

Pensieve header: A talk and a program about Archibald- and Γ -calculus and the Halacheva map between them. Continued pensieve://2021-03/.

Title. I Still don't Understand the Alexander Polynomial

Abstract. As an algebraic knot theorist, I still don't understand the Alexander polynomial. There are two conventions as for how to present tangle theory in algebra: one may name the strands of a tangle, or one may name their ends. The distinction might seem too minor to matter, yet it leads to a completely different view of the set of tangles as an algebraic structure. There are lovely formulas for the Alexander polynomial as viewed from either perspective, and they even agree where they meet. But the "strands" formulas know about strand doubling while the "ends" ones don't, and the "ends" formulas know about skein relations while the "strands" ones don't. There ought to be a common generalization, but I don't know what it is.

General

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In[*]:= Xpa,b := Xp[a, b]; Xma,b := Xm[a, b];
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In[*]:= SXForm[L_] := SXForm[
  Skeleton[L],
  Times @@ PD[L] /.
  X[i_, j_, k_, L_] => If[PositiveQ[X[i, j, k, L]], Xp[L, i], Xm[j, i]]
];
Z[L_] := Z[Identity, L];
Z[x_, L_] := Module[{s, z},
  {s, z} = List @@ SXForm[L];
  z = x[z];
  Do[z = z // dm[s[[c, 1]], s[[c, k]], s[[c, 1]], {c, Length[s]}, {k, 2, Length[s[[c]]]};
  z
];
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In[*]:= dA[a_, rest_][a_] := a // dA[a] // dA[rest];
dA[l_List][a_] := dA @@ l;
dA[All][a_] := a // dA[dL[a]];
dS[a_, rest_][a_] := a // dS[a] // dS[rest];
dS[l_List][a_] := dS @@ l;
dS[All][a_] := a // dS[dL[a]];
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Γ -Calculus

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In[*]:=
 $\Gamma$ Simp = Factor; SetAttributes[ $\Gamma$ Collect, Listable];
 $\Gamma$ Collect[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _]] :=  $\Gamma$ Collect[ $\Gamma$ Simp][ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]];
 $\Gamma$ Collect[simp_][ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _]] :=  $\Gamma$ [simp[ $\omega$ ], simp[ $\sigma$ ],
  Collect[ $\lambda$ , h_, Collect[#, t_, simp] &]];
dL[ $\Gamma$ [_, _,  $\lambda$ _]] := Union[Cases[ $\lambda$ , (h | t)a  $\Rightarrow$  a, Infinity]];
 $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ 1_, _, _][ $\omega$ ] :=  $\omega$ 1;
 $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _][ $\Sigma$ ] := ( $\partial_{h_{\sigma}}$   $\sigma$ ) & /@ dL[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]];
 $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _][A] := Module[{S = dL[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]]}, Outer[ $\Gamma$ Simp[( $\partial_{t_{\mu_1} h_{\mu_2}}$   $\lambda$ )] &, S, S]];
 $\Gamma$ Form[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _]] := Module[{S, M},
  S = dL[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]];
  M =  $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ][A] // Transpose;
  PrependTo[M, s_# & /@ S];
  M = Join[
    {Prepend[s_# & /@ S,  $\omega$ ]},
    Transpose[M],
    {Prepend[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ][ $\Sigma$ ], " $\Gamma$ "}
  ];
  MatrixForm[M]
];
 $\Gamma$ Form[else_] := else /.  $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _]  $\Rightarrow$   $\Gamma$ Form[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]];
Format[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ _,  $\sigma$ _,  $\lambda$ _], StandardForm] :=  $\Gamma$ Form[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ]];

