

# Constellations and an Algebraic Planar Diagram Code

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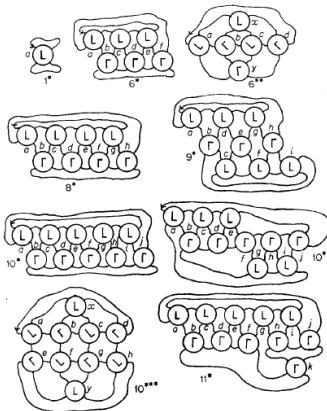
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# Connection to Knot Theory: Conway's Tabulation<sup>1</sup>

- Conway introduced tangles as a way to tabulate knots.
- Tangles are regarded as portions of knot diagrams.
  - planar polyhedra describe diagrams
  - vertices represent tangles
- All knots up to 11 crossings can be described this way.
  - basic polyhedra (right)
  - algebraic tangle vertices
- Improved on by Caudron.



<sup>1</sup>J. H. Conway. An enumeration of knots and links, and some of their algebraic properties. In *Computational Problems in Abstract Algebra (Proc. Conf., Oxford 1967)*, pages 329-358. Pergamon, Oxford, 1970

# Tangle Diagrams and Parity

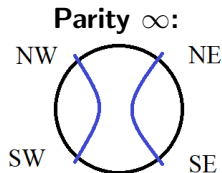
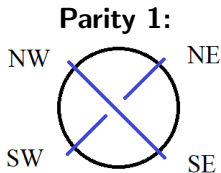
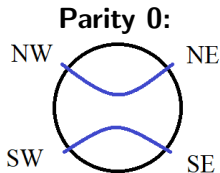
## Definition

A **2-string tangle** consists of ball with two entwined strings embedded inside (their endpoints lie on the surface).

A **tangle diagram** is a 2-dimensional projection of a tangle.

- Crossings distinguish over-strand and under-strand.
- Endpoints are identified by NW, NE, SE, SW (2-string).

A 2-string tangle has three possible **parities**.



# Tangle Properties Similar to Knots

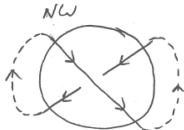
## Definition

An **orientation** on a tangle is a choice of direction for each string.

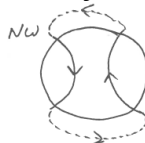
**Parity 0:**



**Parity 1:**



**Parity  $\infty$ :**



By convention, each parity type has a standard orientation.

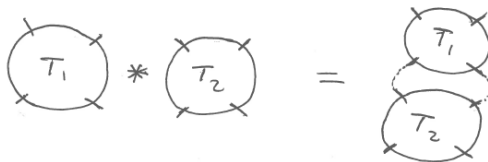
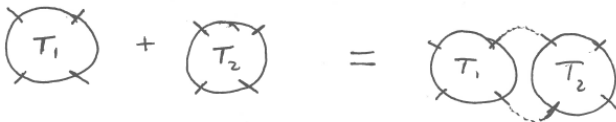
## Definition

Two tangles are said to be **equivalent** if there exists an ambient isotopy between them which leaves the boundary of the ball fixed. Equivalent diagrams are related by **Reidemeister moves**.

# Sum and Product of 2-String Tangles

## Definition

A **sum** of tangles  $T_1 + T_2$  joins the tangles horizontally as shown.  
A **product** of tangles  $T_1 * T_2$  joins the tangles vertically as shown.



# Notation Examples

**Dowker Code:**

$$-4 \mid -6 \quad -2$$

**Gauss Code:**

$$|)a1+b2+(|)a3+b1+a2+b3+(|$$

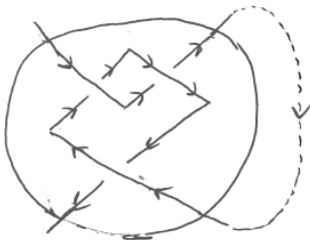
**Planar Diagram Code:**

$$\begin{array}{l} + \quad b2 \quad a3 \quad d3 \quad c2 \\ + \quad b3 \quad a1 \quad d1 \quad c3 \\ + \quad b1 \quad a2 \quad d2 \quad c1 \end{array}$$

**Coloring Matrix:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:**



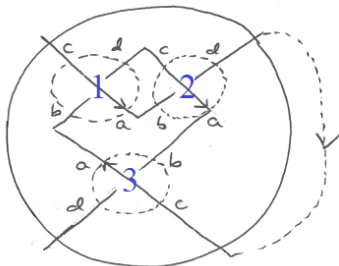
# Planar Diagram Code

**Algorithm:**

**Example:**

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+ b2 a3 d3 c2
+ b3 a1 d1 c3
+ b1 a2 d2 c1
    
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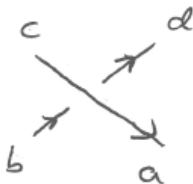
# Planar Diagram Code: Labeling Convention

## Crossing Labeling Convention:

- Each crossing has four corners.
- Label outward pointing overstrand  $a$ .
- Label remaining corners clockwise by  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ .

## Corner Connections:

## Example:



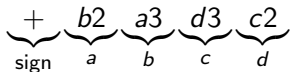
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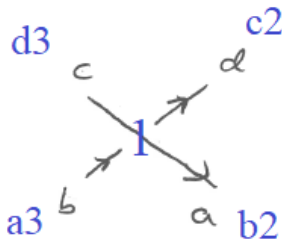
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## Corner Connections:

- Index each crossing.
- Record crossing sign.
- For each corner, record connected crossing.



## Example:



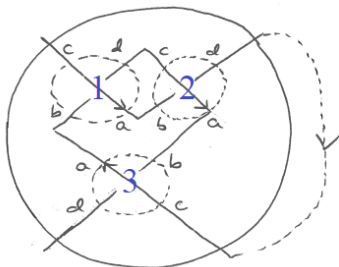
# Planar Diagram Code: Algorithm

## Algorithm:

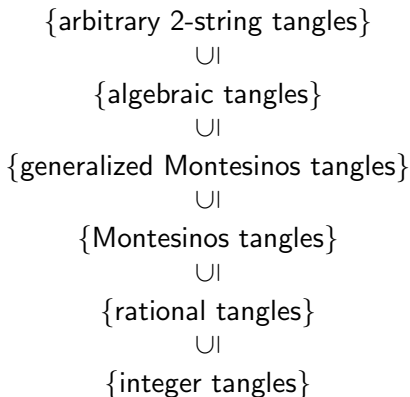
1. Start at NW corner.
2. Index crossings with subsequent integers.
3. Label corners of each crossing  $a, b, c, d$ .
4. Record corner connections for each crossing.
5. List rows with corner connection information.

