

Combinatorics of the Double-Dimer Model

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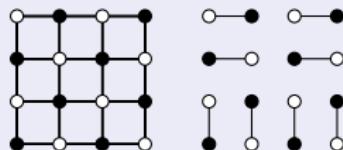
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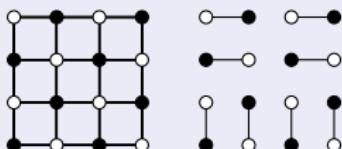


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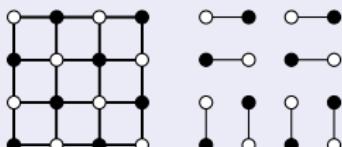
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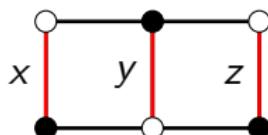
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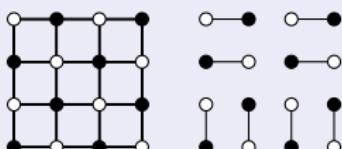


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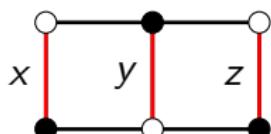
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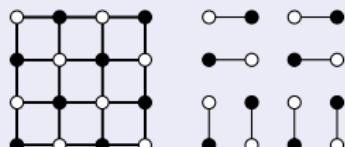
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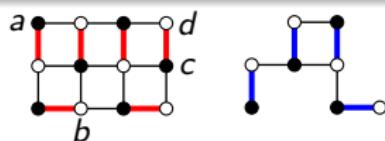
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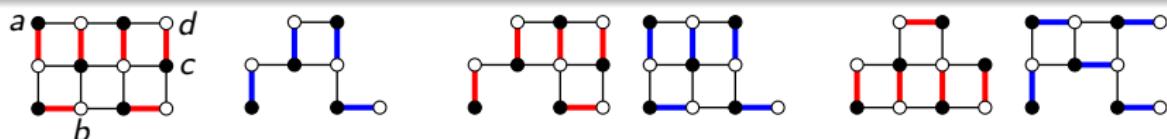


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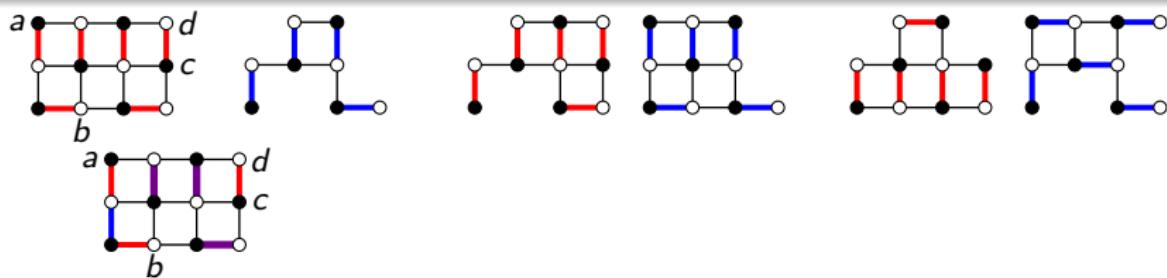


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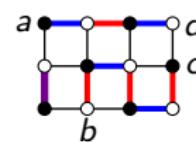
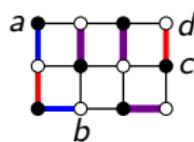
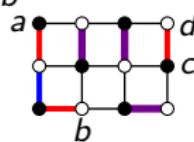
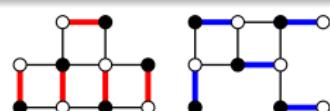
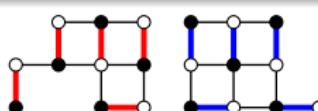
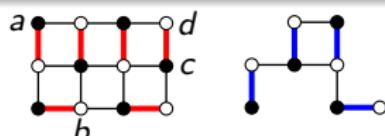


