The 1/N Expansion in Colored Tensor Models

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All these applications rely crucially on the "1/N" expansion!



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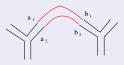
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Z(Q) is a sum over ribbon Feynman graphs.



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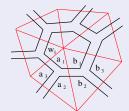
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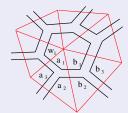


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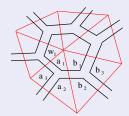




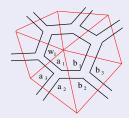
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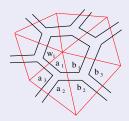


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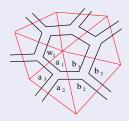
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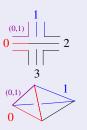


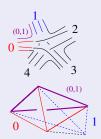


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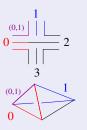


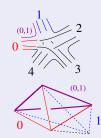
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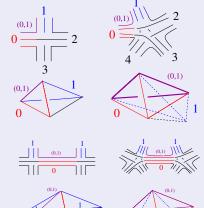




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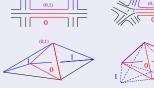
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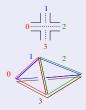
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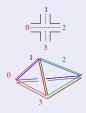


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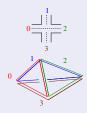


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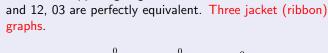


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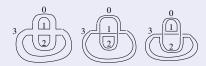
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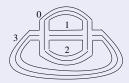
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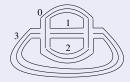
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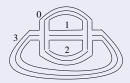
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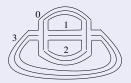


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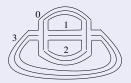
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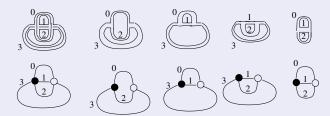
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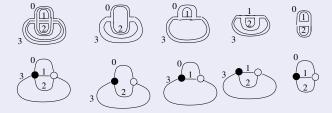
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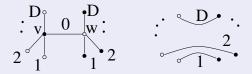
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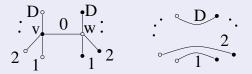
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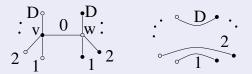


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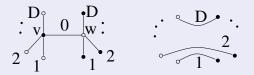
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