

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[ ]:= 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[ ]:= << 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 `\verbRot`, 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 Θ , so neither is shown; yet we do show some usage examples.

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In[ ]:= (* Rot suppressed *)
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In[ ]:= 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}],
    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[ ]:= Rot[Mirror@Knot[3, 1]]
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Out[]:=

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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:OldFormulas}.

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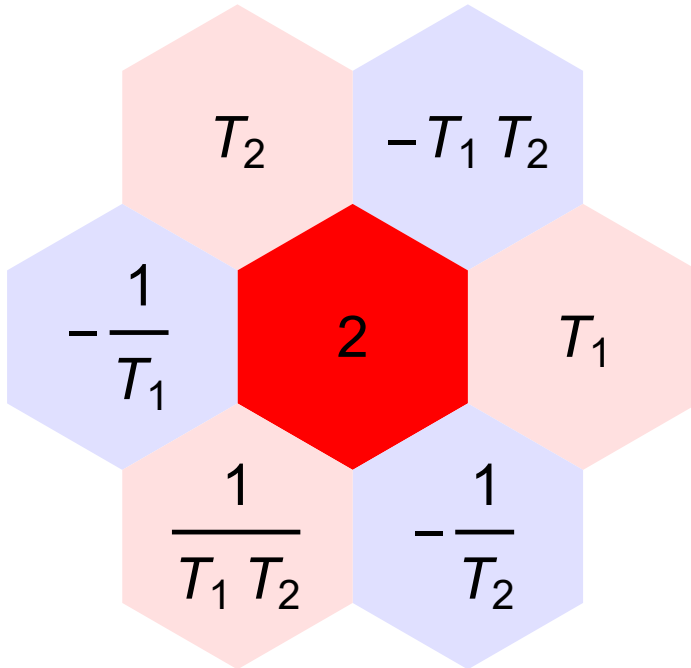
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In[*]:= (* PolyPlot suppressed *)
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In[*]:= PolyPlot1[Δ_] := Module[{crs, m, maxc, minc, s, rect},
  rect = {{0, 0}, {1, 0}, {1, 1}, {0, 1}};
  If[Expand[Δ] === 0, Graphics[],
    m = Max[-Exponent[Δ, T, Min], Exponent[Δ, T, Max]];
    crs = CoefficientRules[Tm Δ, {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 =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{x1 - m1, x2 - m2\}$ ;
        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[{Δ_, θ_}, opts___Rule] := GraphicsColumn[
  {PolyPlot1[Δ], PolyPlot2[θ, FilterRules[{opts}, Options[PolyPlot2]]]},
  Spacings → Scaled@0.08, ImagePadding → None, PlotRangePadding → None,
  FilterRules[{opts}, Options[GraphicsColumn]]
];

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In[*]:= PPDemo = PolyPlot2[2 + T1 - T1 T2 + T2 - T1^-1 + T1^-1 T2^-1 - T2^-1, Labeled -> True]
Out[*]=
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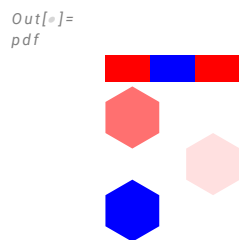
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In[*]:= Export["PPDemo.pdf", PPDemo]
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Out[*]=
PPDemo.pdf
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In[*]:= 1 / 2 + T1 - T1 T2 + T2 - T1^-1 + T1^-1 T2^-1 - T2^-1 // TeXForm
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Out[*]//TeXForm=
-T_2 T_1+T_1+T_2-\frac{1}{T_2}+\frac{1}{T_2 T_1}-\frac{1}{T_1}+\frac{1}{2}
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In[*]:= PolyPlot[{T - 1 + T^-1, T1 + 2 T2 - 4 T1^-1 T2^-1}, ImageSize -> Tiny]
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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 $T_3=T_1T_2$ 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[*]:= $T_3 = T_1 T_2;$

CF[\mathcal{E}_-] := Module[{vs = Union@Cases[\mathcal{E} , g_., ∞], ps, c},
 Total[CoefficientRules[Expand[\mathcal{E}], vs] /. (ps_ -> c_) => Factor[c] (Times@@vs^{ps})];

