

# Dror Bar-Natan: Signatures

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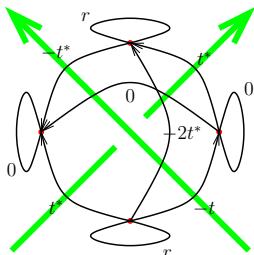
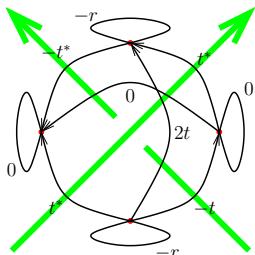
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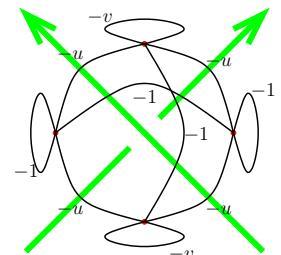
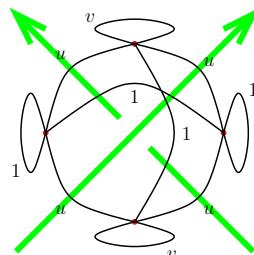
## The Bedlewo program



```
Bed[K_, ω_] :=
Module[{t, r, XingsByArmpits, bends, faces, p, A, is},
t = 1 - ω; r = t + t*;
XingsByArmpits =
List@@PD[K] /. x:X[i_, j_, k_, l_] :>
If[PositiveQ[x], X_[-i, j, k, -l], X_[-j, k, l, -i]];
bends = Times @@ XingsByArmpits /.
[X][a_, b_, c_, d_] :> pa,-d pb,-a pc,-b pd,-c;
faces = bends // . px_-,y_ py_-,z_ :> px,y,z;
A = Table[0, Length@faces, Length@faces];
Do[is = Position[faces, #][[1, 1]] & /@ List@@x;
A[[is, is]] += If[Head[x] === X_,
{{-r -t 2t t*}, {-t* 0 t* 0}, {2t* t -r -t*}, {t 0 -t 0}}, {{r -t -2t* t*}, {-t* 0 t* 0}, {-2t t r -t*}, {t 0 -t 0}}], {x, XingsByArmpits}];
MatrixSignature[A];
```

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MatrixSignature[A_] :=
Total[
Sign[Select[Eigenvalues[A], Abs[#] > 10-12 &]]];
Writhe[K_] := Sum[If[PositiveQ[x], 1, -1],
{x, List@@PD@K}];
```

## The Kashaev Program



```
Kas[K_, ω_] :=
Module[{u, v, XingsByArmpits, bends, faces, p, A, is},
u = Re[ω1/2]; v = Re[ω]; (* so v=2u2-1 *);
XingsByArmpits =
List@@PD[K] /. x:X[i_, j_, k_, l_] :>
If[PositiveQ[x], X_[-i, j, k, -l], X_[-j, k, l, -i]];
bends = Times @@ XingsByArmpits /.
[X][a_, b_, c_, d_] :> pa,-d pb,-a pc,-b pd,-c;
faces = bends // . px_-,y_ py_-,z_ :> px,y,z;
A = Table[0, Length@faces, Length@faces];
Do[is = Position[faces, #][[1, 1]] & /@ List@@x;
A[[is, is]] += If[Head[x] === X_,
{{v u 1 u}, {u 1 u 1}, {1 u v u}, {u 1 u 1}}, {{v u 1 u}, {u 1 u 1}, {1 u v u}, {u 1 u 1}}], {x, XingsByArmpits}];
(MatrixSignature[A] - Writhe[K]) / 2];
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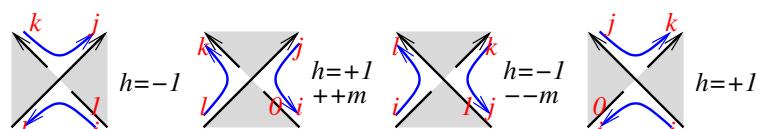
## Comparisons

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Sum[ω = ei RandomReal[{0, 2π}]; Bed[K, ω] == Kas[K, ω],
{10}, {K, AllKnots[{3, 10}]}]
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## Knot Signatures Using the Goeritz Matrix

Formulas follow Gordon-Litherland. For checkerboard colouring, the region to the right of an odd-numbered arc is declared to be black.



```
GoeritzSignature[K_] :=
Module[{m = 0, a, c = 0, ds, cs, is, A},
ds = List@@PD[K] /.
x:X[i_, j_, k_, l_] :> If[PositiveQ@x,
If[OddQ@i, {ai,l[++c] ak,-j[++c], -1},
{aj,i[++c] al,-k[++c], ++m; 1}],
If[OddQ@i, {ai,-l[++c] ak,j[++c], --m; -1},
{aj,i[++c] al,-k[++c], 1}]];
cs =
Times @@ ds[[All, 1]] //.
ai_,j_[x__] aj_,k_[y__] :> ai,k[x, y] /.
a_[x__] :> a[x];
A = Table[0, Length@cs, Length@cs];
Do[is = Position[cs, 2 i - #][[1, 1]] & /@ {1, 0};
A[[is, is]] += ds[[i, 2]] {{1, -1}, {-1, 1}},
{i, Length[ds]}];
```

**To do.** Tristram-Levine and Alexander in this language.