

# CSE590B Lecture 6

## Cubic Polynomials

Covariants and Resultants

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# Covariants of Cubic

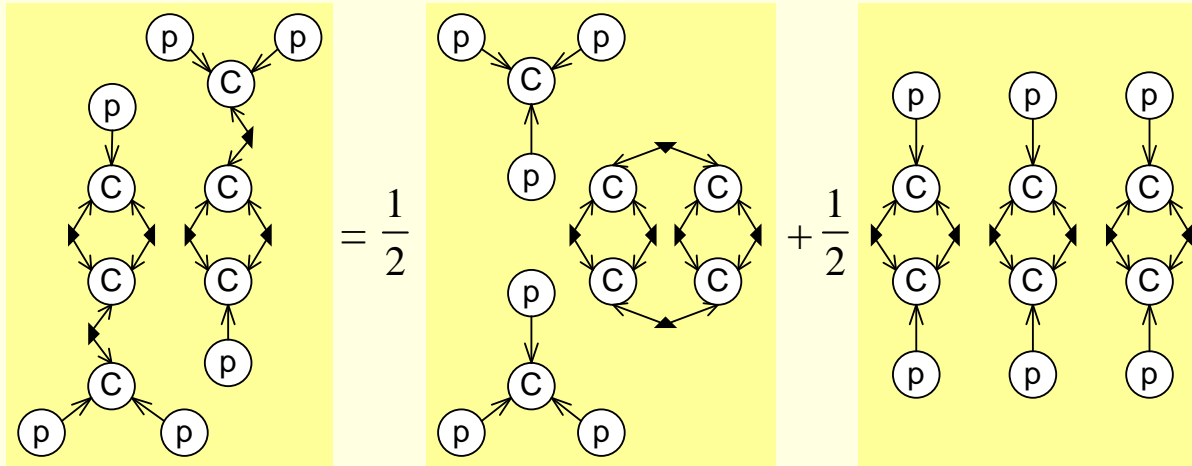
$$\mathbf{C}(x, w) = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{x, w} \rightarrow \textcircled{C} \leftarrow \textcircled{x, w} \\ \textcircled{x, w} \end{array} = Ax^3 + 3Bx^2w + 3C_xw^2 + Dw^3$$

$$\mathbf{H}(x, w) = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{x, w} \rightarrow \textcircled{C} \rightleftarrows \textcircled{C} \leftarrow \textcircled{x, w} \end{array} = [x \quad w] \begin{bmatrix} -2(AC - BB) & -AD + BC \\ -AD + BC & -2(DB - CC) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

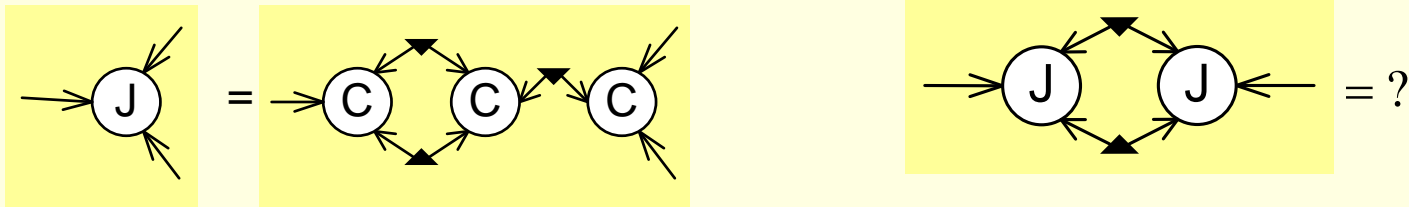
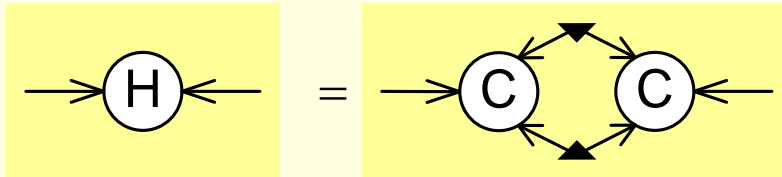
$$\mathbf{J}(x, w) = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{x, w} \rightarrow \textcircled{C} \rightleftarrows \textcircled{C} \rightleftarrows \textcircled{C} \leftarrow \textcircled{x, w} \\ \textcircled{x, w} \end{array} = A_Jx^3 + 3B_Jx^2w + 3C_Jxw^2 + D_Jw^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_J &= +A^2D - 3ABC + 2B^3 \\ B_J &= -2AC^2 + ABD + B^2C \\ C_J &= -ACD + 2B^2D - BC^2 \\ D_J &= -AD^2 + 3BCD - 2C^3 \end{aligned}$$

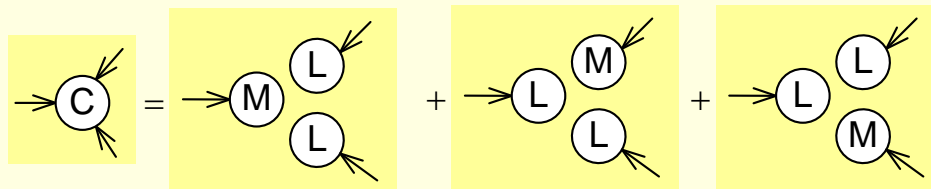
# Syzygy of J



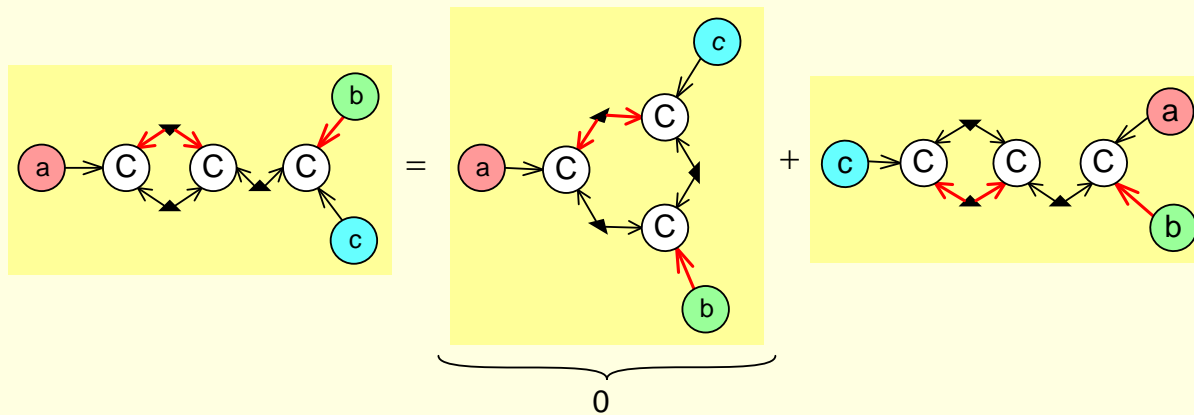
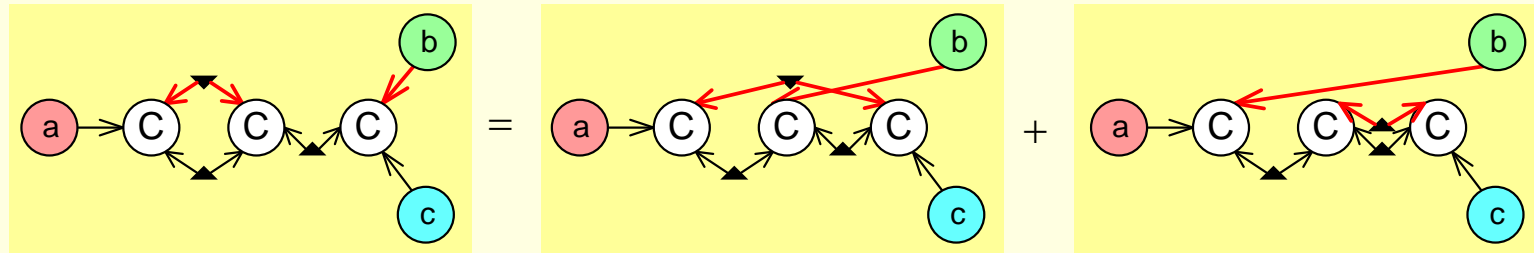
# Hessian of J



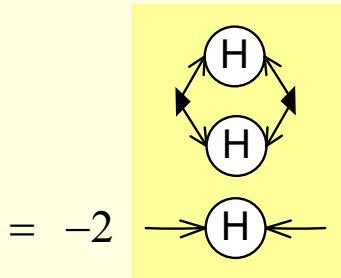
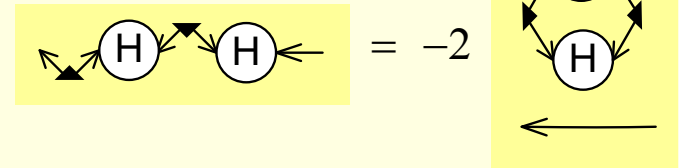
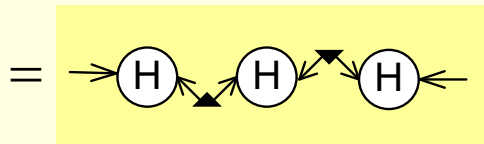
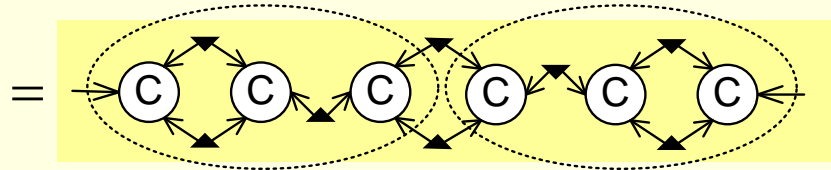
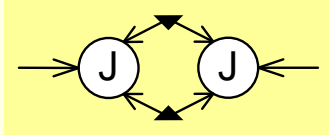
Symmetrize? Like we did with:



# J is already symmetrical!

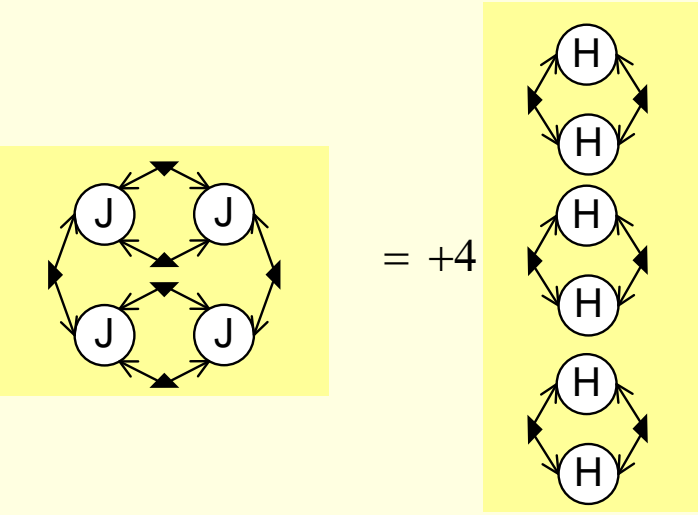
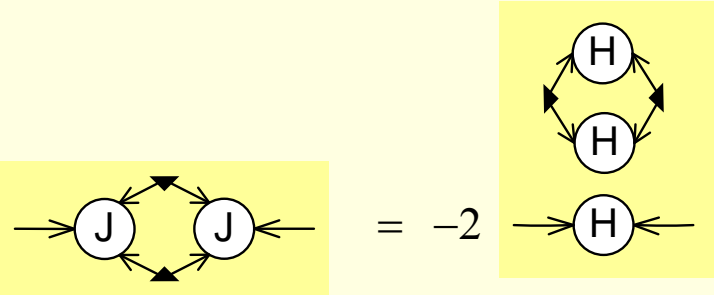


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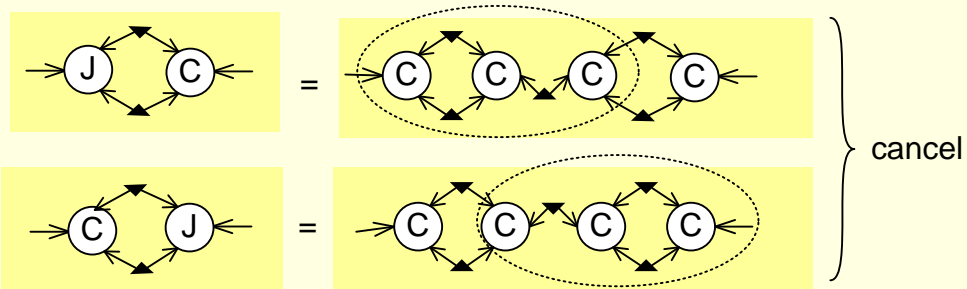
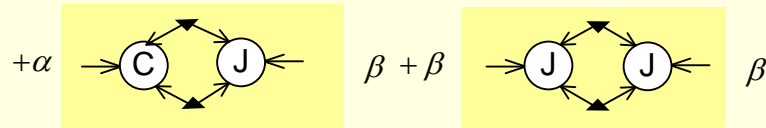
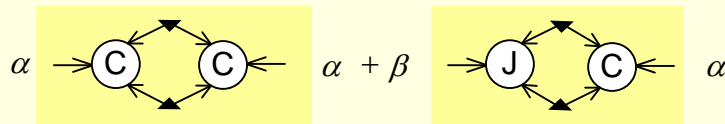
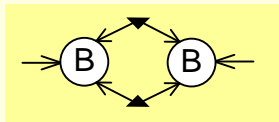
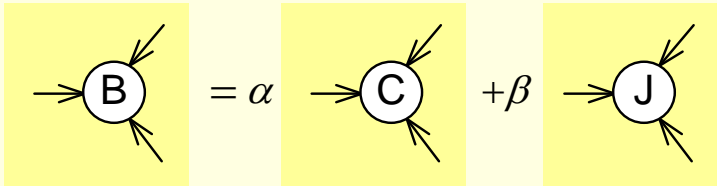
Hessian of J is same as  
Hessian of C (up to a scale)

