

Pensieve header: This is the main Mathematica package that goes along with the paper “A Very Fast, Very Strong, Topologically Meaningful and Fun Knot Invariant” by Dror Bar-Natan and Roland van der Veen.

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In[1]:= SetDirectory["C:\\drorbn\\AcademicPensieve\\Projects\\Theta"];
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We start by loading the package `\verb$KnotTheory`` --- it is only needed because it has many specific knots pre-defined:

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In[2]:= << KnotTheory`
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Loading KnotTheory` version of October 29, 2024, 10:29:52.1301.
Read more at http://katlas.org/wiki/KnotTheory.
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Next we quietly define the commands `\verb$Rot$`, used to compute rotation numbers, and `\verb$PolyPlot$`, used to plot polynomials as bar codes and as hexagonal QR codes. Neither is a part of the core of the computation of `\$Theta$`, so neither is shown; yet we do show some usage examples.

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In[3]:= (* Rot suppressed *)
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In[4]:= Rot[pd_PD] := Module[{n, xs, x, rots, Xp, Xm, front = {1}, k},
  n = Length@pd; rots = Table[0, {2 n}];
  xs = Cases[pd, x_X :> {Xp[x[[4]], x[[1]]] PositiveQ@x,
    Xm[x[[2]], x[[1]]] True}];
  For[k = 1, k <= 2 n, ++k,
    If[FreeQ[front, -k],
      front = Flatten@Replace[front, k -> (xs /. {
          Xp[k, l_] | Xm[l_, k] :> {l + 1, k + 1, -l},
          Xp[l_, k] | Xm[k, l_] :> (++rots[[l]]; {-l, k + 1, l + 1}),
          _Xp | _Xm :> {}}),
        {1}], {1}],
      Cases[front, k | -k] /. {k, -k} :> --rots[[k]];
    ];
  ];
  {xs /. {Xp[i_, j_] :> {+1, i, j}, Xm[i_, j_] :> {-1, i, j}}, rots} ];
Rot[K_] := Rot[PD[K]];
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In[5]:= Rot[Mirror@Knot[3, 1]]
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{{{1, 1, 4}, {1, 3, 6}, {1, 5, 2}}, {0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0}}
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We urge the reader to compare the above output with the knot diagram in Section~\ref{ssec:OldFormu-

|as}.

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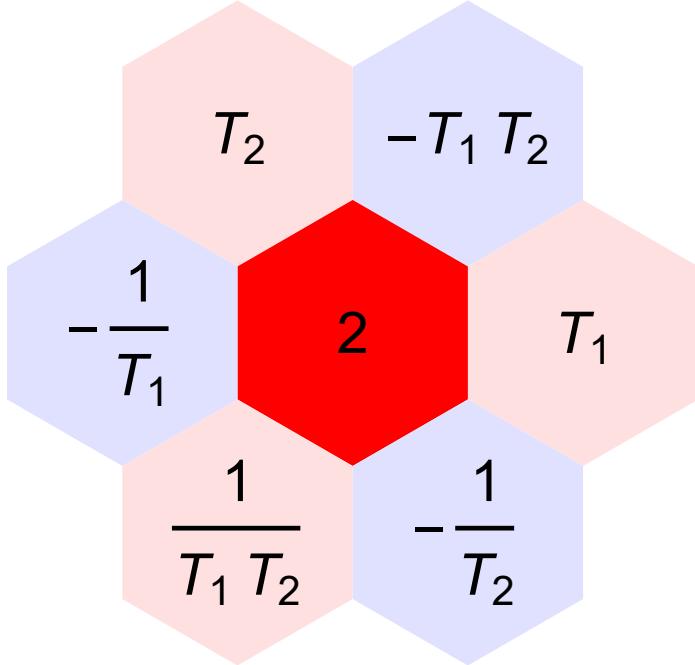
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In[]:= (* PolyPlot suppressed *)
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In[1]:= PolyPlot1[ $\Delta$ ] := Module[{crs, m, maxc, minc, s, rect},
  rect = {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, 1}, {0, 1}};
  If[Expand[ $\Delta$ ] === 0, Graphics[],
    m = Max[-Exponent[ $\Delta$ , T, Min], Exponent[ $\Delta$ , T, Max]];
    crs = CoefficientRules[T $\Delta$ , {T}];
    maxc = N@Log@Max@Abs[Last /@ crs];
    minc = N@Log@Min@Select[Abs[Last /@ crs], # > 0 &];
    If[minc == maxc, s[_] = 0, s[c_] := s[c] = (maxc - Log@c) / (maxc - minc)];
    Graphics[crs /. ({x_} → c_) :> {
      Lighter[Which[c == 0, White, c > 0, Red, c < 0, Blue], 0.88 s[Abs@c]],
      Tooltip[Polygon[({x + m - 1/2, 0} + #) & /@ rect], c Tx-m]
    }, AspectRatio → Min[1/5, 1/√(m+1)],
    ImagePadding → None, PlotRangePadding → None]
  }];
Options[PolyPlot2] = {Labeled → False};
PolyPlot2[θ_, OptionsPattern[]] := Module[{crs, m1, m2, maxc, minc, s, hex, p},
  If[Expand[θ] === 0, Graphics[{White, Disk[]}]],
  hex = Table[{Cos[α], Sin[α]} / Cos[2π/12]/2, {α, 2π/12, 2π, 2π/6}];
  m1 = Max[-Exponent[θ, T1, Min], Exponent[θ, T1, Max]];
  m2 = Max[-Exponent[θ, T2, Min], Exponent[θ, T2, Max]];
  crs = CoefficientRules[T1m1 T2m2 θ, {T1, T2}];
  maxc = N@Log@Max@Abs[Last /@ crs];
  minc = N@Log@Min@Select[Abs[Last /@ crs], # > 0 &];
  If[minc == maxc, s[_] = 0, s[c_] := s[c] = (maxc - Log@c) / (maxc - minc)];
  Graphics[{{(*{Yellow,Disk[{0,0},1+Cos[2π/12]Norm[{m1,m2}]/√2]),*}
    crs /. ({x1_, x2_} → c_) :> {
      Lighter[Which[c == 0, White, c > 0, Red, c < 0, Blue], 0.88 s[Abs@c]],
      p = {{1 - 1/2}, {0 √3/2}}. {x1 - m1, x2 - m2};
      Tooltip[Polygon[(p + #) & /@ hex], c T1x1-m1 T2x2-m2],
      If[Not@OptionValue[Labeled], {}, {Black, Text[Style[c T1x1-m1 T2x2-m2, 30], p}]}
    }
  }, ImagePadding → None, PlotRangePadding → None]
];
PolyPlot[{\mathcal{A}_, \theta_}, opts___Rule] := GraphicsColumn[
  {PolyPlot1[\mathcal{A}], PolyPlot2[\theta, FilterRules[{opts}, Options[PolyPlot2]]]},
  Spacings → Scaled@0.08, ImagePadding → None, PlotRangePadding → None,
  FilterRules[{opts}, Options[GraphicsColumn]]
];

