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Alexander Invariant of Tangles

1. Γ -Calculus

The following code expresses an element of Γ calculus in a nice format.

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In[1]:= ΓCollect[Γ[ω_, λ_] := Γ[Simplify[ω],
Collect[λ, x_, Collect[#, y_, Factor]&]];
Format[Γ[ω_, λ_]] := Module[{S, M},
S = Union@Cases[Γ[ω, λ], (x|y)_a_ -> a, ∞];
M = Outer[Factor[∂xn1yn2 λ]&, S, S];
M = Prepend[M, y#& /@ S] // Transpose;
M = Prepend[M, Prepend[x#& /@ S, ω]];
M // MatrixForm];
```

For instance, we can display an element of Γ calculus as follows.

```
In[3]:= Γ[ω, {ya, yb} . (g11 g12
g21 g22) . {xa, xb}]

Out[3]= ( ω xa xb )
( ya g11 g12 )
( yb g21 g22 )
```

Next we program the stitching operation

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In[4]:= Γ /: Γ[ω1_, λ1_]Γ[ω2_, λ2_] := Γ[ω1*ω2, λ1+λ2];
ma_, e_→c_[Γ[ω_, λ_]] := Module[{α, β, γ, δ, θ, ε, φ, ψ, Ξ, μ},
( α β θ ) = ( ∂ya, xa λ ∂ya, xe λ ∂ya λ )
( γ δ ε ) = ( ∂ye, xa λ ∂ye, xe λ ∂ye λ ) / . (y|x)a|e→0;
( φ ψ Ξ ) = ( ∂xa λ ∂xe λ λ )
Γ[(μ=1-γ)ω, {yc, 1} . (β+α δ/μ θ+α ε/μ) . {xc, 1}]
/. {ta→tc, te→tc} // ΓCollect];
Ra_, e_+ := Γ[1, {ya, ye} . (1 1-ta
0 ta) . {xa, xe}];
Ra_, e_- := Ra_, e_+ /. ta→1/ta;
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Checking meta-associativity

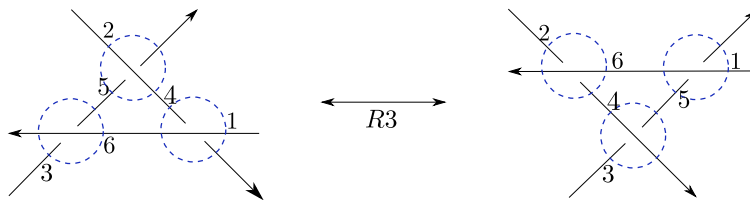
$$\text{In[8]:= } \xi = \Gamma \left[\omega, \{y_1, y_2, y_3, y_s\} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \theta_1 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \theta_2 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \theta_3 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \Xi \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_s\} \right]$$

$$(\xi // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,3 \rightarrow 1}) == (\xi // m_{2,3 \rightarrow 2} // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1})$$

$$\text{Out[8]:= } \begin{pmatrix} \omega & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_s \\ y_1 & \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \theta_1 \\ y_2 & \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \theta_2 \\ y_3 & \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \theta_3 \\ y_s & \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \Xi \end{pmatrix}$$

Out[9]= True

Checking the RIII relation



$$\text{In[10]:= } R_{1,4}^+ R_{2,5}^+ R_{6,3}^- // m_{1,6 \rightarrow 1} // m_{2,4 \rightarrow 2} // m_{3,5 \rightarrow 3}$$

$$\text{Out[10]:= } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & 1 & 1 - t_1 & \frac{(-1+t_1)t_2}{t_1} \\ y_2 & 0 & t_1 & 1 - t_2 \\ y_3 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t_2}{t_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{In[11]:= } R_{1,4}^- R_{5,2}^+ R_{6,3}^+ // m_{1,5 \rightarrow 1} // m_{2,6 \rightarrow 2} // m_{3,4 \rightarrow 3}$$