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nb2tex\$PDFWidth *= 1.5

In[*]:= CF[s (1/2 - g_{3ii} + T₂⁵ g_{1ii} g_{2ji} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - (T₂⁵ - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - (1 - T₃⁵) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} -
 g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T₂⁵ g_{2ji} g_{3jj} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + ((T₁⁵ - 1) g_{1ji} (T₂^{2 5} g_{2ji} - T₂⁵ g_{2jj} + T₂⁵ g_{3jj}) +
 (T₃⁵ - 1) g_{3ji} (1 - T₂⁵ g_{1ii} - (T₁⁵ - 1) (T₂⁵ + 1) g_{1ji} + (T₂⁵ - 2) g_{2jj} + g_{2ij})) / (T₂⁵ - 1)] /. s -> 1]

Out[*]=

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

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

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

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

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

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In[*]:= $F_1[\{1, i_-, j_-\}] = \frac{1}{2} + T_2 g_{1ii} g_{2ji} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2^2 g_{1ji} g_{2ji}}{T_2 - 1} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 g_{1ji} g_{2jj}}{T_2 - 1} -$

$$g_{3ii} + (1 - T_2) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} - \frac{T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1ii} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} -$$

$$\frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_2 + 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{2ij} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + (T_3 - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} +$$

$$\frac{(T_2 - 2) (T_3 - 1) g_{2jj} g_{3ji}}{T_2 - 1} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 g_{1ji} g_{3jj}}{T_2 - 1} - g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T_2 g_{2ji} g_{3jj};$$

In[*]:= CF[s (1/2 - g_{3ii} + T₂⁵ g_{1ii} g_{2ji} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - (T₂⁵ - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - (1 - T₃⁵) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} -
 g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T₂⁵ g_{2ji} g_{3jj} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + ((T₁⁵ - 1) g_{1ji} (T₂^{2 5} g_{2ji} - T₂⁵ g_{2jj} + T₂⁵ g_{3jj}) +
 (T₃⁵ - 1) g_{3ji} (1 - T₂⁵ g_{1ii} - (T₁⁵ - 1) (T₂⁵ + 1) g_{1ji} + (T₂⁵ - 2) g_{2jj} + g_{2ij})) / (T₂⁵ - 1)] /. s -> -1]

