

Order one invariants of planar curves

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

A planar curve is an immersion of S^1 in \mathbb{R}^2 . The study of invariants of planar curves has been initiated by V.I. Arnold in [2,3], where he presented the three basic order 1 invariants J^+ , J^- , St . Various explicit formulas for these and other invariants appear in [5,18–20]. Other developments of interest may be found in [1,4,10,22,24]. The study of order 1 and higher order invariants has in general split into the study of J -invariants, as in [6,7,9,17], and S -invariants as in [8,21,23], where J -invariants are invariants which are unchanged when passing a triple point, and S -invariants are invariants which are unchanged when passing a tangency. But as we shall see, the space of invariants spanned by the order 1 J - and S -invariants is much smaller than the full space of order 1 invariants.

In this work we give a complete presentation of all order 1 invariants of planar curves. Since the vector space in which the invariants take their values is arbitrary, the presentation is in terms of a universal order 1 invariant. The corresponding description for spherical curves, i.e. immersions of S^1 in S^2 , appears in [16]. Analogous study for immersions of surfaces in 3-space has been carried out in [11–15].

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The structure of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we present the basic definitions, and construct our invariant F of planar curves. In Section 3 we construct an abstract invariant, as opposed to the explicit invariant F , and show that the abstract invariant is universal (Theorem 3.6). In Section 4 we prove our main result, namely, that a slight modification \widehat{F} of the explicit invariant F is universal (Theorem 4.5). In Section 5 we prove the main algebraic fact used in the proof of Theorem 4.5.

2. Definitions and statement of results

By a *curve* we will always mean an immersion $c : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Let \mathcal{C} denote the space of all curves. A curve will be called *stable* if its only self intersections are transverse double points. The generic singularities a curve may have are either a tangency of first order between two strands, which will be called a *J*-type singularity, or three strands meeting at a point, each two of which are transverse, which will be called an *S*-type singularity. Singularities of type *J* and *S* appear in Figs. 2 and 3.

A generic singularity can be resolved in two ways, and there is a standard way defined in [2] for considering one resolution positive, and the other negative, as we now explain. For *J*-type singularity, the positive resolution is that where two additional double points appear. For *S*-type singularity, the sign of the resolution is defined as follows. When resolving an *S*-type singularity in either way, a small triangle appears. There are two ways for defining an orientation on each of the three edges of this triangle. The first is the orientation restricted from that of the curve itself. The second is the restriction of the orientation of the triangle, which is determined by the cyclic order in which the curve visits the three edges of the triangle. Now, the positive resolution of an *S*-type singularity is that where the number of edges of the triangle for which the above two orientations coincide, is even.

We denote by $\mathcal{C}_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ ($n \geq 0$) the space of all curves which have precisely n generic singularity points (the self intersection being elsewhere stable). In particular, \mathcal{C}_0 is the space of all stable curves. An invariant of curves is a function $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$, which is constant on the connected components of \mathcal{C}_0 , and where W in this work will always be a vector space over \mathbb{Q} .

Given a curve $c \in \mathcal{C}_n$, with singularities located at $p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and given a subset $A \subseteq \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$, we define $c_A \in \mathcal{C}_0$ to be the stable curve obtained from c by resolving all singularities of c at points of A into the negative side, and all singularities not in A into the positive side. Given an invariant $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$ we define the “ n th derivative” of f to be the function $f^{(n)} : \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow W$ defined by

$$f^{(n)}(c) = \sum_{A \subseteq \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}} (-1)^{|A|} f(c_A)$$

where $|A|$ is the number of elements in A . An invariant $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$ is called of *order* n if $f^{(n+1)}(c) = 0$ for all $c \in \mathcal{C}_{n+1}$. The space of all W valued invariants on \mathcal{C}_0 of order n is denoted $V_n = V_n(W)$. Clearly $V_n \subseteq V_m$ for $n \leq m$. In this work we give a full description of V_1 . We will construct a “universal” order 1 invariant, by which we mean the following:

Definition 2.1. An order 1 invariant $\widehat{f} : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \widehat{W}$ will be called *universal*, if for any W and any order 1 invariant $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$, there exists a unique linear map $\phi : \widehat{W} \rightarrow W$ such that $f = \phi \circ \widehat{f}$. In other words, for any W , the natural map $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\widehat{W}, W) \rightarrow V_1(W)$ given by $\phi \mapsto \phi \circ \widehat{f}$, is an isomorphism.

Definition 2.2. A *standard annulus* will be an annulus A of the form $A = \mathbb{R}^2 - U$, where $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ is a circular open disc (i.e. U is a disc geometrically, not just topologically). An immersion $e : [0, 1] \rightarrow A$ will be called a *simple arc* if

- (1) $e(0), e(1) \in \partial A$.
- (2) The ends of e are perpendicular to ∂A .
- (3) The self intersections of e are transverse double points.

Let $\mathbb{Z}^o \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ denote the set of odd integers. Let $D\mathbb{Z}$ denote the set of all columns $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ with $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^o$.

Definition 2.3. Let A be a standard annulus, and let e be a simple arc in A .

- (1) For a double point v of e we define $i(v) \in \{1, -1\}$, where $i(v) = 1$ if the orientation at v given by the two tangents to e at v , in the order they are visited, coincides with the orientation of A (restricted from \mathbb{R}^2). Otherwise $i(v) = -1$.
- (2) We define the *top* index of e , $I_1(e) \in \mathbb{Z}$ by $I_1(e) = \sum_v i(v)$ where the sum is over all double points v of e .
- (3) We define the *bottom* index of e , $I_2(e)$, to be the index defined in [8], that is, $I_2(e) = (\phi - \omega)/\pi$ where ϕ is the total angle of rotation of the radius vector (from the center of U to e) along e , and ω is the total angle of rotation of the tangent vector along e . Since by definition of simple arc the ends of e are perpendicular to ∂A , we have that $I_2(e)$ is an odd integer, that is, $I_2(e) \in \mathbb{Z}^o$.
- (4) We define the *double* index of e to be $I(e) = \begin{pmatrix} I_1(e) \\ I_2(e) \end{pmatrix} \in D\mathbb{Z}$.

