

## ALEXANDER IDEALS OF CLASSICAL KNOTS

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*Abstract*

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The Alexander ideals of classical knots are characterised, a result which extends to certain higher dimensional knots.

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