

1096-VJ-1102      **Whitney Klaryn George\***, Department of Mathematics, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383. *Twist Knots and Thickenings*.

We will sketch a proof that any neighborhood of a positive twist knot  $K_m$  with  $m \geq 3$  and odd with extremal Euler number can be thickened to a standard neighborhood of a maximal Thurston-Bennequin number Legendrian representative of  $K_m$ . In particular, we will investigate the restrictions on the twist number and on the neighborhoods which lead to open questions. (Received September 12, 2013)