

Parity on based matrices

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ABSTRACT

A parity is a labeling of the crossings of knot diagrams which is compatible with Reidemeister moves. We define the notion of parity for based matrices — algebraic objects are introduced by Turaev in his research on virtual strings. We present the reduced stable parity on based matrix which gives a new example of a parity of virtual knots.

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0. Introduction

Manturov [8] defined a parity as a rule to assign labels 0 and 1 (considered as elements of \mathbb{Z}_2) to the crossings of knot diagrams in a way compatible with Reidemeister moves. Capability to distinguish odd and even crossings allows to treat the crossings differently when transforming knot diagrams or calculating their invariants. The notion of parity has proved to be an effective tool in knot theory. It allows to strengthen knot invariants to prove minimality theorem and to construct (counter) examples [5].

Then a natural question is to describe existing parities on virtual knots. So far, the only known parity on virtual knots was the Gaussian parity [8]. On the other hand, virtual knots can be viewed as knots in surfaces modulo isotopy, Reidemeister moves and (de) stabilization. The parities for knots in a fixed surface are well known [5]. They come from the homology of the underlying surface: the parity of a knot crossing is the homology class of a knot half at the crossing. This is the point where a link to the based matrices is established.

Based matrices were introduced by Turaev [11] in his research on virtual strings (also known as flat knots). One can assign to a diagram of a flat knot the matrix whose elements are the intersection numbers of diagram halves at the crossing of

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the diagram. Reidemeister moves induce transformations of based matrices. The reduced form of based matrices is a powerful invariant of flat knots, and some other known invariants can be deduced from it.

Later, analogues of based matrices were introduced for virtual knots [12], singular flat knots [1, 4], framed and long virtual knots [10] and virtual links [2].

The aim of this paper is to define a parity on based matrices and find new parities for flat and virtual knots.

This paper is structured as follows. Section 1 recalls definitions of flat knots, parity and based matrices. In Sec. 2, we introduce the definition of parity and parity functor on based matrices and present an example of such a parity — the stable parity. The stable parity determines a new parity on flat and virtual knots.

1. Definitions

1.1. Virtual and flat knots

A 4-graph is any union of four-valent graphs and trivial components, i.e. circles considered as graphs without vertices and with one (closed) edge. A virtual diagram is an embedding of a 4-graph into plane so that each vertex of the graph is marked as either classical of virtual vertex. At a classical vertex, a pair of opposite edges (called overcrossing) is chosen. The other pair of opposite edges at the vertex is called undercrossing. The vertices of the diagram are called also crossings.

Virtual crossings of a virtual diagram are usually drawn circled. The undercrossing of a classical vertex is drawn with a broken line whereas the overcrossing is drawn with a solid line (see Fig. 1). A diagram without virtual crossings is *classical*.

Definition 1.1. A *virtual link* [7] is an equivalence class of virtual diagrams modulo Reidemeister moves and detour moves (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1. Virtual trefoil diagram with two classical and one virtual crossings.



Fig. 2. Reidemeister moves and the detour move.

A unicursal component is a minimal set of diagram edges which is closed under passing from an edge to its opposite (at some end of the edge) edge. A diagram with one unicursal component is called a *diagram of a virtual knot*.

Below we assume that the unicursal components of diagrams are oriented.

There is another description of virtual knots.

A virtual link can be viewed as an equivalence class of pairs (S, D) where S is a closed oriented surface and D is a diagram in S whose crossings are all classical [6]. The equivalence relation is generated by diagram isotopies, classical Reidemeister moves and stabilizations (see Fig. 3) which change the surface.

For example, the virtual trefoil can be given by a diagram in the torus (Fig. 4).

If one excludes the stabilization moves she gets a knot theory in a given surface.

If one admits crossing switch transformations (Fig. 5) of virtual diagrams, i.e. neglects the over-undercrossing structure, one gets the theory of *flat knots*.

Equivalently, flat knots (links) are equivalence classes of *flat diagrams* (4-valent graphs whose vertices are virtual crossing and classical crossings without underovercrossing structure, Fig. 6) modulo flat Reidemeister moves (Fig. 7).



Fig. 3. Stabilization move.



Fig. 4. Virtual trefoil.



Fig. 5. Crossing switching.



Fig. 6. Flat knot diagram.



Fig. 7. Flat Reidemeister moves.

Flat knots can be also identified with generic immersions of the circle into surfaces considered up to homotopies, isomorphisms and stabilizations/destabilizations.

1.2. Based matrices

Let H be an abelian group.

Definition 1.2 ([11]). A based matrix with coefficients in the group H is a triple (G, s, b) where G is a finite set, $s \in G$ and a map $b: G \times G \to H$ which defines a skew-symmetric matrix, i.e. b(h, g) = -b(g, h) for any $g, h \in G$.

Let us denote $G^{\circ} = G \setminus \{s\}$.

The motivating example of based matrices comes from intersection matrices for diagrams of flat knots. Let $H = \mathbb{Z}$ or \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Example 1.3 (Based matrix of a virtual (flat) knot). Let D be a diagram of an oriented virtual or flat knot in a surface S and $\mathcal{V}(D)$ be the set of its classical crossings. For any crossing $c \in \mathcal{V}(D)$ define the left half D_c^l and the right half D_c^r of the diagram at the crossing, as shown in Fig. 8.

The left halves $D_c^l, c \in \mathcal{V}(D)$, and the diagram D correspond to elements of the homology group $H_1(S, H)$.

Let us define the based matrix of the diagram. Let $G(D) = \mathcal{V}(D) \sqcup \{s\}$ where s is a formal element. The map b_D is given by the formula

$$b_D(c,c') = D_c^l \cdot D_{c'}^l, \quad b_D(c,s) = D_c^l \cdot D, \quad b_D(s,s) = D \cdot D = 0,$$
(1.1)

where $c, c' \in \mathcal{V}(D)$ and the dot denotes the intersection map

$$H_1(S,H) \times H_1(S,H) \to H_0(S,H) = H.$$



Fig. 8. Halves of the diagram.

In other words, $b_D(c, c')$ is the intersection number of the cycles D_c^l and $D_{c'}^l$. The triple $T(D) = (G(D), s, b_D)$ is the based matrix of the diagram D.

For example, in case $H = \mathbb{Z}_2$ for the diagram D in Fig. 6 with three classical crossings we have $G(D) = \{s, 1, 2, 3\}$ and

$$b_D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition 1.4. Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix. Then

- an element $g \in G^{\circ}$ is called *annihilating* if b(g, h) = 0 for any $h \in G$;
- an element $g \in G^{\circ}$ is called *core* if b(g,h) = b(s,h) for any $h \in G$;
- elements $g_1, g_2 \in G^{\circ}$ are called *complementary* if $b(g_1, h) + b(g_2, h) = b(s, h)$ for any $h \in G$.

