

New Directions for the Tutte Polynomial  
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# Graph Polynomials motivated by Gene Assembly

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background: gene assembly in ciliates

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### Interlace

$m(G; y)$	2-in 2-out	$q(G, y)$	simple	two	“directions”
$M(G; y)$	4-regular	$Q(G, y)$		three	

↔ via circle graphs

medial graph

fundamental graph

Tutte connection

basic evaluations

explicit vs. recursive formulation

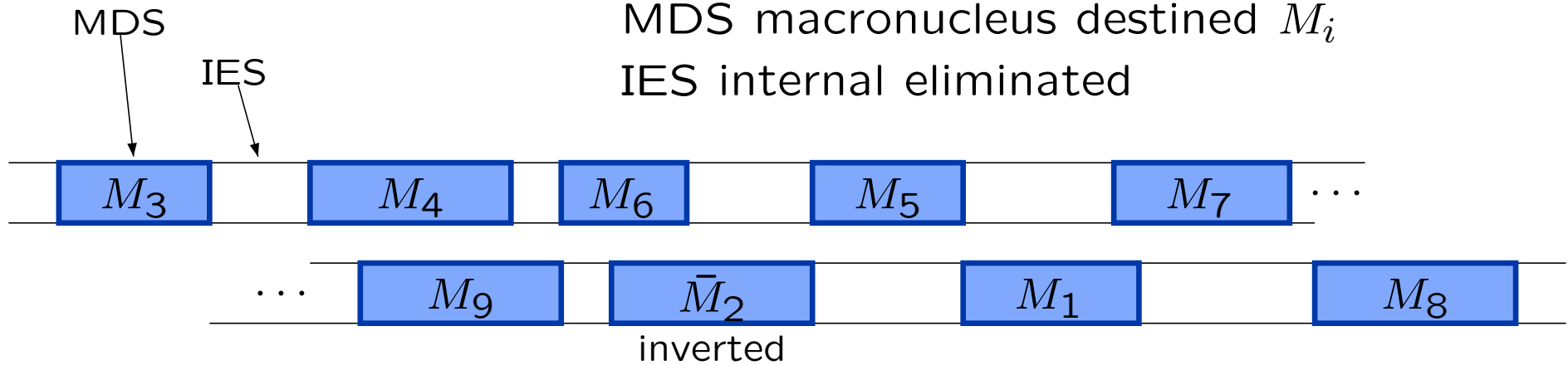
beyond binary matroids?

