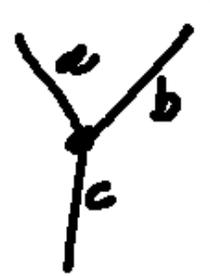


# Colorings, Penrose Evaluations and Multi-Virtual Knots & Links

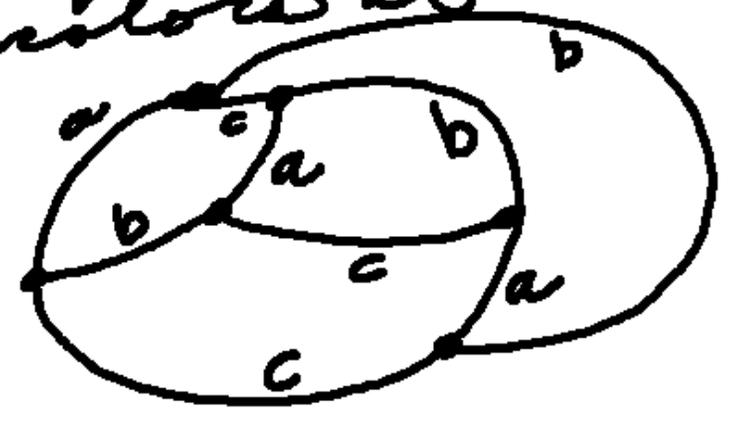
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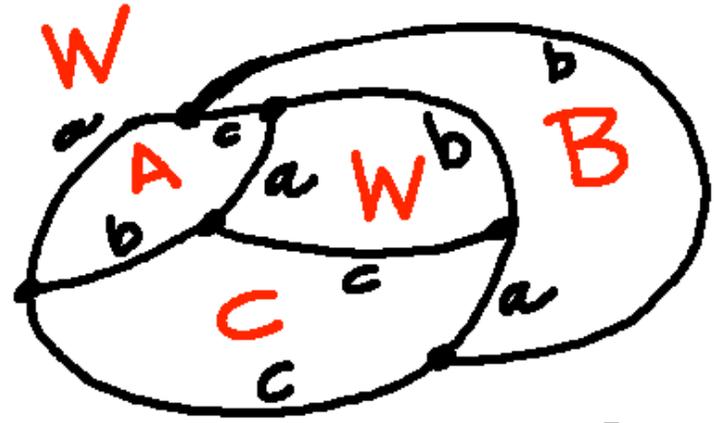
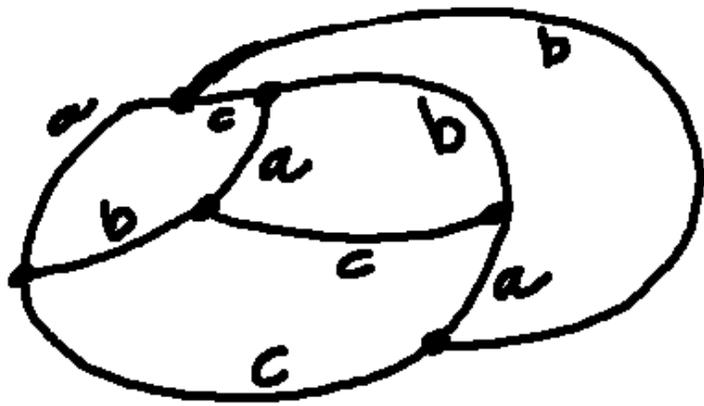
Recall problem of 3-coloring  
the edges of a cubic graph.



- 3 colors  $\{a, b, c\}$
- all distinct
- require 3 distinct colors at each node.

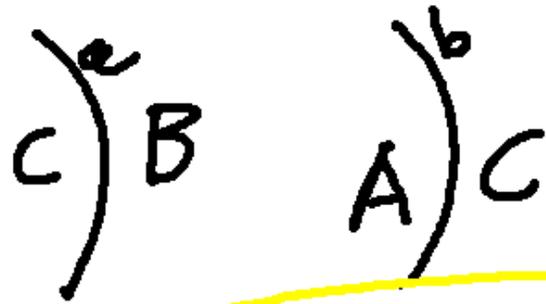
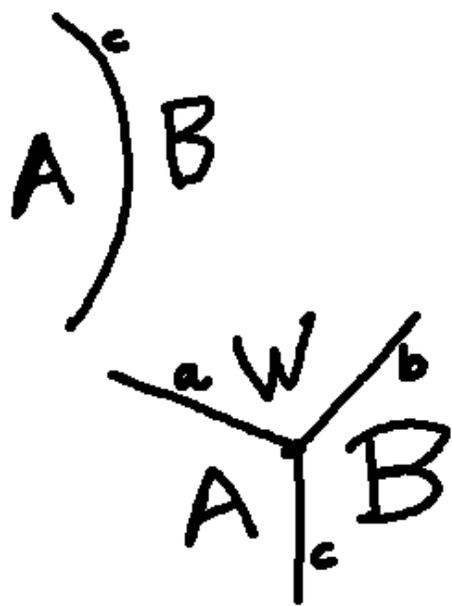
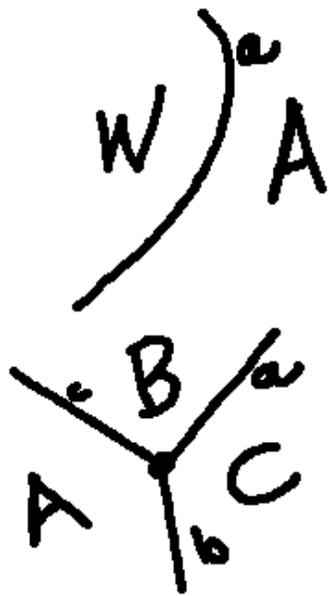
e.g.



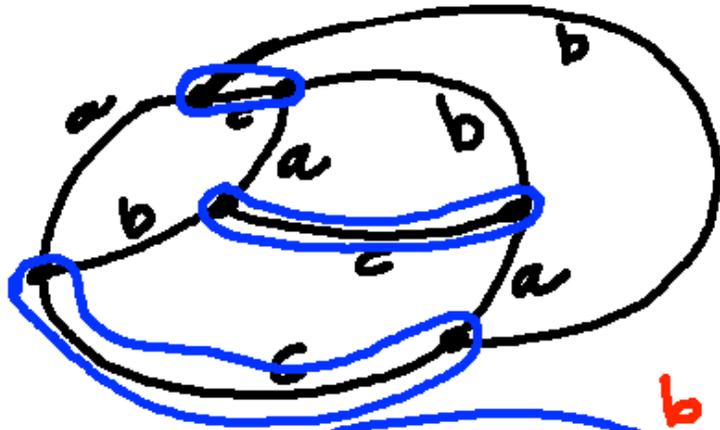


$$G = \{W, A, B, C \mid W = \text{id}, AB = BA = C \text{ } \partial \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$$

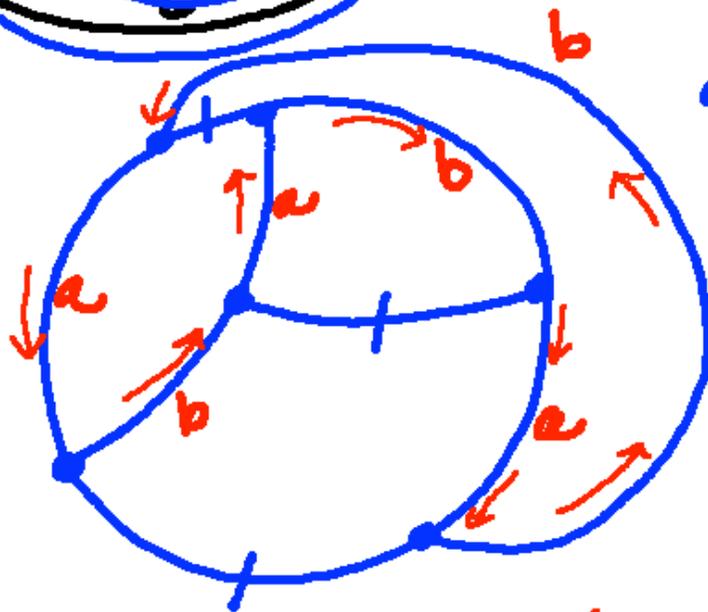
$$A^2 = B^2 = C^2 = W$$



Four Color Thm  
 $\iff$   
 cubic 1-connected  
 planar are  
 edge 3-colorable



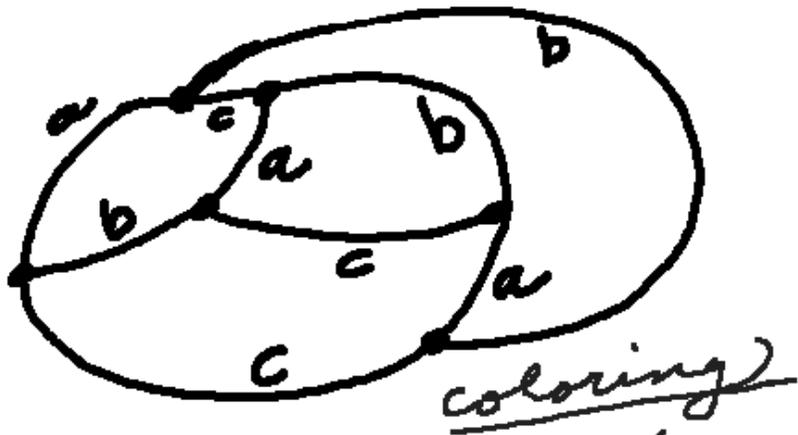
Choose one color (say  $c$ ) and mark all  $c$  edges.