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$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & F_1[\{-1, i_, j_ \}] = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{g_{1ii} g_{2ji}}{T_2} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{2ji}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1) T_2} + g_{1ii} g_{2jj} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{2jj}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \\
& g_{3ii} - \frac{(T_2 - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii}}{T_2} - 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{3ji}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{1ii} g_{3ji}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1) T_2} - \\
& \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_2 + 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{3ji}}{T_1^2 (T_2 - 1) T_2} - \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{2ij} g_{3ji}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \frac{(T_3 - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ji}}{T_3} + \\
& \frac{(2 T_2 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{2jj} g_{3ji}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1) T_2} - g_{1ii} g_{3jj} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) g_{1ji} g_{3jj}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + g_{2ii} g_{3jj} + \frac{g_{2ji} g_{3jj}}{T_2};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & CF[s_1 (T_1^{s_0} - 1) (T_2^{s_1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s_1} - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1} \\
& ((T_2^{s_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} - g_{2,i_1,j_0}) - (T_2^{s_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} - g_{2,j_1,j_0})) /. \{s_0 \rightarrow 1, s_1 \rightarrow 1\}]
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & F_2[\{1, i_0_, j_0_ \}, \{1, i_1_, j_1_ \}] = \\
& \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_2 - 1} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_2 - 1} - \\
& \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_2 - 1} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_2 - 1};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & CF[s_1 (T_1^{s_0} - 1) (T_2^{s_1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s_1} - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1} \\
& ((T_2^{s_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} - g_{2,i_1,j_0}) - (T_2^{s_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} - g_{2,j_1,j_0})) /. \{s_0 \rightarrow 1, s_1 \rightarrow -1\}]
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & F_2[\{1, i_0_, j_0_ \}, \{-1, i_1_, j_1_ \}] = \\
& -\frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \\
& \frac{(T_1 - 1) T_2 (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & CF[s_1 (T_1^{s_0} - 1) (T_2^{s_1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s_1} - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1} \\
& ((T_2^{s_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} - g_{2,i_1,j_0}) - (T_2^{s_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} - g_{2,j_1,j_0})) /. \{s_0 \rightarrow -1, s_1 \rightarrow 1\}]
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & F_2[\{-1, i_0_, j_0_ \}, \{1, i_1_, j_1_ \}] = \\
& -\frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1) T_2} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,i_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)} + \\
& \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1) T_2} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{2,j_1,j_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1}}{T_1 (T_2 - 1)};
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
In[*]:= & CF[s_1 (T_1^{s_0} - 1) (T_2^{s_1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s_1} - 1) g_{1,j_1,i_0} g_{3,j_0,i_1} \\
& ((T_2^{s_0} g_{2,i_1,i_0} - g_{2,i_1,j_0}) - (T_2^{s_0} g_{2,j_1,i_0} - g_{2,j_1,j_0})) /. \{s_0 \rightarrow -1, s_1 \rightarrow -1\}]
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{In[*]:= } F_2[\{-1, i\theta_-, j\theta_-\}, \{-1, i1_-, j1_-\}] = & \\
 & \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i\theta} g_{2,i1,i\theta} g_{3,j\theta,i1}}{T_1^2 (T_2 - 1) T_2} - \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i\theta} g_{2,i1,j\theta} g_{3,j\theta,i1}}{T_1^2 (T_2 - 1)} - \\
 & \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i\theta} g_{2,j1,i\theta} g_{3,j\theta,i1}}{T_1^2 (T_2 - 1) T_2} + \frac{(T_1 - 1) (T_3 - 1) g_{1,j1,i\theta} g_{2,j1,j\theta} g_{3,j\theta,i1}}{T_1^2 (T_2 - 1)} ;
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{In[*]:= } F_3[\varphi_-, k_-] = \varphi g_{3kk} - \varphi / 2;$$

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

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In[ ]:=  $\Theta[K_] := \Theta[K] = \text{Module} \left[ \{X, \varphi, n, A, \Delta, G, \text{ev}, \theta\}, \right.$ 
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  (* 01 *) {X,  $\varphi$ } = Rot[K]; n = Length[X];
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  (* 02 *) A = IdentityMatrix[2 n + 1];
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  (* 03 *) Cases[X, {s_, i_, j_}  $\Rightarrow$  (A[[{i, j}, {i + 1, j + 1}]] +=  $\begin{pmatrix} -T^s & T^s - 1 \\ \theta & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ )]];
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  (* 04 *)  $\Delta = T^{(-\text{Total}[\varphi] - \text{Total}[X[[All, 1]])/2} \text{Det}[A];$ 
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  (* 05 *) G = Inverse[A];
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  (* 06 *) ev[ $\mathcal{E}_-$ ] := Factor[ $\mathcal{E} /. g_{v, \alpha, \beta} \Rightarrow (G[[\alpha, \beta]] /. T \rightarrow T_v)$ ];
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  (* 07 *)  $\theta = \text{ev} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n F_1[X[[k]]] \right];$ 
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  (* 08 *)  $\theta += \text{ev} \left[ \sum_{k1=1}^n \sum_{k2=1}^n F_2[X[[k1]], X[[k2]]] \right];$ 
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  (* 09 *)  $\theta += \text{ev} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} F_3[\varphi[[k]], k] \right];$ 
```

```
  (* 10 *) Factor@{ $\Delta, (\Delta /. T \rightarrow T_1) (\Delta /. T \rightarrow T_2) (\Delta /. T \rightarrow T_3) \theta$ 
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];
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On to examples! Starting with the trefoil knot.

