

Linear Alexander quandle colorings
and finite-fold cyclic covers of S^3
branched over knots

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Today's talk

Fox p -colorings are related to homomorphisms from the fundamental group of the double branched cover of S^3 branched over knots to \mathbb{Z}_p

$$\{ \text{Fox } p\text{-colorings for } K \} \xleftrightarrow{P:1} \{ \pi_K^{(2)} / (x_i^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom} \}$$

For linear Alexander quandle colorings, is it satisfied?

$$\{ \text{linear Alexander quandle colorings for } K \}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{P:1} \{ \pi_K^{(?) } / (x_i^{?}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom} \} \quad ??$$

§ Preliminaries

A quandle is a set $X (\neq \emptyset)$ with a binary operation $*$

s.t.

$$(I) \quad \forall a \in X, \quad a * a = a$$

$$(II) \quad \forall a, b \in X, \quad \exists! c \in X \text{ s.t. } a = c * b$$

$$(III) \quad \forall a, b, c \in X, \quad (a * b) * c = (a * c) * (b * c)$$

The symmetry of $a \in X$:

$$\xi_a: X \rightarrow X, \quad x \mapsto x * a =: (x) \xi_a$$

Note

ξ_a is a quandle automorphism

(II) \mapsto bijective

(III) \mapsto homomorphic $(x * y) \xi_a = (x) \xi_a * (y) \xi_a$

The inner automorphism group of X :

$$\text{Inn}(X) = \{ \text{symmetries of } X \}$$

X is connected $:\Leftrightarrow$ $\text{Inn}(X)$ acts transitively on X

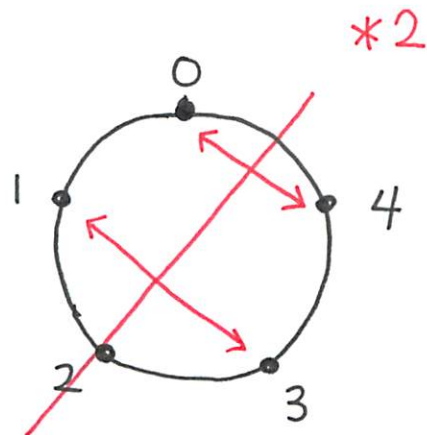
Examples

(1) Trivial quandle :

$$\begin{cases} S : \text{a set} \\ a * b = a \end{cases}$$

(2) Dihedral quandle of order p (≥ 3) :

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \\ a * b = 2b - a \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow R_p$$



Alexander quandle:

$$\begin{cases} M: \mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}] \text{- module} \\ a * b = ta + (1-t)b \end{cases}$$

Linear Alexander quandle

$$M = \mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] / (t - M)$$

$$p \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$M \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\} \text{ s.t. } \text{g.c.d.}(p, M) = 1$$

Note

- $M = p-1 \Rightarrow$ It is R_p ($a * b = 2b - a$)
- $M = 1 \Rightarrow$ It is a trivial quandle ($a * b = a$)

Lem (Nelson)

$\mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] / (t - M)$: connected

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(p, 1 - M) = 1$$

↳ In this talk, we study in the case that

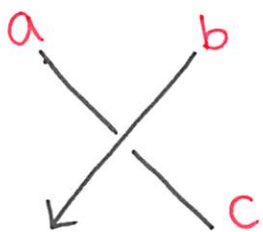
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i.e., $\text{g.c.d.}(p, 1 - M) = 1$

X : a quandle

D : an ori. knot diagram

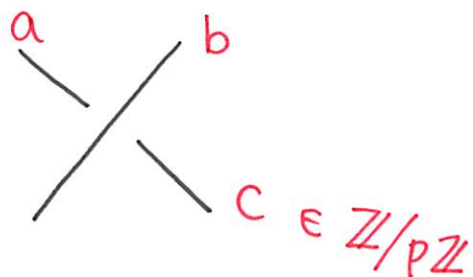
An X -coloring for D : $C : \{\text{arcs of } D\} \rightarrow X$ s.t.



$$a * b = c$$

Rem

Fox p -coloring = R_p -coloring

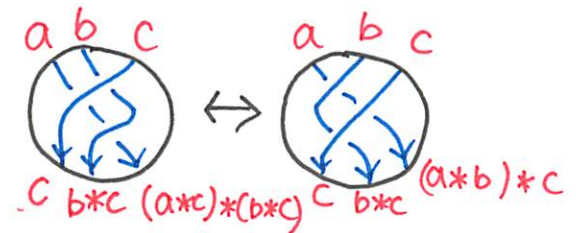
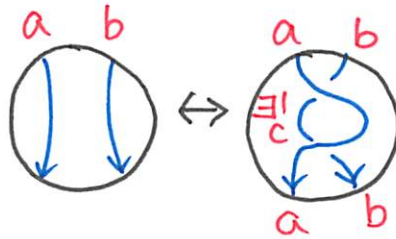
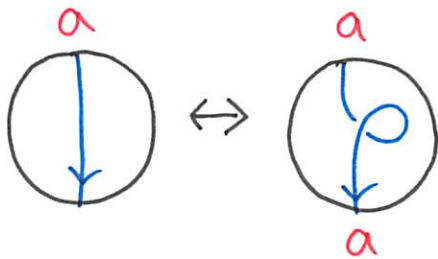


$$a + c = 2b \Leftrightarrow 2b - a = c \Leftrightarrow a * b = c$$

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operation of R_p

$$D \cong D'$$

$$\Rightarrow \{X\text{-colorings for } D\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{X\text{-colorings for } D'\}$$



$$\{X\text{-colorings for } K\} = \{X\text{-colorings for } D\} \text{ for some } D$$

