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1. Introduction

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Let K be a knot in S^3. The meridional rank of K, written $\mathrm{mr}(K)$, is the minimal size of a meridional generating set of the knot group of K. It is bounded above by the bridge number $b(K)$, and Problem 1.11 of [**?**] asks whether $\mathrm{mr}(K) = b(K)$ for all knots K. Cornwell has proven that the augmentation rank $\mathrm{ar}(K)$ of K (which is defined in Section 2) bounds the meridional rank from below, and that $\mathrm{ar}(K) = \mathrm{mr}(K) = b(K)$ for some families of knots, including torus knots [Cor13b].

The main result of this paper is that if $\mathrm{ar}(K) = b(K)$ and K is the closure of a braid with even writhe and index equal to $b(K)$, then the augmentation rank and bridge number are equal for any (p, q)-cable of K where $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ and $p < q$.

2. Background

We begin in Section 2.1 by reviewing the construction of $HC_0(K)$ from the viewpoint of the combinatorial knot DGA, which was first defined in [Ng08]; our conventions are those given in [Ng12]. In Section 2.2 we discuss augmentations in knot contact homology and their rank, which gives a bound on the meridional rank of the knot group useful for studying the relation between meridional rank and bridge number. Finally, in Section 2.3 is a discussion of techniques from [Cor13a] that we use to calculate the augmentation rank.

2.1. Knot contact homology.

Let $\mathcal{A}_n$ be the noncommutative unital algebra over $\mathbb{Z}$ generated by a_{ij}, $1 \le i \ne j \le n$. Let B_n be the braid group on n strands, and define $\phi : B_n \to \operatorname{Aut} \mathcal{A}_n$ by defining it on the generators of $\mathcal{A}_n$ and extending by linearity

$$\phi_{\sigma_k}\colon \begin{cases} a_{ij} \mapsto a_{ij} & i, j \ne k, k+1 \\ a_{k+1,i} \mapsto a_{ki} & i \ne k, k+1 \\ a_{i,k+1} \mapsto a_{ik} & i \ne k, k+1 \\ a_{k,k+1} \mapsto -a_{k+1,k} & \\ a_{k+1,k} \mapsto -a_{k,k+1} & \\ a_{ki} \mapsto a_{k+1,i} - a_{k+1,k}a_{ki} & i \ne k, k+1 \\ a_{ik} \mapsto a_{i,k+1} - a_{ik}a_{k,k+1} & i \ne k, k+1 \end{cases}$$

Let $\iota\colon B_n \to B_{n+1}$ be the inclusion that adds in an $(n+1)$th strand that doesn't interact with the others, and define $\phi_B^* \in \operatorname{Aut} \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$ by $\phi_B^* = \phi_B \circ \iota$. We then define the $n \times n$ matrices Φ_B^L and Φ_B^R with entries in $\mathcal{A}_n$ by

$$\phi_B^*(a_{i,n+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (\Phi_B^L)_{ij} a_{j,n+1}$$

$$\phi_B^*(a_{n+1,i}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{n+1,j}(\Phi_B^R)_{ji}$$

We will need a relationship that exists between Φ_B^L and Φ_B^R in order to show that an augmentation is well-defined. To this end, define an operation $x \mapsto \overline{x}$ on $\mathcal{A}_n$ as follows: first $\overline{a_{ij}} = a_{ji}$; then, for any $x, y \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\overline{xy} = \overline{y}\,\overline{x}$ and extend the operation linearly to $\mathcal{A}_n$.

Proposition 2.1 ([Ng05], Prop. 6.2)**.** *For a matrix of elements in $\mathcal{A}_n$, let $\overline{M}$ be the matrix such that $\left(\overline{M}\right)_{ij} = \overline{M_{ij}}$. Then for $B \in B_n$, Φ_B^R is the transpose of $\overline{\Phi_B^L}$.*

Let ω be the writhe of B, and define matrices $\mathbf{A}$ and Λ by

$$\mathbf{A_{ij}} = \begin{cases} a_{ij} & i < j \\ -\mu a_{ij} & i > j \\ 1 - \mu & i = j \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

$$\Lambda = \mathrm{diag}[\lambda\mu^{\omega}, 1, \ldots, 1]. \tag{2}$$

Definition Suppose that K is the closure of $B \in B_n$ and let R_0 be the Laurent polynomial ring $\mathbb{Z}[\lambda^{\pm 1}, \mu^{\pm 1}]$. Define $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{A}_n \otimes R_0$ to be the ideal generated by the entries of $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{\Lambda} \cdot \mathbf{\Phi_B^L} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{\Phi_B^R} \cdot \mathbf{\Lambda^{-1}}$. The degree zero homology of the combinatorial knot DGA is $\mathrm{HC}_0(K) = (\mathcal{A}_n \otimes R_0)/\mathcal{I}$.

