

The four color theorem and Thompson's *F* and *links*

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Thompson's F

Def(Thompson's F)

Condition Q

- $\varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ is piecewise linear homeomorphism
- φ is differentiable except at finitely $\frac{b}{2^a}$ form numbers ($a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$)
- on differentiable interval of φ , the derivatives are powers of 2

$F := \{\varphi \mid \varphi \text{ meets condition } Q\}$ is a group by composition of maps.

$$F \cong \langle A, B \mid [AB^{-1}, A^{-1}BA] = [AB^{-1}, A^{-2}BA^2] = \text{id} \rangle$$

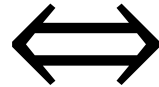
with $[x, y] = xyx^{-1}y^{-1}$

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By Bowlin and Brin, 2013

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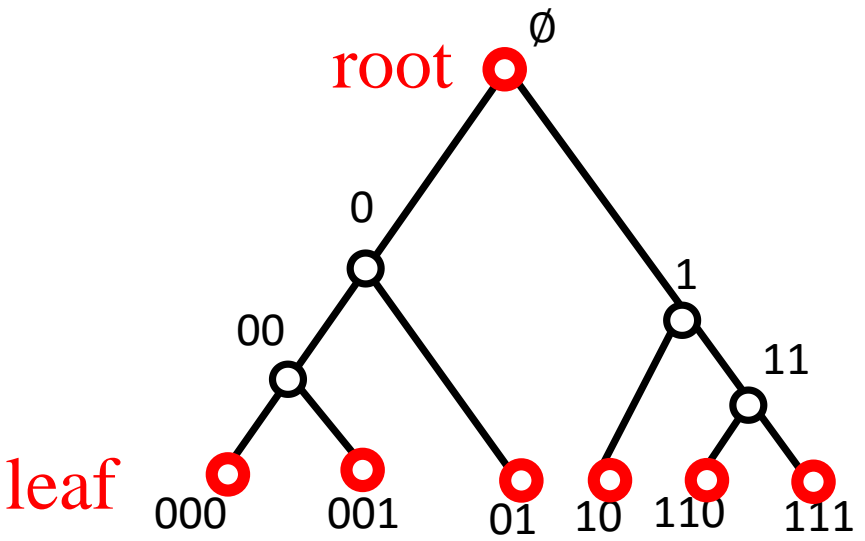
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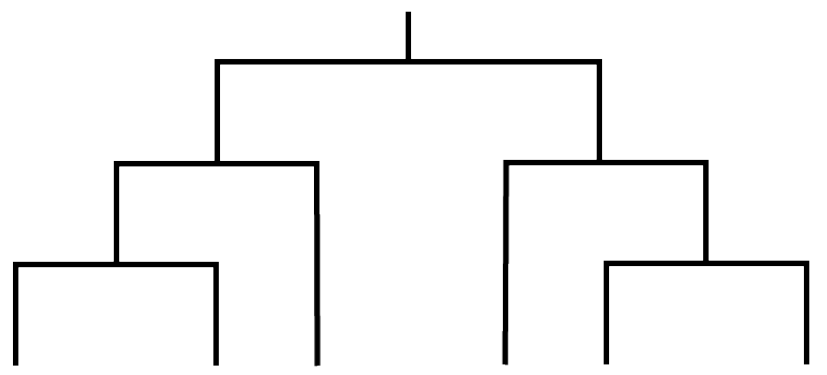
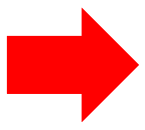
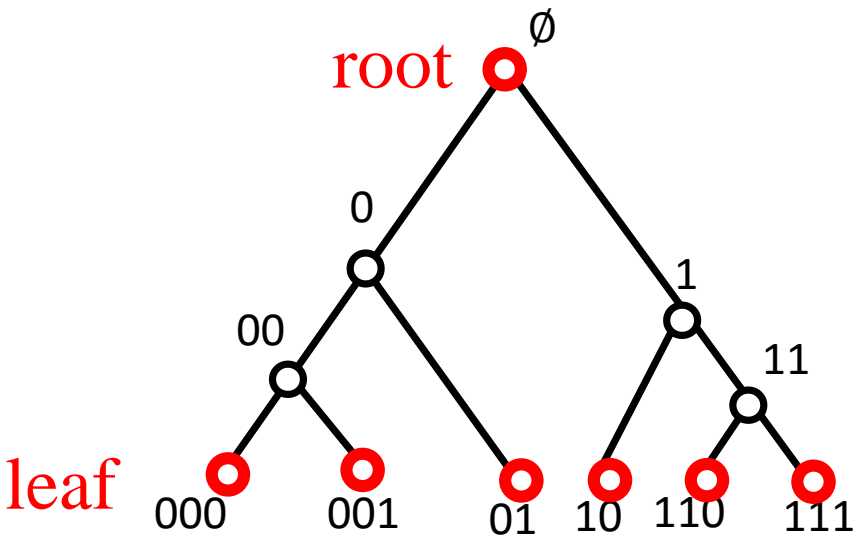
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We should regard binary trees as knockout tournaments.