Definition 1.5. Two based matrices are *homologous* if one can be obtained from the other by a sequence of the operations:

- M_1 which transforms (G, s, b) into $(G_1 = G \sqcup \{g\}, s, b_1)$ such that $b_1 : G_1 \times G_1 \to H$ extends b and $b_1(g, h) = 0$ for all $h \in G_1$;
- M_2 which transforms (G, s, b) into $(G_2 = G \sqcup \{g\}, s, b_1)$ such that $b_2 : G_2 \times G_2 \rightarrow H$ extends b and $b_2(g, h) = b_2(s, h)$ for all $h \in G_2$;
- M_3 which transforms (G, s, b) into $(G_1 = G \sqcup \{g, g'\}, s, b_1)$ such that $b_3 \colon G_3 \times G_3 \to H$ is any skew-symmetric map extending b with $b_3(g, h) + b_3(g', h) = b_3(s, h)$ for all $h \in G_3$

and the inverse operations $M_1^{-1}, M_2^{-1}, M_3^{-1}$.

Definition 1.6. A based matrix is called *primitive* if it contains neither annihilating, nor core, nor complementary elements.

Lemma 1.7 ([11]). Any based matrix is homologous to a unique up to isomorphism primitive based matrix.

Lemma 1.8 ([11]). If two virtual (flat) diagrams are equivalent then the corresponding based matrices are homologous.

Lemmas 1.7 and 1.8 imply that the unique primitive based matrix $T_{\bullet}(D) = (G_{\bullet}(D), s, b_{\bullet})$ homologous to the based matrix $T(D) = (G(D), x, b_D)$ of a virtual (flat) knot diagram is an invariant of virtual (flat) knots.

1.3. Parity

Let \mathcal{K} be a virtual or flat knot. Consider the set \mathfrak{K} of the diagrams of the knot K. The set \mathfrak{K} can be considered as the objects of a diagram category whose morphisms are compositions of isotopies and Reidemeister moves.

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For any diagrams $D, D' \in \mathfrak{K}$ and a morphism $f: D \to D'$ between them, there is a correspondence $f_*: \mathcal{V}(D) \to \mathcal{V}(D')$ between the crossings of the diagrams. The map f_* is a partial bijection between the crossing set because some crossing can disappear within the transformation f and other crossing can appear by a first or second Reidemeister move.

Let A be an abelian group.

Definition 1.9. A *parity* on the diagrams of the knot \mathcal{K} with coefficients in the group A is a family of maps $p_D \colon \mathcal{V}(D) \to A$ from the sets of crossings $\mathcal{V}(D)$ of knot diagrams D, such that

- Reidemeister moves do not change the parity value of any crossing (which survives under the move),
- the sum of parities values of the crossing participating in a Reidemeister move is equal to zero (Fig. 9).

The first and the main example of parity on virtual knots is the Gaussian parity (with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_2).

Example 1.10. The *Gaussian parity* of a crossing is the parity of the number of classical crossings that lie on a half of the knot corresponding to the crossing. For example, a diagram of the virtual eight-knot in Fig. 10 has two odd and one even crossings.







Fig. 9. Parity axioms.



Fig. 10. Gaussian parity on a virtual knot diagram.

Another example are homological parities on diagrams of knots in a fixed surface S.

Theorem 1.11 ([5]). Let p be a parity for diagrams of some (flat) knot \mathcal{K} in a surface S with coefficients in a group A. Then there exists a unique homomorphism $\phi: H_1(S, \mathbb{Z}_2)/[K] \to A$ such that for any crossing v of a knot diagram D its parity is equal to $p(v) = \phi[D_v^l]$. Here D_v^l is the left half of the diagram at the vertex v (see Fig. 8).

As a corollary of the theorem we have the statement that any parity on classical knots is trivial.

Theorem 1.11 shows that a parity on diagrams of knots in a fixed surface is determined by the homology of the surface. Since homological information on the knot is accumulated by the based matrix of the diagram, we can express the parity in terms of based matrices and use this expression to define a parity for virtual and flat knots.

2. Parity on Based Matrices

Let A be an abelian group.

Definition 2.1. A parity on based matrices with coefficients in A is a family of maps $p_T: G \to A$ defined for any based matrix T = (G, s, b) such that

- (P0) if a based matrix T' is obtained from a based matrix T by adding an annihilating or core element of a pair of complementary elements then for any $g \in G$ $p_T(g) = p_{T'}(g);$
- (P1) if $g \in G^{\circ}$ is an annihilating or core elements then $p_T(g) = 0$,
- (P2) if $g_1, g_2 \in G^{\circ}$ are complementary then $p_T(g_1) + p_T(g_2) = 0$,
- (P3) if $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G^\circ$ such that $b(g_1, h) + b(g_2, h) + b(g_3, h) = b(s, h)$ for any $h \in G$ then $p_T(g_1) + p_T(g_2) + p_T(g_3) = 0$.

By definition we set $p_T(s) = 0$.

Example 2.2. Gaussian parity with coefficients in $A = \mathbb{Z}$ or \mathbb{Z}_2 on based matrices with coefficients in A is given by the formula $p_T(g) = b(g, s) \in A$. The parity properties follow from the fact that the moves M_i , i = 1, 2, 3, extend the form b and in particular keep the value $b(g, s), g \in G^\circ$, and from the equality b(s, s) = 0.

Below we use a more general notion than parity — parity functor [9]. Parity functor uses different coefficient groups for different diagrams, and the coefficient groups are linked by (partial) isomorphism which allow to identify parity values of a crossing under transformations (isotopies and Reidemeister moves). Here is the formal definition. **Definition 2.3.** A parity functor on based matrices is a family of maps $P_T: G \to A(T)$ into abelian groups A(T) defined for any based matrix T = (G, s, b) such that

- (P0) if a based matrix T' = (G', s, b') is obtained from a based matrix T = (G, s, b)by a move f of type M_1 , M_2 or M_3 then there is a fixed monomorphism $A(f): A(T) \to A(T')$ such that $P_{T'}(g) = A(f)(P_T(g))$ for any $g \in G$;
- (P1) if $g \in G^{\circ}$ is an annihilating or core element, or g = s then $p_T(g) = 0$,
- (P2) if $g_1, g_2 \in G^\circ$ are complementary then $P_T(g_1) + P_T(g_2) = 0$,
- (P3) if $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G^\circ$ such that $b(g_1, h) + b(g_2, h) + b(g_3, h) = b(s, h)$ for any $h \in G$ then $P_T(g_1) + P_T(g_2) + P_T(g_3) = 0$.

Any parity p with coefficients in a group A is a parity functor with the coefficient groups A(T) = A, the maps $P_T = p_T$ and the monomorphisms $A(f) = id_A$.

Definition 2.4. Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix and \mathfrak{C} be some partition of G into disjoint subsets such that $\{s\} \in \mathfrak{C}$. The subgroup

$$\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}) = \{ v \in \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ] \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall C \in \mathfrak{C} \ b(v, \chi_C) = k \cdot b(s, \chi_C) \},$$
(2.1)

in $\mathbb{Z}[G^{\circ}]$ where $\chi_C = \sum_{g \in C} g$, is called the *annulator* of the partition \mathfrak{C} .

The derived partition $A\mathfrak{C}$ of \mathfrak{C} is the partition which consists of $\{s\}$ and the equivalence classes of the following relation on G° :

$$g_1 \simeq g_2 \Leftrightarrow g_1 - g_2 \quad \text{or} \quad g_1 + g_2 \in \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}).$$
 (2.2)

We say that a partition \mathfrak{C} of G is *finer* than a partition \mathfrak{C}' ($\mathfrak{C} \succ \mathfrak{C}'$) if all classes of \mathfrak{C}' are unions of some classes of \mathfrak{C} .