It was shown in [Ng08] that the isomorphism class of $HC_0(K)$ is unchanged under the Markov moves, and hence provides an invariant of the knot K. While we only consider $HC_0(K)$ here, it is part of the larger invariant, the combinatorial knot DGA of K, studied in [Ng08] which is a computation of the Legendrian contact homology of a Legendrian lift of K to the cosphere bundle over $\mathbb{R}^3$ ([EENS13]).

The following result, originally proved in [Ng05], on the behavior of the matrices Φ_B^L and Φ_B^R under the product in B_n will be essential to our arguments. Following language of that paper, we refer the result as the Chain Rule.

Theorem 2.2. *Let B, B' be braids in B_n. Then $\Phi_{BB'}^L = \phi_B(\Phi_{B'}^L) \cdot \Phi_B^L$ and $\Phi_{BB'}^R = \Phi_B^R \cdot \phi_B(\Phi_{B'}^R)$.*

2.2. **Augmentations and augmentation rank.** Let S be a ring with 1, and consider it a differential graded algebra with grading 0 and trivial differential. An augmentation of a DGA $(\mathcal{A}, \partial)$ to $(S, 0)$ is a graded homomorphism $\epsilon : \mathcal{A} \to S$ that intertwines the differential. In the case of knot contact homology, the combinatorial knot DGA is supported in non-negative grading, implying that augmentations correspond to ring homomorphisms $HC_0(K) \to S$. We will consider only when $S = \mathbb{C}$.

Definition An augmentation of a cord algebra $\mathcal{C}_K$ is a homomorphism $\epsilon\colon \mathcal{C}_K \to \mathbb{C}$

A correspondence between augmentations and particular representations of the knot group were studied in [Cor13a]. Let π_K be the fundamental group of the complement of a knot $K \subset S^3$. Recall that, if we call any $g \in \pi_K$ a meridian if it may be represented by the boundary of an embedded disk in S^3 that intersects K in exactly one point, then π_K is generated by meridians. We may pick any one meridian m and generate π_K by conjugates of m.

Definition For any integer $r \geq 1$ we call a homomorphism $\rho : \pi_K \to \mathrm{GL}_r\mathbb{C}$ a KCH representation if a meridian m of K such that $\rho(m)$ is diagonalizable and has eigenvalue 1 with multiplicity $r-1$. We call ρ a KCH irrep if it is irreducible.

In [Ng08], Ng describes an isomorphism between $HC_0(K)$ and an algebra constructed from elements of π_K. As discussed in [Ng12], by utilizing this isomorphism a KCH representation $\rho : \pi_K \to \mathrm{GL}_r\mathbb{C}$ induces an augmentation $\epsilon_\rho : HC_0(K) \to \mathbb{C}$. It was shown in [Cor13a] that (essentially) all augmentations arise in this fashion, and that the dimension of an inducing KCH irrep is invariant of the augmentation that can be described from the matrix $\mathbf{A}$. Specifically, if we write $\epsilon(\mathbf{A})$ for the matrix of values $(\epsilon(\mathbf{A}_{ij}))$, then we have the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3 ([Cor13a])**.** *For every augmentation $\epsilon : HC_0(K) \to \mathbb{C}$ such that $\epsilon(\mu) \neq 1$, there is a KCH irrep $\rho : \pi_K \to GL_r\mathbb{C}$ such that $\epsilon_\rho = \epsilon$, and r is the rank of $\epsilon(\mathbf{A})$.*

Considering Theorem 2.3 we make the following definition.

Definition The rank of an augmentation $\epsilon : HC_0(K) \to \mathbb{C}$ with $\epsilon(\mu) \neq 1$ equals the rank of $\epsilon(\mathbf{A})$. Given a knot K, the augmentation rank of K, denoted $\mathrm{ar}(K)$, is the maximum of all ranks of augmentations $\epsilon : HC_0(K) \to \mathbb{C}$.

