# Virtual quandle <br> for links in lens spaces <br> (Based on joint work with A. Cattabriga, 2019) 

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## Quandle is an almost complete invariant

## Theorem

Let $L_{1}, L_{2}$ be two links in $S^{3}$. Then $Q\left(L_{1}\right)$ and $Q\left(L_{2}\right)$ are isomorphic if and only if $L_{1}, L_{2}$ are weakly equivalent.

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## Virtual links


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For a link $L$ in $L(p, q)$ denote by $\tilde{f}$ the map given by $\widetilde{f}(L)=f\left(\pi^{-1}(L)\right)$ is an invariant for links in $L(p, q)$.

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