

From 3-manifolds to planar graphs and cycle-rooted trees

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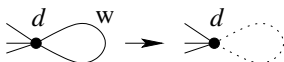
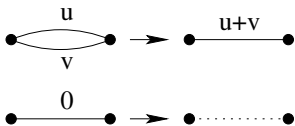
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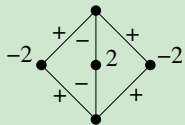
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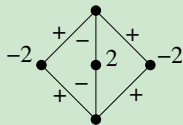
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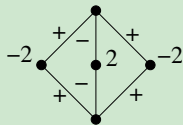
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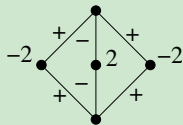
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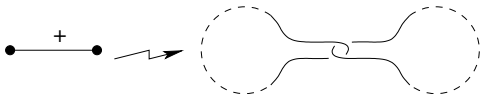
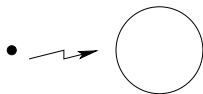
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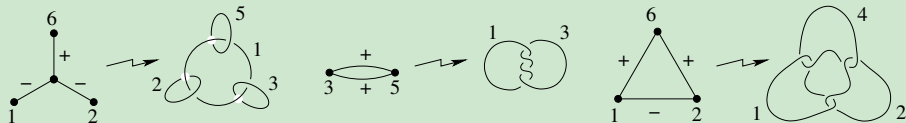
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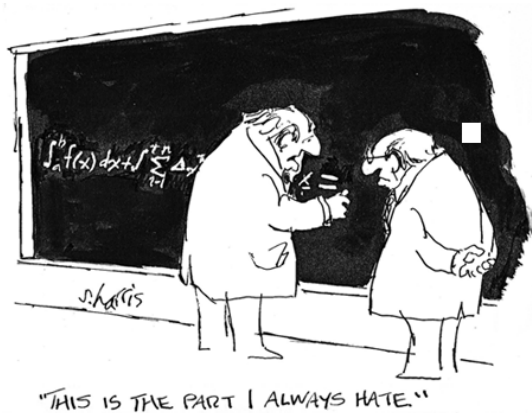
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Proofs and explicit constructions ...



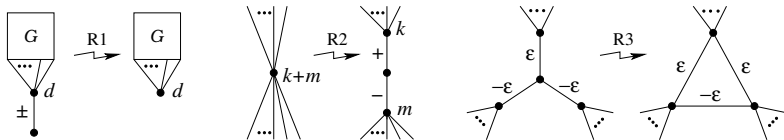
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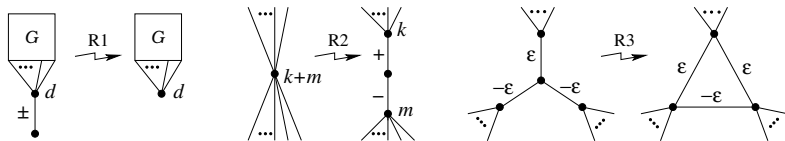
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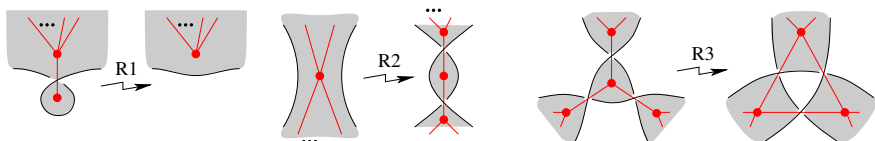


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They are related to a number of topics: Kirby moves, relations in the mapping class group, electrical networks and cluster algebras, and Reidemeister moves for link diagrams (via balanced median graphs) -



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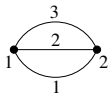
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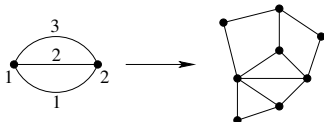
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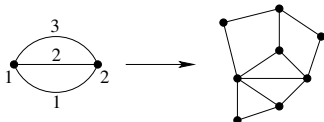
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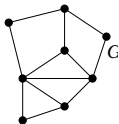
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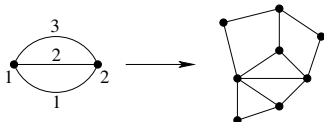


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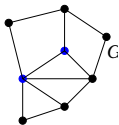


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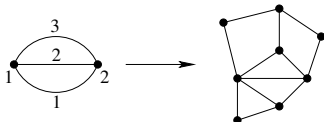


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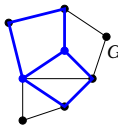


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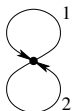
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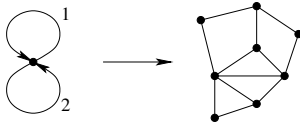
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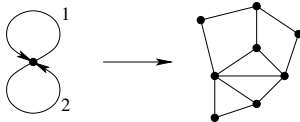
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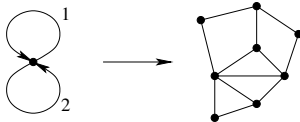
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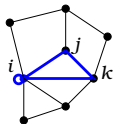
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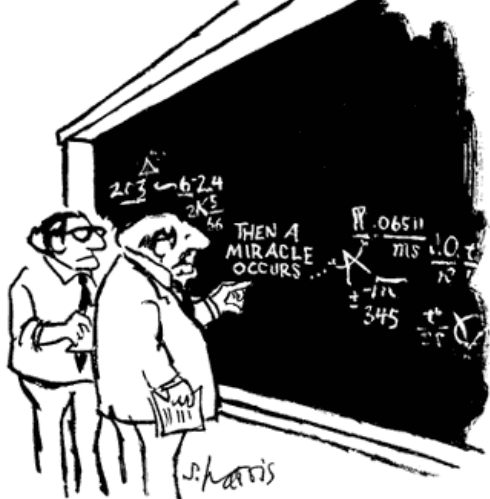
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we have $W(\phi) = L(\phi) \cdot l_{ij} \cdot l_{jk} \cdot l_{ki} \cdot l_{ji}$. In the most degenerate cases – a triple edge or double looped edge – weights need to be slightly adjusted.



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

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Note that $\Theta(G)$ is a polynomial of degree $n + 1$ in the entries of Λ . This leads to

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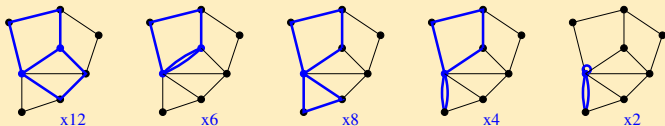
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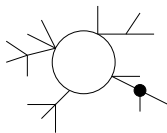
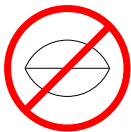
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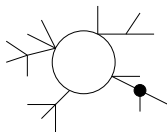
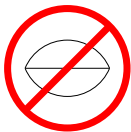
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- No looped edges, no degenerate cases (except for a cycle being a double edge), simpler invariance check.



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