

Tutte and Dichromatic polynomials of graphs and their associated link Homfly polynomials

Before talk, write this:

Stuff: $c(G)$ = connected components $n(G) = e(G) - v(G) + c(G)$

Tutte

If G has one edge, $t(G, x, y) = x$ if it's a bridge and $t(G, x, y) = y$ if it's a loop.

If G has an edge e that is neither a bridge nor a loop,

$$T(G, x, y) = t(G - e, x, y) + t(G.e, x, y).$$

If G has two or more edges and e is a bridge, $t(G, x, y) = xt(G.e, x, y)$.

If G has two or more edges and e is a loop, $t(G, x, y) = yt(G - e, x, y)$.

$$T(G, x, y) = \sum_{F \in E(G)} (x-1)^{c(F) - c(E(G))} (y-1)^{n(F)}$$

$$T(G, x, y) = \sum_{F \subseteq E(G)} (x-1)^{c(F) - c(E(G))} (y-1)^{n(F)}$$

Homfly

If L is the trivial knot, $P(L, x, y, z) = 1$.

If $L+$, $L-$, Lo are like in the picture,

$$xP(L+, x, y, z) + yP(L-, x, y, z) + zP(Lo, x, y, z) = 0$$

If L and L' are isotopic, $P(L, x, y, z) = P(L', x, y, z)$

If L is split into $L1$ and $L2$, then $P(L, x, y, z) = (-x + y)/z P(L1, x, y, z) P(L2, x, y, z)$

If L is the connected sum of $L1$ and $L2$, $P(L, x, y, z) = P(L1, x, y, z) P(L2, x, y, z)$

$$P(L, x, y, z) =$$

Dichromatic polynomial for weighted graphs

For a weighted graph, let w be a function mapping $E(G)$ into some commutative ring.

Let m be the number of edges, and $n(G)$ be the nullity of G . Let $po(G)$ be the number of connected components of G . Let $G: S$ be the subgraph of G with includes all the vertices of G but only the edges of S .

$$Q(G, t, z) = \sum_{S \subseteq E(G)} \prod_S t^{po(G: S)} z^{n(G: S)}$$

$$Q(G, t, z) = \sum_{S \subseteq E(G)} \prod_S t^{c(G: S)} z^{n(G: S)}$$

If $m = 0$, $Q(G: t, z) = t^n$

If G is disconnected, Q is the product of the Qs of each component

If G has an edge e that is not a loop, $Q(G; t, z) = Q(G - e; t, z) + w(e)Q(G/e; t, z)$

If e is a loop, then $Q(G; t, z) = (1 + w(e)z)Q(G - e; t, z)$

If e is a bridge, then $Q(G; t, z) = (w(e) + t)Q(G.e; t, z)$

Note that if $w(e) = 0$, $Q(G; t, z) = Q(G - e; t, z)$.

Setup for theorem 1!

We're gonna take a graph and make a link diagram $D(G)$ out of it in this way:

Construct the Medial Graph $M(G)$ of G . Take the graph, draw circles around each vertex that connect, direct so that black face is on the left, and then do figure 1 to each of the vertices. Note that each vertex of $M(G)$ corresponds to an edge of G .

PICTURE 1

Note that each finite face of G corresponds to an unknotted component of $D(G)$ that is oriented clockwise. Recall that $v(G)$ = number of vertices of G and $e(G)$ = number of edges of G and $c(G)$ = number of connected components of G .

Theorem 1.

Let G be a connected plane graph. For all nonzero numbers x , y , and z ,

$$P(D(G), x, y, z) = (y/z)^{(v(G)-1)} (-z/x)^{(e(G))} t(G, -x/y, 1 - ((xy + y^2)/z^2))$$

Proof.

We proceed by induction on the number of edges of G . Everything is in picture 3.

