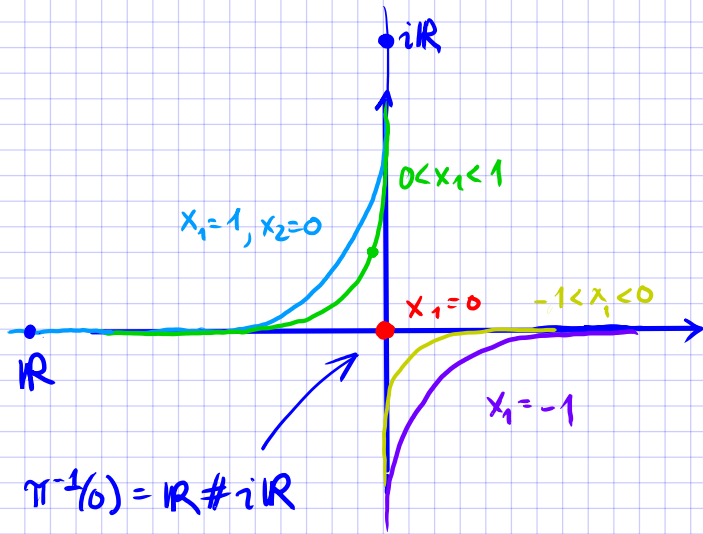
$$\mathbb{R}^n \# i\mathbb{R}^n := \left\{ (a(t) + ib(t))x_1, \dots, (a(t) + ib(t))x_n \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$$

This is a Lagrangian submanifold. (Polterovich, 1990)

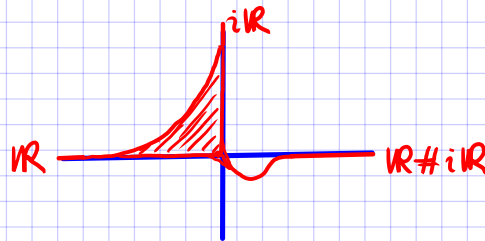
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{n=1}: \quad \mathbb{R} \# i\mathbb{R} &= \{ a(t) + ib(t) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &\cup \{ -a(t) + ib(t) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \} \end{aligned}$$



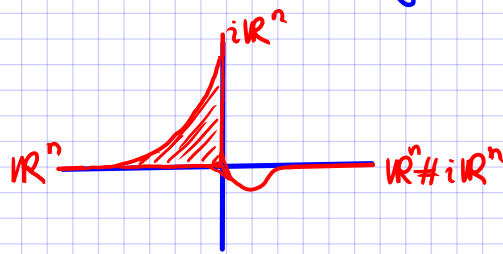
$n=2:$   $\mathbb{R}^2 \# i\mathbb{R}^2 = \left\{ ((a(t)+ib(t))x_1, (a(t)+ib(t))x_2) \mid t \in \mathbb{R}, x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1 \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}^4$



⇒ Taking half of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \# i\mathbb{R}^2$  and perturbing the corner gives a cobordism with ends  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $i\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{R} \# i\mathbb{R}$ .