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In[ ]:= Expand[ $\Theta[\text{Knot}[3, 1]]]$ 
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PolyPlot[ $\Theta[\text{Knot}[3, 1]]$ , ImageSize  $\rightarrow$  Tiny]
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In[ ]:=  $\Theta[\text{Knot}[3, 1]]$ 
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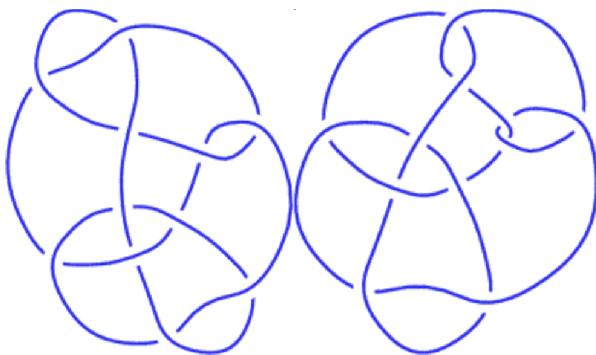
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 KnotTheory: Loading precomputed data in PD4Knots`.

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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}{
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  \includegraphics[width=20mm]{figs/K11n34.png}\hfill\includegraphics[width=20mm]{figs/K11n42.p-
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ng}
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}}
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Next are the Conway knot 11_1 and the Kinoshita-Terasaka knot 11_2 . 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 Θ 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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In[*]:= PolyPlot[Theta[Knot[#]], ImageSize -> Small] & /@ {"K11n34", "K11n42"}
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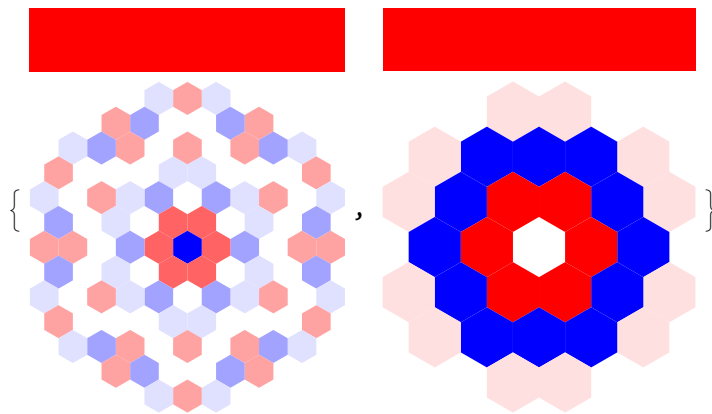
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KnotTheory: Loading precomputed data in DTCode4KnotsTo11`.

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KnotTheory: The GaussCode to PD conversion was written by Siddarth Sankaran at the University of Toronto in the summer of 2005.

Out[*]=
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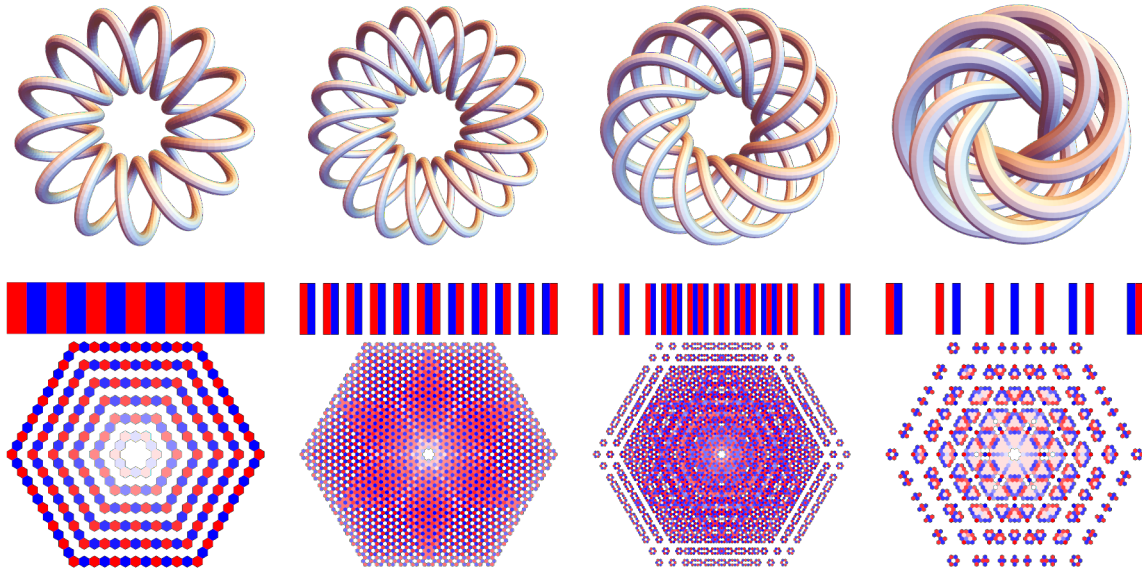
Torus knots have particularly nice-looking Θ invariants. Here are the torus knots $T_{13/2}$, $T_{17/3}$, $T_{13/5}$, and $T_{7/6}$:

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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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The next line shows the computation time in 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[*]=

{1222.55, Null}

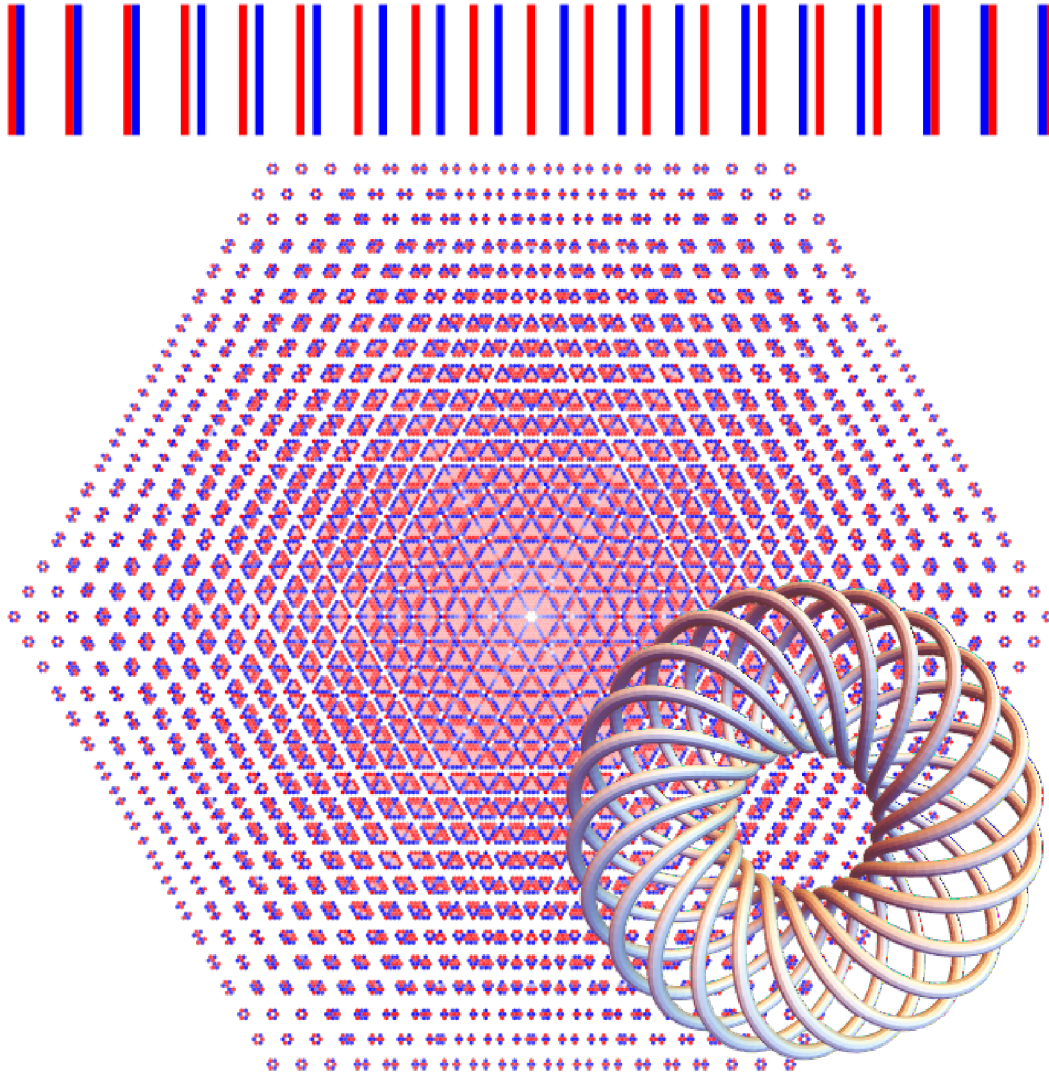
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\begin{figure}
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In[ ]:= ImageCompose [PolyPlot [Theta [TorusKnot [22, 7]], ImageSize -> 720],  
TubePlot [TorusKnot [22, 7], ImageSize -> 360], {Right, Bottom}, {Right, Bottom}]
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Out[]:=