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$T_n := \{\text{binary trees having } n \text{ leaves}\}$

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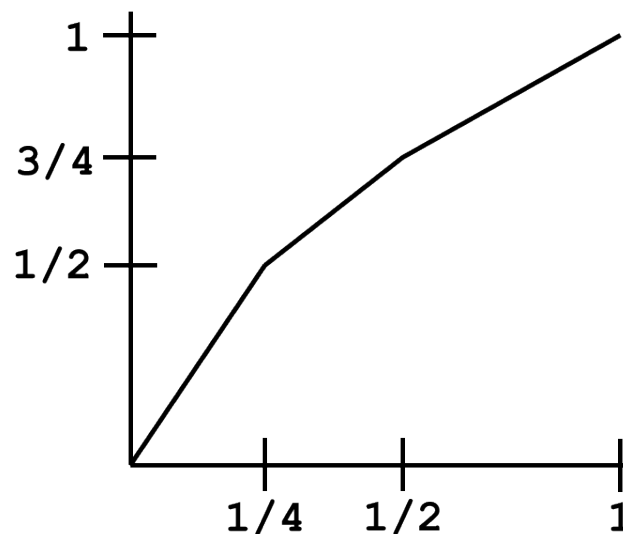
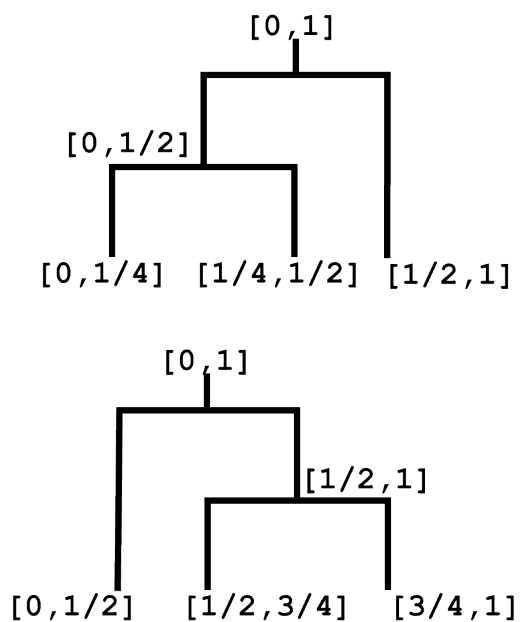
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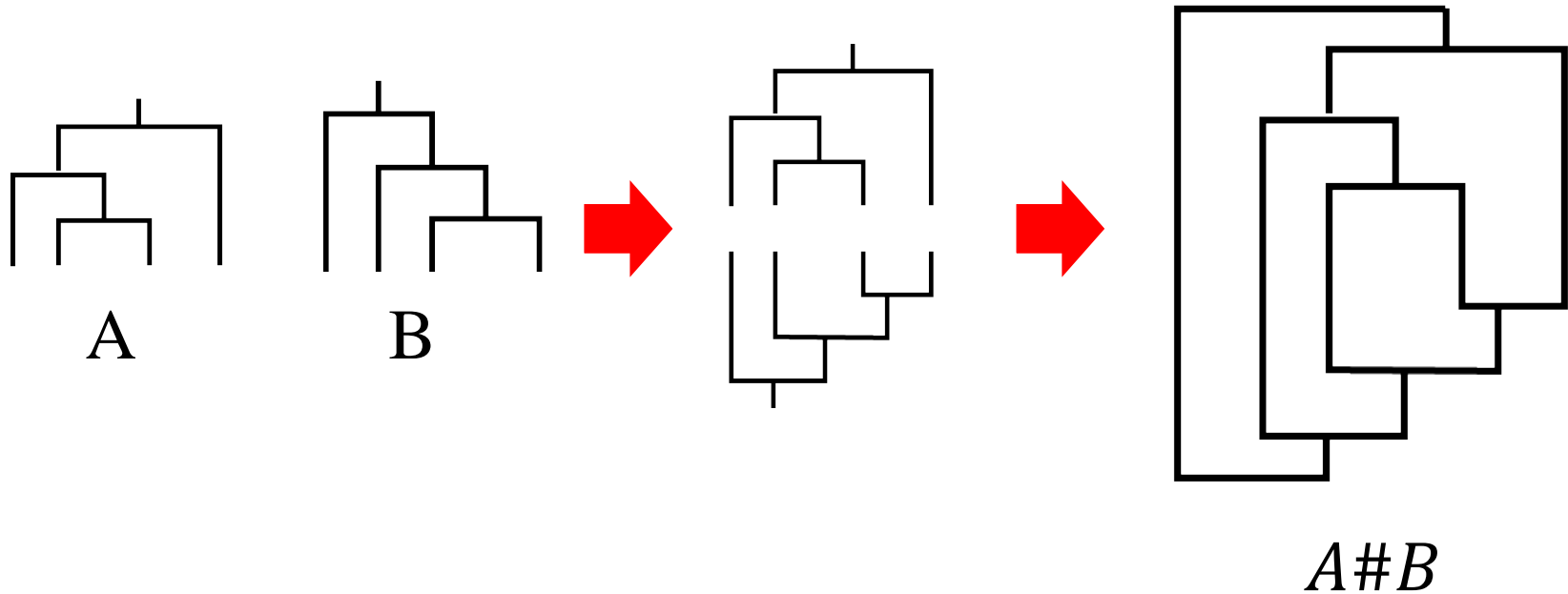
We can get a map $\varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ from a pair of binary trees.