Ciliates: two types of nucleus  
 gene assembly: splicing and recombination

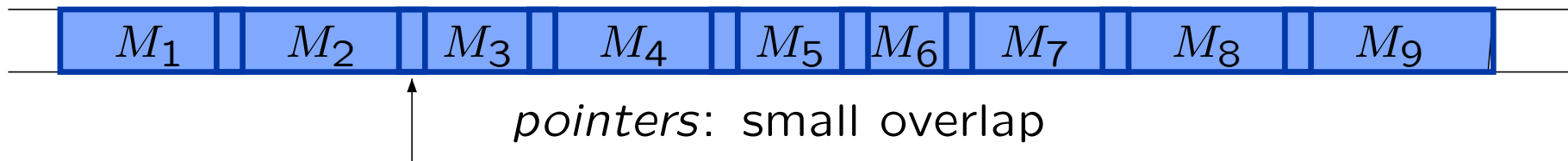
MIC *micronucleus*

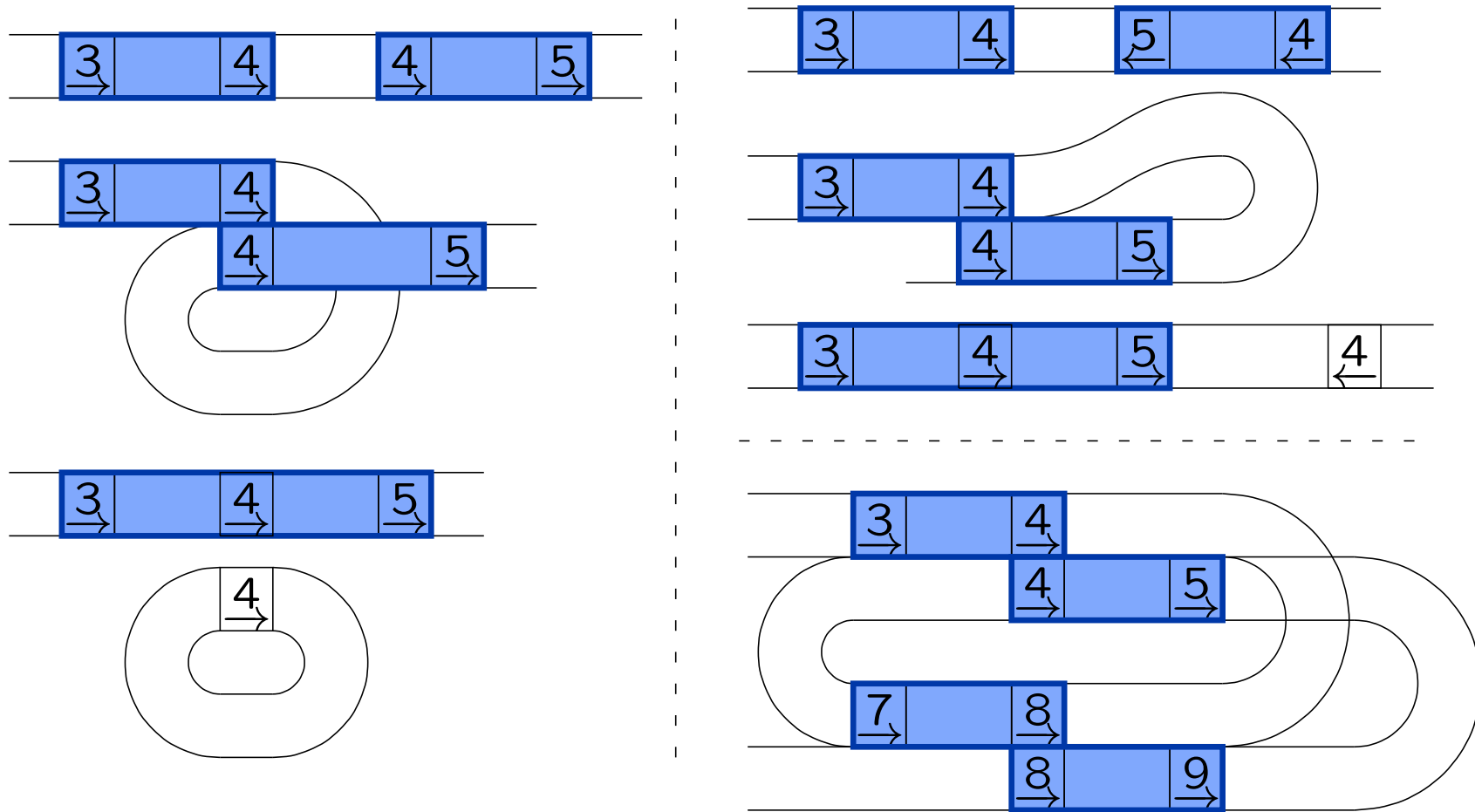
MDS macronucleus destined  $M_i$

IES internal eliminated

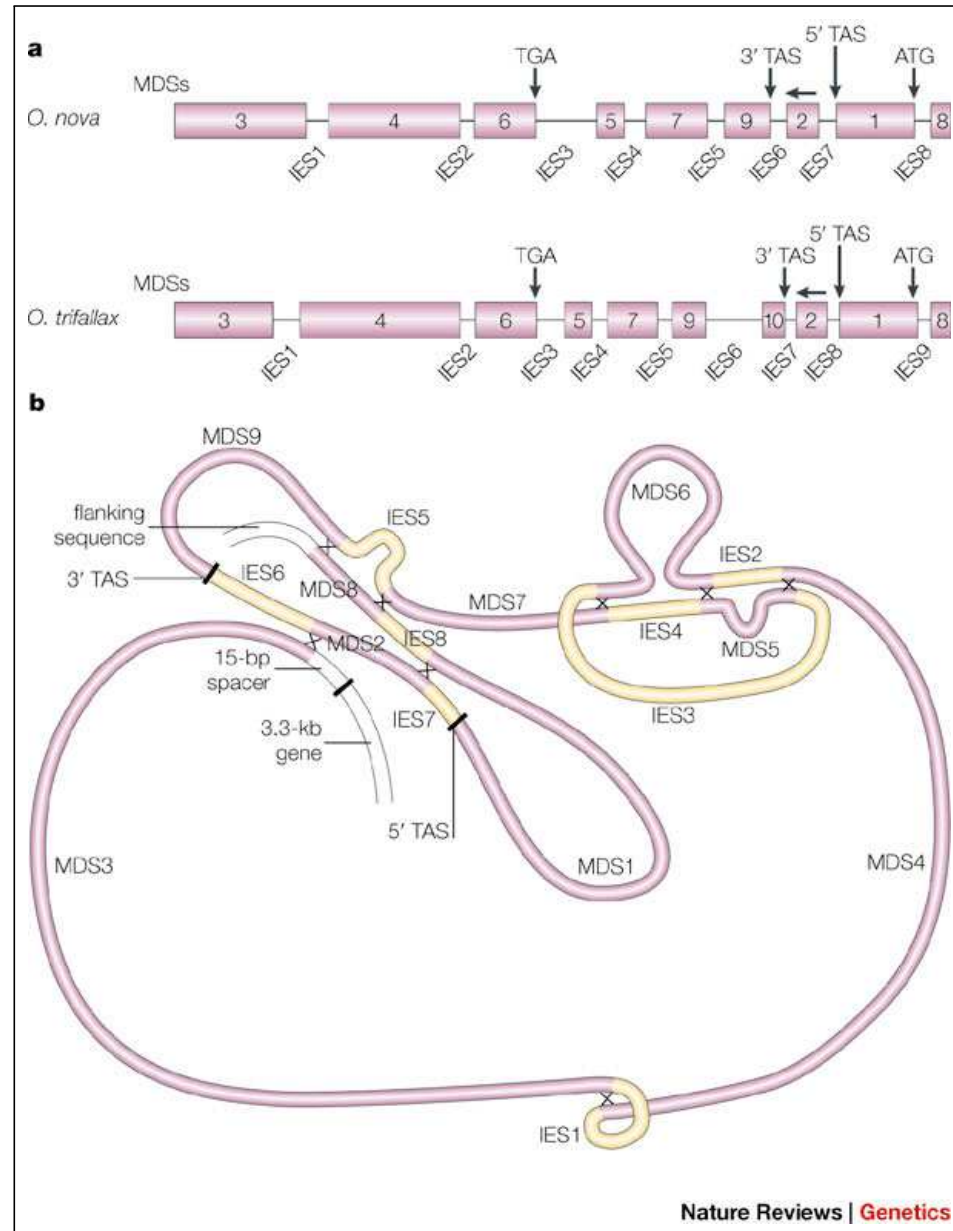


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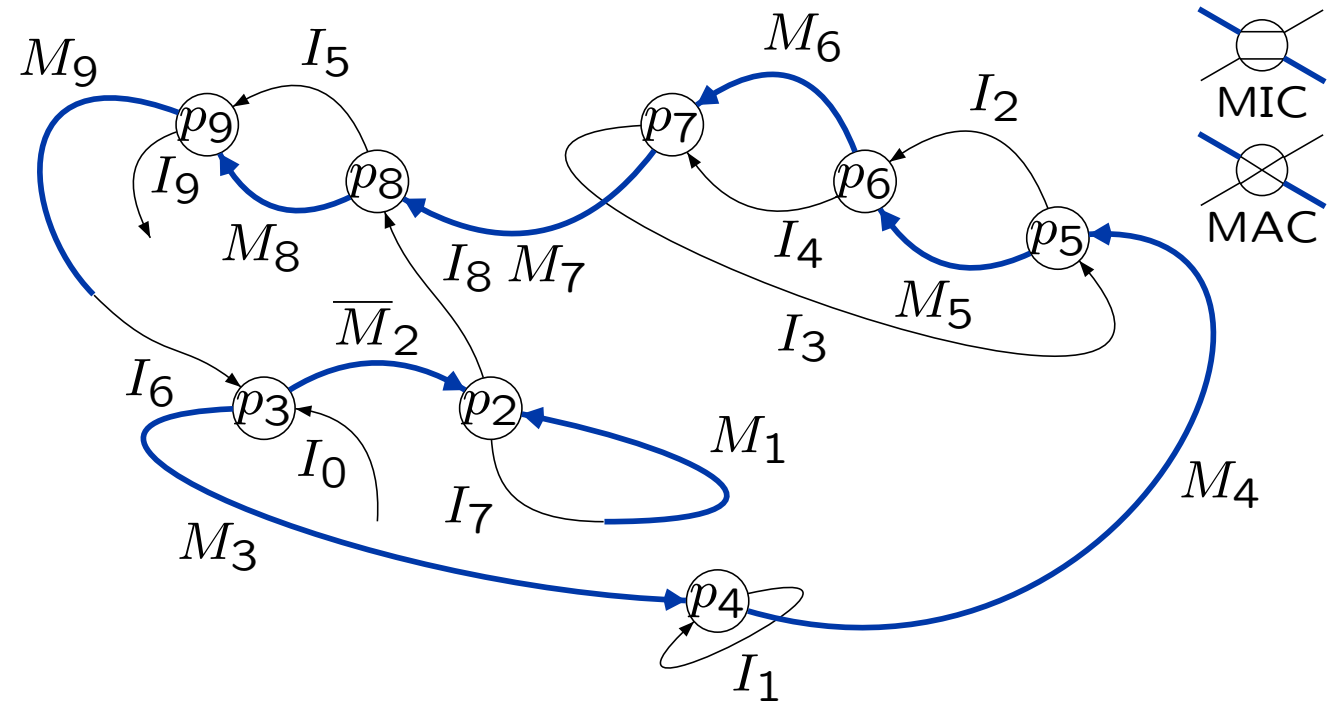




Ehrenfeucht, Harju, Petre, Prescott, Rozenberg:  
Computation in Living Cells – Gene Assembly in Ciliates (2004)



