

# Enhanced Kauffman Bracket: Talk References

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## Notation for (Bicolored) Crossings:

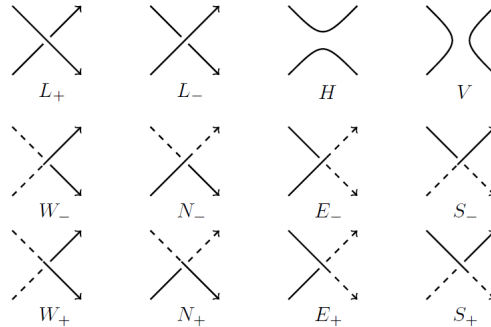


FIGURE 1. Local crossings.

## Skein Relations (Eq.(1)):

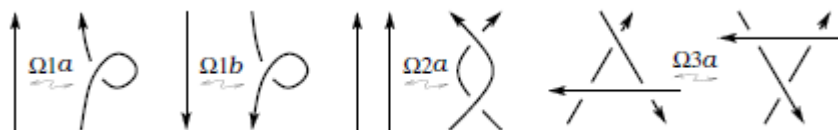
$$\begin{aligned}
 N_+ &= a_n H + b_n V & N_- &= a'_n H + b'_n V \\
 S_+ &= a_s H + b_s V & S_- &= a'_s H + b'_s V \\
 E_+ &= a_e H + b_e V & E_- &= a'_e H + b'_e V \\
 W_+ &= a_w H + b_w V & W_- &= a'_w H + b'_w V \\
 && & \langle D \sqcup \bigcirc \rangle = d \langle D \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

## Reidemeister Move Type II Restrictions, Simplified (Eq.(2)):

$$\begin{aligned}
 a'_e &= a_w^{-1} & a'_w &= a_e^{-1} & a'_s &= a_s^{-1} & a'_n &= a_n^{-1} \\
 b'_e &= b_w^{-1} & b'_w &= b_e^{-1} & b'_s &= b_s^{-1} & b'_n &= b_n^{-1} \\
 -d &= \frac{a_w}{b_w} + \frac{b_w}{a_w} = \frac{a_e}{b_e} + \frac{b_e}{a_e} = \frac{a_s}{b_s} + \frac{b_s}{a_s} = \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \frac{b_n}{a_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (Minimal Generating Set of Reidemeister Moves, Polyak)

Two equivalent diagrams can be obtained from each other through isotopy and a finite sequence of four oriented Reidemeister moves:



**Table Inside Smoothings of Reidemeister III Disks**

	$a_1a_2a_3$	$a_1a_2b_3$	$a_1b_2a_3$	$a_1b_2b_3$	$b_1a_2a_3$	$b_1a_2b_3$	$b_1b_2a_3$	$b_1b_2b_3$
$L$	$B$	$A$	$A$	$E$	$A$	$F$	$G$	$C$
$L'$	$D$	$C$	$C$	$E$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$A$

**Reidemeister Moves Type II & III Restrictions (Eq.(3)):**

Let  $a, b, n, s, w,$  and  $e$  be parameters for Eqs.(2) above. Then R-III yields that  $n = s$  and we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= a_s = na & b_n &= b_s = nb & a_w &= wa & b_w &= wb & a_e &= ea & b_e &= eb \\
 a'_n &= a'_s = \frac{1}{na} & b'_n &= b'_s = \frac{1}{nb} & a'_w &= \frac{1}{ea} & b'_w &= \frac{1}{eb} & a'_e &= \frac{1}{wa} & b'_e &= \frac{1}{wb} \\
 d &= -\frac{a}{b} - \frac{b}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem (The Knot/Link Invariant)**

Let  $F(D) = \left(-\frac{b}{na^2}\right)^{w(D)} \langle D \rangle$ , where  $w(D)$  denotes the writhe. Let  $\bar{F}(D)$  denote the polynomial obtained from the other coloring of the knot. (The second coloring is obtained from the first by setting  $\bar{w} = e$  and  $\bar{e} = w$ .)

For links, let  $\Lambda$  denote the set of all colorings for the link diagram, and  $F(D, \lambda)$  the polynomial from a specific coloring  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Using Skein relations (1), if equations (3) are satisfied, then  $\{F(D), \bar{F}(D)\}$  is a knot invariant.

For a link  $L$ , choose one diagram  $D$ . Then  $F(L) = \{F(D, \lambda) | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a multivalued link invariant.

**Example of Choice of Coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(1 + t + t^3)$**

$$\begin{cases}
 a_n = a_s = 1, b_n = b_s = t, a_w = 1 + t^2, b_w = 1, a_e = 1 + t, b_e = t + t^2, \\
 a'_n = a'_s = 1, b'_n = b'_s = 1 + t^2, a'_w = t + t^2, b'_w = 1 + t, a'_e = t, b'_e = 1 \\
 d = 1 + t + t^2
 \end{cases}$$

**References**

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