$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \in [0, 1/4] \\ x + 1/4 & \text{if } x \in [1/4, 1/2] \\ x/2 + 1/2 & \text{if } x \in [1/2, 1] \end{cases} \in F$$

A#B

$\forall A, B \in T_n$, we get 3 regular graph when connect A and B .



Thompson's F

Def(Reduced pair)

Let $A, B \in T_n$. If $A\#B$ has no C_2 , then we say the pair (A, B) is *reduced*.

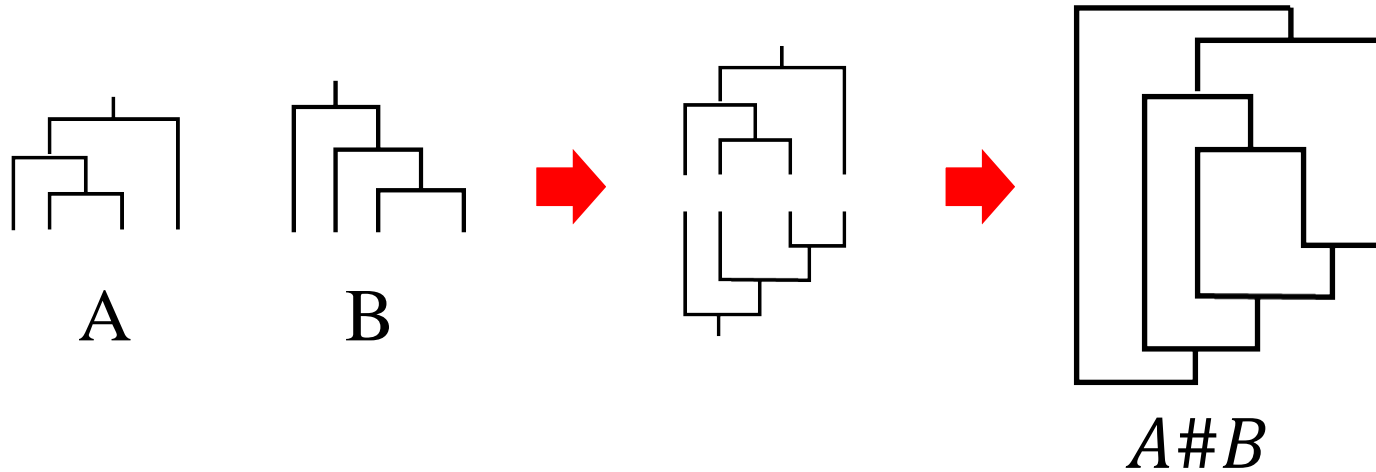
$$r(T_n^2) := \{(A, B) \in T_n \times T_n \mid (A, B) \text{ is reduced}\}$$

Theorem(Bowlin, Brin, 2013)