Remark The augmentation rank of a knot could be defined for augmentations into other rings, but we deal in this paper with augmentations to $\mathbb{C}$.

It is the case that $\mathrm{ar}(K)$ is well-defined. That is, given a knot K there is a bound on the maximal rank of an augmentation $\epsilon : HC_0(K) \to \mathbb{C}$ that is provided by through the correspondence $\rho \leftrightarrow \epsilon_\rho$ and fact that π_K is generated by meridians.

Theorem 2.4 ([Cor13b])**.** *Given a knot $K \subset S^3$, if $g_1, \ldots, g_d$ are meridians that generate π_K and $\rho : \pi_K \to GL_r\mathbb{C}$ is a KCH irrep then $r \leq d$.*

As in the introduction, if we denote the meridional rank of π_K by $\mathrm{mr}(K)$, then Theorem 2.4 implies that $\mathrm{ar}(K) \leq \mathrm{mr}(K)$. In addition, the geometric quantity $b(K)$ called the bridge index of K is never less than $\mathrm{mr}(K)$. Thus we have the inequality

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$$\mathrm{ar}(K) \leq \mathrm{mr}(K) \leq b(K).$$

As a result, to verify for K that $\mathrm{mr}(K) = b(K)$ it suffices to find an augmentation of K with rank equal to $b(K)$. As we discuss in the next section, we will concern ourselves in this paper with a setting where $\mathrm{ar}(K) = n$ and there is a braid $B \in B_n$ which closes to K. This is a special situation, since $b(K)$ is strictly less than the braid index for many knots.

2.3. **Finding augmentations.** empty text to give a line

Discussion about augmentations with rank equal to braid index

Discussion how solving $\Phi^L_B = \Delta(B)$ in $\mathcal{A}^{ab}_n$ suffices to give an augmentation.

It may be appropriate here to indicate that $\mathrm{ar}(K) < \mathrm{mr}(K)$ sometimes (maybe in previous subsection), and talk about the 2-cable of the trefoil that does not have $\mathrm{ar}(K, \mathbb{C}) = 4$

3. Main Result

introduce what will be done in the section: first section on notation, main result will follow from Lemma ____ and the Chain Rule

Let K be a knot and let B be a braid with closure K. Let $\tau_{m,l} \in B_{pk}$ be defined by $\tau_{m,l} = \sigma_m \sigma_{m+1} \cdots \sigma_{m+l-1}$, and let $\Sigma^{(p)}_n \in B_{pk}$ be defined by $\Sigma^{(p)}_n = \tau_{np,p} \tau_{np-1,p} \cdots \tau_{np-p+1,p}$ (see Figure 1).

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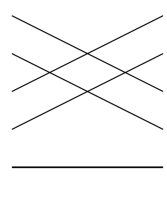

Figure 1. $\Sigma^{(2)}_1$

Then if $B \in B_k$ is given by the braid word $\sigma_{n_1} \sigma_{n_2} \cdots \sigma_{n_m}$, we define the ***p*-copy** $B^{(p)}$ of B to be

$$B^{(p)} = \Sigma^{(p)}_{n_1} \Sigma^{(p)}_{n_2} \cdots \Sigma^{(p)}_{n_m}$$

and we define $K^{(p)}$ to be the closure of that braid. We then have the following result. which depends on B

Theorem 3.1. *Let $B \in B_k$ and $B' \in B_p$, and let $B^{(p)}B'$ be the braid sum of $B^{(p)}$ and B' that we get by including B' into B_{pk}. Suppose that there exists an augmentation $\epsilon_k \colon \mathcal{A}^{ab}_k \to \mathbb{C}$ such that $\epsilon_k\left(\Phi^L_B\right) = \mathrm{diag}\left((\pm 1)^{\mathrm{w}(B)}, 1, \ldots, 1\right)$ and an augmentation $\epsilon_p \colon \mathcal{A}^{ab}_p \to \mathbb{C}$ such that $\epsilon_p\left(\Phi^L_{B'}\right) = \mathrm{diag}((\pm 1)^{w(B')}, 1, \ldots, 1)$. Then there exists an augmentation $\epsilon \colon \mathcal{A}^{ab}_{pk} \to \mathbb{C}$ such that* do I want the abelianized algebra here?