## Example:

<b>1</b>	+	$b2$	$a3$	$d3$	$c2$
<b>2</b>	+	$b3$	$a1$	$d1$	$c3$
<b>3</b>	+	$b1$	$a2$	$d2$	$c1$

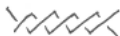


# Hierarchy of 2-String Tangle Types



## 2-String Tangle Types by Increasing Complexity

Integer



Rational



Montesinos



Generalized Montesinos



Algebraic



Non-Algebraic

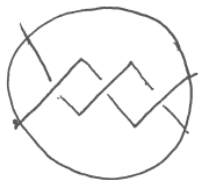


# Integer Tangles

## Definition

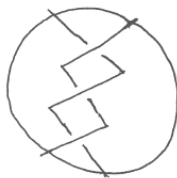
An **integer tangle** is constructed from any sequence of horizontal or vertical twists.

**Example:**  $3/1$



horizontal

**Example:**  $1/3$



vertical

# Rational Tangles

## Definition

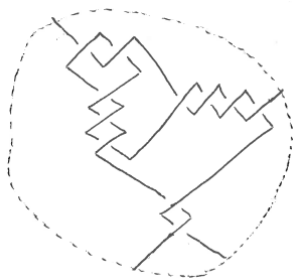
A **rational tangle** is constructed from an alternating sequence of horizontal and vertical twists, denoted by a **twist vector**.

**Example:** rational tangle with canonical\* diagram

- 2 horizontal twists
- 3 vertical twists
- 4 horizontal twists
- 2 vertical twists
- 0 horizontal twists

**Twist Vector:**

$(2, 3, 4, 2, 0)$



# Rational Tangles: Bijection with Extended Rationals

## Theorem

*Rational tangles (up to equivalence with canonical form) are in bijection with the extended rational numbers.<sup>2</sup>*

- Every rational tangle can be placed in canonical form.
- Every canonical form can be described with a twist vector.
- Each twist vector defines a continued fraction in  $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad a_n + \frac{1}{a_{n-1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_1}}}$$

- This fraction is a rational tangle invariant.

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# Rational Tangles: Example

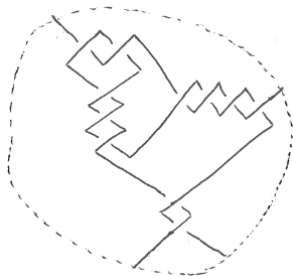
**Twist Vector:**

$$(2, 3, 4, 2, 0)$$

**Fraction:**

$$0 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{2}}}} = \frac{30}{67}$$

**Diagram:**

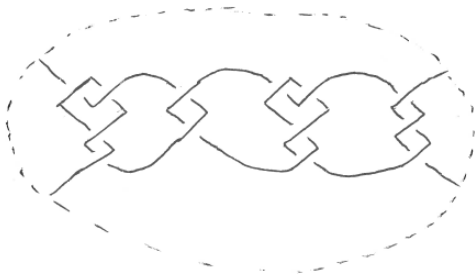


# Montesinos Tangles

## Definition

A tangle is **Montesinos** if it can be expressed as a horizontal or vertical joining of rational tangles.

**Example:**  $(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$



# Generalized Montesinos Tangles

## Definition

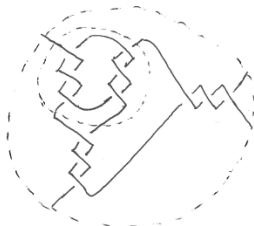
A **generalized Montesinos tangle** consists of a core Montesinos subtangle with external twisting.

**Example:** Montesinos Core



$$\left(\frac{1}{-3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{-3}\right)$$

**Example:** Endpoint Twisting



$$\left(\frac{1}{-3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{-3}\right) \circ (-3, -3, 0)$$

# Database of 2-String Tangles

Prototype of database of 2-string tangles:

- <http://www.nick-connolly.com/tangles>
- rational tangles up to 9 crossings
- generalized Montesinos tangles up to 11 crossings

# Algebraic Tangles

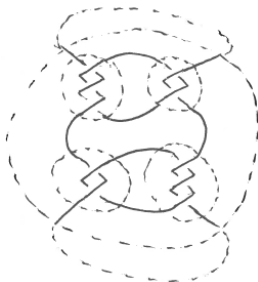
## Definition

A tangle is **algebraic** if it can be expressed with a finite combination of sums and products of rational tangles.

## Example:

$$((1/3) + (1/2)) * ((1/2) + (1/3))$$

non-Montesinos algebraic tangle

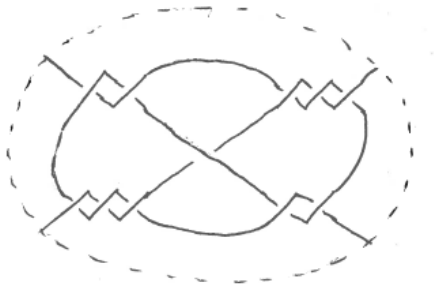


# Non-Algebraic Tangles

## Definition

A tangle is **non-algebraic** if it cannot be expressed in terms of a finite combination of sums and products of rational tangles.

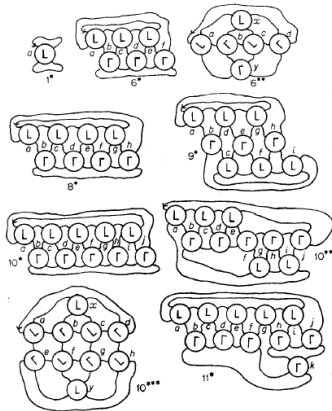
## Example:



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# Recall: Conway's Tabulation<sup>3</sup>



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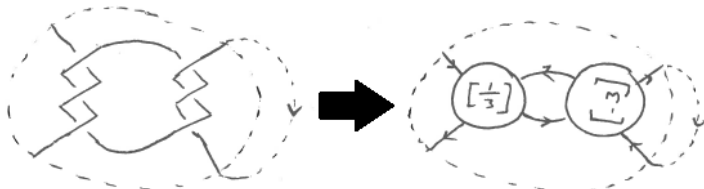


# Adapting Conway's Idea

## Observations:

- Rational tangles are well-behaved and easy to describe.
- Rational tangles “live inside” non-rational tangles.