Let F be Thompson's F . There exists a bijection

$$g: F \longrightarrow \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} r(T_n^2).$$

Colorable



Def

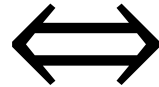
Let $f \in F$ and $g(f) = (A, B)$.

If $A\#B$ has edge 3-coloring, we say f is **colorable**.

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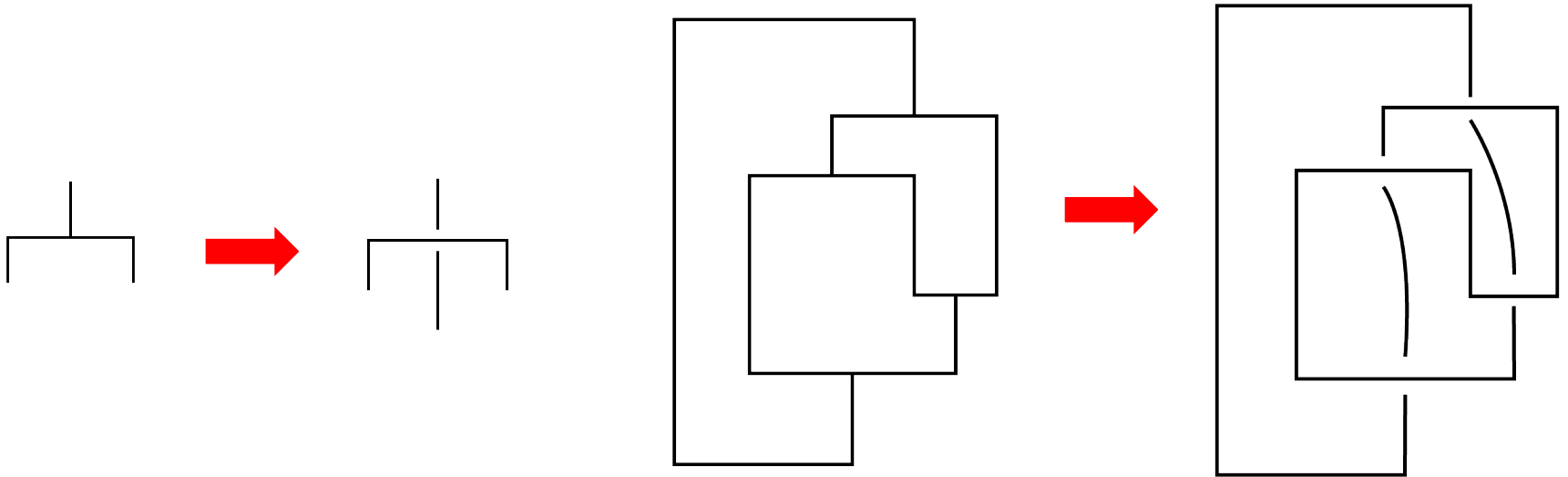
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It is known that we can make a link with a pair of binary trees.