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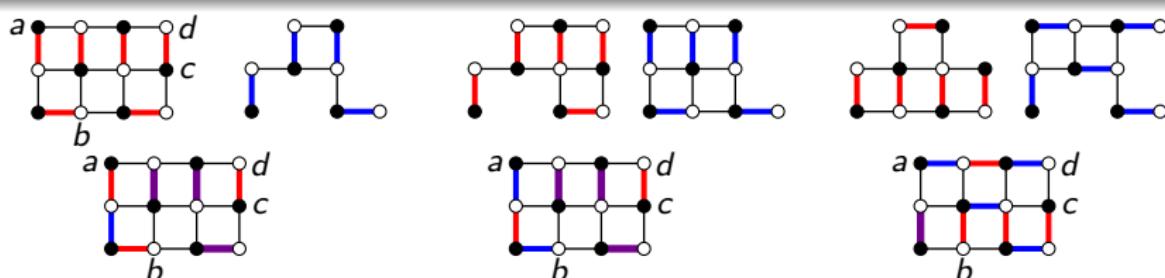


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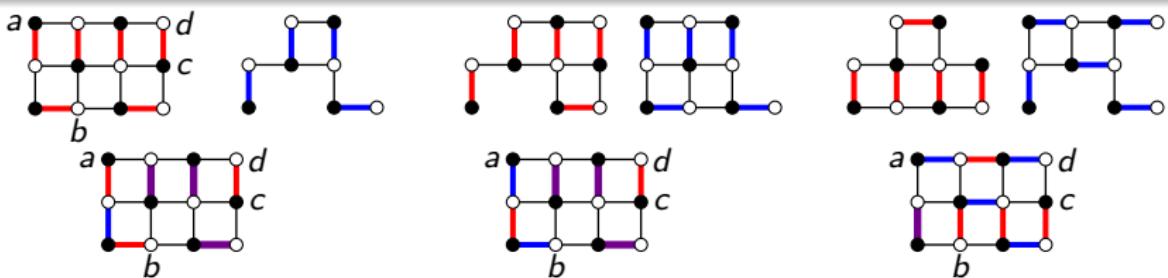
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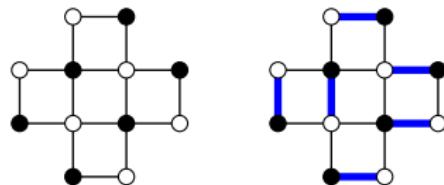
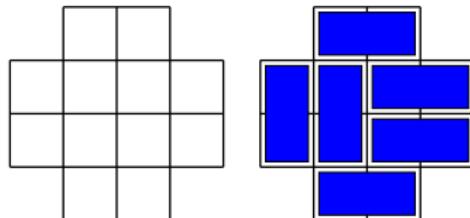
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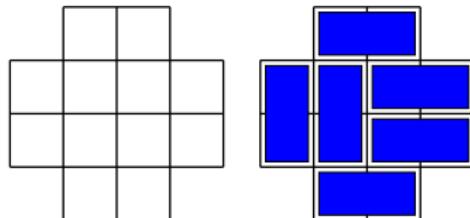
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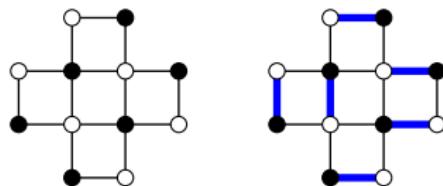
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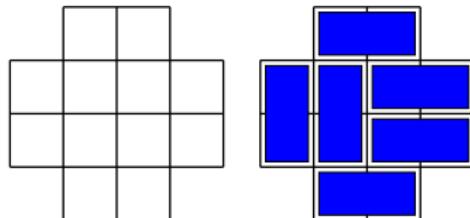
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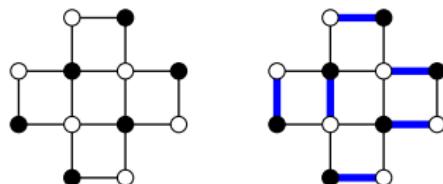
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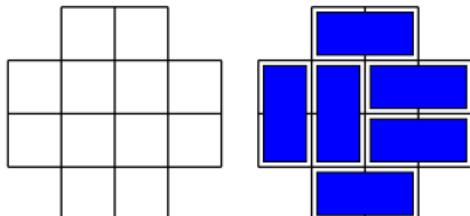