**Idea:** Can we use rational subtangles rather than crossings?

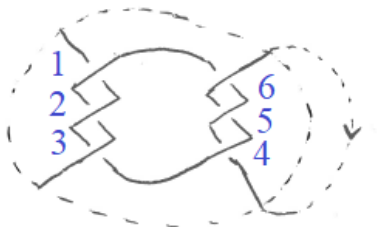


## Recall: Planar Diagram Code

The PD code describes a graph using crossing connections:

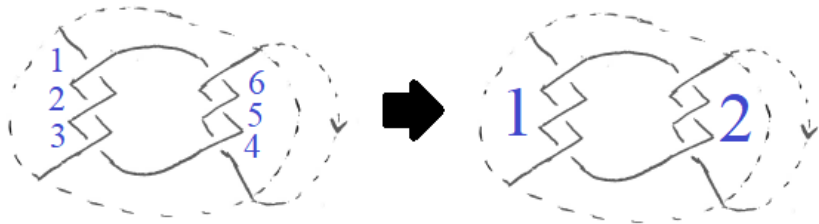
- vertices are crossings
- edges are connecting strands
- crossing sign is tracked

**Example:**  $(1/3) + (1/3)$



+	2b	3a	6d	2c
+	3b	1a	1d	3c
+	1b	2a	2d	4c
+	5b	6a	3d	5c
+	6b	4a	4d	6c
+	4b	5a	5d	1c

# Generalize to a Subtangle Diagram Code?



**Original PD Code**

+ 2b 3a 6d 2c  
 + 3b 1a 1d 3c  
 + 1b 2a 2d 4c  
 + 5b 6a 3d 5c  
 + 6b 4a 4d 6c  
 + 4b 5a 5d 1c

**Subtangle Diagram Code?**

? 1d 2a 3d 1a ?  
 ? 1b 2c 2b 1c ?

# How to Make Rigorous?

**Goal:** Define a PD notation using subtangles

## Considerations:

- What kind of subtangles?
- How to label corners?
- How to handle endpoints?
- How to deal with equivalent subtangles?
- How to leverage graph theory?
- How to compute notation?
- How to implement with programs?

**Other Goal:** Distinguish non-algebraic tangles with notation

# Subtangle Choices

**Subtangle**   crossings   integer   rational   algebraic

**Diagram**



**Graph**



# The Graph of a Knot Diagram

Any knot diagram can be turned into a graph.

- The crossings become vertices.
- The strands between crossings become edges.

**Example:** Trefoil Diagram



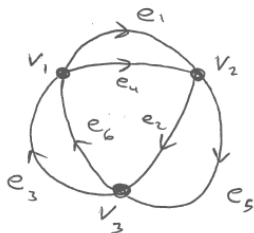
**Example:** Trefoil Graph



# Knot Orientation and Eulerian Circuits

Observe that a choice of orientation on a knot diagram induces an Eulerian circuit on the corresponding knot graph.

**Example:** Oriented Trefoil



$$s = [v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, v_3, e_3, v_1, e_4, v_2, e_5, v_3, e_6, v_1]$$

# Properties of a Knot Diagram Graph

## Properties:

- The graph is **connected**.
- The graph is **planar**.
- The graph is **4-regular**  
(each vertex has degree 4).
- The graph contains an **Eulerian circuit**.

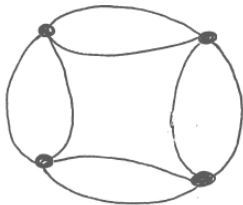
## Graph:



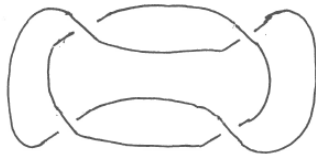


# Reverse Question: Building Knot Diagrams from Graphs

Any connected, planar, 4-regular graph can be realized as a link.



Graph



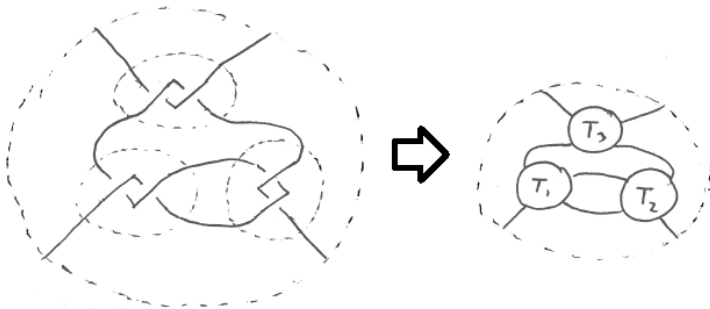
Diagram

A graph with  $n$  vertices can be realized by  $2^n$  diagrams.

# Describing Tangles with Graphs

Replacing subtangles with vertices gives another graph theoretic description of a diagram.

**Example:**  $T_3 * (T_1 + T_2)$

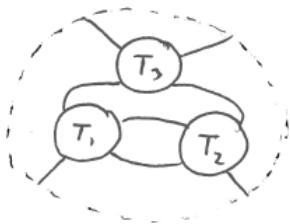


# Subtangle Graphs

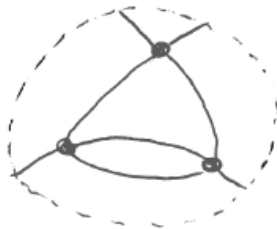
We can also model these subtangle combinations with a graph.

- The subtangles becomes vertices.
- The strands between subtangles become edges.

**Example:** Tangle Diagram



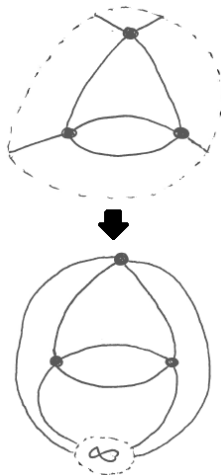
**Example:** Subtangle “Graph”



# Properties of a Subtangle Diagram Graph

## Properties:

- The graph is **connected**.
- The graph is **planar**.
- The graph is **4-regular**  
(each vertex has degree 4).
- The graph contains an **Eulerian circuit**.
- The endpoints form an extra **vertex at  $\infty$** .

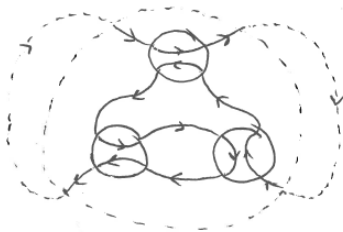


# Eulerian Circuits and Subtangle Parities

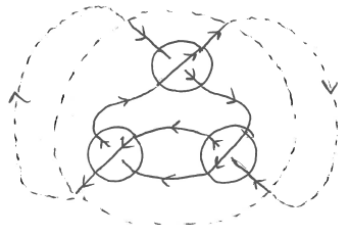
## Theorem

*A choice of Eulerian circuit in a subtangle diagram graph uniquely induces a parity on each subtangle component.*

**Example:** Parities 0, 0,  $\infty$



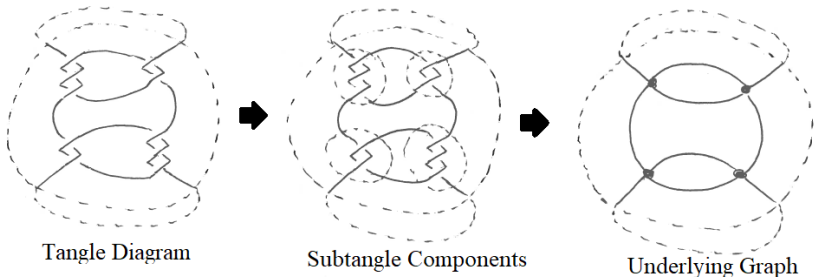
**Example:** Parities 1, 1, 1



Finding possible parities is equivalent to finding Eulerian circuits.