Define \mathbb{X} to be the vector space over \mathbb{Q} with basis all symbols $X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1}$ where $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^o$. For $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$, let v be a double point of c , and let u_1, u_2 be the two tangents at v ordered by the orientation of \mathbb{R}^2 . Let U be a small circular disc neighborhood centered at v , and let $A = \mathbb{R}^2 - U$. Assume the strands of c cross ∂U perpendicularly, so $c|_{c^{-1}(A)}$ defines two simple arcs c_1, c_2 in A . The ordering c_1, c_2 is chosen so that the tangent u_i leads to c_i , $i = 1, 2$. They will be called the *exterior arcs* of c . We denote $I(c_1)$ by $\begin{pmatrix} a_1(v) \\ a_2(v) \end{pmatrix}$ and $I(c_2)$ by $\begin{pmatrix} b_1(v) \\ b_2(v) \end{pmatrix}$. We define $F : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ as follows:

$$F(c) = \sum_v X_{a_2(v), b_2(v)}^{a_1(v), b_1(v)}$$

where the sum is over all double points v of c .

For $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$ let $\omega(c)$ denote the Whitney winding number of c , and let $G : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ be the order 0 invariant defined by $G(c) = X_{1, -1}^{\omega(c), 0}$. Let $\widehat{F} : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ be defined by $\widehat{F}(c) = F(c) + G(c)$. In this work we will prove that \widehat{F} is a universal order one invariant.

Often one is interested in order 1 invariants only up to order 0 invariants, and in that case the addition of G is not needed. Our definition of universal order 1 invariant however requires that *all* order 1 invariants be obtained by composition with linear maps (in a unique way). For this a correction such as G is needed, as will be explained after the proof of Theorem 4.5. We will see (Lemma 4.2) that if $F(c) \neq 0$ then $\omega(c)$ can be computed from $F(c)$, so in terms of separating curves, the only difference between F and \widehat{F} is that \widehat{F} separates the two different embedded curves, whereas F vanishes on both.

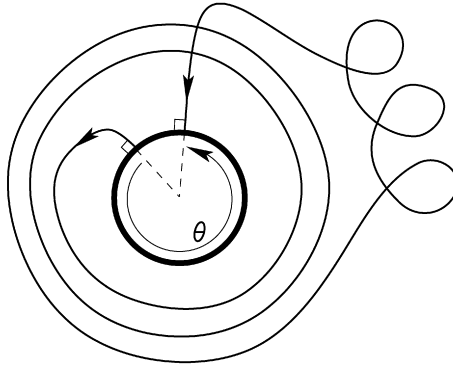


Fig. 1. Representatives for the regular homotopy classes of simple arcs in A .

3. An abstract universal order one invariant

In this section we will construct an “abstract” universal order 1 invariant, as opposed to the “concrete” invariant described in the previous section. This will be an intermediate step in proving that the concrete invariant is universal.

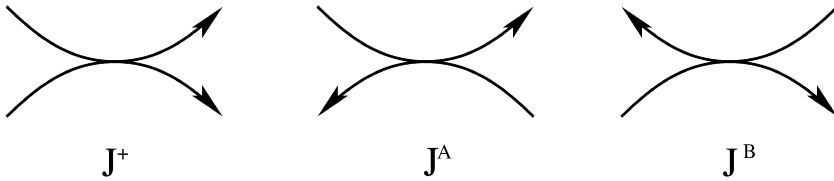
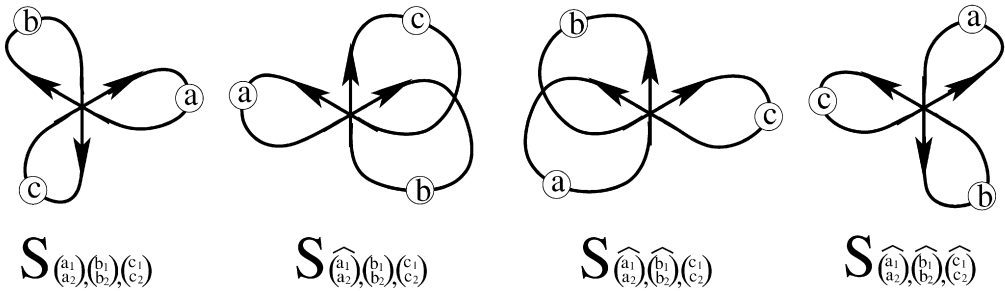
Lemma 3.1. *Let e be a simple arc in A with initial point i and final point f , with $i \neq f$. Let θ be the angle from i to f , in the positive direction, see Fig. 1. Let ϕ be the total angle of rotation of the radius vector (from the center of U to e) along e , and ω the total angle of rotation of the tangent vector along e . Then $I_1(e) = (2\phi - \omega - \theta + \pi)/2\pi$.*

Proof. Both sides of the equality are invariant under regular homotopy in A , keeping the initial and final points and tangents fixed (for the invariance of I_1 note that $i \neq f$). So, it is enough to check the equality on representatives of the various regular homotopy classes of simple arcs, such as those of the form appearing in Fig. 1. They are arcs that begin by spiraling around U a number of times and may then include a number of “curls.” To verify the equality on such arcs, one can first check it for embedded arcs, and then check that it is preserved when adding a round tour around U and when adding a curl. \square

Lemma 3.2. *If e, e' are two simple arcs in A with the same initial point i and final point f , with $i \neq f$, then $I(e) = I(e')$ iff e and e' are regularly homotopic in A , keeping the initial and final points and tangents fixed.*