# Discriminant of J



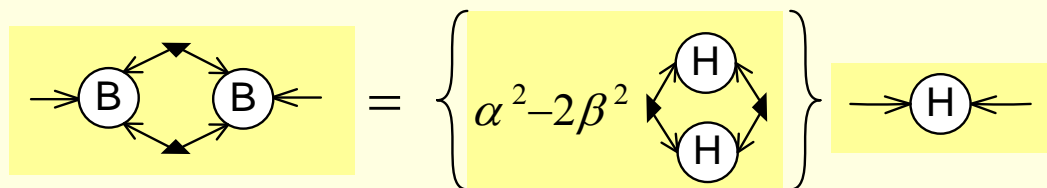
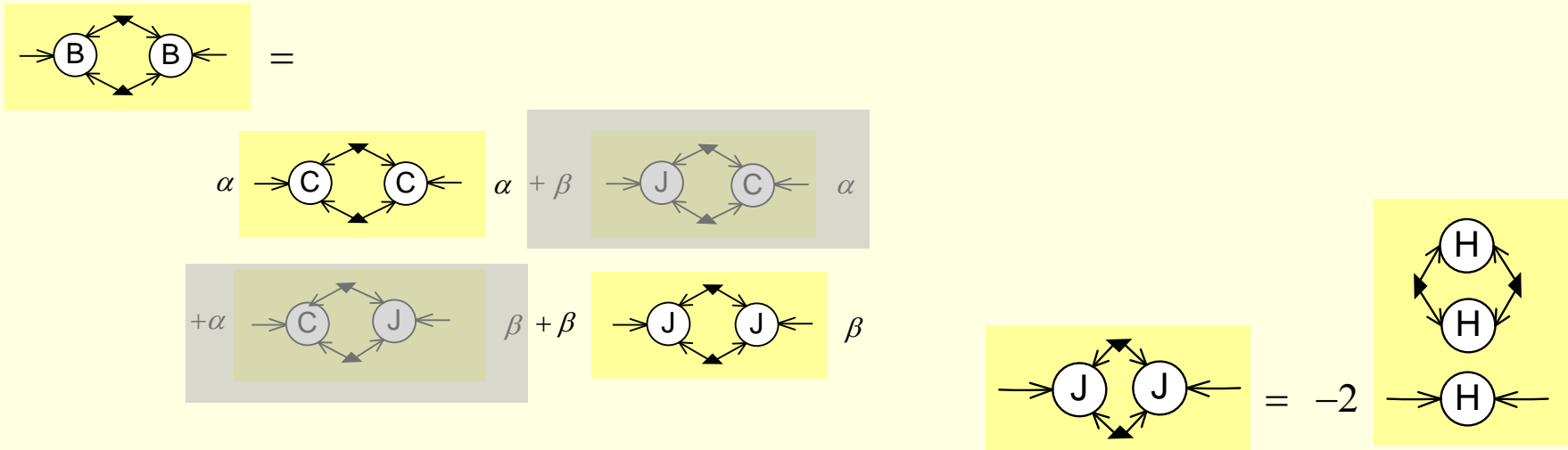
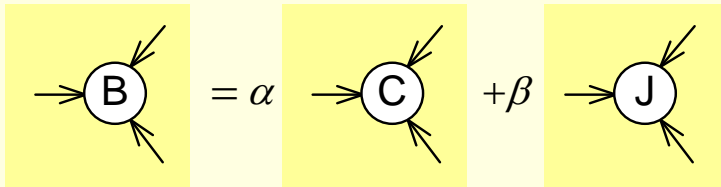
Sign of  $\text{Discrim}(J)$   
is same as  
sign of  $\text{Discrim}(C)$

# Hessian of Linear Combo

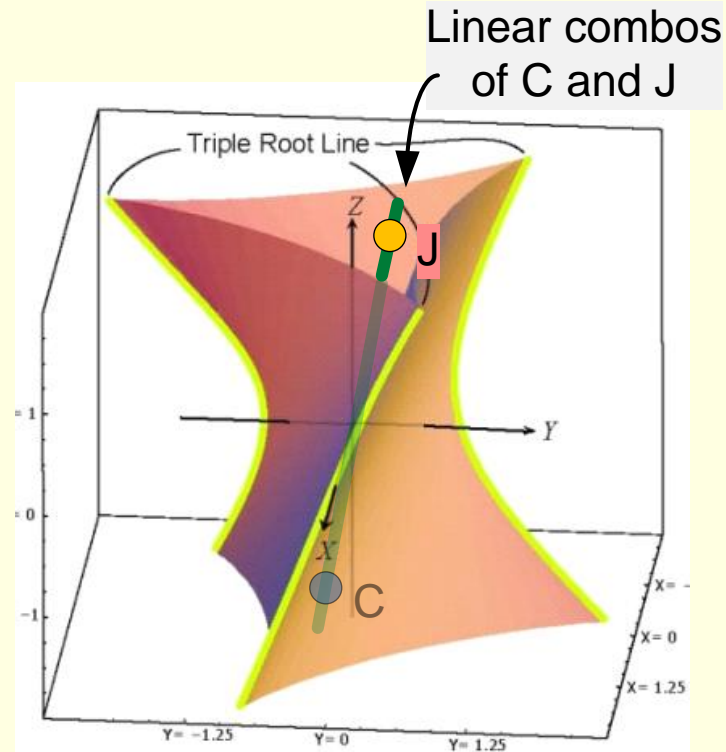
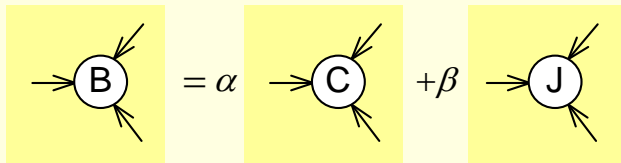
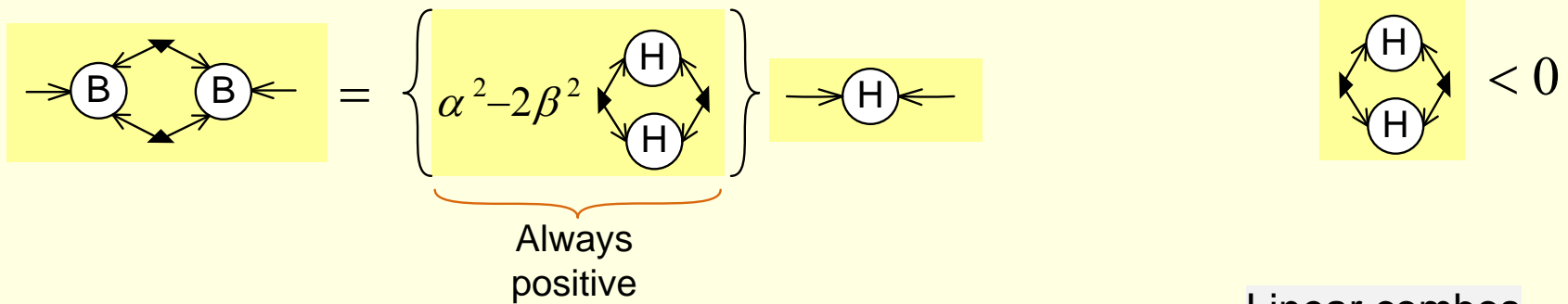




# Hessian of Linear Combo



# Locus of constant H for type 111



# Locus of constant H for type 1 1/1

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{B} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{B} \text{---} \end{array} = \left\{ \alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \end{array} > 0$$

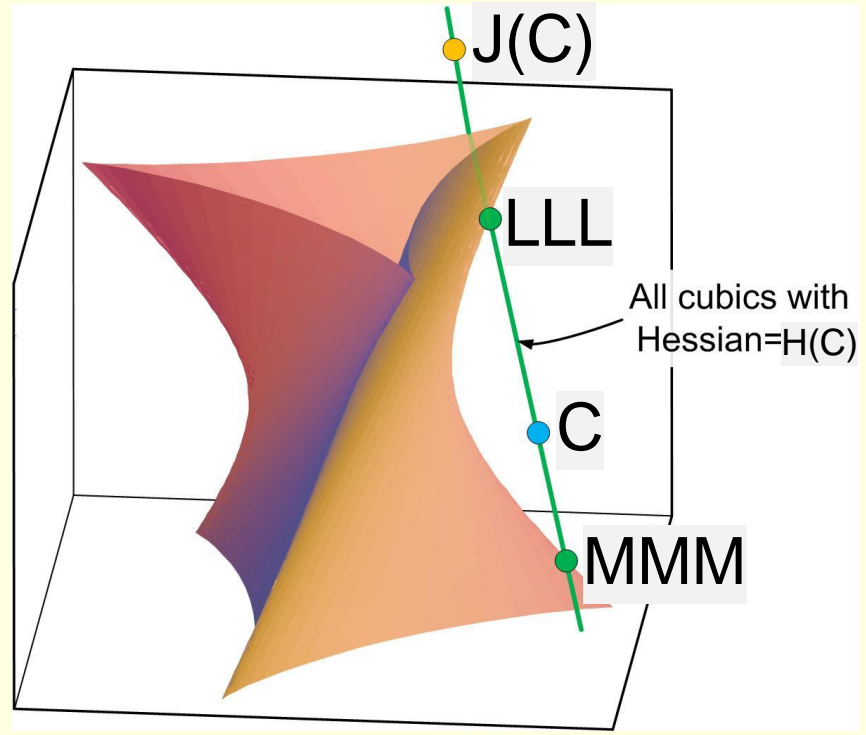
If

$$\alpha^2 - 2\beta^2 \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \end{array} = 0$$

$$\alpha = \pm \beta \sqrt{2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{H} \text{---} \end{array}$$

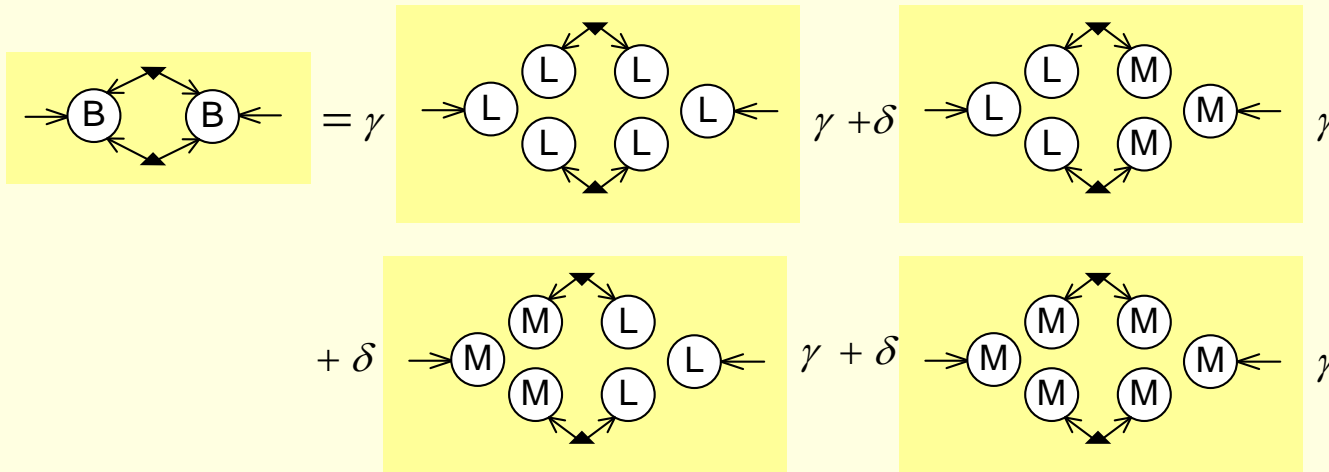
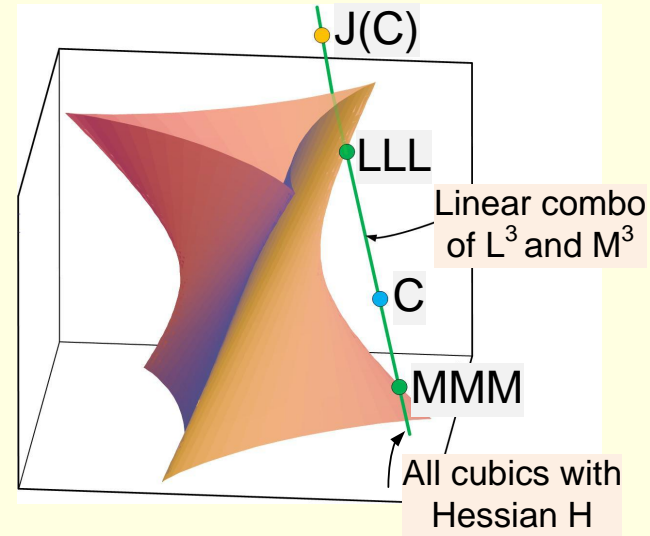
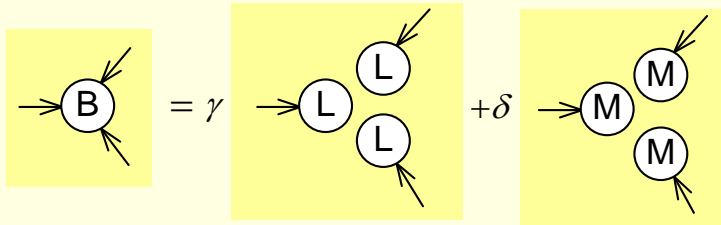
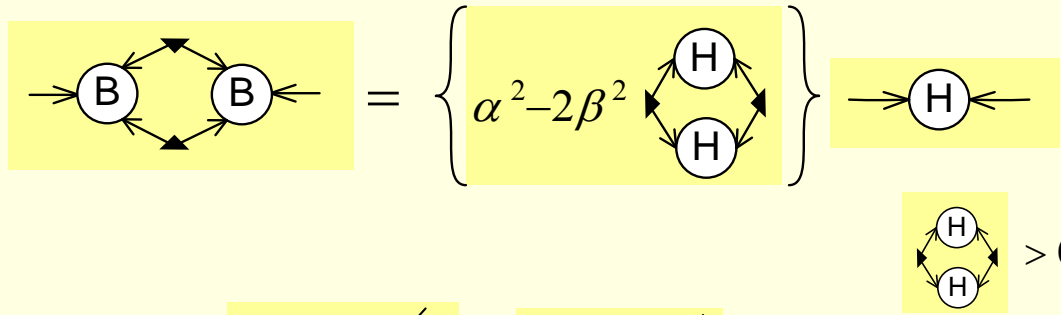
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{B} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \circ \text{B} \text{---} \end{array} = \text{---} \circ \text{O} \text{---}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Triple Root