## Reversing the Question

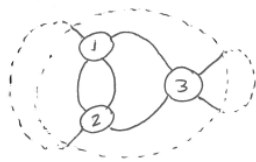
Every tangle diagram with subtangle components identified defines a graph with these properties.



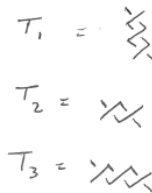
Does every graph with these properties define a diagram?

# Building a Diagram from a Graph

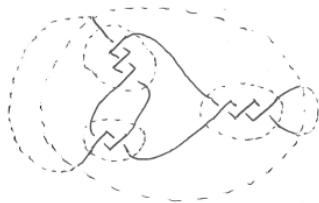
Given a graph with these properties, we can build up a configuration of subtangles. Filling these in gives a tangle diagram.



Graph



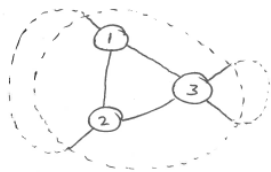
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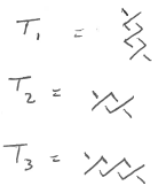
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# Necessary Assumptions

Notice that we cannot connect subtangles without 4-regularity.



Graph



Subtangles



Non-Diagram

Can we add more restrictions to distinguish types of diagrams?

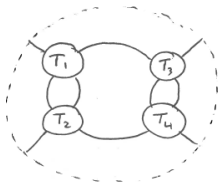


# Algebraic Diagrams

## Definition

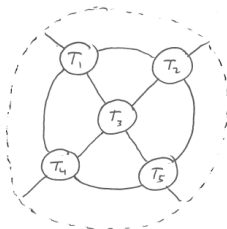
A subtangle diagram is **algebraic** if it can be built from sums and products of subtangles.

**Example:** Algebraic



$$(T_1 * T_2) + (T_3 * T_4)$$

**Example:** Non-Algebraic

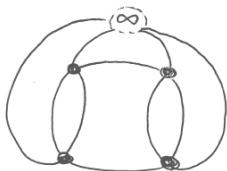


Tangle sums and products always join two endpoints at a time.

# Graphs of Algebraic Diagrams

In the corresponding subtangle graph, there are two edges between added/multiplied subtangles (it's a **multi-graph**).

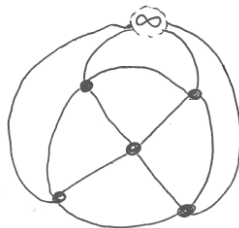
**Example:** Algebraic



$$(T_1 * T_2) + (T_3 * T_4)$$

Graph has multi-edges

**Example:** Non-Algebraic



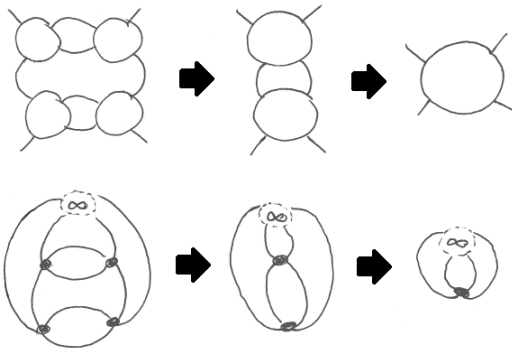
Graph is simple

# The Maximal Algebraic Subtangle Graph

## Definition

The **maximal algebraic subtangle graph** of a tangle diagram is obtained by collapsing together any vertices with two connections.

## Example:



# Distinguishing Algebraic and Non-Algebraic Diagrams

## Theorem

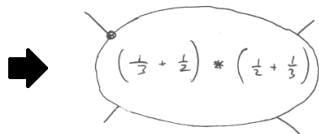
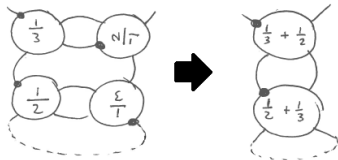
A tangle is algebraic if and only if its **maximal algebraic subangle graph** consists of a single subgtangle vertex.

**Example:** Algebraic Tangle



$$((1/3) + (1/2)) * ((1/2) + (1/3))$$

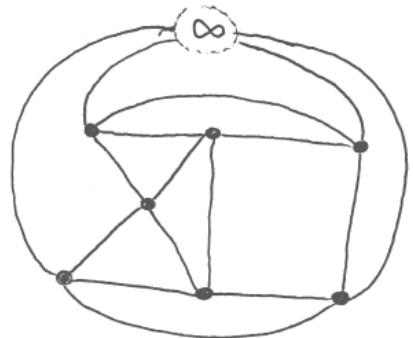
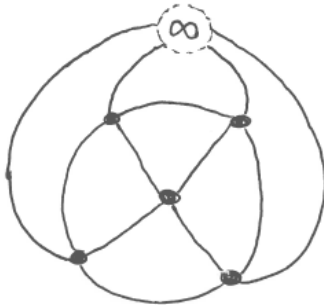
**MASG:**



# When is a Diagram Non-Algebraic?

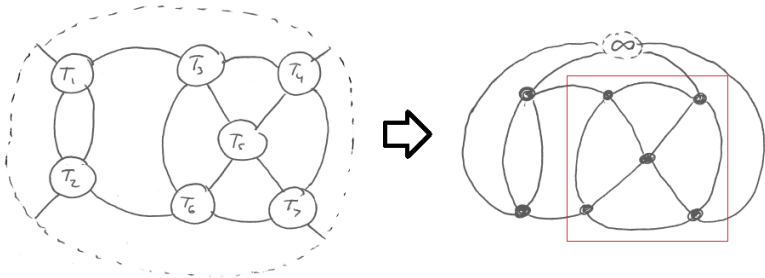
## Theorem

A **simple** subtangle graph must be non-algebraic.



# Non-Algebraic Condition: Sufficient but not Necessary

Simple subtangle graphs must be non-algebraic; the converse does **not** hold. A non-algebraic subtangle graph isn't always simple.

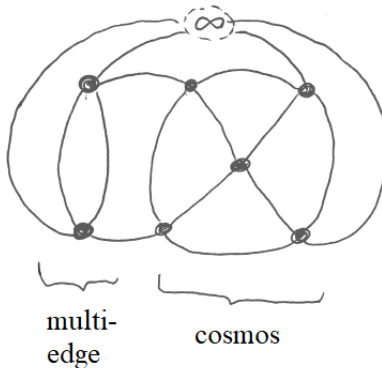


However, this graph contains a particular simple **subgraph**.