$$\text{Out[11]:= } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & 1 & 1 - t_1 & \frac{(-1+t_1)t_2}{t_1} \\ y_2 & 0 & t_1 & 1 - t_2 \\ y_3 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t_2}{t_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Checking the RII relations

$$\text{In[12]:= } R_{i,j}^+ R_{k,1}^- // m_{i,k \rightarrow i} // m_{j,1 \rightarrow j}$$

$$\text{Out[12]:= } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_i & x_j \\ y_i & 1 & 0 \\ y_j & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Checking the Overcrossings Commute (OC) relation

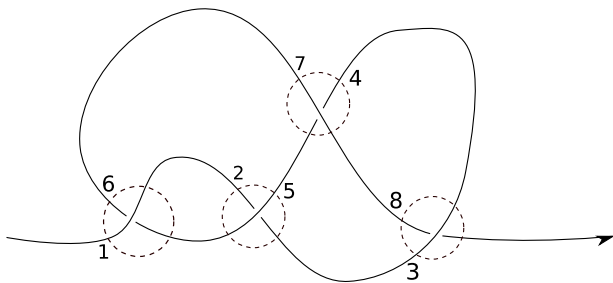
$$\text{In[13]:= } R_{4,2}^+ R_{1,3}^+ // m_{1,4 \rightarrow 1}$$

$$\text{Out[13]:= } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & 1 & 1 - t_1 & 1 - t_1 \\ y_2 & 0 & t_1 & 0 \\ y_3 & 0 & 0 & t_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In[14]:= $R_{4,3}^+ R_{1,2}^+ // m_{1,4 \rightarrow 1}$

Out[14]=
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & 1 & 1-t_1 & 1-t_1 \\ y_2 & 0 & t_1 & 0 \\ y_3 & 0 & 0 & t_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

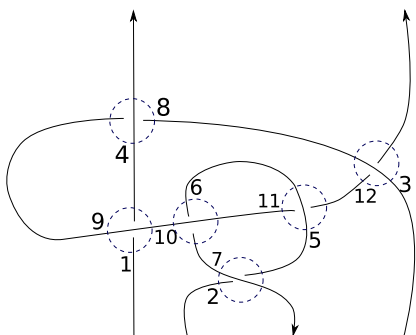
Compute the invariant of the figure-eight knot



In[15]:= $R_{1,6}^+ R_{5,2}^+ R_{3,8}^- R_{7,4}^- // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,3 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,4 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,5 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,6 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,7 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,8 \rightarrow 1}$

Out[15]=
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 - \frac{1}{t_1} - t_1 & x_1 \\ y_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

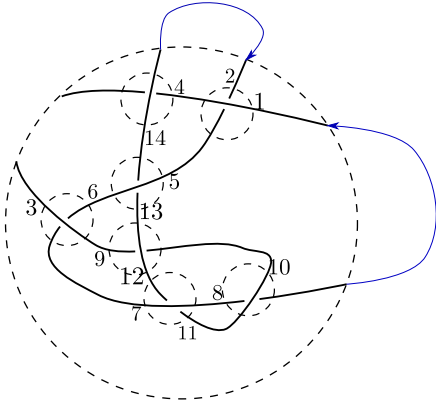
As another example, let us compute the invariant of the following tangle



In[16]:= $R_{7,2}^+ R_{10,6}^- R_{5,11}^- R_{3,12}^- R_{4,8}^+ R_{9,1}^+ // m_{1,4 \rightarrow 1} // m_{2,5 \rightarrow 2} // m_{2,6 \rightarrow 2} // m_{2,7 \rightarrow 2} // m_{3,8 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,9 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,10 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,11 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,12 \rightarrow 3}$

Out[16]=
$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(1 + \frac{-1+t_2}{t_3}\right) (-t_1 (-1+t_3) + t_3) & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & -\frac{t_3}{-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3} & \frac{(-1+t_1) (-1+t_3) t_3}{(-1+t_2+t_3) (-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3)} & -\frac{(-1+t_1) (1-t_2-2 t_3+t_2 t_3)}{(-1+t_2+t_3) (-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3)} \\ y_2 & 0 & \frac{t_2}{-1+t_2+t_3} & \frac{-1+t_2}{-1+t_2+t_3} \\ y_3 & \frac{t_1 (-1+t_3)}{-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3} & -\frac{t_1 (-1+t_3)}{(-1+t_2+t_3) (-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3)} & \frac{-1+t_1+t_2-t_1 t_2+2 t_3-3 t_1 t_3-t_2 t_3+t_1 t_2 t_3}{(-1+t_2+t_3) (-t_1-t_3+t_1 t_3)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let us compute the invariant of the knot 7₇ in the Knot Atlas.



First we compute the invariant of the tangle inside the circle

In[18]:=

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 $\tau_1 =$   
 $R_{1,2}^+ R_{14,4}^+ R_{5,13}^- R_{3,6}^- R_{12,9}^- R_{7,11}^+ R_{10,8}^+ // m_{1,4 \rightarrow 1} // m_{2,5 \rightarrow 2} // m_{2,6 \rightarrow 2} // m_{2,7 \rightarrow 2} // m_{2,8 \rightarrow 2} // m_{3,9 \rightarrow 3} //$   
 $m_{3,10 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,11 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,12 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,13 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,14 \rightarrow 3}$ 
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Out[18]=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + t_2 \left(-1 + \frac{1}{t_3} \right) & x_1 \\ y_1 & \frac{-1 + t_1 + 2 t_2 - 2 t_1 t_2 - t_2^2 + t_1 t_2^2 + 2 t_3 - 2 t_1 t_3 - 4 t_2 t_3 + 4 t_1 t_2 t_3 + t_2^2 t_3 - 2 t_1 t_2^2 t_3 - t_3^2 + t_1 t_3^2 + t_2 t_3^2 - 2 t_1 t_2 t_3^2 + t_1 t_2^2 t_3^2}{t_2 (-t_2 - t_3 + t_2 t_3)} \\ y_2 & - \frac{t_1 (-1 + t_2)^2 (-1 + t_3)^2}{t_2 (-t_2 - t_3 + t_2 t_3)} \\ y_3 & - \frac{(-1 + t_3) (1 - 2 t_2 - t_3 + t_2 t_3)}{t_2 (-t_2 - t_3 + t_2 t_3)} \end{pmatrix}$$

The to obtain the invariant of the knot we perform two extra stitchings

In[19]:=

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 $\tau_1 // m_{2,1 \rightarrow 2} // m_{3,2 \rightarrow 1}$ 
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Out[19]=

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 + \frac{1}{t_1^2} - \frac{5}{t_1} - 5 t_1 + t_1^2 & x_1 \\ y_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Extended Γ -Calculus

First we format extended Γ -calculus

In[20]:=

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eGammaCollect[eGamma[omega_, lambda_, sigma_]] := eGamma[Simplify[omega],  
  Collect[lambda, x_, Collect[#, y_, Factor] &], sigma];  
Format[eGamma[omega_, lambda_, sigma_]] := Module[{S, M},  
  S = Union@Cases[eGamma[omega, lambda, sigma], (x | y)_a_ :> a, infinity];  
  M = Outer[Factor[D[x_n1 y_n2] lambda] &, S, S];  
  M = Prepend[M, y# & /@ S] // Transpose;  
  M = Prepend[M, Prepend[x# & /@ S, omega]];  
  {M // MatrixForm, sigma};  
eGamma[omega1_, lambda1_, sigma1_] == eGamma[omega2_, lambda2_, sigma2_] :=  
  Simplify[PowerExpand[omega1 == omega2 & lambda1 == lambda2 & sigma1 == sigma2]];
```

