# Ribbon Knots of 1-Fusion, the Jones Polynomial, and the Casson-Walker Invariant

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#### ABSTRACT

We give an explicit formula for the Casson-Walker invariant of double branched covers of  $S^3$  branched along ribbon knots of 1-fusion.

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# Introduction

Casson introduced an integer-valued invariant for oriented integral homology spheres via constructions on representation spaces, which is called the Casson invariant ([1]). Walker extended the Casson invariant to rational homology spheres, which is called the Casson-Walker invariant ([14]). There has been a big deal of work on these invariants. In particular, Mullins gives a relation between the Jones polynomial of a link with non-zero determinant and the Casson-Walker invariant of its double branched cover of  $S^3$  ([11, Theorem 5.1]).

In this paper, we give an explicit formula for the Casson-Walker invariant of double branched covers of  $S^3$  branched along ribbon knots of 1-fusion (Theorem 1.17). To do this we consider the Jones polynomial of ribbon knots of 1-fusion. Giving an explicit formula for the Jones polynomial is extremely difficult, but we succeed in obtaining a

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Figure 1

formula for its first derivative at -1 (Proposition 1.14), which extends a formula in [12] (see Example 1.9 in section 1). This formula, together with [11, Theorem 5.1] gives a formula for the Casson-Walker invariant. In [10], we discuss the Casson invariant of homology spheres of Mazur type by using this formula for the Casson invariant.

Our formula for the first derivative has independent interest, since we obtain an application as follows: In [9], we define the *ribbon number* of a ribbon knot, the minimal number of ribbon singularities needed for a ribbon disk bounded by the ribbon knot, and by using this formula we determine the ribbon number of the Kinoshita-Terasaka knot.

#### 1. Definitions and results

**Definition 1.1.** The Jones polynomial  $J_L(t) \in \mathbb{Z}[t^{1/2}, t^{-1/2}]$  is an invariant of an oriented link L in  $S^3$ , defined by the following formulas:

$$t^{-1}J_{L_{+}}(t) - tJ_{L_{-}}(t) = (t^{1/2} - t^{-1/2})J_{L_{0}}(t),$$
  
$$J_{O}(t) = 1,$$

where  $L_+$ ,  $L_-$ ,  $L_0$  are three oriented links, which are identical except near one point where they are as shown in figure 1 and O denotes the trivial knot ([4]).

**Definition 1.2.** A band sum of  $K_0$  and  $K_1$ , two separable components of a link in  $S^3$ , is obtained as follows: Embed  $I \times I$  in  $S^3$  by a homeomorphism b such that

- (i)  $b(I \times I) \cap (K_0 \cup K_1) = b(I \times \{0, 1\}),$
- (ii)  $b(I \times \{0\}) \subset K_0; b(I \times \{1\}) \subset K_1.$

The band sum of  $K_0$  and  $K_1$  along b is the knot

$$(K_0 - b(I \times \{0\})) \cup (K_1 - b(I \times \{1\})) \cup b(\{0, 1\} \times I),$$

denoted by  $K_0 \#_b K_1$  (cf. [3]).

**Definition 1.3.** A *ribbon disk* is an immersed 2-disk of  $D^2$  into  $S^3$  with only transverse double points such that the singular set consists of ribbon singularities, that is, the preimage of each ribbon singularity consists of a properly embedded arc in  $D^2$  and an embedded arc interior to  $D^2$ . A knot is a *ribbon knot* if it bounds a ribbon disk in  $S^3$  (cf. [6]).

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Figure 2:  $D_K$ 

**Definition 1.4.** We call a knot K in  $S^3$  a ribbon knot of *1-fusion*, if it has a knot diagram  $D_K$  as described in figure 2 (and figure 3), where n is even and each small rectangle named  $C_i$  is determined by  $c_i \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) and there are disjointly embedded (n + 1) subbands inside the "big rectangle", being knotted, twisted and mutually linked (cf. [8]). We call the diagram  $D_K$  1-fusion diagram of K.

