

# An Extensor Tree Theorem and a Tutte Identity for Graphs with Distinguished Port Edges

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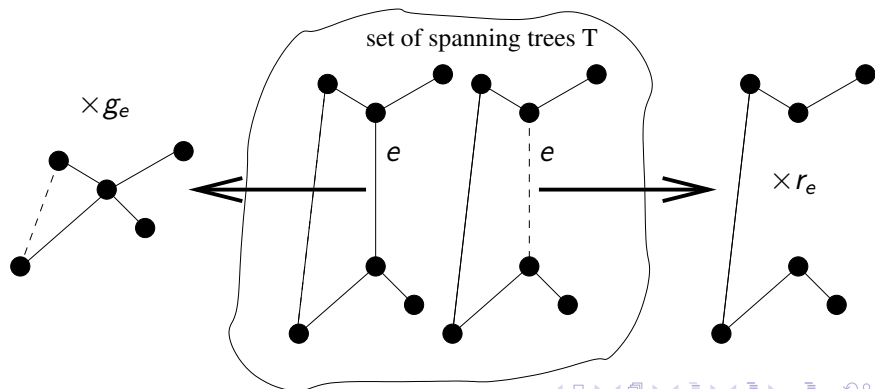




# Weighted Tutte Functions: Example and Additive Identity

$$M(\text{graph } G) = \sum_{\substack{T : \text{spanning trees} \\ \text{in } G}} \prod_{e \in T} g_e \prod_{e \in \bar{T} = E \setminus T} r_e = \sum_T g_T r_{\bar{T}}$$

For edge  $e$ :  $M(G) = g_e M(G/e(\text{contraction})) + r_e M(G \setminus e(\text{deletion}))$



# Tutte Functions satisfy 2 Identities

(Additive (del/contr)) and Multiplicative:  $M(G_1 \oplus G_2) = M(G_1)M(G_2)$

- ▶ Some Tutte functions: Chromatic polynomial, Pott's model partition functions, many others.
- ▶ Popular theory for graphs (graphic matroids), matroids.
- ▶ The range is usually a commutative ring.
- ▶ Tree counting has applications to physics, but **are there physical motivations for the matrix tree theorem?**
- ▶ We present a Tutte function **into an (anticommutative) exterior algebra**. (i.e., algebra with anticommutative Grassmann-Berezin variables) It generalizes  $\det L(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$ . (I know of no other interesting non-ring examples...)

**Our Tutte function's VALUE (on an electrical network graph) represents the solution to a classical physics problem.**

## Maxwell's Rule (simplest case)

$R_{ab}$  = Equivalent electrical resistance between  $a$  and  $b$ .

We make  $p$  denote a “dummy” or added edge we will call a **port** to demark pair  $a, b$ . We will use  $R_{p,p}$  instead of  $R_{ab}$ .

$R_{p,p}$  is NOT a Tutte function, but....

$R_{p,p} = M(G/p) : M(G \setminus p)$  when resistance of each  $e$  is  $r_e : g_e$ .

- ▶  $M(G/p)$  enumerates spanning trees including  $p$ .
- ▶  $M(G \setminus p)$  enumerates spanning trees excluding  $p$ .
- ▶ If  $G$  is not connected, “spanning trees” would be “graphic matroid bases,” i.e., full rank trees.
- ▶ (Ratio notation “:” is used because this is valid when either  $M(G/p)$  or  $M(G \setminus p)$  is zero.)

(Port voltage and current observed in lab)

$$R_{p,p} = M(G/p) : M(G \setminus p) \equiv [ M(G \setminus p) \quad -M(G/p) ] \begin{bmatrix} v_p \\ i_p \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- ▶ The solution space, projected on the  $v_p, i_p$  coordinates, is the orthogonal complement of the (1-dim) row space of matrix  $[M(G \setminus p) \quad -M(G/p)]$ .
- ▶ Let's present the row space as the 1-form  $M(G \setminus p)\mathbf{p}_v^* - M(G/p)\mathbf{p}_i^*$ , also denoted  $M(G \setminus p)dv_p - M(G/p)di_p$ .