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```
In[1]:= PPDemo = PolyPlot2[2 + T1 - T1 T2 + T2 - T1-1 + T1-1 T2-1 - T2-1, Labeled → True]
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Out[1]=
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In[2]:= Export["PPDemo.pdf", PPDemo]
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Out[2]=
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PPDemo.pdf

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In[3]:= 1/2 + T1 - T1 T2 + T2 - T1-1 + T1-1 T2-1 - T2-1 // TeXForm
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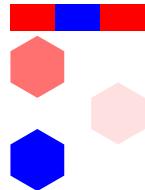
```
Out[3]//TeXForm=
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$$-\frac{1}{T_2} T_1 + T_1 + T_2 - \frac{1}{T_2} + \frac{1}{T_2 T_1} - \frac{1}{T_1} + \frac{1}{T_2}$$

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In[4]:= PolyPlot[{T - 1 + T-1, T1 + 2 T2 - 4 T1-1 T2-1}, ImageSize → Tiny]
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Out[4]=
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We urge the reader to reflect on how the ``QR Code'' part of the above picture corresponds to the 2-variable polynomial  $T_1 + 2T_2 - 4T_1^{-1}T_2^{-1}$ .

Next, we decree that  $T_3 = T_1 T_2$  and define the three ``Feynman Diagram'' polynomials  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  (those definitions are printed in a smaller font because they are equal to what was already printed in `\eqref{eq:F1}--\eqref{eq:F3}`):

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In[1]:=  $T_3 = T_1 T_2;$ 

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CF[ $\mathcal{E}$ ] := Module[{ $vs$  = Union@Cases[ $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $g_{\_\_}$ ,  $\infty$ ],  $ps$ ,  $c$ },
  Total[CoefficientRules[Expand[ $\mathcal{E}$ ],  $vs$ ] /. ( $ps$   $\rightarrow$   $c$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Factor[ $c$ ] (Times @@  $vs^{ps}$ )]];

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In[2]:= CF[ $s \left(1/2 - g_{3ii} + T_2^s g_{1ii} g_{2ji} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - (T_2^s - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - (1 - T_3^s) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} - g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T_2^s g_{2ji} g_{3jj} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + ((T_1^s - 1) g_{1ji} (T_2^s g_{2ji} - T_2^s g_{2jj} + T_2^s g_{3jj}) + (T_3^s - 1) g_{3ji} (1 - T_2^s g_{1ii} - (T_1^s - 1) (T_2^s + 1) g_{1ji} + (T_2^s - 2) g_{2jj} + g_{2ij})) / (T_2^s - 1)\right) /. s \rightarrow 1]$ ]
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Out[2]=

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} + T_2 g_{1,i,i} g_{2,j,i} + \frac{(-1 + T_1) T_2^2 g_{1,j,i} g_{2,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} - g_{1,i,i} g_{2,j,j} - \\ & \frac{(-1 + T_1) T_2 g_{1,j,i} g_{2,j,j}}{-1 + T_2} - g_{3,i,i} + (1 - T_2) g_{2,j,i} g_{3,i,i} + 2 g_{2,j,j} g_{3,i,i} + \frac{(-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{3,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} - \\ & \frac{T_2 (-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{1,i,i} g_{3,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} - \frac{(-1 + T_1) (1 + T_2) (-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{1,j,i} g_{3,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} + \\ & \frac{(-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{2,i,j} g_{3,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} + (-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{2,j,i} g_{3,j,i} + \frac{(-2 + T_2) (-1 + T_1 T_2) g_{2,j,j} g_{3,j,i}}{-1 + T_2} + \\ & g_{1,i,i} g_{3,j,j} + \frac{(-1 + T_1) T_2 g_{1,j,i} g_{3,j,j}}{-1 + T_2} - g_{2,i,i} g_{3,j,j} - T_2 g_{2,j,i} g_{3,j,j} \end{aligned}$$

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In[3]:= F1[{ $1$ ,  $i$ ,  $j$ }] =  $\frac{1}{2} + T_2 g_{1ii} g_{2ji} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2^2 g_{1ji} g_{2ji}}{T_2 - 1} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 g_{1ji} g_{2jj}}{T_2 - 1} -$ 
 $g_{3ii} + (1 - T_2) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} - \frac{T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1ii} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} -$ 
 $\frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_2 + 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{2ij} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + (T_3 - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} +$ 
 $\frac{(T_2 - 2) (T_3 - 1) g_{2jj} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 g_{1ji} g_{3jj}}{T_2 - 1} - g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T_2 g_{2ji} g_{3jj};$ 