Let  $\alpha_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n + 1) denote the (right hand full) twisting number of *i*-th subband inside the "big rectangle", and let  $\alpha_{i,j}$  (i < j) denote the relative linking number of *i*-th subband and *j*-th subband inside the "big rectangle". That is: Direct the subbands from left to right and attach a sign to each crossing of different subbands, as shown in figure 4. Then  $\alpha_{i,j}$  is half the sum of the signs of the crossings of *i*-th and *j*-th subband. (See figure 3, where  $(c_1, c_2) = (+1, +1)$ ,  $\alpha_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 0$ ,



Figure 3: An example of  $D_K$ 

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Figure 4

 $\alpha_{1,2} = 1, \ \alpha_{1,3} = 0, \ \text{and} \ \alpha_{2,3} = 1.$ 

Remark 1.5.  $D_K$  gives a ribbon disk bounded by K.

*Remark* 1.6. A ribbon knot of 1-fusion is a band sum of 2-component trivial link and viceversa.

Remark 1.7. For any Laurent polynomial f(t) with  $f(1) = \pm 1$ , there exists a ribbon knot of 1-fusion whose Alexander polynomial is  $f(t)f(t^{-1})$  ([13]).

Remark 1.8. Let K be a ribbon knot of 1-fusion in Definition 1.4. The Alexander polynomial of K is written as  $f(t)f(t^{-1})$ , where  $f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (t^{\phi(i)} - t^{\psi(i)}) + 1$ ,  $\phi(i) = \sum_{j=2i-1}^{n} (-1)^{j} c_{j}$ , and  $\psi(i) = \sum_{j=2i}^{n} (-1)^{j} c_{j}$  ([8]).

The main proposition of this paper is to express  $J'_K(-1)$  of a ribbon knot of 1-fusion K in Definition 1.4 by using data of  $D_K$ , which are  $c_i(1 \le i \le n)$ ,  $\alpha_i$   $(1 \le i \le n+1)$  and  $\alpha_{i,j}$   $(1 \le i < j \le n+1)$ . Before stating the main proposition, we give some examples.

*Example* 1.9. If K has the 1-fusion diagram with  $(c_1, c_2) = (+1, +1)$  as shown in the left diagram of figure 5 (K is called 6<sub>1</sub>-like ribbon knot in [12]), then Sakai shows

$$J'_K(-1) = 16(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \alpha_{1,2} - \alpha_{1,3} - \alpha_{2,3}) - 8.$$

Remark 1.10. It is well known that the Alexander polynomial of ribbon knots is of the form  $f(t)f(t^{-1})$ , where f(t) is a Laurent polynomial ([2]). Then it is natural to ask whether the Jones polynomial of ribbon knots has some properties reflecting the knots being ribbon. There are few works in this direction. In [12], Sakai also shows

$$J_K''(1) = -72(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - \alpha_{1,2} - \alpha_{1,3} - \alpha_{2,3})$$

and have

$$2J_K''(1) = -9J_K'(-1) - 72.$$

In the process of extending these formulas, we have succeed in giving formulas for J'(-1) and J'''(1) for ribbon knots of 1-fusion.

Example 1.11. If K has the 1-fusion diagram with  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) = (+1, +1, 0, +1)$  as shown in the middle diagram of figure 5, then

$$J'_K(-1) = 48(\alpha_{2,3} - \alpha_{2,4} - \alpha_{3,5} + \alpha_{4,5}) - 24.$$

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*Example* 1.12. If K has the 1-fusion diagram with  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) = (0, +1, +1, 0)$  as shown in the right diagram of figure 5, then  $J'_K(-1) = 0$ . Note that the Alexander polynomial of K is 1. The cases  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4) = (0, +1, -1, 0)$ , (0, -1, +1, 0), (0, -1, -1, 0) are the same.

We use the following convention:

$$S = \emptyset \Longrightarrow \sum_{i \in S} a_i = 0$$
 and  $\prod_{i \in S} a_i = 1.$ 

Now we define the following integers determined by  $c_i \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$   $(1 \le i \le n)$ : For  $1 \le p, q, r, s \le n + 1$ ,

$$f(p,q) = \prod_{i=p}^{q} (-1)^{-c_i},$$
  
$$g(q,r) = 2|c_q| \prod_{j=q+1}^{r} (-1)^{-c_j},$$

and

$$v(p,q) = \sum_{k=p}^{q} c_k \prod_{i=p}^{q} (-1)^{-c_i},$$
  

$$w(p,q,r) = \left(-4|c_q| \sum_{i=p}^{q-1} c_i + 2|c_q| \sum_{i=q+1}^{r} c_i - c_q\right) \prod_{j=q+1}^{r} (-1)^{-c_j},$$
  

$$x(p,q) = 2v(p,q)|c_{q+1}| - f(p,q)c_{q+1},$$
  

$$y(p,q,r) = 2w(p,q,r)|c_{r+1}| - g(q,r)c_{r+1}.$$

We also define the following integers determined by  $\alpha_i$   $(1 \le i \le n+1)$  and  $\alpha_{i,j}$ 

