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I will define and compare “welded 2-knot theory”, which is a direct analog of the diagrammatic theory of welded 1-knots, and “virtually-regular welded 2-knot theory”, which is an analog of Rourke’s interpretation of welded 1-knots as fibered ribbon-torus knots. (Received August 04, 2015)