Proof. Let $I_1 = I_1(e)$, $I_2 = I_2(e)$. Let θ, ϕ, ω be as in Lemma 3.1. Then by Lemma 3.1, $I_1 = (2\phi - \omega - \theta + \pi)/2\pi$, and by definition, $I_2 = (\phi - \omega)/\pi$. These formulas are invertible, giving $\phi = 2\pi I_1 - \pi I_2 + \theta - \pi$ and $\omega = 2\pi I_1 - 2\pi I_2 + \theta - \pi$. Since the pair ϕ, ω characterizes the regular homotopy class of e , so does the pair I_1, I_2 . \square

Two curves $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}_1$ will be called *equivalent* if there is an ambient isotopy of \mathbb{R}^2 bringing a neighborhood U of the singular point of c onto a neighborhood U' of the singular point of c' , such that the configuration near the singular point precisely matches and such that the exterior arcs in $A = \mathbb{R}^2 - U$ are regularly homotopic in A . We always assume, as before, that the strands of c cross ∂U perpendicularly, and so the exterior arcs are simple arcs. Note that the crossing

Fig. 2. Singularities of type J^+ , J^A , J^B .Fig. 3. Singularities of type $S_{(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2), (c_1, c_2)}$, $S_{(\widehat{a_1}, \widehat{a_2}), (b_1, b_2), (c_1, c_2)}$, $S_{(\widehat{a_1}, \widehat{a_2}), (\widehat{b_1}, \widehat{b_2}), (c_1, c_2)}$, $S_{(\widehat{a_1}, \widehat{a_2}), (\widehat{b_1}, \widehat{b_2}), (\widehat{c_1}, \widehat{c_2})}$.

points with ∂U are all distinct (even for J type singularities). By Lemma 3.2 a pair of exterior arcs with same initial and final points, are regularly homotopic in A iff their double indices are the same. So we have:

Proposition 3.3. *Two curves $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}_1$ are equivalent iff they have the same singularity configuration and the same corresponding double indices of exterior arcs.*

The following is clear from the definition of order 1 invariant:

Lemma 3.4. *Let $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$ be an invariant, then f is of order 1 iff for any two equivalent $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}_1$, $f^{(1)}(c) = f^{(1)}(c')$.*

We will attach a symbol to each equivalence class of curves in \mathcal{C}_1 as follows. For J type singularities there are three distinct configurations which we name J^+ , J^A , J^B , see Fig. 2. The J^A , J^B singularities are symmetric with respect to a π rotation, which interchanges the two exterior arcs, and so, by Proposition 3.3, the equivalence class of a J^A or J^B singularity is characterized by a symbol $J^A_{(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)}$ and $J^B_{(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)}$ ($(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in D\mathbb{Z}$), where $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)$ is an *unordered* pair, registering the double indices of the two exterior arcs. The J^+ configuration, on the other hand, is not symmetric, and so characterized by a symbol $J^+_{(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)}$ with $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2)$ an *ordered* pair, with say, (a_1, a_2) corresponding to the lower strand in Fig. 2. (We will shortly see that this ordering may however be disregarded.)

As to S type singularities, there are four types, as seen in Fig. 3, depending on the relative orientations of the three strands participating in the triple point, and the way they are connected to each other. The distinction between them will be incorporated into the way we register the double indices of the exterior arcs. We will have a cyclicly ordered triple $(a_1, b_1, c_1) \in D\mathbb{Z}$

registering the double indices of the three exterior arcs, in the cyclic order they appear along S^1 , and each may appear with or without a hat, according to the following rule. For given exterior arc e with double index $\binom{a_1}{a_2}$, let u_1 be the initial tangent of e and u_2 the initial tangent of the following segment. Then if u_2 is pointing to the right of u_1 then $\binom{a_1}{a_2}$ will appear with a hat, and if u_2 is pointing to the left of u_1 then $\binom{a_1}{a_2}$ will appear unhatted. Since the ordering is cyclic, this gives four types of S symbols, $S_{\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \widehat{\binom{b_1}{b_2}}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \widehat{\binom{b_1}{b_2}}, \widehat{\binom{c_1}{c_2}}}$, which correspond to the four types of S singularities.

Let \mathbb{F} denote the vector space over \mathbb{Q} with basis all the above symbols, $J_{\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}}^+$, $J_{\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}}^A$, $J_{\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}}^B$, $S_{\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \widehat{\binom{b_1}{b_2}}, \binom{c_1}{c_2}}$, $S_{\widehat{\binom{a_1}{a_2}}, \widehat{\binom{b_1}{b_2}}, \widehat{\binom{c_1}{c_2}}}$. Let γ be a generic path in \mathcal{C} , that is, a path (regular homotopy) $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, whose image lies in $\mathcal{C}_0 \cup \mathcal{C}_1$ and which is transverse with respect to \mathcal{C}_1 . We denote by $v(\gamma) \in \mathbb{F}$ the sum of symbols of the singularities γ passes, each added with $+$ or $-$ sign according to whether we pass it from its negative side to its positive side, or from its positive side to its negative side, respectively. Let $N \subseteq \mathbb{F}$ be the subspace generated by all elements $v(\gamma)$ obtained from all possible generic *loops* γ in \mathcal{C} (i.e. *closed* paths), and let $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{F}/N$.

For an order 1 invariant $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$, since by Lemma 3.4 $f^{(1)}$ coincides on equivalent curves in \mathcal{C}_1 , it induces a well-defined linear map $f^{(1)} : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow W$.

The following is clear:

Lemma 3.5. *If γ is a generic path in \mathcal{C} , from c_1 to c_2 , then $f^{(1)}(v(\gamma)) = f(c_2) - f(c_1)$.*

From Lemma 3.5 it follows that $f^{(1)}$ vanishes on the generators of N , so it also induces a well-defined linear map $f^{(1)} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow W$.