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$$(1 \le i < j \le n+1):$$

$$l(p,q) = -\sum_{i=p}^{q} \alpha_i - 2\sum_{i=p}^{q-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{q} (-1)^{j-i} \alpha_{i,j},$$

$$l(p,q,r,s) = -\sum_{i=p}^{q} \alpha_i - \sum_{i=r}^{s} \alpha_i - 2\sum_{i=p}^{q-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{q} (-1)^{j-i} \alpha_{i,j} - 2\sum_{i=r}^{s-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{s} (-1)^{j-i} \alpha_{i,j}$$

$$-2(-1)^{p+r-1} \sum_{i=p}^{q} \sum_{j=r}^{s} (-1)^{j-i} \alpha_{i,j}.$$

Remark 1.13. As will be seen in section 2, l(p,q) is the linking number of 2-component link L(p,q) (R(p,q)) defined in section 2 and l(p,q,r,s) is the linking number of 2-component link L(p,q,r,s) (R(p,q,r,s), LL(p,q,r,s) or RR(p,q,r,s)) defined in section 2.

Now we state the main proposition of this paper:

**Proposition 1.14.** Let K and  $D_K$  be a ribbon knot of 1-fusion and its 1-fusion diagram as in Definition 1.4 and let  $J_K(t)$  be the Jones polynomial of K. Then we have

$$J'_{K}(-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{45} E_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{13} F_{i},$$

where each  $E_i$  is expressed by  $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n$ , and  $\alpha_i$   $(1 \le i \le n+1)$ , and  $\alpha_{i,j}$  $(1 \le i < j \le n+1)$  and each  $F_i$  is expressed only by  $c_1, c_2, \cdots, c_n$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} E_1 &= 2\sum_{h=1}^{n/2} g(2h-1,n)l(2h,n+1), \\ E_2 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} g(2h-1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,n)l(2h,2k-1), \\ E_3 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2} g(2h,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r-1,n)l(2r,n+1), \\ E_4 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} g(2h,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,n)l(2h+1,2k-1,2r+1,n+1), \\ E_5 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} g(2h,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|f(2k,n)l(2k,n+1), \\ E_6 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2} f(1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r-1,n)l(2r,n+1), \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} E_7 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{r=k}^{n/2}f(1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,n)l(1,2k-1,2r+1,n+1),\\ E_8 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}f(1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|f(2k,n)l(2k,n+1),\\ E_9 &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{k}\sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2}g(2h-1,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r-1,n)l(2r,n+1),\\ E_{10} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{k}\sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2}g(2h-1,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r,n)l(2h,2k,2r+1,n+1),\\ E_{11} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{k}\sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2}g(2h-1,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r,n)l(2h+1,2k),\\ E_{12} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{k-1}\sum_{r=k+1}^{n/2}g(2h,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r,n)l(2h+1,2k),\\ E_{13} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{n/2}f(1,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r,n)l(1,2k),\\ E_{14} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{n/2}f(1,2k-1)|c_{2k}|g(2r,n)l(1,2k),\\ E_{15} &= -4\sum_{k=1}^{n/2}\int_{h=1}^{n/2}g(2h-1,2j-2)|c_{2j-1}|l(2h,2j-1),\\ E_{16} &= 4\sum_{j=1}^{n/2}\sum_{h=1}^{j-1}\sum_{k=1}^{j-1}\sum_{h=1}^{j-1}g(2h-1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,2j-2)|c_{2j-1}|l(2h,2k-1),\\ E_{18} &= -8\sum_{j=1}^{n/2}\sum_{k=1}^{j-1}\sum_{h=1}^{k-1}\sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1}g(2h,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,2j-2)|c_{2j-1}|l(2r,2j-1),\\ E_{19} &= -8\sum_{j=1}^{n/2}\sum_{k=1}^{j-1}\sum_{h=1}^{k-1}\sum_{r=k}^{j-1}g(2h,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r,2j-2)|c_{2j-1}|l(2r,2j-1),\\ & \times l(2h+1,2k-1,2r+1,2j-1), \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} E_{20} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} g(2h, 2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| f(2k, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2k, 2j-1), \\ E_{21} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| g(2r-1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2r, 2j-1), \\ E_{22} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| g(2r, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(1, 2k-1, 2r+1, 2j-1), \\ E_{23} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| f(2k, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2k, 2j-1), \\ E_{24} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h-1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| g(2r-1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2r, 2j-1), \\ E_{24} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h-1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| g(2r, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2r, 2j-1), \\ E_{25} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h-1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| g(2r, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2h, 2j-1), \\ E_{26} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| f(2k+1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2h, 2j-1), \\ E_{26} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| f(2k+1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2h+1, 2k), \\ E_{27} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} g(2h, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| f(2k+1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2h+1, 2k), \\ E_{28} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} \int_{r=k+1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| g(2r, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(2h+1, 2k), \\ E_{29} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{r=k+1}^{j-1} \int_{r=k+1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| g(2r, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(1, 2k), \\ E_{30} &= -8 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \int_{r=k+1}^{j-1} f(1, 2k-1) |c_{2k}| f(2k+1, 2j-2) |c_{2j-1}| l(1, 2k), \\ E_{31} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} g(2h, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} f(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} F(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} F(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} F(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j), \\ E_{32} &= 4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} F(1, 2j-1) |c_{2j}| l(2h+1, 2j$$