Base case: G has one edge e . See PICTURE 3 and 4

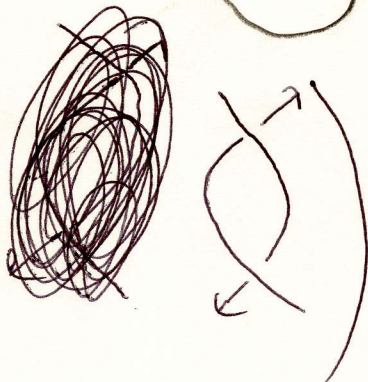
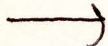
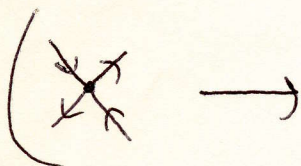
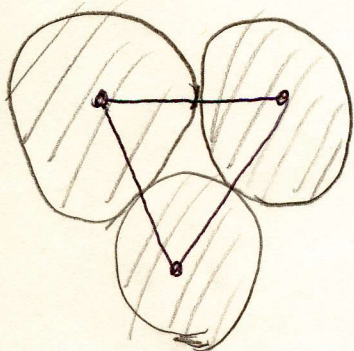
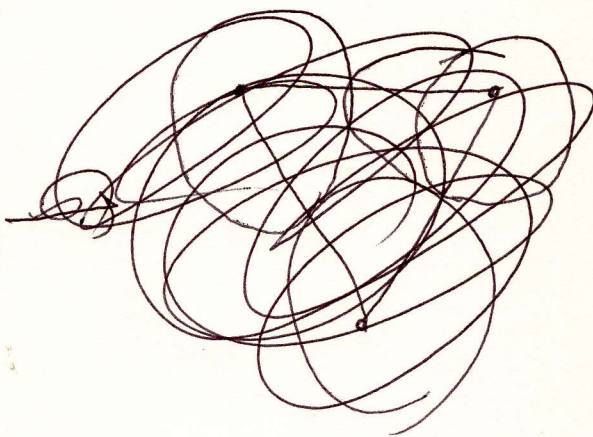
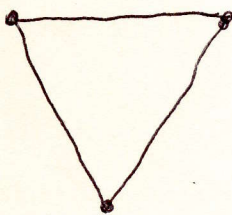
Setup for theorem 2

We can extend Theorem 1 to weighted graphs of four weights y/z , x/z , z/y , and z/x . Let a , b , c , and d be the numbers of edges with these weights respectively. Construct a medial graph like before. Now, in the medial graph, each vertex is associated with an edge. We construct $D(G)$ as in PICTURE TWO and then we get this fun result:

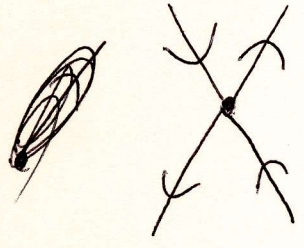
$$(-x/z)^a (-y/z)^b (-x/y)^c (-y/x)^d P(D(G), x, y, z) = (-(x+y)/z)^{-1} Q(G, -(x+y)/z, -(x+y)/z)$$

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- VERTEX OF EDGE e



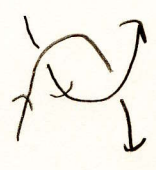
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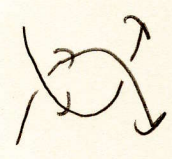
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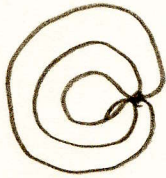
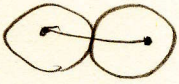
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BASE CASE

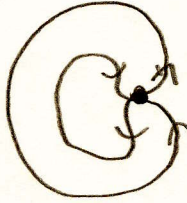
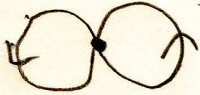
BRIDGE

LOOP

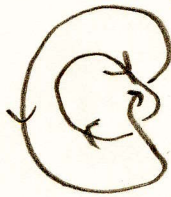
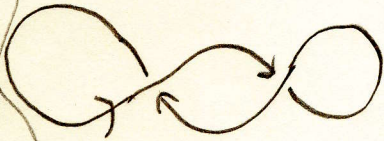
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M(G)



D(G)



P(D(G))

1

$$-\frac{z}{x} - \left(\frac{x+y}{z}\right)\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right) = -\frac{z}{x} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{y^2}{zx}$$

$$+ \left(6, -\frac{x}{y}, 1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2}\right) - \frac{x}{y}$$

$$1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1}$$

$$\frac{y}{z}$$

1

$$\left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)}$$

$$\frac{z}{x}$$

$$-\frac{z}{x}$$

$$\frac{y}{z} + \frac{y^2}{xz} - \frac{z}{x}$$

PRODUCT OF ABOVE

$$1$$

④ LET e BE AN EDGE OF G . SUPPOSE G HAS 2 OR MORE EDGES, SO LIKE WE HAVE THIS EQUATION:

$$\text{Graph with } e \text{ deleted} = -\frac{y}{x} \text{Graph with } e \text{ contracted} - \frac{z}{x} \text{Graph with } e \text{ looped}$$

$$= -\frac{y}{x} \text{Graph with } e \text{ contracted} - \frac{z}{x} \text{Graph with } e \text{ looped}$$

CASE 1: e IS NEITHER A LOOP NOR A BRIDGE.