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In[4]:= CF[ $s \left(1/2 - g_{3ii} + T_2^s g_{1ii} g_{2ji} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - (T_2^s - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - (1 - T_3^s) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} - g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T_2^s g_{2ji} g_{3jj} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + ((T_1^s - 1) g_{1ji} (T_2^s g_{2ji} - T_2^s g_{2jj} + T_2^s g_{3jj}) + (T_3^s - 1) g_{3ji} (1 - T_2^s g_{1ii} - (T_1^s - 1) (T_2^s + 1) g_{1ji} + (T_2^s - 2) g_{2jj} + g_{2ij})) / (T_2^s - 1)\right) /. s \rightarrow -1]$ ]
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$$\text{In[1]:= } \mathbf{F}_1[{-1, i\_, j\_}] = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{2ji}}{\mathbf{T}_2} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} \mathbf{g}_{2ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} + \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{2jj} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} \mathbf{g}_{2jj}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \\ \frac{\mathbf{g}_{3ii} - (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3ii}}{\mathbf{T}_2} - 2 \mathbf{g}_{2jj} \mathbf{g}_{3ii} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} - \\ \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_2 + 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1^2 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{2ij} \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_3} + \\ \frac{(2 \mathbf{T}_2 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{2jj} \mathbf{g}_{3ji}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} - \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{3jj} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} \mathbf{g}_{3jj}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \mathbf{g}_{2ii} \mathbf{g}_{3jj} + \frac{\mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3jj}}{\mathbf{T}_2};$$

$$\text{In[2]:= } \mathbf{CF}\left[\mathbf{s1} \left(\mathbf{T}_1^{\mathbf{s0}} - 1\right) \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{T}_3^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1} \right. \\ \left. \left( \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0}\right) - \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0}\right) \right) / . \left\{ \mathbf{s0} \rightarrow 1, \mathbf{s1} \rightarrow 1 \right\} \right]$$

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$$\text{In[3]:= } \mathbf{F}_2[\{1, i\theta\_, j\theta\_\}, \{1, i1\_, j1\_\}] = \\ \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2 (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_2 - 1} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_2 - 1} - \\ \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2 (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_2 - 1} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_2 - 1};$$

$$\text{In[4]:= } \mathbf{CF}\left[\mathbf{s1} \left(\mathbf{T}_1^{\mathbf{s0}} - 1\right) \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{T}_3^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1} \right. \\ \left. \left( \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0}\right) - \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0}\right) \right) / . \left\{ \mathbf{s0} \rightarrow 1, \mathbf{s1} \rightarrow -1 \right\} \right]$$

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$$\text{In[5]:= } \mathbf{F}_2[\{1, i\theta\_, j\theta\_\}, \{-1, i1\_, j1\_\}] = \\ - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2 (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \\ \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2 (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)};$$

$$\text{In[6]:= } \mathbf{CF}\left[\mathbf{s1} \left(\mathbf{T}_1^{\mathbf{s0}} - 1\right) \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{T}_3^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1} \right. \\ \left. \left( \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0}\right) - \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0}\right) \right) / . \left\{ \mathbf{s0} \rightarrow -1, \mathbf{s1} \rightarrow 1 \right\} \right]$$

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$$\text{In[7]:= } \mathbf{F}_2[\{-1, i\theta\_, j\theta\_\}, \{1, i1\_, j1\_\}] = \\ - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} + \\ \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)};$$