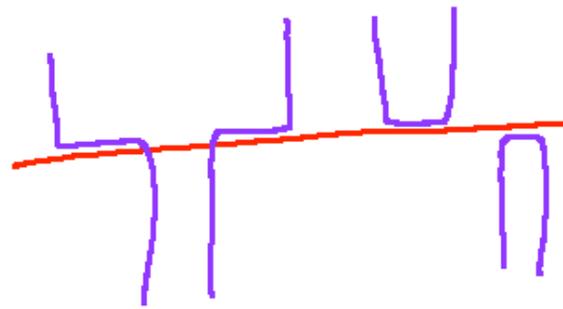
The result is an <sup>even</sup> perfect matching for the graph  $G$ .  
 (Every node taken by the selected edges. Selected edges are disjoint.)

Even PM: Every cycle in  $G - (PM \text{ edges})$  is an even cycle.

Nota Bene:  $G$  is 3-colorable  $\Leftrightarrow G$  has an even PM.



Let  $a = \text{red}$   
 $b = \text{blue}$   
 $c = \text{purple}$   
 $\parallel$   
 $\text{red/blue}$



How red  
 meets blue.

One can directly construct infinitely many formations.  $\text{CT} \Rightarrow$  permutations include all plane  $\pm$  some subgraphs.

# The Perrowe Formula

$$[X] = [ ] [ ] - [ \text{X} ]$$

$$[ \bigcirc ] = 3$$

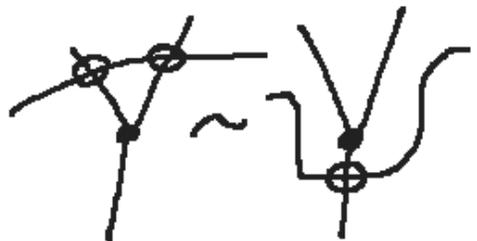
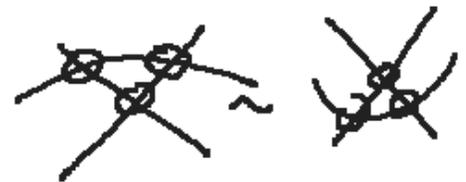
Compute recursively.

Perrowe Theorem.  $\mathcal{G}$  cubic plane graph  $\Rightarrow [ \mathcal{G} ] = \#$  of 3 colorings of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

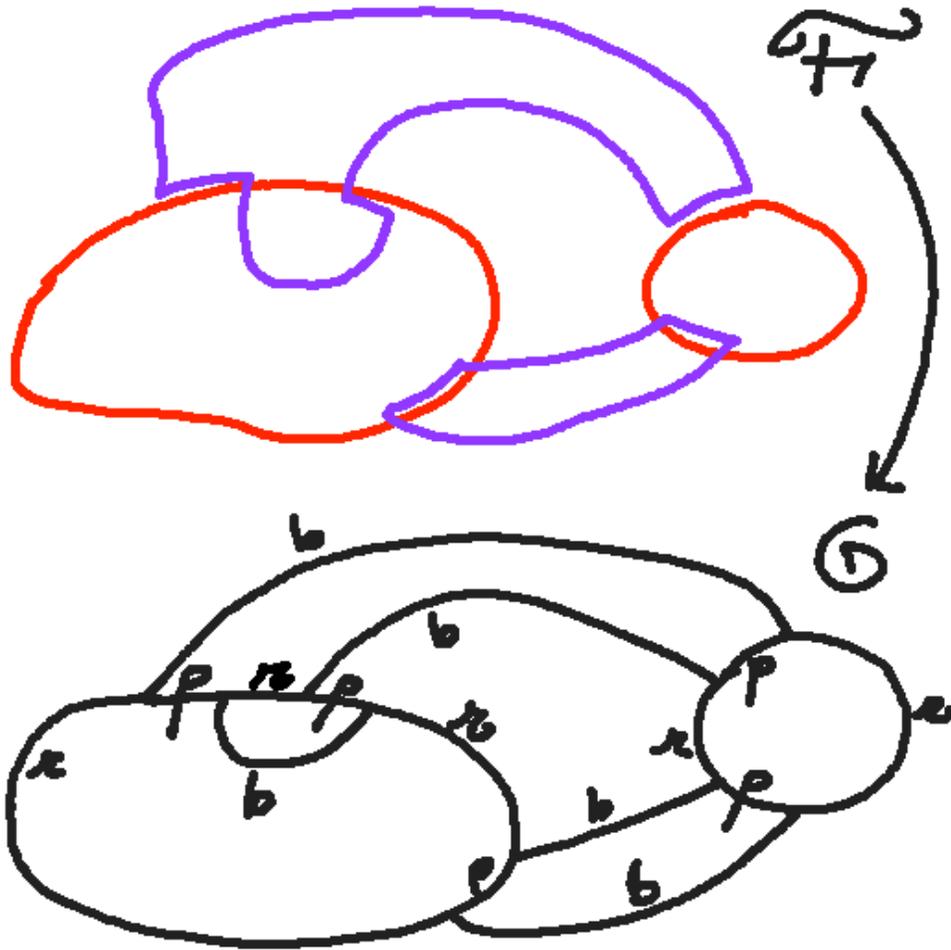
e.g.  $[ \text{---} ] = [ \text{---} ] - [ \text{---} ] = \phi$ .

$$[ \text{---} ] = [ \text{---} ] - [ \text{---} ] = 3^2 - 3 = 6.$$

~~X~~ is a virtual crossing



# Formation

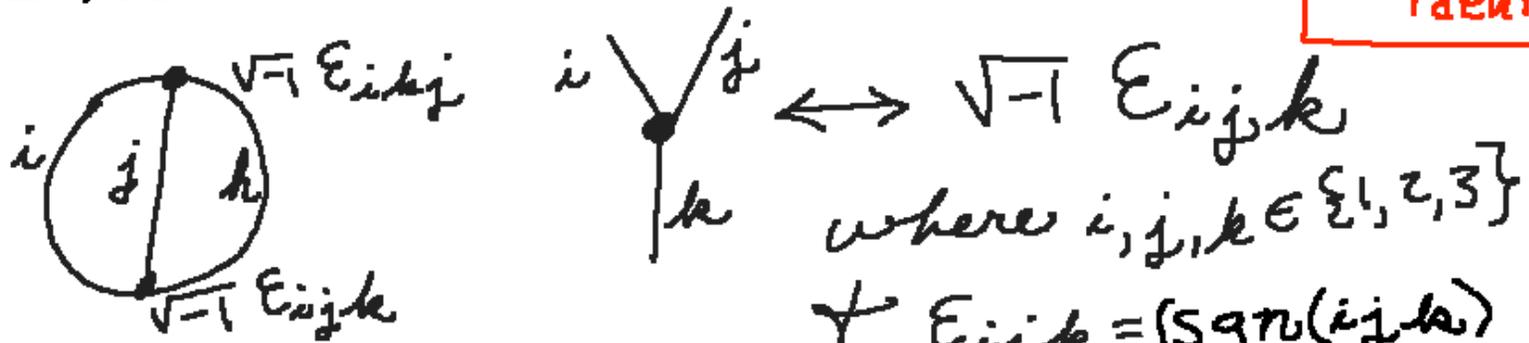


Four Color  
Theorem  
|||  
Every  
1-connected  
planar  $G$   
can be  
formatted

Thus  $4CT \iff [G] \neq \emptyset$  whenever  $G$  is plane cubic, conn.

Perron Definition (The Ubiquitous Epsilon)  
 Convert  $G$  to a tensor net & contract.