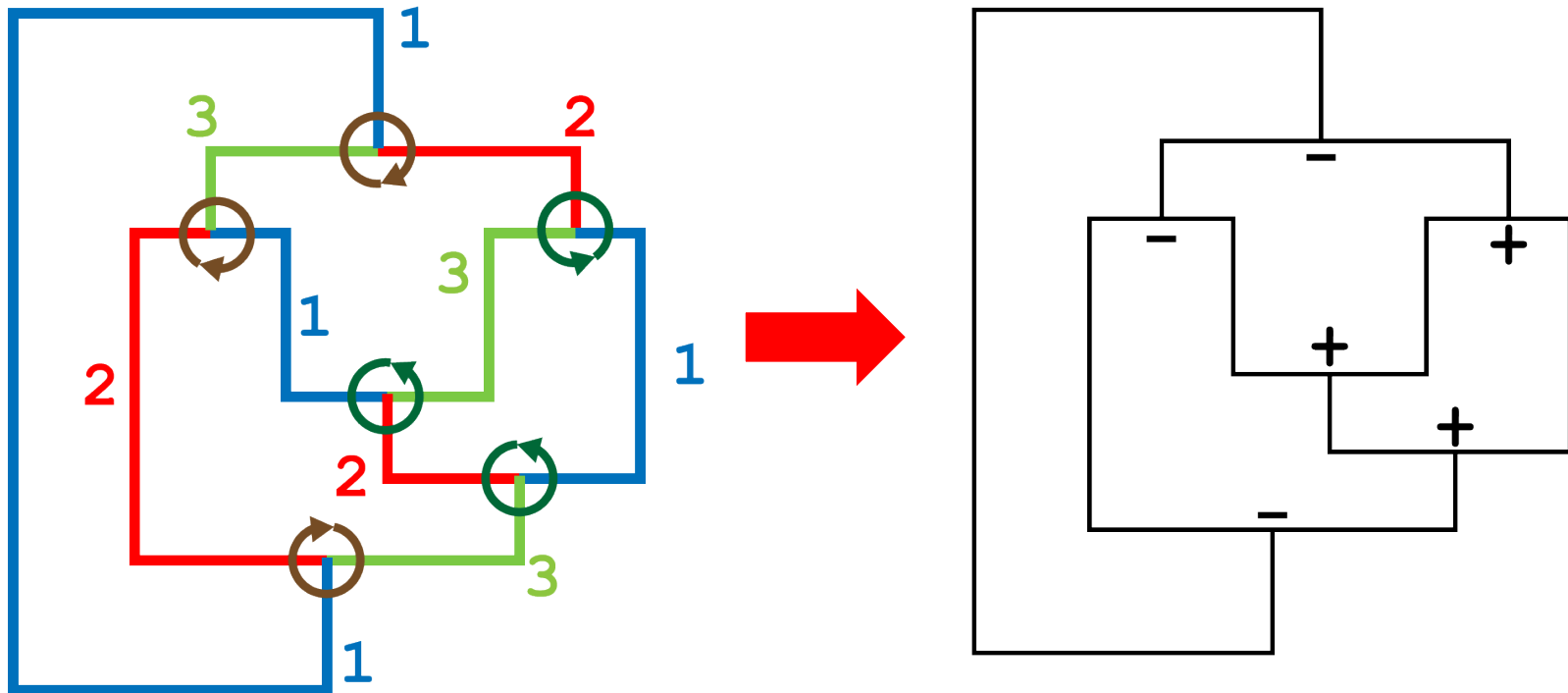
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What will happen if we append information about colorings?