For example

In[23]:=

$$\mathbf{e}\Gamma\left[1, \{y_a, y_e\} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-t_a \\ 0 & t_a \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{x_a, x_e\}, \{s_a, s_e\} \cdot \{v_a, v_e\}\right]$$

Out[23]=

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_a & x_e \\ y_a & 1 & 1-t_a \\ y_e & 0 & t_a \end{pmatrix}, s_a v_a + s_e v_e \right\}$$

Extended stitching

In[24]:=

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eΓ /: eΓ[ω1_, λ1_, σ1_] eΓ[ω2_, λ2_, σ2_] := eΓ[ω1*ω2, λ1+λ2, σ1+σ2];
em_a_,e_>c_ [eΓ[ω_, λ_, σ_]] := Module[{α, β, γ, δ, θ, ε, φ, ψ, Ξ, μ},
  (α β θ) = (∂ya, xa λ ∂ya, xe λ ∂ya λ)
  (γ δ ε) = (∂ye, xa λ ∂ye, xe λ ∂ye λ) / . (y | x)a|e → 0;
  (φ ψ Ξ) = (∂xa λ ∂xe λ λ)
  eΓ[(μ = 1 - γ) ω, {yc, 1} . (β + α δ / μ θ + α ε / μ) . {xc, 1},
    (σ / . va|e → 0) + vc (∂va σ) (∂ve σ)]
  / . {ta → tc, te → tc, ba → bc, be → bc} // eΓCollect];
eRa_,e_+ := eΓ[1, {ya, ye} . (1 1-ta / 0 ta) . {xa, xe}, va + ta ve];
eRa_,e_- := eRa,e+ / . ta → ta-1;

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Cheking meta-associativity

In[28]:=

$$\mathbf{e}\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{e}\Gamma\left[\omega, \{y_1, y_2, y_3, y_s\} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \theta_1 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \theta_2 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \theta_3 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \Xi \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_s\}, s_1 v_1 + s_2 v_2 + s_3 v_3 + s_s v_s\right]$$

$$(\mathbf{e}\mathcal{L} // \mathbf{em}_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // \mathbf{em}_{1,3 \rightarrow 1}) \equiv (\mathbf{e}\mathcal{L} // \mathbf{em}_{2,3 \rightarrow 2} // \mathbf{em}_{1,2 \rightarrow 1})$$

Out[28]=

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \omega & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_s \\ y_1 & \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \theta_1 \\ y_2 & \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \theta_2 \\ y_3 & \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \theta_3 \\ y_s & \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \Xi \end{pmatrix}, s_1 v_1 + s_2 v_2 + s_3 v_3 + s_s v_s \right\}$$