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In[*]:=
 $\Gamma$  /:  $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ 1_,  $\sigma$ 1_,  $\mu$ 1_] ==  $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ 2_,  $\sigma$ 2_,  $\mu$ 2_] := Module[
  {S},
  S = dL[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ 1,  $\sigma$ 1,  $\mu$ 1]]  $\cup$  dL[ $\Gamma$ [ $\omega$ 2,  $\sigma$ 2,  $\mu$ 2]];
  ( $\omega$ 1 ==  $\omega$ 2) && (And @@ (( $\partial_{h_{\sigma}}$   $\sigma$ 1 ==  $\partial_{h_{\sigma}}$   $\sigma$ 2) & /@ S)) && (
    And @@ Flatten[Outer[
      ( $\partial_{t_{\mu_1} h_{\mu_2}}$   $\mu$ 1 ==  $\partial_{t_{\mu_1} h_{\mu_2}}$   $\mu$ 2) &,
      S, S
    ]]
  )
];

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In[*]:=  $\Gamma$  /:  $\Gamma[\omega_1, \sigma_1, \lambda_1] \Gamma[\omega_2, \sigma_2, \lambda_2] := \Gamma[\omega_1 * \omega_2, \sigma_1 + \sigma_2, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2];$ 
dmij→k[ $\Gamma[\omega, \sigma, \lambda]$ ] := Module[{ $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \theta, \epsilon, \phi, \psi, \Xi, \mu$ },
  
$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{t_i, h_i} \lambda & \partial_{t_i, h_j} \lambda & \partial_{t_i} \lambda \\ \partial_{t_j, h_i} \lambda & \partial_{t_j, h_j} \lambda & \partial_{t_j} \lambda \\ \partial_{h_i} \lambda & \partial_{h_j} \lambda & \lambda \end{pmatrix} /. (t | h)_{i|j} \rightarrow \theta;$$

   $\Gamma$ Collect[ $\Gamma[(\mu = 1 - \beta) \omega,$ 
     $h_k (\partial_{h_i} \sigma) (\partial_{h_j} \sigma) + (\sigma /. h_{i|j} \rightarrow \theta),$ 
    { $t_k, 1$ }. ( $\gamma + \alpha \delta / \mu \quad \epsilon + \delta \theta / \mu$ ), { $h_k, 1$ }
  ]] /. { $T_i \rightarrow T_k, T_j \rightarrow T_k, b_i \rightarrow b_k, b_j \rightarrow b_k$ } //  $\Gamma$ Collect
];
dm[ab, cc][ $\Gamma[\omega, \sigma, \lambda]$ ] := dmab→c[ $\Gamma[\omega, \sigma, \lambda]$ ];
d $\eta$ [ac][ $\gamma$ c] :=  $\gamma$  /. {(h | t)a →  $\theta, T_a \rightarrow 1$ };

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In[*]:= tr[ac][ $\Gamma[\omega, \sigma, \lambda]$ ] := Module[{ $\alpha, \theta, \psi, \Xi$ },
  
$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \theta \\ \psi & \Xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{t_a, h_a} \lambda & \partial_{t_a} \lambda \\ \partial_{h_a} \lambda & \lambda \end{pmatrix} /. (t | h)_a \rightarrow \theta;$$

   $\Gamma[\omega (1 - \alpha), \sigma /. h_a \rightarrow \theta, \Xi + \psi * \theta / (1 - \alpha)] // \Gamma$ Collect];