# Constellations and Non-Algebraic Subtangle Graphs

## Theorem

*A subtangle graph is non-algebraic if and only if it contains a subgraph which is isomorphic to the cosmos of some constellation.*



# Generalizing the Planar Diagram Code

## Standard Planar Diagram Code:

- Rows represent crossings.
- Precede row with crossing sign.
- Connection labels follow outward-pointing overstrand.

$$+ \quad 2b \quad 3a \quad 6d \quad 2c$$

## Integer/Rational/Algebraic Planar Diagram Code:

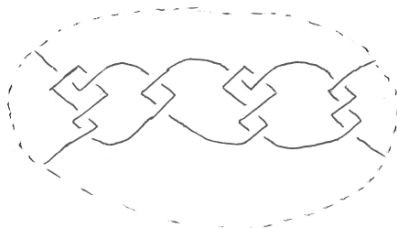
- Rows represent subtangles.
- Precede row with subtangle fraction/construction.
- Connection labels follow compass directions.
- Succeed row with subtangle parity.

$$(2/3) + (1/3) \quad 2 \text{ NE} \quad 3 \text{ NW} \quad 6 \text{ SW} \quad 2 \text{ SE} \quad (\text{P: } 0')$$



# Standard Planar Diagram Code: Example

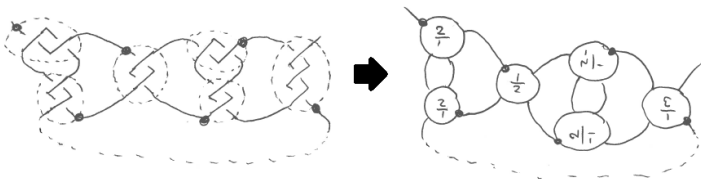
$$(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$$



+	6d	9a	2d	2c
+	3b	6a	1d	1c
+	4b	2a	11d	4c
+	5d	3a	3d	12c
-	7b	6c	6b	4a
-	2b	5c	5b	1a
+	8b	5a	12b	8c
+	9b	7a	7d	9c
+	1b	8a	8d	10c
+	11b	11a	9d	13c
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-	12d	11c	10d	12a

# Integer Planar Diagram Code: Example

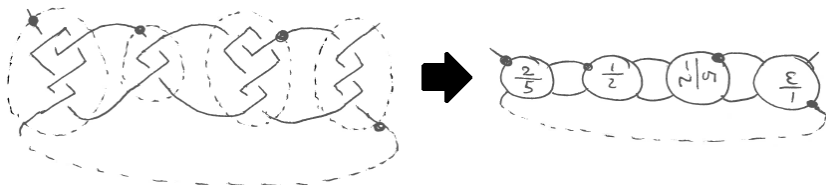
**Example:**  $(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$



$(2/1)$	0 NW	2 NW	3 SW	3 SE	(P:0)
$(1/2)$	1 NE	5 SW	6 NW	3 NW	(P: $\infty'$ )
$(1/2)$	2 SW	0 SW	1 SW	1 SE	(P: $\infty$ )
$(1/3)$	0 SE	6 SW	5 NW	0 NE	(P:1)
$(1/-2)$	4 SE	6 SE	6 NE	2 NE	(P: $\infty$ )
$(2/-1)$	2 SE	5 SE	5 NE	4 NE	(P:0)

# Rational Planar Diagram Code: Example

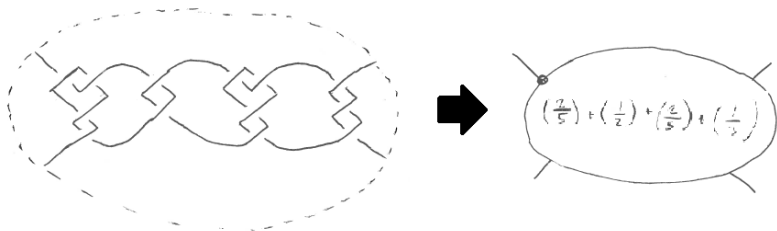
**Example:**  $(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$



$(2/5)$	0 NW	2 NW	2 SW	0 SW	(P:0)
$(1/2)$	1 NE	4 SW	4 SE	1 SE	(P: $\infty'$ )
$(1/3)$	0 SE	4 NE	4 NW	0 NE	(P:1)
$(5/-2)$	3 SE	3 NE	2 SE	2 NE	(P: $\infty$ )

## Algebraic Planar Diagram Code: Example

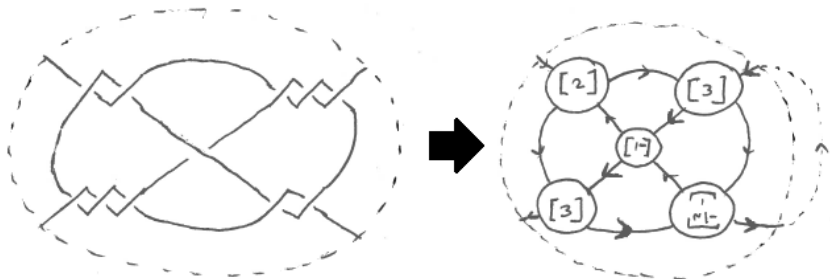
**Example:**  $(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$



$(2/5) + (1/2) + (2/5) + (1/3)$  0 NW 0 NE 0 SE 0 SW (P: $\infty$ )

# Algebraic Planar Diagram Code: Non-Algebraic Example

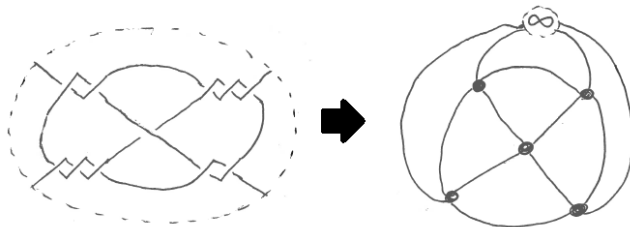
**Example:**



(2/1)	0 NW	2 NW	4 SE	5 NW	(P : 0)
(3/1)	1 NE	0 NE	3 NW	4 SW	(P : 1)
(1/ - 2)	2 SE	0 SE	5 SE	4 NW	(P : ∞)
(1/ - 1)	3 SW	5 NE	1SE	2 SW	(P : 1')
(3/1)	1 SW	4 NE	3 SE	0 SW	(P : 1)

# Connection with the Maximal Algebraic Subtangle Graph

The algebraic planar diagram code describes the MASG.