K : a knot

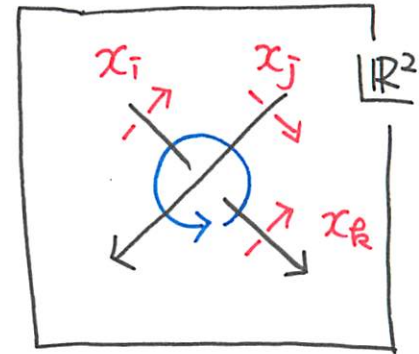
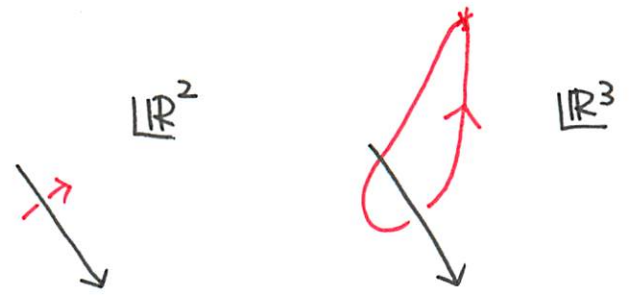
D : a diagram of K (oriented)

The knot group $\pi_1(K)$ is

$$\langle \underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n}_{\text{arcs}} \mid \underbrace{r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}}_{\text{relations obtained from crossings}} \rangle$$

↑

Wirtinger presentation



$$r_i = x_k x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_l$$

$\pi_K^{(s)}$: the fundamental group of the s -fold cyclic cover
of $S^3 - K$

Rem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha : \pi_K^{(1)} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}_s \\ \psi & & \psi \\ x_i & \longmapsto & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\ker \alpha \cong \pi_K^{(s)}$$

Hence, $\pi_K^{(s)} < \pi_K^{(1)}$

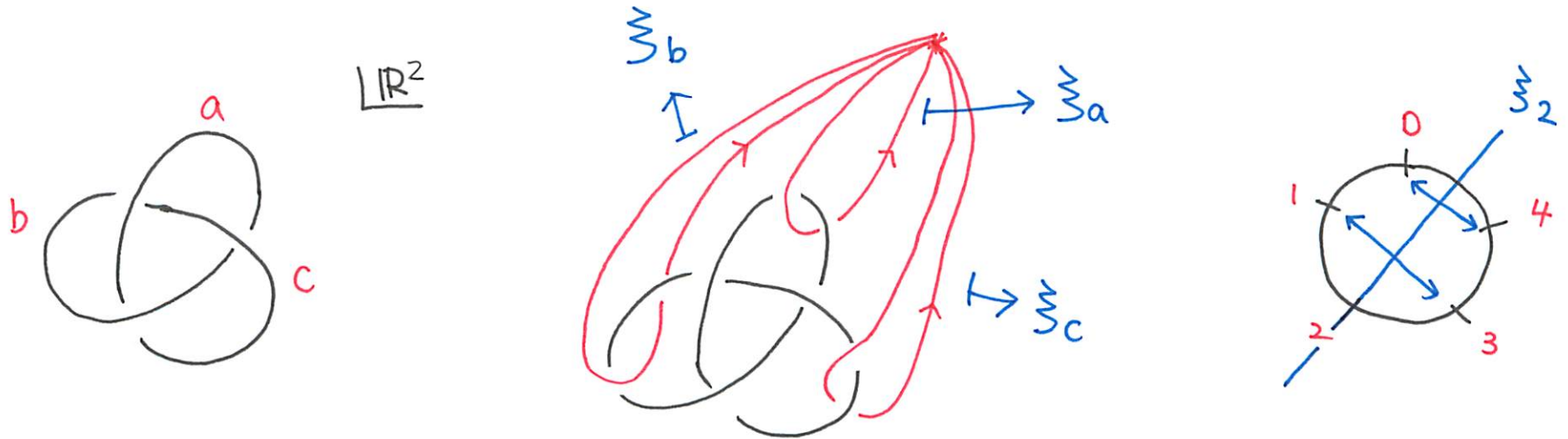
$\pi_K^{(s)} / (x_i^s)$: the fundamental group of the s -fold cyclic cover
of S^3 branched over K

§ A property for Fox colorings

p : an odd prime number

$$\{ \text{Fox } p\text{-colorings for } K \} \xleftrightarrow{P:1} \{ \pi_K^{(2)} / (x_i^2) \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom} \}$$

$$\bullet \{ \text{Fox } p\text{-colorings} \} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi_K^{(1)} \longrightarrow D_{2p} : \text{hom} \\ \psi \downarrow \quad \downarrow \psi \\ x_i \longmapsto \text{a reflection} \end{array} \right\}$$



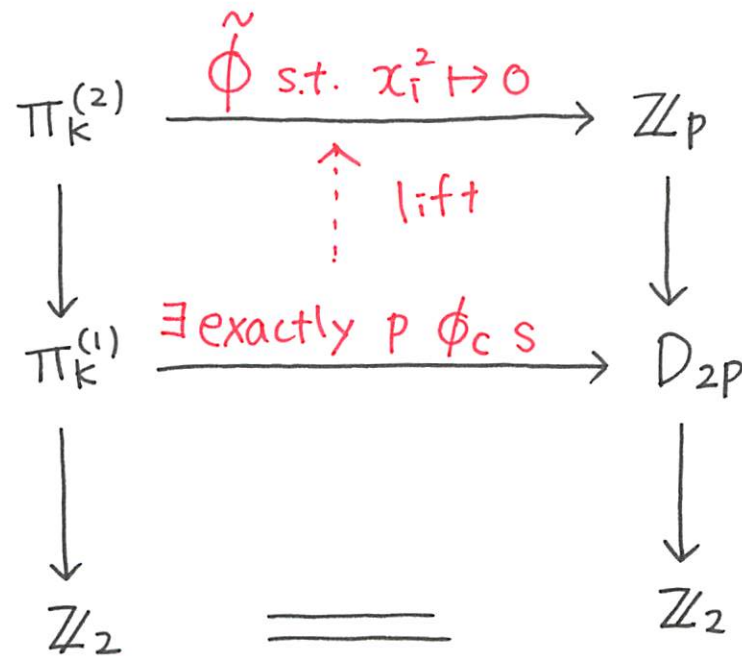
uniquely

- Each ϕ_c (= Fox p -coloring) lifts to a homomorphism

$$\tilde{\phi}_c : \pi_K^{(2)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \text{s.t. } x_i^2 \mapsto 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_K^{(2)} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}_c} & \mathbb{Z}_p \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \text{lifts} & \downarrow \\ \pi_K^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{\phi_c} & D_{2p} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 & \equiv & \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array}$$

- Any hom. $\tilde{\phi} : \pi_K^{(2)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ s.t. $x_i^2 \mapsto 0$ is a lift of exactly p hom.s (Fox p -colorings) $\phi_c : \pi_K^{(1)} \rightarrow D_{2p}$
 $\begin{matrix} \psi \\ x_i \end{matrix} \mapsto \begin{matrix} \psi \\ \text{a reflection} \end{matrix}$



$$\{ \text{Fox } p\text{-colorings for } K \} \xleftrightarrow{p=1} \{ \pi_K^{(2)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom s.t. } x_i^2 \mapsto 0 \}$$

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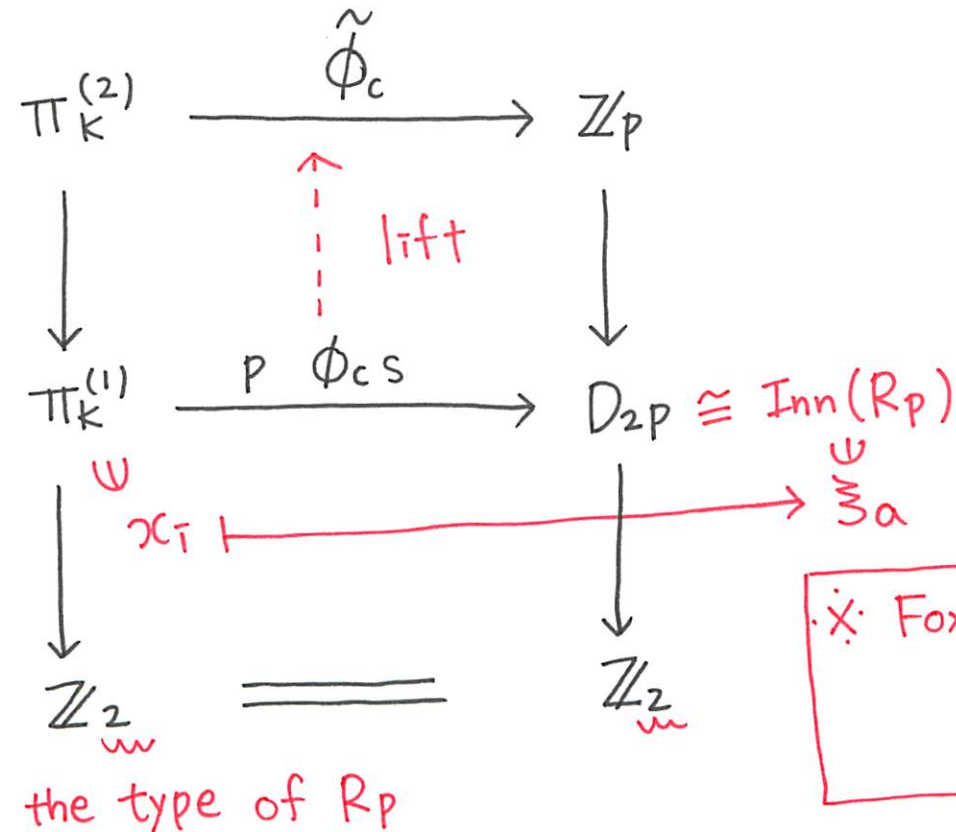
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 \downarrow & \uparrow \text{lift} & \downarrow \\
 \pi_K^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{p \phi_{cs}} & D_{2p} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
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 = R_p coloring
 ($a * b = 2b - a$)

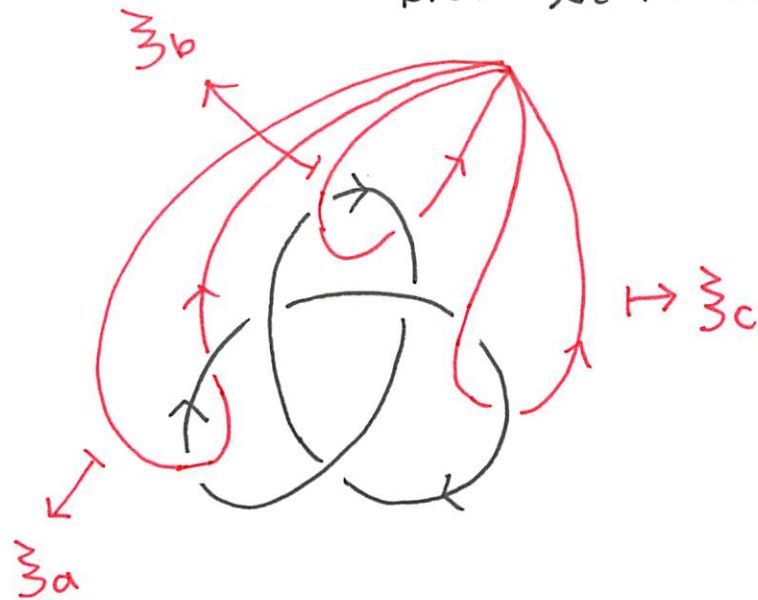
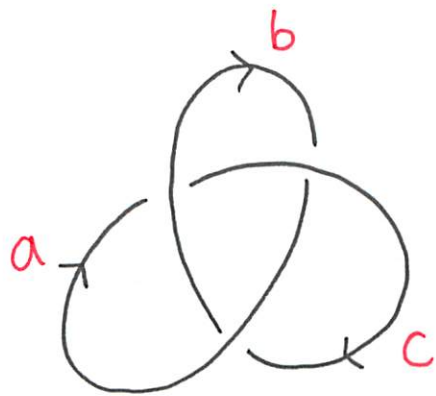
§ A generalization for linear Alexander quandle colorings