Let $\Gamma_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$ be a curve with Whitney number m , chosen once and for all as base curve for its regular homotopy class. Let $\widehat{\mathbb{G}} = \mathbb{G} \oplus \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}u_m$, where $\{u_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a set of new independent vectors. We define an order 1 invariant $\widehat{f} : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$ as follows: For any $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$ there is a generic path γ from Γ_m to c , where m is the Whitney number of c . Let $\widehat{f}(c) = u_m + v(\gamma) \in \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$. By definition of N , $v(\gamma) \in \mathbb{G}$ is indeed independent of the choice of path γ . From Lemma 3.4 it is clear that \widehat{f} is an order 1 invariant, and we will now see that it is *universal*:

Theorem 3.6. *$\widehat{f} : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{G}}$ is a universal order 1 invariant.*

Proof. For an order 1 invariant $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$, define the linear map $\Phi_f : \widehat{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow W$ by $\Phi_f|_{\mathbb{G}} = f^{(1)}$ and $\Phi_f(u_m) = f(\Gamma_m)$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. We claim $\Phi_f \circ \widehat{f} = f$ and that Φ_f is the unique linear map satisfying this property. Indeed, let $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and let γ be a generic path from Γ_m to c where m is the Whitney number of c . Then by Lemma 3.5 $f(c) = f(\Gamma_m) + f^{(1)}(v(\gamma)) = \Phi_f(u_m) + \Phi_f(v(\gamma)) = \Phi_f(\widehat{f}(c))$.

For uniqueness, it is enough to show that $\widehat{f}(\mathcal{C}_0)$ spans $\widehat{\mathbb{G}}$. We have $u_m = \widehat{f}(\Gamma_m)$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ so it remains to show that $\mathbb{G} \subseteq \text{span } \widehat{f}(\mathcal{C}_0)$. Indeed for any generating symbol T of \mathbb{G} , T is the difference $\widehat{f}(c) - \widehat{f}(c')$ for two curves $c, c' \in \mathcal{C}_0$, namely, the two resolutions of a curve in \mathcal{C}_1 whose symbol is T . \square

The following is also clear:

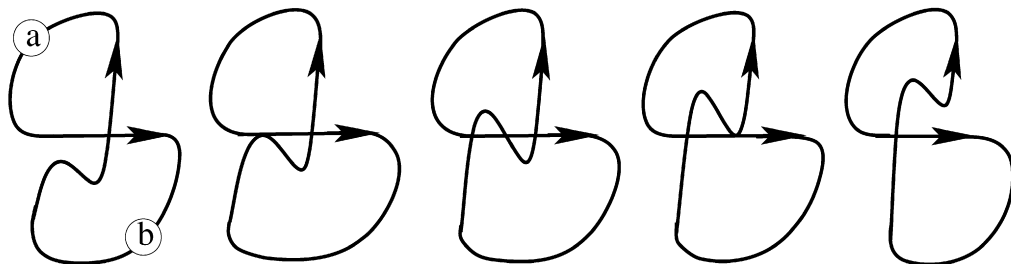


Fig. 4. $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+ - J_{(b_2), (a_2)}^+ = 0$.

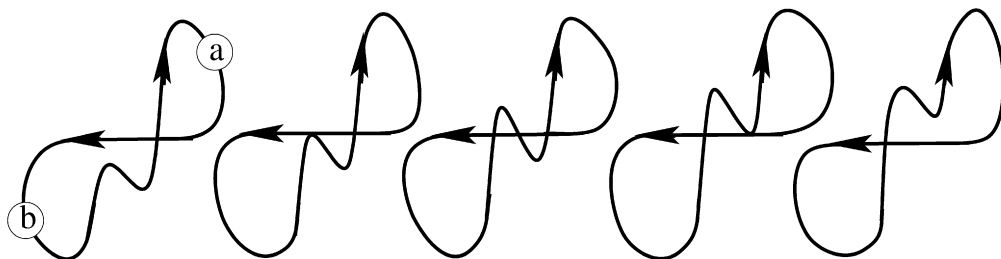


Fig. 5. $J_{(a_2+1), (b_2)}^B - J_{(a_2), (b_2-1)}^A = 0$.

Lemma 3.7. *Let $f : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow W$ be an order 1 invariant. Then f is a universal order 1 invariant iff $\Phi_f : \widehat{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow W$ (appearing in the proof of Theorem 3.6) is an isomorphism.*

We present two specific subfamilies of the set of generators of N . They appear in Figs. 4, 5. The figures are schematic, only indicating the way the strands involved in the local configuration are connected to each other. The two exterior arcs for the intersection point appearing in the left most curves, labeled a and b , are assumed to have double indices (a_1) and (b_1) respectively. To obtain the double indices for the tangency points, note that exterior arcs that may be obtained from each other by sliding their ends along ∂A have the same bottom index. The element obtained from Fig. 4 is $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+ - J_{(b_2), (a_2)}^+$, that is, in \mathbb{G} we have the relation $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+ - J_{(b_2), (a_2)}^+ = 0$, and so from now on we will simply regard the double indices of $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+$ as being *un-ordered*

(as is true by definition for the J^A and J^B symbols). The relation obtained from Fig. 5 is $J_{(a_2+1), (b_2)}^B - J_{(a_2), (b_2-1)}^A = 0$, or after index shift: $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^B = J_{(a_2-1), (b_2-1)}^A$.

