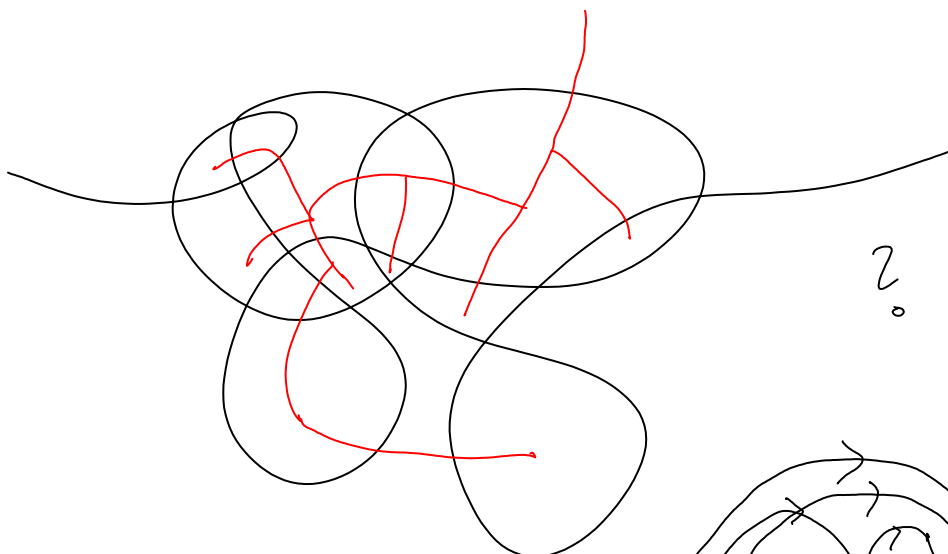
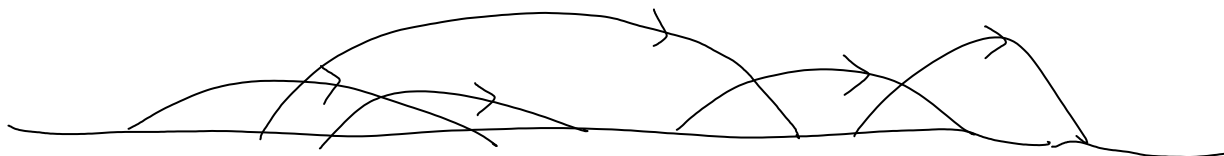


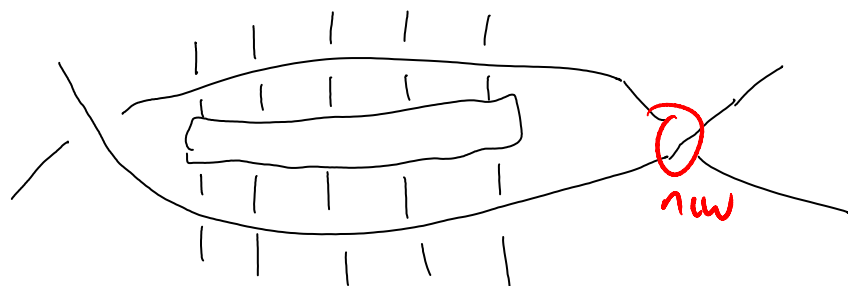
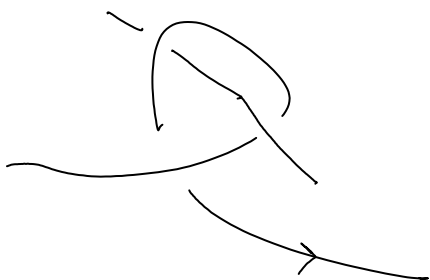
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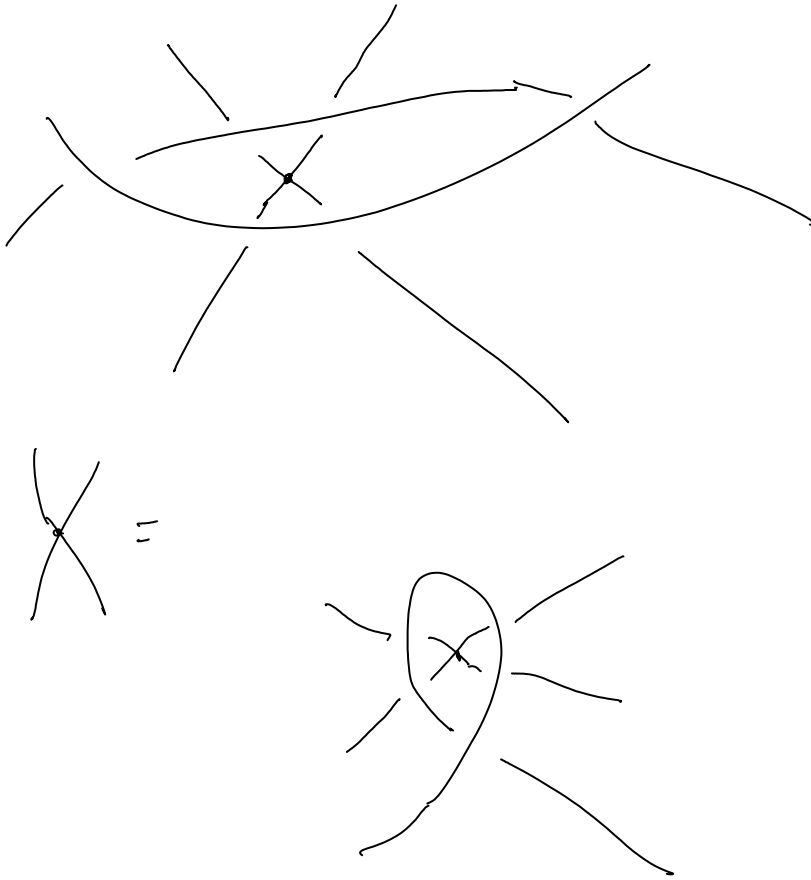
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Guess: Yes for w -knots, no in general.



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Added May 28, 2009, Kauffman's talk in Trieste: in the v case, definitely not. The "odd writhe" shows the following descending virtual non-trivial:

