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Shifted Partial Quadratics, their Pushforwards, and Signature Invariants for Tangles

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Abstract. Following a general discussion of the computation of zombians of unfinished columbaria (with examples), I will tell you about my recent joint work w/ Jessica Liu on what we feel is the "textbook" extension of knot signatures to tangles, which for unknown reasons, is not in any of the textbooks that we know.

Jessica Liu

Columbaria in an East Sydney Cemetery

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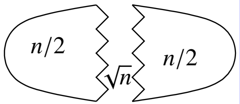
Jacobian, Hamiltonian, Zombian

Prior Art on signatures for tangles / braids. Gambaudo and Ghys [GG], Cimasoni and Conway [CC], Conway [Co], Merz [Me]. All define signatures of tangles / braids by first closing them to links and then work hard to derive composition properties.

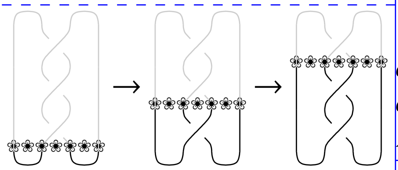
Why Tangles? • Faster!

- Conceptually clearer proofs of invariance (and of skein relations).
- Often fun and consequential:
  - ○ The Jones Polynomial ⇝ The Temperley-Lieb Algebra.
  - ○ Khovanov Homology ⇝ "Unfinished complexes", complexes in a category.
  - ○ The Kontsevich Integral ⇝ Associators.
  - ○ HFK ⇝ OMG, type D, type A, $\mathcal{A}_\infty$, …



$$2^{n/2}+2^{n/2}+2^{\sqrt{n}} \ll 2^n$$

Knot-tease



Computing Zombians of Unfinished Columbaria.

- Must be no slower than for finished ones.
- Future zombies must be able to complete the computation.
- Future zombies must not even know the size of the task that today's zombies were facing.
- We must be able to extend to ZPUCs, Zombie Processed Unfinished Columbaria!

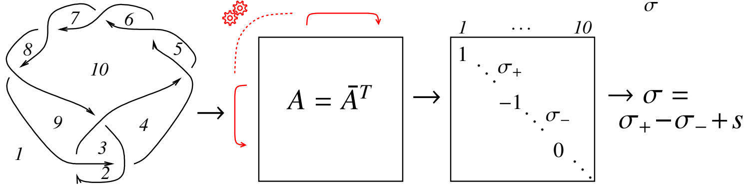
Zombies: Freepik.com

Columbarium near Assen

Example / Exercise. Compute the determinant of a $1,000\times 1,000$ matrix in which 50 entries are not yet given.

Homework / Research Projects. • What with ZPUCs? • Use this to get an Alexander tangle invariant.

Reminders. {knots} $\rightrightarrows$ {matrices / quadratic forms} $\xrightarrow[\sigma]{\text{signature}}$ $\mathbb{Z}$:

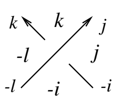


$\to$ $A=\bar A^T$ $\to$ $\begin{pmatrix}1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_+ & & & \\ & & & -1 & & \\ & & & & \ddots\ \sigma_- & \\ & & & & & 0\ \ddots\end{pmatrix}$ $\to \sigma = \sigma_+ - \sigma_- + s$

With $|\omega|=1$, $t=1-\omega$, $r=t+\bar t$, $v=\mathrm{Re}(\omega)$, and $u=\mathrm{Re}(\omega^{1/2})$:

Tristram-Levine *(TL)* | Kashaev *(Kas)*

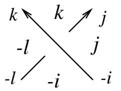
$X_{-i,j,k,-l}$



$$A \mathrel{+}= \begin{pmatrix} -r & -t & 2t & \bar t\\ -\bar t & 0 & \bar t & 0\\ 2\bar t & t & -r & -\bar t\\ t & 0 & -t & 0\end{pmatrix}\begin{matrix}i\\ j\\ k\\ l\end{matrix}\qquad s=0$$

$$A \mathrel{+}= \begin{pmatrix} v & u & 1 & u\\ u & 1 & u & 1\\ 1 & u & v & u\\ u & 1 & u & 1\end{pmatrix}\begin{matrix}i\\ j\\ k\\ l\end{matrix}\qquad s \mathrel{-}= 1$$

$\bar X_{-i,j,k,-l}$



$$A \mathrel{+}= \begin{pmatrix} r & -t & -2\bar t & \bar t\\ -\bar t & 0 & \bar t & 0\\ -2t & t & r & -\bar t\\ t & 0 & -t & 0\end{pmatrix}\begin{matrix}i\\ j\\ k\\ l\end{matrix}\qquad s=0$$

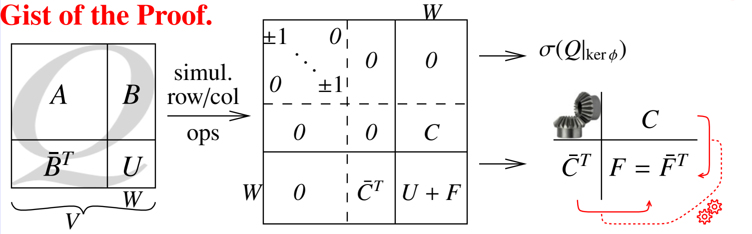
$$A \mathrel{-}= \begin{pmatrix} v & u & 1 & u\\ u & 1 & u & 1\\ 1 & u & v & u\\ u & 1 & u & 1\end{pmatrix}\begin{matrix}i\\ j\\ k\\ l\end{matrix}\qquad s \mathrel{+}= 1$$

~~**Kashaev's Conjecture**~~ [Ka] For knots, $\sigma_{Kas}=2\sigma_{TL}$.
Liu's Theorem [Li].

A *Partial Quadratic (PQ)* on V is a quadratic Q defined only on a subspace $\mathcal{D}_Q\subset V$. We add PQs with $\mathcal{D}_{Q_1+Q_2}:=\mathcal{D}_{Q_1}\cap\mathcal{D}_{Q_2}$. Given a linear $\psi\colon V\to W$ and a PQ Q on W, there is an obvious *pullback* ψ^*Q, a PQ on V.

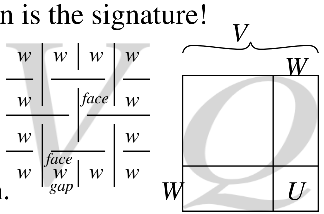
Theorem 1. Given a linear $\phi\colon V\to W$ and a PQ Q on V, there is a unique *pushforward* PQ ϕ_*Q on W such that for every *PQ* U on W, $\sigma_V(Q+\phi^*U)=\sigma_{\ker\phi}(Q|_{\ker\phi})+\sigma_W(U+\phi_*Q)$.
(If you must, $\mathcal{D}(\phi_*Q)=\phi(\mathrm{ann}_Q(\mathcal{D}(Q)\cap\ker\phi))$ and $(\phi_*Q)(w)=Q(v)$, where v is s.t. $\phi(v)=w$ and $Q(v,\mathrm{rad}\,Q|_{\ker\phi})=0$). Needs a proof! ←

Gist of the Proof.



…and the quadratic $F=:\phi_*Q$ is well-defined only on $D:=\ker C$.

Exactly what we want, if the Zombian is the signature!
V: The full space of *faces*.
W: The boundary, made of *gaps*.
Q: The known parts.
U: The part yet unknown.
$\sigma_V(Q+\phi^*(U))$: The overall Zombian.
$\sigma(Q|_{\ker\phi})$: An internal bit. $U+\phi_*Q$: A boundary bit.
And so our ZPUC is the pair $S=(\sigma(Q|_{\ker\phi}),\phi_*Q)$.



A *Shifted Partial Quadratic (SPQ)* on V is a pair $S=(s\in\mathbb{Z}, Q$ a PQ on $V)$. addition also adds the shifts, pullbacks keep the shifts, yet $\phi_*S:=(s+\sigma_{\ker\phi}(Q|_{\ker\phi}),\phi_*Q)$ and $\sigma(S):=s+\sigma(Q)$.

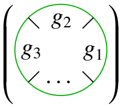
Theorem 1' (*Reciprocity*). Given $\phi\colon V\to W$, for SPQs S on V and U on W we have $\sigma_V(S+\phi^*U)=\sigma_W(U+\phi_*S)$ (and this characterizes ϕ_*S). **Note.** ψ^* is additive but ϕ_* is not.

Theorem 2. ψ^* and ϕ_* are functorial.

$$\begin{tikzcd} E\,\cancel{D} \arrow[r, "\nu"] \arrow[d, "\mu"'] & C \arrow[d, "\gamma"] \\ B \arrow[r, "\beta"'] \arrow[ur, dotted, "\delta"] & A \end{tikzcd}$$

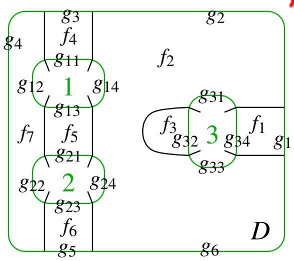
Theorem 3. "The pullback of a pushforward scene is a pushforward scene": If, on the right, β and δ are arbitrary, $\cancel{D}\,E=\mathrm{EQ}(\beta,\gamma)=B\oplus_A C=\{(b,c)\colon \beta b=\gamma c\}$ and μ and ν are the obvious projections, then $\gamma^*\beta_*=\nu_*\mu^*$. ← dotted form

Definition. $\mathcal{S}$



$:=\left\{\begin{matrix}\text{SPQ } S\\ \text{on } \langle g_i\rangle\end{matrix}\right\}.$

Theorem 4. $\{\mathcal{S}(\text{cyclic sets})\}$ is a planar algebra, with compositions $\mathcal{S}(D)((S_i)):=\phi^D_*(\psi^*_D(\bigoplus_i S_i))$, where $\psi_D\colon\langle f_i\rangle\to\langle g_{\alpha i}\rangle$ maps every face of D to the sum of the input gaps adjacent to it and $\phi^D\colon\langle f_i\rangle\to\langle g_i\rangle$ maps every face to the sum of the output gaps adjacent to it. So for our D, ψ_D is $f_1\mapsto g_{34}$, $f_2\mapsto g_{31}+g_{14}+g_{24}+g_{33}$, $f_3\mapsto g_{32}$, $f_4\mapsto g_{11}$, $f_5\mapsto g_{13}+g_{21}$, $f_6\mapsto g_{23}$, $f_7\mapsto g_{12}+g_{22}$ and ϕ^D is $f_1\mapsto g_1$, $f_2\mapsto g_2+g_6$, $f_3\mapsto 0$, $f_4\mapsto g_3$, $f_5\mapsto 0$, $f_6\mapsto g_5$, $f_7\mapsto g_4$.



Connection Diagram

Theorem 5. *TL* and *Kas*, defined on X and $\bar X$ as before, extend to planar algebra morphisms {tangles} $\to$ $\{\mathcal{S}\}$.

Levine

Tristram

Kashaev

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Proof of Theorem 1'. Fix W and consider triples $(V, S, \phi\colon V \to W)$ where $S = (s, D, Q)$ is an SPQ on V. Say that two triples are "push-equivalent", $(V_1, S_1, \phi_1) \sim (V_2, S_2, \phi_2)$ if for every quadratic U on W,

$$\sigma_{V_1}(S_1 + \phi_1^* U) = \sigma_{V_2}(S_2 + \phi_2^* U).$$

Given our (V, S, ϕ), we need to show: bad manners!

1. There is an SPQ S' on W such that $(V, S, \phi) \sim (W, S', I)$.
2. If $(W, S', I) \sim (W, S'', I)$ then $S' = S''$.

Property 2 is easy (Exercises 1, 2). Property 1 follows from the following three claims, each of which is easy.

