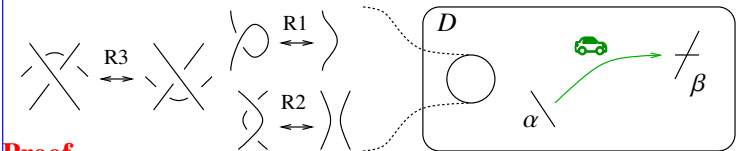
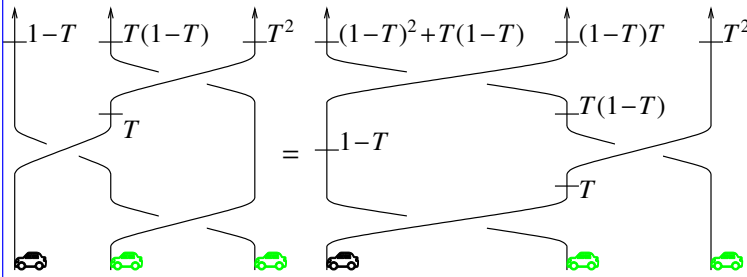


Lemma 1. The traffic function $g_{\alpha\beta}$ is a “relative invariant”:



Proof.



Lemma 2. With $k^+ := k + 1$, the “g-rules” hold near a crossing $c = (s, i, j)$:

$$g_{j\beta} = g_{j^+\beta} + \delta_{j\beta} \quad g_{i\beta} = T^s g_{i^+\beta} + (1-T^s)g_{j^+\beta} + \delta_{i\beta} \quad g_{2n^+,\beta} = \delta_{2n^+,\beta}$$

$$g_{\alpha i^+} = T^s g_{\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha i^+} \quad g_{\alpha j^+} = g_{\alpha j} + (1-T^s)g_{\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha j^+} \quad g_{\alpha,1} = \delta_{\alpha,1}$$

Corollary 1. G is easily computable, for $AG = I (= GA)$, with A the $(2n+1) \times (2n+1)$ identity matrix with additional contributions:

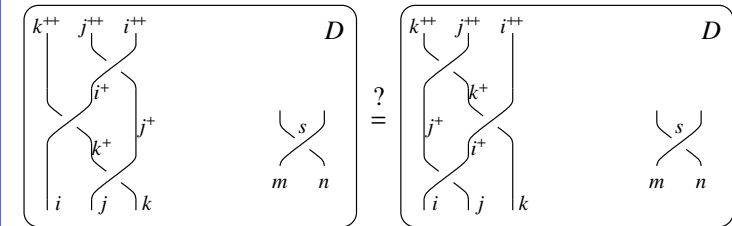
$$c = (s, i, j) \mapsto \begin{array}{c|cc} A & \text{col } i^+ & \text{col } j^+ \\ \hline \text{row } i & -T^s & T^s - 1 \\ \text{row } j & 0 & -1 \end{array}$$

For the trefoil example, we have that $A, G =$

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

Note. The Alexander polynomial Δ is given by $\Delta = T^{(-\varphi-w)/2} \det(A)$, with $\varphi = \sum_k \varphi_k$, $w = \sum_c s$.

Corollary 2. Proving invariance is easy: (Theta.nb at $\omega\epsilon\beta/\alpha$)



$$\ominus T_3 = T_1 T_2;$$

$$\ominus \text{CF}[\mathcal{E}] := \text{Expand@Collect}[\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{g}_-, \mathbf{F}] /. \mathbf{F} \rightarrow \text{Factor};$$

$$\ominus \mathbf{F}_1[\{s_-, i_-, j_-\}] = \text{CF}[\mathbf{s} (1/2 - \mathbf{g}_{3ii} + T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{2ji} - \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{2jj} - (T_2^5 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3ii} + 2 \mathbf{g}_{2jj} \mathbf{g}_{3ii} - (1 - T_3) \mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3ji} - \mathbf{g}_{2ii} \mathbf{g}_{3jj} - T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{2ji} \mathbf{g}_{3jj} + \mathbf{g}_{1ii} \mathbf{g}_{3jj} + ((T_1^5 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} (T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{2ji} - T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{2jj} + T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{3jj}) + (T_3^5 - 1) \mathbf{g}_{3ji} (1 - T_2^5 \mathbf{g}_{1ii} - (T_1^5 - 1) (T_2^5 + 1) \mathbf{g}_{1ji} + (T_2^5 - 2) \mathbf{g}_{2jj} + \mathbf{g}_{2ij})) / (T_2^5 - 1))];$$

$$\ominus \mathbf{F}_2[\{s0_-, i0_-, j0_-\}, \{s1_-, i1_-, j1_-\}] := \text{CF}[\{s1 (T_1^{s0} - 1) (T_2^{s1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s1} - 1) \mathbf{g}_{1,j1,i0} \mathbf{g}_{3,j0,i1} - (T_2^{s0} \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,i1,j0}) - (T_2^{s0} \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,i0} - \mathbf{g}_{2,j1,j0})\}]$$

$$\ominus \mathbf{F}_3[\varphi_-, k_-] = -\varphi / 2 + \varphi \mathbf{g}_{3kk};$$

$$\ominus \delta_{i_-, j_-} := \text{If}[i == j, 1, 0];$$

$$\mathbf{gR}_{s_-, i_-, j_-} := \{ \mathbf{g}_{v,j\beta} \Rightarrow \mathbf{g}_{vj^+\beta} + \delta_{j\beta}, \mathbf{g}_{v,i\beta} \Rightarrow T_v^s \mathbf{g}_{vi^+\beta} + (1 - T_v^s) \mathbf{g}_{vj^+\beta} + \delta_{i\beta}, \mathbf{g}_{v,\alpha i^+} \Rightarrow T_v^s \mathbf{g}_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha i^+}, \mathbf{g}_{v,\alpha j^+} \Rightarrow \mathbf{g}_{v\alpha j} + (1 - T_v^s) \mathbf{g}_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha j^+} \}$$

$$\ominus \text{DSum}[\{\mathbf{Cs}_-\}] := \text{Sum}[\mathbf{F}_1[\mathbf{c}], \{\mathbf{c}, \{\mathbf{Cs}\}\}] + \text{Sum}[\mathbf{F}_2[\{\mathbf{c0}, \mathbf{c1}\}], \{\mathbf{c0}, \{\mathbf{Cs}\}\}, \{\mathbf{c1}, \{\mathbf{Cs}\}\}]$$

$$\text{lhs} = \text{DSum}[\{\{1, j, k\}, \{1, i, k^+\}, \{1, i^+, j^+\}, \{s, m, n\}\}] // .$$

$$\mathbf{gR}_{1,j,k} \cup \mathbf{gR}_{1,i,k^+} \cup \mathbf{gR}_{1,i^+,j^+};$$

$$\text{rhs} = \text{DSum}[\{\{1, i, j\}, \{1, i^+, k\}, \{1, j^+, k^+\}, \{s, m, n\}\}] // .$$

$$\mathbf{gR}_{1,i,j} \cup \mathbf{gR}_{1,i^+,k} \cup \mathbf{gR}_{1,j^+,k^+};$$

$$\text{Simplify}[\text{lhs} == \text{rhs}]$$

True