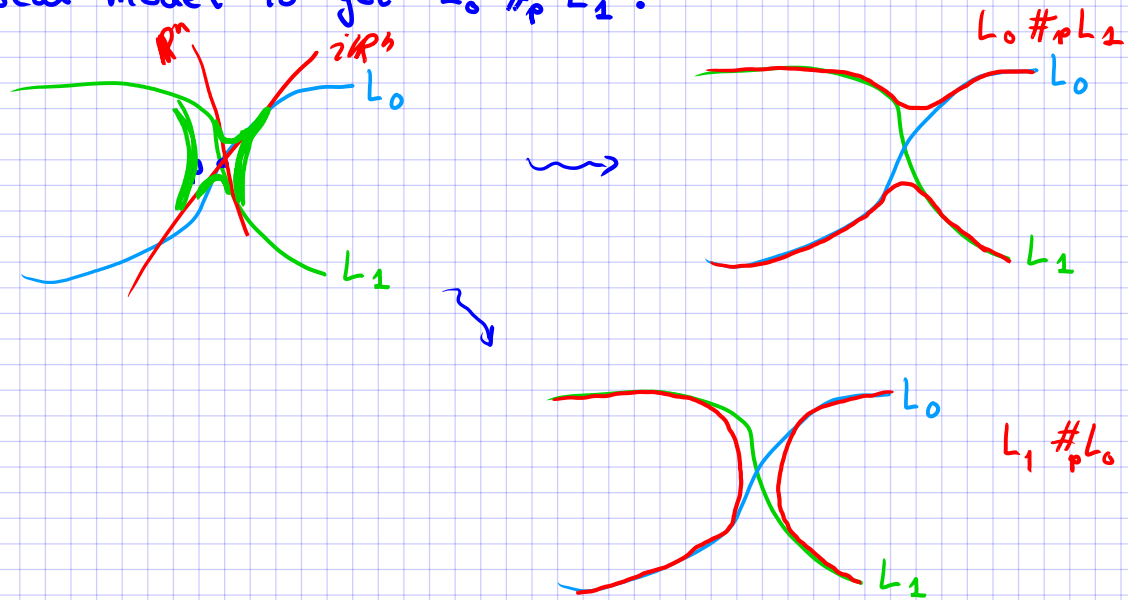


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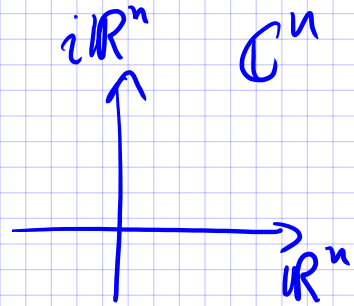
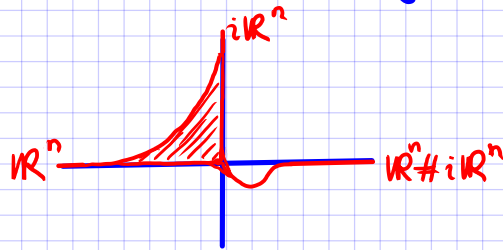
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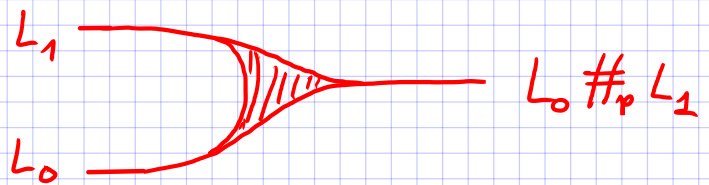
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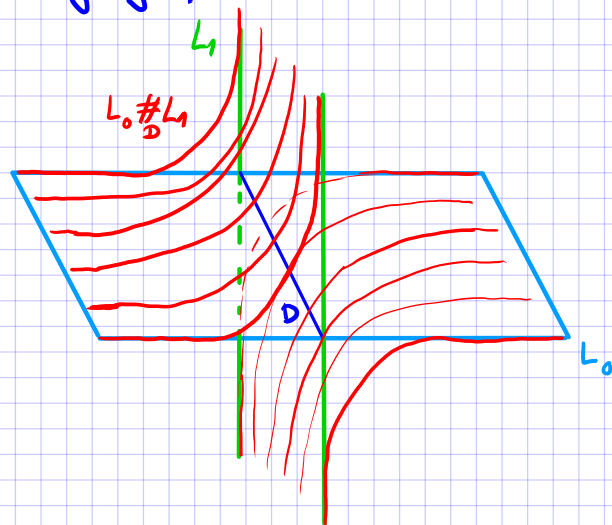
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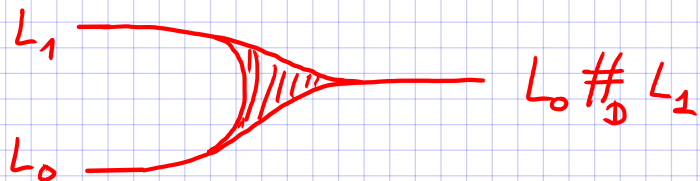


## §4 - The Mak-Wu cobordism

There is a version of surgery for clean intersections:



Surgery for  $\mathbb{R} \times L_0$  and  $i\mathbb{R} \times L_1$  along  $\{0\} \times D$  yields



## Mak-Wu cobordism (Mak-Wu, 2018)

$S \subset M$  Lagrangian sphere

$$\Delta = \{(x, x) \mid x \in M\} \subset M \times M$$

$\tau: M \rightarrow M$  Dehn twist along  $S$ .

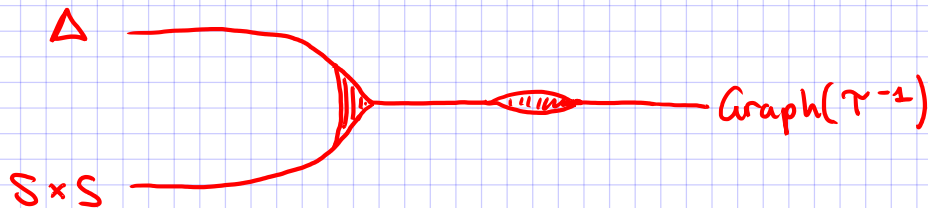
$$\Delta_S = \{(x, x) \mid x \in S\} \subset \Delta$$

Then

$$(S \times S) \#_{\Delta_S} \Delta \subset (M \times M, \omega \oplus -\omega)$$

is Hamiltonian isotopic to  $\text{Graph}(\tau^{-1})$ .

### Corollary



Lagrangian cobordism  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \times M \times M$ .