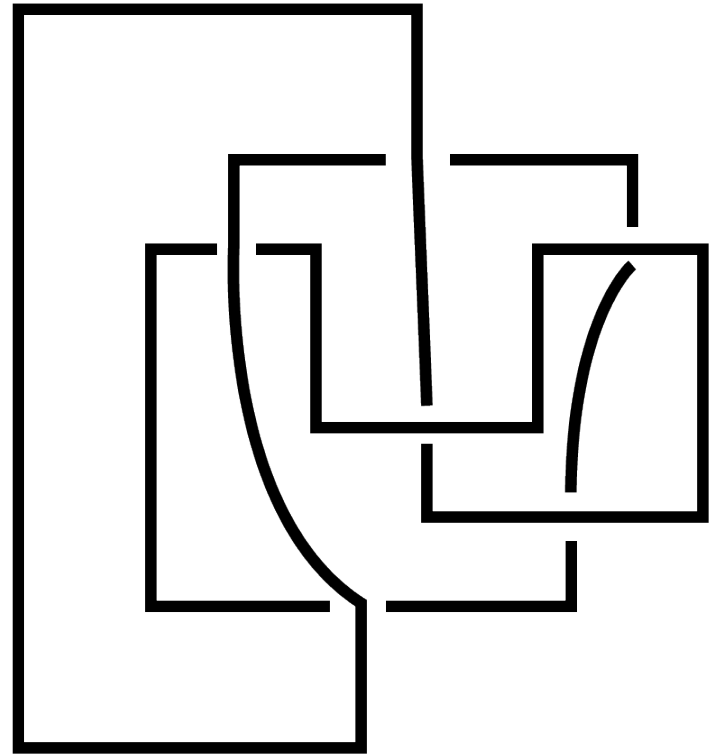
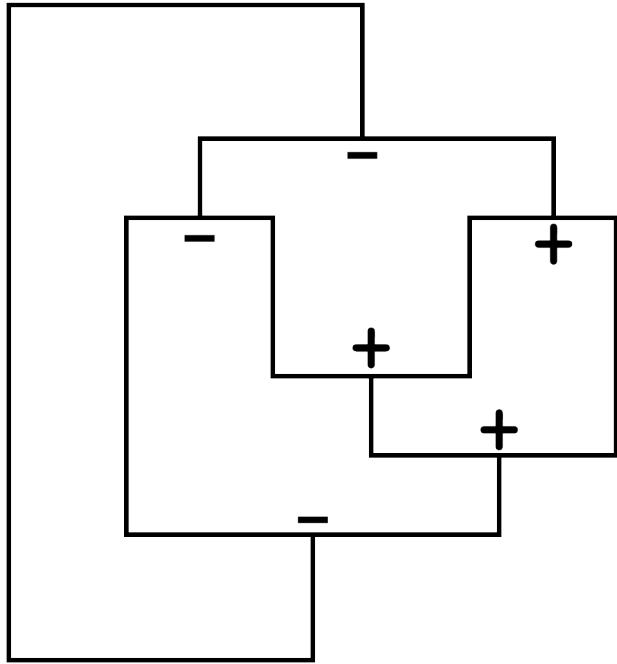
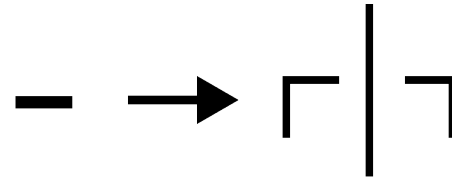
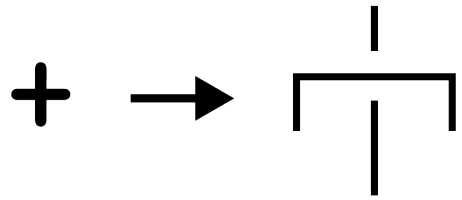
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We can attach $+$ or $-$ sign to each vertices with a coloring.