Out[29]= True

Strand reversal

In[30]:=

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dH[a_][eΓ[ω_, λ_, σ_]] := Module[{α, θ, φ, Ξ, sa},
  (α θ) = (∂ya, xa λ ∂ya λ) / . (y | x)a → 0;
  (φ Ξ) = (∂xa λ λ)
  sa = ∂va σ;
  eΓ[α ω / sa, {ya, 1} . (1/α θ / α - φ / α (α Ξ - φ θ) / α) . {xa, 1},
    va / sa + (σ / . {va → 0})] / . {ta → 1/ta, ba → -ba} // eΓCollect];

```

Verifying the crossings

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In[31]:= (eR1,2+ // dH[1]) ≡ (eR1,2-)
(eR1,2+ // dH[2]) ≡ (eR1,2-)
(eR1,2- // dH[1]) ≡ (eR1,2+)
(eR1,2- // dH[2]) ≡ (eR1,2+)
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Out[31]= True

Out[32]= True

Out[33]= True

Out[34]= True

Verifying the stitching relations

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In[35]:= ξ = eΓ[ω, {yb, yc, ys} . ( α β θ
γ δ ε
φ ψ Ξ ) . {xb, xc, xs}, sb vb + sc vc + ss vs]
(ξ // emb,c→a // dH[a]) ≡ (ξ // dH[b] // dH[c] // emc,b→a)
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Out[35]= { ( ω xb xc xs
yb α β θ
yc γ δ ε
ys φ ψ Ξ ) , sb vb + sc vc + ss vs }
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Out[36]= True

Strand doubling

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In[37]:= qΔ[i_, j_, k_][eΓ[ω_, λ_, σ_]] := Module[
{α, θ, φ, Ξ, si, M, ti, μ, ν},
( α θ ) = ( ∂yi, xi λ ∂yi λ ) / . (y | x)i → 0 / . ti → ti;
( φ Ξ ) = ( ∂xi λ λ ) / . (y | x)i → 0 / . ti → ti;
si = ∂vi σ / . ti → ti; μ = -1 + ti; ν = α - si;
M = ( ( -α+ti si+ti ν / μ (-1+ti) ν (-1+ti) θ
tj (-1+ti) ν -si+ti α-tj ν tj (-1+ti) θ
φ φ Ξ ) );
eΓ[ω / . {ti → tj tk}, {yj, yk, 1}.M.{xj, xk, 1} / . {ti → tj tk},
(σ / . {vi → 0}) + (vj + vk) si / . ti | ti → tj tk] // eΓCollect
];
```

Verifying the crossings

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In[38]:=
qΔ[1, 1, 2][eR1,3+] ≡ (eR2,3+ eR1,4+ // em3,4→3)
qΔ[1, 1, 2][eR1,3-] ≡ (eR1,3- eR2,4- // em3,4→3)
qΔ[2, 2, 3][eR1,2+] ≡ (eR1,2+ eR4,3+ // em1,4→1)
qΔ[2, 2, 3][eR1,2-] ≡ (eR1,3- eR4,2- // em1,4→1)
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Out[38]= True

Out[39]= True

Out[40]= True

Out[41]= True

Verifying the stitching relations

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In[42]:=
ξ = eΓ[ω, {yi, yj, ys} .  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{pmatrix}$  . {xi, xj, xs}, si vi + sj vj + ss vs]
(ξ // qΔ[i, i1, i2] // qΔ[j, j1, j2] // emi1,j1→k1 // emi2,j2→k2) ≡
(ξ // emi,j→k // qΔ[k, k1, k2])
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Out[42]=  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \omega & x_i & x_j & x_s \\ y_i & \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ y_j & \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ y_s & \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{pmatrix}, s_i v_i + s_j v_j + s_s v_s \right\}$ 
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Out[43]= True

3. The Lie Algebra G_0

Again first we format G_0

```
In[44]:=
CF[expr_] := expr // Simplify;
E /: CF[E[ω_, λ_]] := E[CF[ω], CF[λ]];
E /: E[ω1_, λ1_] E[ω2_, λ2_] := CF@E[ω1 ω2, λ1 + λ2];
E[ω1_, λ1_] ≡ E[ω2_, λ2_] := CF[ω1 == ω2 ∧ λ1 == λ2];
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So for instance

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In[48]:=
E[ω, Sum[lx,y bx cy + qx,y ux wy, {x, {i, j}}, {y, {i, j}}]]
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Out[48]= E[ω, bi ci li,i + bi cj li,j + bj ci lj,i + bj cj lj,j + ui wi qi,i + ui wj qi,j + uj wi qj,i + uj wj qj,j]
```