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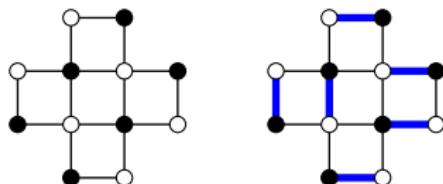
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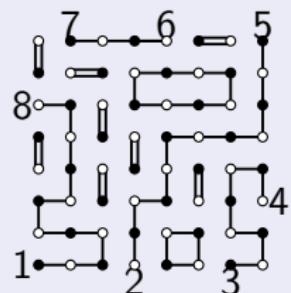
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Application: A problem in Donaldson-Thomas theory and Pandharipande-Thomas theory (joint work with Ben Young and Gautam Webb).

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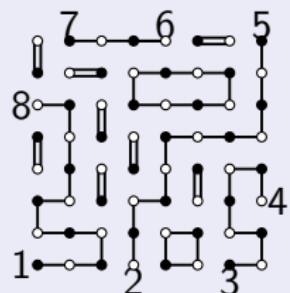
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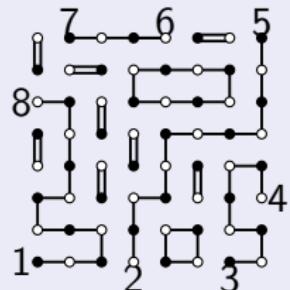
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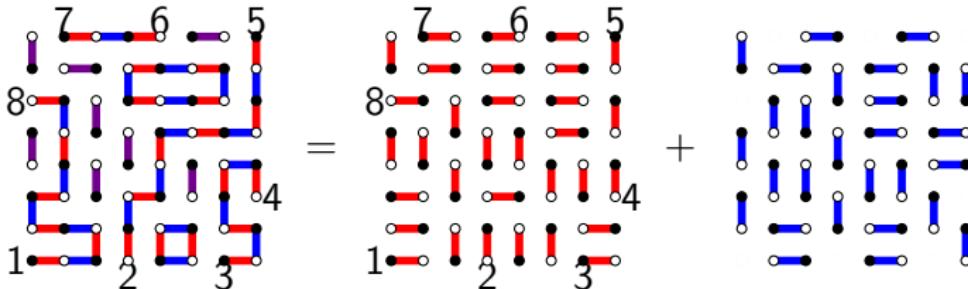
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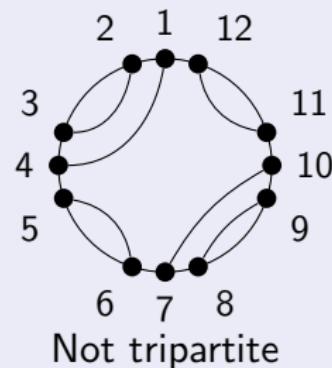
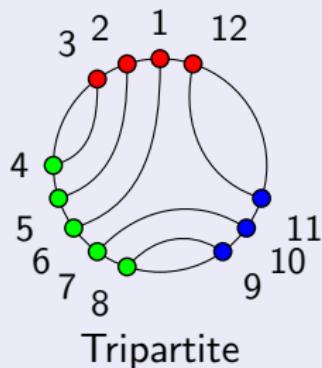
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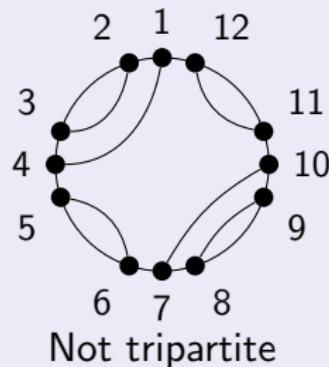
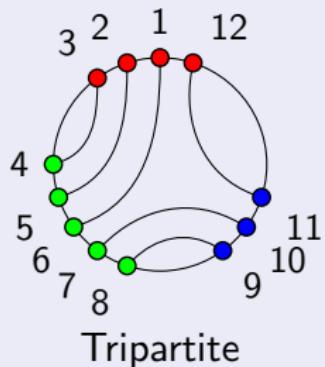