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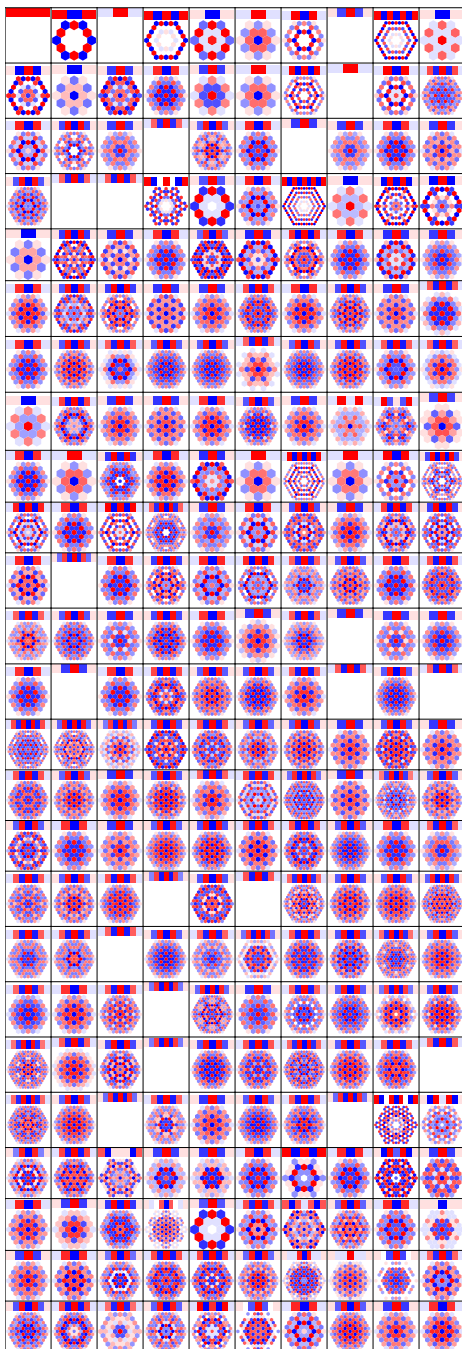
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\caption{The 132-crossing torus knot  $T_{[22/7]}$  and a plot of its  $\Theta$  invariant} \label{fig:T227}
\end{figure}
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In[ ]:= tab250 = {{1, 0}} ~ Join ~ Table [Theta [K], {K, AllKnots [{3, 10}]}];
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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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In[ ]:= Export["Theta4Ro1fsen.pdf", g250]
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Out[]:=