Each generalized planar diagram code is refined from the preceding:

PD → IPD → RPD → APD

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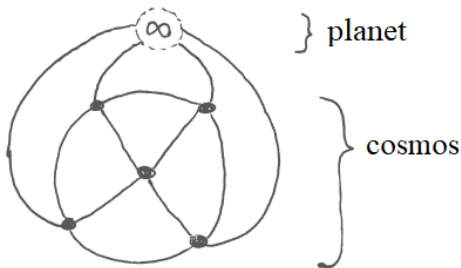
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# A New Type of Graph: Constellations

## Definition

A  $k + 1$  **constellation**  $(C, p)$  consists of a graph  $C$  with  $k + 1$  vertices which is connected, planar, 4-regular, and simple, and a marked  $k + 1^{\text{st}}$  vertex  $p$ .

- The  $k + 1^{\text{st}}$  vertex  $p$  is called the **planet**.
- The induced subgraph  $C^* = C - \{p\}$  is called the **cosmos**.

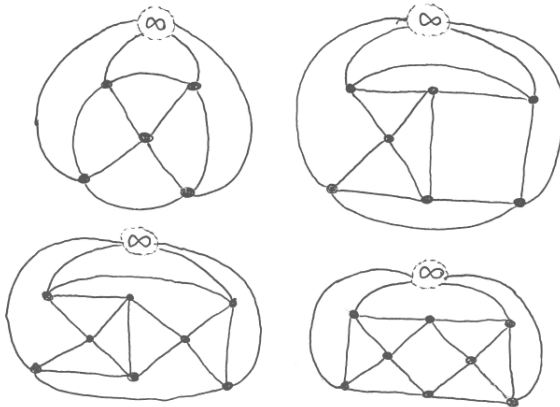




# Constellation Examples

## Definition

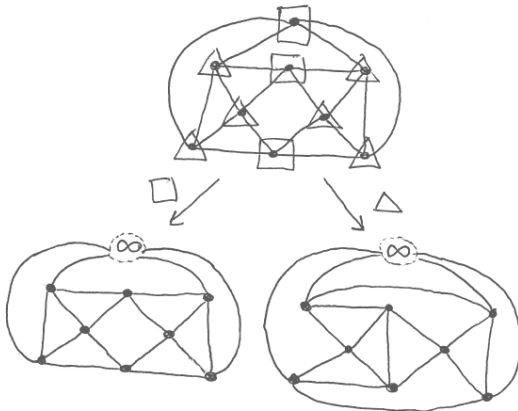
Two constellations are **equivalent** if they have isomorphic cosmos.



# Changing Planets

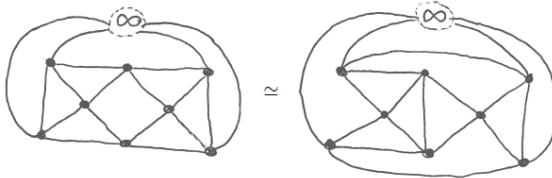
## Theorem

*A different choice of planet may yield non-equivalent constellations.*

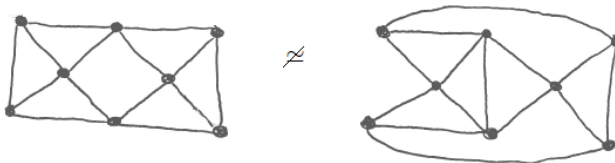


# The Two 8+1 Constellations

These two graphs are isomorphic.



These two subgraphs are not.



# Constellation Adjacency Matrices

## Theorem

Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be graphs with adjacency matrices  $A$  and  $A'$ , respectively. Then  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic if and only if  $A$  and  $A'$  are permutation symmetric.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cong \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Cosmos Adjacency Matrices

## Theorem

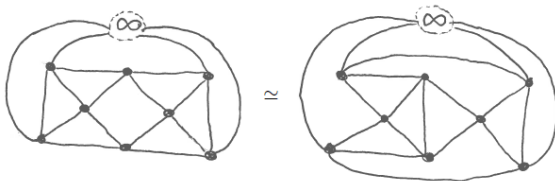
Let  $G$  be a graph with adjacency matrix  $A$  and let  $p$  be a vertex in  $G$ . If  $G' = G - \{p\}$  is the subgraph of  $G$  obtained by removing  $p$ , then  $G'$  has adjacency matrix  $A'$  obtained from  $A$  by deleting the column and row corresponding to  $p$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The Galaxy of a Constellation

## Definition

Two constellations  $(C_1, p_1)$  and  $(C_2, p_2)$  are **familiar** if their underlying graphs are isomorphic,  $C_1 \cong C_2$ .



## Definition

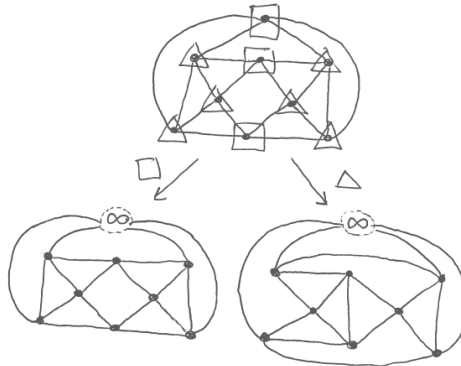
The **galaxy** of a graph<sup>4</sup>  $C$  is the set of equivalence classes of constellations  $(C, p)$  arising from any choice of planet  $p$ .

<sup>4</sup>connected, planar, 4-regular, simple

# Galaxies and Familiarity

## Corollary

*All constellations in the same galaxy are familiar to each other.*

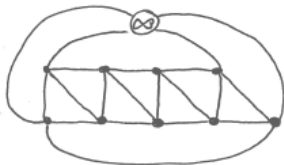


# 9+1 Constellations: Galaxy 1

## Theorem

*There are exactly three galaxies of 9+1 constellations.*

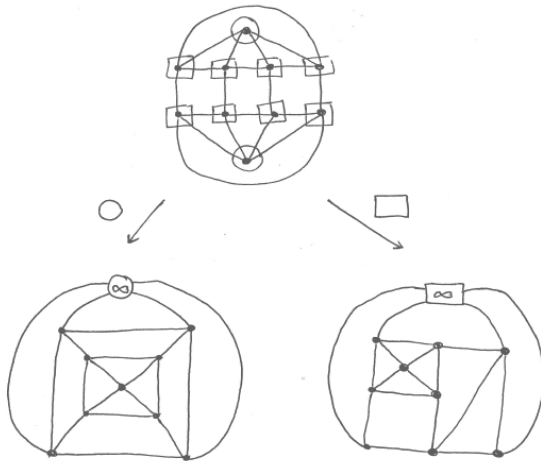
Each 9+1 galaxy contains a different number of constellations.