David M. Prescott. Genome gymnastics: unique modes of dna evolution and processing in ciliates. Nature Reviews Genetics (December 2000)



MIC  $I_0 M_3 I_1 M_4 I_2 M_6 I_3 M_5 I_4 M_7 I_5 M_9$   
 $I_6 \bar{M}_2 I_7 M_1 I_8 M_8 I_9$   
 MAC  $\bar{I}_9 \bar{I}_5 \bar{I}_8 I_7 \underbrace{M_1 M_2 \cdots M_8 M_9}_{\text{Euler circuit}} I_6 \bar{I}_0, I_1 \text{ and } I_2 I_4 I_3$

4-regular graph with Euler circuit

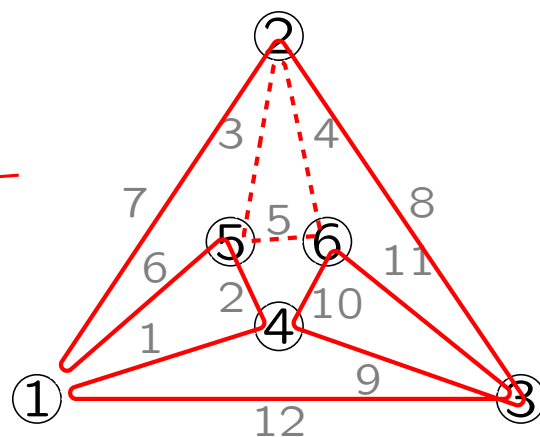
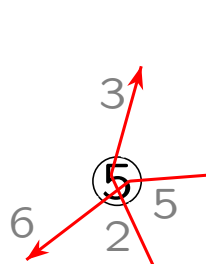
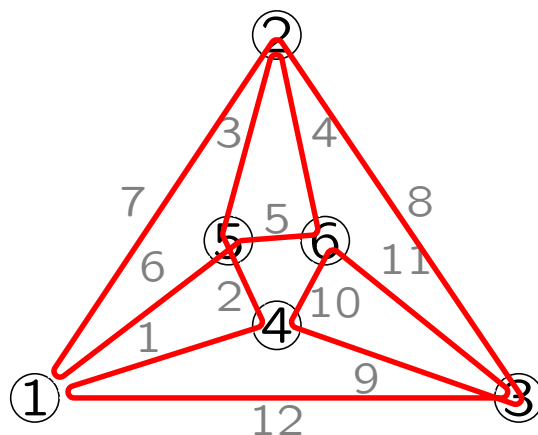
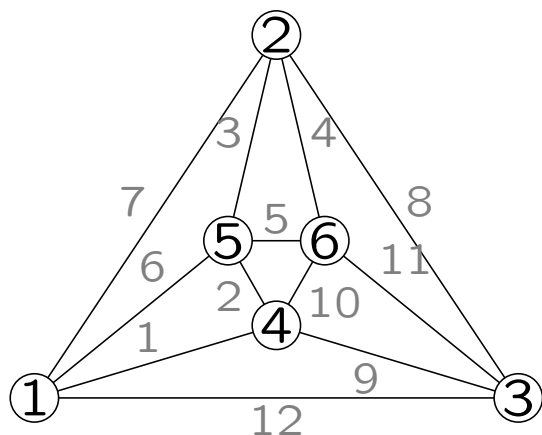
$w =$