PICTORIAL EQUATION IS NOW

$$P(D(G), x, y, z) = -\frac{y}{x} P(D(G.e), x, y, z) - \frac{z}{x} P(D(G-e), x, y, z)$$

AND $G.e$ AND $G-e$ ARE CONNECTED.

BY INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS,

$$P(D(G.e), x, y, z) = \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-2} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)-1} + (G.e, -\frac{x}{y}, 1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2})$$

$$P(D(G-e), x, y, z) = \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)-1} + (G-e, -\frac{x}{y}, 1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2})$$

$$\Rightarrow P(D(G), x, y, z) = \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)} \left[+ (G.e, \dots) + + (G-e, \dots) \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)} + (G, \dots).$$

CASE 2: e IS A BRIDGE. $D(G)$ AND $D(G.e)$ ARE ISOTOPIC.

$$\text{SO } P(D(G), x, y, z) = P(D(G.e), x, y, z)$$

SO BY INDUCTION

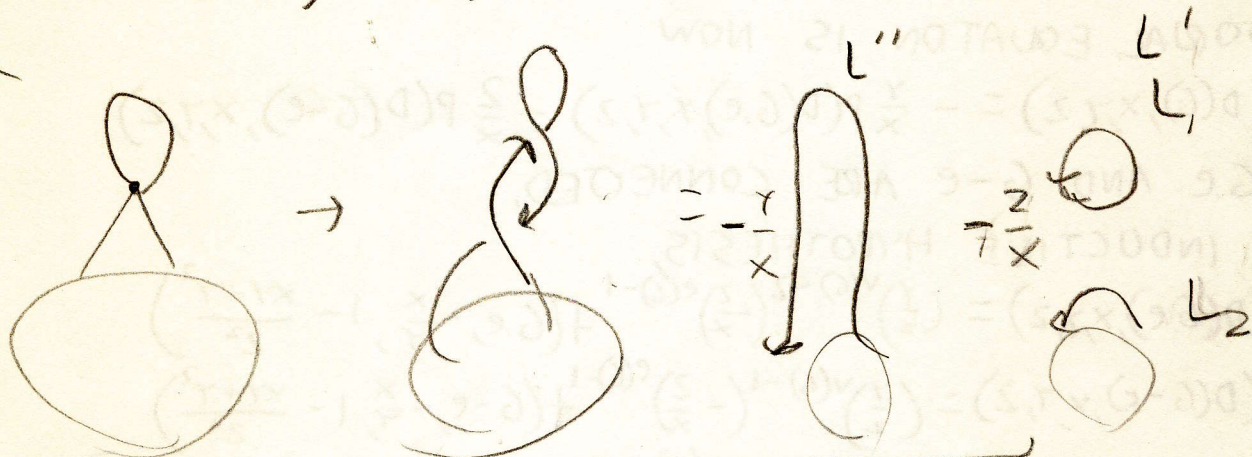
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CASE 3: e IS A LOOP OF G ,

LOOKING AT OUR PICTORIAL EQUATION, WE CAN DEFINE L', L'', L_1, L_2 , SUCH THAT L' IS SPLIT INTO L_1 AND L_2 , AND L'' IS CONNECTED SUM OF L_1 AND L_2 . THEN,

$$P(D(G), x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{y}{x}\right) P(L', x, y, z) - \left(\frac{z}{x}\right) P(L'', x, y, z)$$



L'' IS ISOTOPIC TO $D(G-e)$, AND

$$P(L', x, y, z) = -\frac{x+y}{z} P(L'', x, y, z)$$

SO

$$P(D(G), x, y, z) = \left(\frac{xy+y^2}{xz} - \frac{z}{x}\right) P(D(G-e), x, y, z)$$

SINCE $G-e$ IS CONNECTED, BY OUR INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS,

$$P(D(G-e), x, y, z) = \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)-1} t(G-e, \dots)$$

$$\text{AND } t(G-e, \dots) = \frac{t(G, \dots)}{1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2}}$$

$$\text{SO } P(D(G), x, y, z) = \frac{\frac{xy+y^2}{xz} - \frac{z}{x}}{1 - \frac{xy+y^2}{z^2}} \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{v(G)-1} \left(-\frac{z}{x}\right)^{e(G)-1} t(G, \dots)$$

$$= -\frac{z}{x}$$