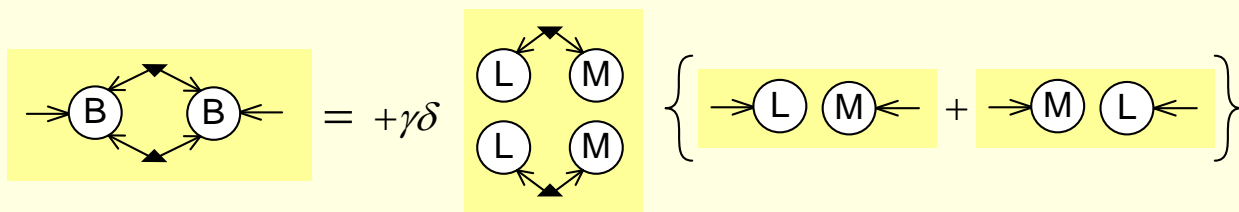
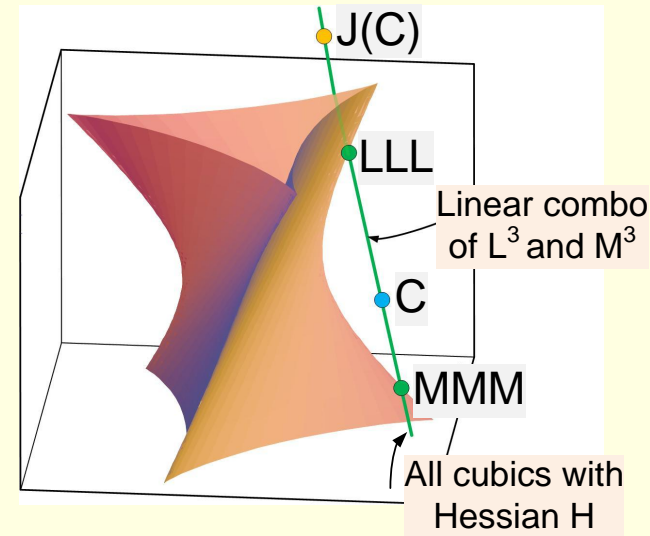
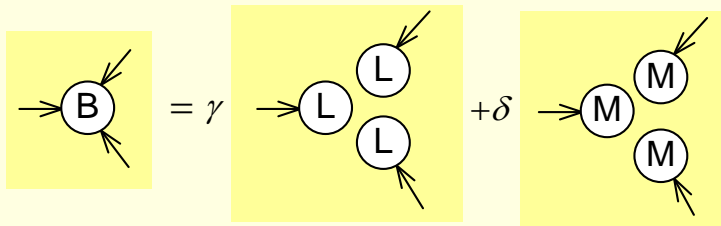
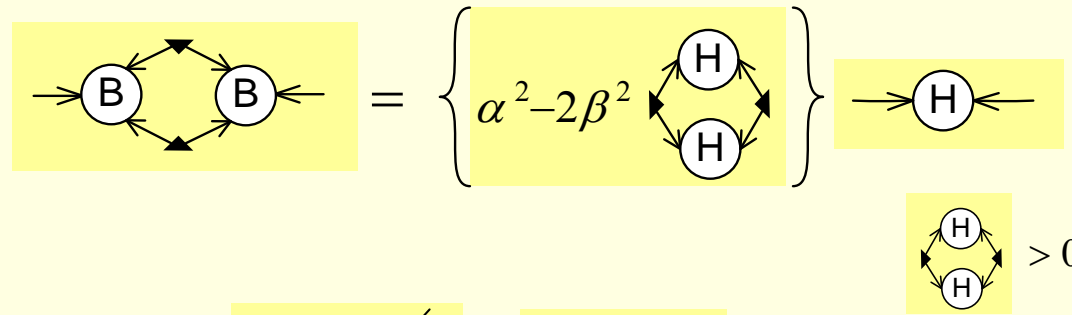


$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{B} \text{---} \end{array} = \alpha \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{C} \text{---} \end{array} + \beta \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \circ \text{J} \text{---} \end{array}$$

# Locus of constant H for type 1 1/1



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The two places the line hits the triple root curve are the cubes of the two factors of H



# Transform based on H

$$\rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow = \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow$$

Trace:  $\text{tr}(\text{T}) = \text{tr}(\text{H}) = 0$

So it's an involution

Trace=0  $\Rightarrow$  involution  
(true only for 2x2 matrices)

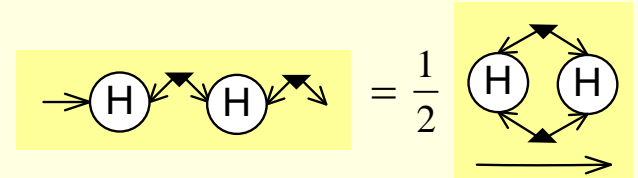
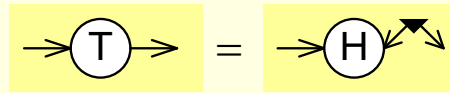
Show via arc-swap:

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow &= \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \\ &= \text{arc-swaps} + \text{arc-swaps} \\ &= \text{arc-swaps} + \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

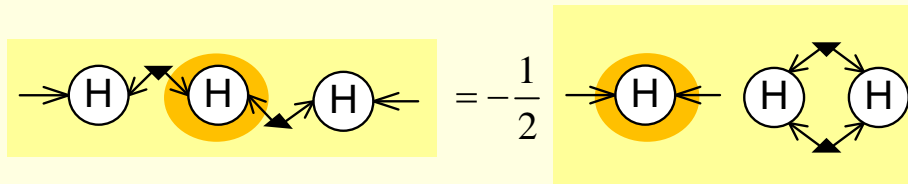
So

$$\rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow = \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} \text{arc-swaps}$$

# Transform based on H



Apply to H

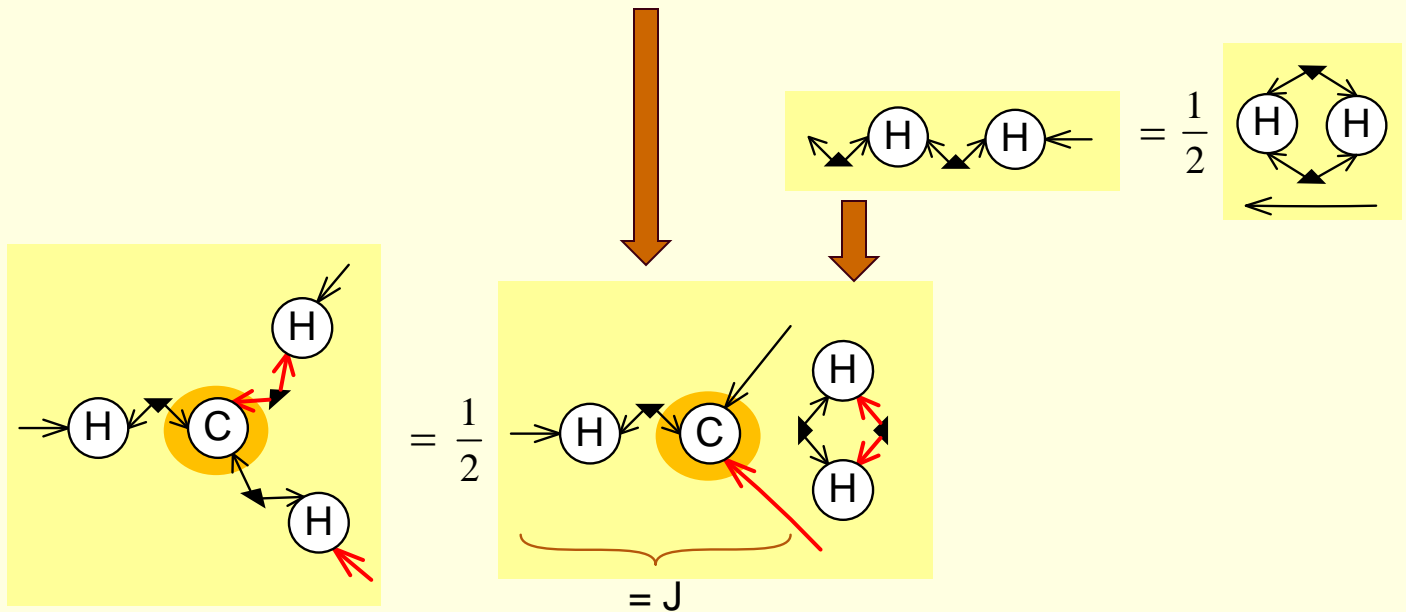
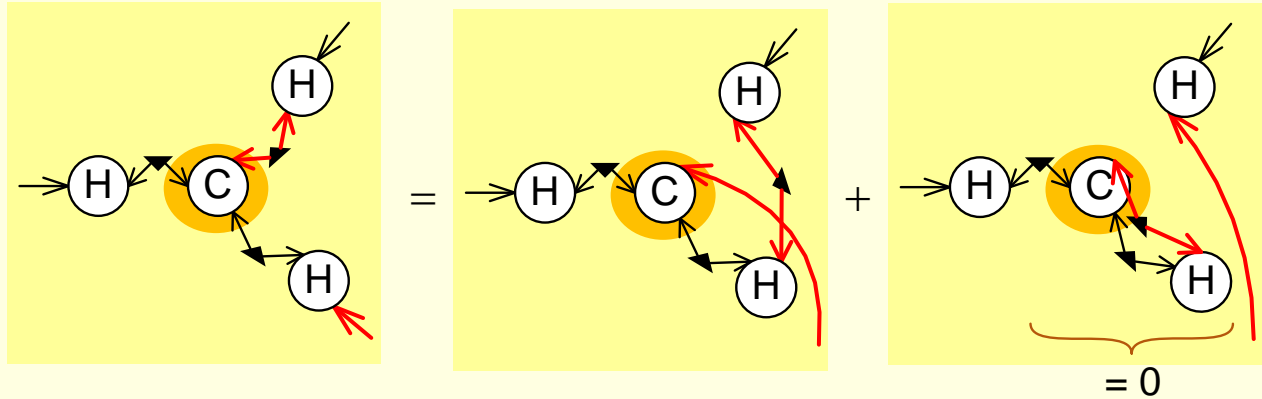




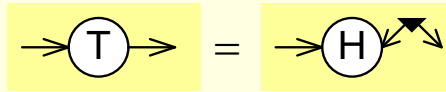
# Transform based on H

$$\rightarrow \text{T} \rightarrow = \rightarrow \text{H} \rightarrow \rightarrow$$