4. Proof of main result

Returning to our invariant $F : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$, we look at $F^{(1)}$. It is easy to see that indeed the value of $F^{(1)}$ depends only on the symbol of a given curve $c \in \mathcal{C}_1$, which by Lemma 3.4 proves that indeed F is an order 1 invariant. We will need the value of $F^{(1)}$ only on the symbols of type J^+ and J^A , which are demonstrated in Figs. 6, 7. Again, the figures are schematic, only indicating the way the strands involved in the local configuration are connected to each other. The two exterior arcs for the tangency point appearing in the middle curves, labeled a and b ,

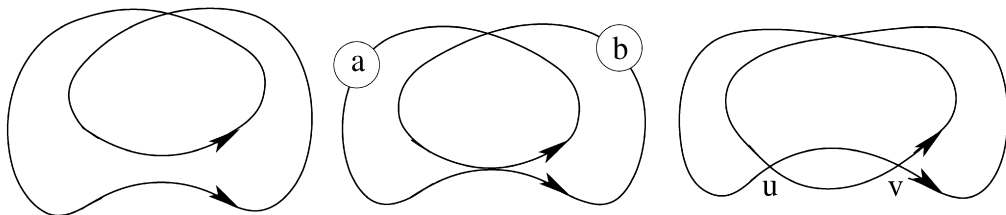


Fig. 6. $F^{(1)}(J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+(a_1, b_1)) = X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1} + X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1}$.

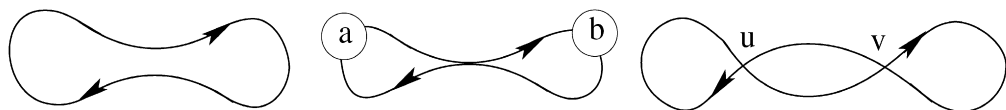


Fig. 7. $F^{(1)}(J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^A(a_1, b_1)) = X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1+1} + X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1+1}$.

are assumed to have double indices (a_1) and (b_1) respectively. In Fig. 6 the two new intersection points u and v contribute additional terms $X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1}$ and $X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1}$ respectively, and in Fig. 7 u and v contribute $X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1+1}$ and $X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1+1}$ respectively. The contribution of all other intersection points is unchanged, so we have:

- $F^{(1)}(J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^+(a_1, b_1)) = X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1} + X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1}$,
- $F^{(1)}(J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^A(a_1, b_1)) = X_{a_2, b_2}^{a_1, b_1+1} + X_{b_2, a_2}^{b_1, a_1+1}$.

We define \mathbb{Y} to be the vector space over \mathbb{Q} generated by the symbols $Y_{k,l}^n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$, and with the relation

$$Y_{k,l}^n = -Y_{l,k}^n.$$

We define the map $\Psi : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ by

$$\Psi(X_{k,l}^{a,b}) = Y_{k,l}^{a+b}.$$

For each $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ define the linear functional $g_m : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ as follows:

$$g_m(Y_{k,l}^n) = \begin{cases} k-l & \text{if } n-k-l=m \text{ and } k+l=0, \\ (l-k)/2 & \text{if } n-k-l=m \text{ and } k+l=\pm 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $\bar{\mathbb{Y}} \subseteq \mathbb{Y}$ denote the subspace defined by the family of all equations $g_m = 0$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, that is, the intersection of kernels of all g_m . Let $\bar{\mathbb{X}} = \Psi^{-1}(\bar{\mathbb{Y}})$.

We now look at the order 1 invariant $K = \Psi \circ F : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$. The invariant K is closely related to the invariant defined by M.È. Kazarian in [8]. Let \mathbb{J} denote the subspace of \mathbb{G} spanned by all symbols of type J , then by the relation $J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^B(a_1, b_1) = J_{(a_2), (b_2)}^A(a_1^{-1}, b_1^{-1})$ it is also spanned by all symbols

of type J^+ , J^A . It is clear from our explicit formulas for $F^{(1)}$ on the symbols of type J^+ , J^A , that $K^{(1)} = (\Psi \circ F)^{(1)} = \Psi \circ F^{(1)}$ vanishes on \mathbb{J} , and so induces a map $K^{(1)} : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$. As we shall now explain, the result in [8] may be stated, in the language of the present work, as follows:

Theorem 4.1 (*M.È. Kazarian*). $K^{(1)} : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ is injective, with image $\bar{\mathbb{Y}}$.

To make precise the relation between our K and the invariant of [8] we first prove:

Lemma 4.2. *If $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$ is a curve with Whitney winding number m , then for each intersection point v of c , the two double indices $\binom{a_1}{a_2}, \binom{b_1}{b_2}$ attached to v satisfy $a_1 + b_1 - a_2 - b_2 = m$.*

Proof. For the two exterior arcs c_1, c_2 of v , let $\theta_1, \phi_1, \omega_1$ and $\theta_2, \phi_2, \omega_2$ be the corresponding angles as in Lemma 3.1, then $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 2\pi$ and $(\omega_1 + \omega_2)/2\pi = m$. So $I_1(c_1) + I_1(c_2) - I_2(c_1) - I_2(c_2) = (2\phi_1 - \omega_1 - \theta_1 + \pi)/2\pi + (2\phi_2 - \omega_2 - \theta_2 + \pi)/2\pi - (\phi_1 - \omega_1)/\pi - (\phi_2 - \omega_2)/\pi = m$. \square