Lemma 2.5. If $\mathfrak{C} \succ \mathfrak{C}'$ then $A\mathfrak{C} \succ A\mathfrak{C}'$.

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{C} \succ \mathfrak{C}'$. Then $\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}) \subset \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}')$. Indeed, if $v \in \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C})$ then $b(v, \chi_C) = k \cdot b(s, \chi_C)$ for any $C \in \mathfrak{C}$. For any $C' \in \mathfrak{C}'$ we have $C' = \sqcup_i C_i, C_i \in \mathfrak{C}$. Then $\chi_{C'} = \sum_i \chi_C$ and

$$b(v, \chi_{C'}) = \sum_{i} b(v, \chi_{C_i}) = \sum_{i} k \cdot b(s, \chi_{C_i}) = k \cdot b(s, \chi_{C'}).$$

For the relation $A\mathfrak{C} \succ A\mathfrak{C}'$ it suffices to show that for any $C \in A\mathfrak{C}$ and $C' \in A\mathfrak{C}'$ such that $C \cap C' \neq \emptyset$ one has inclusion $C \subset C'$. Let $x \in C \cap C'$ and $y \in C$. Then $x \pm y \in \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}) \subset \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}')$. Hence, x and y belong to the same class in $A\mathfrak{C}'$, i.e. $x, y \in C'$. Thus, $C \subset C'$.

Let $\mathfrak{C}_0 = \bigcup_{g \in G} \{\{g\}\}$ and $\mathfrak{C}_n = A^n \mathfrak{C}_0$. Then $\mathfrak{C}_0 \succ \mathfrak{C}_1 \succ \mathfrak{C}_2 \succ \ldots$. Let $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathfrak{C}_n$. The partition \mathfrak{C}_{∞} is called the *stable partition*. Let $U = \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}_{\infty})$ and $A^{\operatorname{st}} = \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ]/U$. There is a natural map $P^{\operatorname{st}} \colon G^\circ \to A^{\operatorname{st}}$ which maps an element g to the coset gU.

Repeating this construction for all based matrices T = (G, s, b), we get a family of stable partitions $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T)$, groups $A^{\mathrm{st}}(T) = \mathbb{Z}[G^{\circ}]/\mathrm{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T))$ and maps $P_T^{\text{st}}: G^{\circ} \to A^{\text{st}}(T)$. We claim that these maps form a parity functor on based matrices. We will check the claim in a more general situation.

Definition 2.6. A family \mathfrak{C} of partitions $\mathfrak{C}(T)$ of the sets G where T = (G, s, b) are based matrices, is called a *tribal system* if

- $\{s\} \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ for any T = (G, s, b);
- if a based matrix T' is obtained from a based matrix T = (G, s, b) by adding an annihilating or core element of a pair of complementary elements then $\mathfrak{C}(T) = \mathfrak{C}(T') \cap G$, i.e. for any $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ there exists a unique $C' \in \mathfrak{C}(T')$ such that $C = C' \cap G$;
- if $g_1, g_2 \in G^\circ$ in a based matrix T = (G, s, b) are complementary then there exists $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ such that $g_1, g_2 \in C$.

The classes $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ are called *tribes*.

Remark 2.7. We can reformulate the second and the third properties of a tribal system as follows:

- if two elements belong to one tribe and survive after a transformation of the base matrix then after the transformation they remain in one tribe;
- complementary vectors belong to one tribe.

Theorem 2.8. Let \mathfrak{C} be a tribal system. For any based matrix T = (G, s, b), let $A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) = \mathbb{Z}[G^{\circ}]/\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}(T))$ and $P_T^{\mathfrak{C}}: G^{\circ} \to A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ be the natural maps. Then the maps $P_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ define a parity functor on based matrices with coefficients $A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$.

The parity functor $P_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is called the *parity functor associated with the tribal system* \mathfrak{C} .

First we prove an auxiliary lemma.

Lemma 2.9. Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix and T' = (G', s, b') be the result of an operation M_1 , M_2 or M_3 applied to T. Let \mathfrak{C}' be a partition of G' such that $\{s\} \in \mathfrak{C}'$ and there exists $C' \in \mathfrak{C}'$ such that $G' \setminus G \subset C'$. Then

- (1) $\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G) = \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}') \cap \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ]$ (2) $A(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G) = A(\mathfrak{C}') \cap \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ]$
- (2) $A(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G) = A(\mathfrak{C}') \cap G$

Proof. (1) Since $G' \setminus G \subset C'$, we have $\mathfrak{C}' \cap G = \mathfrak{C}' \setminus \{C'\} \cup \{C\}$ where $C = C' \cap G$. By definition, we have $b'(v, \chi_{C'}) = b'(v, \chi_C) + l \cdot b'(v, s)$ for any $v \in \mathbb{Z}[G'^\circ]$ where l = 0 when the element in $G' \setminus G$ is annihilating, and l = 1 when the new element is core or when $G' \setminus G$ consists of a pair of complementary elements. Hence, $b'(s, \chi_{C'}) = b'(s, \chi_C)$. Then the pair of conditions for the classes C' and $\{s\}$ in the definition of

 $Ann(\mathfrak{C}')$ is equivalent to the pair of conditions for the classes C and $\{s\}$:

$$\begin{cases} b'(v,\chi_{C'}) = k \cdot b'(s,\chi_{C'}) \\ b'(v,s) = k \cdot b'(s,s) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b'(v,\chi_C) = k \cdot b'(s,\chi_C) \\ b'(v,s) = 0. \end{cases}$$

This means that we can replace the tribe C' with C in the definition of $Ann(\mathfrak{C}(T'))$, i.e. replace the partition \mathfrak{C}' with the partition $\mathfrak{C}' \setminus \{C'\} \cup \{C\} = \mathfrak{C}' \cap G$. Thus,

$$Ann(\mathfrak{C}') \cap \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ] = \{ v \in \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ] \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall C'' \in \mathfrak{C}' \ b'(v, \chi_{C''}) = k \cdot b'(s, \chi_{C''}) \}$$
$$= \{ v \in \mathbb{Z}[G^\circ] \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} : \forall C'' \in \mathfrak{C}' \cap G \ b(v, \chi_{C''}) = k \cdot b(s, \chi_{C''}) \}$$
$$= \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G).$$

(2) Let $\sim_{A(\mathfrak{C}'\cap G)}$ and $\sim_{A(\mathfrak{C}')}$ be the equivalence relations on G° determined by the correspondent partitions. Then for any $g_1, g_2 \in G^{\circ}$ we have a chain of equivalences

$$g_1 \sim_{A(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G)} g_2 \Leftrightarrow g_1 \pm g_2 \in \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G) \Leftrightarrow g_1 \pm g_2 \in \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}') \Leftrightarrow g_1 \sim_{A(\mathfrak{C}')} g_2.$$

Thus, the partitions $A(\mathfrak{C}' \cap G)$ and $A(\mathfrak{C}') \cap G$ coincide.

Proof of Theorem 2.8. The properties (P1), (P2), (P3) follow from the definition of the annulator $Ann(\mathfrak{C}(T))$.

Let us check the property (P0). Let a based matrix T' = (G', s, b') is obtained from a based matrix T = (G, s, b) by adding an annihilating or core element of a pair of complementary elements. We need to show that the natural map $A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T')$ which maps $g \in G$ to g, is a well defined monomorphism. This condition is equivalent to the equality $\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}(T')) \cap \mathbb{Z}[G^{\circ}] = \operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}(T))$. The last statement holds by Lemma 2.9.

Proposition 2.10. The stable partition \mathfrak{C}_{∞} is a tribal system.

Proof. Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix. By the definition of annulator, for any partition $\mathfrak{C}(T)$ of G any pair of complementary elements belongs to one tribe of the partition $A\mathfrak{C}(T)$.

Let T' = (G', s, b') is obtained from T by an operation M_1, M_2 or M_3 . Let us show that $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T') \cap G = \mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T)$.

Let $\mathfrak{C}_0(T')$ be the partition of G' which consists of $\{s\}$, one-element sets $\{g\}$, $g \in G^\circ$, and the subset $G' \setminus G$. Then $\mathfrak{C}_0(T') \succ \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_0(T') \succ A\mathfrak{C}_0(T') = \mathfrak{C}_1(T')$.

Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n(T') = A^n \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_0(T')$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_\infty(T') = \lim_{n \to \infty} \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n(T')$. By Lemma 2.5, we have $\mathfrak{C}_n(T') \succ \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n(T') \succ \mathfrak{C}_{n+1}(T')$. Hence, $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_\infty(T') = \mathfrak{C}_\infty(T')$.

By definition $\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_0(T') \cap G = \mathfrak{C}_0(T)$. Lemma 2.9 implies that

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_n(T') \cap G = A^n \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_0(T') \cap G = A^n (\tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_0(T') \cap G) = A^n \mathfrak{C}_0(T) = \mathfrak{C}_n(T).$$

Then $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T) = \tilde{\mathfrak{C}}_{\infty}(T') \cap G = \mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T') \cap G$. Thus, \mathfrak{C}_{∞} is a tribal system.

Theorem 2.8 and Proposition 2.10 imply the following corollary.

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Corollary 2.11. The family of maps P_T^{st} is a parity functor (called the stable parity functor) with coefficients in the groups $A^{\text{st}}(T)$.

Example 2.12. Consider a based matrix T = (G, s, b) with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_2 where $G = \{s, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ and b be given by induces the matrix B (s corresponds to the first row and column).

	s	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	$\sqrt{0}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
B =	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
	$\sqrt{0}$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0/

Let us find the stable partition. We look for the pairs of rows whose sum is equal to the first row. Those are the rows 1 and 2. This means the elements $\{1, 2\}$ form one class in the partition \mathfrak{C}_1 . We replace the columns with numbers 1 and 2 by their sum (it corresponds to the vector $\chi_{\{1,2\}}$) and get the matrix B_1 . We use separators between rows to distinguish the classes of the partition. Then we look for rows in the matrix B_1 as before. Repeating the process, we get the sequence of the partitions $\mathfrak{C}_2, \mathfrak{C}_3$ and the corresponding matrices B_2, B_3 whose rows correspond to the elements of G and the columns correspond to the classes of the partition.

The partition \mathfrak{C}_3 stabilizes (there are no two rows from different classes whose sum gives the first row of the table). Thus, $\mathfrak{C}_3 = \mathfrak{C}_{\infty}$ is the stable partition.

The annulator of \mathfrak{C}_{∞} in $\mathbb{Z}[\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}]$ is generated by the elements $2 \cdot \mathbf{i}$, $i = 1, \ldots, 8$ and $\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{2}$, $\mathbf{3}$, $\mathbf{4}$, $\mathbf{5} + \mathbf{6}$, $\mathbf{5} + \mathbf{7}$ (we look for combinations of rows in the table B_3 that give zero row). Then $A^{\text{st}} = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ and the parity map is the following:

$$P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{1}) = P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{2}) = (1, 0, 0), \quad P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{3}) = P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{4}) = (0, 0, 0),$$
$$P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{5}) = P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{6}) = P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{7}) = (0, 1, 0), \quad P^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{8}) = (0, 0, 1).$$

Let us modify the definition of parity functor in Theorem 2.8 in order to get a parity on based matrix.

2.1. Reduced parity functor

Let $T_0 = (G_0, s_0, b_0)$ be a based matrix with coefficients in H and let \mathfrak{C} be a tribal system defined on the based matrices T = (G, s, b) homologous to T_0 .

For a based matrix T = (G, s, b), consider the map $\hat{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ from $\mathbb{Z}(G^{\circ})$ to the group $\hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) = H[\mathfrak{C}(T)]/\langle \hat{b}(s) \rangle$ where $\langle \hat{b}(s) \rangle$ is the cyclic subgroup generated by

$$\hat{b}(s) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)} b(s, \chi_C) \cdot C, \qquad (2.3)$$

defined by the formula

$$\hat{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}(g) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)} b(g, \chi_C) \cdot C.$$
(2.4)

The kernel of the homomorphism $\hat{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is the annulator $\operatorname{Ann}(\mathfrak{C}(T))$. Hence, the group $A^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ embeds in $\hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$. The family of maps $\hat{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is a parity functor with coefficients in the groups $\hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$. For an operation $f: T \to T', T = (G, s, b), T' = (G', s, b')$, of type M_1, M_2 or M_3 the monomorphism $\hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f): \hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to \hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T')$ is given by the formula

$$\hat{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)\left(\sum_{C\in\mathfrak{C}(T)}\lambda_{C}\cdot C\right) = \sum_{C\in\mathfrak{C}(T)}\lambda_{C}\cdot f(C) + l\cdot\lambda_{s}\cdot C_{f}',$$
(2.5)

where $f(C) \in \mathfrak{C}(T')$ is the unique tribe such that $f(C) \cap G = C$, $\lambda_s = \lambda_{\{s\}}$, $C'_f \in \mathfrak{C}(T')$ is the tribe containing $G' \setminus G$, and l = 0 when f is of type M_1 and l = 1 when f is of type M_2 or M_3 .

Let $T_{\bullet} = (G_{\bullet}, s, b_{\bullet})$ be a primitive based matrix which is obtained from T by deleting annihilating, core and complementary elements. Then $G_{\bullet} \subset G$.

Definition 2.13. A tribe $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ is called *primitive* if $C \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. Denote the subset of primitive tribes in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$ by $\mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$.

Note that by definition $\{s\} \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$.

- **Proposition 2.14.** (1) The primitive tribes do not depend on the choice of the primitive based matrix T_{\bullet} , that is if C is primitive with respect to a primitive based matrix $T_{\bullet} = (G_{\bullet}, s, b_{\bullet})$ and $T'_{\bullet} = (G'_{\bullet}, s, b'_{\bullet})$ is another primitive based matrix such that $G'_{\bullet} \subset G$ then $C \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$.
- (2) Let T' = (G', s, b') be obtained from T by an operation M_1 , M_2 or M_3 . Then there is a bijection between the primitive tribes in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$ and $\mathfrak{C}(T')$: a tribe $C' \in \mathfrak{C}(T')_{\text{prim}}$ if and only if the tribe $C' \cap G \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$.
- (3) The support of the element $\hat{b}(s) \in H[\mathfrak{C}(T)]$ includes only primitive tribes: $\hat{b}(s) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}} b(s, \chi_C) \cdot C.$

Proof. (1) Let $T \xrightarrow{f_1} T_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{f_n} T_{\bullet}$ and $T \xrightarrow{f'_1} T'_1 \xrightarrow{f'_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{f'_{n'}} T'_{\bullet}$ be sequences of operations M_k^{-1} , k = 1, 2, 3, that reduce T to the primitive based matrices. We prove the first statement of the proposition by induction on $d = |G| - |G_{\bullet}|$. Note that this number does not depend on the choice of primitive matrix because all homologous primitive matrix are isomorphic and have the same number of elements.