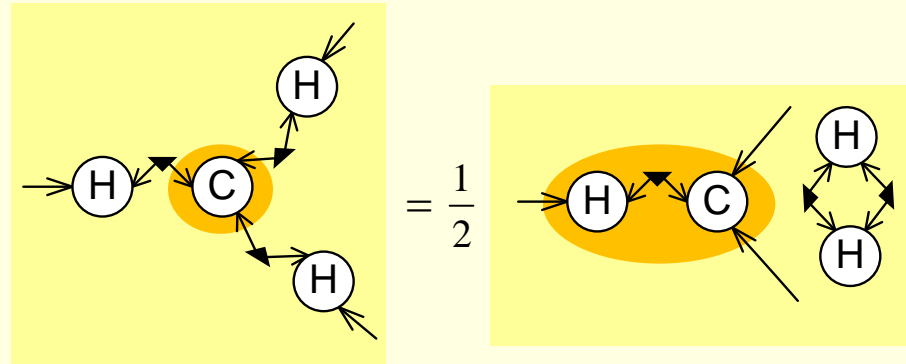
Apply to C



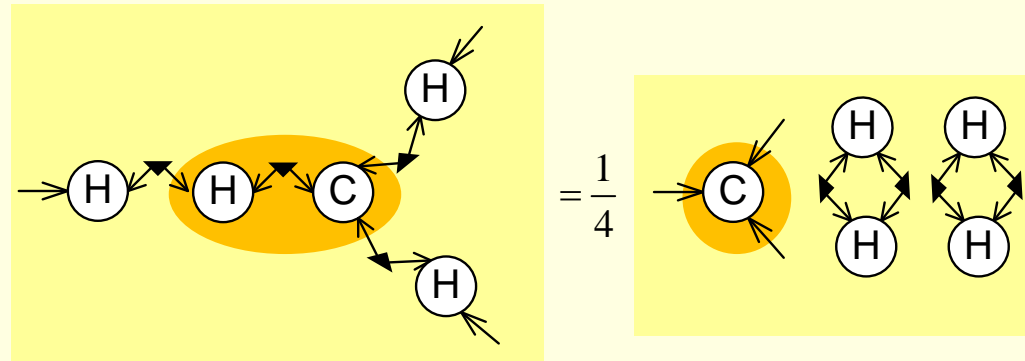
# Transform based on H



Transform **C** by **T**

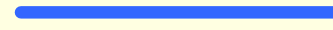




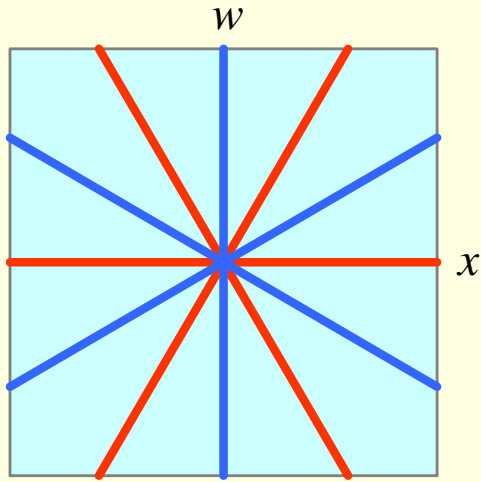
Transform **J** by **T**



$$\mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{C}(x, w) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{J}(x, w)$$

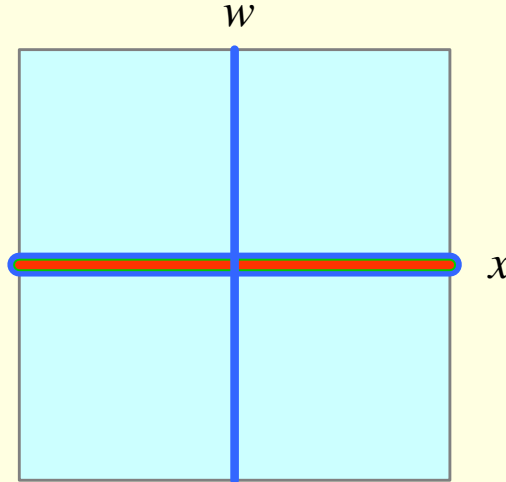
# Roots of $C, H, J$

-  Root of  $C$
-  Root of  $H(C)$
-  Root of  $J(C)$



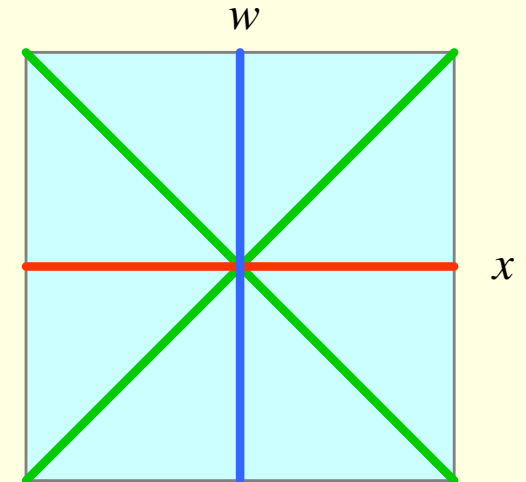
Type 111

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{H} = \text{rot}90$



Type 21

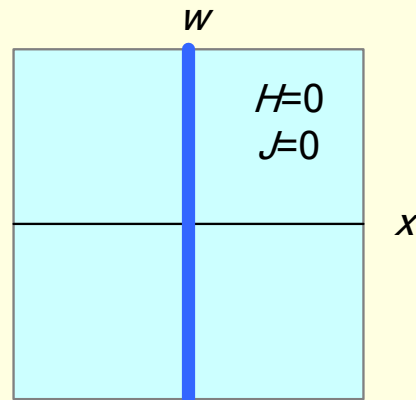
$\Rightarrow \textcircled{H} = \textit{nilpotent}$



Type  $1\frac{1}{1}$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{H} = \textit{mirror}45$

Type 3



# Rank

## Physics

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

1

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$$

2

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

3

## Mathematics

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3

# Mathematical Rank of 2-Tensor

## Rank 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} = x^2 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & ab \\ ab & b^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} = (ax + bw)^2$$

## Rank 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} = x^2 + w^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ w \end{bmatrix} = (ax + bw)^2 \pm (cx + dw)^2$$

# Mathematical Rank of 3-Tensor

## Rank 1

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] = x^3 \quad \left[ \begin{bmatrix} a^3 & a^2b \\ a^2b & ab^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^2b & ab^2 \\ ab^2 & b^3 \end{bmatrix} \right] = (ax + bw)^3$$

## Rank 2

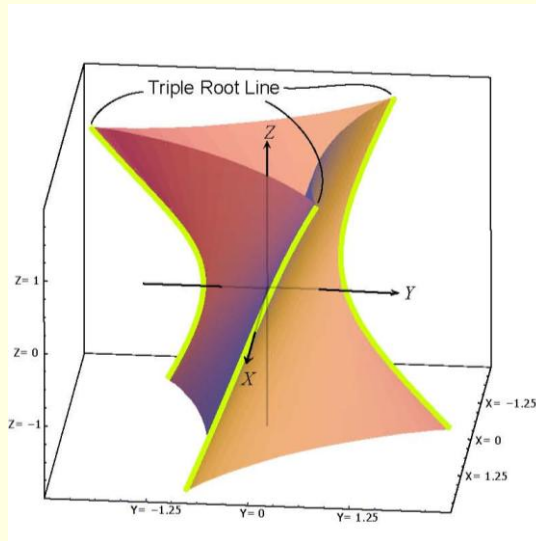
$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \right] = (ax + bw)^3 + (cx + dw)^3$$

## Rank 3

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \right] = (ax + bw)^3 + (cx + dw)^3 + (ex + fw)^3$$

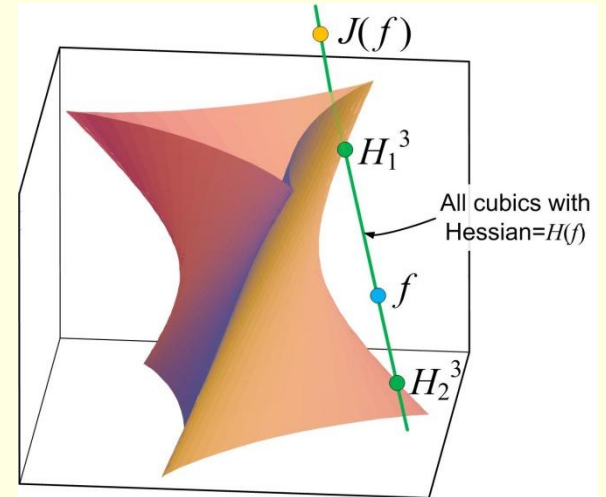
# Rank of Cubic

Rank 1  
Type 3

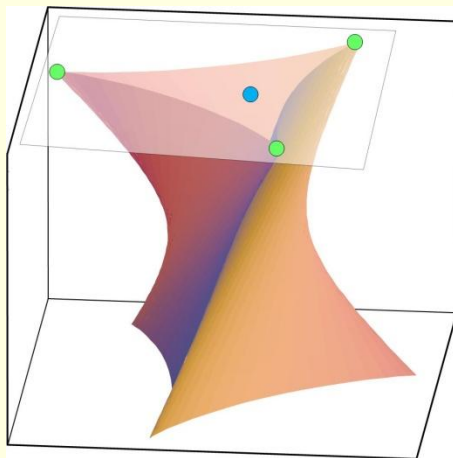


Rank 2

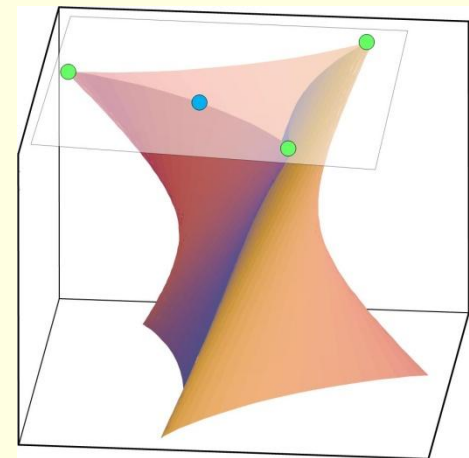
Type  $1\frac{1}{1}$



Rank 3  
Type 111  
(Not unique)



Rank 3  
Type 21  
(Not unique)



# IEEE CG&A Articles

## How to Solve a Cubic Equation

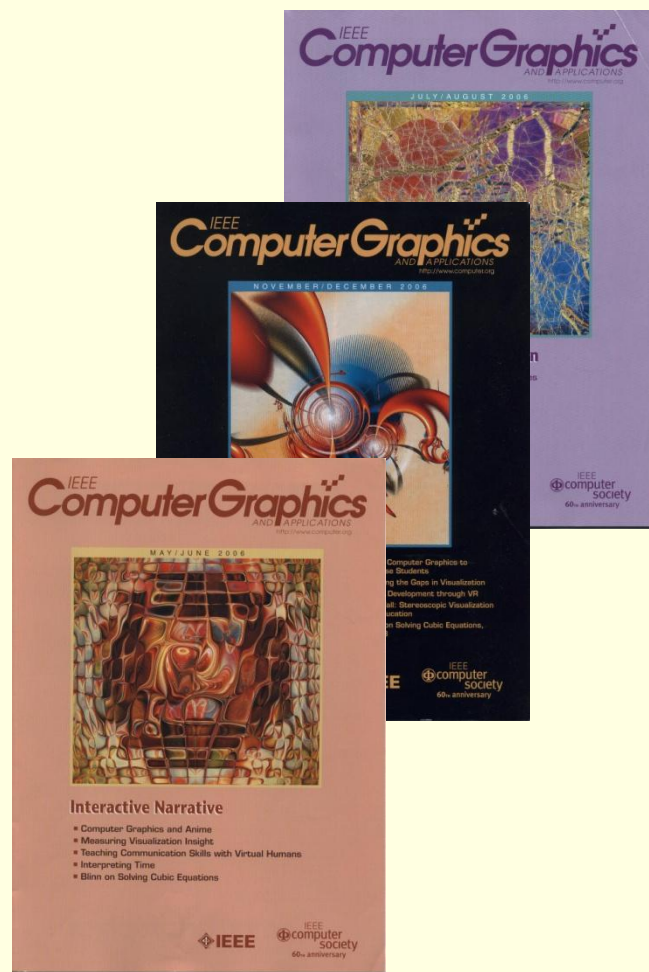
Part 1 – The Shape of the Discriminant  
May/June 2006, pages 84–93

Part 2 – The 11bar Case  
Jul/Aug 2006, pages 90–100

Part 3 – General Depression and a New  
Covariant  
Nov/Dec 2006, pages 92–102

Part 4 – The 111 case  
Jan/Feb 2007,

Part 5 – Back to Numerics  
May/June 2007





# Solving Numerically

$$C(x, w) = Ax^3 + 3Bx^2w + 3Cwx^2 + Dw^3$$

Translate to get B=0

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} & \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix}$$

General transform to get B=0

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x} & \tilde{w} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t & u \\ s & v \end{bmatrix}$$

“Depress” C

IEEE CG&A article

“General Depression and a New Covariant”

# High Class Spam

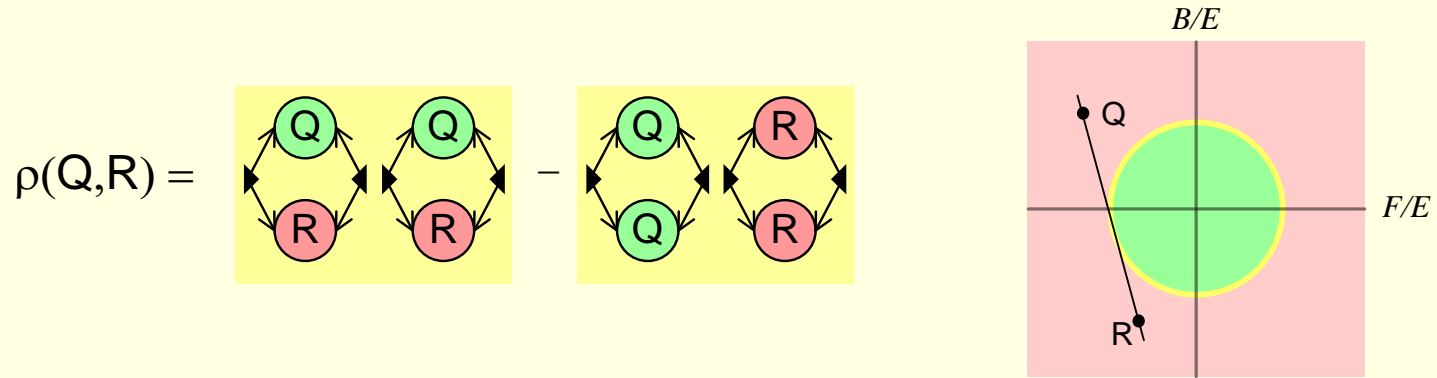
Dear Dr. Blinn,

From your article titled “How to solve a cubic equation, part 3: general depression and a new covariant.” (IEEE Comput Graph Appl. 2006 Nov-Dec;26(6):92-102.), we learned of your research in the area of Depression and thought you might be interest in knowing that GenWay offers an ELISA kit for the in-vitro diagnostic quantitative determination of Serotonin in various biological fluids.