Claim 1. If $v \in \ker\phi \cap D(S)$, and $\lambda := Q(v) \neq 0$, then $(V, S, \phi) \sim$

$$\left(V/\langle v\rangle, \left(s + \operatorname{sign}(\lambda), V/\langle v\rangle, Q - \frac{Q(-,v)\otimes Q(v,-)}{|\lambda|^2}\right), \phi/\langle v\rangle\right).$$

So wlog $Q|_{\ker\phi} = 0$ (meaning, $Q|_{\ker\phi\otimes\ker\phi} = 0$). □

Claim 2. If $Q|_{\ker\phi} = 0$ and $v \in \ker\phi \cap D(S)$, let $V' = \ker Q(v, -)$ and then $(V, S, \phi) \sim (V', S|_{V'}, \phi|_{V'})$ so wlog $Q|_{V\otimes\ker\phi + \ker\phi\otimes V} = 0$. □

Claim 3. If $Q|_{V\otimes\ker\phi+\ker\phi\otimes V} = 0$ then $S = \phi^* S'$ for some SPQ S' on $\operatorname{im}\phi$ and then $(V, S, \phi) \sim (W, S', I)$. □ □

Proof of Theorem 2. The functoriality of pullbacks needs no proof. Now assume $V_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha} V_1 \xrightarrow{\beta} V_2$ and that S is an SPQ on V_0. Then for every SPQ U on V_2 we have, using reciprocity three times, that $\sigma(\beta_*\alpha_*S + U) = \sigma(\alpha_*S + \beta^*U) = \sigma(S + \alpha^*\beta^*U) = \sigma(S + (\beta\alpha)^*U) = \sigma((\beta\alpha)_*S + U)$. Hence $\beta_*\alpha_*S = (\beta\alpha)_*S$. □

Proof of Theorem 3.

Proof of Theorem 4.

Proof of Theorem 5.

Homework.

Exercise 1. Show that if two SPQ's S_1 and S_2 on V satisfy $\sigma(S_1 + U) = \sigma(S_2 + U)$ for eevery quadratic U on V, then they have the same shift and the same domains.

Exercise 2. Show that if two full quadratics Q_1 and Q_2 satisfy $\sigma(Q_1 + U) = \sigma(Q_2 + U)$ for every U, then $Q_1 = Q_2$.

Exercise 3. By taking $U = 0$ in the reciprocity statement, prove that always $\sigma(\phi_*S) = \sigma(S)$. But that seems wrong, if $\phi = 0$. What saves the day?

Exercise 4. By taking $S = 0$ in the reciprocity statement, frove that always $\sigma(\phi^*U) = \sigma(U)$. But wait, this is nonsense! What went wrong?

Exercise 5. Show that always, $\phi_*\phi^*S = S|_{\operatorname{im}\phi}$.

Exercise 6. There are 11 types or irreducible commutative squares:

$$\begin{tikzcd} 1 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 0 \arrow[d] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 0 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 1 \arrow[d] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 0 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 0 \arrow[d] \\ 1 \arrow[r] & 0 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 0 \arrow[d] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 1 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 1 \arrow[r, "1"'] \arrow[d] & 1 \arrow[d] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 0 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 1 \arrow[d, "1"'] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 1 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 1 \arrow[d, "1"'] \\ 0 \arrow[r] & 1 \end{tikzcd},$$

diamond form

$$\begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 0 \arrow[d] \\ 1 \arrow[r, "1"] & 1 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 0 \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & 1 \arrow[d, "1"'] \\ 1 \arrow[r, "1"] & 1 \end{tikzcd},\quad \begin{tikzcd} 1 \arrow[r, "1"] \arrow[d, "1"'] & 1 \arrow[d] \\ 1 \arrow[r] & 0 \end{tikzcd},\text{ and } \begin{tikzcd} 1 \arrow[r, "1"] \arrow[d, "1"'] & 1 \arrow[d, "1"] \\ 1 \arrow[r, "1"] & 1 \end{tikzcd}.$$

Show that pushing commutes with pulling for all but four of them. Compare with the statement of Theorem 3.

Solutions / Hints.

Hint 1. On a vector in the domain of one but not the other, take an outrageous value for U, that will raise or lower the signature.

Hint 2. WLOG, Q_1 is diagonal and $Q_1 = 0$.

Hint 3. The "shift" part of 0_*S is $\sigma(S)$.

Hint 4. ϕ_*S isn't 0, it's the *partial* quadratic "0 on $\operatorname{im}\phi$" (and indeed, $\sigma(\phi^*U) = \sigma(U)$ if ϕ is surjective).

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Hint 5. It's enough to test that against U with $\mathcal{D}(U) = \operatorname{im}\phi$.

Hint 6. The exceptions are $\begin{smallmatrix}01\\00\end{smallmatrix}$, $\begin{smallmatrix}00\\10\end{smallmatrix}$, $\begin{smallmatrix}01\\11\end{smallmatrix}$, and $\begin{smallmatrix}11\\10\end{smallmatrix}$. diamond form

Add to the HW section:

1. Any lemma that's no longer needed.

2. $$\begin{tikzcd} & A \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ B \arrow[dr] & & 0 \arrow[dl] \\ & C & \end{tikzcd} \qquad \begin{tikzcd} & A \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ B \arrow[dr] & & C \arrow[dl] \\ & 0 & \end{tikzcd}$$ analyze diagrams of these forms from the perspective of the [push, pull] theorem.

