

Quasi-torus links and distance by zero-linking twists

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Given an oriented link L and a trivial knot k in the 3-sphere with the linking number $\text{Link}(L, k) = 0$, we can obtain a link L' from L by twisting L along k . The operation $L \rightarrow L'$ is called a *zero-linking twist*. Any two oriented links with the same number of components are transformed each other by some number of zero-linking twists.

In this talk, we first review an algebraic estimation (given in Kobe J. Math. 13(1996),183-190) on the minimal number of zero-linking twists needed to transform between two given oriented links with the same number of components. By using this result, we estimate the distance between a quasi-torus link of type (p, q) introduced by V. O. Munturov and the torus link of type (p, q) . This result will be included in a joint work with Yongju Bae and Seogman Seo.