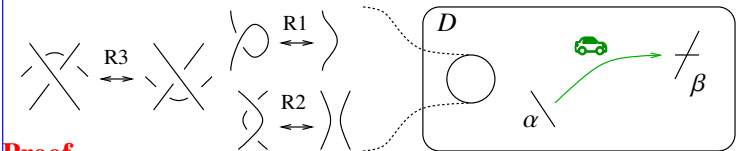
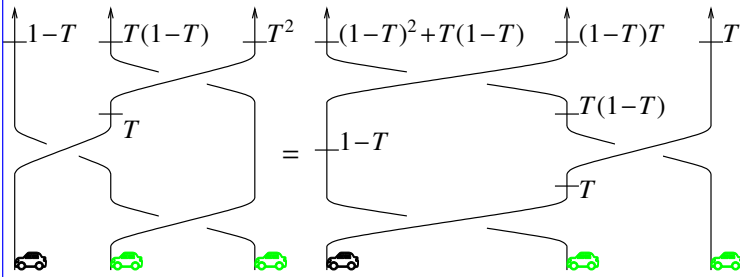


Lemma 1. The traffic function $g_{\alpha\beta}$ is a “relative invariant”:



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:

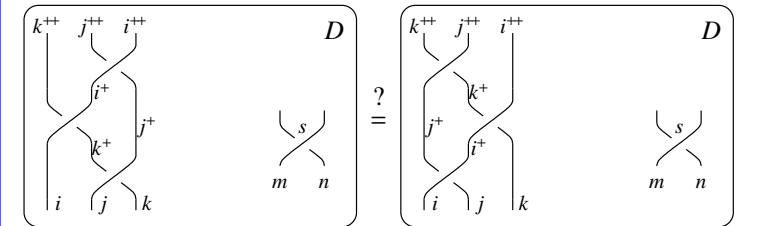
$$c = (s, i, j) \mapsto \begin{array}{c|cc} A & \text{col } i^+ & \text{col } j^+ \\ \hline \text{row } i & -T^s & T^s - 1 \\ \text{row } j & 0 & -1 \end{array}$$

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 $\omega\epsilon\beta/\alpha$)



$$\Theta T_3 = T_1 T_2;$$

$\Theta \text{CF}[\mathcal{E}] := \text{Expand@Collect}[\mathcal{E}, g_ , F] /. F \rightarrow \text{Factor};$

$$\Theta F_1[\{s_ , i_ , j_ \}] = \text{CF}[\text{S}(1/2 - g_{3ii} + T_2^5 g_{1ii} g_{2ji} - g_{1ii} g_{2jj} - (T_2^5 - 1) g_{2ji} g_{3ii} + 2 g_{2jj} g_{3ii} - (1 - T_3) g_{2ji} g_{3ji} - 2 g_{2ii} g_{3jj} - T_2^5 g_{2ji} g_{3jj} + g_{1ii} g_{3jj} + ((T_1^5 - 1) g_{1ji} (T_2^5 g_{2ji} - T_2^5 g_{2jj} + T_2^5 g_{3jj}) + (T_3^5 - 1) g_{3ji} (1 - T_2^5 g_{1ii} - (T_1^5 - 1) (T_2^5 + 1) g_{1ji} + (T_2^5 - 2) g_{2jj} + g_{2ij})) / (T_2^5 - 1)];$$

$$\Theta F_2[\{s0_ , i0_ , j0_ \}, \{s1_ , i1_ , j1_ \}] := \text{CF}[\{s1 (T_1^{s0} - 1) (T_2^{s1} - 1)^{-1} (T_3^{s1} - 1) g_{1,j1,i0} g_{3,j0,i1} - (T_2^{s0} g_{2,i1,i0} - g_{2,i1,j0}) - (T_2^{s0} g_{2,j1,i0} - g_{2,j1,j0})\}]$$

$$\Theta F_3[\varphi_ , k_] = -\varphi / 2 + \varphi g_{3kk};$$

$$\Theta \delta_{i,j} := \text{If}[i == j, 1, 0];$$

$$gR_{s,i,j} := \{ g_{v,j\beta} \Rightarrow g_{vj^+\beta} + \delta_{j\beta}, g_{v,i\beta} \Rightarrow T_v^s g_{vi^+\beta} + (1 - T_v^s) g_{vj^+\beta} + \delta_{i\beta}, g_{v,\alpha i^+} \Rightarrow T_v^s g_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha i^+}, g_{v,\alpha j^+} \Rightarrow g_{v\alpha j} + (1 - T_v^s) g_{v\alpha i} + \delta_{\alpha j^+} \}$$

$$\Theta \text{DSum}[\{Cs_ \}] := \text{Sum}[F_1[c], \{c, \{Cs\}\}] + \text{Sum}[F_2[\{c0, c1\}], \{c0, \{Cs\}\}, \{c1, \{Cs\}\}]$$

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

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

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

$\square \text{True}$