# Why Bother with Exterior Algebra?

$M(G/p)$  and  $-M(G \setminus p)$  each satisfy the Tutte Equations (with  $e \neq p$ ) separately, so **OUR 1-FORM** satisfies:

$$M_E(G) = g_e M_{E \setminus e}(G/e) + r_e M_{E \setminus e}(G \setminus e) \quad (p \notin E)$$

## Result

This generalizes to **any** number of ports.

When there are  $p$  ports the objects are  $p$ -forms over  $\mathbb{R}[r, g]^{2p}$ . Each of the  $\binom{2p}{p}$  coefficients satisfies its own Matrix Tree Theorem. Each coefficient, and the  $p$ -form, is a function of all graphs with distinguished “port” edges labelled with the common set  $P$ .

The coefficients are components  $m_{ijk\dots}$  of an antisymmetric tensor of rank  $p$  in a  $2p$  dim. space.

(We will drop the distinction between  $k$ -forms and  $k$ -vectors; we work in the exterior algebra over  $KS$ )

## Applications: Case of 2 Port Edges

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{1,1} & m_{1,2} & m_{1,3} & m_{1,4} \\ m_{2,1} & m_{2,2} & m_{2,3} & m_{2,4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_E &= (m_{1,1} \mathbf{i}_1^* + m_{1,2} \mathbf{i}_2^* + m_{1,3} \mathbf{v}_1^* + m_{1,4} \mathbf{v}_2^*) \wedge \\ &\quad (m_{2,1} \mathbf{i}_1^* + m_{2,2} \mathbf{i}_2^* + m_{2,3} \mathbf{v}_1^* + m_{2,4} \mathbf{v}_2^*) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} m_{1,1} & m_{1,2} \\ m_{2,1} & m_{2,2} \end{vmatrix} i_1^* \wedge i_2^* + \dots \end{aligned}$$

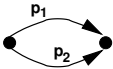
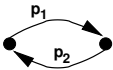
$M_E$  has  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  coefficients, one for each  $2 \times 2$  minor.

## Transfer resistance in terms of minors (= coeffs. of $M_E$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Matrix} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \text{expr. of} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & M_E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 = 1 \\ i_2 = 0 \\ v_1 = \text{don't care} \\ v_2 = -R_{p_2, p_1} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$R_{p_2, p_1} = -\frac{v_2}{i_1} = \frac{M_E[31]}{M_E[34]} = \frac{\sum_{\text{common trees in } G \setminus p_1/p_2 \text{ and } G \setminus p_2/p_1} \pm g_T r_{\bar{T}}}{\sum_{\text{trees in } G \setminus \{p_1, p_2\}} g_T r_{\bar{T}}}$$

The general Maxwell's rule includes the sign rule:

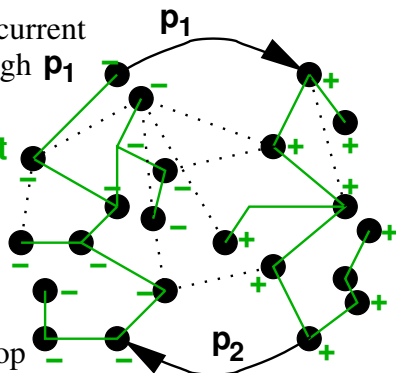
- if  $G/T$  looks like 
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## The sign rule is intuitive

When unit current flows through  $p_1$

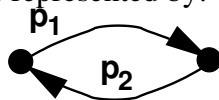
**this forest** contributes a positive amount

to the voltage drop along  $p_2$



When **this forest**

is contracted and the other non-port edges deleted, the resulting oriented matroid minor is represented by:



## Application: Rayleigh Identity

$\Gamma_e(G)$  is equivalent conductance across  $e$ . Rayleigh:  $0 \leq \frac{\partial \Gamma_e}{\partial g_f} = \frac{\partial \frac{T_G}{T_{G/e}}}{\partial g_f}$

is equivalent to

$$0 \leq \frac{\partial T_G}{\partial g_f} T_{G/e} - T_G \frac{\partial T_{G/e}}{\partial g_f} = T_{G/f} T_{G/e} - T_G T_{G/e/f}$$

In fact,

$$T_{G/f} T_{G/e} - T_G T_{G/e/f} = \left( T_{G/e \& G/f}^+ - T_{G/e \& G/f}^- \right)^2$$

$T_{G/e \& G/f}^\pm$  enumerate the  $\pm$  common spanning trees. Choe (2004) proved essentially this using the vertex-based all-minors matrix tree theorem, combinatorial cases and Jacobi's theorem relating the minors of a matrix to the minors of its inverse..

## Proof of Rayleigh's Identity

Let  $R$  be the transfer resistance matrix for 2 ports across  $e$  and  $f$ . Our result implies that

$$\det R = \begin{vmatrix} R_{ee} & R_{ef} \\ R_{fe} & R_{ff} \end{vmatrix} = + \frac{T_{G/e/f}}{T_G}$$

It and better-known results tell us

$$R_{ee} = \frac{T_{G/e}}{T_G}; \quad R_{ff} = \frac{T_{G/f}}{T_G}; \quad R_{ef} = R_{fe} = \frac{T_{G/e \& G/f}^+ - T_{G/e \& G/f}^-}{T_G}$$

$T_{G/f} T_{G/e} - T_G T_{G/e/f} = \left( T_{G/e \& G/f}^+ - T_{G/e \& G/f}^- \right)^2$  is immediate after substituting these into

$$\det R = R_{ee} R_{ff} - (R_{ef})^2$$

The  $+$  follows from physical grounds if the  $g_e, r_e \geq 0$ . Our characterization and proof are combinatorial.

# New Rayleigh's Identities!

The same method generates identities from

$$\begin{vmatrix} R_{ee} & R_{ef} & R_{eg} \\ R_{fe} & R_{ff} & R_{fg} \\ R_{ge} & R_{gf} & R_{gg} \end{vmatrix} = + \frac{T_{G/e/f/g}}{T_G}$$

ETC...

(Applications???)

## Result

For all graphs  $G(E, P)$  with distinguished edge subset  $P$ ,  $G(E, P) \rightarrow M_E(G)$  is an extensor-valued function that obeys the 2 Tutte Equations (with sign corrections expressed combinatorially) over exterior algebra, where the multiplication is anticommutative.

## Plan

1. Deploy exterior algebra to realize linear (graphic) oriented matroids, minors (deletion/contraction) and dualization.
2. Use Kirchhoff's and Ohm's laws to define  $\mathbf{M}_E$  for a graph.
3. Analyze (2) in terms of (1). The generically non-zero terms are characterized by graphic matroid properties of relevant resistor edge and port sets. The signs are characterized by oriented matroid properties.
4. (Definition of  $\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N})$  and our result apply to any extensor with ground set  $P \cup E$ , but the coefficients of  $\pm g_{FR} r_{\bar{F}}$  might not be 1.)



# Extensors, Linear Subspaces and Matroids

## Exterior Algebra

The exterior algebra over an  $|S|$  dimensional linear space  $KS$  can be generated by  $|S|$  independent, anticommuting rank 1 **basis vectors**  $S$  (over  $K$ ).

Multiplication is multilinear and for  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ ,  
 $s_1 \wedge s_2 = s_1 s_2 = -s_2 s_1$ .

## Extensor

A rank  $k$  (fully) decomposable element is the exterior product of  $k$  linearly independent vectors, i.e., non-zero elements of  $KS$ .