1 4 5 2 6 5 1 2 3 4 6 3

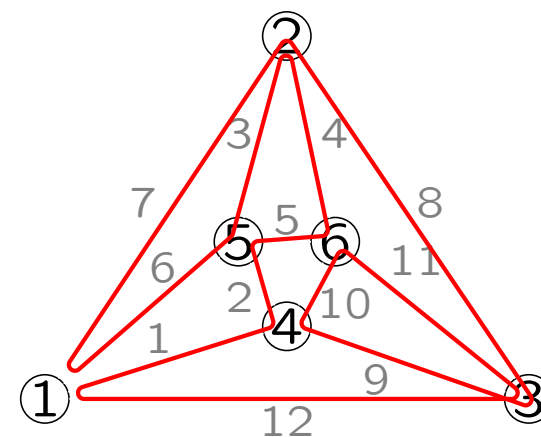
double occurrence string  $w$  defines

4-regular graph  $G_w$  + Euler circuit  $C_w$

or 2-in 2-out graph + directed circuit

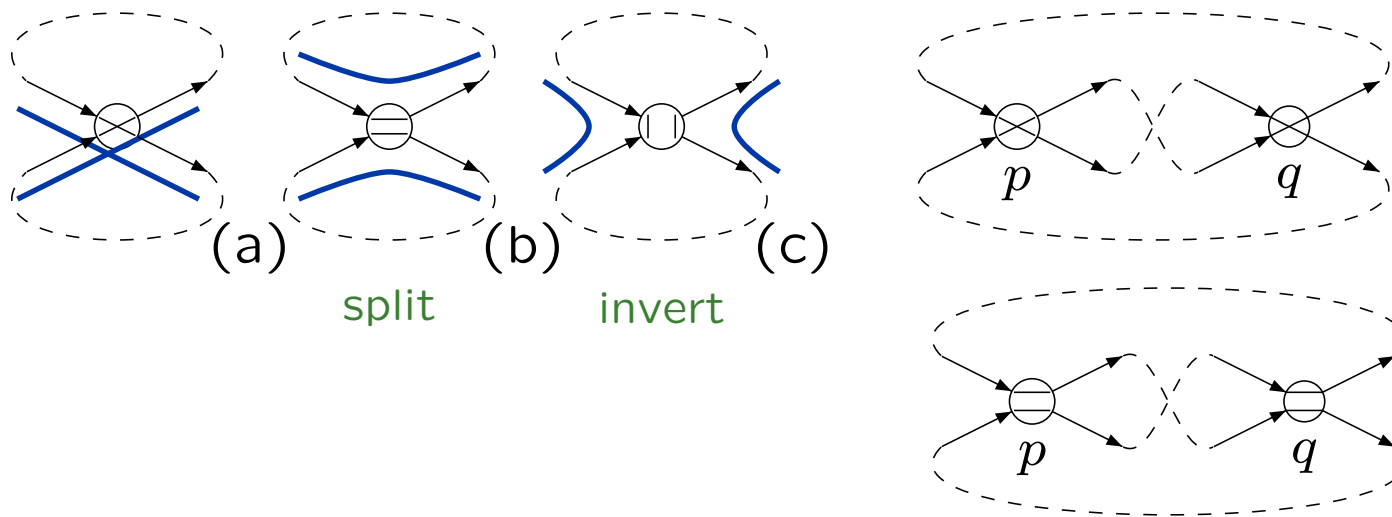


segment split



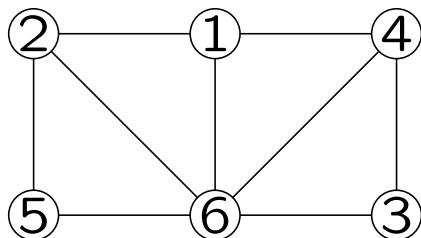
segment inverted

- (a) follows  $C$
- (b) orientation consistent
- (c) orientation inconsistent



interlaced  $\dots \underbrace{p \dots q} \dots \underbrace{p \dots q} \dots$   
 segments are swapped

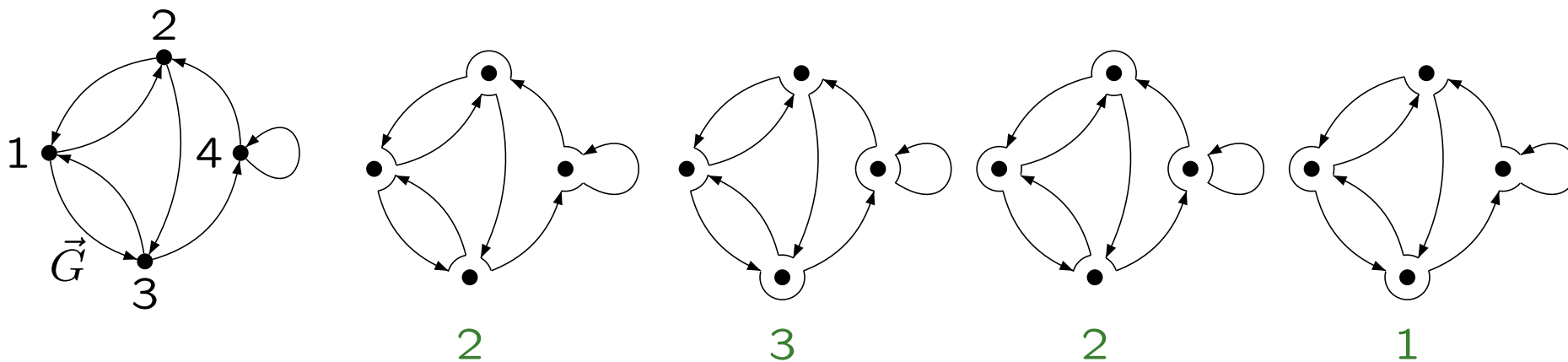
*interlace graph  $I(C)$*



$w = 14 \underline{5265} 123463$

Kotzig. Eulerian lines in finite 4-valent graphs (1966)





transition system (graph state)

*Martin polynomial* of 2-in 2-out digraph  $\vec{G}$

$$m(\vec{G}; y) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\vec{G})} (y - 1)^{k(T) - c(\vec{G})}$$

$c(\vec{G})$  components

$k(T)$  circuits for transition system  $T$

$$m(\vec{G}; y) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\vec{G})} (y - 1)^{k(T) - c(\vec{G})}$$