$$\epsilon\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}B'}\right) = \mathrm{diag}((\pm 1)^{\mathrm{w}(B^{(p)}B')}, 1, \ldots, 1)$$

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Among other things, this theorem implies that iterated cables of torus knots have meridional rank equal to their bridge number. Consider a (r, s)-torus knot T with $\gcd(r, s) = 1$ and $r < s$. T has bridge number r and is the closure of a braid B on r strands, and since all torus knots have bridge number equal to their augmentation rank (), we have that there exists an augmentation $\epsilon_T \colon \mathcal{A}_r \to \mathbb{C}$. . given by the braid sum of $T^{(p)}$ with a braid who's first p strands form a torus knot with bridge number (and therefore augmentation rank) equal to p and such that $w(T)$ is even (i.e. a (p, q) torus knot, where $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, $p < q$, and $pq - q$ is even). Theorem 3.1 then says that this cable has augmentation rank equal to its braid index, implying that its meridional rank is equal to its bridge number. Furthermore, we can iterate this process, taking cables of the resulting knots with augmentation rank, bridge number, and braid index all equal.

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Fix $p > 0$ and let B be a braid on k strands. For each $1 \leq i \leq pk$ define integers q_i, r_i such that $i = q_i p + r_i$, where $0 < r_i \leq p$. Instrumental to the proof of Theorem 3.1 will be the map $\psi \colon \mathcal{A}^{ab}_{pk} \to \mathcal{A}^{ab}_k \otimes \mathcal{A}^{ab}_p$, defined as follows (note that since $a_{ij} \in \mathcal{A}^{ab}_{pk}$, $i < j$, so we must have $q_i \leq q_j$):

$$\psi(a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1 \otimes a_{r_i r_j} & : q_i = q_j \\ a_{q_i+1, q_j+1} \otimes 1 & : q_i < q_j, r_i = r_j \\ 0 & : q_i < q_j, r_i > r_j \\ a_{q_i+1, q_j+1} \otimes a_{r_i r_j} & : q_i < q_j, r_i < r_j \end{cases}$$

Note that $\psi(a_{ij}) \in 1 \otimes \mathcal{A}^{ab}_p$ or $\psi(a_{ij}) = 0$ if and only if $q_i = q_j$. This homomorphism gives us a way of relating $\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}$ to Φ^L_B via the following proposition:

Proposition 3.2. $\psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}\right) = \Phi^L_B \otimes I_p$

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Note that instead of ψ we could have defined a simpler homomorphism ρ that would take a_{ij} to $a_{q_{i+1}, q_{j+1}}$ if $r_i = r_j$ and 0 otherwise, and Proposition 3.2 would still be true. The advantage of ψ is that it doesn't send a_{ij} to 0 if $q_i = q_j$, a fact which will be important in the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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Proof of Theorem 3.1. Set $\epsilon = (\epsilon_k \otimes \epsilon_p) \circ \psi$. The Chain Rule theorem gives that

$$(3) \qquad (\epsilon_k \otimes \epsilon_p) \circ \psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}B'}\right) = (\epsilon_k \otimes \epsilon_p)\psi\left(\phi_{B^{(p)}}\left(\Phi^L_{B'}\right)\right)\psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}\right)$$

Note that since the non zero or one entries of $\Phi^L_{B'}$ are products of a_{ij} where $i < j \leq p$, $\phi_{B^{(p)}}$ takes each of the a_{ij}'s in these products to $a_{i+mp, j+mp}$ for some $0 \leq m < k$. We have that ψ takes $a_{i+mp, j+mp}$ to $1 \otimes a_{ij}$, however, so

$$\psi\left(\phi_{B^{(p)}}\left(\Phi^L_{B'}\right)\right) = \left(1 \otimes \left(\Phi^L_{B'}\right)_{ij}\right)$$

By Proposition 3.2, we have that

$$\psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}\right) = \Phi^L_B \otimes I_p$$

So returning to the right hand side of (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned}(\epsilon_k \otimes \epsilon_p)\psi\left(\phi_{B^{(p)}}\left(\Phi^L_{B'}\right)\right)\psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}\right) &= (\epsilon_k \otimes \epsilon_p)\left(\Phi^L_B \otimes \Phi^L_{B'}\right)\\ &= \mathrm{diag}((-1)^{w(K)}, 1, \ldots, 1) \otimes \mathrm{diag}((-1)^{w(K')}, 1, \ldots, 1).\end{aligned}$$

But $w(K)$ is even, which also implies that $w(K^{(p)})$ is even, so the right hand side is equal to $\mathrm{diag}((-1)^{w(K^{(p)}K')}, 1, \ldots, 1)$, as desired.

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We will use the following two lemmas in our proof of Proposition 3.2.

Lemma 3.3. $\psi(\phi_{\Sigma^{(p)}_n}(a_{ij})) = (\phi_{\sigma_n} \otimes \mathrm{id})(\psi(a_{ij}))$ *for all* $1 \leq n < k$, $1 \leq i, j \leq pk$.

Lemma 3.4. $\psi\left(\Phi^L_{\Sigma^{(p)}_n}\right) = \Phi^L_{\sigma_n} \otimes I_p$

Proof of Proposition 3.2. Let $B = \sigma_{n_1} \cdots \sigma_{n_l}$, $1 \leq n < k$. We will prove the proposition by inducting on l. The base case is already taken care of by Lemma 3.4. Suppose that the proposition is true for braids of length $l-1$. Let $B' = \sigma_{n_1} \cdots \sigma_{n_{l-1}}$ Then by the Chain Rule and Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\psi\left(\Phi^L_{B^{(p)}}\right) &= \psi\left(\phi_{B'^{(p)}}\left(\Phi^L_{\Sigma^{(p)}_{n_l}}\right) \cdot \Phi^L_{B'^{(p)}}\right)\\ &= (\phi_{B'} \otimes \mathrm{id})\left(\psi\left(\Phi^L_{\Sigma^{(p)}_{n_l}}\right)\right) \cdot \left(\Phi^L_{B'} \otimes I_p\right)\\ &= (\phi_{B'} \otimes \mathrm{id})\left(\Phi^L_{\sigma_{n_l}} \otimes I_p\right) \cdot \left(\Phi^L_{B'} \otimes I_p\right)\\ &= \Phi^L_B \otimes I_p\end{aligned}$$

□

In the proof of Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we will make use of some calculations of $\phi_B(a_{ij})$ for simple braids B. It can easily be checked that for all $1 \leq m < n$, $1 \leq l \leq n-m$, $i < j$:

$$\phi_{\tau_{m,l}}(a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} a_{i+1,j+1} & : m \leq i < j < m+l \\ a_{i-l,j} & : m < m+l = i < j \\ a_{i,j-l} & : i < m < m+l = j \\ a_{i+1,j-l} & : m \leq i < j = m+l \\ a_{i,j+1} - a_{i,m}a_{m,j+1} & : i < m \leq j < m+l \\ a_{i+1,j} - a_{i+1,m}a_{m,j} & : m \leq i < m+l < j \\ a_{ij} & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

