

Pensieve header: The Alexander polynomial using bridges, tunnels, and Alexander numbering.

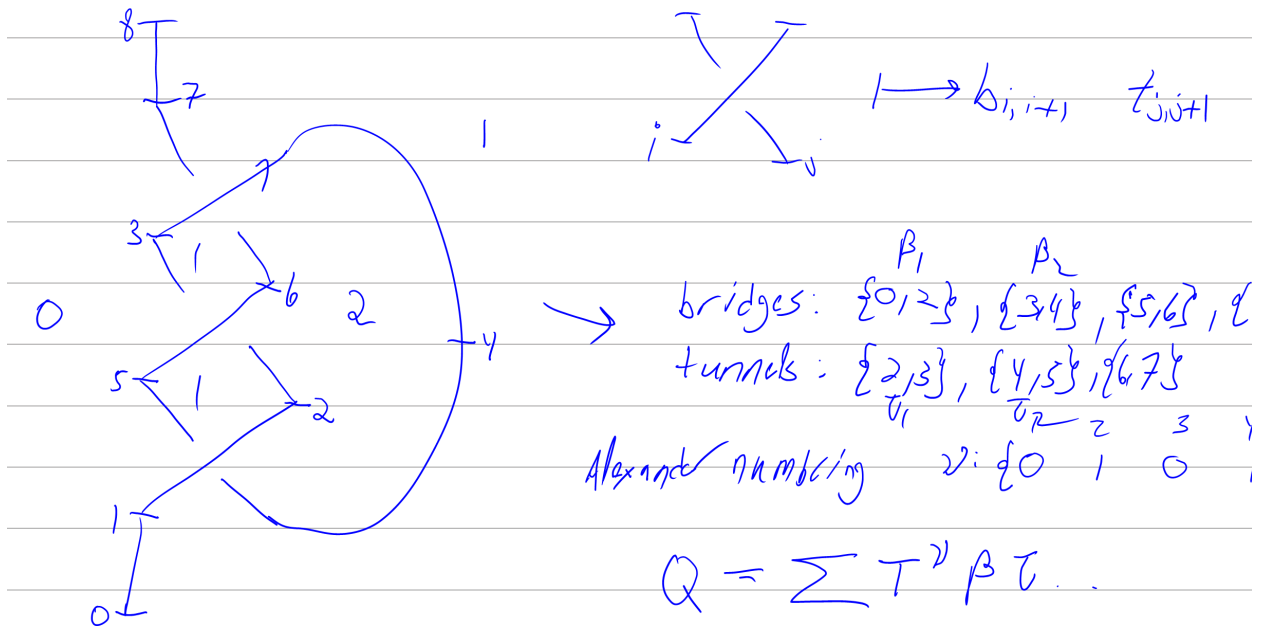
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In[ ]:= SetDirectory["C:\\drorbn\\AcademicPensieve\\2023-12"];
Once[
  << KnotTheory` ;
  << "../Talks/Oaxaca-2210/Rot.m"
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Loading KnotTheory` version of February 2, 2020, 10:53:45.2097.

Read more at <http://katlas.org/wiki/KnotTheory>.

Loading Rot.m from <http://drorbn.net/la22/ap> to compute rotation numbers.

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In[ ]:= K1 = EPD[X1,2];
K3 = EPD[X1,4, X5,2, X3,6];
K8 = Knot[8, 17];
K10 = Knot[10, 165];
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In[*]:= mat[K_, flip_] := Module[{},
  {Cs,  $\phi$ } = Rot[K] /. {s_, i_, j_} /; flip  $\Rightarrow$  {s, j, i};
  n = Length[Cs];
  bridges = tunnels = {};
  bn = tn = 0; (* completed features *)
  cfb =  $\neg$  flip; (* current feature is bridge *)
  cfs = 0; (* current feature start *)
  v = {lv = 0};
   $\phi$  = {};
  Q = 0;
  For[k = 1, k  $\leq$  2 n, ++k,
    Cs /. {
      {s_, k, j_}  $\Rightarrow$  (
        AppendTo[ $\phi$ , bn + 1];
        If[ $\neg$  cfb, AppendTo[tunnels, {cfs, k}]; ++tn;
        cfb = True;
        cfs = k; Q +=  $T^{lv}$  (T - 1)  $\beta_{bn+1}$   $\tau_{tn}$ ];
        AppendTo[v, lv += s];
      ),
      {s_, i_, k}  $\Rightarrow$  (
        AppendTo[ $\phi$ , tn + 1];
        If[cfb, AppendTo[bridges, {cfs, k}]; ++bn;
        cfb = False;
        cfs = k; Q +=  $T^{lv}$  (1 - T)  $\beta_{bn}$   $\tau_{tn+1}$ ];
        AppendTo[v, lv -= s];
      )
    };
  Cs /. {
    {s_, k, j_} /; k > j  $\Rightarrow$  (Q +=  $T^{v[[k]]}$  (T - 1) ( $T^s$  - 1)  $\beta_{\phi[[k]]}$   $\tau_{\phi[[j]]}$ ),
    {s_, i_, k} /; k > i  $\Rightarrow$  (Q +=  $T^{v[[i]]}$  (T - 1) ( $T^s$  - 1)  $\beta_{\phi[[i]]}$   $\tau_{\phi[[k]]}$ )
  }
];
Factor@Table[ $\frac{\partial_{\beta_i, \tau_j} Q}{T - 1}$ , {i, 1, bn + If[flip, 1, 0]}, {j, 1, tn + If[flip, 0, 1]}]
];
mat[K_] := mat[K, False];
mat[Flip@K_] := mat[K, True];

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In[*]:= K = Knot[10, 165]

Out[*]=

Knot[10, 165]

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In[*]:= mat[K] // MatrixForm
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Out[*]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ T & -T^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (-1+T) T & 0 \\ 0 & T & -T^2 & 0 & 0 & (-1+T) T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1-T & 0 & T & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1+T) T & 0 & T & -T^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & T & -T^2 & (-1+T) T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (-1+T) T & 0 & 0 & 1 & -T^2 & 0 & -1+T \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (-1+T) T & 0 & T & -T^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-T & 0 & -1+T & 0 & T & -T \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[*]:= mat[Flip@K] // MatrixForm
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Out[*]//MatrixForm=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 & -\frac{-1+T}{T} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{T^2} & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T^2} & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{-1+T}{T} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T^2} & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T^2} & -1 & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & \frac{1}{T^2} & -\frac{1}{T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{T^2} & -\frac{1}{T} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1+T}{T} & 0 & \frac{1}{T} \end{pmatrix}$$

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In[*]:= Factor[mat[K] + (mat[Flip@K]^T /. T -> T^-1)]
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Out[*]=

$$\{\{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}\}$$

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In[*]:= Det[mat[K]]
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Out[*]=

$$2 T^7 - 10 T^8 + 15 T^9 - 10 T^{10} + 2 T^{11}$$

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In[*]:= Alexander[K][T]
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Out[*]=

$$-15 - \frac{2}{T^2} + \frac{10}{T} + 10 T - 2 T^2$$