3. Does [push, pull] hold for $$\begin{tikzcd} & A\oplus B\oplus C \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ A\oplus B \arrow[dr] & & B\oplus C \arrow[dl] \\ & B & \end{tikzcd}$$

4. Understand from the perspective of the "gist of the proof" box.

5. ? $$\begin{tikzcd} \bullet \arrow[r, "\phi"] \arrow[d, "\psi"'] & \bullet \arrow[dl, "\iota \text{ injective}"] \\ S\bullet & \end{tikzcd} \Rightarrow \phi_*\psi^*S = \iota^*S \text{ ?}$$

6. ? Claim 1 $\pi_*\alpha^*S = \beta_*S$ if $$\begin{tikzcd} & \bullet \arrow[dl, "\alpha"'] \arrow[dd, "\pi"] \\ S\bullet \arrow[dr, "\beta"'] & \\ & \bullet \end{tikzcd}$$ $\beta\alpha = \pi$, $\operatorname{im}\alpha \supset D(S)$

Proof $\sigma(\pi_*\alpha^*S + U) = \sigma(\alpha^*S + \pi^*U)$
$= \sigma(\alpha^*S + \alpha^*\beta^*U) = \sigma(S + \beta^*U)$
$= \sigma(\beta_*S + U)$ for every U,
and so $\beta_*S = \pi_*\alpha^*S$

7. ? Claim $S\bullet \xrightarrow{\alpha} \bullet$ If α is 1-1, then $\alpha^*\alpha_*S = S$

Proof of Thm3.

Def.

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \arrow[dl, "\mu"'] \arrow[dr, "\nu"] & \\ V_1 \arrow[rr, dashed] \arrow[dr, "\beta"'] & & V_2 \arrow[dl, "\gamma"] \\ & V_6 & \end{tikzcd}$$

is called admissable if $\gamma^*\beta_* = \nu_*\mu^*$

Lemma 1

$$\begin{tikzcd} & IVI \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V \arrow[dr] & & VI \arrow[dl] \\ & IV & \end{tikzcd}$$

is admissable

Lemma 2 TFAE

1. Admissable
2. "mirror admissable, $\beta^*\gamma_* = \mu_*\nu^*$
3. The pairing condition.

Lemma 3 If

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V_1 \arrow[dr] & & V_2 \arrow[dl] \\ & V_6 & \end{tikzcd}$$

is admissable, Then so is

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V_1 \arrow[dr] & & V_2 \arrow[dl] \\ & V_0 \oplus A & \end{tikzcd}$$

Lemma 4 For any $V \to W$,

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V \oplus A \arrow[dr] & \\ V \arrow[ur, hook] \arrow[dr] & & W \oplus A \\ & W \arrow[ur, hook] & \end{tikzcd}$$

and

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V \oplus A \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ W \oplus A \arrow[dr] & & V \arrow[dl] \\ & W & \end{tikzcd}$$

are admissablle.

Lemma 5 If

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V_1 \arrow[dr] & & V_2 \arrow[dl] \\ & V_6 & \end{tikzcd}$$

is admissable, Then

so are

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V_1 \arrow[dr] & & V_2 \oplus A \arrow[dl] \\ & V_0 \oplus A & \end{tikzcd}$$

and

$$\begin{tikzcd} & V_3 \oplus A \arrow[dl] \arrow[dr] & \\ V_1 \arrow[dr] & & V_2 \oplus A \arrow[dl] \\ & V_6 & \end{tikzcd}$$

$A+B+C$

$E+A+B$ $\quad$ $A+C+D$

$E+A+D+F$

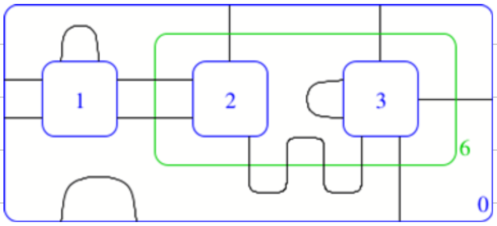
And now the proof of the Theorem....

$$\begin{tikzcd} A+B+C+G \arrow[dr] \arrow[rrr, bend left] \arrow[ddr, bend right] & & & & \\ & A+B+C \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & A+C \arrow[r, hook] \arrow[d] \arrow[dl, dash, dashed] & A+C+D \arrow[d] \arrow[dl, dash, dashed] \arrow[ddr, bend left] & \\ & A+B \arrow[r] \arrow[d, hook] & A \arrow[r, hook] \arrow[d, hook] \arrow[dl, dash, dashed] & A+D \arrow[d, hook] \arrow[dl, dash, dashed] & \\ & A+B+E \arrow[r] \arrow[rrr, bend right] & A+E \arrow[r, hook] & A+D+E \arrow[r, hook] & A+D+E+F \end{tikzcd}$$

$$\begin{tikzcd} A+B \arrow[r] \arrow[d] & A \arrow[d] \arrow[dl, dash, dashed] \\ A+B \arrow[r] & A \end{tikzcd}$$

Pf of Thm 4

$$\begin{tikzcd} & & G_0 \\ & BF \arrow[ur, "\phi"] \arrow[r, "\nu"] \arrow[d, "\mu"] \arrow[dl, "\psi"'] & OF \arrow[u, "\delta"'] \arrow[d, "\gamma"] \\ G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus G_3 & G_1 \oplus IF \arrow[l, "\alpha"] \arrow[r, "\beta"'] & G_1 \oplus G_6 \end{tikzcd}$$



Implementation (sources: http://drorbn.net/icerm23/ap). I like it most when the implementation matches the math perfectly. We failed here.

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  of February 2, 2020, 10:53:45.2097.
Read more at http://katlas.org/wiki/KnotTheory.
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Utilities. The step function, algebraic numbers, canonical forms.