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In[*]:= FullStitch[ $\gamma_1$ c,  $\gamma_2$ c] := Module[{ $S1, S2, S, \gamma, \tau$ },
   $S = (S1 = dL[\gamma_1]) \cup (S2 = dL[\gamma_2]);$ 
   $\gamma = \gamma_1$  (Times@@( $\Gamma$  /@  $\epsilon$  /@ Complement[S, S1]));
   $\gamma * = (\gamma_2 /. \{h_a \rightarrow h_{\tau[a]}, t_a \rightarrow t_{\tau[a]}, T_a \rightarrow T_{\tau[a]}\})$ 
    (Times@@( $\Gamma$  /@  $\epsilon$  /@  $\tau$  /@ Complement[S, S2]));
  Do[
     $\gamma = \gamma // dm[s, \tau[s], s],$ 
    { $s, S$ }
  ];
   $\gamma$ 
];
 $\Gamma$  /:  $\gamma_1$ c **  $\gamma_2$ c := Module[{ $S1, S2, S, \gamma_1p, \gamma_2p$ },
   $S = (S1 = dL[\gamma_1]) \cup (S2 = dL[\gamma_2]);$ 
   $\gamma_1p = \gamma_1$  (Times@@( $\Gamma$  /@  $\epsilon$  /@ Complement[S, S1]));
   $\gamma_2p = \gamma_2$  (Times@@( $\Gamma$  /@  $\epsilon$  /@ Complement[S, S2]));
   $\Gamma$ [
     $\gamma_1p[\omega] * \gamma_2p[\omega],$ 
    ( $\gamma_1p[\Sigma] \gamma_2p[\Sigma]) . (h_{\#} \& /@ S),$ 
    ( $t_{\#} \& /@ S) . (\gamma_2p[A] . \gamma_1p[A]) . (h_{\#} \& /@ S)$ 
  ]
];

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In[ ]:=  $\Gamma$  /:  $\Gamma[\omega_, \sigma_, \lambda_]^{-1} := \text{Module}[\{S = \text{dL}[\Gamma[\omega, \sigma, \lambda]]\},$ 
 $\Gamma$ [
 $\omega^{-1}$ ,  $\text{Collect}[\sigma, h_, (1/\#) \&],$ 
 $(t_\# \& /@ S).\text{Inverse}[\text{Outer}[\Gamma\text{Simp}[(\partial_{t_a} h_{a2} \lambda)] \&, S, S]].(h_\# \& /@ S)$ 
]
];

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In[ ]:=  $\text{dA}[a_][\Gamma[\omega_, \sigma_, \lambda_]] := \text{Module}[$ 
 $\{\alpha, \theta, \phi, \Xi, \sigma a\},$ 
 $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \theta \\ \phi & \Xi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{t_a} h_a \lambda & \partial_{t_a} \lambda \\ \partial_{h_a} \lambda & \lambda \end{pmatrix} / . (h | t)_a \rightarrow \theta;$ 
 $\sigma a = \partial_{h_a} \sigma;$ 
 $\Gamma\text{Collect}[\Gamma$ 
 $\alpha \omega / \sigma a,$ 
 $((\sigma / . h_a \rightarrow \theta) + h_a / \sigma a),$ 
 $\{t_a, 1\} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \theta \\ -\phi & \alpha \Xi - \phi \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{h_a, 1\} / \alpha$ 
 $]]$ 
 $];$ 
 $\text{dS}[a_][\gamma_I] := \Gamma\text{Collect}[\text{dA}[a][\gamma] / . \{T_a \rightarrow 1 / T_a, b_a \rightarrow -b_a\}];$ 

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In[ ]:=  $\text{Mirror}[\gamma_I] := \text{Module}[\{\gamma 1\},$ 
 $\gamma 1 = \gamma // (\text{dS} @@ \text{dL}[\gamma]);$ 
 $\gamma 1[[3]] = \gamma 1[[3]] / . \{t_a \rightarrow h_a, h_a \rightarrow t_a\};$ 
 $\gamma 1];$ 

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In[ ]:=  $\text{t}\sigma[\text{rules\_}\_\_\text{Rule}][\gamma_I] := \Gamma\text{Collect}[$ 
 $\gamma / . \{t_u \rightarrow t_u /. \{\text{rules}\}, T_u \rightarrow T_u /. \{\text{rules}\}, b_u \rightarrow b_u /. \{\text{rules}\}\}$ 
 $];$ 
 $\text{h}\sigma[\text{rules\_}\_\_\text{Rule}][\gamma_I] := \Gamma\text{Collect}[\gamma / . h_x \rightarrow h_x /. \{\text{rules}\}];$ 