$$p \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$m \in \{1, \dots, p-1\} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{g.c.d.}(p, 1-m) = 1$$

$$X = \mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] / (t-m)$$

$$(1) \quad \{X\text{-colorings for } K\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{ \pi_K^{(1)} \rightarrow \text{Inn}(X) : \text{hom} \\ \text{s.t. } \alpha_i \mapsto \text{a symmetry} \}$$



(2) Each X -coloring ϕ_c lifts uniquely to a hom

$$\phi_c^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$$

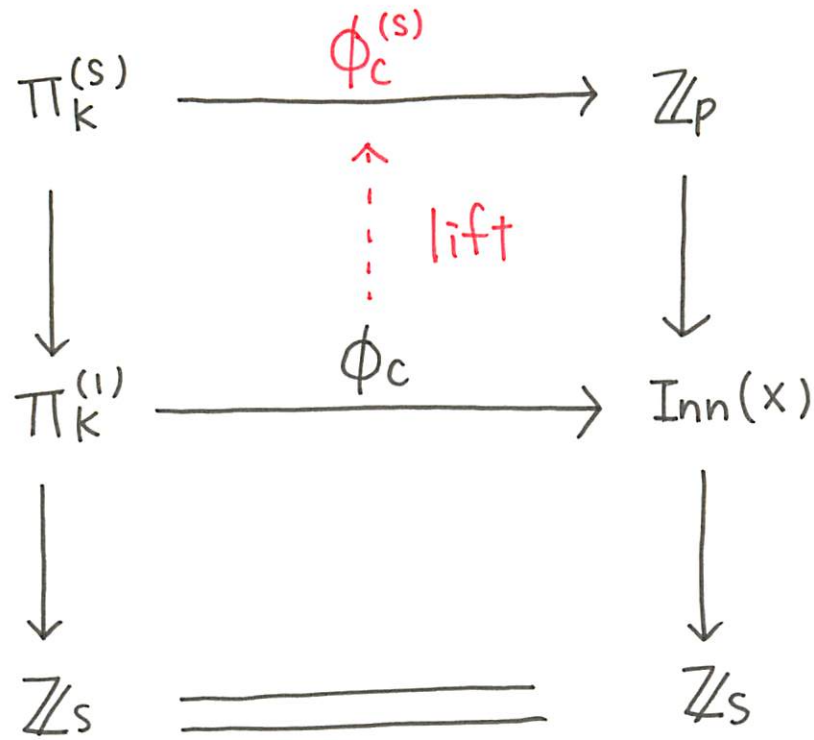
s.t. (i) $x_i^s \mapsto 0$ ($\forall x_i$: meridian generator)

(ii) $x_i^{-1} w x_i w^{-1} \mapsto 0$ ($\forall x_i, \forall w \in \pi_K^{(s)}$)

where $s = \min \{ s \in \mathbb{N} \mid M^s \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \}$

Rem $s = \text{type } X$

$$= \min \{ n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \forall a, b \in X, \underbrace{a * b * \dots * b}_n = a \}$$



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$$(3) \quad \forall \phi^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$(i) \quad x_i^s \mapsto 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x_i^{-1} w x_i w^{-1} \mapsto 0$$

is a lift of exactly p X -colorings

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi_K^{(s)} & \xrightarrow{\phi^{(s)}} & \mathbb{Z}_p \\
 \downarrow & \uparrow \text{lift} & \downarrow \\
 \pi_K^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{\exists \text{ exactly } p \phi_c s} & \text{Inn}(X) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{Z}_s & \underline{\underline{=}} & \mathbb{Z}_s
 \end{array}$$

$$\{ X\text{-colorings for } K \} \xleftrightarrow{P:1} \{ \pi_K^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom. s.t. } (\bar{i}), (\bar{i}') \}$$

$$\updownarrow 1:1$$

$$\{ \pi_K^{(s)} / (\chi_i^s) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom s.t. } (\bar{i}) \}$$

Theorem

$$p \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$M \in \{1, \dots, p-1\} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{g.c.d.}(p, 1-M) = 1$$

$$X = \mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] / (t-M)$$

We have

$$\{ X\text{-colorings for } K \} \xleftrightarrow{P:1} \{ \pi_K^{(s)} / (\chi_i^s) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom s.t.} \\ x^{-1} w x w^{-M} \mapsto 0 \}$$