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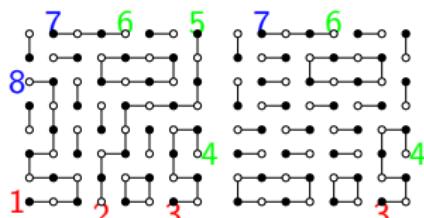
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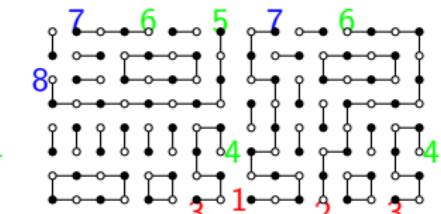
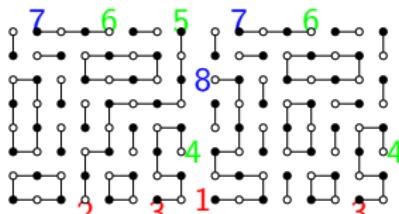
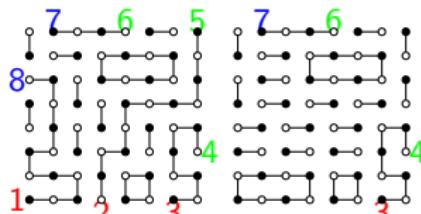
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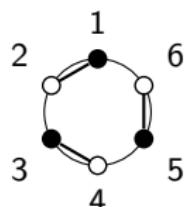
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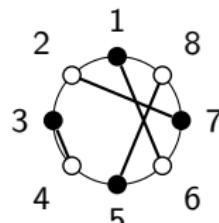
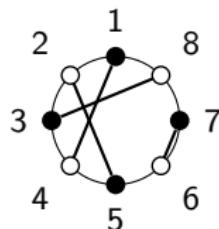
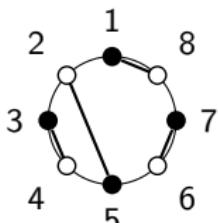
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$X_{i,j}$ is a ratio of dimer partition functions.

Precisely, $X_{i,j} = \frac{Z^D(G_{i,j}^{BW})}{Z^D(G^{BW})}$, where $G^{BW} \subseteq G$ contains a certain subset of \mathbb{N} .