We also make the following definition

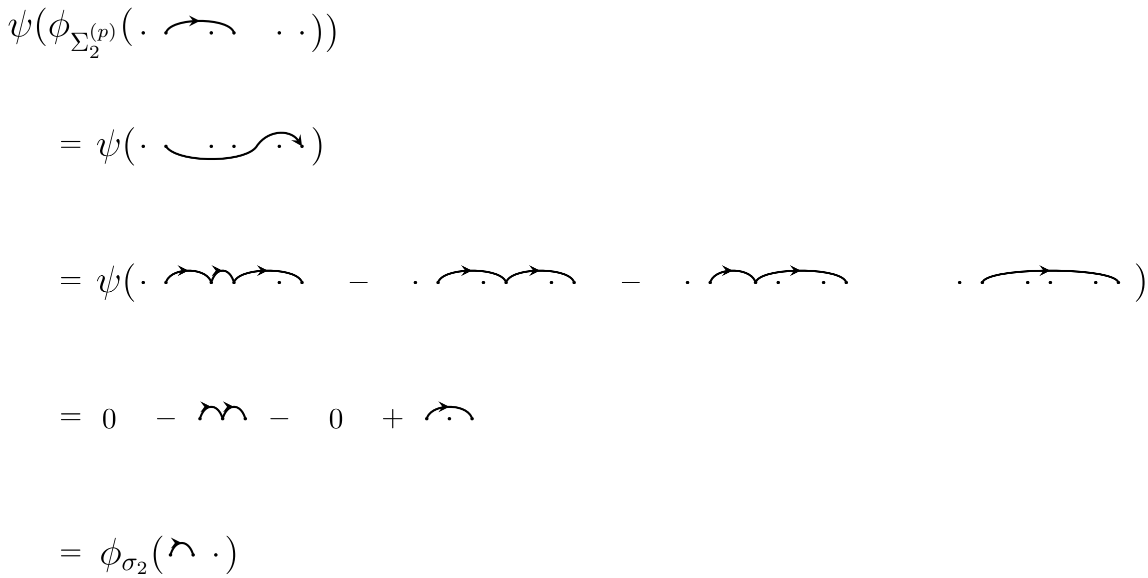

FIGURE 2. Computing $\psi(\phi_{\Sigma_2^{(p)}}(a_{24}))$

Let $X \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, and write the elements of a subset $Y \subseteq X$ as $y_1 < \ldots < y_k$ Define

$$A(i,j,X) = \sum_{Y \subseteq X} (-1)^{|Y|} a_{iy_1} a_{y_1 y_2} \cdots a_{y_k j}$$

and

$$A'(i,j,X) = \sum_{Y \subseteq X} (-1)^{|Y|} a_{iy_k} a_{y_k y_{k-1}} \cdots a_{y_1 j}$$

and have the following lemma

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Lemma 3.5. *Let* $\kappa_{m,l} = \tau_{m+l-1,p}\tau_{m+l-2,p} \cdots \tau_{m,p}$*, and let* $X_{m,l} = \{m - p, \ldots, m+l-p-1\}$*. Then*

$$\phi_{\kappa_{m,l}}(a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} a_{i-p,j-p} & : m+p \leq i < j < m+l+p \\ a_{i-p,j} & : m+p \leq i < m+l+p \leq j \\ a_{i,j-p} & : i < m < m+p \leq j < m+l+p \\ a_{i+l,j+l} & : m \leq i < j < m+p \\ A'(i+l, j-p, X_{m,l} \setminus (j-p)) & : m \leq i < m+p \leq j < m+l+p \\ A(i, j+l, X_{m,l}) & : i < m \leq j < m+p < m+l+p \\ A'(i+l, j, X_{m,l}) & : m \leq i < m+p < m+l+p \leq j \\ a_{ij} & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that letting $l = p$ and $m = p(n-1)+1$ gives us $\phi_{\Sigma_n}(a_{ij})$ as a special case of this lemma.

Proof of Lemma 3.3. The first four cases as well as the last case from Lemma 3.5 can be checked easily. Consider the sixth case. Let $\alpha_i = np - p + r_i$, and we have that

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\begin{aligned}
&\psi\left(\phi_{\Sigma_n^{(p)}}(a_{ij})\right)\\
&=\psi\left(A(i,j+p,\{np-p+1,\dots,np\})\right)\\
&=\psi\left(\sum_{Y\subseteq\{np-p+1,\dots,np\}}(-1)^{|Y|}a_{iy_1}a_{y_1y_2}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)\\
&=\sum_{Y\subseteq\{np-p+1,\dots,np\}}(-1)^{|Y|}\psi\left(a_{iy_1}a_{y_1y_2}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)\\
&=\sum_{Y\subseteq\{\alpha_i,\dots,\alpha_j\}}(-1)^{|Y|}\psi\left(a_{iy_1}a_{y_1y_2}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)\\
&=\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i,\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)\\
&\quad+\sum_{y=\alpha_i+1}^{\alpha_j}\sum_{Y\subseteq\{y+1,\dots,\alpha_j\}}(-1)^{|Y|+1}\psi\left(a_{iy}a_{yy_1}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)+(-1)^{|Y|}\psi\left(a_{i,\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,y}a_{yy_1}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)\\
&=\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)\\
&\quad+\sum_{y=\alpha_i+1}^{\alpha_j}\sum_{Y\subseteq\{y+1,\dots,\alpha_j\}}(-1)^{|Y|}\psi\left(a_{i,\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,y}-a_{iy}\right)\psi\left(a_{yy_1}\cdots a_{y_k,j+p}\right)\\
&=\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)
\end{aligned}
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show why term in second-to-last RHS is zero