Accordingly, we define $\mathbb{X}^m \subseteq \mathbb{X}$ to be the subspace spanned by all $X_{k,l}^{a,b}$ with $a + b - k - l = m$ and $\mathbb{Y}^m \subseteq \mathbb{Y}$ to be the subspace spanned by all $Y_{k,l}^n$ with $n - k - l = m$. We have $\mathbb{X} = \bigoplus_m \mathbb{X}^m$, $\mathbb{Y} = \bigoplus_m \mathbb{Y}^m$, F maps all curves with Whitney number m into \mathbb{X}^m and Ψ maps \mathbb{X}^m into \mathbb{Y}^m . In a similar way each generating symbol of \mathbb{G} is related to a specific regular homotopy class and accordingly \mathbb{G} and \mathbb{J} split into $\bigoplus_m \mathbb{G}^m$ and $\bigoplus_m \mathbb{J}^m$. Finally, define $\bar{\mathbb{Y}}^m \subseteq \mathbb{Y}^m$ to be the subspace defined by the equation $g_m = 0$, then $\bar{\mathbb{Y}} = \bigoplus_m \bar{\mathbb{Y}}^m$. Each \mathbb{Y}^m is naturally isomorphic to $\Lambda^2 A$ of [8, Remark 1], where $Y_{k,l}^{m+k+l} \in \mathbb{Y}^m$ is identified with $e_k \wedge e_l \in \Lambda^2 A$. This induces a projection $p : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \Lambda^2 A$, mapping any $Y_{k,l}^n$ to $e_k \wedge e_l$. The invariant S of [8, Remark 1] is precisely $p \circ K$. Now [8, Theorem 2] relates to each regular homotopy class separately, the space I_1/I_0 appearing there is the space of S -invariants on a given regular homotopy class, up to constants. An S -invariant is by definition an invariant f such that $f^{(1)}$ vanishes on \mathbb{J} , and so I_1/I_0 is precisely the dual to our $\mathbb{G}^m/\mathbb{J}^m$. So, the statement of [8, Theorem 2] is that the dual to our $K^{(1)} : \mathbb{G}^m/\mathbb{J}^m \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Y}}^m$ is an isomorphism. It follows that this map itself is an isomorphism, and so $K^{(1)} : \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{J} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Y}}$ is an isomorphism.

We now look at the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{J} & \xrightarrow{\text{inc}} & \mathbb{G} & \xrightarrow{\text{quot}} & \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{J} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \text{Id} & & \downarrow F^{(1)} & & \downarrow K^{(1)} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{J} & \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}}} & \mathbb{X} & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \mathbb{Y} \longrightarrow 0.
 \end{array}$$

The algebraic portion of our work is the following theorem, whose proof we defer to Section 5:

Theorem 4.3. *The sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{J} \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}}} \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow 0$ is exact.*

It follows from Theorems 4.1, 4.3, and the commutative diagram, that:

Theorem 4.4. $F^{(1)} : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ is injective, with image $\bar{\mathbb{X}}$.

We may now prove our main result:

Theorem 4.5. For $c \in \mathcal{C}_0$ let $\omega(c)$ denote the Whitney winding number of c , and let $G : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ be the order 0 invariant defined by $G(c) = X_{1,-1}^{\omega(c),0}$. Let $\widehat{F} : \mathcal{C}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ be defined by $\widehat{F}(c) = F(c) + G(c)$, then \widehat{F} is a universal order one invariant.

Proof. By Lemma 3.7 it is enough to show that $\Phi_{\widehat{F}} : \widehat{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ is an isomorphism. Indeed, by Theorem 4.4, $\Phi_{\widehat{F}}|_{\mathbb{G}} = \widehat{F}^{(1)} = F^{(1)}$ is injective, and onto $\overline{\mathbb{X}}$. Now, the values $X_{1,-1}^{\omega(c),0}$ for G were precisely chosen so that $\{\widehat{F}(\Gamma_m)\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} = \{\Phi_{\widehat{F}}(u_m)\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$ will be a basis for $\mathbb{X}/\overline{\mathbb{X}}$. This is verified by evaluating the functionals $g_m \circ \Psi$ (which are the defining equations of $\overline{\mathbb{X}}$ in \mathbb{X}) on $\widehat{F}(\Gamma_{m'})$. Indeed, from [8] and our definition of g_m we know $g_m(\Psi(F(\Gamma_{m'}))) = g_m(K(\Gamma_{m'})) = 2\delta_{m,m'}\delta_{m',0}$ and so $g_m \circ \Psi(\widehat{F}(\Gamma_{m'})) = 2\delta_{m,m'}\delta_{m',0} + 2\delta_{m,m'} = 2(1 + \delta_{m',0})\delta_{m,m'}$. It follows that $\Phi_{\widehat{F}} : \widehat{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ is an isomorphism. \square

We now see why we needed to add to F a correcting order 0 invariant such as G . From the proof of Theorem 4.5 we see that $\Phi_F : \widehat{\mathbb{G}} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ is non-injective and non-surjective. Φ_F being non-injective means that not all order 1 invariants may be realized as $\phi \circ F$ ($\phi : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow W$ a linear map). Indeed $g_m \circ \Psi(F(\Gamma_{m'})) = 2\delta_{m,m'}\delta_{m',0}$ implies that any order 0 invariant of the form $\phi \circ F$ vanishes on all curves with Whitney number $m \neq 0$. Φ_F being non-surjective means that the choice of ϕ is non-unique, that is, there are $\phi \neq \psi$ with $\phi \circ F = \psi \circ F$. Adding G to F solved both injectivity and surjectivity problems. (If non-surjectivity were the only problem, then it would be fixed simply by diminishing the target space \mathbb{X} .)

We conclude this section by explaining the remark made in the introduction, that the space of invariants spanned by all order 1 J - and S -invariants is much smaller than the full space of order 1 invariants. Indeed, let $\mathbb{S} \subseteq \mathbb{G}$ be the subspace spanned by all symbols of type S . By definition, an order 1 invariant f is a J - or S -invariant, iff $f^{(1)}$ vanishes on \mathbb{S} or \mathbb{J} respectively. Therefore an invariant f is the sum of J - and S -invariants iff $f^{(1)}$ vanishes on $\mathbb{S} \cap \mathbb{J}$. By observing relations in N coming from loops as in [16, Figs. 6, 7], one can show that $\mathbb{S} \cap \mathbb{J}$ is the subspace of \mathbb{G} spanned by all elements of the form $J_{(a_1), (b_2)}^+ - J_{(a_2+2), (b_2)}^+$ and $J_{(a_1), (b_2)}^A - J_{(a_2+2), (b_2)}^A$, $a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^o$. Given that the set of symbols of type J^+ , J^A is independent in \mathbb{G} (a fact that will be proved in Section 5), we see $\mathbb{S} \cap \mathbb{J}$ is a fairly large subspace of \mathbb{G} .