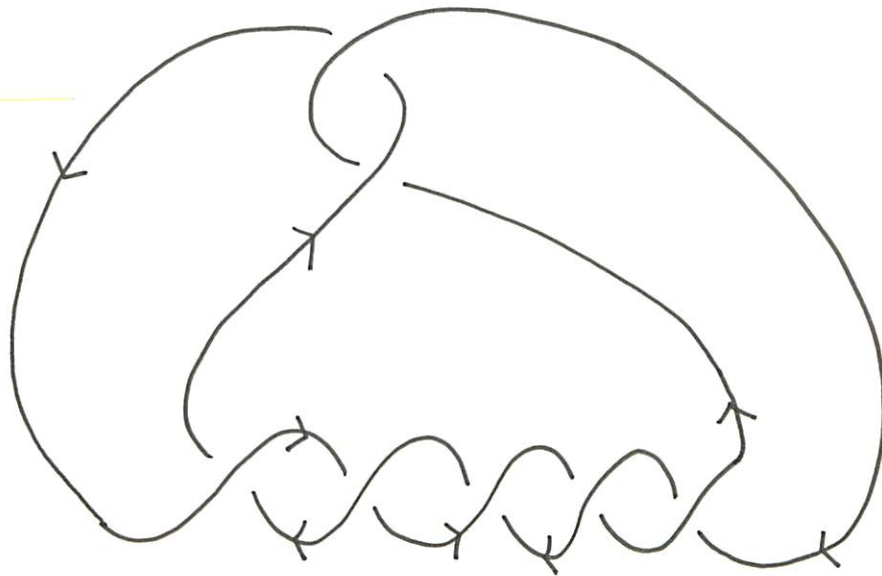
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Q. Can we remove the condition (ii) ?

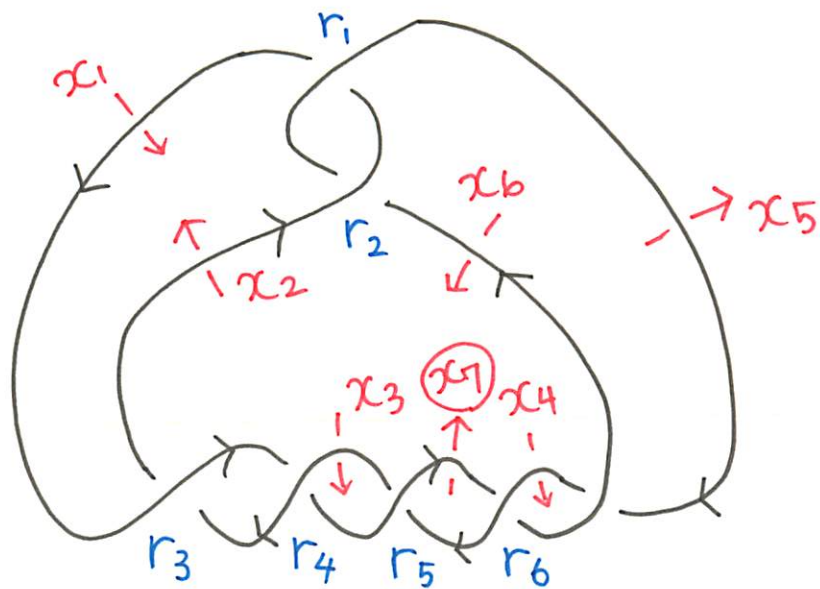
\leadsto In the case of Fox colorings, we don't need it.

$$X = \mathbb{Z}_5 [t, t^{-1}] / (t-2)$$

$$\leadsto s = \text{type } X = 4 \quad (2^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5})$$



$$\leadsto \# \text{ of } X\text{-colorings} = 5^2$$



$$x = x_7$$

$m := x^4$
 $m_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} := x^{-\bar{j}} x_{\bar{i}} x^{-1} x^{\bar{j}}$

} are generators of $\pi_k^{(4)}$

$$r_1 = x_1 x_5^{-1} x_2^{-1} x_5 = (x_1 x^{-1})(x_5 x^{-1})^{-1} (x^{-1} x_2 x^{-1} x)^{-1} (x^{-1} x_5 x^{-1} x)$$

$$= m_{10} m_{50}^{-1} m_{21}^{-1} m_{51}$$

⋮

$$\pi_k^{(4)} = \langle m, m_{\bar{i}\bar{j}} \ (\bar{i}=1, \dots, 6, \bar{j}=0, \dots, 3) \mid r_1', \dots, r_6' \rangle$$

Case 1 condition (i) (ii)

$$(i) \quad m^4 \mapsto 0$$

$$x_i^4 = m_{i0} m m_{i3} m_{i2} m_{i1} \mapsto 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x^{-1} w x w^{-2} \mapsto 0$$

$$\# \{ \pi_k^{(4)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5 : \text{hom. s.t. (i) (ii)} \} = 5$$

Case 2 condition (i)

$$(i) \quad m^4 \mapsto 0$$

$$\chi_i^4 = m_{i0} m_{i3} m_{i2} m_{i1} \mapsto 0$$

$$\# \{ \pi_k^{(4)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5 : \text{hom s.t. (i)} \} > 5$$

\rightsquigarrow We can't eliminate the condition (ii)

§ An interpretation from the viewpoint of $H_1^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$

$\phi_c^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ goes through the abelianization of $\pi_K^{(s)}$
 \Downarrow
 $H_1^{(s)}$

$$\pi_K^{(1)} = \langle x_1, \dots, \underbrace{x_n}_{x} \mid r_1, \dots, r_{n-1} \rangle$$

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$$\pi_K^{(s)} = \langle x^s, x^{-\bar{j}} (x_{\bar{i}} x^{-1}) x^{\bar{j}} \mid r_{\bar{i}}', \dots, r_{n-1}' \rangle$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \bar{i} = 1, \dots, n-1 \\ \bar{j} = 0, \dots, s-1 \end{array} \right)$$

