FOUR-DIMENSIONAL FACETS OF KNOT THEORY

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We consider the types of surfaces that knots bound in the four-dimensional ball B^4 . This leads us to define an equivalence relation on knots called concordance. The set of equivalence classes of concordant knots forms a group. We will introduce this group and discuss its structure, highlighting results of Milnor, Fox, and Levine.