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$$\begin{split} F_1 &= \sum_{h=1}^{n/2} w(1,2h,n), \quad F_2 = v(1,n), \\ F_3 &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} y(1,2h,2j-2), \quad F_4 = \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} x(1,2j-2), \\ F_5 &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j} y(1,2h-1,2j-1), \quad F_6 = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} c_{2j-1}, \\ F_7 &= -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} g(2h,2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| c_{2j-1}, \\ F_8 &= -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} f(1,2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| c_{2j-1}, \\ F_9 &= -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k} g(2h-1,2k-1) |c_{2k}| c_{2j-1}, \\ F_{10} &= 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} c_{2j}, \quad F_{11} = -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} g(2h,2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| c_{2j}, \\ F_{12} &= -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j} f(1,2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| c_{2j}, \\ F_{13} &= -4 \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j} \sum_{h=1}^{k} g(2h-1,2k-1) |c_{2k}| c_{2j}. \end{split}$$

By substituting l(p,q) and l(p,q,r,s) into each  $E_i$  and expanding them, we obtain

**Theorem 1.15.** Let K and  $D_K$  be a ribbon knot of 1-fusion and its 1-fusion diagram as in Proposition 1.14 and let  $J_K(t)$  be the Jones polynomial of K. Then  $J'_K(-1)$  is a linear expression of  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_{i,j}$ 

$$J'_{K}(-1) = \sum_{1 \le i \le n+1} A_{i}\alpha_{i} + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n+1} A_{i,j}\alpha_{i,j} + B,$$

where each  $A_i$ ,  $A_{i,j}$  and B is expressed by  $c_1, c_2, \cdots, c_n$ . To be more precise,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{45} E_i = \sum_{1 \le i \le n+1} A_i \alpha_i + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n+1} A_{i,j} \alpha_{i,j}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{13} F_i = B.$$

Remark 1.16. In the appendix, we discuss some properties of  $A_i$ ,  $A_{i,j}$ , and B.

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By [11, Theorem 5.1] we obtain the following theorem from Proposition 1.14.

**Theorem 1.17.** Let K and  $D_K$  be a ribbon knot of 1-fusion and its 1-fusion diagram as in Proposition 1.14. Let  $\Sigma_K$  be a double branched cover of  $S^3$  branched along K. Then  $\lambda_{CW}(\Sigma_K)$ , the Casson-Walker invariant of  $\Sigma_K$ , is written as follows

$$\lambda_{CW}(\Sigma_K) = -\frac{1}{6M} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{45} E_i + \sum_{i=1}^{13} F_i \right),$$

where  $M = (f(-1))^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (-1)^{\sum_{j=2i}^{n} (-1)^j c_j} ((-1)^{c_{2i-1}} - 1) + 1)^2$  (Remark 1.8),  $E_i$ and  $F_i$  are in Proposition 1.14.

In particular, when  $\Sigma_K$  is an integral homology sphere that gives M = 1, the Casson invariant  $\lambda = \lambda_{CW}/2$  and

$$\lambda(\Sigma_K) = -\frac{1}{12} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{45} E_i + \sum_{i=1}^{13} F_i \right).$$

#### 2. Some links associated to 1-fusion diagram

Let  $D_K$  be the 1-fusion diagram in Definition 1.4. We shall introduce important 2-component links associated to  $D_K$  and prove a lemma for their Jones polynomials.