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θ[x_] /; NumericQ[x] := UnitStep[x]
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ω2[v_][p_] := Module[{q = Expand[p], n, c},
   If[q === 0, 0,
    c = Coefficient[q, ω, n = Exponent[q, ω]];
    c v^{n} + ω2[v][q - c (ω + ω^{-1})^{n}]]];
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sign[ℰ_] := Module[{n, d, v, p, rs, e, k},
  {n, d} = NumeratorDenominator[ℰ];
  {n, d} /= ω^{Exponent[n,ω]/2+Exponent[n,ω,Min]/2};
  p = Factor[ω2[v]@n * ω2[v]@d /. v → 4 u^{2} - 2];
  rs = Solve[p == 0, u, Reals];
  If[rs === {}, Sign[p /. u → 0],
   rs = Union@(u /. rs);
   Sign[(-1)^{e=Exponent[p,u]} Coefficient[p, u, e]] + Sum[
     k = 0;
     While[(d = RootReduce[∂_{u,++k} p /. u → r]) == 0];
     If[EvenQ[k], 0, 2 Sign[d]] * θ[u - r],
     {r, rs}]
  ]
 ]
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SetAttributes[B, Orderless];
CF[b_B] := RotateLeft[#, First@Ordering[#] - 1] & /@
  DeleteCases[b, {}]
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CF[ℰ_] := Module[{γs = Union@Cases[ℰ, γ_ | γ̄_, ∞]},
  Total[CoefficientRules[ℰ, γs] /.
    (ps_ → c_) :→ Factor[c] × Times @@ γs^{ps}] ]
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CF[{}] = {};
CF[𝒞_List] :=
 Module[{γs = Union@Cases[𝒞, γ_, ∞], γ},
  CF /@ DeleteCases[0][
    RowReduce[Table[∂_{γ}r, {r, 𝒞}, {γ, γs}]].γs] ]
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(ℰ_)^{*} := ℰ /. {γ̄ → γ, γ → γ̄, ω → ω^{-1}, c_Complex :→ c*};
r_Rule^{+} := {r, r*}
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RulesOf[γ_{i_} + rest_.] := (γ_{i} → -rest)^{+};
CF[PQ[𝒞_, q_]] := Module[{n𝒞 = CF[𝒞]},
  PQ[n𝒞, CF[q /. Union @@ RulesOf /@ n𝒞]] ]
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CF[Σ_{b_}[σ_, pq_]] := Σ_{CF[b]}[σ, CF[pq]]
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Pretty-Printing.

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Format[Σ_{b_B}[σ_, PQ[𝒞_, q_]]] := Module[{γs},
   γs = γ_{#} & /@ Join @@ b;
   Column[{TraditionalForm@σ,
     TableForm[Join[
       Prepend[""] /@ Table[TraditionalForm[∂_{c}r],
         {r, 𝒞}, {c, γs}],
       {Prepend[""][
         Join @@
           (b /. {l_, m___, r_} :→
               {DisplayForm@RowBox[{"(", l}],
                m, DisplayForm@RowBox[{r, ")"}]}) /.
          i_Integer :→ γ_{i} ]},
       MapThread[Prepend,
        {Table[TraditionalForm[∂_{r,c}q], {r, γs^{*}},
          {c, γs}], γs^{*}}]
      ], TableAlignments → Center]
    }, Center] ];
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The Face-Centric Core.

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Σ_{b1_}[σ1_, PQ[𝒞1_, q1_]] ⊕ Σ_{b2_}[σ2_, PQ[𝒞2_, q2_]] ^:=
  CF@Σ_{Join[b1,b2]}[σ1 + σ2, PQ[𝒞1 ⋃ 𝒞2, q1 + q2]];
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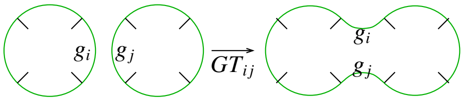
GT for Gap Touch:



```
GT_{i_,j_}@Σ_{B[{li___,i_,ri___},{lj___,j_,rj___},bs___]}[σ_,
   PQ[𝒞_, q_]] :=
 CF@Σ_{B[{ri,li,j,rj,lj,i},bs]}[σ, PQ[𝒞 ⋃ {γ_{i} - γ_{j}}, q]]
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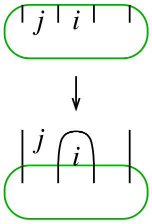

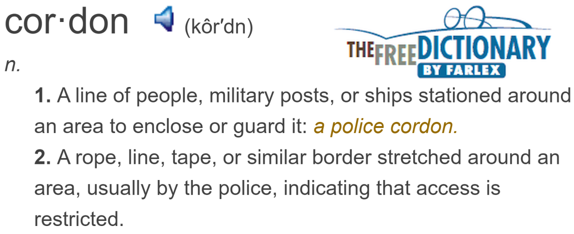

cor·don (kôr′dn)

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n.

1. A line of people, military posts, or ships stationed around an area to enclose or guard it: *a police cordon.*

2. A rope, line, tape, or similar border stretched around an area, usually by the police, indicating that access is restricted.

$$\begin{array}{c} s \\ i \\ \end{array}\left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & \phi & C_{\text{rest}} \\ \hline \bar\phi^T & \lambda & \theta \\ \bar C^T_{\text{rest}} & \bar\theta^T & A_{\text{rest}} \end{array}\right) \to \begin{cases} \exists p\,\phi_p \neq 0 & \text{use } \phi_p \text{ to kill its row and column, drop a } \begin{pmatrix} 01 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \text{ summand} \\ \phi=0, \lambda\neq0 & \text{use } \lambda \text{ to kill } \theta\text{, let } s \mathrel{+}= \operatorname{sign}(\lambda) \\ \phi=0, \lambda=0 & \text{append } \theta \text{ to } C_{\text{rest}}. \end{cases}$$