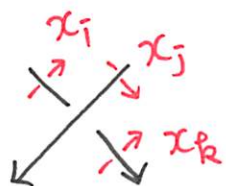
$$x^{-\bar{j}} (x_{\bar{i}} x^{-1}) x^{\bar{j}} \xrightarrow{\text{abel}} t^{\bar{j}} a_{\bar{i}}, \quad x^s \xrightarrow{\text{abel}} a$$

$$H_1^{(s)} = \langle a, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \mid r_{\bar{i}}'', \dots, r_{n-1}'' \rangle \text{ as } \mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] \text{-module}$$

$$\# \{ \pi_K^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom s.t. } (\bar{i}) (\bar{i}i) \}$$

$$= \# \{ H_i^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p : \text{hom s.t. } (\bar{i})' (\bar{i}i)' \}$$

r_i''



$$r = x_k x_j^{-1} x_i^{-1} x_j$$

$$r' = x_k x^{-1} (x_j x^{-1}) (x^{-1} x_i x^{-1} x)^{-1} (x^{-1} x_j x^{-1} x)$$

$$r'' = a_k - a_j - t a_i + t a_j$$

$$= -t a_i - (1-t) a_j + a_k$$

$$\hookrightarrow t a_i + (1-t) a_j - a_k = 0$$

$(i)'$

$$(ii) \quad x_i^s \xrightarrow{\phi(s)} 0 \quad (\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\})$$

$$x_i^s = (x_i x^{-1}) x^s (x^{-s+1} x_i x^{-1} x^{s-1}) \dots (x^{-1} x_i x^{-1} x)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{abel}} a_i + a + t^{s-1} a_i + t^{s-2} a_i + \dots + t a_i$$

$$= (t^{s-1} + t^{s-2} + \dots + 1) a_i$$

$$\hookrightarrow (t^{s-1} + t^{s-2} + \dots + 1) a_i = 0$$

$$x^s \xrightarrow{\phi(s)} 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = 0$$

$(ii)'$

$$(ii) \quad x_i^{-1} w x_i w^{-\mu} \xrightarrow{\phi(s)} 0$$

$$x^{-1} (x_i x^{-1}) x (x_i x^{-1})^{-\mu} \xrightarrow{\text{abel}} t a_i - \mu a_i = (t - \mu) a_i$$

$$\hookrightarrow (t - \mu) a_i = 0$$

We have a simultaneous equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ t a_i + (1-t) a_j - a_k = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_i = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (t^{s-1} + \dots + 1) a_i = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (t - \mu) a_i = 0 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{crossing} \\ \\ \text{condition (i)} \\ \\ \text{condition (ii)} \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Alexander quandle} \\ \text{coloring conditions} \\ \text{s.t. } x \mapsto 0 \end{array}$$

When we have a non-trivial solution, $t = \mu$ (\odot (ii)).

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ \mu a_i + (1-\mu) a_j - a_k = 0 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} X = \mathbb{Z}_p[t, t^{-1}] / (t - \mu) \\ \text{coloring conditions} \\ \text{s.t. } x \mapsto 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore \# \{X\text{-colorings}\} = p \times \# \{H_1^{(s)} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ s.t. } \underline{(\bar{i})'}, (\bar{ii})'\}$ we can eliminate

In the case where $M = p-1$ (i.e., $X = R_p$)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t a_i + (1-t) a_j - a_k = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_i = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (t+1) a_i = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (t+1) a_i = 0 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} a_i \\ \vdots \\ (t+1) a_i \\ \vdots \\ (t+1) a_i \end{array}} \right\} \text{condition (i)} \\ \\ \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} (t+1) a_i \\ \vdots \\ (t+1) a_i \end{array}} \right\} \text{condition (ii)} \end{array}$$

We can eliminate the condition (ii)

Thank you very much !!

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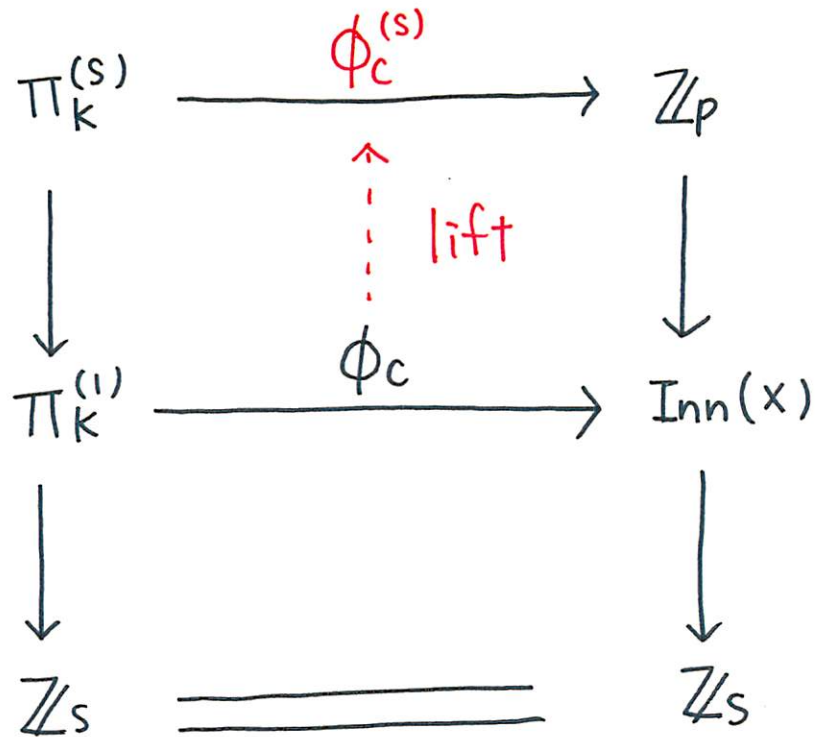
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$$\phi_c^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} \longrightarrow \ker \alpha$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi_c^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} & \longrightarrow & \ker \alpha \\ \psi & & \psi \\ w & \longmapsto & \phi_c(w) \end{array}$$