From now on we often denote a link and its diagram by the same symbol.

Let p, q be the integers satisfying  $1 \le p < q \le n + 1$ .

**Definition of** L(p, q)**.** Suppose that p is even and q is odd. We define a 2-component link L(p,q) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (figure 6): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands  $(p \le i \le q)$ . Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the last picture in figure 6.

**Definition of** R(p, q). Suppose that p is odd and q is even. We define a 2-component link R(p,q) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (see the left diagram in figure 7, where n = 10, p = 3, and q = 4): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands ( $p \le i \le q$ ). Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the figure.

Let p, q, r, s be the integers satisfying  $1 \le p < q < r < s \le n+1$ .

**Definition of** L(p,q,r,s). Suppose that p and q are even and r and s are odd. We define a 2-component link L(p,q,r,s) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (see the middle diagram in figure 7, where n = 10, p = 2, q = 4, r = 7, and s = 9): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands  $(p \le i \le q)$  and *j*-th subbands  $(r \le j \le s)$ . Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the figure.

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 $D_K$  (*n* = 6, *p* = 2, *q* = 5)



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**Definition of** R(p,q,r,s). Suppose that p and q are odd and r and s are even. We define a 2-component link R(p,q,r,s) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (see the right diagram in figure 7, where n = 10, p = 1, q = 3, r = 6, and s = 8): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands  $(p \le i \le q)$  and *j*-th subbands  $(r \le j \le s)$ . Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the figure.

**Definition of** LL(p, q, r, s). Suppose that p, q, r, and s are even. We define a 2-component link LL(p, q, r, s) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (see the left diagram in figure 8, where n = 10, p = 2, q = 4, r = 8, and s = 10): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands ( $p \le i \le q$ ) and *j*-th subbands ( $r \le j \le s$ ). Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the figure.

**Definition of** RR(p, q, r, s). Suppose that p, q, r, and s are odd. We define a 2-component link LL(p, q, r, s) obtained from  $D_K$  as follows (see the right diagram in figure 8, where n = 10, p = 1, q = 3, r = 7, and s = 9): We erase the outside of the big rectangle of  $D_K$  and erase subbands except *i*-th subbands ( $p \le i \le q$ ) and *j*-th subbands ( $r \le j \le s$ ). Then we add subbands in the trivial manner as shown in the figure.

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*LL*(2,4,8,10)

*RR*(1,3,7,9)

Figure 8

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Figure 9

The following lemma is used in section 6.

Lemma 2.1. The following formulas hold:

$$J_{L(p,q)}(-1) = J_{R(p,q)}(-1) = (2i)l(p,q),$$
  

$$J_{L(p,q,r,s)}(-1) = J_{R(p,q,r,s)}(-1) = (2i)l(p,q,r,s),$$
  

$$J_{LL(p,q,r,s)}(-1) = J_{RR(p,q,r,s)}(-1) = (2i)l(p,q,r,s)$$

For l(p,q) and l(p,q,r,s) see before Proposition 1.14.

Proof. Recall that  $J_L(-1) = \Delta_L(-1)$ , where  $\Delta$  denotes the normalized Alexander polynomial ([4], cf. [6,7]). L(p,q) bounds an annulus as a Seifert surface. Its Seifert matrix is  $1 \times 1$ -matrix whose entry is -l(p,q). Hence  $J_{L(p,q)}(-1) = \Delta_{L(p,q)}(-1) = (-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(-2)l(p,q) = (2i)l(p,q)$ .

# 3. A formula for the Jones polynomial

The following proposition is useful for calculating the Jones polynomial.

**Proposition 3.1.** Let L be a link diagram which has c as the framed part on the left in figure 9, where  $c \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$ . Then we have

$$J_L(t) = (1 - t^c)J_{L_1}(t) + t^{-\frac{c}{2}}(1 - t^{2c})J_{L_2}(t) + t^{-c}J_{L_3}(t) + (1 - t^c)J_{L_4}(t) + t^{-\frac{c}{2}}(1 - t^c)J_{L_5}(t),$$

where  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$ ,  $L_4$ ,  $L_5$  are the following oriented link diagrams obtained from L, which are identical with L except inside of the rectangle (figure 10).