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In[ ]:=  $\text{SetAttributes}[\Gamma, \text{Listable}];$ 
 $\Gamma[p\_Times | p\_NonCommutativeMultiply] := \Gamma /@ p;$ 
 $\Gamma[\epsilon[a_]] := \Gamma[1, h_a, h_a t_a];$ 
 $\Gamma[\text{Xp}[a_, b_]] := \Gamma[1, h_a + h_b T_a, \{t_a, t_b\} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 - T_a \\ \theta & T_a \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{h_a, h_b\}];$ 
 $\Gamma[\text{Xm}[a_, b_]] := \Gamma[\text{Xp}[a, b]] / . T_a \rightarrow 1 / T_a;$ 

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In[ ]:= MVA[Γ, L_Link] := Module[{Hs, ω, σ, μ, A},
  {ω, σ, μ} = List @@ Z[Γ, L];
  Hs = Rest[h_# & /@ (First /@ Skeleton[L])];
  A = Outer[Coefficient[μ, #1 * #2] &, Hs, Hs /. h_a_ -> t_a];
  Factor[
$$\frac{\omega \text{Det}[A - \text{IdentityMatrix}[\text{Length}@Hs]}]{1 - T_{\text{Skeleton}[L][[1,1]}}$$
]
]

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\mathcal{A} -Calculus

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In[ ]:= WP[Wedge[u___], Wedge[v___]] := Signature[{u, v}] * Wedge @@ Sort[{u, v}];
WP[0, _] = WP[_, 0] = 0;
WP[A_, B_] :=
  Expand[Distribute[A ** B] /. (a_. * u_Wedge) ** (b_. * v_Wedge) -> a b WP[u, v]];

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In[ ]:= WP[Wedge[x], Wedge[y]]

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Out[ ]:= x ^ y

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In[ ]:= WP[Wedge[y], Wedge[x]]

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Out[ ]:= -(x ^ y)

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In[ ]:= WExp[A_] := Module[{s = Wedge[], t = Wedge[], k = 0},
  While[t != 0, s += (t = Expand[WP[t, A] / (++k)]]; s
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In[ ]:= A = Sum[a_i (x_i ^ y_i), {i, 2}]

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Out[ ]:= a_1 x_1 ^ y_1 + a_2 x_2 ^ y_2

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In[ ]:= t = Wedge[]

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Out[ ]:= Wedge[]

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In[ ]:= WP[t, A]

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Out[ ]:= a_1 x_1 ^ y_1 + a_2 x_2 ^ y_2

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In[ ]:= WExp[Sum[a_i (x_i ^ y_i), {i, 4}]]

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Out[ ]:= Wedge[] + a_1 x_1 ^ y_1 + a_2 x_2 ^ y_2 + a_3 x_3 ^ y_3 + a_4 x_4 ^ y_4 - a_1 a_2 x_1 ^ x_2 ^ y_1 ^ y_2 - a_1 a_3 x_1 ^ x_3 ^ y_1 ^ y_3 -
a_1 a_4 x_1 ^ x_4 ^ y_1 ^ y_4 - a_2 a_3 x_2 ^ x_3 ^ y_2 ^ y_3 - a_2 a_4 x_2 ^ x_4 ^ y_2 ^ y_4 - a_3 a_4 x_3 ^ x_4 ^ y_3 ^ y_4 -
a_1 a_2 a_3 x_1 ^ x_2 ^ x_3 ^ y_1 ^ y_2 ^ y_3 - a_1 a_2 a_4 x_1 ^ x_2 ^ x_4 ^ y_1 ^ y_2 ^ y_4 - a_1 a_3 a_4 x_1 ^ x_3 ^ x_4 ^ y_1 ^ y_3 ^ y_4 -
a_2 a_3 a_4 x_2 ^ x_3 ^ x_4 ^ y_2 ^ y_3 ^ y_4 + a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 x_1 ^ x_2 ^ x_3 ^ x_4 ^ y_1 ^ y_2 ^ y_3 ^ y_4