$\begin{matrix} \diagup & & \diagdown \\ \diagdown & & \diagup \end{matrix} = (-) \begin{matrix} \diagdown & & \diagup \\ \diagup & & \diagdown \end{matrix}$   
 is a tensor identity



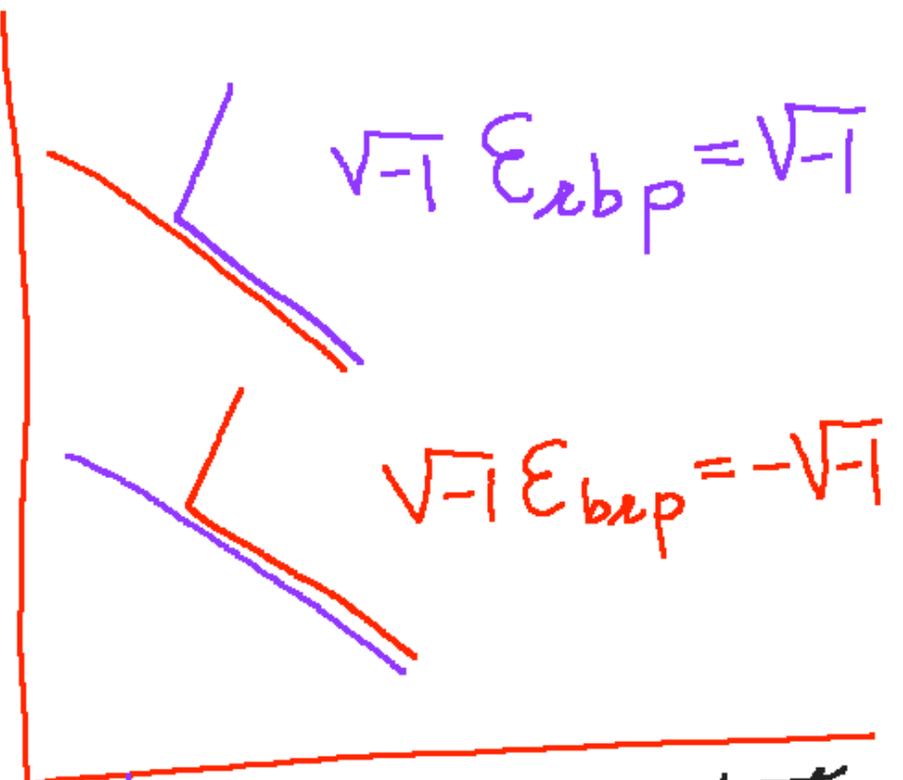
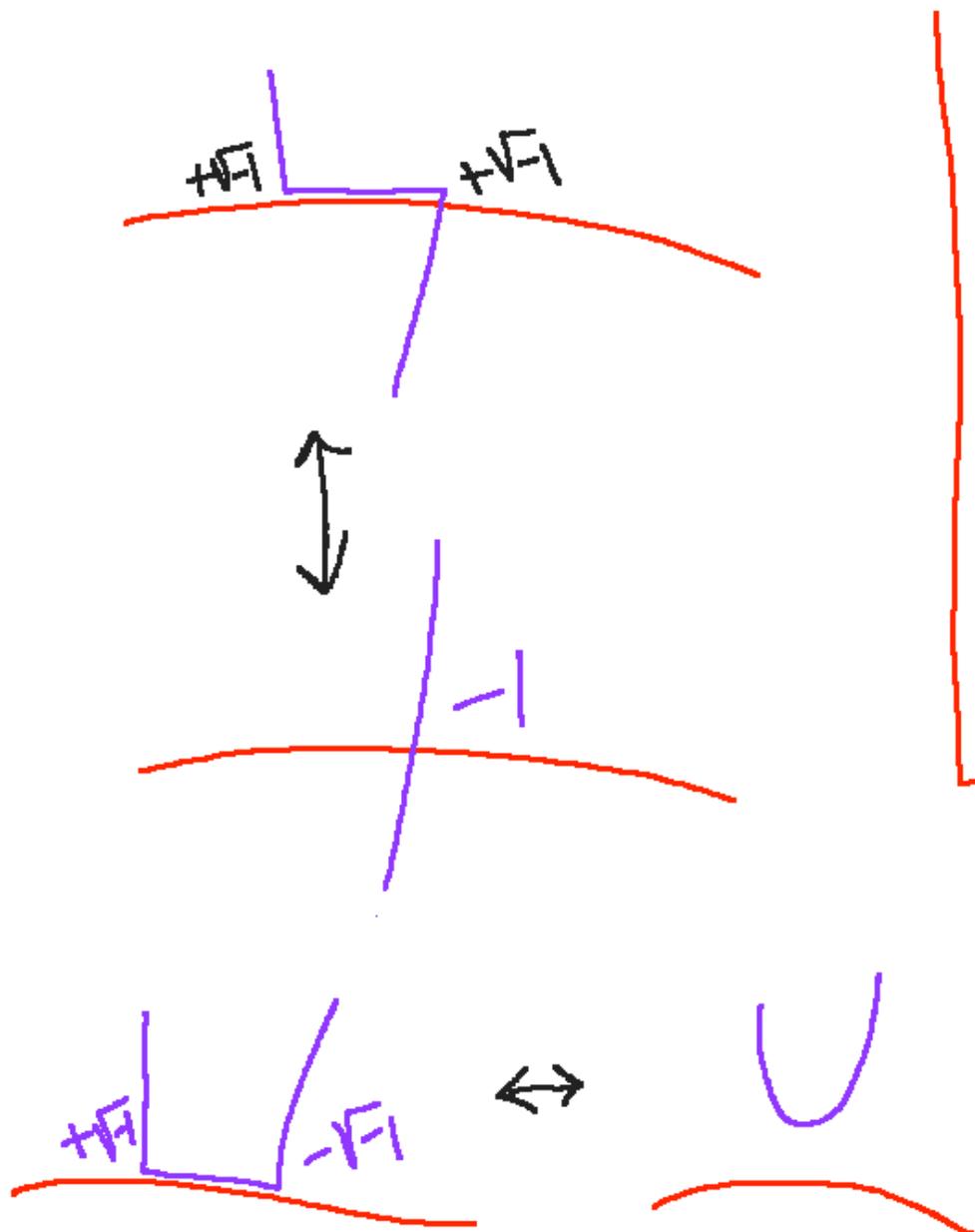
$\forall E_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \text{sgn}(ijk) & \text{if all distinct.} \\ 0 & \text{if not a permutation of } 123. \end{cases}$

$$[G] = \text{Contraction of Tensor Net } (G)$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in \text{nodes of } G} \prod (\pm \sqrt{-1}) = \langle \sigma \rangle$$

Show:  $\langle \sigma \rangle = +1$   
 for each coloring  $\sigma$ .

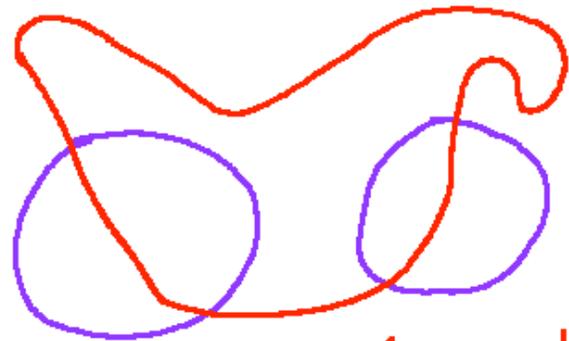
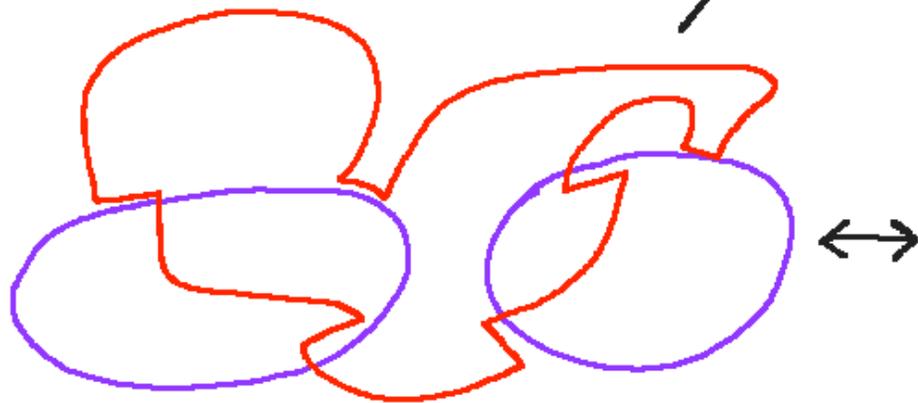




Thus the product of  $\pm\sqrt{-1}$ 's for a crossing  $= (-1)^n$  where  $n = \# \text{ crossings} = \# \text{ "state curves"}$ .

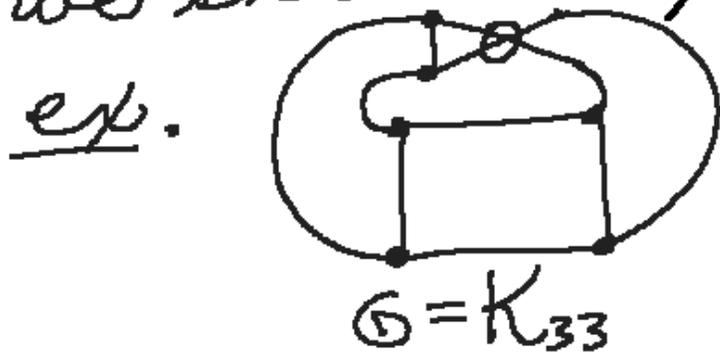
But the number of crossings  
of red + blue curves is  
even due to the Jordan  
curve theorem.

$\therefore [\mathbb{G}] = \#$  of colorings  
of  $\mathbb{G}$  when  $\mathbb{G}$  is  
a plane cubic graph.



$$n=4 \Rightarrow (-1)^n = +1.$$

<sup>Revised</sup>  
 The formula does not work  
 for nonplanar graphs, (but  
 we shall fix it).



Exercise. # of 3 colorings  
 of  $G$  is 12.

