1035-55-177 **Richard A Litherland** (lither@math.lsu.edu), Louisiana State University, and **Steven D Wallace*** (wallace@math.lsu.edu), Department of Mathematics, 301 Lockett Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-4918. *Surgery description of colored knots.*

The pair (K, ρ) consisting of a knot $K \subset S^3$ and a surjective map ρ from the knot group onto a dihedral group is said to be a *p-colored knot*. In the paper *Surgery untying of coloured knots* D. Moskovich conjectures that for any odd prime p there are exactly p equivalence classes of p-colored knots up to surgery along unknots in the kernel of the coloring. In this paper, we show that there are at most $2p$ equivalence classes. This is vast improvement on the previous results by Moskovich for $p = 3$, and 5, with no upper bound given in general. In *Dehn surgery equivalence relations on* 3*-manifolds*, T. Cochran, A. Gerges, and K. Orr define invariants of the *surgery equivalence* class of a closed 3-manifold M in the context of *bordism*. By taking M to be 0-framed surgery of S^3 along K we may define Moskovich's *colored untying invariant* in the same way as the Cochran-Gerges-Orr invariants. This bordism definition of the colored untying invariant will be then used to establish the upper bound.

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