The switching operators

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In[49]:=
Nui cj → k[E[ω-, λ-]] := CF[
  E[ω, e-γ β uk + γ ck + (λ / . cj | ui → 0)] /. {γ → ∂cj λ, β → ∂ui λ}];
Nwi cj → k[E[ω-, λ-]] := CF[
  E[ω, eγ α wk + γ ck + (λ / . cj | wi → 0)] /. {γ → ∂cj λ, α → ∂wi λ}];
Nwi uj → k[E[ω-, λ-]] := CF[
  E[ω, -bk v α β + v β uk + v δ uk wk + v α wk + (λ / . wi | uj → 0)] /. v → (1 + bk δ)-1
  /. {α → ∂wi λ / . uj → 0, β → ∂uj λ / . wi → 0, δ → ∂wi, uj λ}];
```

The stitching operation

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In[52]:=
gmi-,j- → k-[E[ω-, λ-]] := CF[Module[{x},
  (E[ω, λ] // Nwi cj → x // Nui cx → x // Nwx uj → x) /. {ci → ck, wj → wk, y-x := yk, bi|j → bk}]]
gRi-,j-+ = E[1, bi cj + bi-1 (ebi - 1) ui wj]; gRi-,j-- = E[1, -bi cj + bi-1 (e-bi - 1) ui wj];
```

Next we program a map from G_0 to extended Γ -calculus.

```
In[54]:=
G0toΓ[e-] := Module[{A, λ, L, ω, Q, n, II, DD, T, M, σ, i, j},
  ω = e[[1]] /. ex -> eSimplify[x /. bi -> Log[ti]] // Simplify;
  λ = e[[2]];
  A = Union@Cases[λ, (b | c)a -> a, ∞];
  L = Outer[Factor[∂b#1 ∂c#2 λ] &, A, A];
  Q = Outer[Factor[∂u#1 w#2 λ] &, A, A];
  n = Length[A];
  II = IdentityMatrix[n];
  DD = DiagonalMatrix[Table[bi, {i, A}]];
  T = DiagonalMatrix[Table[Product[tA[[i,j]]L[[i,j]], {i, 1, n}], {j, 1, n}]];
  σ = Sum[Product[tA[[i,j]]L[[i,j]], {i, 1, n}] vA[[j]], {j, 1, n}];
  M = T.(II - DD.Q) /. ex -> eSimplify[x /. bi -> Log[ti]] // Simplify;
  eΓ[ω-1, Table[yi, {i, A}].M.Table[xi, {i, A}], σ];
```

Verifying the crossings

```
In[55]:=
eRi-,j+ ≡ (gRi-,j+ // G0toΓ)
eRi-,j- ≡ (gRi-,j- // G0toΓ)
```

Out[55]= True

Out[56]= True

Verifying the stitching relations


```
In[57]:= 
$$\xi = \mathbb{E}[\omega, \text{Sum}[l_{x,y} b_x c_y + q_{x,y} u_x w_y, \{x, \{i, j, S\}\}, \{y, \{i, j, S\}\}]]$$


$$(\xi // G0to\Gamma // \text{em}_{i,j \rightarrow k}) \equiv (\xi // \text{gm}_{i,j \rightarrow k} // G0to\Gamma)$$

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Out[57]= 
$$\mathbb{E}[\omega, b_i c_i l_{i,i} + b_i c_j l_{i,j} + b_i c_s l_{i,s} + b_j c_i l_{j,i} + b_j c_j l_{j,j} +$$


$$b_j c_s l_{j,s} + b_s c_i l_{s,i} + b_s c_j l_{s,j} + b_s c_s l_{s,s} + u_i w_i q_{i,i} + u_i w_j q_{i,j} +$$


$$u_i w_s q_{i,s} + u_j w_i q_{j,i} + u_j w_j q_{j,j} + u_j w_s q_{j,s} + u_s w_i q_{s,i} + u_s w_j q_{s,j} + u_s w_s q_{s,s}]$$

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Out[58]= True
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Orientation reversal

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In[59]:= 
$$\text{gH}[a\_][e\_E] :=$$


$$(e /. \{c_a \rightarrow -c_a, w_a \rightarrow -w_a, b_a \rightarrow -b_a, u_a \rightarrow -u_a\}) // N_{u_a c_a \rightarrow a} // N_{w_a c_a \rightarrow a} // N_{w_a u_a \rightarrow a}$$

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