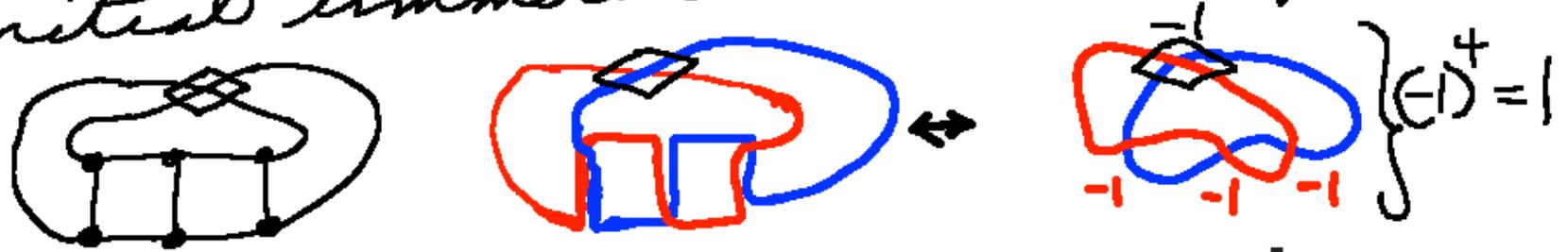
However  $[G] =$    $-$    $\approx$  

$=$    $-$    $= \emptyset$ .

Thus Revised formula gives zero  
 but we would like it to give 12!

# The Fix

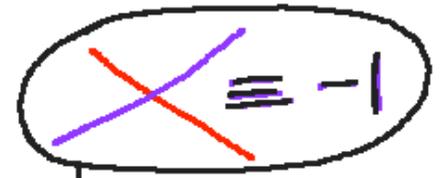
add a new tensor at the initial immersion crossings.

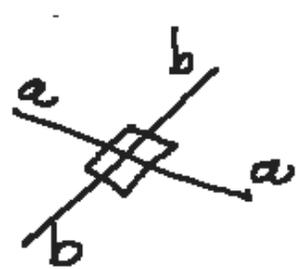


We change this to a new tensor and a new virtual marker:

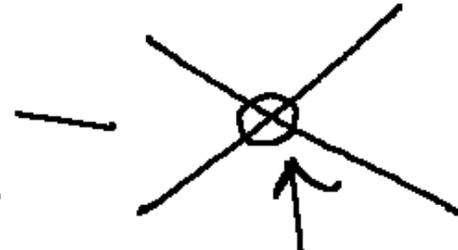
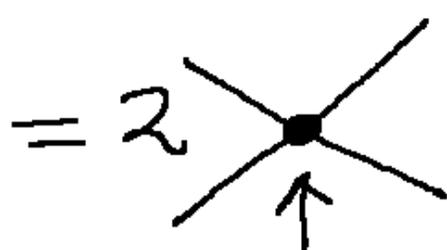
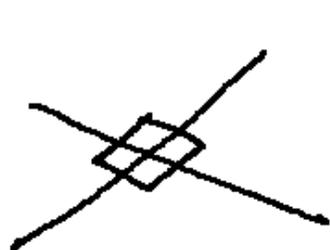
marker:  $\otimes$  "innocuous"

but  $\otimes = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ -1 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$





$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ -1 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$$



same color

same or different color

$$[\text{X}] = [\text{C}] - [\text{X}]$$

$$[\text{X}] = 2[\text{X}] - [\text{X}]$$

$$-[\text{X}]$$

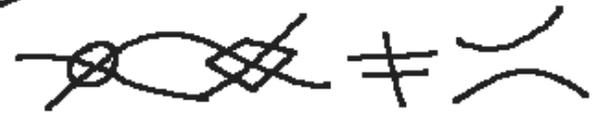
$$[0] = 3$$

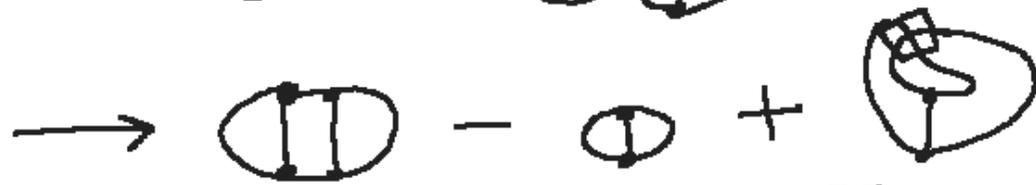
Fixed!

We now have two virtual crossings





Notation:   $\neq \text{---}$



$$= 2 \times 2 \times 3 - 6 + \text{---} - \text{---}$$

$$= 6 + 3 - [3 - 6] = 12$$

Thus we can now formulate a general Penrose evaluation to count the number of colorings of arbitrary cubic graphs: Use an immersed representative  $G \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$[Y] = [ \text{Y-shape} ] - [ \text{X-shape} ]$$

$$[O] = 3$$

$$[ \text{cross } a, b ] = \begin{cases} 1 & a=b \\ -1 & a \neq b \end{cases}$$

In context or a doubled virtual crossing context.

have a separate chromatic computation.

Note that structures like



## Onward ~~2~~

1. Generalized Penrose  
Polynomials for graphs  
with a perfect matching

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2. Generalized doubled  
virtual knot theory.

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Relation between 1) & 2)

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Generalize Penrose evaluation

to a polynomial.

Try  $[X] = [O] - [X]$  but  $[O] = \delta$ .

Then evaluation depends upon  
choice of perfect matching.

So let  $G$  be given a perfect matching and define an expansion via

$$\boxed{\text{Y}} = \boxed{\text{)}\text{(}} - \boxed{\text{X}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{O}} = \delta$$

any = same + diff

~~X~~ = same - diff

= 2(same) - any

= 2~~X~~ - ~~X~~

and we need to explain handling  $\text{O} \text{ X}$ : we want  $\delta - \delta(\delta - 1) = 2\delta - \delta^2$

Let  $\text{X}$  mean "same" so that

$$\text{O} \text{ X} = \delta. \text{ Let } \text{X} \text{ X} = 2\text{X} - \text{O}$$

e.g.  $\text{O} \text{ X} \text{ X} = 2\text{O} \text{ X} - \text{O} \text{ O} = 2\delta - \delta^2$

$$\boxed{\Omega \rightarrow \bigcirc - \text{figure} = (\delta-1) \sim}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow \text{cap} - \text{cylinder with dot} \\
 &= (\delta-1) \bigcirc - \text{torus} + \text{figure-eight} \\
 &= (\delta-1)\delta^2 - \delta^2 + \delta^2 \\
 &= 2\delta^2 - 2\delta
 \end{aligned}$$

Perfect  
Matching  
Polynomials

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow (\delta-1)^2 \bigcirc = (\delta-1)^2 \delta \\
 &= \delta^3 - 2\delta^2 + \delta
 \end{aligned}$$

N.B.  $2 \cdot 3^2 - 2 \cdot 3 = 18 - 6 = 12$

$27 - 18 + 3 = 12$

Agreement at  $\delta = 3$ .

Let's work with

$$\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \end{array} = (-) \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \end{array}$$

$$O = \delta = n \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots\}$$

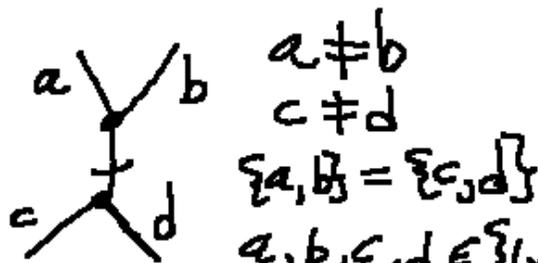
$$\otimes = 2 \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \end{array}$$

and call the poly in  $n$ ,  $[G]$ .

(See paper Scott Baldridge, LK, Ben McCarty)

We relate  $[G]$  to a homology theory and we interpret  $[G]$  as a coloring count.

We discuss here the counting.



$a \neq b$   
 $c \neq d$   
 $\{a, b\} = \{c, d\}$   
 $a, b, c, d \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$n$  colors

} Color  
 Condition  
 for a given  
 perfect matching.

