

# Braids on Surfaces Digest

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## Braids on surfaces and finite type invariants

### Tresses sur les surfaces et invariants de type fini

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#### Abstract

We prove that there is no functorial universal finite type invariant for braids in  $\Sigma \times I$  if the genus of  $\Sigma$  is positive.  
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## ON PRESENTATIONS OF SURFACE BRAID GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** We give presentations of braid groups and pure braid groups on surfaces and we show some properties of surface pure braid groups.

## Vassiliev invariants for braids on surfaces

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#### Abstract

We show that Vassiliev invariants separate braids on a closed oriented surface, and we exhibit an universal Vassiliev invariant for these braids in terms of chord diagrams labeled by elements of the fundamental group of the considered surface. ||

# New presentations of surface braid groups

Juan González-Meneses

October, 1999

## Abstract

In this paper we give new presentations of the braid groups and the pure braid groups of a closed surface. We also give an algorithm to solve the word problem in these groups, using the given presentations. ||

# Surface framed braids

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## Abstract

In this paper we introduce the framed pure braid group on  $n$  strands of an oriented surface, a topological generalisation of the pure braid group  $P_n$ . We give different equivalent definitions for framed pure braid groups and we study exact sequences relating these groups with other generalisations of  $P_n$ , usually called surface pure braid groups. The notion of surface framed braid groups is also introduced.