## Key fact

The  $k$ - dimensional linear subspaces of  $KS$  correspond one-to-one with classes of rank- $k$  (non-zero) extensors equivalent under non-zero scalar ( $K$ ) multiplication.

## Extensors and Subspaces of $KS$

$r$ -dim row subspaces in  $KS$  of full row rank  $N = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & N_{ie} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}}^S$

correspond 1-1 to the extensors equiv., under non-zero scalar multiplication, to the extensor:

$$\mathbf{N} = (N_{1,s_1} \mathbf{s}_1 + \dots + N_{1,s_{|S|}} \mathbf{s}_{|S|}) \wedge (N_{2,s_1} \mathbf{s}_1 + \dots + N_{2,s_{|S|}} \mathbf{s}_{|S|}) \wedge \dots \\ \wedge (N_{r,s_1} \mathbf{s}_1 + \dots + N_{r,s_{|S|}} \mathbf{s}_{|S|})$$

The subspace corresponding to extensor  $\mathbf{N}$

$(x_{s_1}, \dots, x_{s_{|S|}}) \in \text{row space } (N)$  iff

$$\mathbf{N} \wedge (x_{s_1} \mathbf{s}_1 + \dots + x_{s_{|S|}} \mathbf{s}_{|S|}) = 0$$

# Subspaces, (Oriented) Matroids and Extensors

The (oriented) matroids represented by the (signed) column dependencies of matrices  $N$  and  $N'$  are the SAME if  $N$  and  $N'$  have the same row spaces.

There are a dozen or so “cryptomorphic” ways to present the combinatorial data of a(n) (oriented) matroid.

We choose (unimodular)  $N$  to represent linearly over  $K$  the graphic matroid, so  $S$  names the graph edges, whose ...

- ▶ Circuits = Minimal lin. dep. sets of columns = (directed) “circles” in the graph;
- ▶ Bases = Max. independent sets of columns = Max. rank spanning forests = Spanning trees if the graph is connected;
- ▶ We take a full row rank  $N$ , so a sequence of columns is a  $(\pm)$  basis if the corresponding minor is non-zero (with  $\pm$  sign).

## $N$ 's (Oriented) Matroid Bases in Extensor Terms

When we multiply out extensor  $\mathbf{N}$  written in terms of basis  $S$  of  $KS$ , and collect common monomials using  $\mathbf{b}_1\mathbf{b}_2\dots = \epsilon(\sigma)\mathbf{b}_{\sigma_1}\mathbf{b}_{\sigma_2}\dots$  we can express

$$\mathbf{N} = \sum_{B \subset S} N[B]\mathbf{b}_1\mathbf{b}_2\dots = \sum_{B \subset S} N[B]\mathbf{B}$$

$N[B]$  is a minor of matrix  $N$ . Each  $N[B]\mathbf{B}$  is **independent** of the order chosen for  $B \subset S$ . ( $N[B] = N_B$  in tensor component notation.)

$N[B] \neq 0$  iff  $B$  is a basis. ( $\chi(B) = \text{sign}(N[B]) \in \{+, -, 0\}$  is the **chirotope** of an oriented matroid.)

In fact, one oriented matroid “cryptomorphism” is a sign  $\chi(B)$  for each  $r$ -sequence  $B$  which is alternating and which satisfies the signed basis exchange **combinatorial condition** implied by the Grassmann-Plucker identity:

$$[a_1 a_2 \cdots a_r][b_1 b_2 \cdots b_r] = \sum_{i=1}^r [b_i a_2 \cdots a_r][b_1 \cdots \hat{b}_i a_i \cdots b_r]$$

# Deletion

## Plan

- ▶ Our Tutte-like equations are algebraic.
- ▶ Given  $e \in S$  and an extensor  $N$  realizing  $a(n)$  (oriented) matroid, define deletion and contraction so the result is a well-defined extensor and can be used in algebraic expressions. Same for dualization.