Tautology

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \end{array} \right\}$$

where  
 $a \neq b : a \neq b$

Remark: Thinking chromatically we can say this:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Y-junction} = \underbrace{(+ \text{X-junction}) - 2 \text{Z-junction}}_{\text{any - same} = \text{"different"}} \\ \bigcirc \Rightarrow n, \quad \bigodot \Rightarrow n \bigodot \end{array} \right\}$$

This is a Penrose type expansion and works for all cubic graphs.

$$\begin{array}{c} a \quad b \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \cdot \\ | \\ \cdot \\ / \quad \diagdown \\ c \quad d \end{array} = \int_c^a \int_d^b + \int_d^a \int_c^b - 2 \int_{cd}^{ab}$$

ex:  $\bigoplus = \bigcirc \bigcirc + \bigodot - 2 \bigodot = q^2 + q - 2q = q^2 - q \checkmark$

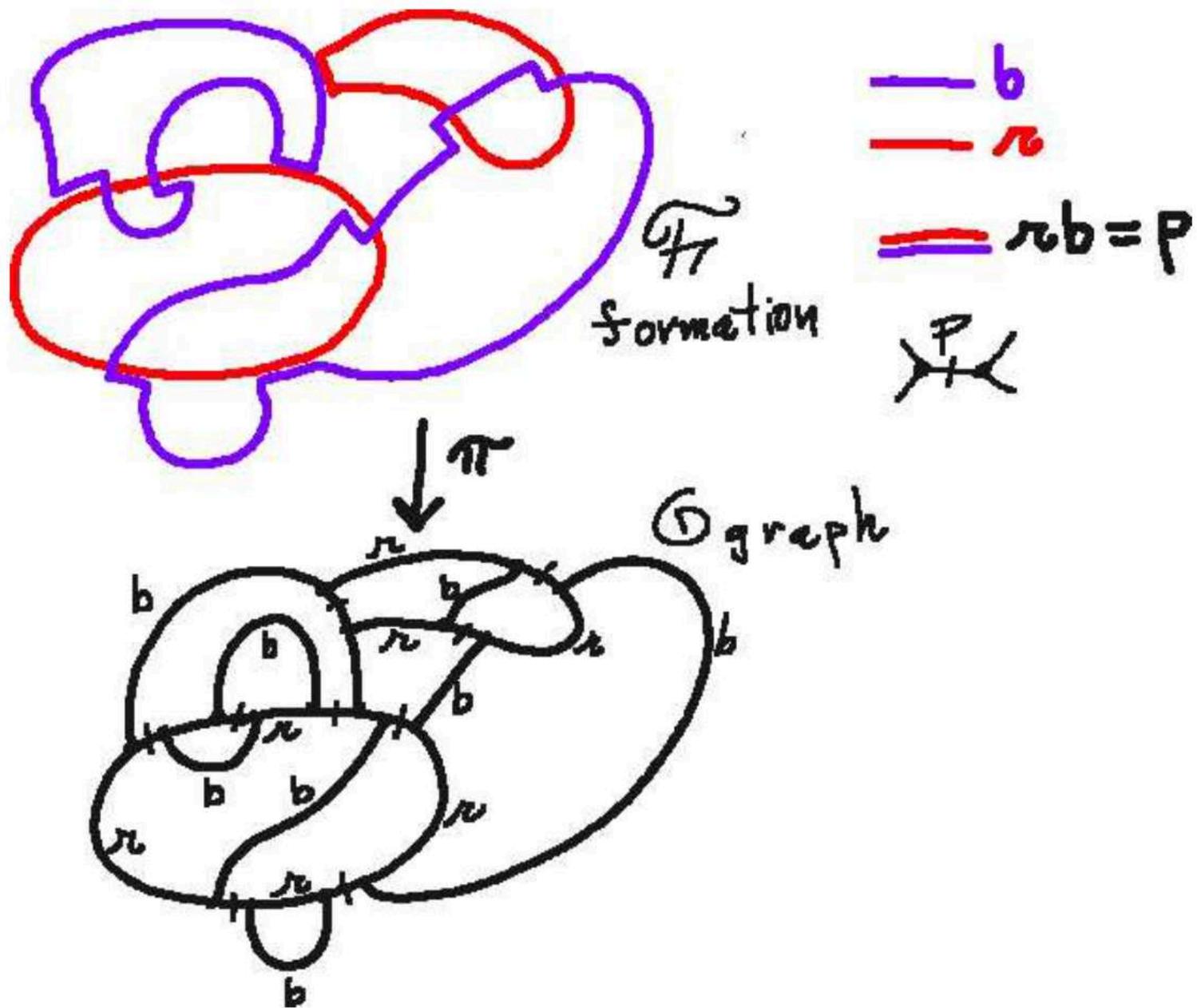


Figure 1: Standard Formation and Graph

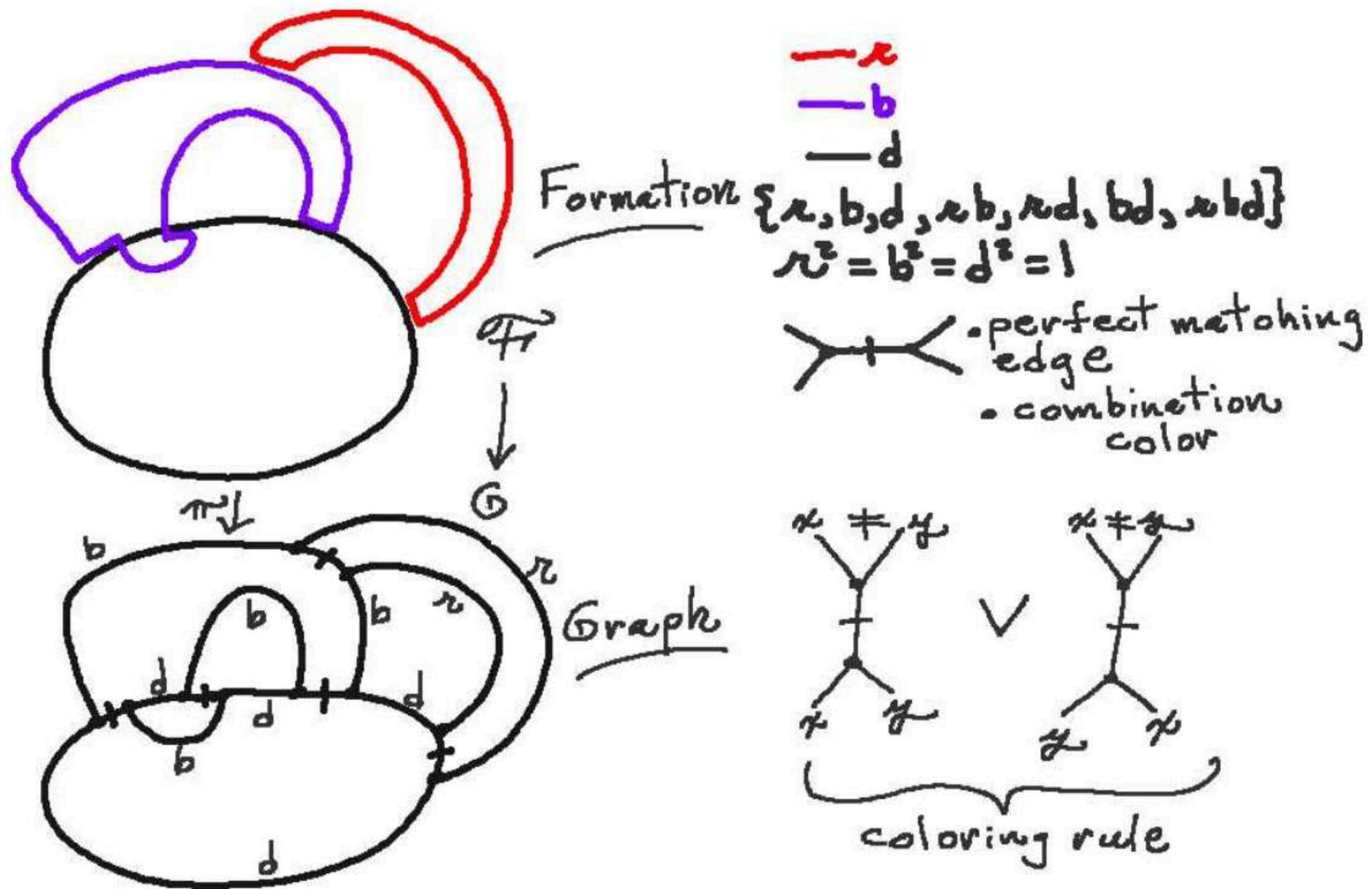
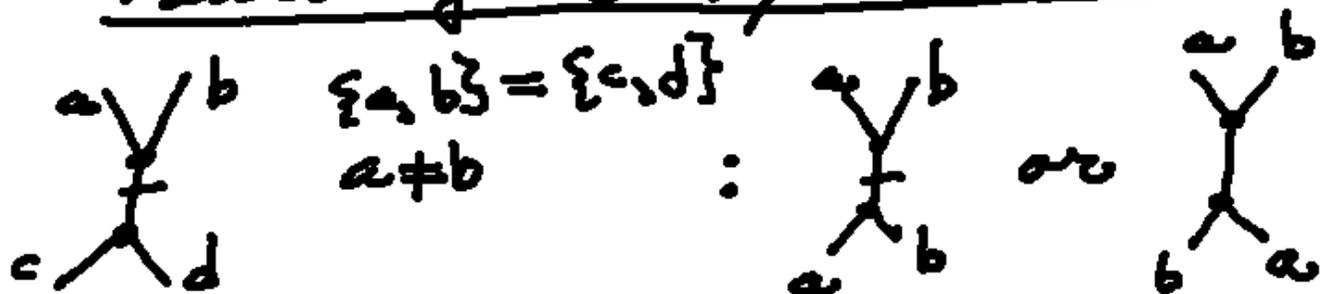