Theta4Ro1fsen.pdf

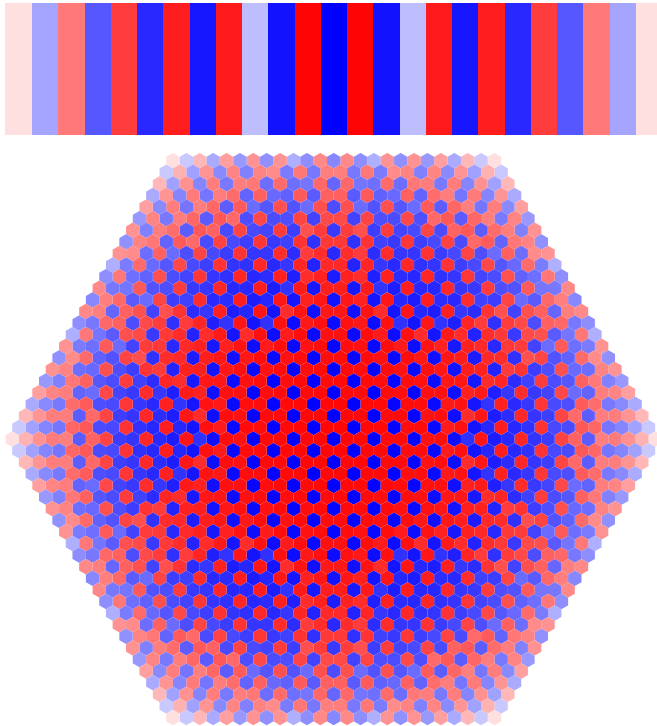
See also <https://drorbn.net/AcademicPensieve/Projects/HigherRank/DunfieldKnots/>.

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In[*]:= DunfieldKnots = ReadList["../../People/Dunfield/nmd_random_knots"] /. k_Integer -> k + 1;
DK[n_] := DunfieldKnots[[n - 2]];
```

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In[*]:= AbsoluteTiming[th = @[DK[50]]];
PolyPlot[th]
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Out[*]= {21.4991, Null}
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Out[*]=
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Proof of R3

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First, we implement the Kronecker δ -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[*]:=  $\delta_{i,j} := \text{If}[i == j, 1, 0];$ 
gRules[{s_Integer, i_, j_}] := {
   $g_{v_j\beta} \Rightarrow g_{vj^*\beta} + \delta_{j\beta}, g_{v_i\beta} \Rightarrow T_v^s g_{vi^*\beta} + (1 - T_v^s) g_{vj^*\beta} + \delta_{i\beta},$ 
   $g_{v_\alpha i^*} \Rightarrow T_v^s g_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha i^*}, g_{v_\alpha j^*} \Rightarrow g_{v\alpha j} + (1 - T_v^s) g_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha j^*}$ 
};
gRules[{X___List}] := Union @@ Table[gRules[c], {c, {X}}]
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We then let $\text{verb}X$ be the three crossings in the left-hand-side of the R3 move, as in Figure~\ref{-

fig:R3}, we let lhs be the A^1 term of $\sim\text{eqref{eq:ABC}}$, and we let Short be the result of applying the g -rules for the crossings in lhs to lhs . We print only a `Short` version of lhs because the full thing would cover about 2.5 pages:

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In[*]:= X1 = {{1, j, k}, {1, i, k^+}, {1, i^+, j^+}};
Al = Sum[F1[c], {c, X1}] + Sum[F2[c0, c1], {c0, X1}, {c1, X1}];
lhs = Simplify[Al /. gRules[X1]];
Short[lhs, 5]
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Out[*]//Short=
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$$-\frac{1}{2(1-T_2)} (3 - 3T_2 + \ll 128 \gg + 2(1-T_2)T_2g_{2,(k^+)^+,i} (1 + (1-T_1T_2)g_{3,(k^+)^+,j} + g_{3,(k^+)^+,k}) + 2(1-T_2)(1+T_2(T_2g_{2,(i^+)^+,i} - (-1+T_2)g_{2,(j^+)^+,i}) - (-1+T_2)g_{2,(k^+)^+,i})(1 + (1-T_1T_2)g_{3,(k^+)^+,j} + g_{3,(k^+)^+,k})$$

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We do the same for A^r , 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 lhs with rhs . The output, True , tells us that we have proven $\sim\text{eqref{eq:R3A}}$:

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In[*]:= Simplify[lhs == rhs]
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Out[*]=
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True

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We show that $B^1=B^r$ by following exactly the same procedure. Note that we ignore the summation over c_y and instead treat it as fixed. If an equality is proven for every fixed c_y , it is of course also proven for the sum over c_y in Y . Note also that we repeat the test twice, for the two choices of the sign of c_y :

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In[*]:= Table[
  cy = {s, m, n};
  lhs = Sum[F2[c0, cy], {c0, X1}] /. gRules[X1];
  rhs = Sum[F2[c0, cy], {c0, Xr}] /. gRules[Xr];
  Simplify[lhs == rhs],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
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Out[*]=
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{True, True}

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Similarly we prove that $C^l=C^r$, 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, X1}] //. gRules[X1];
  rhs = Sum[F2[cy, c1], {c1, Xr}] //. gRules[Xr];
  Simplify[lhs == rhs],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
```