If d = 0 then $T_{\bullet} = T = T'_{\bullet}$, and the statement is trivial.

Assume the statement holds for all k < d. Consider the operations f_1 and f'_1 . If $f_1 = f'_1$ consider the based matrix $T'' = f_1(T)$, T'' = (G'', s, b''). Then $G_{\bullet} \subset G''$ and $G'_{\bullet} \subset G''$. If $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ then $C \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. Hence, $(C \cap G'') \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$, i.e. the tribe $C'' = C \cap G''$ is primitive in $\mathfrak{C}(T'') = \mathfrak{C}(T) \cap G''$. By induction $C'' \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. Then $C \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$.

Let $f_1 \neq f'_1$ commute. Let $T_1 = f_1(T)$, $T'_1 = f'_1(T)$ and $T'' = f'_1(T_1) = f_1(T'_1)$. Then $G_{\bullet} \subset G_1$ and $G'_{\bullet} \subset G'_1$. By operations M_k^{-1} , k = 1, 2, 3, the based matrix T'' can be reduced to a primitive-based matrix $T''_{\bullet} = (G''_{\bullet}, s, b''_{\bullet})$. Then $G''_{\bullet} \subset G'' = G_1 \cap G'_1$.

Let $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ be primitive, i.e. $C \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. Let $C_1 = C \cap G_1 \in \mathfrak{C}(T_1)$ and $C'_1 = C \cap G'_1 \in \mathfrak{C}(T'_1)$. By induction, $C_1 \cap G_{\bullet} = C \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$ implies $C_1 \cap G''_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. But $C_1 \cap G''_{\bullet} = C \cap G''_{\bullet} = C'_1 \cap G''_{\bullet}$. Then $C'_1 \cap G''_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. Hence, by induction $C \cap G'_{\bullet} = C'_1 \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$.

Let $f_1 \neq f'_1$ not commute. If one of the operations (say, f_1) is of type M_3^{-1} and the other (say, f'_1) is of type M_1^{-1} or M_2^{-1} then f_1 removes a pair of complementary core and annihilating elements. Then $f_1 = f'' \circ f'_1$ for some operation f'' of type M_1^{-1} or M_2^{-1} , and we can treat this case like the case $f_1 = f'_1$ by considering the based matrix $T'' = f'_1(T)$.

The other option is when f_1 and f'_1 are of type M_3^{-1} . Denote $T_1 = f_1(T)$ and $T'_1 = f'_1(T)$. The sets $G \setminus G_1 = \{g_0, g'_1\}$ and $G \setminus G'_1 = \{g_0, g_1\}$ are intersecting pairs of complementary elements. Then $b(g, g_1) = b(g, g'_1)$ for all $g \in G$, and the map $h: G_1 \to G'_1$, which replaces the element $g_1 \in G_1$ with the element $g'_1 \in G'_1$, is an

isomorphism of the based matrices T_1 and T'_1 . Hence, the based matrix $T''_{\bullet} = h(T_{\bullet})$ is a primitive submatrix of T'_1 which is homologous to T'_1 .

Let $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ be primitive, i.e. $C \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$. If there exists $g'' \neq g_1$ such that $g'' \in C \cap G_{\bullet}$ then $g'' \in C \cap G'_{\bullet} = C'_1 \cap G''_{\bullet}$ where $C'_1 = C \cap G'_1$. Then by induction $C \cap G'_{\bullet} = C'_1 \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$.

Assume that $C \cap G_{\bullet} = \{g_1\}$. Since g_0 and g_1 as well as g_0 and g'_1 are complementary in T, they all belong to one tribe, i.e. $g_0, g_1, g'_1 \in C$. Then $g'_1 \in C \cap G''_{\bullet}$, so $C'_1 \cap G''_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$ where $C'_1 = C \cap G'_1$. Then by induction $C \cap G'_{\bullet} = C'_1 \cap G'_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset$.

(2) Let $T_{\bullet} = (G_{\bullet}, s, b_{\bullet})$ be a primitive based matrix obtained from T by operations $M_i^{-1}, i = 1, 2, 3$. Then $G_{\bullet} \subset G$. Then we have the equivalences

$$C' \in (T')_{\text{prim}} \Leftrightarrow C' \cap G_{\bullet} = (C' \cap G) \cap G_{\bullet} \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow (C' \cap G) \in (T)_{\text{prim}}.$$

(3) By the proof of Lemma 2.9, for any reducing operation $f: T \to T'$ of type M_i^{-1} , i = 1, 2, 3, and any tribe $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ we have $b(s, \chi_{C \cap G'}) = b(s, \chi_C)$ where T = (G, s, b) and $T' = (G', s, b|_{G'})$. If $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ is not primitive then it reduces to an empty tribe on the way to a primitive based matrix. Then $b(s, \chi_C) = b(s, \chi_{\emptyset}) = 0$. Thus,

$$\hat{b}(s) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)} b(s, \chi_C) \cdot C = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}} b(s, \chi_C) \cdot C.$$

Thus, for any based matrix T a distinguished set $\mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$ of the primitive tribes is defined, and any transformation $f: T \to T'$ to a homologous based matrix T'identifies the sets $\mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$ and $\mathfrak{C}(T')_{\text{prim}}$.

Let us consider another distinguished tribe in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$.

Proposition 2.15. Let $T_1 = (G_1, s, b_1)$ and $T_2 = (G_2, s, b_2)$ be homologous to T and $g_i \in G_i \cap G$, i = 1, 2 be an element which is annihilating or core in G_i . Then g_1 and g_2 belong to one tribe in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$.

Proof. Let $f_i: T_i \to T$ be the sequence of operations that transform T_i to T. Add to T, T_1, T_2 and all the intermediate diagrams an element g' which is annihilating for all the diagrams $\tilde{T}, \tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2$ and the intermediate ones. Then g_i and g' belong to one tribe in $\mathfrak{C}(T_i), i = 1, 2$. Hence, they belong to one tribe in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$. Then by transitivities g_1 and g_2 belong to one tribe in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$.

Let $C_0(T) \in \mathfrak{C}(T)$ be the tribe which contains all core and annihilating elements. We call it the *zero tribe*.

The zero tribe $C_0(T)$ can be empty. On the other hand, $C_0(T)$ can be primitive since it may include other elements besides the core and annihilating ones.

Corollary 2.16. Let T' = (G', s, b') be obtained from T by an operation M_1 , M_2 or M_3 and $C_0 = C_0(T)$ and $C'_0 = C_0(T')$ be the zero tribes in $\mathfrak{C}(T)$ and $\mathfrak{C}(T')$ correspondingly. Then $C_0 = C'_0 \cap G$.

Corollary 2.16 means the zero tribe is equivariant, that any transformation $f: T \to T'$ from T to a homologous based matrix T' maps elements of the zero tribes $(T)_{\text{prim}}$ to the zero tribe $(T')_{\text{prim}}$.