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In[ ]:= Cx,y[w_Wedge] := Module[{i, j},
  {i} = FirstPosition[w, x, {0}]; {j} = FirstPosition[w, y, {0}];
  Which[
    (i == 0) & (j == 0), w,
    (i == 0) ∨ (j == 0), 0,
    True, (-1)i+j+If[i>j,1,0] Delete[w, {{i}, {j}}]
  ]];
Cx,y[ε] := ε /. w_Wedge -> Cx,y[w]
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In[ ]:= Cx6,x5}[X1 ^ X2 ^ X3 ^ X4]
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Out[ ]:= X1 ^ X2 ^ X3 ^ X4
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In[ ]:= lhs = Cx4,y4}[WExp[Sum[ai (xi ^ yi), {i, 4}]]]
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Out[ ]:= Wedge[] - a4 Wedge[] + a1 x1 ^ y1 - a1 a4 x1 ^ y1 + a2 x2 ^ y2 - a2 a4 x2 ^ y2 + a3 x3 ^ y3 -
a3 a4 x3 ^ y3 - a1 a2 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 + a1 a2 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 - a1 a3 x1 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y3 +
a1 a3 a4 x1 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y3 - a2 a3 x2 ^ x3 ^ y2 ^ y3 + a2 a3 a4 x2 ^ x3 ^ y2 ^ y3 -
a1 a2 a3 x1 ^ x2 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y2 ^ y3 + a1 a2 a3 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y2 ^ y3
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In[ ]:= rhs = Expand[(1 - a4) WExp[Sum[ai (xi ^ yi), {i, 3}]]]
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Out[ ]:= Wedge[] - a4 Wedge[] + a1 x1 ^ y1 - a1 a4 x1 ^ y1 + a2 x2 ^ y2 - a2 a4 x2 ^ y2 + a3 x3 ^ y3 -
a3 a4 x3 ^ y3 - a1 a2 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 + a1 a2 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 - a1 a3 x1 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y3 +
a1 a3 a4 x1 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y3 - a2 a3 x2 ^ x3 ^ y2 ^ y3 + a2 a3 a4 x2 ^ x3 ^ y2 ^ y3 -
a1 a2 a3 x1 ^ x2 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y2 ^ y3 + a1 a2 a3 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ x3 ^ y1 ^ y2 ^ y3
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In[ ]:= lhs == rhs
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Out[ ]:= True
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In[ ]:= lhs = Cx3,y3}[Cx4,y4][WExp[Sum[ai (xi ^ yi), {i, 4}]]]
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Out[ ]:= Wedge[] - a3 Wedge[] - a4 Wedge[] + a3 a4 Wedge[] + a1 x1 ^ y1 - a1 a3 x1 ^ y1 -
a1 a4 x1 ^ y1 + a1 a3 a4 x1 ^ y1 + a2 x2 ^ y2 - a2 a3 x2 ^ y2 - a2 a4 x2 ^ y2 + a2 a3 a4 x2 ^ y2 -
a1 a2 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 + a1 a2 a3 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 + a1 a2 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2 - a1 a2 a3 a4 x1 ^ x2 ^ y1 ^ y2
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$$\text{In[*]:= } n = 4; \gamma_0 = \Gamma \left[\omega, \sum_{a=1}^n h_a \sigma_a, \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{b=1}^n t_a h_b \alpha_{10 a+b} \right]$$