Note that, since we're in the sixth case, $q_j+1=n$. If $r_i=r_j$, then

note ψ is defined this way basically so that this is zero

$\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)=\left(a_{q_i+1,n+1}-a_{q_i+1,n}a_{n,n+1}\right)\otimes 1=(\phi_{\sigma_n}\otimes\mathrm{id})(\psi(a_{ij}))$

If $r_i<r_j$, then

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\begin{aligned}
\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)&=\left(a_{q_i+1,n+1}\otimes a_{r_ir_j}-a_{q_i+1,n}a_{n,n+1}\otimes a_{r_ir_j}\right)\\
&=\left(a_{q_i+1,n+1}-a_{q_i+1,n}a_{n,n+1}\right)\otimes a_{r_ir_j}\\
&=(\phi_{\sigma_n}\otimes\mathrm{id})(\psi(a_{ij}))
\end{aligned}
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Finally, if $r_i>r_j$, then

$$\psi\left(a_{i,j+p}-a_{i\alpha_i}a_{\alpha_i,j+p}\right)=0=(\phi_{\sigma_n}\otimes\mathrm{id})(\psi(a_{ij}))$$

The proof for the seventh case goes exactly as the proof for the sixth case except with all i's replaced with $i+p$, all $(j+p)$'s replaced with j, all y_i's replaced with y_{k+1-i}, and with α_i and α_j swapped. The proof for the fifth case goes exactly as the proof for the seventh, except that $j-p$ is removed from the set that Y is a subset of in all the sums.

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Proof of Lemma 3.4. We can extend the definition of ψ to be from the free module over $\mathcal{A}_{pk}$ generated by $\{a_{i*}|1\leq i\leq pk\}$ to the free module over

$\mathcal{A}_k \otimes \mathcal{A}_p$ generated by $\{a_{i*} | 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ by defining $\psi(a_{i*}) = a_{i*}$ and extending by linearity. Then the statement of the lemma is equivalent to saying that for all $1 \leq i \leq pk$, the coefficient of a_{j*} in $\psi\left(\phi_{\Sigma_n^{(p)}}(a_{i*})\right)$ is equal to 0 unless $r_j = r_i$, in which case it is equal to the coefficient of a_{q_j*} in $\phi_{\sigma_n}(a_{q_i*})$. If $q_i + 1 \neq n$, this fact can be easily checked. In the case that $q_i + 1 = n$, we have that

$$\psi\left(\phi_{\Sigma_n^{(p)}}(a_{i*})\right) = \psi\left(A(i+p, *, \{np-p+1, \ldots, np\}\right)$$

which is equal to

$$\psi(a_{i+p,*} - a_{i+p,\alpha_i} a_{\alpha_i,*}) = a_{i+p,*} - a_{q_i,q_i+1} a_{\alpha_i,*}$$

by the same argument that was used in Lemma 3.3. The coefficients of the a_{j*} are equal to the coefficients of the a_{q_j*} in $\phi_{\sigma_n}(a_{q_i*})$, so we're done. $\square$

add other cases

Proof of Lemma 3.5. The first four cases as well as the eighth can be easily checked. We will prove the remaining cases by induction on l. Consider the sixth case. The base case is covered by (4). For the inductive step, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_{\kappa_{m,l}}(a_{ij}) &= \phi_{\tau_{m,p}}\left(\phi_{\kappa_{m+1,l-1}}(a_{ij})\right) \\
&= \phi_{\tau_{m,p}}\left(A(i-l+1, j, X_{m+1,l-1})\right) \\
&= \sum_{Y \subseteq \{m+p+1,\ldots,m+l+p-1\}} (-1)^{|Y|} \phi_{\tau_{m,p}}\left(a_{i-l+1,y_1} a_{y_1 y_2} \cdots a_{y_k,j}\right) \\
&= \sum_{Y \subseteq \{m+p+1,\ldots,m+l+p-1\}} (-1)^{|Y|} \left(a_{i-l,y_1} - a_{i-l,m+p} a_{m+p,y_1}\right) a_{y_1 y_2} \cdots a_{y_k,j} \\
&= \sum_{Y \subseteq \{m+p,\ldots,m+l+p-1\}} (-1)^{|Y|} a_{i-l,y_1} a_{y_1 y_2} \cdots a_{y_k,j} \\
&= A(i-l, j, X_{m,l})
\end{aligned}$$

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