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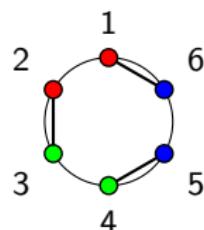
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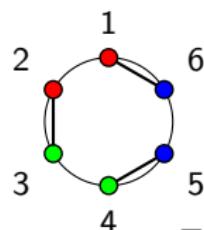
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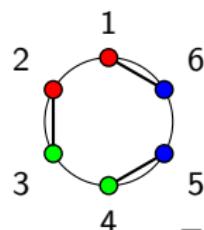
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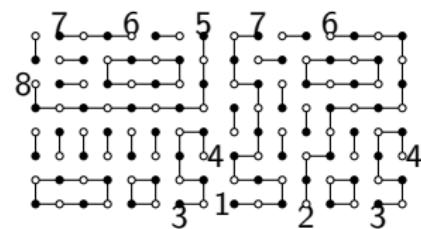
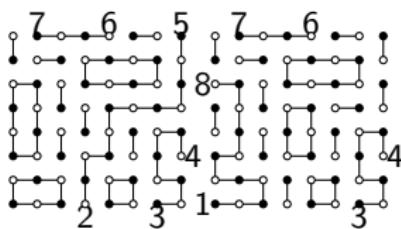
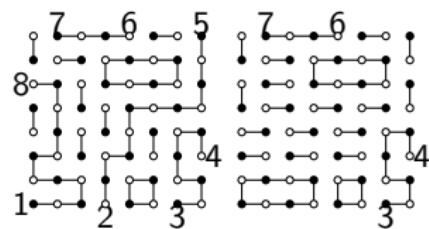
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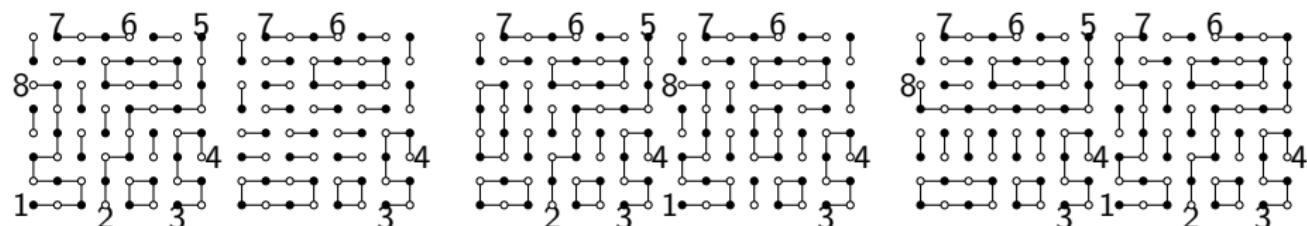
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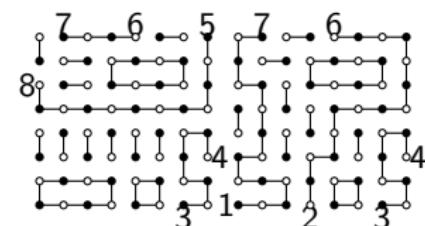
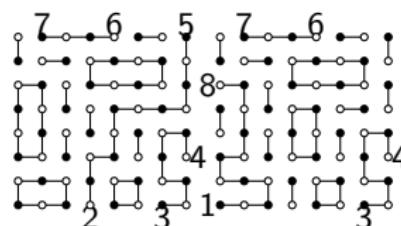
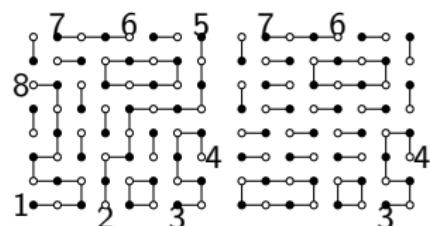
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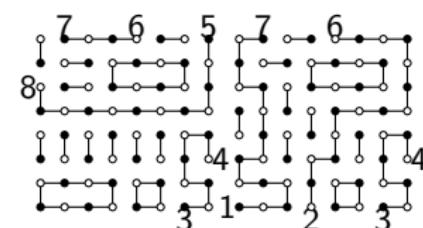
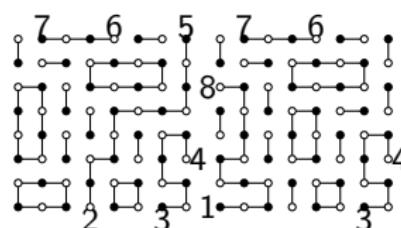
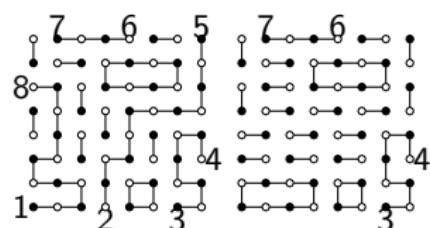


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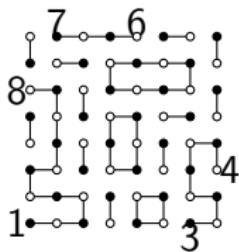