$\vec{G}$  2-in 2-out digraph and  $n = |V(\vec{G})|$

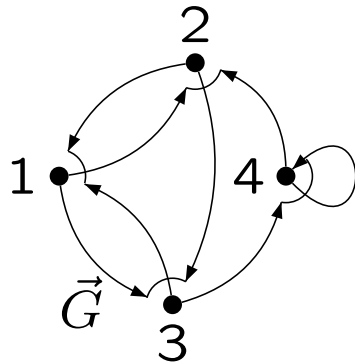
**Thm.**  $m(\vec{G}; -1) = (-1)^n (-2)^{a(\vec{G}) - 1}$

$m(\vec{G}; 0) = 0$ , when  $n > 0$

$m(\vec{G}; 1)$  number of Eulerian systems

$m(\vec{G}; 2) = 2^n$

$m(\vec{G}; 3) = k |m(\vec{G}; -1)|$  for odd  $k$



$a(\vec{G})$  anti circuits

graph reductions: glueing edges

$\vec{G}$  2-in 2-out digraph

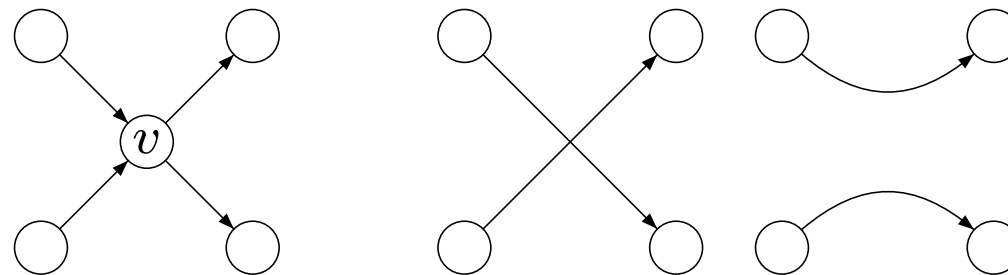
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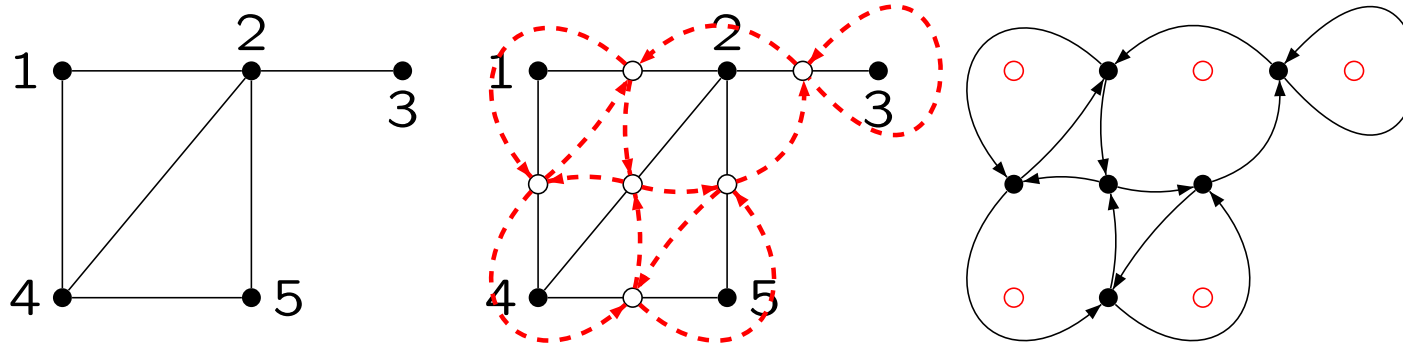
$$m(\vec{G}; y) = y m(\vec{G}'; y)$$

cut vertex  $v$

$$m(G; y) = m(\vec{G}'_v; y) + m(\vec{G}''_v; y)$$

vertex  $v$  without loops



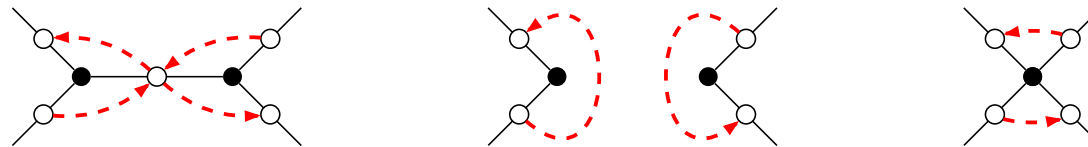


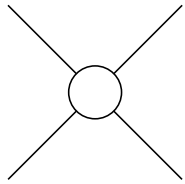
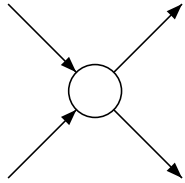
plane graph  $G$ , with medial graph  $\vec{G}_m$

**Thm.**  $m(\vec{G}_m; y) = T(G; y, y)$

proof:

deletion-contraction





three directions

*Martin polynomial* of 4-regular graph  $G$

$$M(G; y) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(G)} (y - 2)^{k(T) - c(G)}$$

$c(G)$  components

$k(T)$  circuits for transition system  $T$

three graph reductions

$G$  4-regular graph

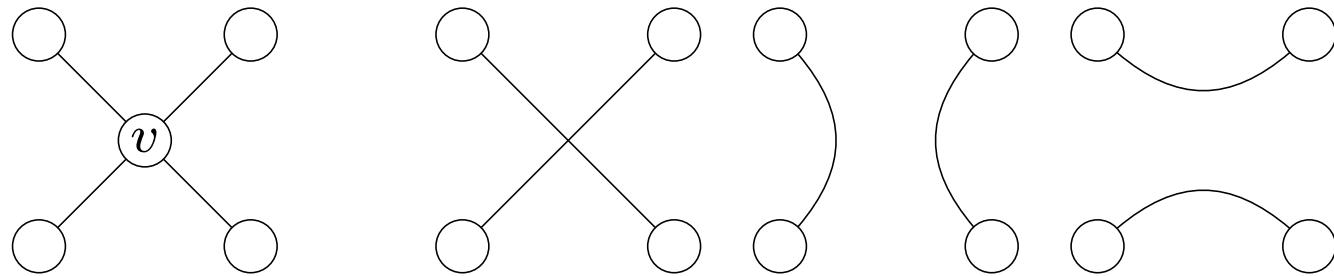
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$$M(G; y) = M(G'_v; y) + M(G''_v; y) + M(G'''_v; y)$$