Deletion is easy.

But in a matroid,  $\setminus e$  reduces the rank when  $e$  is an isthmus (coloop).

We define  $\mathbf{N} \setminus e = \mathbf{0}$  (the zero extensor) if the rank is reduced.

# Contraction

## In matrix terms ...

Row-reduce to eliminate  $e$  as a column. Geometrically, intersect the row space with a hyperplane.

Write  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}_1 \wedge e + \dots$ . Then  $\mathbf{N}/e = \mathbf{N}_1$ . (This is Berezin's  $\partial/\partial e$  up to sign.)

Contraction of  $e$  reduces the rank by 1 **except** when  $e$  is a (self-)loop (zero column in the matrix). In that case,  $\mathbf{N}/e = \mathbf{0}$ .

NB. Zero-rank matroids (all loops) have  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{1}$  (multiplicative identity).

# Dualization

## Linear Motivation of Duality

When an (oriented) matroid is presented by the row subspace  $L$  within  $KS$  of a matrix with columns labelled by  $S$ , its **dual matroid** is presented by the **orthogonal complementary subspace  $L^\perp$** .

## Bases in (oriented) matroids

- ▶ A rank- $k$  matroid can be specified by which subsets  $B \subseteq S$  with  $|B| = k$  are (and are not) **bases  $\mathcal{B}$**  (i.e., maximal independent).
- ▶ An oriented matroid  $\mathcal{N}$  can be specified by which **ordered  $k$ -sequences  $B$  from  $S$**  are ( $\mathcal{N}[B] = 0$ ) not independent, ( $\mathcal{N}[B] = +$ ) positive, and ( $\mathcal{N}[B] = -$ ). The **chirotope** function is antisymmetric and satisfies a signed basis-exchange axiom iff it defines an oriented matroid.

# Ways to define (Oriented) Matroid Duals

## Duals

- ▶ Matroid:  $\mathcal{B}^* = \{S \setminus B \mid B \in \mathcal{B}\}$
- ▶ Oriented Matroid:  $\mathcal{N}^*[\overline{B}] = \pm\epsilon(\overline{B}B)\mathcal{N}[B]$  for  $(|S| - k) -$  sequences  $\overline{B}$ .  $B$  is an **arbitrary** sequence complementary to  $\overline{B}$ ; order of  $B$  doesn't matter.
- ▶ But  $\mathcal{N}^*[\ ]$  and  $-\mathcal{N}^*[\ ]$  define  $\mathcal{N}^*$  **equally** well.

But we want  $*$  on extensors to be well-defined and satisfy  $(N/e)^* = (N^* \setminus e)$ .



# Ground Set Orientations

We (arbitrarily) declare with  $\epsilon_U$  which parity class of permutations of each subset of  $U$  is positive:  $\epsilon_U(a_1 a_2 \dots) = \epsilon(\sigma) \epsilon_U(a_{\sigma_1} a_{\sigma_2} \dots)$  for all permutations  $\sigma$  of all finite subsets  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ .

## Motivation:

An orientation of a manifold is a consistent specification of which ordered tangent space bases are called positive or “right handed coordinate systems”.

So, pseudo-forms such as volume can be defined in a way that the the volume of a sequence of vectors is positive when the sequence is a “right handed coordinate system.”

We use a ground set orientation  $\epsilon$  to define extensor dual so the oriented matroid relationships between deletion, contraction and dualization translate into **identities on extensor operations**.

## Definition of Extensor Dual, Matroid-like Identities

Given  $\mathbf{N}(S)$ ,

$$\mathbf{N}^\perp[X] = \mathbf{N}^{\perp\epsilon}[X] = \mathbf{N}[S']\epsilon(S' X),$$

where  $S'$  is any permutation of the elements in  $S \setminus X$ .