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Figure 10

*Proof.* We apply the recursive formula of the Kauffman bracket ([5]) to four crossings in the rectangle of L. If c = -1, then we have

$$\langle L \rangle = (2 + A^2 d) \langle L_1 \rangle + (A^2 + B^2 + A^4 d) \langle L_2 \rangle + B^4 \langle L_3 \rangle$$
$$+ (2 + A^2 d) \langle L_4 \rangle + (2B^2 + d) \langle L_5 \rangle,$$

where  $d = -(A^2 + B^2)$ ,  $B = A^{-1}$ . Here we notice that the writhes of L and these five diagrams are the same, so we have

$$J_{L}(t) = (1 - t^{-1})J_{L_{1}}(t) + t^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - t^{-2})J_{L_{2}}(t) + tJ_{L_{3}}(t) + (1 - t^{-1})J_{L_{4}}(t) + t^{\frac{1}{2}}(1 - t^{-1})J_{L_{5}}(t).$$

The case c = +1 is similar.

If c = 0, L is isotopic to  $L_3$ , so we have  $J_L(t) = J_{L_3}(t)$ .

Remark 3.2.  $J_L(t)$  is obtained by weighting  $J_{L_1}(t)$ ,  $J_{L_2}(t)$ ,  $J_{L_3}(t)$ ,  $J_{L_4}(t)$ , and  $J_{L_5}(t)$  and adding them. Note that the weight of  $J_{L_1}(t)$  and the weight of  $J_{L_4}(t)$  are the same.

#### 4. Calculation of the Jones polynomial

To apply Proposition 3.1 to the 1-fusion diagram  $D_K$  in Proposition 1.14 we introduce some links obtained from  $D_K$ .

We denote  $D_K$  by  $[C_1, \ldots, C_n]$ .

#### 4.1. A notation

We denote by  $[X_1, \ldots, X_i, C_{i+1}, \ldots, C_n]$  the diagram obtained from  $[C_1, \ldots, C_n]$  by changing  $C_1$  to  $X_1, \ldots, C_i$  to  $X_i$ , where  $X_1, \ldots, X_i \in \{S, U, T, P, Q\}$  and S, T, U, P, and Q are the figures as shown in the following table (see figure 11). Note that figures T in  $X_{\text{odd}}$  and in  $X_{\text{even}}$  are the same. So are U and Q, but for S and P they are not same. For example, [U, U, S, S, S, U] is in figure 12, [S, U, T, S, U, S] is in figure 13 and  $[U, S, U, T, S, U, P, C_8]$  is in figure 14. Note that the diagram in figure 12 gives a split

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	S	Т	U	Р	Q
<i>X<sub>i</sub></i> ( <i>i</i> : odd)					
$X_i$ ( <i>i</i> : even)					





[U, U, S, S, S, U]

Figure 12



[S, U, T, S, U, S]

Figure 13

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 $[\mathrm{U},\mathrm{S},\mathrm{U},\mathrm{T},\mathrm{S},\mathrm{U},\mathrm{P},C_8]$ 



Figure 14

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link which consists of the trivial knot and L(6,7) defined in section 2.

When  $i = 1, [X_1, ..., X_{i-1}, Y, C_{i+1}, ..., C_n]$  is nothing but  $[Y, C_2, ..., C_n]$ .

We denote  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}, P, C_{i+1}, \ldots, C_n]$ ,  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}, Q, C_{i+1}, \ldots, C_n]$  by  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}, P]$ ,  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{i-1}, Q]$  respectively, since their link types do not depend on the values of  $c_{i+1}, \ldots, c_n$ . For example, as it is seen from figure 14 the link type of  $[U, S, U, T, S, U, P, C_8]$  does not depend on the value of  $c_8$ .

#### 4.2. Symbols

We prepare the following symbols by the connection with Proposition 3.1. Let  $S(c) = 1 - t^c$ ,  $T(c) = t^{-\frac{c}{2}}(1 - t^{2c})$ ,  $U(c) = t^{-c}$ ,  $P(c) = 1 - t^c$ ,  $Q(c) = t^{-\frac{c}{2}}(1 - t^c)$ , where  $c \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$ .

Note that S(c) = P(c) (Remark 3.2).

#### 4.3. A notation

We denote  $\sum_{X_1 \in J} \sum_{X_2 \in J} \cdots \sum_{X_m \in J} F(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  by  $\sum_{X_i \in J} F(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ . From now on we use this convention.