vertex  $v$  without loops

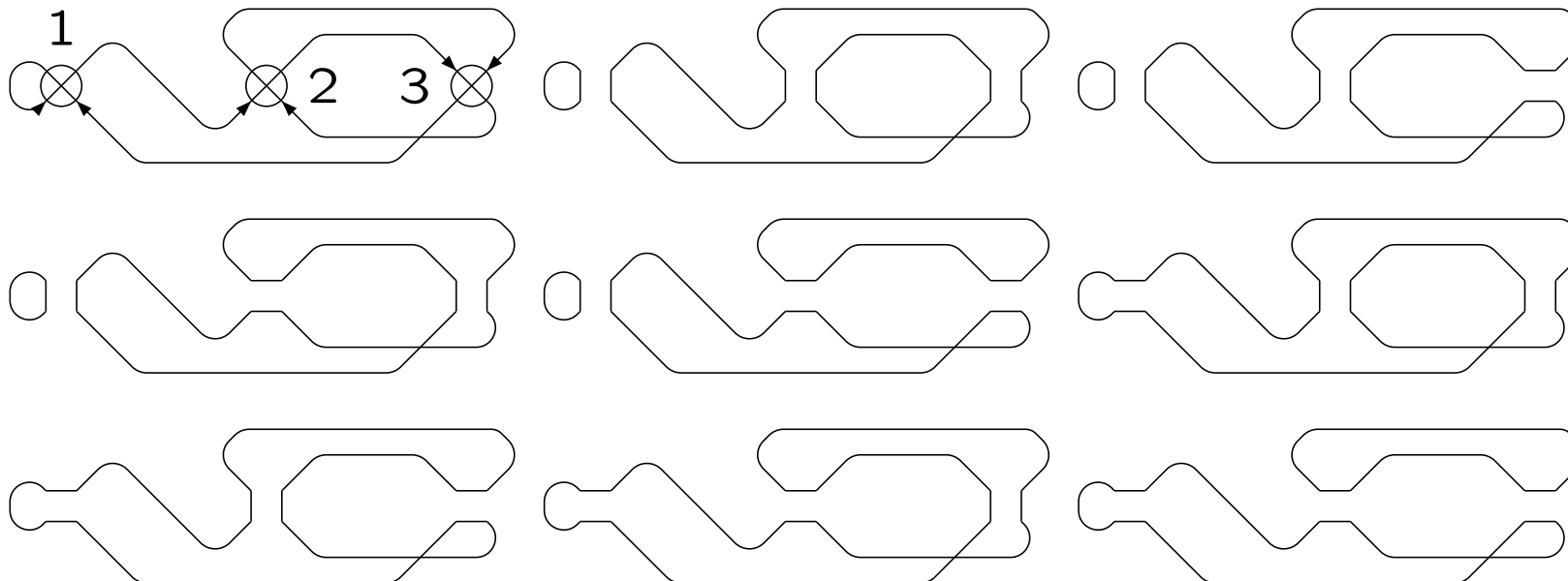


*assembly polynomial* of  $G_w$  for doc-word  $w$

$$S(G_w)(p, t) = \sum_s p^{\pi(s)} t^{c(s)-1},$$

follow/consistent/inconsistent

$w = 112323$



Burns, Dolzhenko, Jonoska, Muche, Saito:

Four-regular graphs with rigid vertices associated to DNA recombination (2013)

*transition polynomials*  $W = (a, b, c)$

transition  $T$  defines partition  $V_1, V_2, V_3$

eg wrt fixed cycle

weight  $W(T) = a^{|V_1|} b^{|V_2|} c^{|V_3|}$

$$M(G, W; y) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\vec{G})} W(T) y^{k(T) - c(\vec{G})}$$

polynomial	a	b	c
Martin	1	1	0
(3-way)	1	1	1
assembly	0	p	1
Penrose	0	1	-1

$$= 3^3 - 3^2 - 3^2 - 3^2 + 3 + 3 + 3 - 3$$



where are the  $\Delta$ -matroids?

2-in 2-out graph

fix euler cycle  $C$

represent all cycles by the vertices that differ

de Bruijn Graphs for DNA Sequencing  
originally recursive definition

simple graph  $G$  (with loops)

*interlace polynomial*

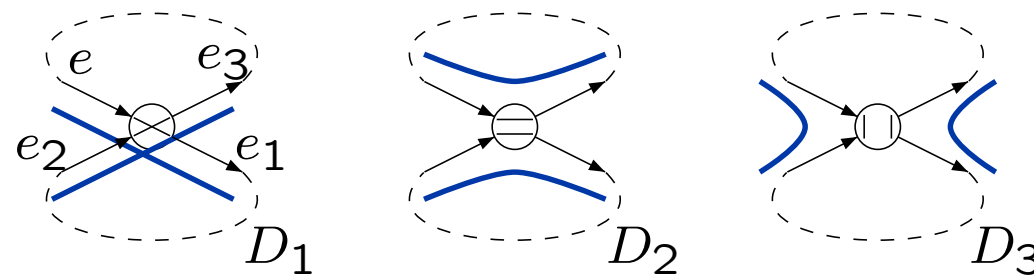
(single-variable, vertex-nullity)

$$q(G; y) = \sum_{X \subseteq V(G)} (y - 1)^{n(A(G)[X])}$$

Arratia, Bollobás, Sorkin: The interlace polynomial: a new graph polynomial (2000)

Aigner, van der Holst: Interlace polynomials (2004)