Figure 2: Generalized Formation and Graph

# Tautological Expansion



$$\{X\} = \{)_{\neq}(\} + \{X_{\neq}\}$$

$a)_{\neq}(\overset{b}{\Leftrightarrow} a \neq b$

$\{G\} = \text{Union of all colorings.}$

e.g.  $\{\oplus\} = \{O \cup O\} + \{O_{\neq}\}$

$$= \{O \cup O\} \Rightarrow \underline{n(n-1) \text{ colorings}}$$

Compare:  $[\oplus] = [OO] - [O_{\neq}] = n^2 - n.$

$$\{Y\} = \{M\} + \{X\}$$

Matching  
Polynomial

Associate to a state  $S$  in this expansion a graph  $\Gamma(S)$ :

$$\text{Loops}(S) = \text{Nodes}(\Gamma(S))$$

$$\text{Wiggles}(S) = \text{Edges}(\Gamma(S)).$$

e.g.  $\Gamma(OmO) = \bullet \text{---} \bullet$

For each state  $S$ , define

$$\{S\} = C(\Gamma(S)) = \text{chromatic poly of } \Gamma(S) \text{ where } C(\bullet) = n = \delta.$$

$$\text{Then } \{G, M\} = \sum_S C(\Gamma(S)).$$

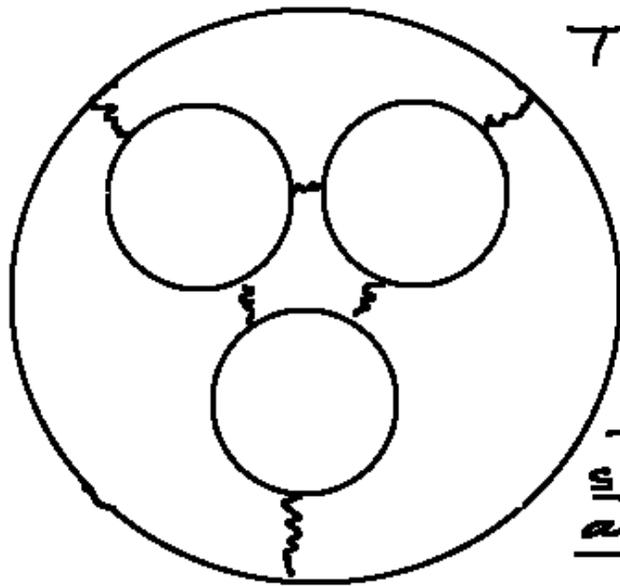
cubic graph

perfect matching on  $G$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \oplus \} \\ & \parallel \\ & \{OmO\} + \{ \infty \} \\ & \parallel \\ & C(\bullet \text{---} \bullet) + C(\emptyset) \\ & \parallel \\ & n(n-1) + \phi \\ & \parallel \\ & n(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

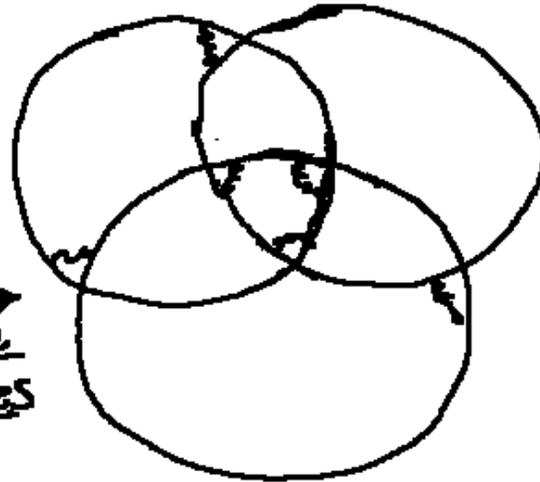
From point of view  
of tautological expansion,  
start with cycles,  $\mu$  local sites,  
possibility to switch  $\mu \rightarrow \mu$ .

4-GT  $\Leftrightarrow$  [planar states can be switched  
to colorable states.]



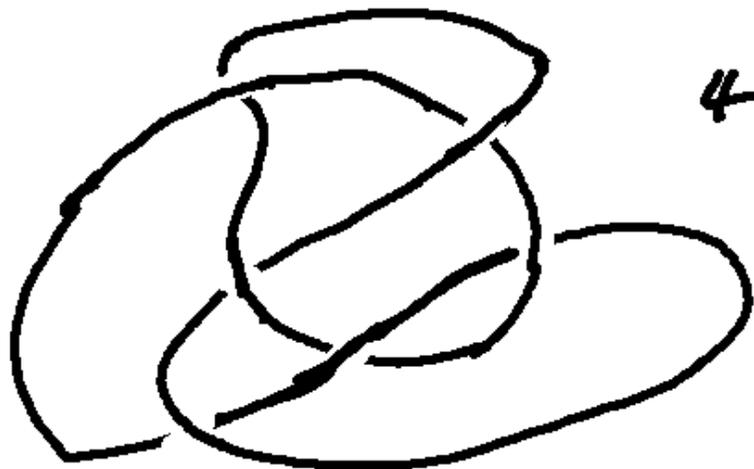
This state is  $n=3$   
uncolorable.

switch  
all sites

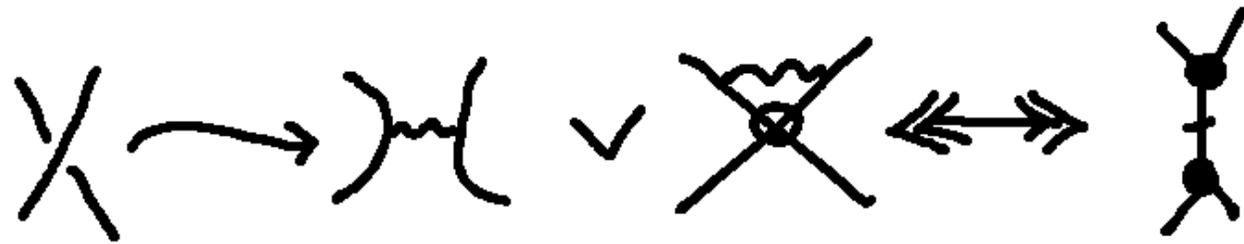


This means you  
can think in terms  
of knot/link diagrams.

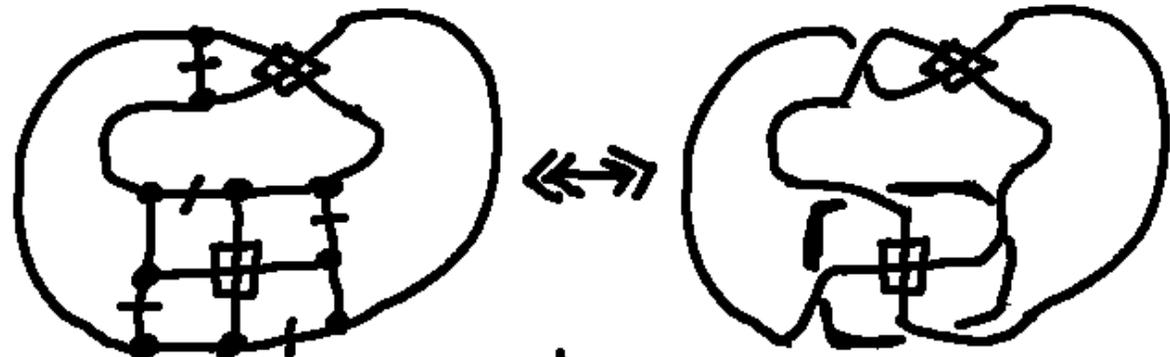
$$\cancel{X} \equiv X \rightarrow Y \cup \cancel{X}$$



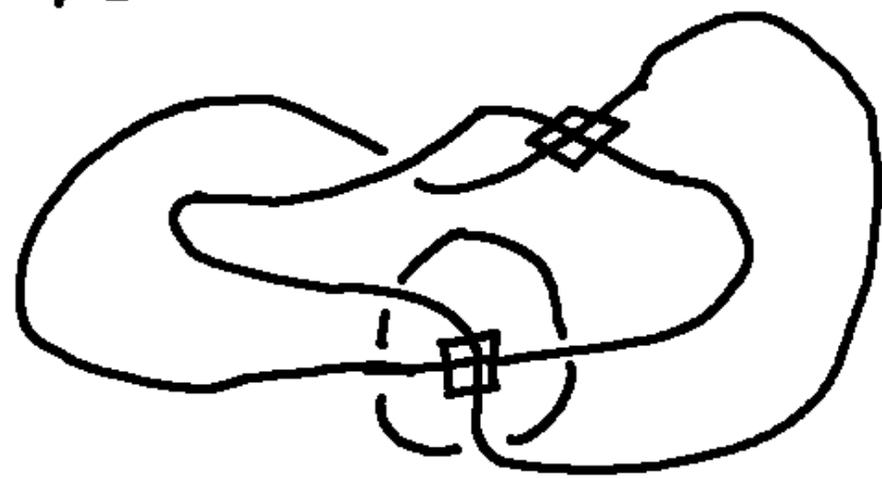
4CT says  
you can color  
planar  
diagrams  
with 3 colors.