```
Cordon_{i_}@Σ_{B[{li___,i_,ri___},bs___]}[σ_, PQ[𝒞_, q_]] :=
 Module[{ϕ = ∂_{γ_i}𝒞, λ = ∂_{γ̄_i,γ_i}q, nσ = σ, n𝒞, nq, p},
  {p} = FirstPosition[(# =!= 0) & /@ ϕ, True, {0}];
  {n𝒞, nq} = Which[
    p > 0, {𝒞, q} /. (γ_{i} → -𝒞⟦p⟧ / ϕ⟦p⟧)^{+} /. (γ_{i} → 0)^{+},
    λ =!= 0, (nσ += sign[λ];
      {𝒞, q /. (γ_{i} → -(∂_{γ̄_i}q) / λ)^{+} /. (γ_{i} → 0)^{+}}),
    λ === 0, {𝒞 ⋃ {∂_{γ̄_i}q}, q /. (γ_{i} → 0)^{+}}];
  CF@Σ_{B[Most@{ri,li},bs]}[nσ,
    PQ[n𝒞, nq] /. (γ_{Last@{ri,li}} → γ_{First@{ri,li}})^{+}] ]
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Strand Operations. c for contract, mc for magnetic contract:

```
c_{i_,j_}@t : Σ_B[{li___,i_,ri___},{___,j_,___},___][__] :=
  t // GT_{j,First@{ri,li}} // Cordon_j
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c_{i_,j_}@t : Σ_B[{___,i_,j_,___},___][__] := Cordon_j@t
c_{i_,j_}@t : Σ_B[{j_,___,i_},___][__] := Cordon_j@t
c_{i_,j_}@t : Σ_B[{___,j_,i_,___},___][__] := Cordon_i@t
c_{i_,j_}@t : Σ_B[{i_,___,j_},___][__] := Cordon_i@t
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mc[ℰ_] := ℰ //.
   t : Σ_B[{___,i_,___},{___,j_,___},___][__] |
       Σ_B[{___,i_,j_,___},___][__] | Σ_B[{j_,___,i_},___][__] /;
     i + j == 0 :→ c_{i,j}@t
```

The Crossings (and empty strands).

```
Kas@P_{i_,j_} := CF@Σ_B[{i,j}][0, PQ[{}, 0]];
TL@P_{i_,j_} := CF@Σ_B[{i,j}][0, PQ[{}, 0]]
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```
Kas[x : X[i_, j_, k_, l_]] :=
  Kas@If[PositiveQ[x], X_{-i,j,k,-l}, X̄_{-j,k,l,-i}];
Kas[(x : X | X̄)_{fs__}] := Module[{v = 2 u^2 - 1, p, γs, m},
  γs = γ_# & /@ {fs}; p = (x === X);
```

$$m = \mathrm{If}\left[p, \begin{pmatrix} v & u & 1 & u \\ u & 1 & u & 1 \\ 1 & u & v & u \\ u & 1 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix}, -\begin{pmatrix} v & u & 1 & u \\ u & 1 & u & 1 \\ 1 & u & v & u \\ u & 1 & u & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right];$$

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  CF@Σ_B[{fs}][If[p, -1, 1], PQ[{}, γs*.m.γs]]]
```

```
TL[x : X[i_, j_, k_, l_]] :=
  TL@If[PositiveQ[x], X_{-i,j,k,-l}, X̄_{-j,k,l,-i}];
TL[(x : X | X̄)_{fs__}] := Module[{t = 1 - ω, r, γs, m},
  r = t + t*; γs = γ_# & /@ {fs};
  m = If[x === X,
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$$\begin{pmatrix} -r & -t & 2t & t^* \\ -t^* & 0 & t^* & 0 \\ 2t^* & t & -r & -t^* \\ t & 0 & -t & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} r & -t & -2t^* & t^* \\ -t^* & 0 & t^* & 0 \\ -2t & t & r & -t^* \\ t & 0 & -t & 0 \end{pmatrix}];$$

```
  CF@Σ_B[{fs}][0, PQ[{}, γs*.m.γs]]]
```

Evaluation on Tangles and Knots.

```
Kas[K_] := Fold[mc[#1⊕#2] &, Σ_B[][0, PQ[{}, 0]],
    List @@ (Kas /@ PD@K)];
KasSig[K_] := Expand[Kas[K][[1]] / 2]
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```
TL[K_] :=
  Fold[mc[#1⊕#2] &, Σ_B[][0, PQ[{}, 0]],
     List @@ (TL /@ PD@K)] /.
   θ[c_ + u] /; Abs[c] ≥ 1 :→ θ[c];
TLSig[K_] := TL[K][[1]]
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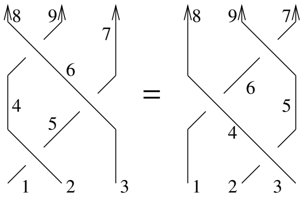
Reidemeister 3.



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R3L = PD[X_{-2,5,4,-1}, X_{-3,7,6,-5},
    X_{-6,9,8,-4}];
R3R = PD[X_{-3,5,4,-2}, X_{-4,6,8,-1},
    X_{-5,7,9,-6}];
{TL@R3L == TL@R3R, Kas@R3L == Kas@R3R}
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{True, True}
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Kas@R3L
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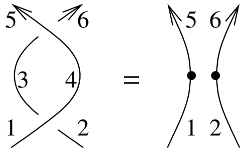
$$2\,\theta\left(u-\frac{1}{2}\right)-2\,\theta\left(u+\frac{1}{2}\right)-2$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-3} & \gamma_{7} & \gamma_{9} & \gamma_{8} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{-2}) \\
\overline{\gamma}_{-3} & \frac{2u^2(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \\
\overline{\gamma}_{7} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{2(2u^2-1)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \\
\overline{\gamma}_{9} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{2u^2(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \\
\overline{\gamma}_{8} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{2u^2(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \\
\overline{\gamma}_{-1} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{2(2u^2-1)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} \\
\overline{\gamma}_{-2} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{2u}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & -\frac{1}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{u(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)} & \frac{2u^2(4u^2-3)}{(2u-1)(2u+1)}
\end{array}$$

Reidemeister 2.



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TL@PD[X_{-2,4,3,-1}, X̄_{-4,6,5,-3}]
```

$$0$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 & (\gamma_{-2} & \gamma_{6} & \gamma_{5} & \gamma_{-1}) \\
\overline{\gamma}_{-2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\overline{\gamma}_{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\overline{\gamma}_{5} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\overline{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}$$

```
{TL@PD[X_{-2,4,3,-1}, X̄_{-4,6,5,-3}] == GT_{5,-2}@TL@PD[P_{-1,5}, P_{-2,6}],
  Kas@PD[X_{-2,4,3,-1}, X̄_{-4,6,5,-3}] == GT_{5,-2}@Kas@PD[P_{-1,5}, P_{-2,6}]}
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{True, True}
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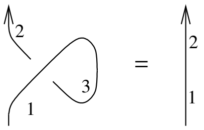
Reidemeister 1.



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{TL@PD[X_{-3,3,2,-1}] == TL@P_{-1,2},
  Kas@PD[X_{-3,3,2,-1}] == Kas@P_{-1,2}}
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{True, True}
```
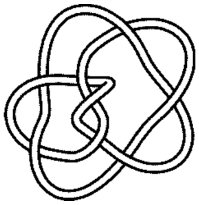

A Knot.