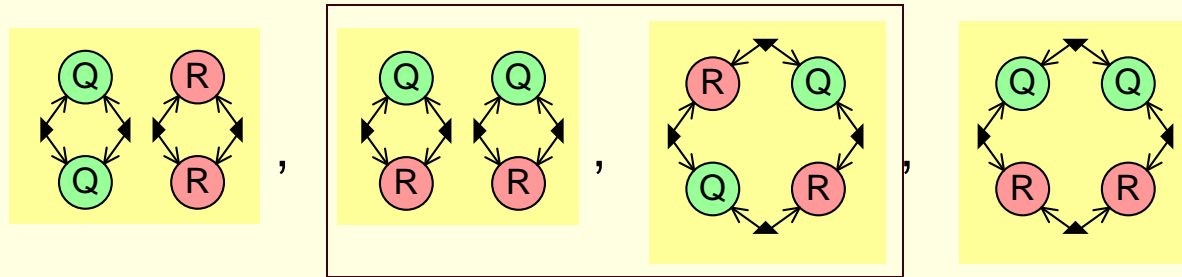
You can click the following link to our website in order to view the datasheet: [\*\*Serotonin ELISA Kit\*\*](#)

# Resultants

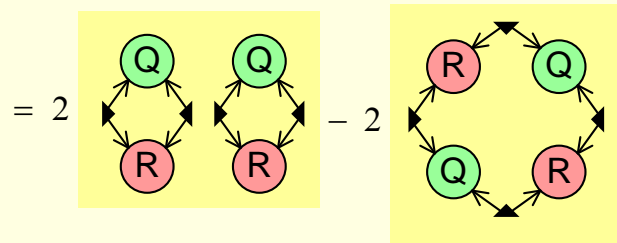
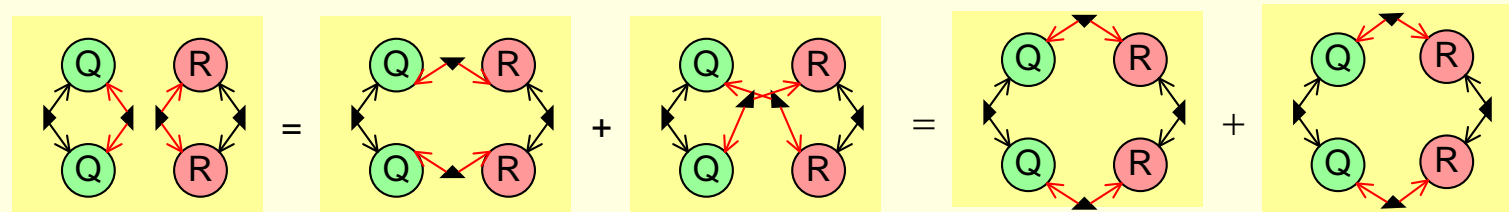
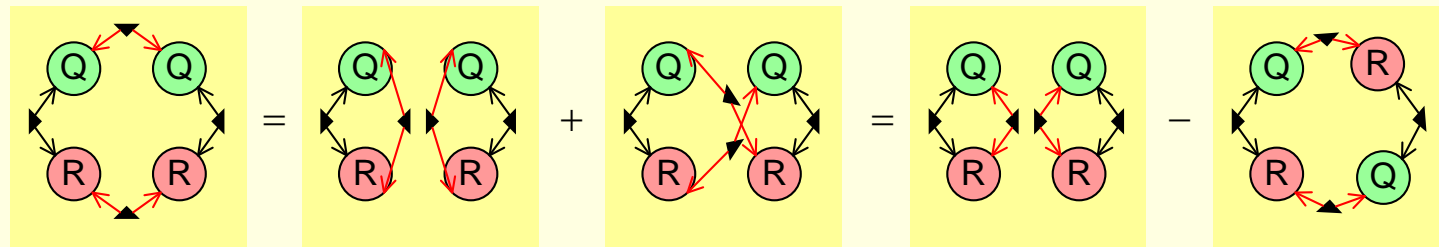
# Resultant of Two Quadratics



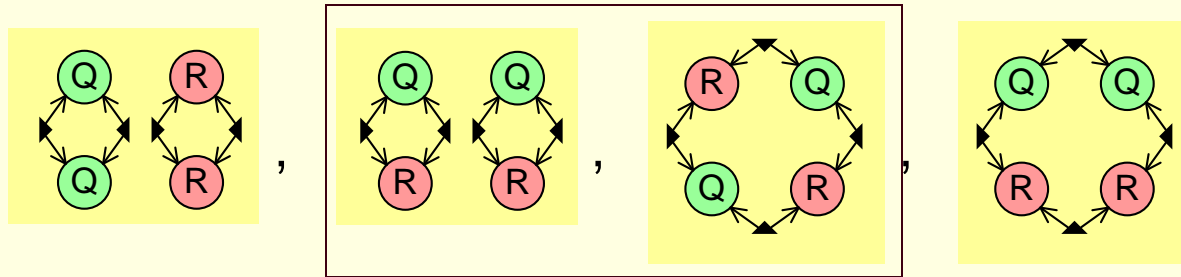
# Invariants of Two Quadratics



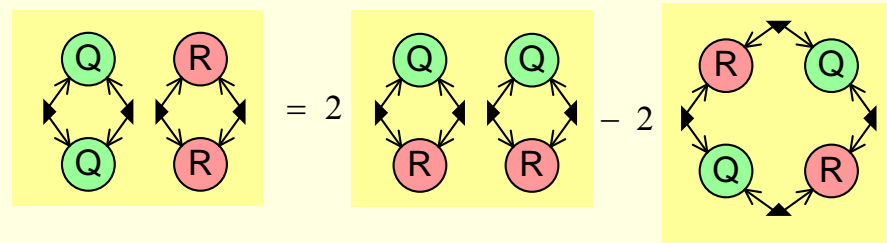
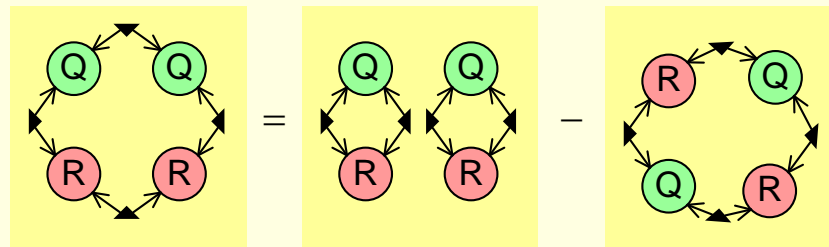
Nice



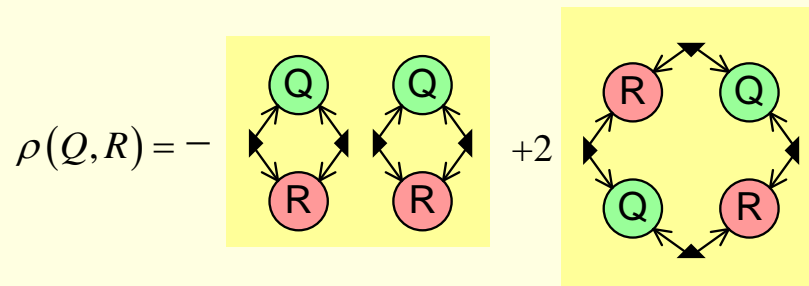
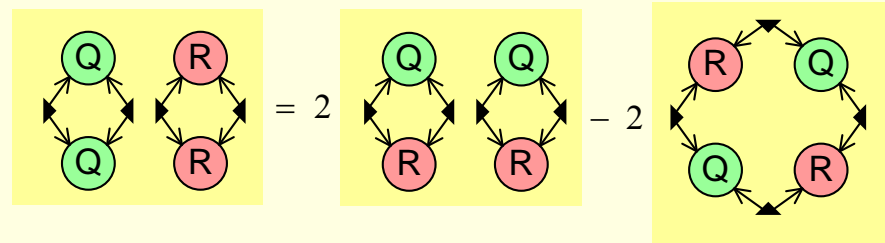
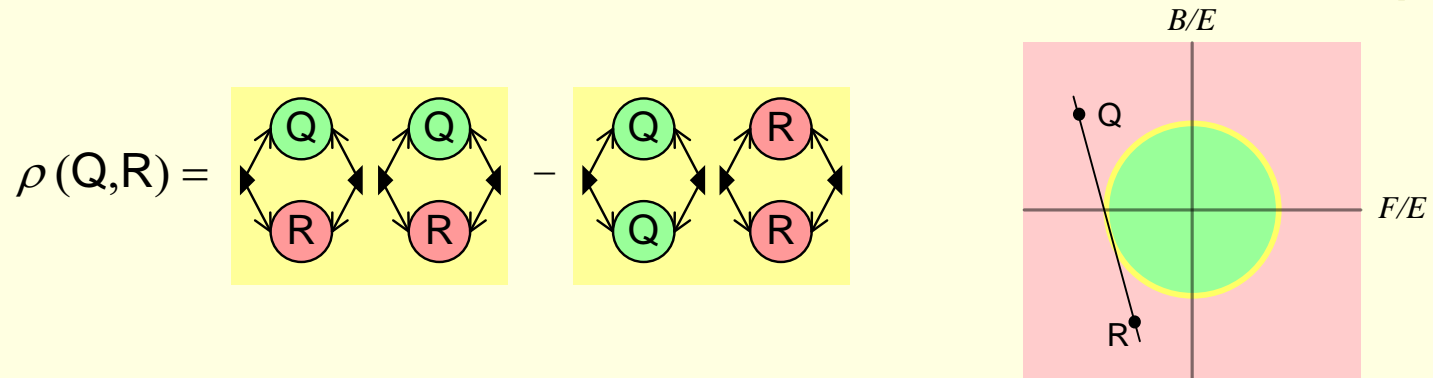
# Invariants of Two Quadratics