Consider a based matrix T = (G, s, b). Denote

$$\mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\mathrm{prim}} = \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\mathrm{prim}} \setminus \{C_0(T)\}.$$

Let $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) = H[\mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}]/\langle \tilde{b}(s) \rangle$ where

$$\tilde{b}(s) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}} b(s, \chi_C) \cdot C.$$
(2.6)

Define the maps $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}} \colon G \to \tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ by the formula

$$\tilde{P}_{T}^{\mathfrak{C}}(g) = \sum_{C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}^{*}} \left(b(g, \chi_{C}) - \left\lfloor \frac{|C|}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot b(g, s) \right) \cdot C,$$
(2.7)

where $|\cdot|$ is the floor function.

For an operation $f: T \to T', T = (G, s, b), T' = (G', s, b')$, of type M_1, M_2 or M_3 we define a homomorphism $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f): \tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to \tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T')$ by the formula

$$\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)\left(\sum_{C\in\mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}}\lambda_C\cdot C\right) = \sum_{C\in\mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}}\lambda_C\cdot f(C),$$
(2.8)

where $f(C) \in \mathfrak{C}(T')_{\text{prim}}$ is the unique primitive tribe such that $f(C) \cap G = C$.

Theorem 2.17. The maps $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ define a parity functor on based matrices.

The parity functor $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is called the *reduced parity functor associated with the tribal system* \mathfrak{C} .

Proof. Since $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ factors through $\hat{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$, the conditions (P1),(P2) and (P3) are valid.

Let us check the property (P0). Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix and T' = f(T) where f is of type M_i , i = 1, 2, 3. Let T' = (G', s, b').

First we show that $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)$ is a well-defined isomorphism. By Proposition 2.14 the map f establishes a bijection $f \colon \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}} \to \mathfrak{C}(T')_{\text{prim}}$. By Corollary 2.16 $f(C_0(T)) = C_0(T')$ if $C_0(T) \in \mathfrak{C}(T)_{\text{prim}}$. Then f defines an isomorphism $f \colon H[\mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}] \to H[\mathfrak{C}(T')^*_{\text{prim}}].$

For any tribe $C' \in \mathfrak{C}(T')$ we have $b'(s, \chi_C) = b(s, \chi_{C'\cap G})$. Then $f(\tilde{b}(s)) = \tilde{b}(s)$. Hence, the isomorphism f induces an isomorphism $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to \tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T')$ that coincides with $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)$.

Let us check the equality $\tilde{P}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}|_G = \tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f) \circ \tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$. It is enough to verify that the terms in the left and the right part of the equality which correspond to some tribe $C \in \mathfrak{C}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}$, are equal.

Let $C' \in \mathfrak{C}(T')_{\text{prim}}^*$ and $C = C' \cap G$. If $C' \not\supseteq G' \setminus G$ then C' = C, hence, $\lfloor \frac{|C|}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{|C'|}{2} \rfloor$ and $b(g, \chi_C) = b'(g, \chi_{C'})$ for any $g \in G$. Thus, the correspondent terms of the tribes C and C' in $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}(g)$ and $\tilde{P}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}(g)$ are equal. Let $C' \supset G' \setminus G$. Since $C' \neq C_0(T')$, the operation f is of type M_3 . Then |C'| = |C| + 2 and for any $g \in G$ $b'(g, \chi_{C'}) = b(g, \chi_C) + b(g, s)$. Hence, for any $g \in G$

$$b'(g,\chi_{C'}) - \left\lfloor \frac{|C'|}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot b'(g,s) = b(g,\chi_C) + b(g,s) - \left\lfloor \frac{|C|}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot b(g,s) - b(g,s)$$
$$= b(g,\chi_C) - \left\lfloor \frac{|C|}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot b(g,s).$$

Thus, the correspondent terms of the tribes C and C' in $\tilde{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}(g)$ and $\tilde{P}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}(g)$ are equal.

Definition 2.18. The reduced parity functor $\tilde{P}^{\text{st}} = \tilde{P}^{\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}}$ associated with the stable tribal system \mathfrak{C}_{∞} is called the *reduced stable parity functor*.

Example 2.19. Consider the based matrix T with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_2 from Example 2.12. One of the primitive-based matrices homologous to T is $T_{\bullet} = (\{s, 5, 8\}, s, b_{\bullet})$ where b_{\bullet} is defined by the matrix B_{\bullet} :

$$B_{\bullet} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} s & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} s & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}.$$

Thus, the primitive tribes in $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T)$ are $\{s\}$, $C_1 = \{5, 6, 7\}$ and $C_2 = \{8\}$. The zero tribe $C_0 = \{3, 4\}$ is not primitive. The element $\tilde{b}(s)$ is 0. Then the coefficient group $\tilde{A}^{\mathrm{st}}(T)$ of the reduced stable parity functor is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ (the first summand is for $\{s\}$). The parity values correspond to the elements in the first and the last two columns of the matrix B_3 . We extract those columns to the matrix \tilde{B}_3 .

Thus, the parities of the elements are

$$\tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{1}) = \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{2}) = \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{3}) = \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{4}) = (0, 0, 0),$$

$$\tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{5}) = \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{6}) = \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{7}) = (0, 0, 1), \quad \tilde{P}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{8}) = (0, 1, 0).$$

Remark 2.20. Although the coefficient groups $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ of the reduced parity functor $\tilde{P}^{\mathfrak{C}}$ are all isomorphic we cannot state that the parity functor defines a parity with coefficients in $\tilde{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ for some fixed T.

Consider the following example. Let T = (s, x, y, s, b) be a based matrix with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_2 where b is determined to be the matrix

$$B(T) = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} s & x & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The based matrix T is primitive and has two primitive stable tribes $\{x\}, \{y\} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T)_{\text{prim}}$.

Replace the element x with an element u by applying operations M_3 and M_3^{-1} as shown below. Thus, we get a based matrix $T' = (\{s, u, y\}, s, b')$.

Analogously, replace y with v. Then we get a sequence of transformations $f_1: T \to T_1 = (\{s, u, v\}, s, b_1)$. The primitive stable tribes of T_1 are $\{u\}$ and $\{v\}$. The transformation f_1 identifies x with u and y with v.

On the other hand, we can replace x with v and y with u and get a based matrix $T_2 = (\{s, u, v\}, s, b_2)$. The transformation f_2 from T to T_2 identifies the primitive tribes x with v and y with u.

But the based matrices T_1 and T_2 coincide because they have the same underlying set $\{s, u, v\}$ and $b_1 = b_2$. Thus, there is no canonical way to identify primitive tribes of homologous based matrices. The reason is we have a nontrivial automorphism of the based matrix T. In general case we can assign a *monodromy*, i.e. a sequence of transformations from a based matrix to itself, which interchanges the primitive tribes according to any given automorphism of the based matrix. On the other hand, any monodromy of a primitive-based matrix induces an automorphism of the based matrix [11].

Thus, we need to factorize by isomorphisms if we want to get an invariant coefficient group for a parity.

2.2. Reduced parity

Let $T_0 = (G_0, s_0, b_0)$ be a based matrix with coefficients in H and let \mathfrak{C} be a tribal system defined on the based matrices T = (G, s, b) homologous to T_0 .