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f = TLSig[Knot[8, 5]]
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$$2\,\theta\left[-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}+u\right]-2\,\theta\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}+u\right]-2\,\theta\left[u-\boxed{-0.630\ldots}\right]+2\,\theta\left[u-\boxed{0.630\ldots}\right]$$

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Plot[f, {u, -1, 1}]
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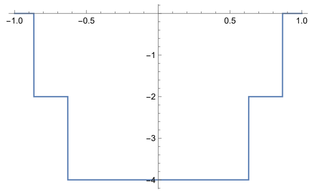


The Conway-Kinoshita-Terasaka Tangles.

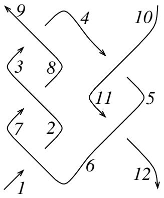

Conway

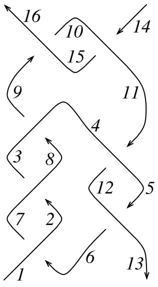
Kinoshita


Terasaka

$$T1 = PD\left[\bar{X}_{-6,2,7,-1},\ \bar{X}_{-2,8,3,-7},\ \bar{X}_{-8,4,9,-3},\ X_{-11,6,12,-5},\ X_{-4,11,5,-10}\right];$$

$$T2 = PD\left[X_{-6,2,7,-1},\ X_{-2,8,3,-7},\ X_{-8,4,9,-3},\ \bar{X}_{-12,6,13,-5},\ \bar{X}_{-4,12,5,-11},\ \bar{X}_{-10,15,11,-14},\ \bar{X}_{-15,10,16,-9}\right];$$





Column@{TL[T1], Kas[T1]}

$$-2\,\theta\left(u-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)+2\,\theta\left(u+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)-1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-10} & \gamma_{9} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{12}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-10} & 0 & 1-\omega & 0 & \omega-1 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{9} & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{2\,\omega}{\omega^2-\omega+1} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,\omega}{\omega^2-\omega+1} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & \omega-1 & 0 & 1-\omega \\
\bar{\gamma}_{12} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,\omega}{\omega^2-\omega+1} & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{2\,\omega}{\omega^2-\omega+1}
\end{array}$$

$$-2\,\theta\left(u-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)+2\,\theta\left(u+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)-1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-10} & \gamma_{9} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{12}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-10} & 2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right) & 0 & -2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right) & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{9} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & -2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right) & 0 & 2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right) & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{12} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)}
\end{array}$$

Column@{TL[T2], Kas[T2]}

$$0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-14} & \gamma_{16} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{13}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-14} & 0 & 1-\omega & 0 & \omega-1 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{16} & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2\,\omega}{\omega^4-3\,\omega^3+5\,\omega^2-3\,\omega+1} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2\,\omega}{\omega^4-3\,\omega^3+5\,\omega^2-3\,\omega+1} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & \omega-1 & 0 & 1-\omega \\
\bar{\gamma}_{13} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2\,\omega}{\omega^4-3\,\omega^3+5\,\omega^2-3\,\omega+1} & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2\,\omega}{\omega^4-3\,\omega^3+5\,\omega^2-3\,\omega+1}
\end{array}$$

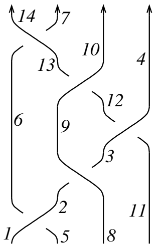
$$1$$

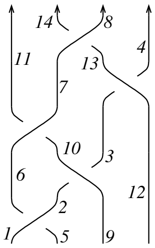
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-14} & \gamma_{16} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{13}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-14} & \frac{1}{2}\left(-16\,u^4+28\,u^2-13\right) & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\left(16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13\right) & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{16} & 0 & -\frac{2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)}{16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13} & 0 & \frac{2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)}{16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & \frac{1}{2}\left(16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13\right) & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\left(-16\,u^4+28\,u^2-13\right) & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{13} & 0 & \frac{2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)}{16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13} & 0 & -\frac{2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)}{16\,u^4-28\,u^2+13}
\end{array}$$

Examples with non-trivial codimension.

$$B1 = PD\left[X_{-5,2,6,-1},\ \bar{X}_{-8,3,9,-2},\ X_{-11,4,12,-3},\ X_{-12,10,13,-9},\ \bar{X}_{-13,7,14,-6}\right];$$

$$B2 = PD\left[X_{-5,2,6,-1},\ \bar{X}_{-9,3,10,-2},\ X_{-10,7,11,-6},\ \bar{X}_{-12,4,13,-3},\ X_{-13,8,14,-7}\right];$$





Column@{TL[B1], Kas[B1]}

$$0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \frac{1}{\omega} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\omega} & 0 \\
 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & \frac{1}{\omega} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\omega} & 1 \\
 & (\gamma_{-11} & \gamma_{4} & \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{7} & \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{-5} & \gamma_{-8}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega^2} & 0 & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega^2} & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & 0 & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega^2} & 0 & -\frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega^2} & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{14} & 0 & -((\omega-1)\,\omega) & \omega-1 & (\omega-1)^2 & 0 & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega-1 & 0 & 1-\omega & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-5} & 0 & (\omega-1)\,\omega & 1-\omega & -(\omega-1)^2 & 1-\omega & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-8} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{array}$$

$$0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 & (\gamma_{-11} & \gamma_{4} & \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{7} & \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{-5} & \gamma_{-8}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -u & 0 & u & 1 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{10} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u & 1-2\,u^2 & 0 & 2\,u^2-1 & u \\
\bar{\gamma}_{7} & 0 & -1 & -u & 2\,u^2-3 & -u & -1 & 0 & 1 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{14} & 0 & -u & 1-2\,u^2 & -u & -1 & -u & -2\,(u-1)\,(u+1) & u \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -u & 0 & u & 1 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-5} & 0 & u & 2\,u^2-1 & 0 & -2\,(u-1)\,(u+1) & u & 4\,u^2-3 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-8} & 0 & 1 & u & 1 & u & 1 & 0 & 1-2\,u^2
\end{array}$$