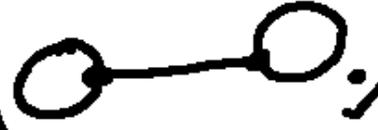


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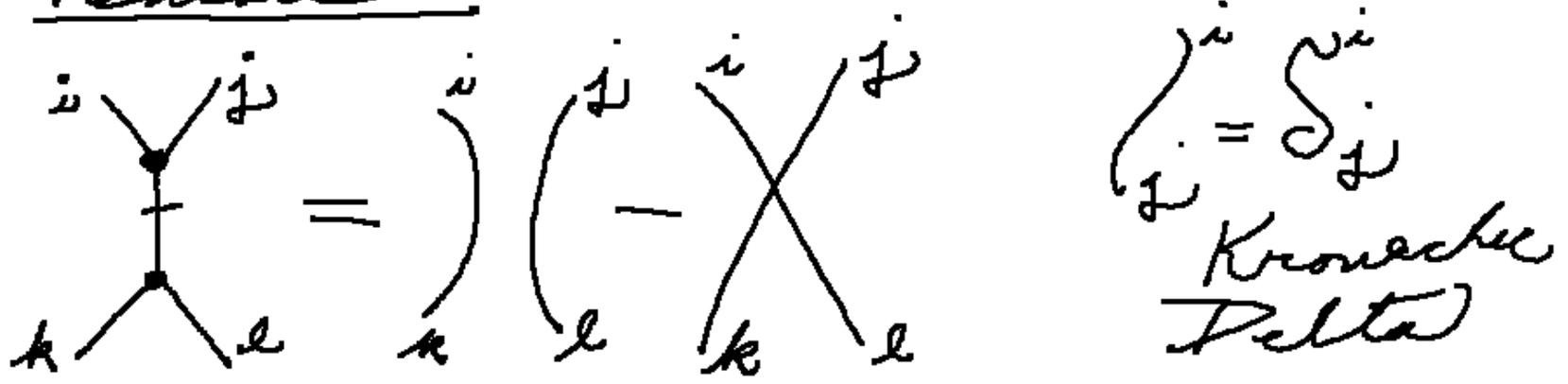


Petersen Graph

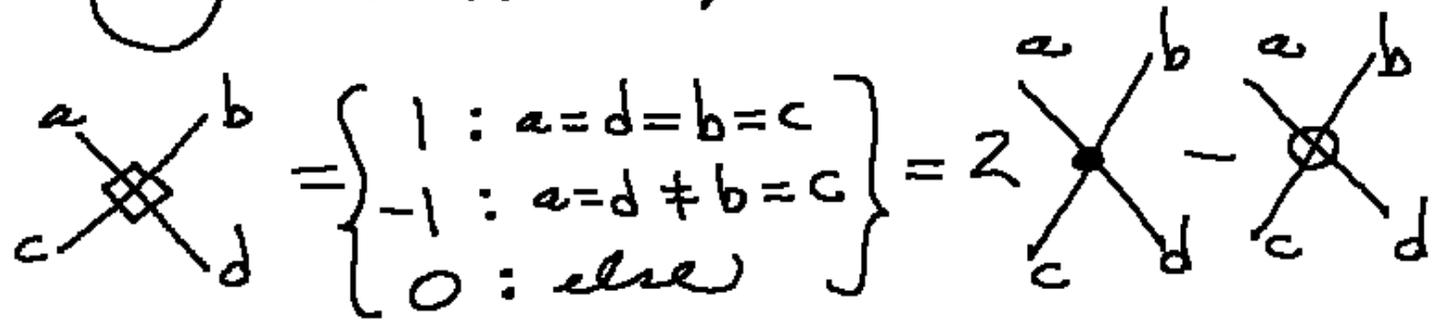


(Compare with )

# Tensors



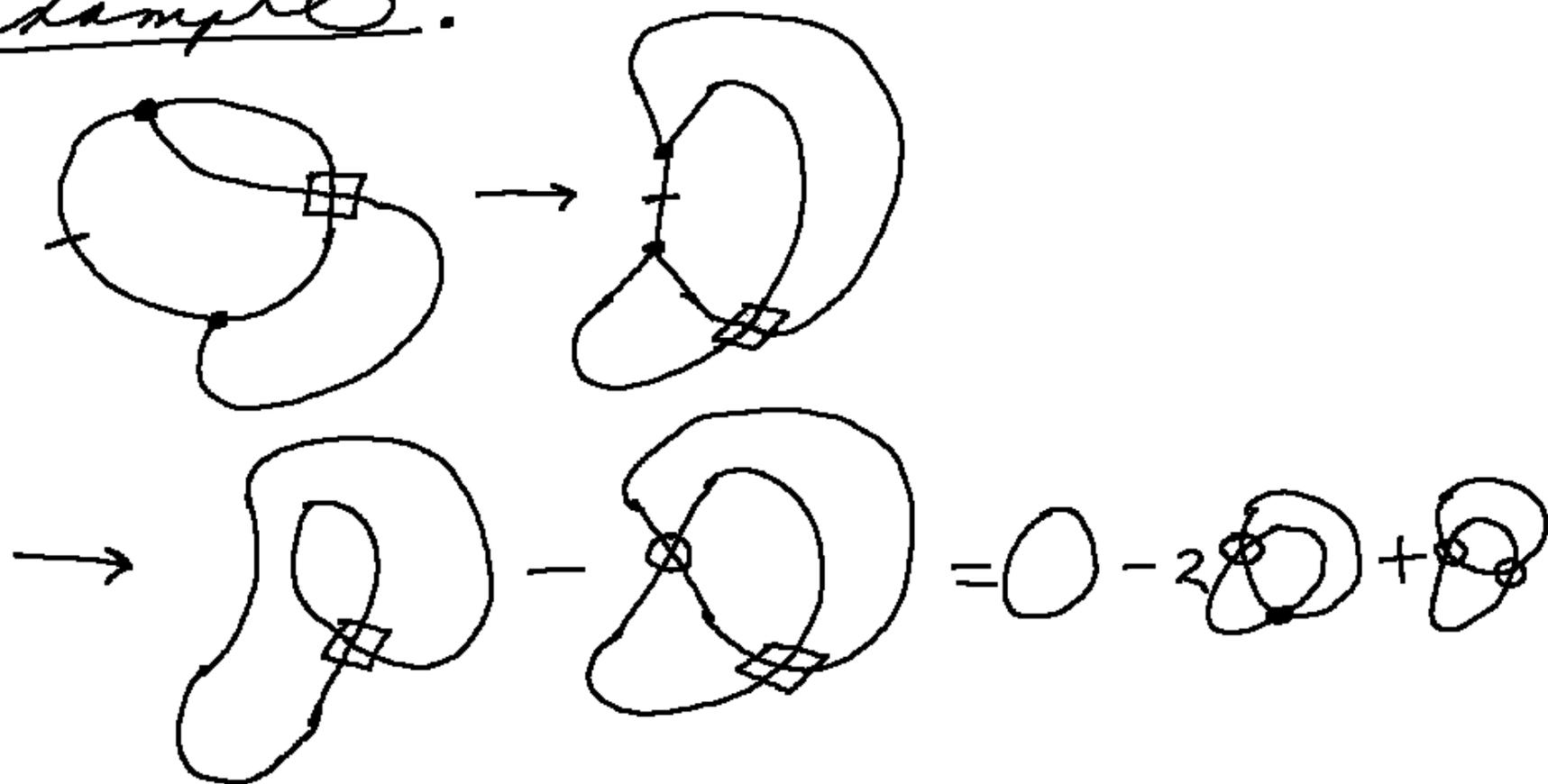
$\bigcirc = n = \text{trace of } n \times n \text{ identity matrix}$



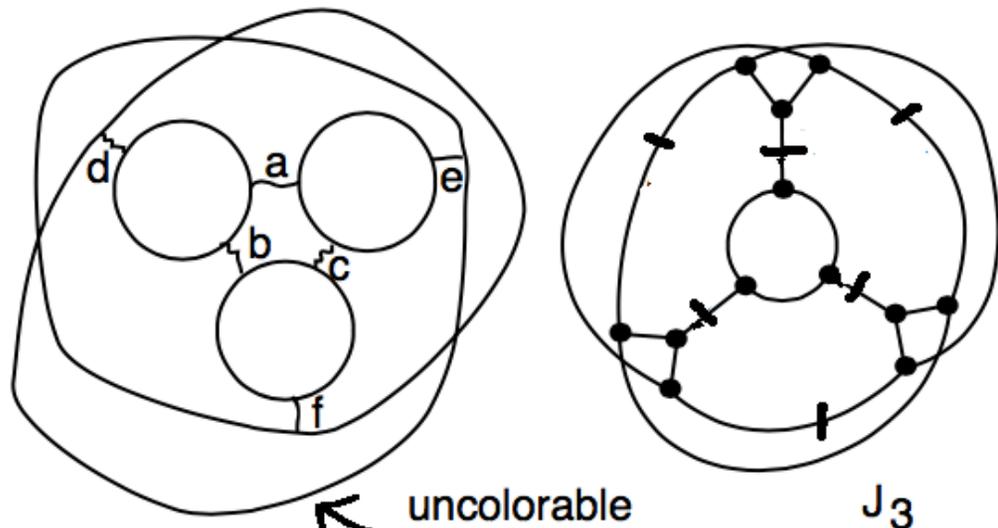
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\times} = \boxed{\cup} - \boxed{\otimes}$$

The same arguments as before show that 1) the  $\neq 0$  tensor states are all the solutions.  
 & 2) each contributes +1. //

Example.



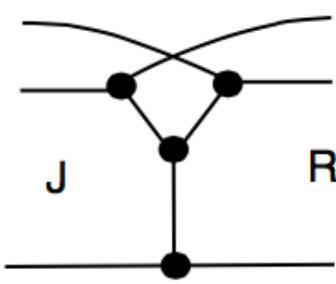
$$= n - 2n + n^2 = n(n-1).$$



$J_3$  is not colorable in 3 colors.