Choose a primitive based matrix $T_{\bullet} = (G_{\bullet}, s, b_{\bullet})$ homologous to T_0 . The tribes in G_{\bullet} correspond to the primitive tribes of any based matrix T = (G, s, b) homologous to T_{\bullet} . Let $\operatorname{Aut}(T_{\bullet})$ be the automorphism group of the based matrix T_{\bullet} . Note that the group $\operatorname{Aut}(T_{\bullet})$ considered up to isomorphism does not depend on the choice of a primitive-based matrix in the homology class.

Let us define $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ to be the finest partition such that $\mathfrak{C}(T_{\bullet}) \succ \overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ and $\phi(\mathfrak{C}(T_{\bullet})) = \overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ for any $\phi \in \operatorname{Aut}(T_{\bullet})$. Note that $\{s\} \in \overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$. The partition $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ defines a partition on the set $\mathfrak{C}(T_{\bullet})_{\text{prim}} = \mathfrak{C}(T_{\bullet})$. By Proposition 2.14 this partition can be lifted to some partition of the set $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}(T)_{\text{prim}}$ for any based matrix T homologous to T_{\bullet} , and the partition does not depend on the sequence of transformations connecting T and T_{\bullet} .

For a based matrix T = (G, s, b) denote $\mathbf{\tilde{c}}(T)_{\text{prim}}^* = \mathbf{\tilde{c}}(T)_{\text{prim}} \setminus \{\overline{C}_0(T)\}$ where $\overline{C}_0(T)$ is the element of the partition $\mathbf{\tilde{c}}(T)_{\text{prim}}$ which includes the zero tribe $C_0(T)$ if it is primitive, and $\overline{C}_0(T) = \emptyset$ if $C_0(T)$ is not primitive. Let $\overline{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) = H[\mathbf{\tilde{c}}(T)_{\text{prim}}^*]/\langle \overline{b}(s) \rangle$, where

$$\bar{b}(s) = \sum_{\bar{C} \in \bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}} b(s, \chi_{\bar{C}}) \cdot \bar{C}.$$
(2.9)

Define the maps $\bar{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}} \colon G \to \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T)$ by the formula

$$\bar{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}(g) = \sum_{\bar{C} \in \bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T)_{\text{prim}}^*} \left(b(g, \chi_{\bar{C}}) - \left\lfloor \frac{|\bar{C}|}{2} \right\rfloor \cdot b(g, s) \right) \cdot \bar{C}.$$
(2.10)

For an operation $f: T \to T', T = (G, s, b), T' = (G', s, b')$, of type M_1, M_2 or M_3 we define a homomorphism $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f): \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T')$ by the formula

$$\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)\left(\sum_{\bar{C}\in\bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}}\lambda_{\bar{C}}\cdot\bar{C}\right) = \sum_{\bar{C}\in\bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T)^*_{\text{prim}}}\lambda_{\bar{C}}\cdot f(\bar{C}),\tag{2.11}$$

where $f(\bar{C}) \in \bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T')^*_{\text{prim}}$ is the unique class such that $f(\bar{C}) \cap G = \bar{C}$.

- **Theorem 2.21.** (1) Let T = (G, s, b) be a based matrix homologous to T_{\bullet} and $f: T \to T_{\bullet}$ be a transformation chain connecting these based matrices. Then the map $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f): \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T) \to \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ is an isomorphism which does not depend on the choice of the transformation f.
- (2) The family of maps $\bar{p}_T^{\mathfrak{C}} = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f) \circ \bar{P}_T^{\mathfrak{C}} \colon G \to \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$ is a parity with coefficients in $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$.

The parity $\bar{p}^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is called the *reduced parity associated with the tribal system* \mathfrak{C} .

Proof. (1) We can prove that $\overline{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f)$ using the arguments of Theorem 2.17. Let $f_i: T \to T_{\bullet}$ be two sequences connecting T and T_{\bullet} . Then $\phi = f_2 \circ f_1^{-1}$ is a sequence of transformations of T_{\bullet} to itself. Since T_{\bullet} is primitive, ϕ is an automorphism of T_{\bullet} .

Hence, ϕ acts trivially on $\bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})^*_{\text{prim}}$. Therefore ϕ induces the identity automorphism of $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(T_{\bullet})$, i.e. $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f_2 \circ f_1^{-1}) = id$. Hence, $\bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f) = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f_2 \circ f_1^{-1}) \cdot \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f_1) = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f_1)$.

(2) Following the arguments of Theorem 2.17 we can show that $\bar{P}^{\mathfrak{C}}$ is a parity functor. We need only to check the equality $\bar{p}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}|_G = \bar{p}_T^{\mathfrak{C}}$ for any based matrices T = (G, s, b) and T' = (G', s, b') connected by an operation $f: T \to T'$ of type M_i , i = 1, 2, 3.

Let $f': T' \to T_{\bullet}$ be a sequence of transformations $M_i^{\pm 1}$, i = 1, 2, 3 from T' to T_{\bullet} . By definition

$$\bar{p}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}|_{G} = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f') \circ \bar{P}_{T'}^{\mathfrak{C}}|_{G} = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f') \circ \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f) \circ \bar{P}_{T}^{\mathfrak{C}} = \bar{A}^{\mathfrak{C}}(f' \circ f) \circ \bar{P}_{T}^{\mathfrak{C}} = \bar{p}_{T}^{\mathfrak{C}}$$

where the second equality is the parity functor property.

Definition 2.22. The reduced parity $\bar{p}^{st} = \bar{p}^{\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}}$ associated with the stable tribal system \mathfrak{C}_{∞} is called the *reduced stable parity*.

Example 2.23. Consider the based matrix $T = (\{s, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}, s, b)$ from Example 2.12. A primitive based matrix $T_{\bullet} = (\{s, 5, 8\}, s, b_{\bullet})$ is given in Example 2.19. It has three primitive stable tribes $\{s\}, \{5\}$ and $\{8\}$. The automorphism group of T_{\bullet} is Aut $(T_{\bullet}) = \mathbb{Z}_2$, it interchanges the primitive tribes 5 and 8. Then the partition $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_{\infty}(T_{\bullet})_{\text{prim}}$ consists of the element $\{5, 8\}$ and $\{s\}$. The coefficient group \overline{A}^{st} is equal to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ since the zero tribe is not primitive and $\overline{b}(s) = 0$.

The induced partition for T will be $\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}(T)_{\text{prim}} = \{\{s\}, \{5, 6, 7, 8\}\}$. It corresponds to the matrix \overline{B}_3 which is obtained from \widetilde{B}_3 by taking the sum of the last two columns.

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$$\bar{B}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{0}{0} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the reduced stable parity on T is equal to

$$\bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{1}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{2}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{3}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{4}) = (0,0),$$

 $\bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{5}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{6}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{7}) = \bar{p}^{\text{st}}(\mathbf{8}) = (0,1).$

2.3. Reduced stable parity for virtual and flat knot

Let \mathcal{K} be a virtual or flat knot. Then we can define *reduced stable parity* on the diagrams of the knot \mathcal{K} as follows. Let D be a diagram of \mathcal{K} . Consider the based



Fig. 11. Flat knot diagram and the corresponding based matrix.

matrix T(D) of the diagram D and a primitive based matrix $T_{\bullet}(D)$ homologous to T(D). Denote the group $\bar{A}^{\text{st}}(T_{\bullet}(D))$ by $\bar{A}^{\text{st}}(\mathcal{K})$.