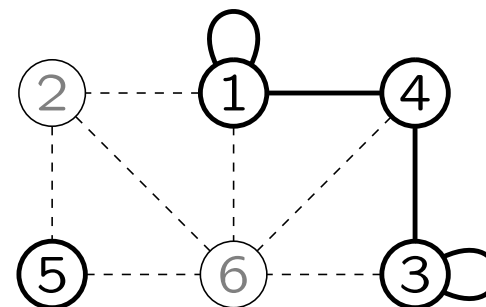
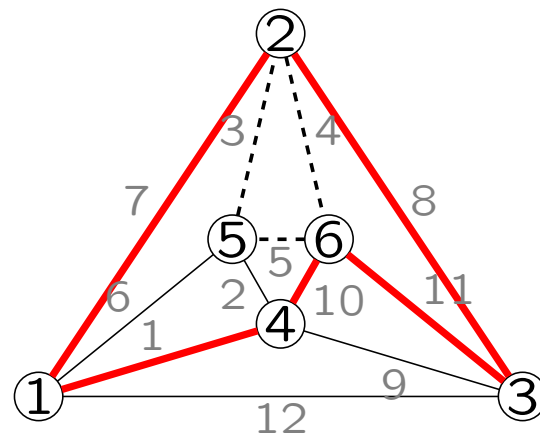
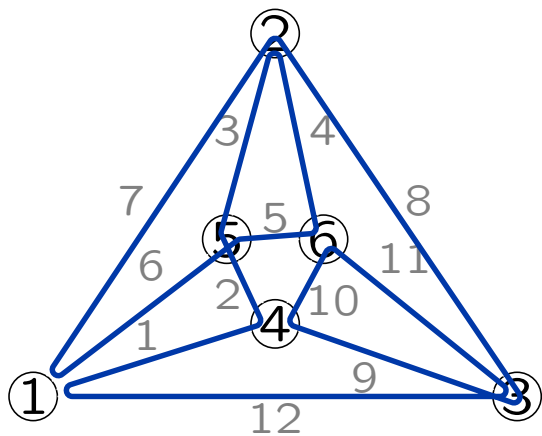
Bouchet: TutteMartin polynomials and orienting vectors of isotropic systems (1991)



4-regular graph  $G$  with Eulerian system  $C$   
 $P$  circuit partition of  $E(G)$ , partition vertices:

- $D_1$  follows  $C$
- $D_2$  orientation consistent
- $D_3$  orientation inconsistent

**Thm.** Then  $|P| - c(G) = n( (I(C) + D_3) \setminus D_1 )$



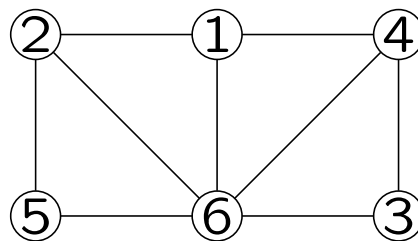
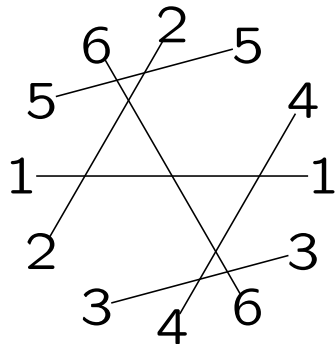
$$\begin{matrix}
 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
 \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{matrix}$$

$$q(I(C); y) = \sum_{X \subseteq V(G)} (y - 1)^{n(A(I(C)))[X]}$$

$$|P| - c(G) = n((I(C) + \underbrace{D_3}_{=\emptyset}) \setminus D_1)$$

$$m(\vec{G}; y) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(\vec{G})} (y - 1)^{k(T) - c(\vec{G})}$$

**Thm.**  $m(\vec{G}; y) = q(I(C); y)$



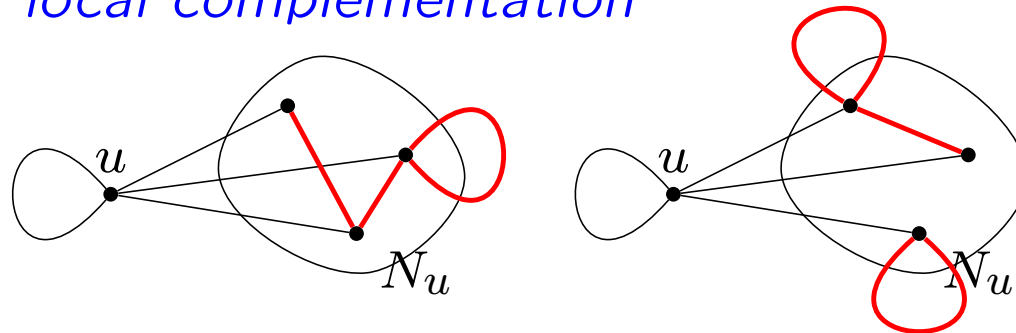
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$$G \mapsto G * u$$

looped vertex  $u$

$$N_u = N_G(u) \setminus \{u\}$$

local complementation



$$G \mapsto G * \{u, v\}$$

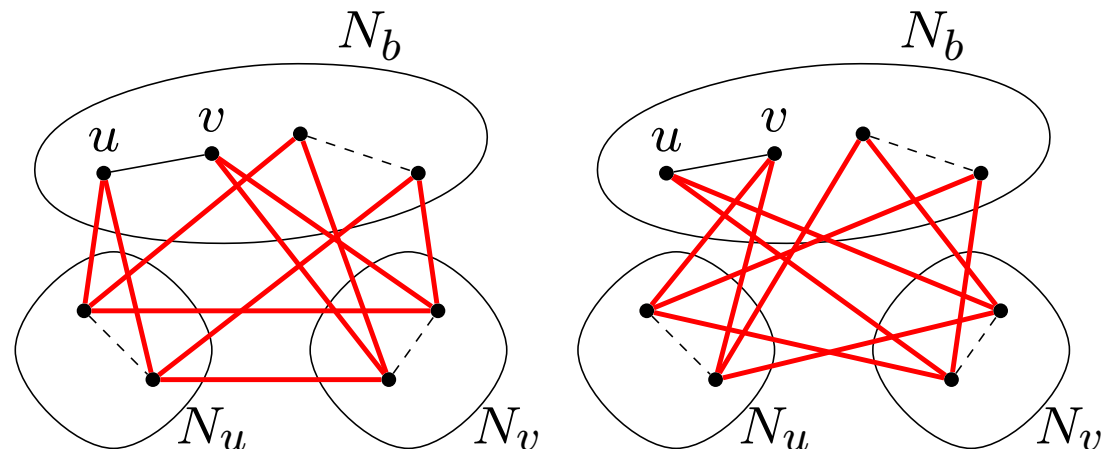
unlooped edge  $\{u, v\}$

$$N_u = N_G(u) \setminus N_G(v)$$

$$N_v = N_G(v) \setminus N_G(u)$$

$$N_b = N_G(u) \cap N_G(v)$$

edge complementation



special cases of *principal pivot transform*

(partial inverse)