$$\text{In[8]:= } \mathbf{CF}\left[\mathbf{s1} \left(\mathbf{T}_1^{\mathbf{s0}} - 1\right) \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{T}_3^{\mathbf{s1}} - 1\right) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1} \right. \\ \left. \left( \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0}\right) - \left(\mathbf{T}_2^{\mathbf{s0}} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0}\right) \right) / . \left\{ \mathbf{s0} \rightarrow -1, \mathbf{s1} \rightarrow -1 \right\} \right]$$

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$$\text{In[=]} := \frac{\mathbf{F}_2[\{-1, i\theta_-, j\theta_-\}, \{-1, i1_-, j1_-\}] =}{\frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i0} g_{2,i1,i0} g_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1^2 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} - \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i0} g_{2,i1,j0} g_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1^2 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} -} \\ + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i0} g_{2,j1,i0} g_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1^2 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1) \mathbf{T}_2} + \frac{(\mathbf{T}_1 - 1) (\mathbf{T}_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i0} g_{2,j1,j0} g_{3,j0,i1}}{\mathbf{T}_1^2 (\mathbf{T}_2 - 1)} ;$$

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$$\text{In[=]} := \mathbf{F}_3[\varphi_-, k_-] = \varphi g_{3kk} - \varphi / 2;$$

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Next comes the main program computing  $\Theta$ . Fortunately, it matches perfectly with the mathematical description in Section~\ref{sec:Formulas}. In line 01 we let  $X$  be the list of crossings in an input knot  $K$ , and  $\varphi$  the list of its rotation numbers, using the external program \verb\$Rot\$ which we have already mentioned. We also let  $n$  be the length of  $X$ , namely, the number of crossings in  $K$ . In line 02 we let the starting value of  $A$  be the identity matrix, and then in line 03, for each crossing in  $X$  we add to  $A$  a  $2 \times 2$  block, in rows  $i$  and  $j$  and columns  $i+1$  and  $j+1$ , as explained in Equation~\eqref{eq:A}. In line 04 we compute the normalized Alexander polynomial  $\Delta$  as in~\eqref{eq:Delta}. In line 05 we let  $G$  be the inverse of  $A$ . In line 06 we declare what it means to evaluate, \verb\$ev\$, a formula  $\text{calE}$  that may contain symbols of the form  $g_{\nu\alpha\beta}$ : each such symbol is to be replaced by the entry in position  $\alpha\beta$  of  $G$ , but with  $T$  replaced with  $T_\nu$ . In line 07 we start computing  $\theta$  by computing the first summand in~\eqref{eq:Main}, which in itself, is a sum over the crossings of the knot. In line 08 we add to  $\theta$  the double sum corresponding to the second term in~\eqref{eq:Main}, and in line 09, we add the third summand of~\eqref{eq:Main}. Finally, line 10 outputs a pair:  $\Delta$ , and the re-normalized version of  $\theta$ .

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In[=]:= Θ[K_] := Θ[K] = Module[{X, φ, n, A, Δ, G, ev, Θ},
  (* 01 *) {X, φ} = Rot[K]; n = Length[X];
  (* 02 *) A = IdentityMatrix[2 n + 1];
  (* 03 *) Cases[X, {s_, i_, j_} :> (A[[i, j], {i + 1, j + 1}} += {{-T^s T^s - 1}, {0, -1}})];
  (* 04 *) Δ = T^{(-Total[φ] - Total[X[[All, 1]]]) / 2} Det[A];
  (* 05 *) G = Inverse[A];
  (* 06 *) ev[ξ_] := Factor[ξ /. g_{ν_, α_, β_} :> (G[[α, β]] /. T → T_ν)];
  (* 07 *) Θ = ev[Sum_{k=1}^n F_1[X[[k]]]];
  (* 08 *) Θ += ev[Sum_{k1=1}^n Sum_{k2=1}^n F_2[X[[k1]], X[[k2]]]];
  (* 09 *) Θ += ev[Sum_{k=1}^{2n} F_3[φ[[k]], k]];
  (* 10 *) Factor@{Δ, (Δ /. T → T_1) (Δ /. T → T_2) (Δ /. T → T_3) Θ}
];
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On to examples! Starting with the trefoil knot.

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In[=]:= Expand[Θ[Knot[3, 1]]];
PolyPlot[Θ[Knot[3, 1]], ImageSize → Tiny]
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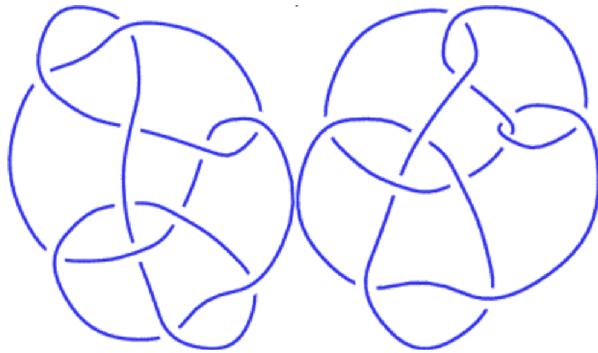
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In[=]:= Θ[Knot[3, 1]]
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KnotTheory: Loading precomputed data in PD4Knots`.

Out[=]=  
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$$\left\{ \frac{1 - T + T^2}{T}, -\frac{1 - T_1 + T_1^2 - T_2 - T_1^3 T_2 + T_2^2 + T_1^4 T_2^2 - T_1 T_2^3 - T_1^4 T_2^3 + T_1^2 T_2^4 - T_1^3 T_2^4 + T_1^4 T_2^4}{T_1^2 T_2^2} \right\}$$

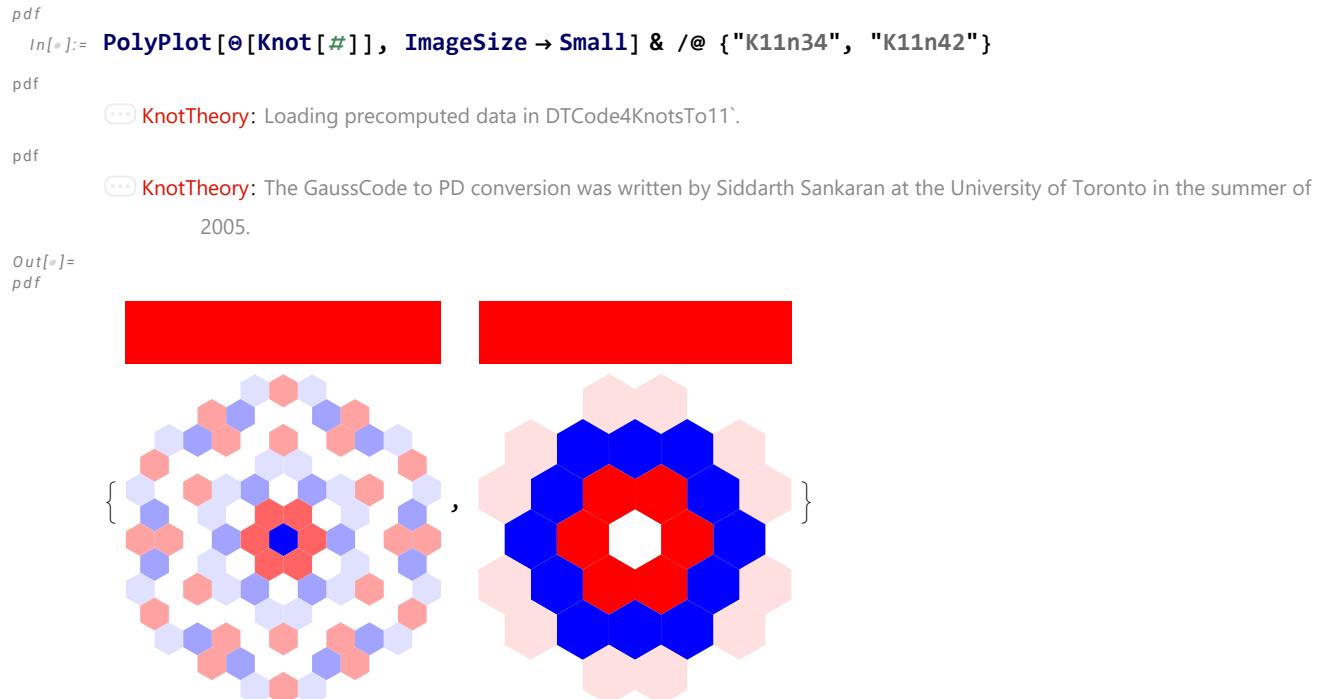


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\parpic[r]{\parbox{42mm}{%
\includegraphics[width=20mm]{figs/K11n34.png}\hfill\includegraphics[width=20mm]{figs/K11n42.png}}}
```