$$\cdot X \cdot \pi_K^{(s)} = \ker \beta < \pi_K^{(1)}$$

- $\phi_c^{(s)}$ satisfies (i) $x_i^s \mapsto 0$
 (ii) $x_i^{-1} w x_i w^{-M} \mapsto 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_K^{(s)} & \xrightarrow{\phi_c^{(s)}} & \ker \alpha \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \text{lifts} & \downarrow \\ \pi_K^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{\phi_c} & \text{Inn}(X) \\ \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ \mathbb{Z}_s & \equiv & \mathbb{Z}_s \end{array}$$

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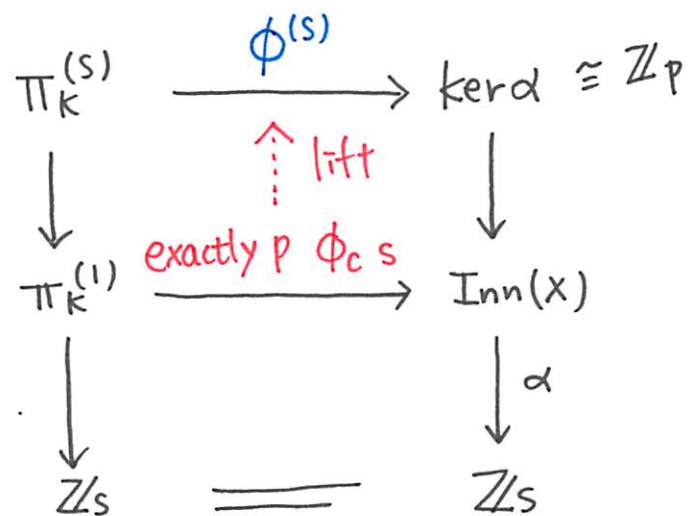
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 \downarrow & \uparrow \text{lift} & \downarrow \\
 \pi_K^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{\exists \text{ exactly } p \phi_c^s} & \text{Inn}(X) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{Z}_s & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathbb{Z}_s
 \end{array}$$

(3)' $\forall \phi^{(s)} : \pi_K^{(s)} \rightarrow \ker d$ s.t. (i), (ii) is a lift of exactly p X -colorings.

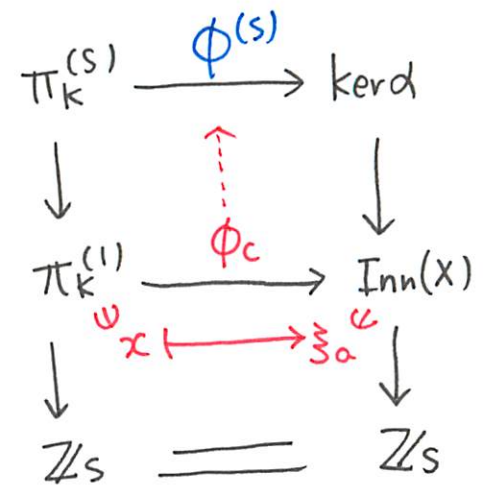




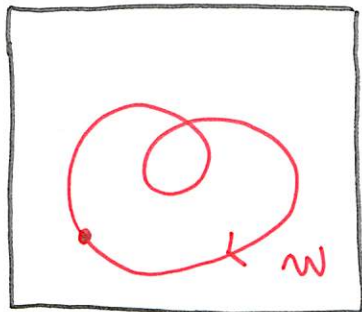
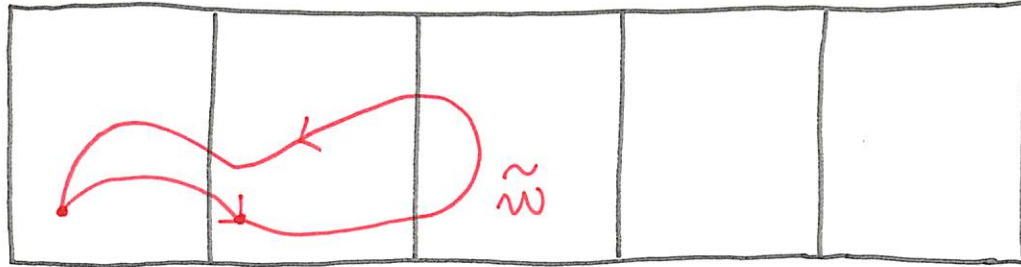
x : a Wirtinger generator in $\pi_K^{(1)}$: fix
 $\forall a \in X$, defined ϕ_c s.t. $x \mapsto \sum a$ by

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_c(x_{k_1}^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots x_{k_i}^{\varepsilon_i}) \\ &= \phi^{(s)}(x_{k_1}^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots x_{k_i}^{\varepsilon_i} x^{-\varepsilon_1 - \cdots - \varepsilon_i}) \sum a^{\varepsilon_1 + \cdots + \varepsilon_i} \end{aligned}$$