Some resulting identities have sign corrections!

$$(\mathbf{N} \setminus X)^\perp = \epsilon(S')\epsilon(S'X) (\mathbf{N}^\perp / X)$$

$$(\mathbf{N} / X)^\perp = \epsilon(S')\epsilon(S'X)(-1)^{|X|} (|S| - \rho\mathbf{N}) (\mathbf{N}^\perp \setminus X)$$

$$(\mathbf{N}_1\mathbf{N}_2)^\perp = \epsilon(S_1)\epsilon(S_2)\epsilon(S_1S_2)(-1)^{\rho\mathbf{N}_1^\perp + \rho\mathbf{N}_2} \mathbf{N}_1^\perp\mathbf{N}_2^\perp$$

## Defining $M_E$

$$\begin{aligned}v_r(\mathbf{e}) &= r_e \mathbf{e} \text{ for } e \in E \text{ and } v_r(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}_v \text{ for } p \in P. \\ \iota_g(\mathbf{e}) &= g_e \mathbf{e} \text{ for } e \in E \text{ and } \iota_g(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}_\iota \text{ for } p \in P.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Given a ported extensor  $\mathbf{N}(P, E)$ , a ground set orientation  $\epsilon$  and dual operator  $\perp_\epsilon$ , parameters  $g_e$  and  $r_e$  for each  $e \in E$ , and  $\epsilon$ -preserving functions  $v_r$  and  $\iota_g$  defined above, let

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{N}) = \iota_g(\mathbf{N}) v_r(\mathbf{N}^{\perp_\epsilon}) \text{ and } \mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N}) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{N})/E$$

Electricity! - When  $N$  is graphic.

Variables  $x_e, e \in E$  represent values such that  $g_e x_e$  is the current through edge  $e$  and  $r_e x_e$  is the voltage across  $e$ . Thus Ohm's law is expressed with resistance  $r_e : g_e$ .

$\iota_g(\mathbf{N})$  expresses Kirchhoff's current law.  $v_r(\mathbf{N}^{\perp_\epsilon})$  expresses Kirchhoff's voltage law.

Contraction by  $E$  expresses eliminating the variables  $x_e, e \in E$  leaving  $p$  independent linear constraints on the  $2p$  variables for the port currents and voltage drops.

The  $r_e, g_e$  parametrized extensor-valued function  $\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N})(P_v \cup P_l)$  of ported extensor  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{N}(P, E)$  has the following properties:

1. Given  $\mathbf{N}_1(P_1, E_1)$  and  $\mathbf{N}_2(P_2, E_2)$  with  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$  and  $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ ,

$$\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N}_1 \ \mathbf{N}_2)(P, E) = \epsilon(P_1 P_2 E) \epsilon(P_1 E_1) \epsilon(P_2 E_2) \mathbf{M}_{E_1}(\mathbf{N}_1) \ \mathbf{M}_{E_2}(\mathbf{N}_2).$$

2. If  $e \in E$  and  $E' = E \setminus e$  then

$$\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N}) = \epsilon(PE) \epsilon(PE') (g_e \mathbf{M}_{E'}(\mathbf{N}/e) + r_e \mathbf{M}_{E'}(\mathbf{N} \setminus e)).$$

- 3 Let  $E = \emptyset$ . The Plücker coordinates of  $\mathbf{M}_{\emptyset}(\mathbf{N})(P_\iota \cup P_\nu)$  satisfy

$$\mathbf{M}_{\emptyset}(\mathbf{N})[I_\iota V_\nu] = \mathbf{M}[I_\iota V_\nu] = \epsilon(\overline{V} \ V) \mathbf{N}[I] \mathbf{N}[\overline{V}].$$

for all  $I \subseteq P$  and  $V \subseteq P$ .

(NB: Each  $\mathbf{N}[A] \mathbf{N}[B] \neq 0$  iff  $A$  and  $B$  are common bases in the matroid represented by  $\mathbf{N}$ .