Next are the Conway knot \$11\\_n34\$ and the Kinoshita-Terasaka knot \$11\\_n42\$. The two are

mutants and famously hard to separate: they both have  $\Delta=1$  (as evidenced by their one-bar bar codes below), and they have the same HOMFLY-PT polynomial and Khovanov homology. Yet their  $\theta$  invariants are different. Note that the genus of the Conway knot is 3, while the genus of the Kinoshita-Terasaka knot is 2. This agrees with the apparent higher complexity of the QR code of the Conway polynomial, and with the observations in Section~\ref{sec:SandM}.



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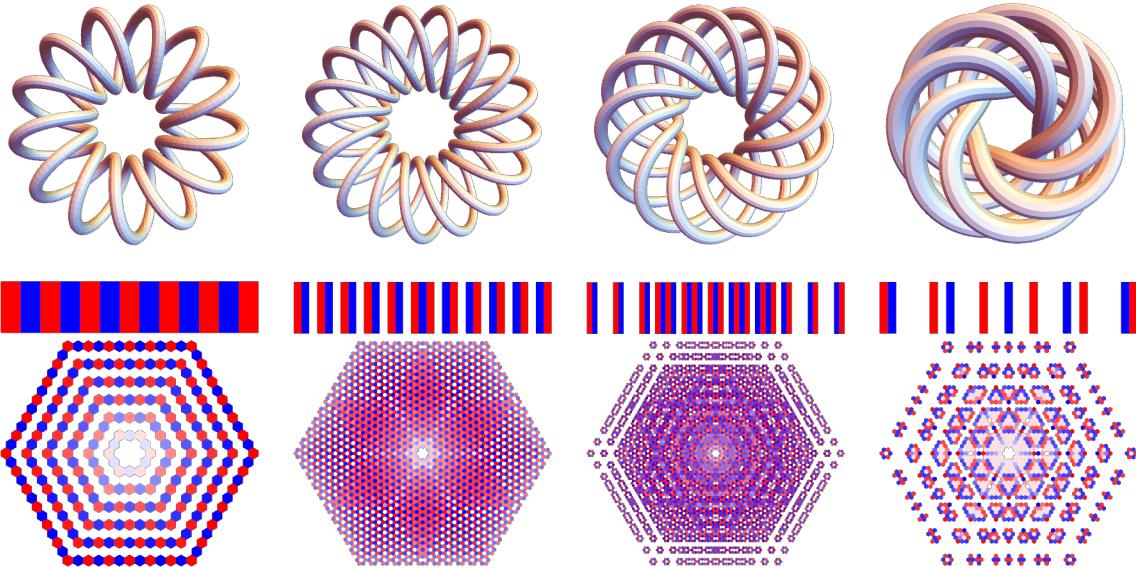
Torus knots have particularly nice-looking  $\Theta$  invariants. Here are the torus knots  $T_{13/2}$ ,  $T_{17/3}$ ,  $T_{13/5}$ , and  $T_{7/6}$ :

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```
In[=]:= GraphicsGrid[{
  TubePlot[TorusKnot @@ #] & /@ {{13, 2}, {17, 3}, {13, 5}, {7, 6}},
  PolyPlot[Theta[TorusKnot @@ #]] & /@ {{13, 2}, {17, 3}, {13, 5}, {7, 6}}
}]
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Out[=]=

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The next line shows the computation time is seconds for the 132-crossing torus knot  $T_{22/7}$  on a 2024 laptop, without actually showing the output. The output plot is in Figure~\ref{fig:T227}.

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In[=]:= AbsoluteTiming[Theta[TorusKnot[22, 7]]];
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Out[=]=

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{715.344, Null}
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In[=]:= AbsoluteTiming[Theta[Mirror@TorusKnot[22, 7]]];
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Out[=]=