5. The exact sequence

In this section we prove Theorem 4.3, stating that the sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{J} \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}}} \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow 0$ is exact. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k \leq l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$ let $A_{k,l}^n$ be the following set of symbols, viewed as elements in \mathbb{G} :

$$A_{k,l}^n = \left\{ J_{(a), (b)}^+ : a + b = n \right\} \cup \left\{ J_{(a), (b)}^A : a + b = n - 1 \right\}.$$

Let $\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n = \text{span } A_{k,l}^n \subseteq \mathbb{J}$. We point out that since the pair (a, b) is unordered, the meaning of the pair a, b in the conditions $a + b = n$ and $a + b = n - 1$ depends on whether $k = l$ or $k < l$. If $k = l$ then a, b runs over all unordered pairs $\{a, b\}$, whereas if $k < l$ then the pairing of a with k and b with l serves to distinguish them and so in this case a, b runs over all ordered pairs (a, b) .

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k \leq l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$ define $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ to be the span of all symbols of the form $X_{k,l}^{a,b}$ and $X_{l,k}^{a,b}$ with $a + b = n$. Then \mathbb{X} is the direct sum of all $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$. Here there is also a difference between the cases $k = l$ and $k < l$. When $k = l$ a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$ is $\{X_{k,k}^{i,n-i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$, whereas when $k < l$ a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ is $\{X_{k,l}^{i,n-i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \cup \{X_{l,k}^{i,n-i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Let $B_{k,l}^n = F^{(1)}(A_{k,l}^n) \subseteq \mathbb{X}$. That is

$$B_{k,l}^n = \{X_{k,l}^{a,b} + X_{l,k}^{b,a} : a + b = n\} \cup \{X_{k,l}^{a,b+1} + X_{l,k}^{b,a+1} : a + b = n - 1\}.$$

We see $B_{k,l}^n \subseteq \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$, and so $F^{(1)}(\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n) \subseteq \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$. $B_{k,l}^n$ being simply the image of $A_{k,l}^n$, the meaning of the pair a, b here is the same as noted above for $A_{k,l}^n$.

The main step in proving Theorem 4.3 is the following:

Proposition 5.1.

- (1) For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^o$, $B_{k,k}^n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$.
- (2) For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}, k < l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$, $B_{k,l}^n$ is an independent set spanning a subspace of codimension 1 in $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$.

Proof. We first look at the following model space. Let \mathbb{E} be the vector space with basis all symbols $E_i, i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let D be the following set of element in \mathbb{E} :

$$D = \{E_{-i} + E_i\}_{i \geq 0} \cup \{E_{-i} + E_{1+i}\}_{i \geq 0}.$$

We claim that D is a basis for \mathbb{E} . Indeed, order the symbols E_i as follows:

$$E_0, E_1, E_{-1}, E_2, E_{-2}, E_3, E_{-3}, \dots$$

Order the elements of D by alternately taking an element from the first and second set, that is

$$2E_0, E_0 + E_1, E_{-1} + E_1, E_{-1} + E_2, E_{-2} + E_2, E_{-2} + E_3, E_{-3} + E_3, \dots$$

By induction, the span of the first m elements in the first list coincides with that of the second list. This establishes our claim, and we now prove (1) and (2) of the proposition.

Proof of (1): Assume first that n is even, and let $n = 2m$. Define an isomorphism $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$ by $\varphi(E_i) = X_{k,k}^{m-i,m+i}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then for all $i \geq 0$

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_i) = X_{k,k}^{m+i,m-i} + X_{k,k}^{m-i,m+i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+i}{k}\binom{m-i}{k}}^+),$
- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_{1+i}) = X_{k,k}^{m+i,m-i} + X_{k,k}^{m-1-i,m+1+i} = X_{k,k}^{m+i,(m-1-i)+1} + X_{k,k}^{m-1-i,(m+i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+i}{k}\binom{m-1-i}{k}}^A).$

That is, φ maps D bijectively onto $B_{k,k}^n$, and so $B_{k,k}^n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$.

For n odd, let $n = 2m + 1$. This time we define the isomorphism $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$ by $\varphi(E_i) = X_{k,k}^{m+i,m+1-i}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have for all $i \geq 0$,

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_i) = X_{k,k}^{m-i, (m+i)+1} + X_{k,k}^{m+i, (m-i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-i}{k} \binom{m+i}{k}}^A),$
- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_{1+i}) = X_{k,k}^{m-i, m+1+i} + X_{k,k}^{m+1+i, m-i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-i}{k} \binom{m+1+i}{k}}^+).$

That is, again, φ maps D onto $B_{k,k}^n$, and so $B_{k,k}^n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,k}^n$.

Proof of (2): Let \mathbb{E}' be another copy of \mathbb{E} defined with symbols $\{E'_i\}$ and construct the corresponding basis D' , then $D \cup D'$ is a basis for $\mathbb{E} \oplus \mathbb{E}'$. Assume first that n is even and $n = 2m$. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \oplus \mathbb{E}' \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ be the isomorphism defined as follows:

- For $i \leq 0$: $\varphi(E_i) = X_{k,l}^{m-i, m+i}$ and for $i \geq 1$: $\varphi(E_i) = X_{l,k}^{m-i, m+i}$.
- For $i \leq 0$: $\varphi(E'_i) = X_{l,k}^{m-i, m+i}$ and for $i \geq 1$: $\varphi(E'_i) = X_{k,l}^{m-i, m+i}$.