But  $J_3$  can be colored with 4 colors.

(give outer loop a 4th color)



Rufus Isaac's J Construction.

We can examine polynomials for snarks. Here  $P(J_3, n)$

$$= n(-6 + 11n - 6n^2 + n^3)$$

$$= \left. \begin{array}{l} \emptyset, n=3 \\ 24, n=4 \end{array} \right\}$$

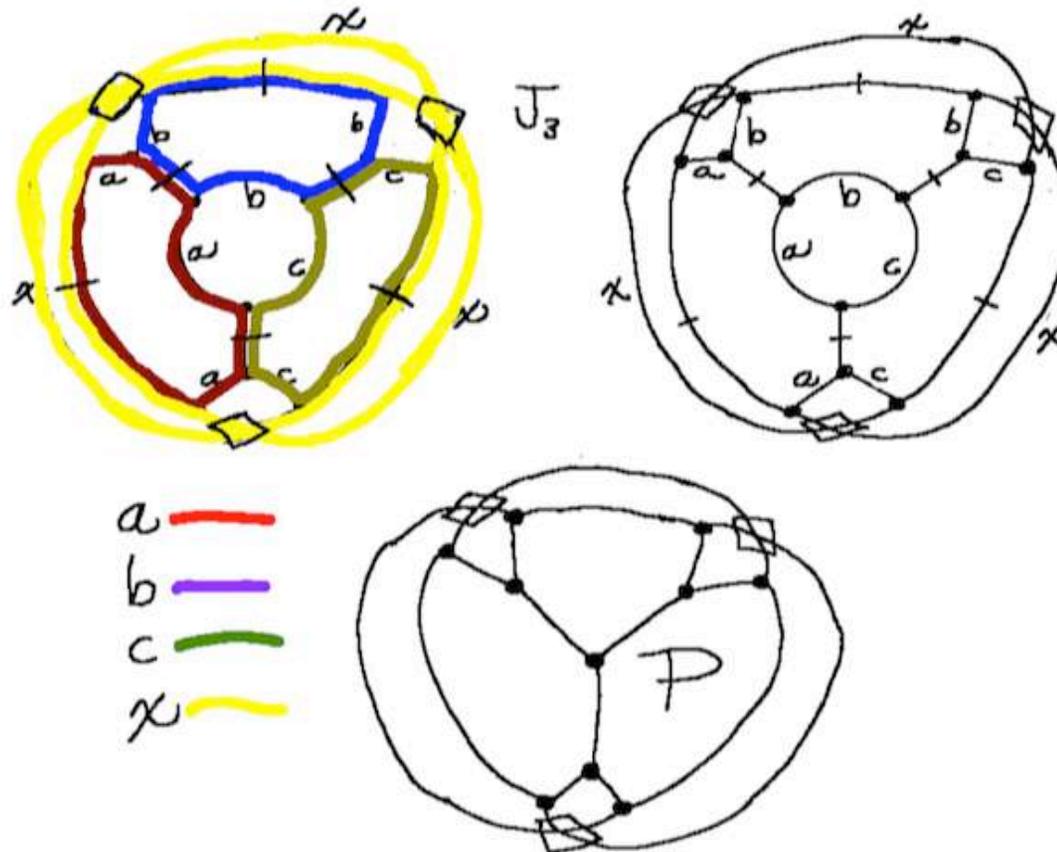
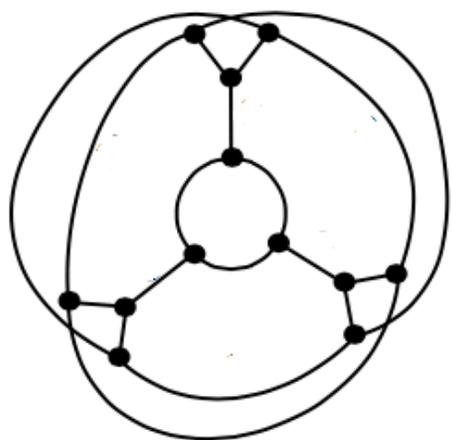
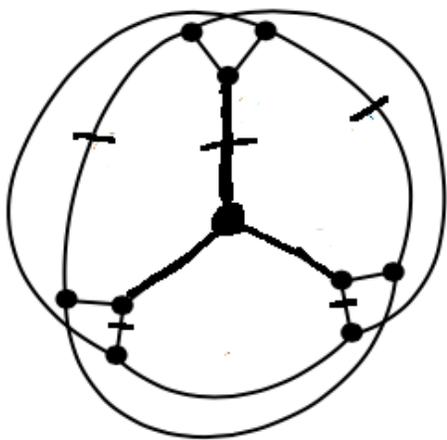


Figure 20: Isaacs  $J_3$  can be PM-colored with four colors (but not with three colors).

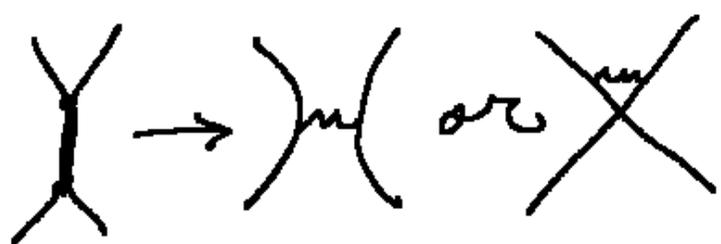


$J_3$



$P$

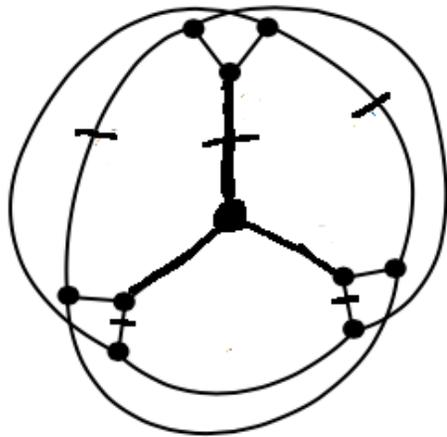
$J_3$  contracts to the minimal uncolorable Petersen Graph.



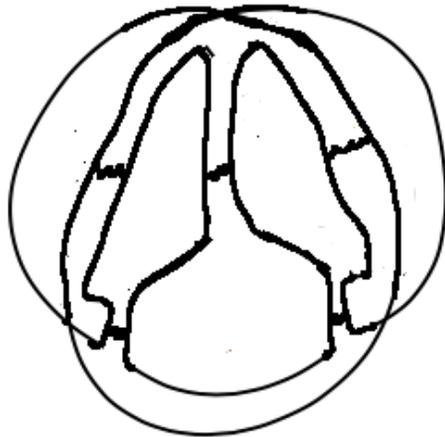
} general coloring possibility using  $n$  colors.

Fact:  $P$  cannot be colored with  $n$  colors for any  $n$ . Call  $P$  strongly uncolorable.

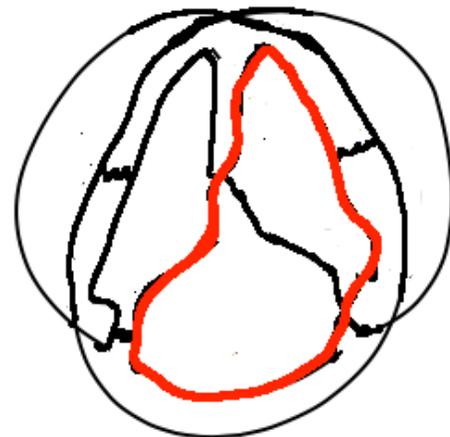
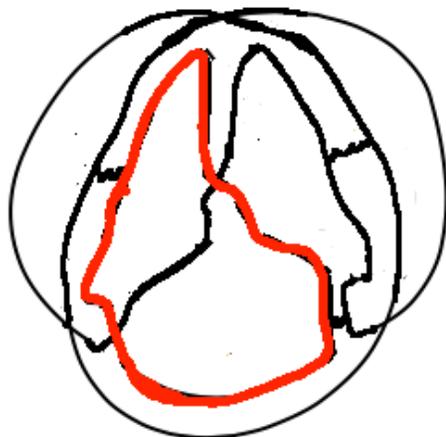
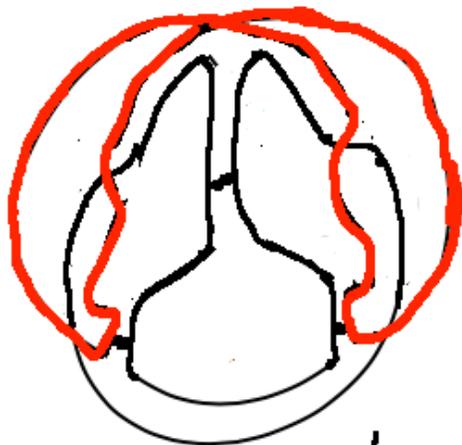
Conjecture: If  $G$  trivalent is strongly uncolorable, then  $G \supset P$  as a substructure.



$P$



not  
colorable



multiple component  
but still uncolorable

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