γ_0 // tr[2]

$$\text{Out[*]= } \begin{pmatrix} \omega & S_1 & S_2 & S_3 & S_4 \\ S_1 & \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \alpha_{14} \\ S_2 & \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \alpha_{24} \\ S_3 & \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \alpha_{34} \\ S_4 & \alpha_{41} & \alpha_{42} & \alpha_{43} & \alpha_{44} \\ \Gamma & \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \sigma_3 & \sigma_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Out[*]= } \begin{pmatrix} -\omega (-1 + \alpha_{22}) & S_1 & S_3 & S_4 \\ S_1 & \frac{-\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{12} \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{11} \alpha_{22}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{13} + \alpha_{13} \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12} \alpha_{23}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{14} + \alpha_{14} \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12} \alpha_{24}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} \\ S_3 & \frac{-\alpha_{31} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{31} - \alpha_{21} \alpha_{32}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{23} \alpha_{32} - \alpha_{33} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{33}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{24} \alpha_{32} - \alpha_{34} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{34}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} \\ S_4 & \frac{-\alpha_{41} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{41} - \alpha_{21} \alpha_{42}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{23} \alpha_{42} - \alpha_{43} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{43}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} & \frac{-\alpha_{24} \alpha_{42} - \alpha_{44} + \alpha_{22} \alpha_{44}}{-1 + \alpha_{22}} \\ \Gamma & \sigma_1 & \sigma_3 & \sigma_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[*]:= A[Gamma[omega, _, lambda_]] := Expand[omega WExp[Expand[lambda] /. t_a h_b -> xi_a ^ x_b]]
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In[ ]:= Import [
  "C:\\drorbn\\AcademicPensieve\\Talks\\Sandbjerg-0810/pA.txt",
  "Text"
]

Out[ ]:= (* WP: Wedge Product *)
WSort[expr_] := Expand[expr /. w_W := Signature[w]*Sort[w]];
WP[0, _] = WP[_ , 0] = 0;
WP[a_, b_] := WSort[Distribute[a ** b] /.
  (c1_. * w1_W) ** (c2_. * w2_W) :=> c1 c2 Join[w1, w2]];

(* IM: Interior Multiplication *)
IM[{}, expr_] := expr;
IM[i_, w_W] := If[FreeQ[w, i], 0,
  -(-1)^Position[w, i][[1,1]]*DeleteCases[w, i] ];
IM[{is___, i_}, w_W] := IM[{is}, IM[i, w]];
IM[is_List, expr_] := expr /. w_W :=> IM[is, w]

(* pA on Crossings *)
pA[Xp[i_,j_,k_,l_]] := AHD[(t[i]==t[k])(t[j]==t[l]), {i,l}, W[j,k],
  W[l,i] + (t[i]-1)W[l,j] - t[l]W[l,k] + W[i,j] + t[l]W[j,k] ];
pA[Xm[i_,j_,k_,l_]] := AHD[(t[i]==t[k])(t[j]==t[l]), {i,j}, W[k,l],
  t[j]W[i,j] - t[j]W[i,l] + W[j,k] + (t[i]-1)W[j,l] + W[k,l] ]

(* Variable Equivalences *)
ReductionRules[Times[]] = {};
ReductionRules[Equal[a_, b_]] := (# -> a)& /@ {b};
ReductionRules[eqs_Times] := Join @@ (ReductionRules /@ List@@eqs)

(* AHD: Alexander Half Densities *)
AHD[eqs_, is_, -os_, p_] := AHD[eqs, is, os, Expand[-p]];
AHD /: Reduce[AHD[eqs_, is_, os_, p_]] :=
  AHD[eqs, Sort[is], WSort[os], WSort[p /. ReductionRules[eqs]]];
AHD /: AHD[eqs1_,is1_,os1_,p1_] AHD[eqs2_,is2_,os2_,p2_] := Module[
  {glued = Intersection[Union[is1, is2], List@@Union[os1, os2]]},
  Reduce[AHD[
    eqs1*eqs2 /. eq1_Equal*eq2_Equal /;
    Intersection[List@@eq1, List@@eq2] != {} :=> Union[eq1, eq2],
    Complement[Union[is1, is2], glued],
    IM[glued, WP[os1, os2]],
    IM[glued, WP[p1, p2]]
  ]]]