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{1222.55, Null}
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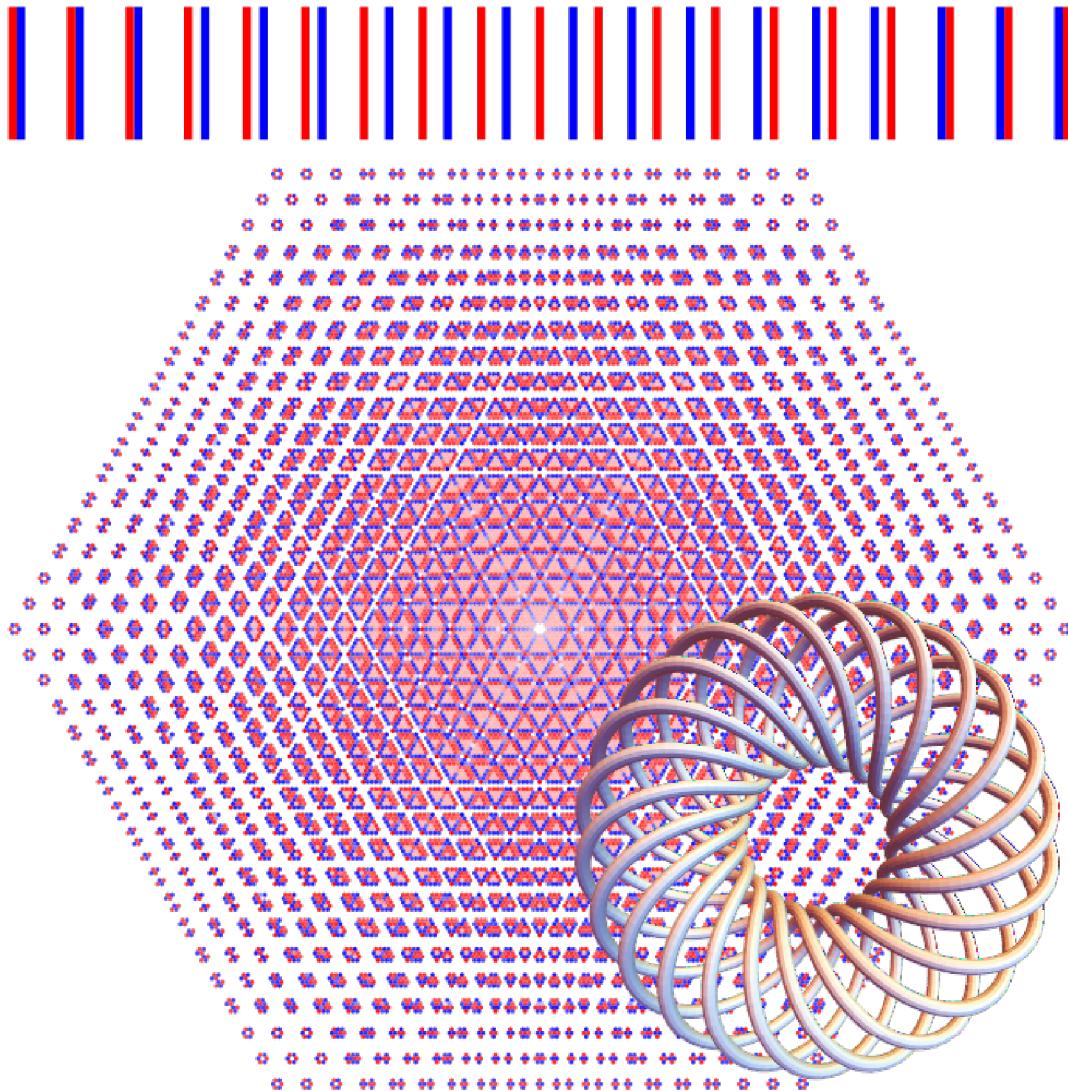
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\begin{figure}
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In[=]:= ImageCompose[PolyPlot[θ[TorusKnot[22, 7]], ImageSize → 720],
  TubePlot[TorusKnot[22, 7], ImageSize → 360], {Right, Bottom}, {Right, Bottom}]
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Out[=]=  
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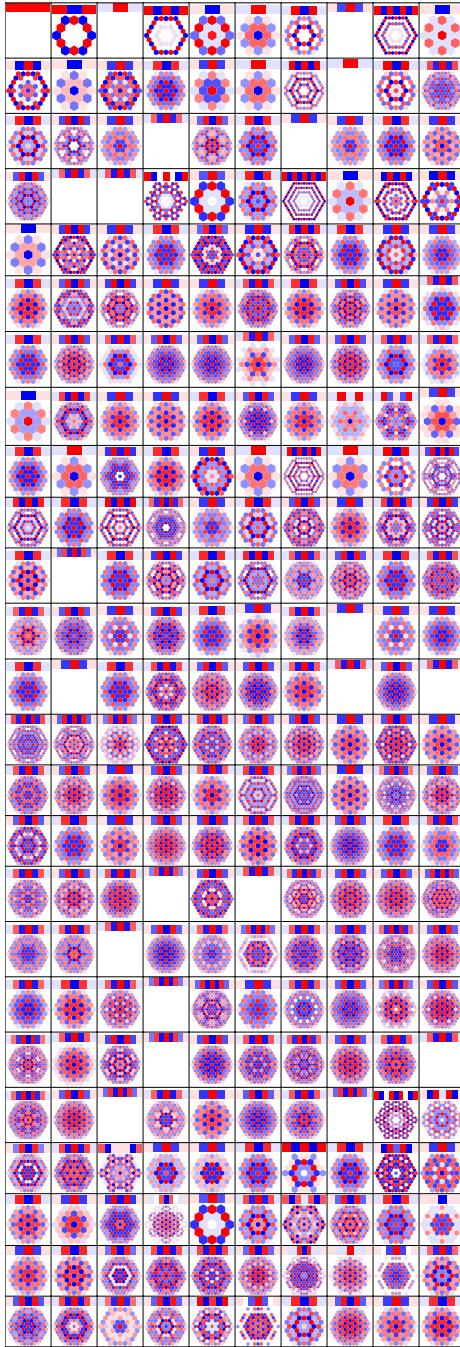
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\caption{The 132-crossing torus knot $T_{22/7}$ and a plot of its $\Theta$ invariant} \label{fig:T227}
\end{figure}
```

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In[=]:= tab250 = {{1, 0}} ~Join~ Table[θ[K], {K, AllKnots[{3, 10}]}];
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In[]:= g250 = GraphicsGrid[Partition[PolyPlot /@ tab250, 10],  
  Spacings -> 0, Dividers -> All, ImagePadding -> None, PlotRangePadding -> None]
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Out[]=
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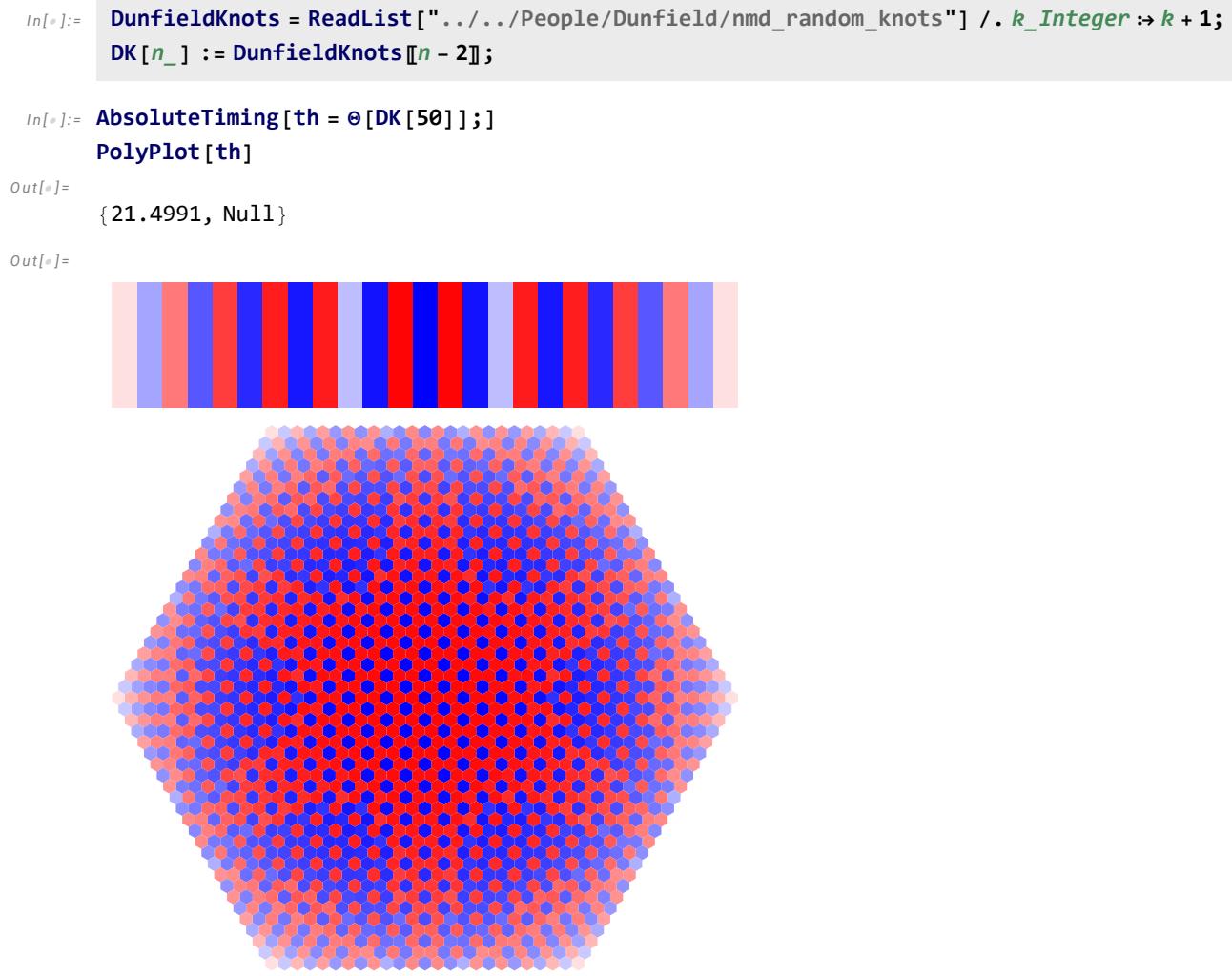


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In[]:= Export["Theta4Rolfsen.pdf", g250]