Then the value of φ on $D \cup D'$ is as follows:

- $\varphi(2E_0) = 2X_{k,l}^{m,m} \notin B_{k,l}^n,$
- $\varphi(2E'_0) = 2X_{l,k}^{m,m} \notin B_{k,l}^n.$

For $i \geq 1$:

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_i) = X_{k,l}^{m+i, m-i} + X_{l,k}^{m-i, m+i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+i}{k} \binom{m-i}{l}}^+),$
- $\varphi(E'_{-i} + E'_i) = X_{l,k}^{m+i, m-i} + X_{k,l}^{m-i, m+i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-i}{k} \binom{m+i}{l}}^+).$

(Note that $F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m}{k} \binom{m}{l}}^+)$ is skipped here.)

For all $i \geq 0$:

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_{1+i}) = X_{k,l}^{m+i, (m-1-i)+1} + X_{l,k}^{m-1-i, (m+i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+i}{k} \binom{m-1-i}{l}}^A),$
- $\varphi(E'_{-i} + E'_{1+i}) = X_{l,k}^{m+i, (m-1-i)+1} + X_{k,l}^{m-1-i, (m+i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-1-i}{k} \binom{m+i}{l}}^A).$

That is, the set $\varphi(D \cup D')$, which is a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$, does not precisely coincide with $B_{k,l}^n$. The only difference is that the two elements $2X_{k,l}^{m,m}$, $2X_{l,k}^{m,m}$ that appear in $\varphi(D \cup D')$, are replaced in $B_{k,l}^n$ by the one element $X_{k,l}^{m,m} + X_{l,k}^{m,m} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m}{k} \binom{m}{l}}^+)$. It follows that $B_{k,l}^n$ is independent and span $B_{k,l}^n$ is of codimension 1 in $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$.

For n odd let $n = 2m + 1$. Let $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \oplus \mathbb{E}' \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ be the isomorphism defined as follows:

- For $i \leq 0$, $\varphi(E_i) = X_{k,l}^{m+i, m+1-i}$ and for $i \geq 1$: $\varphi(E_i) = X_{l,k}^{m+i, m+1-i}$.
- For $i \leq 0$, $\varphi(E'_i) = X_{l,k}^{m+i, m+1-i}$ and for $i \geq 1$: $\varphi(E'_i) = X_{k,l}^{m+i, m+1-i}$.

Then the value of φ on $D \cup D'$ is as follows:

- $\varphi(2E_0) = 2X_{k,l}^{m,m+1} \notin B_{k,l}^n,$
- $\varphi(2E'_0) = 2X_{l,k}^{m,m+1} \notin B_{k,l}^n.$

For $i \geq 1$:

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_i) = X_{k,l}^{m-i,(m+i)+1} + X_{l,k}^{m+i,(m-i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-i}{k}, \binom{m+i}{l}}^A),$
- $\varphi(E'_{-i} + E'_i) = X_{l,k}^{m-i,(m+i)+1} + X_{k,l}^{m+i,(m-i)+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+i}{k}, \binom{m-i}{l}}^A).$

(Note that $F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m}{k}, \binom{m}{l}}^A)$ is skipped here.)

For all $i \geq 0$:

- $\varphi(E_{-i} + E_{1+i}) = X_{k,l}^{m-i,m+1+i} + X_{l,k}^{m+1+i,m-i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m-i}{k}, \binom{m+1+i}{l}}^+),$
- $\varphi(E'_{-i} + E'_{1+i}) = X_{l,k}^{m-i,m+1+i} + X_{k,l}^{m+1+i,m-i} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m+1+i}{k}, \binom{m-i}{l}}^+).$

Again, the set $\varphi(D \cup D')$, which is a basis for $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$, does not coincide with $B_{k,l}^n$. The two elements $2X_{k,l}^{m,m+1} + 2X_{l,k}^{m,m+1}$ that appear in $\varphi(D \cup D')$, are replaced in $B_{k,l}^n$ by the one element $X_{k,l}^{m,m+1} + X_{l,k}^{m,m+1} = F^{(1)}(J_{\binom{m}{k}, \binom{m}{l}}^A)$. Again it follows that $B_{k,l}^n$ is independent and $\text{span } B_{k,l}^n$ is of codimension 1 in $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$. \square

Proposition 5.1 states in particular that for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \leq l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$, $F^{(1)}(A_{k,l}^n)$ is an independent set. This implies that $A_{k,l}^n$ itself is independent, and so a basis for $\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n$, and that $F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n} : \mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ is injective. We have already noted that the symbols of type J^+ , J^A span \mathbb{J} and so \mathbb{J} is the sum of all $\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n$. Since \mathbb{X} is the direct sum of all $\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$, and each $F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n}$ is injective, we obtain that \mathbb{J} is the *direct* sum of all $\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n$. (And since we have seen $A_{k,l}^n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n$, we also obtain that the set of all symbols of type J^+ , J^A is a basis for \mathbb{J} .)

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k \leq l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$ define $\mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n = \text{span}\{Y_{k,l}^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{Y}$. Then for $k = l$ we have $\dim \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n = 0$ and for $k < l$ we have $\dim \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n = 1$. \mathbb{Y} is the direct sum of all $\mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n$, and $\Psi(\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n) \subseteq \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n$.

Now, to prove Theorem 4.3 it is enough to show that for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k \leq l \in \mathbb{Z}^o$, the restricted sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}} \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n \rightarrow 0$ is exact. Clearly $\Psi \circ F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}} = 0$, and $\Psi|_{\mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n} : \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n$ is surjective, and we have also established that $F^{(1)}|_{\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n} : \mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n$ is injective. Since $F^{(1)}(\mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n) = \text{span } B_{k,l}^n$, and since by Proposition 5.1 $\text{codim}(\text{span } B_{k,l}^n) = \dim \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n$, indeed $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{J}_{k,l}^n \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}} \mathbb{X}_{k,l}^n \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathbb{Y}_{k,l}^n \rightarrow 0$ is exact, and so $0 \rightarrow \mathbb{J} \xrightarrow{F^{(1)}} \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{\Psi} \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

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