(* pA on Circuit Diagrams *)
pA[cd_CircuitDiagram, eqs___] := pA[cd, {}, AHD[Times[eqs], {}, W[], W[]]];
pA[cd_CircuitDiagram, done_, ahd_AHD] := Module[
  {pos = First[Ordering[Length[Complement[List @@ #, done]] & /@ cd]}},
  pA[Delete[cd, pos], Union[done, List @@ cd[[pos]]], ahd*pA[cd[[pos]]]]
];
pA[CircuitDiagram[], _, ahd_AHD] := ahd

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$$\text{In[*]:= Expand} \left[(\text{Xp}_{a,b} // \Gamma) [\text{[3]}] / . \mathbf{t_{a_} h_{b_}} \Rightarrow \xi_a \wedge x_b / . \{ \xi_a \rightarrow \xi_1, \xi_b \rightarrow \xi_i, x_a \rightarrow x_j, x_b \rightarrow x_k, T_a \rightarrow T_1 \}$$

$$\text{Out[*]:= } T_1 \xi_i \wedge x_k + \xi_1 \wedge x_j + \xi_1 \wedge x_k - T_1 \xi_1 \wedge x_k$$

$$\text{In[*]:= Expand} \left[(\text{Xm}_{a,b} // \Gamma) [\text{[3]}] / . \mathbf{t_{a_} h_{b_}} \Rightarrow \xi_a \wedge x_b / . \{ \xi_a \rightarrow \xi_j, \xi_b \rightarrow \xi_i, x_a \rightarrow x_1, x_b \rightarrow x_k, T_a \rightarrow T_j \}$$

$$\text{Out[*]:= } \frac{\xi_i \wedge x_k}{T_j} + \xi_j \wedge x_k - \frac{\xi_j \wedge x_k}{T_j} + \xi_j \wedge x_1$$

The \mathcal{A} -invariants of the crossings.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[*]:= } & \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{X}_{i,j,k,L}] := \\ & \mathcal{A}[\{i, L\}, \{j, k\}, (T_i == T_k) (T_L == T_j), \text{WExp}[T_L \xi_i \wedge x_k + \xi_L \wedge x_j + \xi_L \wedge x_k - T_L \xi_L \wedge x_k]]; \\ & \mathcal{A}[\overline{\mathbf{X}}_{i,j,k,L}] := \mathcal{A}[\{i, j\}, \{k, L\}, (T_i == T_k) (T_j == T_L), \\ & \text{WExp}[T_j^{-1} \xi_i \wedge x_k + \xi_j \wedge x_k - T_j^{-1} \xi_j \wedge x_k + \xi_j \wedge x_L]] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In[*]:= } \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{X}_{i,j,k,1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Out[*]:= } & \mathcal{A}[\{i, 1\}, \{j, k\}, (T_i == T_k) (T_1 == T_j), \\ & \text{Wedge}[] - x_j \wedge \xi_1 - T_1 x_k \wedge \xi_i - x_k \wedge \xi_1 + T_1 x_k \wedge \xi_1 + T_1 x_j \wedge x_k \wedge \xi_i \wedge \xi_1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In[*]:= } \mathcal{A}[\overline{\mathbf{X}}_{i,j,k,1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Out[*]:= } & \mathcal{A}[\{i, j\}, \{k, 1\}, (T_i == T_k) (T_j == T_1), \\ & \text{Wedge}[] - \frac{x_k \wedge \xi_i}{T_j} - x_k \wedge \xi_j + \frac{x_k \wedge \xi_j}{T_j} - x_1 \wedge \xi_j - \frac{x_k \wedge x_1 \wedge \xi_i \wedge \xi_j}{T_j}] \end{aligned}$$