For graphic and other unimodular oriented matroids, each  $\mathbf{N}[] = \pm 1$  or  $0$ . )

- 4  $\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

## Corollary

Let  $(\mathbf{N}/A|P) = \mathbf{N}/A \setminus (E \setminus A)$  be the extensor obtained by contracting  $A \subseteq E$  and deleting the rest of  $E$ , leaving an extensor with ground set  $P$ .

$M_E(\mathbf{N}/A|P)$  with  $E = \emptyset$  is a result of applying the reductions in the additive identity repeatedly until there are no more  $e \in E$ .

$$\epsilon(PE)\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N}) = \epsilon(P) \sum_{\substack{A \subseteq E : \rho_{\mathbf{N}}A = |A|, \\ \rho_{\mathbf{N}} - \rho(\mathbf{N}/A|P) - \rho_{\mathbf{N}}A = 0}} \mathbf{M}_{\emptyset}(\mathbf{N}/A|P)g_A r_{\overline{A}}.$$

The signs cancel in a telescoping product.

When  $\mathbf{N}$  is graphic, each non-zero  $\mathbf{M}_{\emptyset}(\mathbf{N}/A|P)$  represents the behavior of an electrical network **with ports only!**

Intuitively, the behavior of the resistor network is the exterior sum of behaviors of certain networks obtained by contracting a forest  $F$  of resistors and deleting  $E \setminus F$ , weighted by  $g_F r_{E \setminus F}$ .

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$$\epsilon(PE) \mathbf{M}_E^\epsilon(\pm \mathbf{N})[P] = \sum_{B \subseteq E} g_B r_B \mathbf{N}^2[BP],$$

3.  $\mathbf{M}_E^\epsilon(\pm \mathbf{N})[Q]$  is constant under sign change of  $\pm \mathbf{N}$ , and is alternating in  $E$ ,  $\epsilon$  and  $Q$ .
4.  $\epsilon(PE) \mathbf{M}_E^\epsilon(\pm \mathbf{N})[Q]$  is constant under sign change of  $\pm \mathbf{N}$  and under changes or reorderings of  $\epsilon$  or  $E$ ; it is alternating in  $P$  and in  $Q$ .

## 2 Grassmann variables for each edge

Instead of Smith's "protovoltage"  $x_e$  for each edge, we could have used voltage  $x_e$  and current  $\bar{x}_e$ . Ohm's law is  $(g_e x_e - r_e \bar{x}_e) = 0$ .

$M(G)$  with Ohm's Law Explicit:

$$\text{Current Laws: } \mathbf{N} = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{\rho(G)} \left( \sum_E N_{i,e} \bar{x}_e + \sum_P N_{i,p} \mathbf{p}_l \right)$$

$$\text{Voltage Laws: } \mathbf{N}^\perp = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{\rho^*(G)} \left( \sum_E N_{i,e}^\perp x_e + \sum_P N_{i,p}^\perp \mathbf{p}_v \right)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{Ohm's law explicit}} = \mathbf{N} \mathbf{N}^\perp \bigwedge_{e \in E} (g_e x_e - r_e \bar{x}_e)$$

## Extracting Tree sums

Let  $\phi\bar{\phi} = \bigwedge_{p \in P} \mathbf{p}_v \mathbf{p}_\iota \bigwedge_{e \in E} \mathbf{x}_e \bar{\mathbf{x}}_e$

For 2 sequences of port names  $I$  and  $V$ ,  $|I| + |V| = |P|$  (not necessarily disjoint), the coefficient (Plucker coordinate, tensor component) named by  $I_\iota V_\nu$  in  $\mathbf{M}_E$  is given by the Grassmann-Berezin integral:

$$\pm \int \mathcal{D}(\phi\bar{\phi}) \mathbf{I}^C_\iota \mathbf{V}^C_\nu \mathbf{M}_{\text{Ohm's..}}$$

where  $I^C = P \setminus I$  and  $V^C = P \setminus V$ .