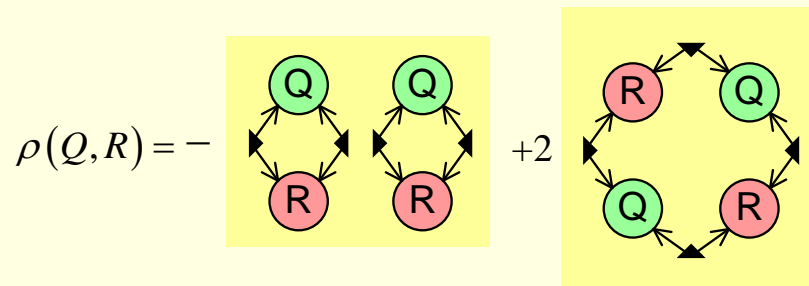
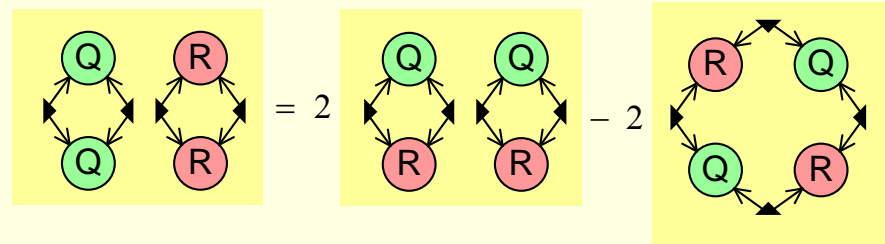
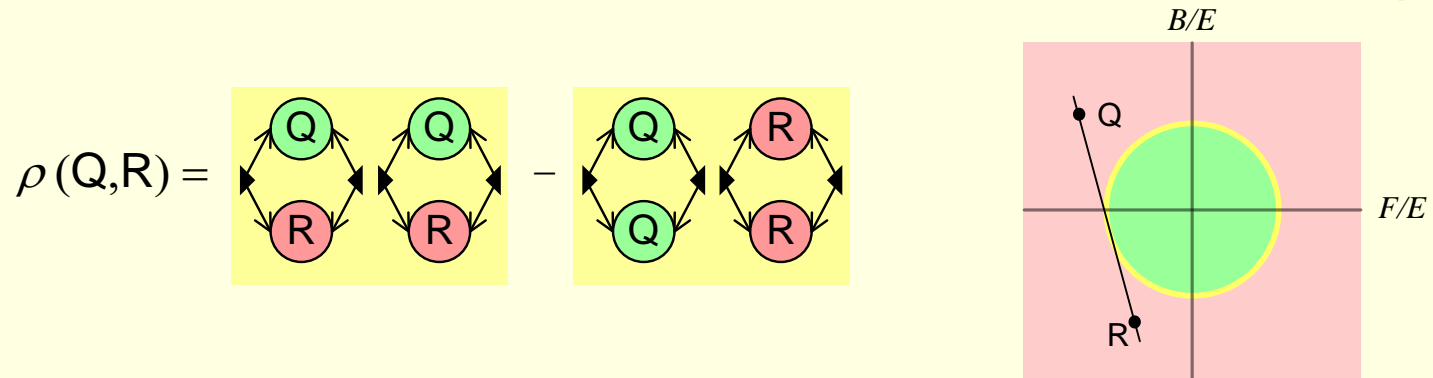
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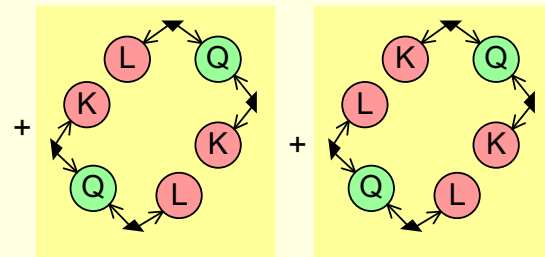
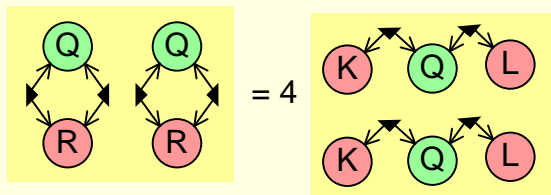
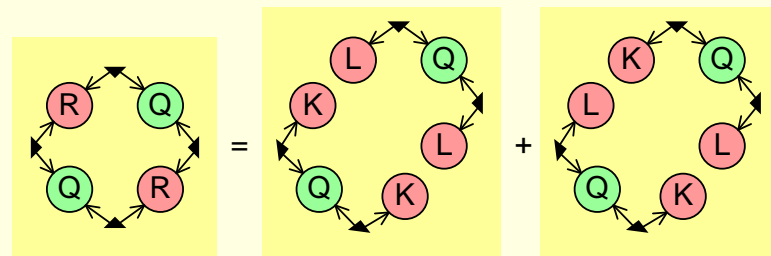
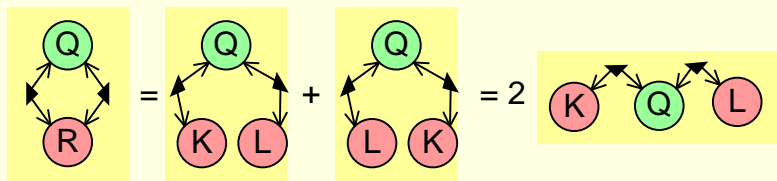
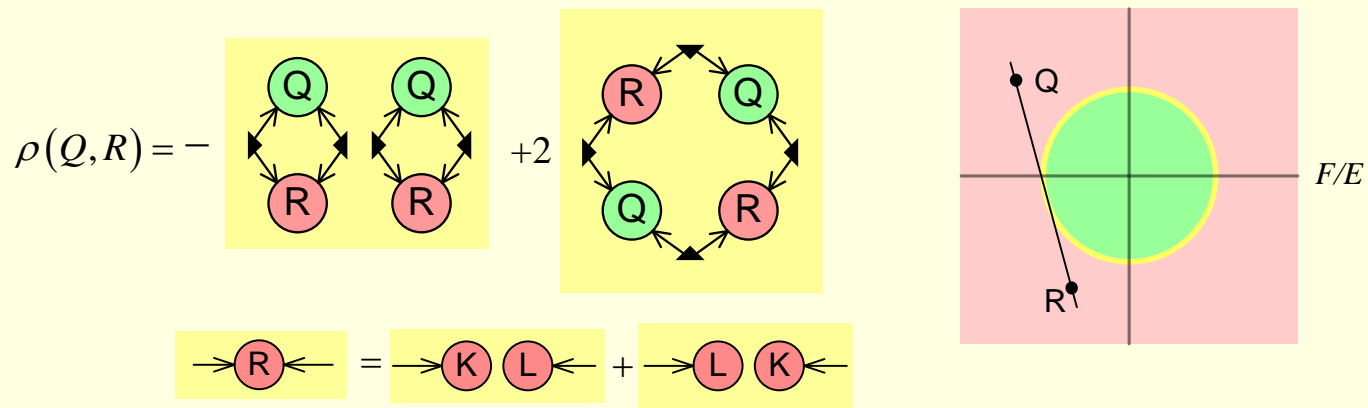


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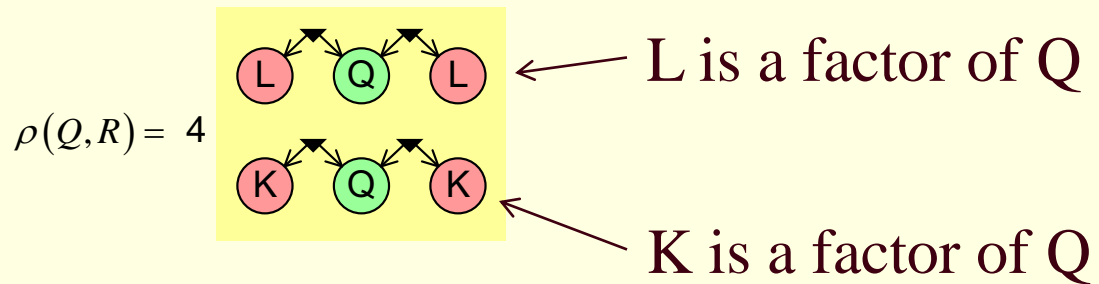
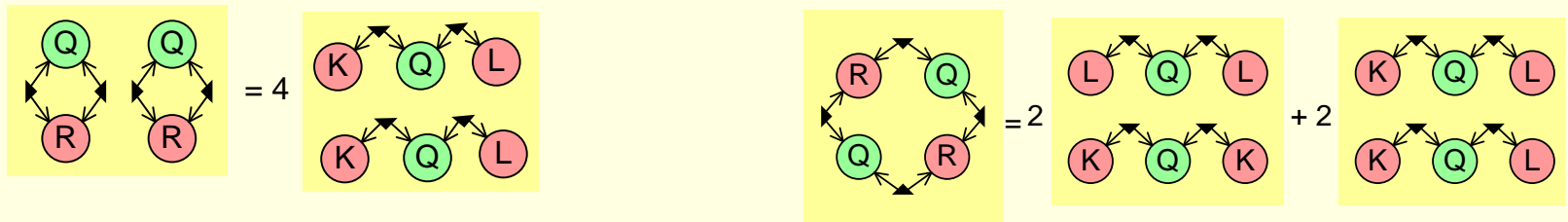
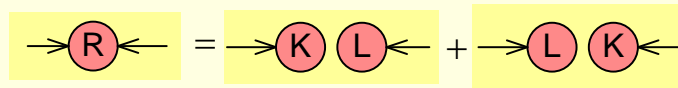
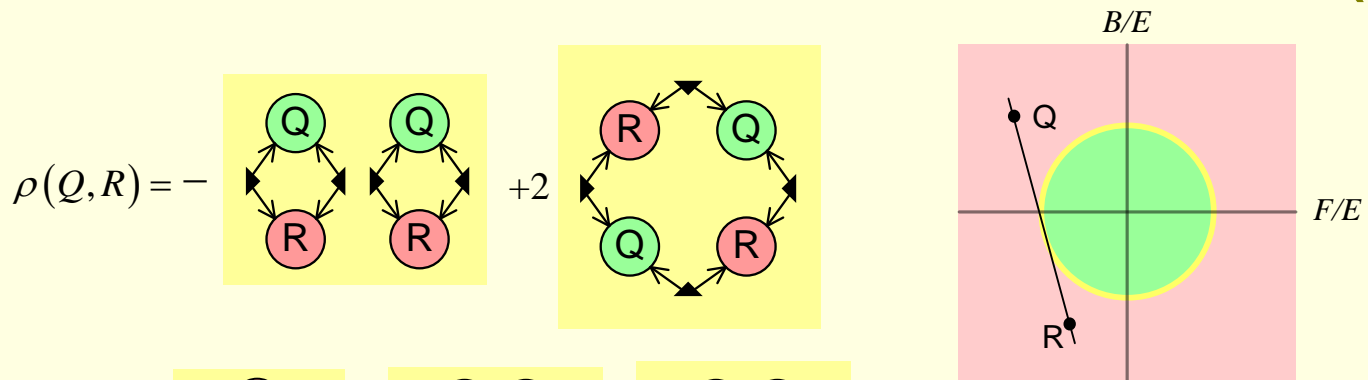




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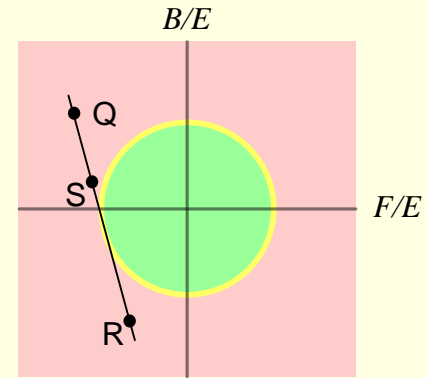


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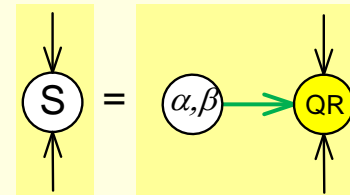
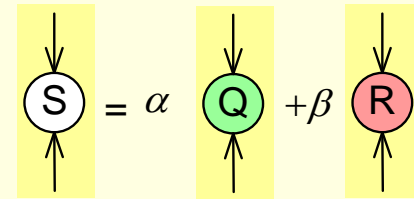
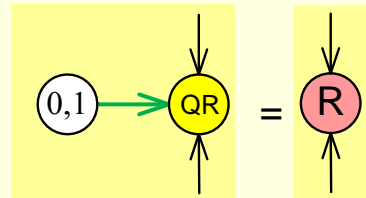
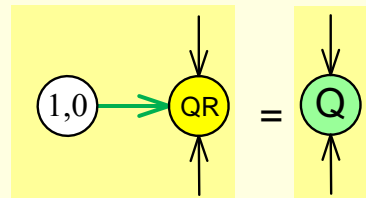
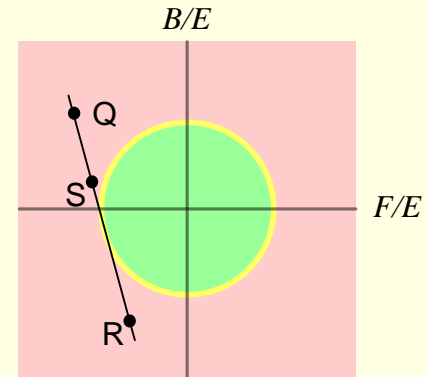
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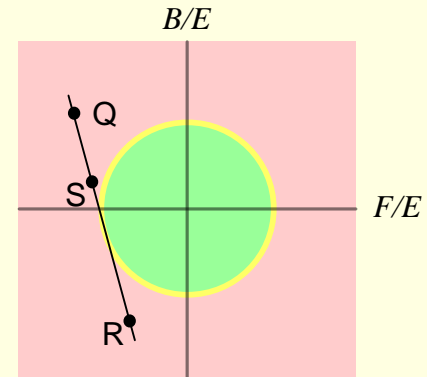
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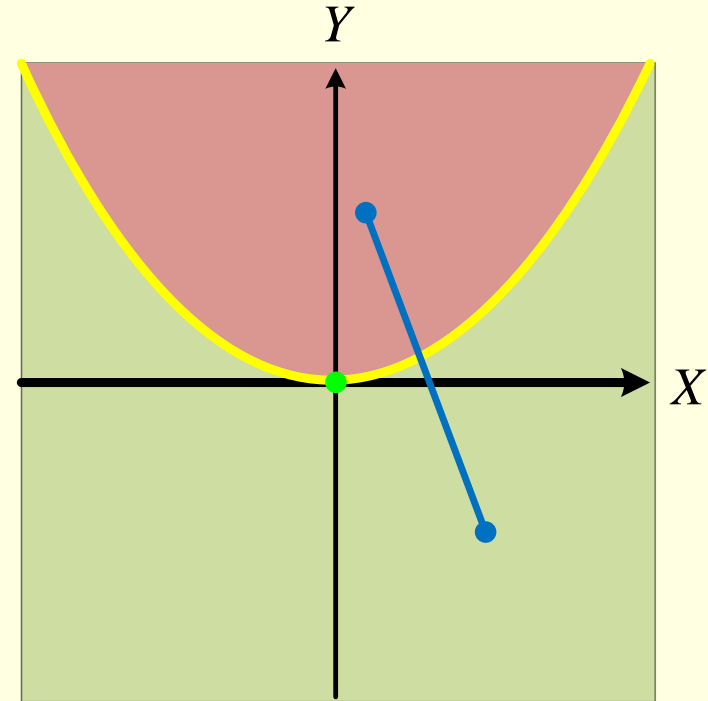
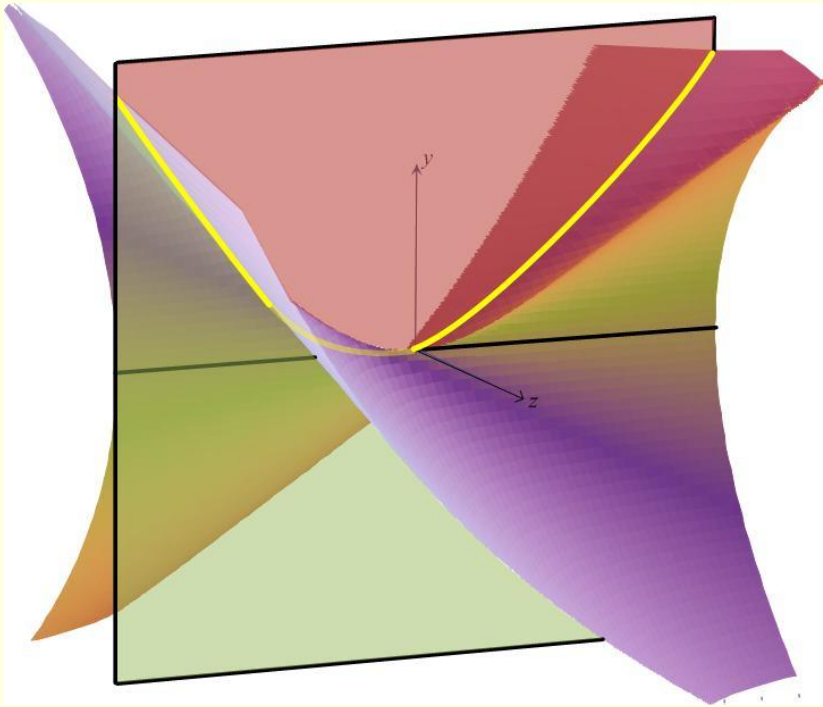
$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline (1,0) \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{QR} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Q} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline (0,1) \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{QR} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{R} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\rho(Q,R) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & \text{QR} & & \text{QR} \\ \hline \text{QR} & & \text{QR} & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Resultant of Two Cubics