How to append



Result

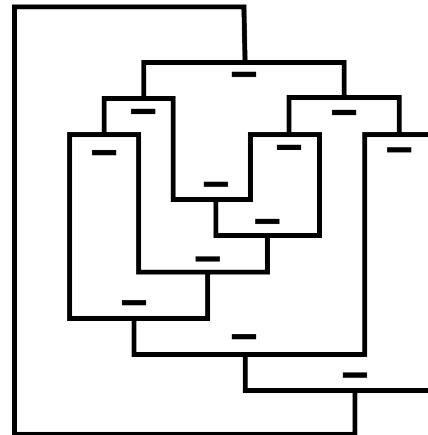
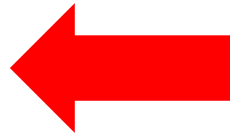
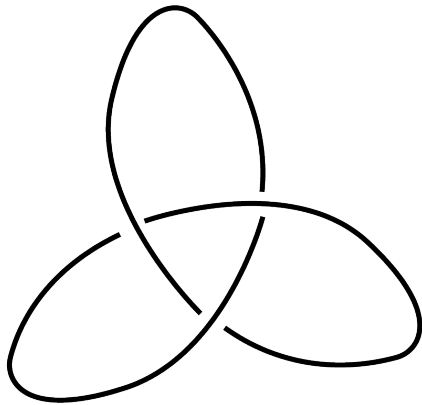
Def

$$h: (\cup T_n \times T_n) \times \{signs\} \rightarrow \{links\}$$

Theorem(2 weeks ago)

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Theorem(This morning, 7:30)

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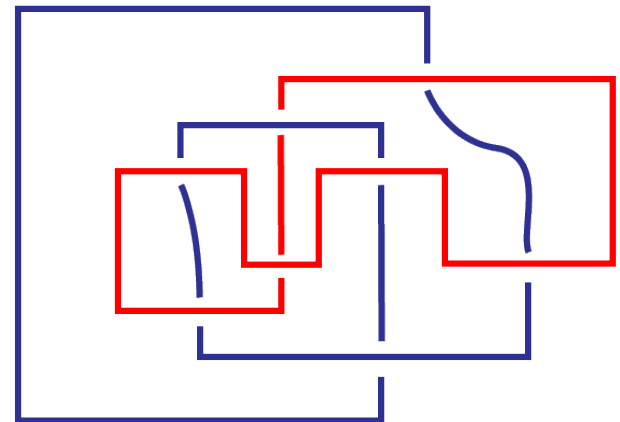
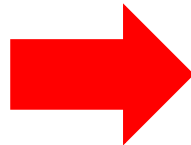
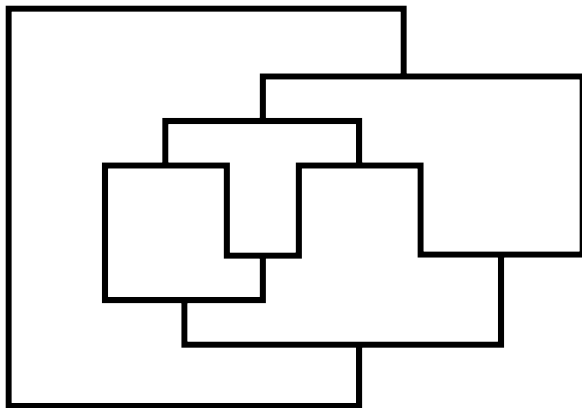
Lemma

Let $A, B \in T_n$.

The number of components of $h((A, B), \sigma)$ does not depend on signs.

Question

What kind of relationships are there between the number of components of a link and the element of Thompson's F ?



Question

Thompson's F
+
Colors

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graph TD; A["Thompson's F + Colors"] --> B["The four color theorem"]; A --> C["Links"];
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The four color theorem

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Thank you for your attention!

The four color theorem



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