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Out[]=
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Theta4Rolfsen.pdf

See also <https://drorbn.net/AcademicPensieve/Projects/HigherRank/DunfieldKnots/>.



## Proof of R3

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nb2tex$TeXFileName = "Invariance-R3.tex";
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First, we implement the Kronecker $\delta$-function, the $g$-rules for a crossing $(s,i,j)$, and the $g$-rules for a list of crossings $X$:
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In[1]:= δ[i_, j_] := If[i === j, 1, 0];
gRules[{s_Integer, i_, j_}] := {
  g_{v-j}β_ → g_{vj^+}β + δ_{jβ}, g_{v-i}β_ → T_v^s g_{vi^+}β + (1 - T_v^s) g_{vj^+}β + δ_{iβ},
  g_{v-α-i}^+ → T_v^s g_{vai} + δ_{ai^+}, g_{v-α-j}^+ → g_{vaj} + (1 - T_v^s) g_{vai} + δ_{aj^+}
};
gRules[{X___List}] := Union @@ Table[gRules[c], {c, {X}}]
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We then let  $\verb$Xl$$  be the three crossings in the left-hand-side of the R3 move, as in Figure~\ref{fig:R3}, we let  $\verb$Al$$  be the  $A^l$  term of~\eqref{eq:ABC}, and we let  $\verb$lhs$$  be the result of

applying the \$g\$-rules for the crossings in  $\verb$Xl$$  to  $\verb$Al$$ . We print only a `` $\verb$Short$$ '' version of  $\verb$lhs$$  because the full thing would cover about 2.5 pages:

```
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In[=]:= Xl = {{1, j, k}, {1, i, k^+}, {1, i^+, j^+}};
Al = Sum[F1[c], {c, Xl}] + Sum[F2[c0, c1], {c0, Xl}, {c1, Xl}];
lhs = Simplify[Al // . gRules[Xl]];
Short[lhs, 5]

Out[=]//Short=
pdf
- 1
2 (1 - T2) (3 - 3 T2 + <<128>> + 2 (1 - T2) T2 g2, (k^+)^+, i (1 + (1 - T1 T2) g3, (k^+)^+, j + g3, (k^+)^+, k) +
2 (1 - T2) (1 + T2 (T2 g2, (i^+)^+, i - (-1 + T2) g2, (j^+)^+, i) - (-1 + T2) g2, (k^+)^+, i)
(1 + (1 - T1 T2) g3, (k^+)^+, j + g3, (k^+)^+, k))
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We do the same for  $\verb$Ar$$ , except this time, without printing at all:

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In[=]:= Xr = {{1, i, j}, {1, i^+, k}, {1, j^+, k^+}};
Ar = Sum[F1[c], {c, Xr}] + Sum[F2[c0, c1], {c0, Xr}, {c1, Xr}];
rhs = Simplify[Ar // . gRules[Xr]];
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We then compare  $\verb$lhs$$  with  $\verb$rhs$$ . The output,  $\verb$True$$ , tells us that we have proven~\eqref{eq:R3A}:

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In[=]:= Simplify[lhs == rhs]
Out[=]=
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True
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We show that  $\verb$B^l=B^r$$  by following exactly the same procedure. Note that we ignore the summation over  $\verb$c_y$$  and instead treat it as fixed. If an equality is proven for every fixed  $\verb$c_y$$ , it is of course also proven for the sum over  $\verb$c_y$$  in  $\verb$Y$$ . Note also that we repeat the test twice, for the two choices of the sign of  $\verb$c_y$$ :

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In[=]:= Table[
  cy = {s, m, n};
  lhs = Sum[F2[c0, cy], {c0, Xl}] // . gRules[Xl];
  rhs = Sum[F2[c0, cy], {c0, Xr}] // . gRules[Xr];
  Simplify[lhs == rhs],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
Out[=]=
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{True, True}
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Similarly we prove that  $\verb$C^l=C^r$$ , and this concludes the proof of Proposition~\ref{prop:R3}.

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In[=]:= Table[
  cy = {s, m, n};
  lhs = Sum[F2[cy, c1], {c1, Xl}] //. gRules[Xl];
  rhs = Sum[F2[cy, c1], {c1, Xr}] //. gRules[Xr];
  Simplify[lhs == rhs],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
Out[=]=
pdf
{True, True}

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 $\backslash\backslash\text{qed}$

$\begin{aligned} \text{\begin{remark}} \text{\label{rem:E}} & \text{The computations above were carried out for generic } \$g_{\nu\alpha\beta} \\ & \text{and for a generic } \$c_y=(s,m,n); \text{ namely, without specifying the knot diagrams in full, and hence} \\ & \text{without assigning specific values to } \$g_{\nu\alpha\beta}, \text{ and without specifying } \$m \text{ and } \$n. \text{ Under} \\ & \text{these conditions the three parts of } \text{\eqref{eq:ABC}} \text{ cannot mix (namely, terms from, say, } \$A^h \text{ cannot} \\ & \text{cancel terms in } \$B^h \text{ or } \$C^h), \text{ and so it would have been enough to show that } \$E^l=E^r, \text{ where} \\ & \$E^h \text{ combines } \$A^h \text{ and } \$B^h \text{ and } \$C^h \text{ (and a few harmless further terms) by adding } \$c_y \text{ to} \\ & \text{the summation corresponding to } \$A^h: \end{aligned}$

$\begin{aligned} & \backslash[ \\ & E^h = \sum_{c \in \{c^h_{1,2,3,y}\}} F^h_1(c) \\ & + \sum_{c_0, c_1 \in \{c^h_{1,2,3,y}\}} F^h_2(c_0, c_1). \\ & \backslash] \end{aligned}$

But that's a simpler computation:

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In[=]:= ESum[X_]:= (Sum[F1[c], {c, X}] + Sum[F2[c0, c1], {c0, X}, {c1, X}]) //. gRules[X];

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In[=]:= Xl = {{1, j, k}, {1, i, k+}, {1, i+, j+}};
Xr = {{1, i, j}, {1, i+, k}, {1, j+, k+}};
Table[
  Simplify[ESum[Append[Xl, {s, m, n}]] == ESum[Append[Xr, {s, m, n}]]]],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
Out[=]=
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{True, True}

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 $\backslash\text{end}\{\text{remark}\}$

## Proof of R2c

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exec
nb2tex$TeXFileName = "Invariance-R2c.tex";

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In[=]:= X = {{-1, i, j^+}, {1, i^+, j}, {1, m, n}};
Simplify[ESum[X]]
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Out[=]=

$$\frac{T_1^2 T_2^2 (-g_{1,m^+,m} + g_{1,n^+,m} (1 - g_{2,m^+,n} + T_2 (g_{2,m^+,m} - g_{2,n^+,m}) + g_{2,n^+,n})) g_{3,n^+,m}}{-1 + T_2} +$$

$$\frac{1}{-1 + T_2} T_1 (T_2^2 (g_{1,m^+,m} g_{2,n^+,m} + (1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,m^+,m} -$$

$$T_2^3 (-g_{1,n^+,m} g_{2,m^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,m} (-g_{3,m^+,m} + (1 + g_{1,n^+,m}) g_{3,n^+,m})) -$$

$$T_2 (g_{3,m^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,m^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,m^+,m} - g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} +$$

$$g_{1,n^+,m} (-g_{2,n^+,m} + (1 - g_{2,m^+,n} + g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,n^+,m}) + g_{1,m^+,m} (g_{2,n^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,n} - g_{3,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,n})) +$$

$$(g_{1,m^+,m} - g_{1,n^+,m}) (g_{2,n^+,n} - g_{3,n^+,n})) - \frac{g_{3,(j^+)^+,i}}{T_1 T_2} +$$

$$\frac{1}{2 (-1 + T_2)} (-1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} (-1 + g_{1,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,m}) +$$

$$2 T_2^2 (-((1 + g_{1,n^+,m}) g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m}) + g_{2,m^+,m} (-1 + g_{1,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,n})) -$$

$$2 g_{1,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} - 2 g_{3,(j^+)^+,i} +$$

$$T_2 (1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} + 2 g_{3,n^+,m} - 2 g_{2,m^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} + 4 g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} - 2 g_{1,n^+,m}$$

$$(g_{2,n^+,m} + (-1 + g_{2,m^+,n} - g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,n^+,m}) - 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} + 2 g_{2,m^+,m} (1 + g_{3,n^+,n}) + 2 g_{3,(j^+)^+,i}) )$$