

# Representations and partition function zeros of the Potts model with and without boundaries

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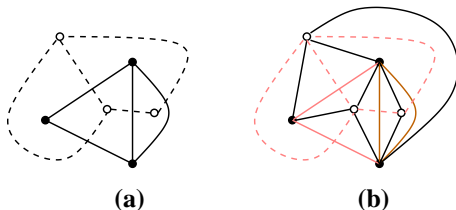
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- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a planar graph with medial  $\mathcal{M}(G)$
- Let  $\Gamma = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$  be the quadrangulation  $\mathcal{M}(G^*)$
- Let  $Z_{\Gamma}^{\text{RSOS}}$  with vertex and face weights as above

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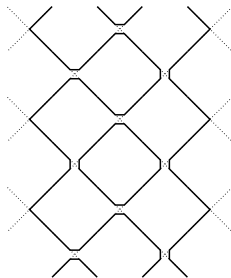
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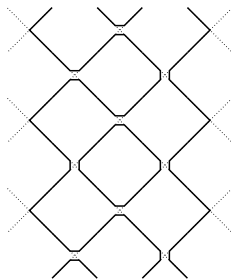


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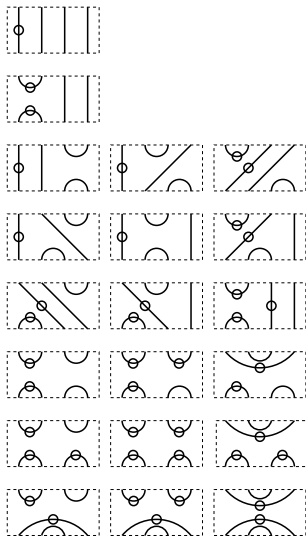
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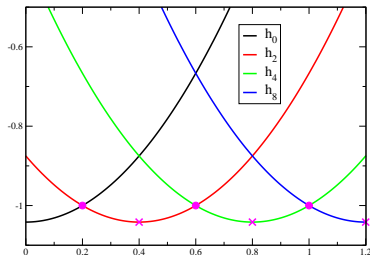
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