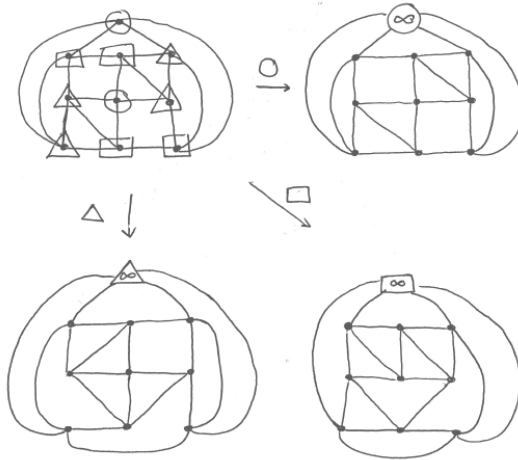
Any choice of planet in the above yields an equivalent constellation.  
The galaxy of this graph contains only this single constellation.



# 9+1 Constellations: Galaxy 2



# 9+1 Constellations: Galaxy 3



## Combinatorial Observations

$k + 1$	Number of Constellations	Number of Galaxies <sup>5</sup>
$5 + 1$	1	1
$6 + 1$	0	0
$7 + 1$	1	1
$8 + 1$	2	1
$9 + 1$	6	3
$10 + 1$	$\geq 13$	3
$11 + 1$	?	13
$12 + 1$	?	21
$13 + 1$	?	68
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

<sup>5</sup><http://www.mathe2.uni-bayreuth.de/markus/reggraphs.html#PLANAR>

# Constellation Notation for Non-Algebraic Tangles

## Definition

A non-algebraic tangle diagram can be described using sums and products of rational subtangles and constellations:

- use constellations in place of non-algebraic subtangles;
- list out the algebraic subtangle components;
- order tangles by encounter and indicate parity.

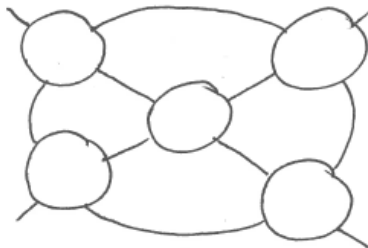
## Example:

$$\underbrace{C_{5+1}^{(1)}}_{\text{constellation}} \left( (2/1)^0, \underbrace{(3/1)^1}_{\text{subtangle}}, (1/-2)^\infty, (1/-1)^{1'}, (3/1)^1 \right)$$

The subtangles come from the algebraic planar diagram code.

# Reconstructing from Notation: Cosmos

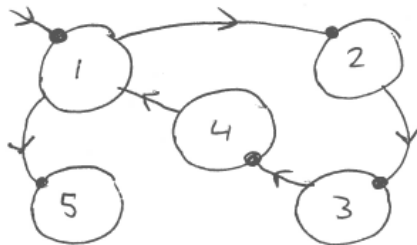
$$\underbrace{C_{5+1}^{(1)}}_{\text{constellation}} \left( (2/1)^0, (3/1)^1, (1/-2)^\infty, (1/-1)^{1'}, (3/1)^1 \right)$$



This tangle uses the cosmos of the  $5 + 1$  constellation.

## Reconstructing from Notation: Component Order

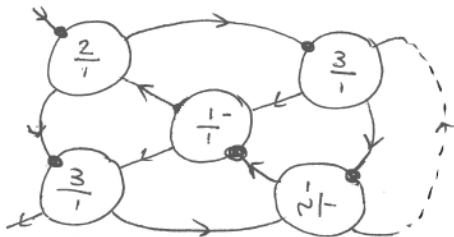
$$C_{5+1}^{(1)} \left( \underbrace{(2/1)^0}_1, \underbrace{(3/1)^1}_2, \underbrace{(1/-2)^\infty}_3, \underbrace{(1/-1)^{1'}}_4, \underbrace{(3/1)^1}_5 \right)$$



The parity of each component forces the location of the next component. In this example, the ordered parities are  $(0, 1, \infty, 1', 1)$ .

# Reconstructing from Notation: Filling in Components

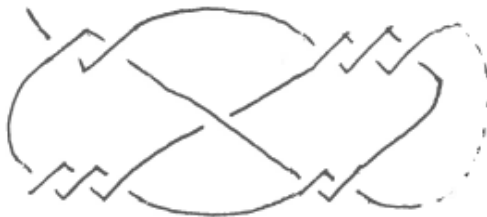
$$C_{5+1}^{(1)} \left( \underbrace{(2/1)^0}_1, \underbrace{(3/1)^1}_2, \underbrace{(1/-2)^\infty}_3, \underbrace{(1/-1)^{1'}}_4, \underbrace{(3/1)^1}_5 \right)$$



Insert appropriate subtangle construction into each component.

# Reconstructing from Notation: Drawing Subtangles

$$C_{5+1}^{(1)} \left( (2/1)^0, (3/1)^1, (1/-2)^\infty, (1/-1)^{1'}, (3/1)^1 \right)$$

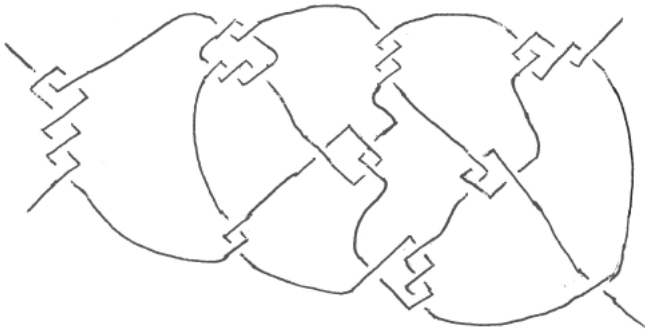


Finally, draw in algebraic subtangles given by construction.

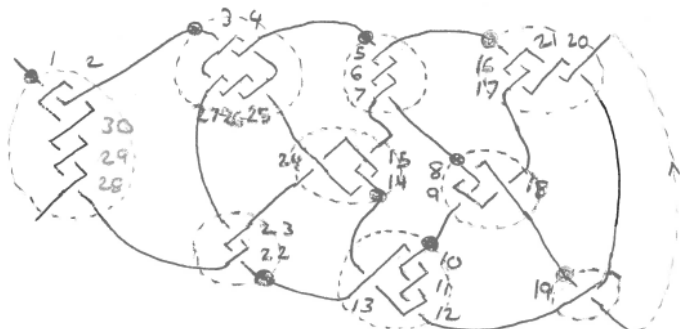


## Example: Scary Non-Algebraic Diagram

How to describe this diagram?