$$\text{invert } I(C * u) = I(C) * v$$

$$\text{swap } I(C * \{u, v\}) = I(C) * \{u, v\} \quad \text{when defined}$$

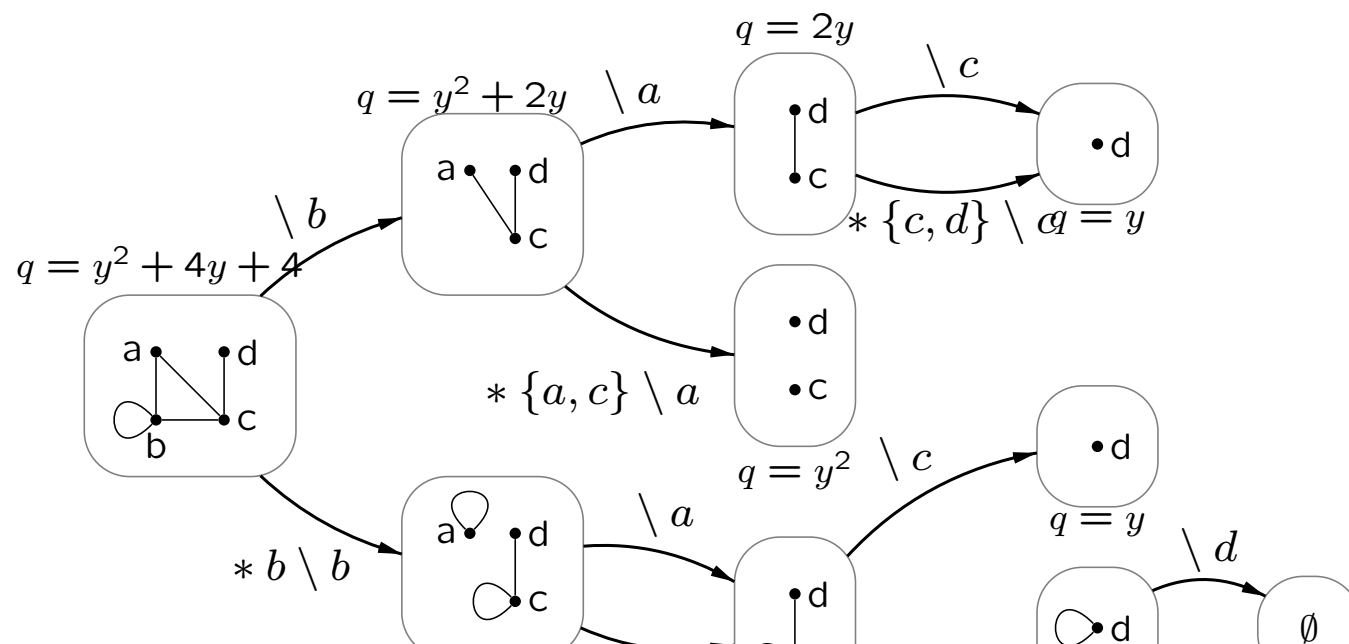
**Thm.**  $q(G; y) = 1$  if  $n = 0$

$q(G; y) = y q(G \setminus v; y)$  if  $v$  isolated (unlooped)

$q(G; y) = q(G \setminus v; y) + q((G * v) \setminus v; y)$   
if  $v$  looped

$q(G; y) = q(G \setminus v; y) + q((G * e) \setminus v; y)$   
if  $e = \{v, w\}$  unlooped edge

**Thm.**  $q(G; y) = q(G \setminus v; y) + q((G * X) \setminus v; y)$   
 $A(G[X])$  nonsingular,  $v \in X$



**Thm.**  $q(G; y) = q(G * v; y)$  if  $v$  looped  
 $q(G; y) = q(G * e; y)$   
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 $A(G[X])$  nonsingular

**Thm.**

$m(\vec{G}; -1) = (-1)^n (-2)^{a(\vec{G})-1}$	$q(G; -1) = (-1)^n (-2)^{n(A(G)+I)}$
$m(\vec{G}; 0) = 0$ , when $n > 0$	$q(G; 0) = 0$ if $n > 0$ , no loops
$m(\vec{G}; 1)$ #Eulerian systems	$q(G; 1)$ #induced subgraphs with odd number of perfect matchings
$m(\vec{G}; 2) = 2^n$	$q(G; 2) = 2^n$
$m(\vec{G}; 3) = k  m(\vec{G}; -1) $ odd $k$	$q(G; 3) = k  q(G; -1) $ odd $k$

$$q(G; y) = \sum_{X \subseteq V(G)} (y - 1)^{n(A(G)[X])}$$

$$Q(G; y) = \sum_{X \subseteq V(G)} \sum_{Y \subseteq X} (y - 2)^{n((A(G+Y))[X])}$$

Cohn-Lempel-Traldi

$$|P| - c(G) = n( (I(C) + D_3) \setminus D_1 )$$

third direction

$e = \{v, w\}$  unlooped edge

$$Q(G; y) = Q(G \setminus v; y) + Q((G * e) \setminus v; y) \\ + Q(((G + v) * v) \setminus v; y)$$

operations  $*$  and  $+$



$M$  binary matroid over  $E$

$G$  fundamental graph wrt basis  $B$  of  $M$

$(B, E \setminus B)$ -bipartite graph

edge iff  $B \setminus \{v\} \cup \{w\}$  basis of  $M$

**Thm.**  $T(M; y, y) = q(G; y)$ .

**Question:** generalization for  $T(M; y, y)$  and  $q(G; y)$ ?

*binary*

*bipartite*

THANKS