RR - Reduction Rules for Variable Equivalences.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[*]:= } & \text{RR}[\text{Times}[]] = \{\}; \\ & \text{RR}[\text{Equal}[a_, b_]] := (\# \rightarrow a) \& /@ \{b\}; \\ & \text{RR}[\text{eqs_Times}] := \text{Join} @@ (\text{RR} /@ \text{List} @@ \text{eqs}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In[*]:= } \text{RR}[(T_i == T_k) (T_1 == T_j)]$$

$$\text{Out[*]:= } \{T_k \rightarrow T_i, T_j \rightarrow T_1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In[*]:= } & \mathcal{A} /: \mathcal{A}[\text{is1_}, \text{os1_}, \text{e1_}, \text{w1_}] \mathcal{A}[\text{is2_}, \text{os2_}, \text{e2_}, \text{w2_}] := \\ & \mathcal{A}[\text{is1} \cup \text{is2}, \text{os1} \cup \text{os2}, \text{e1} \text{ e2}, \text{WP}[\text{w1}, \text{w2}]] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In[*]:= } \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{X}_{2,5,4,1}] \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{X}_{3,7,6,5}] \mathcal{A}[\mathbf{X}_{6,9,8,4}] // \text{Short}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Out[*]//Short= } & \mathcal{A}[\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \{4, 5, \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle, 8, 9\}, \langle\langle 1 \rangle\rangle, \\ & \langle\langle 331 \rangle\rangle + T_1 T_4 T_5 x_4 \wedge x_5 \wedge x_6 \wedge x_7 \wedge x_8 \wedge x_9 \wedge \xi_1 \wedge \xi_2 \wedge \xi_3 \wedge \xi_4 \wedge \xi_5 \wedge \xi_6] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{c}@\mathcal{A}[\text{is_}, \text{os_}, \text{eqs_}, \text{w_}] :=$$

$$\text{In[*]:= } \text{skell} = \langle | x_1 \rightarrow \xi_1, \xi_1 \rightarrow x_1, x_3 \rightarrow T_1 | \rangle$$

$$\text{Out[*]:= } \langle | x_1 \rightarrow \xi_1, \xi_1 \rightarrow x_1, x_3 \rightarrow T_1 | \rangle$$

In[*]:= **skel1**[x₃]

Out[*]:= T₁

In[*]:= **skel2** = <| x₂ → ξ₂, ξ₂ → x₂, x₄ → T₁ |>

Out[*]:= <| x₂ → ξ₂, ξ₂ → x₂, x₄ → T₁ |>

In[*]:= **Merge**[{**skel1**, **skel2**}, **First**]

Out[*]:= <| x₁ → ξ₁, ξ₁ → x₁, x₃ → T₁, x₂ → ξ₂, ξ₂ → x₂, x₄ → T₁ |>

In[*]:= **KeyUnion**[{**skel1**, **skel2**}]

Out[*]:= { <| x₁ → ξ₁, ξ₁ → x₁, x₃ → T₁, x₂ → Missing[KeyAbsent, x₂], ξ₂ → Missing[KeyAbsent, ξ₂],
x₄ → Missing[KeyAbsent, x₄] |>, <| x₁ → Missing[KeyAbsent, x₁],
ξ₁ → Missing[KeyAbsent, ξ₁], x₃ → Missing[KeyAbsent, x₃], x₂ → ξ₂, ξ₂ → x₂, x₄ → T₁ |> }

In[*]:= **Join**[**skel1**, **skel2**]

Out[*]:= <| x₁ → ξ₁, ξ₁ → x₁, x₃ → T₁, x₂ → ξ₂, ξ₂ → x₂, x₄ → T₁ |>

In[*]:= **Normal**[**skel1**]

Out[*]:= {x₁ → ξ₁, ξ₁ → x₁, x₃ → T₁}

In[*]:= **x₁** /. **skel1**

Out[*]:= ξ₁