## Example: Gauss Code



$$(|-b_1-a_2-b_3-a_4-b_5-a_6-b_7+a_8+b_9-a_{10}-b_{11}-a_{12}-b_{13}+a_{14}+b_{15}-a_7$$

$$-b_6-a_5+b_{16}+a_{17}-b_{18}+a_9+b_8-a_{18}+b_{19}(|)+a_{20}+b_{21}+a_{16}+b_{17}$$

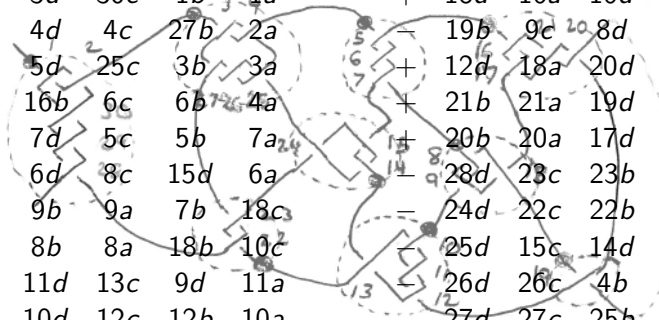
$$+a_{21}+b_{20}+a_{19}-b_{12}-a_{11}-b_{10}-a_{13}-b_{22}-a_{23}-b_{24}+a_{15}+b_{14}-a_{24}$$

$$-b_{25}-a_{26}-b_{27}-a_3-b_4-a_{25}-b_{26}-a_{27}-b_{23}-a_{22}-b_{28}-a_{29}-b_{30}-a_1-b_2-a_{30}$$

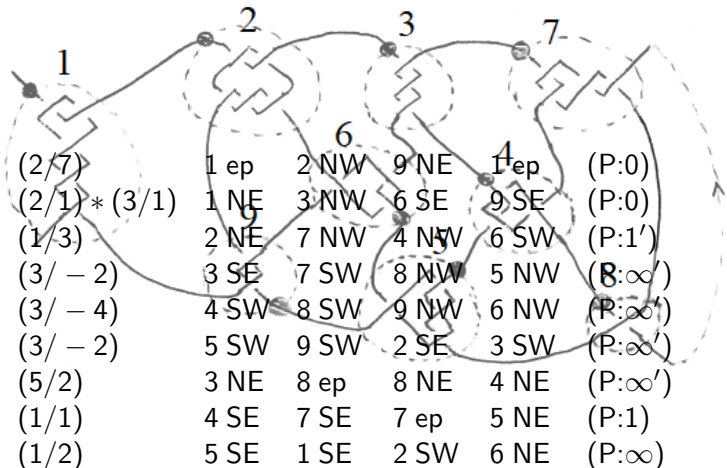
$$-b_{29}-a_{28}|)$$

## Example: Planar Diagram Code

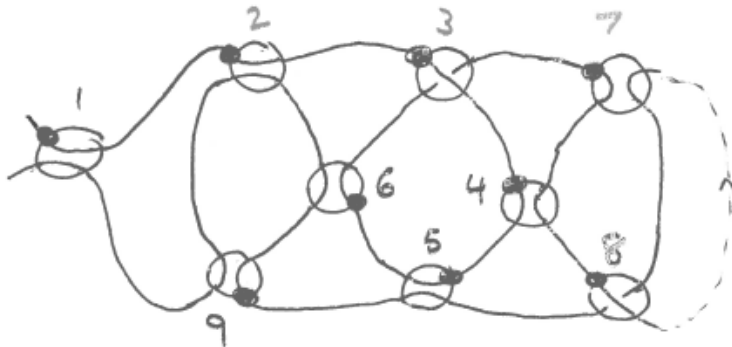
-	2d	2c	30b	28a	+	17b	5a	21d	17c
-	3d	30c	1b	1a	+	18d	16a	16d	21c
-	4d	4c	27b	2a	-	19b	9c	8d	17a
-	5d	25c	3b	3a	+	12d	18a	20d	20c
-	16b	6c	6b	4a	+	21b	21a	19d	19c
-	7d	5c	5b	7a	+	20b	20a	17d	16c
-	6d	8c	15d	6a	-	28d	23c	23b	13a
+	9b	9a	7b	18c	-	24d	22c	22b	27a
+	8b	8a	18b	10c	-	25d	15c	14d	23a
-	11d	13c	9d	11a	-	26d	26c	4b	24a
-	10d	12c	12b	10a	-	27d	27c	25b	25a
-	13d	11c	11b	19a	-	23d	3c	26b	26a
-	22d	14c	10b	12a	-	1d	29c	29b	22a
+	15b	15a	13b	24c	-	30d	28c	28b	30a
+	14b	14a	24b	7c	-	29d	1c	2b	29a



# Example: Algebraic Planar Diagram Code



## Example: Algebraic Subtangle Components by Parity

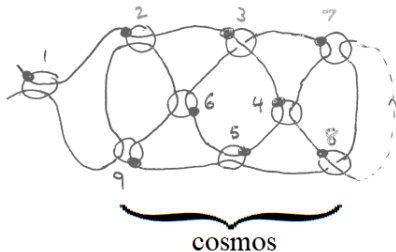


APD Gauss Code : [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8, | 7, 8, 5, 9, 6, 2, 9, 1]

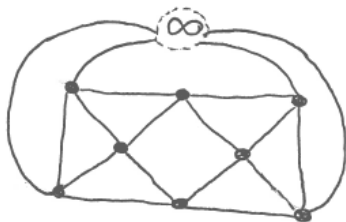
Parity Vector : (0, 0, 1',  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ , 1,  $\infty$ )

## Example: Identifying Cosmos of 8+1 Constellation

Subtangle Graph



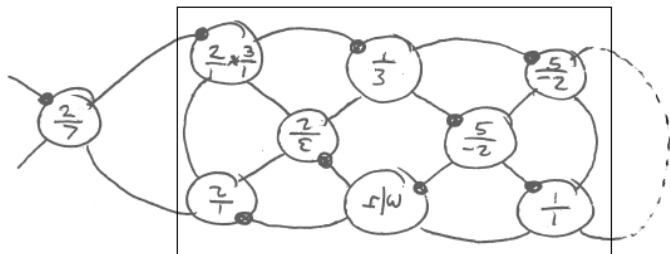
8+1 Constellation



APD Gauss Code : [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8, | 7, 8, 5, 9, 6, 2, 9, 1]

Parity Vector : (0, 0, 1',  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ ,  $\infty'$ , 1,  $\infty$ )

## Example: Constellation Notation



algebraic + non-algebraic

$$T = (2/7) + C_{8+1}^{(1)} \left( (2/1) * (3/1)^0, (1/3)^{1'}, (3/-2)^{\infty'}, (3/-4)^{\infty'}, \right. \\ \left. (3/-2)^{\infty'}, (5/2)^{\infty'}, (1/1)^1, (1/2)^{\infty} \right)$$

Parity Vector :  $(0, 0, 1', \infty', \infty', \infty', \infty', 1, \infty)$

# Constellation Notation Summary

## Benefits:

- compact notation for non-algebraic diagrams
- combines with sum/product notation
- construction intuitive to visualize

## Drawbacks:

- always assumes internally canonical components
- only helpful for known constellations
- classifies non-algebraic diagrams, **but not tangles**

## Major Advantage:

preferring canonical components eliminates many redundancies