# Two Cubics, both with a root at 0

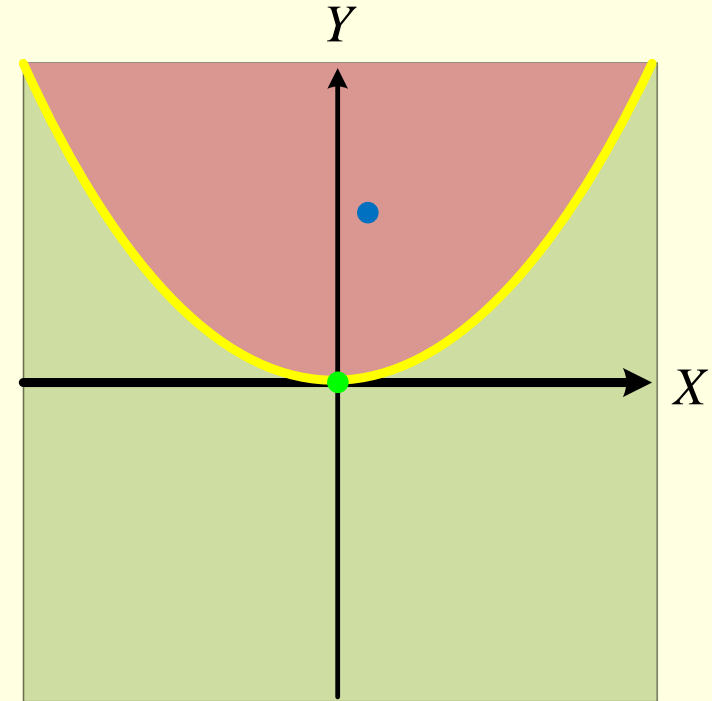
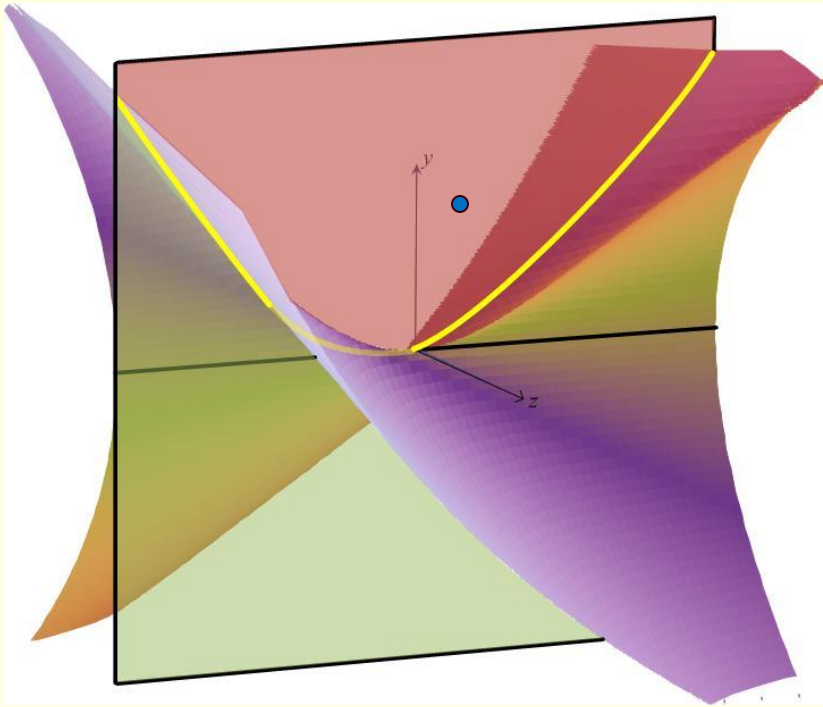


Slice thru  $X, Y, Z$  space at  $Z=D/A=0$

Two Cubics have a common (real) root  
iff

The line connecting them is tangent to the discrim surface

# Tangent to surface from each point



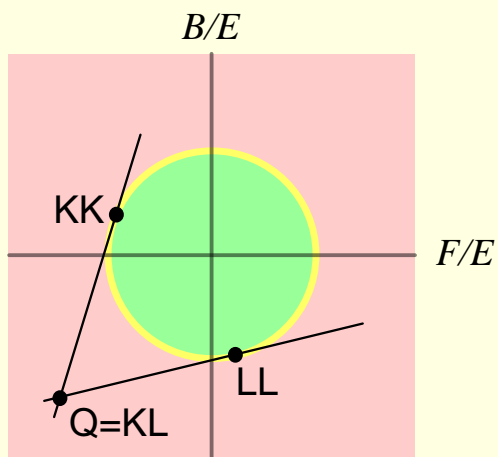
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From each point  $\mathbf{C}$   
There will be one plane tangent to the surface  
for each real root of  $\mathbf{C}$

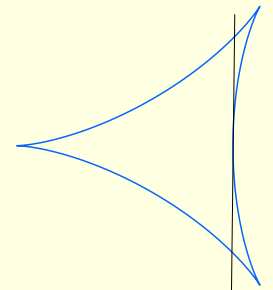
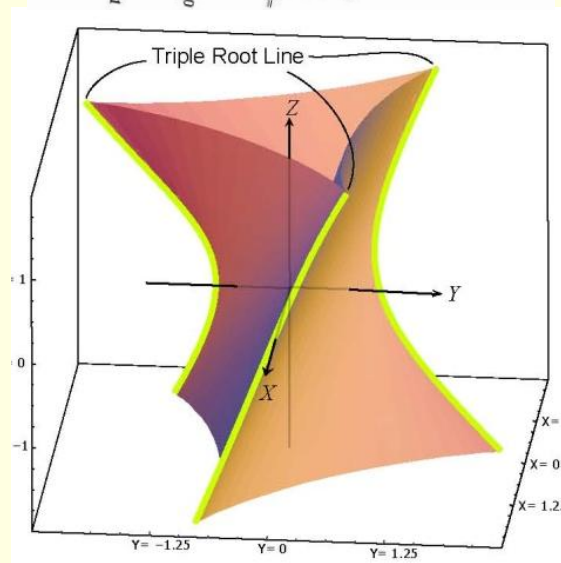
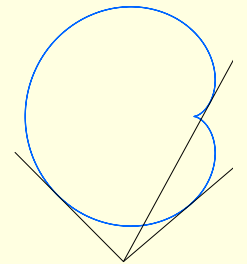
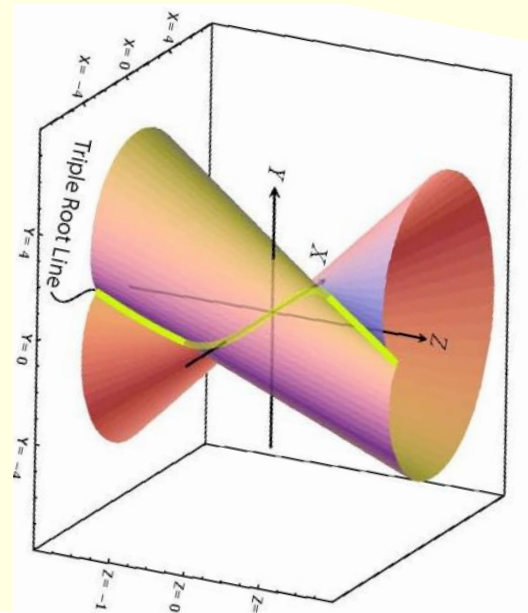


# Geometry of Resultants

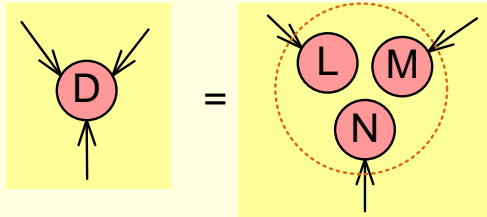
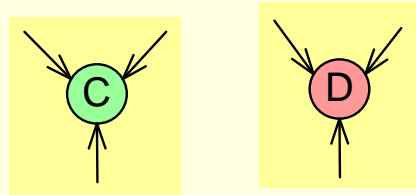
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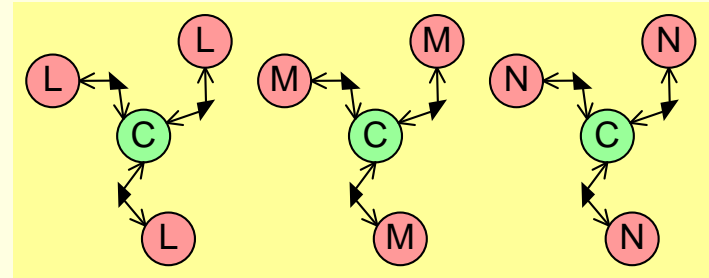
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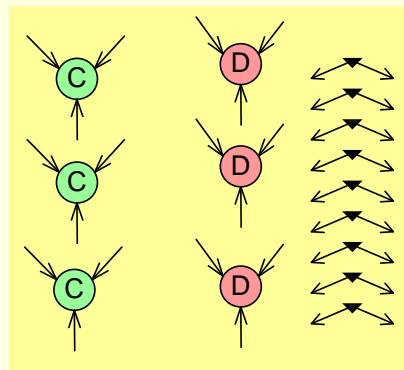
# Resultant of Two Cubics



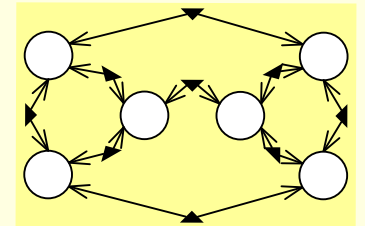
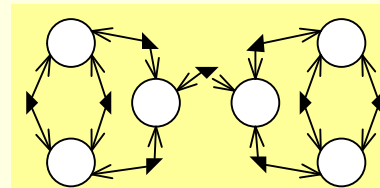
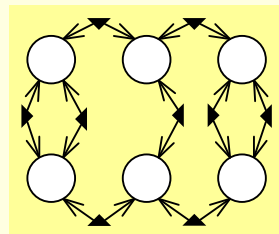
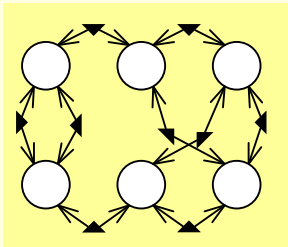
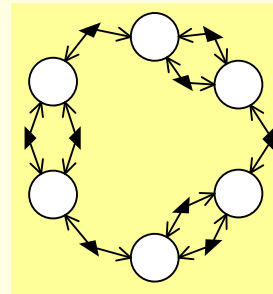
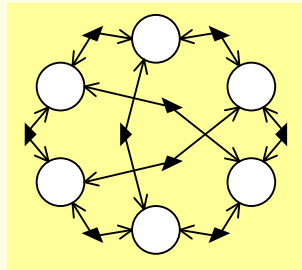
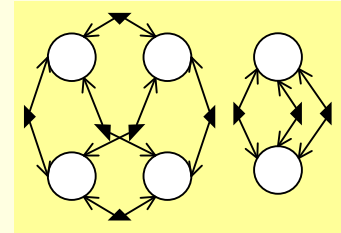
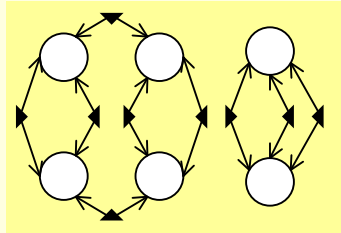
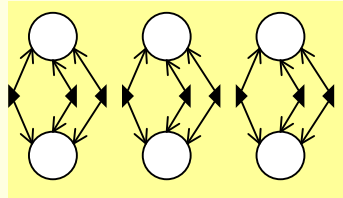
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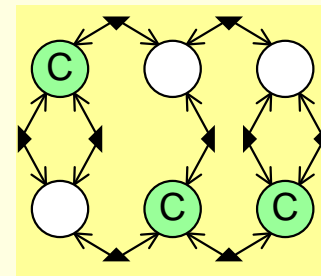
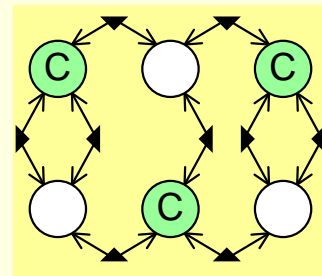
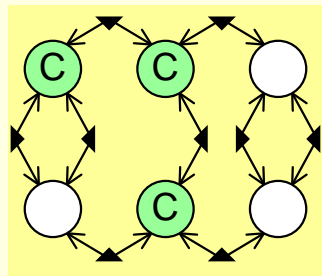
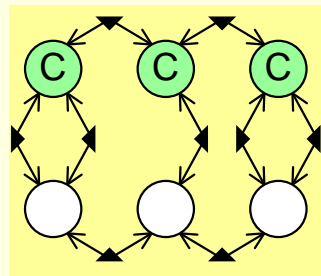
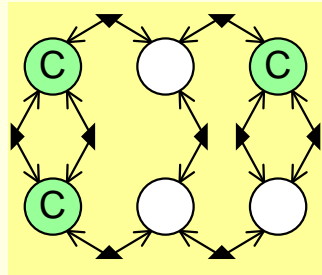
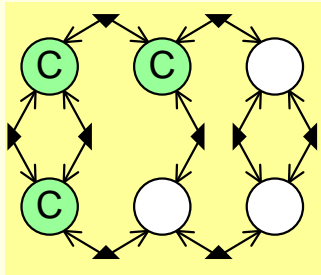