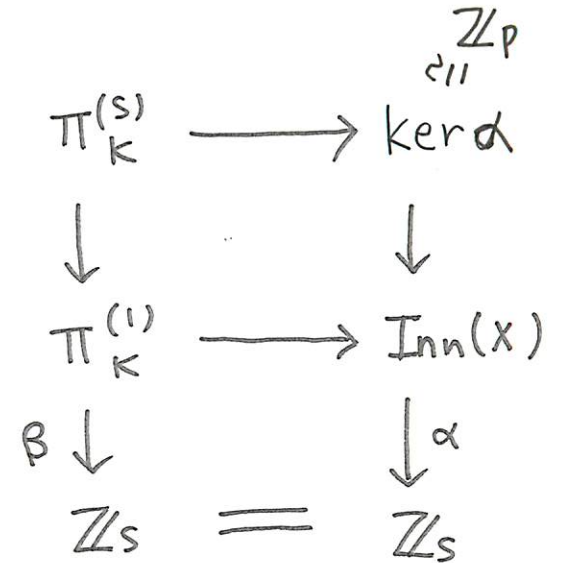
- $\phi_c : x_i \mapsto a$ symmetry
- ϕ_c s.t. $x \mapsto \sum a$ is uniquely defined



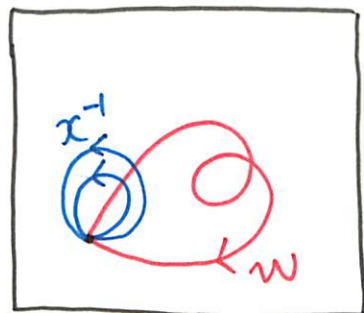
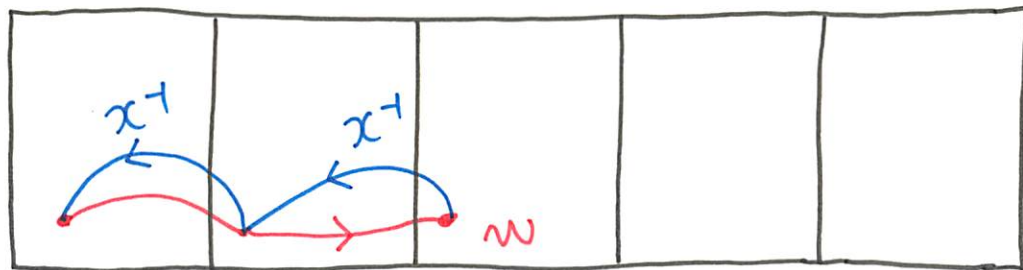
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_K^{(s)} & \longrightarrow & \ker \alpha \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pi_K^{(1)} & \longrightarrow & \text{Inn}(X) \\ \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ \mathbb{Z}_s & = & \mathbb{Z}_s \end{array}$$

$$\phi_c(w x^{-2}) = \phi_c^{(s)}(w x^{-2})$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\phi_c(w) \cong a^{-2}$$

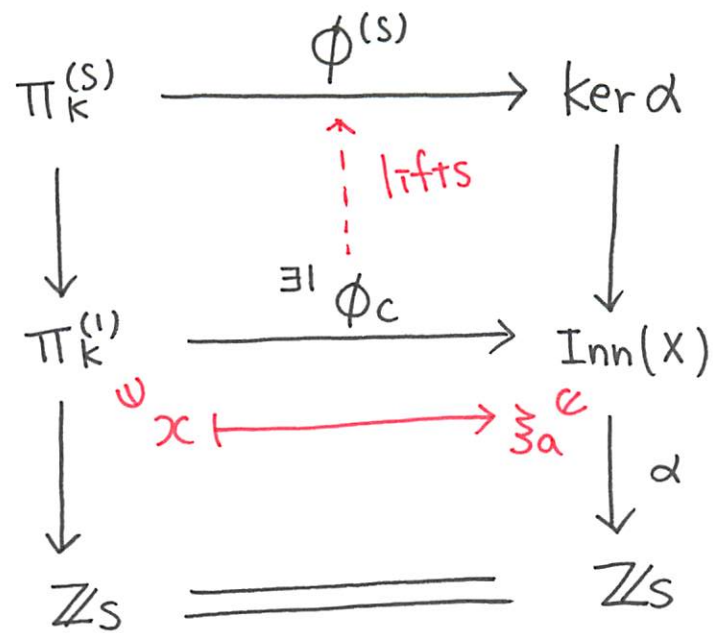
$$\therefore \phi_c(w) = \phi_c^{(s)}(w x^{-2}) \cong a^{-2}$$

We have to check that ϕ_c is a homomorphism

$$\text{We need } \phi^{(s)}(x^{-1} w x) = \sum_a^{-1} \phi^{(s)}(w) \sum_a$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \parallel \\ & (\phi^{(s)}(w))^M \\ & \parallel \\ & \phi^{(s)}(w^M) \quad \dots \quad (\text{ii}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} \phi_c(w_1 w_2) &= \phi^{(s)}(w_1 w_2 x^{-\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2}) \sum_a^{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2} \\ &= \phi^{(s)}(w_1 x^{-\varepsilon_1} x^{\varepsilon_1} w_2 x^{-\varepsilon_2} x^{-\varepsilon_1}) \sum_a^{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2} \\ &= \phi^{(s)}(w_1 x^{-\varepsilon_1}) \underbrace{\phi^{(s)}(x^{\varepsilon_1} w_2 x^{-\varepsilon_2} x^{-\varepsilon_1})}_{\parallel} \sum_a^{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \sum_a^{\varepsilon_1} \phi^{(s)}(w_2 x^{-\varepsilon_2}) \sum_a^{-\varepsilon_1} \\ &= \phi^{(s)}(w_1 x^{-\varepsilon_1}) \sum_a^{\varepsilon_1} \cdot \phi^{(s)}(w_2 x^{-\varepsilon_2}) \sum_a^{\varepsilon_2} \\ &= \phi_c(w_1) \cdot \phi_c(w_2) \end{aligned} \right]$$



$\phi^{(s)}$ is a lift of exactly p X -colorings

$\odot \#X = p$

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