Proposition 2.24. The family of the maps $\bar{p}_{T(D)}^{st}: \mathcal{V}(D) \to \bar{A}^{st}(\mathcal{K})$ is a parity on diagrams of the knot \mathcal{K} with coefficients in the group $\bar{A}^{st}(\mathcal{K})$.

Proposition 2.24 follows from Lemma 1.8 and Theorem 2.21.

Definition 2.25. The parity \bar{p}^{st} from Proposition 2.24 is called the *reduced stable parity* on virtual (flat) knots.

Example 2.26. Consider the flat knot diagram D in Fig. 11. Then $T(D) = (\{s, 1, 2, 3\}, s, b)$ where b is defined by the matrix B with coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

The based matrix T(D) is primitive. Its stable tribes are

$$\mathfrak{C}_{\infty} = \{\{s\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}\}$$

Since the automorphism group $\operatorname{Aut}(T(D))$ is trivial and the zero tribe is empty, the partition $\overline{\mathfrak{C}}_{\infty}(T(D))_{\text{prim}}$ coincides with \mathfrak{C}_{∞} . Thus, we have four reduced stable classes. The element $\overline{b}(s) = (0, 1, 1, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}_2[\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}]$. Hence, $\overline{A}^{\text{st}} = \mathbb{Z}_2[\mathfrak{C}_{\infty}]/\langle \overline{b}(s) \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2^3$ where the isomorphism is induced by the map

$$\lambda_s \cdot \mathbf{s} + \lambda_1 \cdot \mathbf{1} + \lambda_2 \cdot \mathbf{2} + \lambda_3 \cdot \mathbf{3} \mapsto (\lambda_s, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2, \lambda_3).$$

The parity values are

$$\bar{p}^{\text{st}}(1) = \left(1, \left(0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right) + \left(0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right), 0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right) = (1, 0, 0),$$
$$\bar{p}^{\text{st}}(2) = \left(1, \left(0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right) + \left(0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right), 1 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 1\right) = (1, 0, 1),$$
$$\bar{p}^{\text{st}}(3) = \left(0, \left(0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 0\right) + \left(1 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 0\right), 0 - \left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\right\rfloor 0\right) = (0, 1, 0).$$

Appendix A. Reduced Stable Parity of Knots of Complexity ≤ 4

Using a Mathematica program, we calculated the reduced stable parity for the diagrams of Green's table [3] with the number of crossings less or equal 4.

It turns out that the based matrices of all these diagrams are either primitive or reduce to the trivial matrix (0).

In the last case there are no primitive tribes and the reduced stable parity \bar{p}^{st} coincides with the index parity *ip*. This situation occurs for the knots

 $\begin{aligned} &2.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 4.3, 4.6, 4.12, 4.25, 4.27, 4.36, 4.37, 4.40, \\ &4.41, 4.43, 4.44, 4.46, 4.53, 4.54, 4.61, 4.64, 4.65, 4.68, 4.73, \\ &4.74, 4.75, 4.82, 4.84, 4.86, 4.91, 4.92, 4.94, 4.95, 4.96, 4.99, \\ &4.100, 4.101, 4.102, 4.104, 4.105, 4.106, 4.108. \end{aligned}$

The knots 3.1, 3.3, 3.4 have three primitive nonzero tribes corresponding to the crossings and the coefficient group \bar{A}^{st} is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^3 .

For the knots

$$\begin{split} &4.2, 4.5, 4.7, 4.10, 4.11, 4.14, 4.15, 4.17, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, 4.24, \\ &4.26, 4.28, 4.29, 4.30, 4.32, 4.34, 4.35, 4.38, 4.39, 4.42, 4.45, 4.47, 4.48, \\ &4.49, 4.50, 4.56, 4.57, 4.59, 4.62, 4.63, 4.66, 4.67, 4.70, 4.71, 4.76, 4.78, \\ &4.79, 4.80, 4.81, 4.83, 4.87, 4.88, 4.93, 4.97, 4.103, \end{split}$$

each of four crossings determines a primitive nonzero tribe, and the coefficient group \bar{A}^{st} of the reduced stable parity is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^4 .

The knots 4.9, 4.16, 4.33, 4.52, 4.58, 4.72 have 3 primitive tribes, and $\bar{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^4$ for them.

For example, the based matrix of the knot 4.9 is equal to

(0	1	0	0	-1	
-	-1	0	-1	-1	0	
	0	1	0	-1	-1	
	0	1	1	0	-1	
	1	0	1	1	0/	

The crossings 1 and 4 belongs to one tribe because the corresponding rows (or columns) are proportional. Note that 1 and 4 are not complementary. The parity matrix is given as follows.

(0	0	0	$0 \rangle$
	-1	1	-1	-1
	0	0	0	-1
	0	0	1	0
	1	-1	1	$_{1})$

The first column corresponds to s (and the index parity), the other columns correspond to nonzero primitive tribes. The first row presents the vector $\bar{b}(s)$, the other rows present the parity values of the crossings.

The knots 4.85, 4.89, 4.90, 4.98, 4.107 have four primitive tribes, and $\bar{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ for them.

For example, the knot 4.85 has the based matrix

1	0	2	-2	-2	2	
	-2	0	-2	-1	0	
	2	2	0	0	3	,
	2	1	0	0	2	
	(-2)	0	-3	-2	0/	

which coincides with the parity matrix. Each vertex defines a primitive tribe. The vector $\bar{b}(s) = (0, 2, -2, -2, 2)$ is divisible by 2. Hence, the coefficient group is equal to

$$\bar{A}^{\mathrm{st}} = \mathbb{Z}[\bar{\mathfrak{C}}_{\infty}(T(D))_{\mathrm{prim}}]/\langle \bar{b}(s) \rangle = \mathbb{Z}^5/\langle (0, 2, -2, -2, 2) \rangle = \mathbb{Z}^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2.$$

The knots 4.13, 4.18, 4.31, 4.51, 4.60, 4.69 have three primitive tribes, the symmetry group Aut(T_{\bullet}) = \mathbb{Z}_2 which acts trivially on the primitive tribes, and $\bar{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^3$.

For example, the knot 4.13 has the based matrix

(0	-1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	1
0	-1	0	0	0
0	-1	0	0	0
$\setminus -1$	-1	0	0	0/

The primitive tribes are $\{1\}, \{2, 3\}$ and $\{4\}$ (the rows the second and third crossings coincide). The symmetry group acts by transposition of the second and the third crossings, and induces trivial action on the primitive tribes. The parity matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since the vector $\bar{b}(s) \neq 0$, the coefficient group is $\bar{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^4 / \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^3$.

Finally, the knots 4.1, 4.4, 4.8, 4.55, 4.77 have four primitive tribes and the symmetry group $\operatorname{Aut}(T_{\bullet}) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ which interchange pairs of crossings. The coefficient group is equal to $\overline{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$.

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For example, the knot 4.1 has the based matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each crossing defines a primitive tribe. There is a unique nontrivial symmetry (13)(24) of the based matrix. Hence, $\bar{\mathfrak{C}}(T)_{\text{prim}} = \{\{1,3\},\{2,4\}\}$. The parity matrix looks like

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The coefficient groups equal $\bar{A}^{st} = \mathbb{Z}^3 / \langle (0, 2, -2) \rangle = \mathbb{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2.$

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