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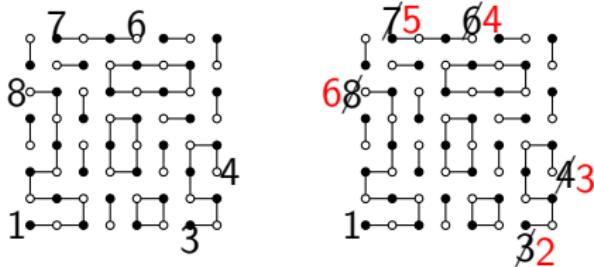
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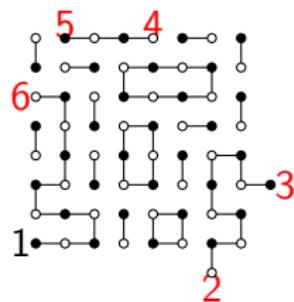
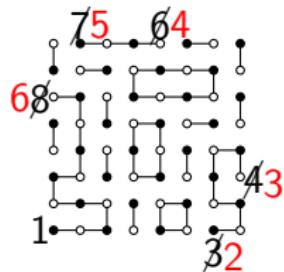
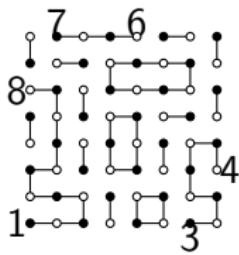
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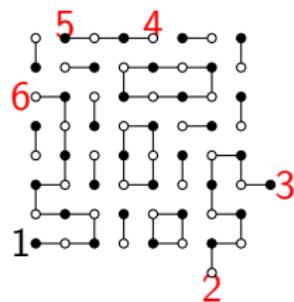
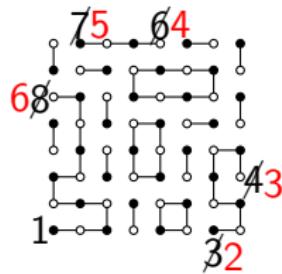
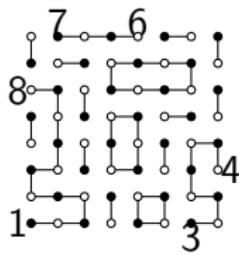
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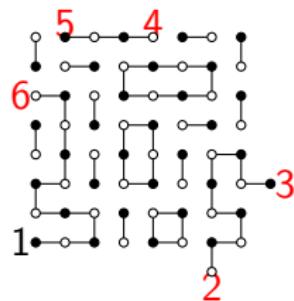
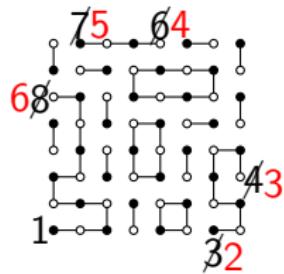
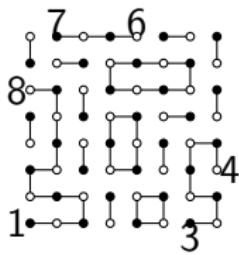
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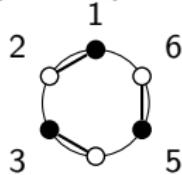


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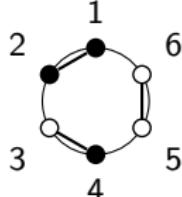
Observation. We need to lift the assumption that the nodes of the graph are black and odd or white and even.

Our Approach

- We establish analogues of K-W without their node coloring constraint.
- Let $Y_{i,j} = \frac{Z^D(G_{i,j})}{Z^D(G)}$ and let $\tilde{\Pr}(\sigma) = \frac{Z_\sigma^{DD}(G)}{(Z^D(G))^2}$.
- When the nodes are black and odd or white and even, $G = G^{BW}$, so $Y_{i,j} = X_{i,j}$ and $\tilde{\Pr}(\sigma) = \hat{\Pr}(\sigma)$.



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$\tilde{\Pr}(\sigma)$ is an integer-coefficient homogenous polynomial in $Y_{i,j}$.

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Lemma (KW11a, Lemma 3.4)

For odd-even pairings ρ ,

$$\text{sign}_{OE}(\rho) \prod_{(i,j) \in \rho} (-1)^{(|i-j|-1)/2} = (-1)^{\# \text{ crosses of } \rho}.$$

Lemma (J.)

If ρ is a black-white pairing,

$$\text{sign}_c(\mathbf{N})\text{sign}_{BW}(\rho) \prod_{(i,j) \in \rho} \text{sign}(i,j) = (-1)^{\# \text{ crosses of } \rho}.$$

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Corollary

Divide \mathbf{N} into sets R , G , and B and let σ be the corresponding tripartite pairing. Let $x, y, w, v \in \mathbf{N}$ appear in a cyclic order such that $\{x, y, w, v\}$ contains at least one node of each RGB color. If $x, w \in V_1$ and $y, v \in V_2$,

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Thank you for listening!

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