- ▶ Each of these enumerates, with homogenous  $\pm \prod r$  and  $\prod g$  weights, certain trees. Each is a full-row minor (determinant) in the matrix of  $M$ .
- ▶ When  $I, V$  partition  $P$ , all signs are the same.
- ▶ Each satisfies Tutte's deletion/contraction and direct sum identities.

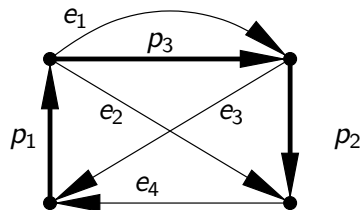
# A Grassmann Polynomial that satisfies anticommutative Tutte equations

## Berezin Integral Notation

$$\int dx_1 dx_2 \dots F \text{ denotes } \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \circ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \circ \dots \circ F$$

(When the signs are corrected properly) the integrand obtained by “integrating out” the variables  $x_e$  and  $\bar{x}_e$  satisfies Tutte’s equations as a polynomial in Grassmann-Berezin variables.

## Example



$$N = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 & +1 & +1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & +1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & +1 & +1 & 0 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} (-\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_3 + \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2) \cdot \\ (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_3) \cdot \\ (-\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2 + \mathbf{p}_3 + \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_4) \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, we write one totally unimodular matrix  $N^\perp$  for the canonical dual. We have checked that the sign was chosen properly.

$$N^\perp = \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & +1 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 \\ 0 & +1 & +1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

We abbreviate labels  $p_{\iota 1}$  and  $p_{\nu 1}$  by  $i_1$  and  $v_1$ , etc.

$$M(N) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc|cccc} i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & g_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -g_1 & 0 & g_3 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_1 & 0 & 0 & g_4 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & -r_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & +1 & +1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & r_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & +1 & 0 & -r_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & +1 & 0 & +1 & 0 & 0 & r_3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

We calculate  $\mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N})$  by doing ring operations on rows to eliminate all but one non-zero entry in each  $E$  column in  $M(N)$ . The result is that

$$g_1 g_2 g_3 g_4 r_1^6 r_2 r_3 r_4 \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{N})$$

is equal to the following extensor in matrix form:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|cccc} i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} -r_1 r_2 \\ 0 \\ -r_1 r_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ r_1 r_3 \\ -r_1 r_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} r_1 r_2 \\ -r_1 r_3 \\ r_1 r_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -g_3 r_1 \\ -g_4 r_1 \\ 0 \\ g_4 r_1 \\ 0 \\ g_3 r_1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} g_2 r_1 \\ 0 \\ -g_4 r_1 \\ 0 \\ g_4 r_1 \\ g_2 r_1 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} g_1 r_2 + g_2 r_1 \\ -g_1 r_3 - g_3 r_1 \\ g_1 r_4 - g_4 r_1 \\ g_1 \\ g_4 r_1 \\ g_2 r_1 \\ g_3 r_1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -g_1 r_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -g_2 r_1 r_2 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ g_3 r_1 r_3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ g_4 r_1 r_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$



After some cancellation, we can read off the answer from the  $3 \times 6$  upper left submatrix, which is a matrix presentation of the extensor  $r_1^2 \mathbf{M}_E(\mathbf{N})$ :

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
 -r_1 r_2 & 0 & r_1 r_2 & 0 & g_2 r_1 & g_1 r_2 + g_2 r_1 \\
 0 & r_1 r_3 & -r_1 r_3 & -g_3 r_1 & 0 & -g_1 r_3 - g_3 r_1 \\
 -r_1 r_4 & -r_1 r_4 & r_1 r_4 & -g_4 r_1 & -g_4 r_1 & g_1 r_4 - g_4 r_1
 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

One can notice that every order 3 minor is a multiple of  $r_1^2$ .

## Example graph (again)

