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Quandle Cocycle Invariants for Knots, Knotted Surfaces and Knotted 3-Manifolds

Abstract. The quandle is an algebraic structure. Carter, Jelsovsky, Kamada, Langford and Saito (1999, 2003) built the quandle cohomology theory. They found invariants of knots and knotted surfaces in the 2^{nd} and the 3^{rd} quandle cohomology. Similar invariant exists for knotted 3-manifolds in S^5 in the 4^{th} quandle cohomology.