Column@{TL[B2], Kas[B2]}

$$0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & (\gamma_{-12} & \gamma_{4} & \gamma_{8} & \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{-5} & \gamma_{-9}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-12} & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & \omega-1 & -2\,(\omega-1) & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & 0 & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & -\frac{(\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-3)}{\omega} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{4} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & 0 & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{8} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega} & 1-\omega & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & -\frac{(\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-3)}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & 0 & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & \frac{2\,(\omega-2)\,(\omega-1)}{\omega} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{14} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & 0 & -\frac{(\omega-1)\,(3\,\omega-2)}{\omega} & \frac{3\,(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & -\frac{(\omega-2)\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & 0 & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & -\frac{2\,(\omega-2)\,(\omega-1)}{\omega} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{11} & -2\,(\omega-1)\,\omega & 0 & 2\,(\omega-1)\,\omega & -((\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-1)) & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & -\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)}{\omega} & 2\,(\omega-1)^2 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega-1 & 0 & 1-\omega & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-5} & 2\,(\omega-1)\,\omega & 0 & -2\,(\omega-1)\,\omega & 2\,(\omega-1)\,\omega & -2\,(\omega-1) & \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} & \frac{(\omega-1)^2}{\omega} & -((\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-1)) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-9} & -\frac{(\omega-1)\,(3\,\omega-2)}{\omega} & 0 & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-1)}{\omega} & -\frac{2\,(\omega-1)\,(2\,\omega-1)}{\omega} & \frac{2\,(\omega-1)^2}{\omega^2} & 0 & -\frac{(\omega-2)\,(\omega-1)}{\omega^2} & \frac{3\,(\omega-1)^2}{\omega}
\end{array}$$

$$2\,\theta\left(u-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)-2\,\theta\left(u+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & 1 & \frac{1}{2\,u} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\,u} & -1 & -\frac{1}{2\,u} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\,u} \\
 & (\gamma_{-12} & \gamma_{4} & \gamma_{8} & \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{-1} & \gamma_{-5} & \gamma_{-9}) \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{4} & 0 & -\frac{(2\,u-1)\,(2\,u+1)\,\left(2\,u^2-1\right)}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & -\frac{2\,u^2-1}{2\,u} & \frac{1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & -\frac{(2\,u-1)\,(2\,u+1)}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & -\frac{1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{8\,u^4-6\,u^2-1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{8} & 0 & -\frac{2\,u^2-1}{2\,u} & -2\,(u-1)\,(u+1) & \frac{2\,u^2-1}{2\,u} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\,u} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\,u} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{14} & 0 & \frac{1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{2\,u^2-1}{2\,u} & \frac{\left(2\,u^2-1\right)\,\left(16\,u^4-16\,u^2+1\right)}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & -\frac{8\,u^4-10\,u^2+1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-1} & 0 & -\frac{(2\,u-1)\,(2\,u+1)}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & -\frac{1}{2\,u} & -\frac{8\,u^4-10\,u^2+1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & \frac{8\,u^4-10\,u^2-1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{8\,u^4-10\,u^2+1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{16\,u^4-16\,u^2+1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-5} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & \frac{1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & \frac{8\,u^4-10\,u^2+1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{2\,(u-1)\,(u+1)\,(2\,u-1)\,(2\,u+1)}{4\,u^2-3} & \frac{8\,u^4-6\,u^2-1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} \\
\bar{\gamma}_{-9} & 0 & \frac{8\,u^4-6\,u^2-1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{1}{2\,u} & \frac{1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & 0 & \frac{16\,u^4-16\,u^2+1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & \frac{8\,u^4-6\,u^2-1}{2\,u\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)} & -\frac{32\,u^6-64\,u^4+30\,u^2+1}{4\,u^2\,\left(4\,u^2-3\right)}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}A & B\\ C & U\end{pmatrix}\xrightarrow{\det(A)}\begin{pmatrix}I & A^{-1}B\\ C & U\end{pmatrix}\xrightarrow{1}\begin{pmatrix}I & A^{-1}B\\ 0 & U-CA^{-1}B\end{pmatrix},$$

so $\det\begin{pmatrix}A & B\\ C & U\end{pmatrix}=\det(A)\det(U-CA^{-1}B)$.

Roughly, $\det(A)$ is “det on ker”, $-CA^{-1}B$ is “a pushforward of $\begin{pmatrix}A & B\\ C & U\end{pmatrix}$”. (what if $\nexists A^{-1}$?)

Questions. 1. Does this have a topological meaning? 2. Is there a version of the Kashaev Conjecture for tangles? 3. Find all solutions of R123 in our “algebra”. 4. Braids and the Burau representation. 5. Recover the work in “Prior Art”. 6. Are there any concordance properties? 7. What is the “SPQ group”? 8. The jumping points of signatures are the roots of the Alexander polynomial. Does this generalize to tangles? 9. Which of the three Cordon cases is the most common? 10. Are there interesting examples of tangles for which rels is non-trivial? 11. Is the *pq* part determined by Γ-calculus? 12. Is the *pq* part determined by finite type invariants? 13. Does it work with closed components / links? 14. Strand-doubling formulas? 15. A multivariable version? 16. Mutation invariance? 17. Ribbon knots? 18. Are there “face-virtual knots”? 19. Does the pushforward story extend to ranks? To formal Gaussian measures? To super Gaussian measures?

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