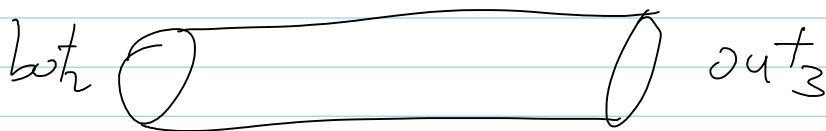
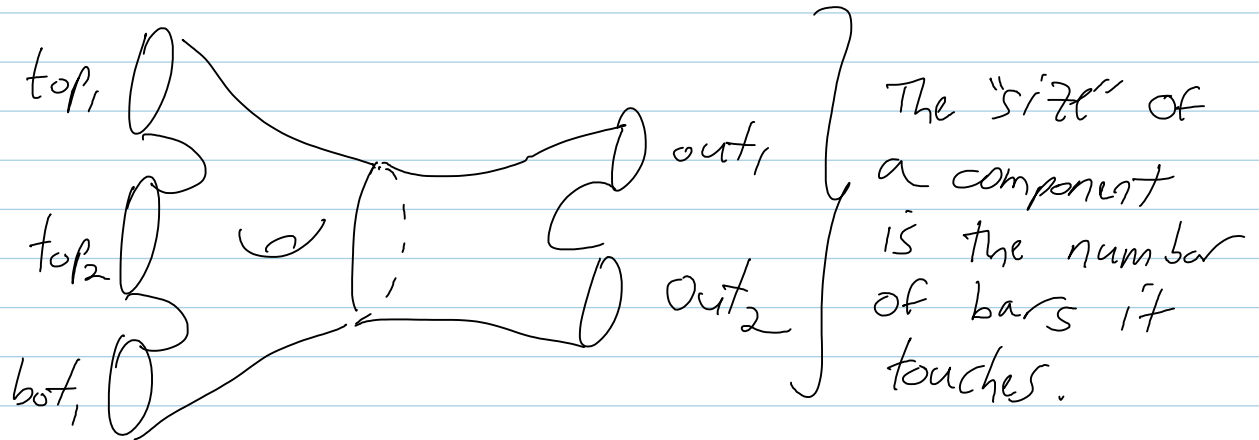


I wish I had my perspective up the first time around I thought about these things.

Abstractly, VC is achieved by sticking the input disks into "generalized pants":



1. Dots slide to the minimal out disk on their component.

2. The genus of a component is $\chi = 2 - 2g$

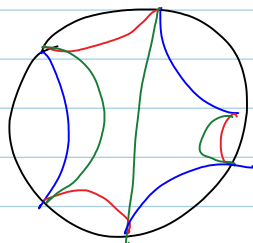
$$g = \frac{2 - \chi}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[2 + \frac{1}{2}(\text{size}) - \#(\text{bndry disks}) \right]$$

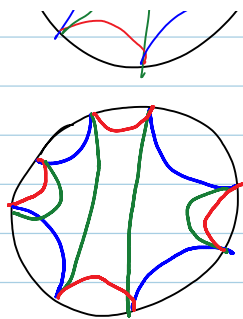
Example: saddle o saddle: $\frac{1}{2}(2 + \frac{1}{2}(4) - 4) = 0$

Example: identity_{2n} o one disk: $\frac{1}{2}(2 + n - (2 + n)) = 0$

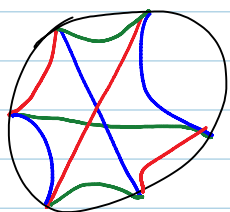
Example:



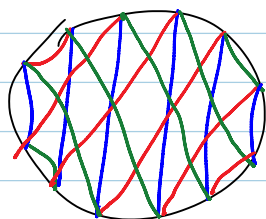
$$\frac{1}{2}(2 + 3 - 1 - 2 - 2) = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{2}(2+4-1-3-2) = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{2}(2+3-3-1) = 1$$



$$\frac{1}{2}(2+6-1-2-1) = 2$$

3. genus ≥ 2 : composition is 0.

genus 1 : Any dot in input $\Rightarrow 0$

No dots in input \Rightarrow all outputs are dotted.

genus 0 : ≥ 2 dots in input $\Rightarrow 0$

One dot in input \Rightarrow all outputs are dotted.

No dots in input \Rightarrow sum of all ways of having all outs but one dotted.

4. Therefore, "decor" may simply be the "no dots" output in each case; and after evaluations, squares must be removed.