# Possible Topologies

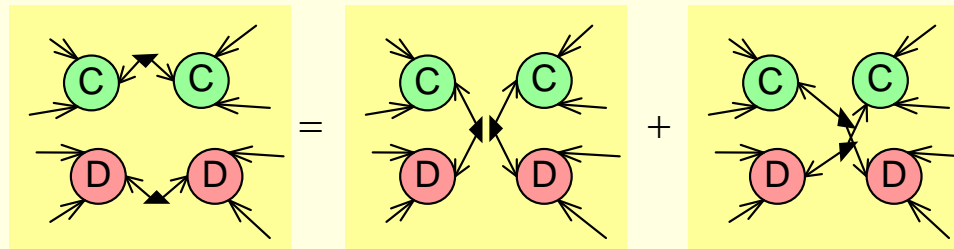


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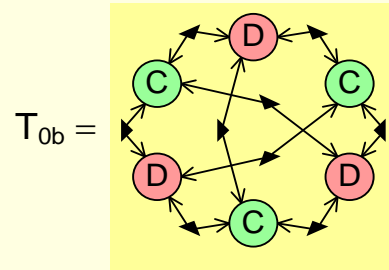
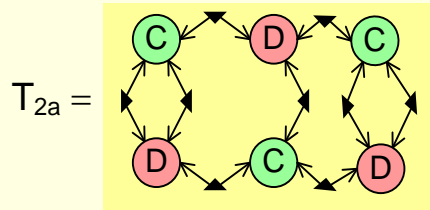
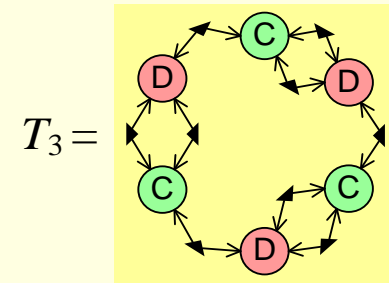
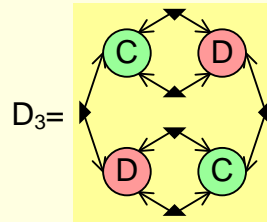
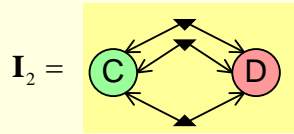
Examples:



But only need CD connected diagrams since:



# Five Possible CD diagrams

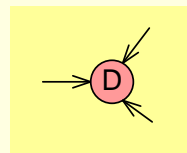
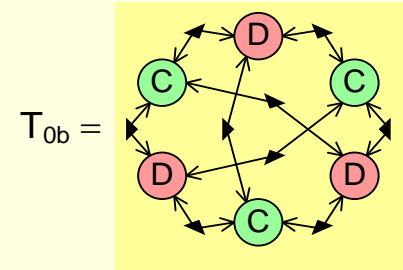
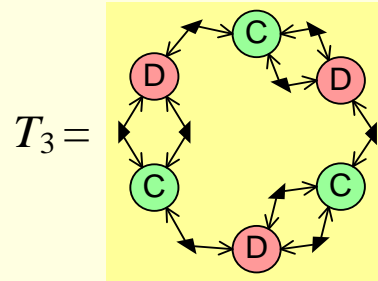
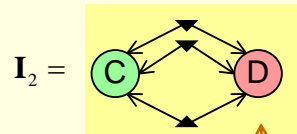


It can be shown that:

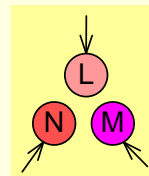
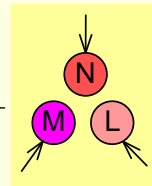
$$3I_2D_3 = I_2^3 - 2T_3$$

$$3T_{2a} = T_{0b} - 2T_3$$

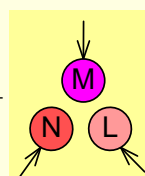
# Resultant of Two Cubics



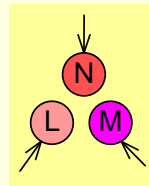
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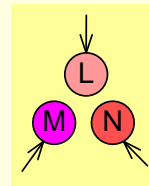
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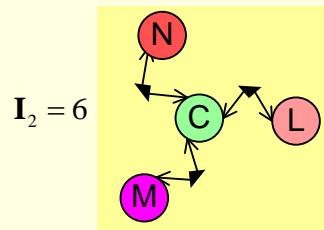
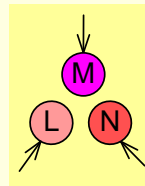
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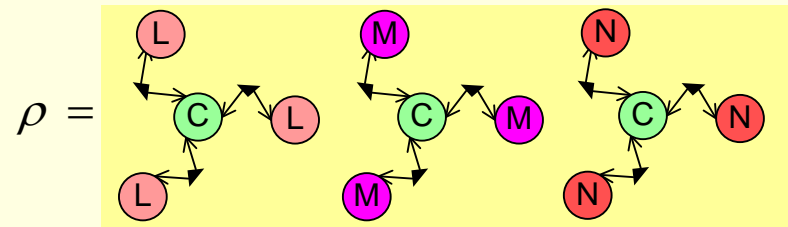
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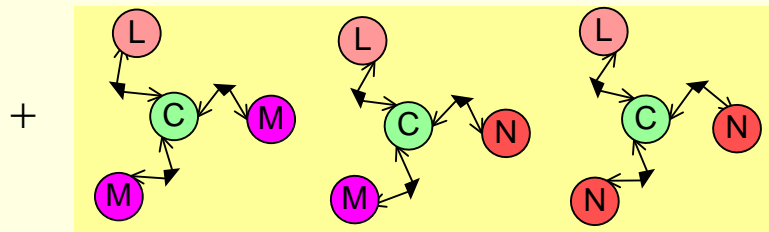
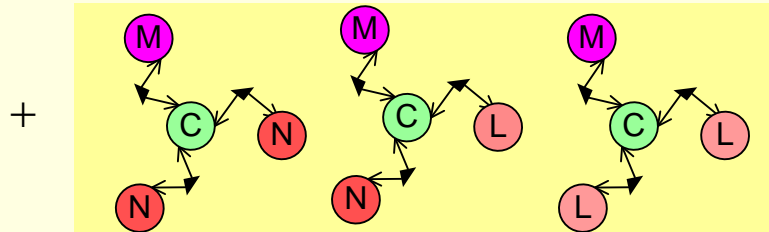
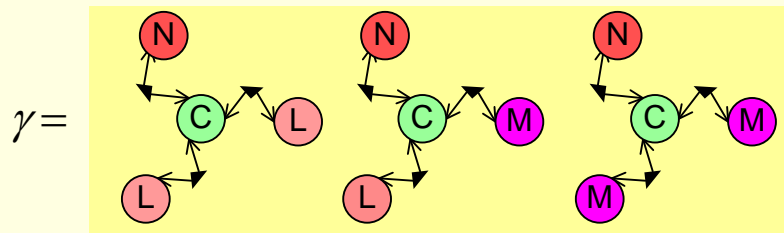
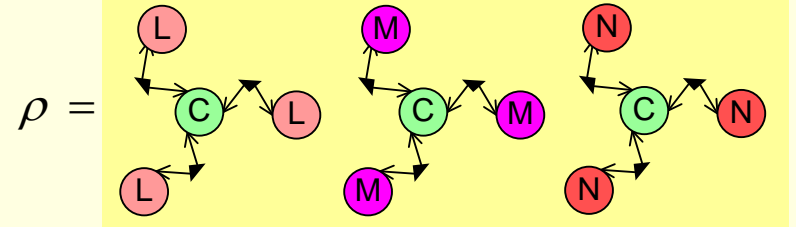
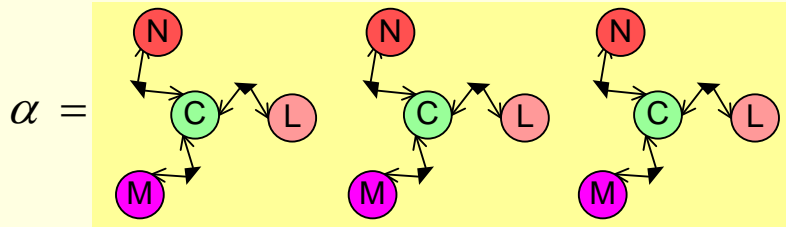
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We are looking for:



# After some symbolic programming



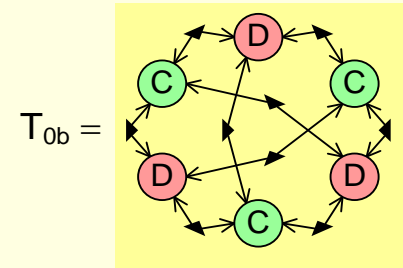
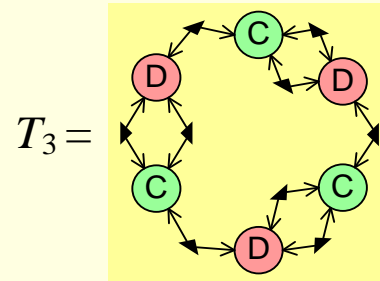
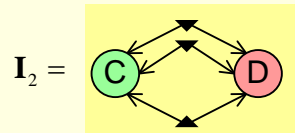
$$I_2^3 = +216\alpha$$

$$T_3 = -72\gamma$$

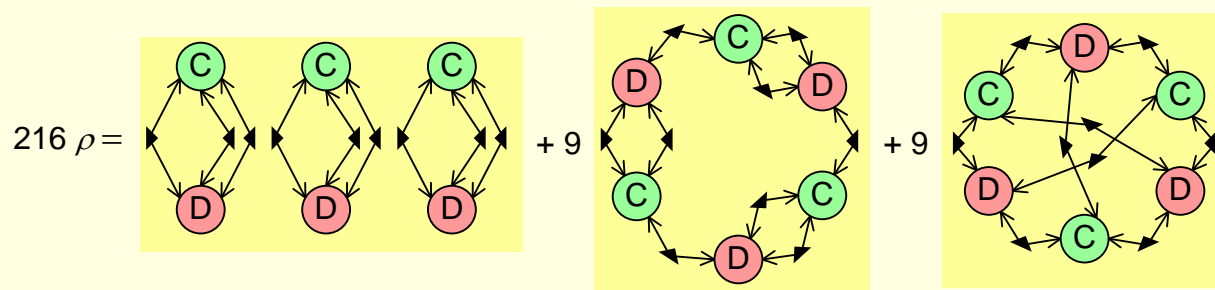
$$T_{0b} = -24\alpha + 72\gamma + 24\rho$$

$$6^3 \rho = (I_2)^3 + 9(T_{0b} + T_3)$$

# Resultant of Two Cubics

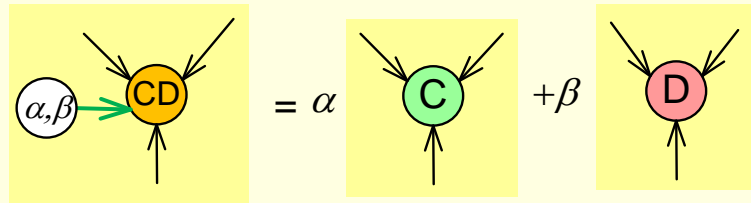


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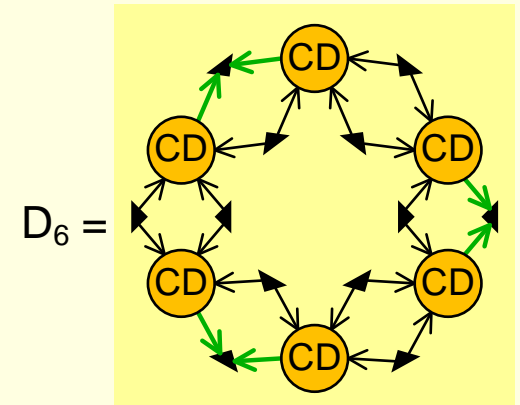
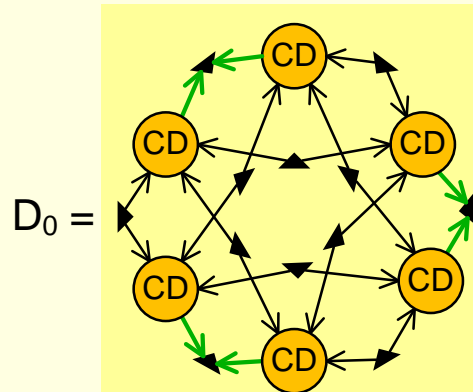
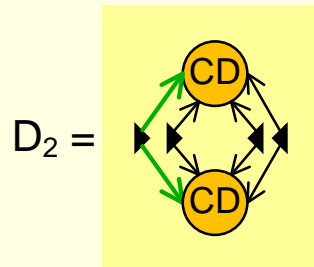




# Resultant of Two Cubics



Among the many possible diagrams:



It can be shown that:

$$D_2^3 - 8D_0 - 4D_6 = 0$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}) = -11D_2^3 + 36D_6$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}) = -2D_2^3 - 72D_0$$