Out[]=

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{True, True}

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

$$E^h = \sum_{c \in \{c^h_{1,2,3,y}\}} F^h_1(c) + \sum_{c_0, c_1 \in \{c^h_{1,2,3,y}\}} F^h_2(c_0, c_1).$$

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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[ ]:= X1 = {{1, j, k}, {1, i, k+}, {1, i+, j+}};
Xr = {{1, i, j}, {1, i+, k}, {1, j+, k+}};
Table[
  Simplify[ESum[Append[X1, {s, m, n}]] == ESum[Append[Xr, {s, m, n}]]],
  {s, {1, -1}}
]
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Out[]=

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{True, True}

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\end{remark}

Proof of R2c

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nb2tex$TeXFileName = "Invariance-R2c.tex";
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In[*]:= X = {{-1, i, j^+}, {1, i^+, j}, {1, m, n}};
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Simplify[ESum[X]]
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Out[*]=

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{T_1^2 T_2^2 (-g_{1,m^+,m} + g_{1,n^+,m} (1 - g_{2,m^+,n} + T_2 (g_{2,m^+,m} - g_{2,n^+,m}) + g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,n^+,m}}{-1 + T_2} + \\
 & \frac{1}{-1 + T_2} T_1 (T_2^2 (g_{1,m^+,m} g_{2,n^+,m} + (1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,m^+,m} - \\
 & \quad (1 - g_{2,m^+,n} + g_{2,n^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} + g_{1,n^+,m} (1 + g_{2,m^+,m} - g_{2,m^+,n} - g_{2,n^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,n})) g_{3,n^+,m}) + \\
 & \quad T_2^3 (-g_{1,n^+,m} g_{2,m^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,m} (-g_{3,m^+,m} + (1 + g_{1,n^+,m}) g_{3,n^+,m})) - \\
 & \quad T_2 (g_{3,m^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,m^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,m^+,m} - g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} + \\
 & \quad g_{1,n^+,m} (-g_{2,n^+,m} + (1 - g_{2,m^+,n} + g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,n^+,m}) + g_{1,m^+,m} (g_{2,n^+,m} + g_{2,n^+,n} - g_{3,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,n})) + \\
 & \quad (g_{1,m^+,m} - g_{1,n^+,m}) (g_{2,n^+,n} - g_{3,n^+,n})) - \frac{g_{3,(j^+)^+,i}}{T_1 T_2} + \\
 & \frac{1}{2 (-1 + T_2)} (-1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} (-1 + g_{1,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,m})) + \\
 & \quad 2 T_2^2 (-((1 + g_{1,n^+,m}) g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m}) + g_{2,m^+,m} (-1 + g_{1,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} - g_{3,n^+,n})) - \\
 & \quad 2 g_{1,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} - 2 g_{3,(j^+)^+,i} + \\
 & \quad T_2 (1 + 2 g_{2,n^+,n} + 2 g_{3,n^+,m} - 2 g_{2,m^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} + 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,m} + 4 g_{2,n^+,n} g_{3,n^+,m} - 2 g_{1,n^+,m} \\
 & \quad (g_{2,n^+,m} + (-1 + g_{2,m^+,n} - g_{2,n^+,n}) g_{3,n^+,m}) - 2 g_{2,n^+,m} g_{3,n^+,n} + 2 g_{2,m^+,m} (1 + g_{3,n^+,n}) + 2 g_{3,(j^+)^+,i})
 \end{aligned}$$