#### 4.4. Calculations

We apply Proposition 3.1 to  $C_1$  in  $[C_1, \ldots, C_n]$  and we have

$$J_{K}(t) = S(c_{1})J_{[S,C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) + T(c_{1})J_{[T,C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) + U(c_{1})J_{[U,C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) + P(c_{1})J_{[P,C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) + Q(c_{1})J_{[Q,C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) = \sum_{X_{1} \in \{S,U,T\}} X_{1}(c_{1})J_{[X_{1},C_{2},...,C_{n}]}(t) + P(c_{1})J_{[P]}(t) + Q(c_{1})J_{[Q]}(t).$$

Next we apply Proposition 3.1 to  $C_2$  of  $[X_1, C_2, \ldots, C_n]$   $(X_1 \in \{S, T, U\})$  and we have

$$\begin{split} J_{[X_1,C_2,\ldots,C_n]}(t) &= S(c_2) J_{[X_1,S,\ldots,C_n]}(t) + T(c_2) J_{[X_1,T,\ldots,C_n]}(t) + U(c_2) J_{[X_1,U,\ldots,C_n]}(t) \\ &+ P(c_2) J_{[X_1,P,C_3,\ldots,C_n]}(t) + Q(c_2) J_{[X_1,Q,C_3,\ldots,C_n]}(t) \\ &= \sum_{X_2 \in \{S,U,T\}} X_2(c_2) J_{[X_1,X_2,C_3,\ldots,C_n]}(t) + P(c_2) J_{[X_1,P]}(t) \\ &+ Q(c_2) J_{[X_1,Q]}(t). \end{split}$$

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So we have

$$J_{K}(t) = \sum_{X_{1} \in \{S,U,T\}} X_{1}(c_{1}) \sum_{X_{2} \in \{S,U,T\}} X_{2}(c_{2}) J_{[X_{1},X_{2},C_{3},...,C_{n}]}(t)$$
  
+ 
$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) P(c_{j}) J_{[X_{1},...,X_{j-1},P]}(t)$$
  
+ 
$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) Q(c_{j}) J_{[X_{1},...,X_{j-1},Q]}(t).$$

Note that we use the convention in section 4.3.

We continue this until we come to  $C_n$ , and then we have

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $[C_1, \ldots, C_n]$  be the 1-fusion diagram as above. Then  $J_K(t)$  is written as follows:

$$J_{K}(t) = \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}(c_{i}) J_{[X_{1},...,X_{n}]}(t)$$
  
+  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) P(c_{j}) J_{[X_{1},...,X_{j-1},P]}(t)$   
+  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) Q(c_{j}) J_{[X_{1},...,X_{j-1},Q]}(t).$ 

Moreover, by decomposing  $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n}$  into the sum of  $\sum_{j \text{ odd}}$  and  $\sum_{j \text{ even}}$ ,  $J_K(t)$  becomes the sum of five parts:

$$J_K(t) = J_1(t) + J_2(t) + J_3(t) + J_4(t) + J_5(t)$$
(1)

where

$$J_{1}(t) = \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S, U, T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}(c_{i}) J_{[X_{1}, \dots, X_{n}]}(t),$$
  
$$J_{2}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S, U, T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-2} X_{i}(c_{i}) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_{1}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, P]}(t),$$

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$$\begin{split} J_{3}(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) P(c_{2j}) J_{[X_{1},\dots,X_{2j-1},P]}(t), \\ J_{4}(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-2} X_{i}(c_{i}) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_{1},\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t), \\ J_{5}(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_{i} \in \{S,U,T\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-1} X_{i}(c_{i}) Q(c_{2j}) J_{[X_{1},\dots,X_{2j-1},Q]}(t). \end{split}$$

# 5. Lemmas

To calculate  $J'_K(-1)$  we prepare some lemmas.

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $c_i \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^q X_i(c_i) = \prod_{i=p}^q (t^{-c_i} + 1 - t^{c_i})$$
(2a)

$$\sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^{q} X_i(c_i)|_{t=-1} = 1$$
 (2b)

$$\left(\sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^{q} X_i(c_i)\right)'(-1) = -2\sum_{i=p}^{q} c_i$$
(2c)

*Proof.* (2a) follows from

$$\{S(c_p) + U(c_p)\}\{S(c_{p+1}) + U(c_{p+1})\} \cdots \{S(c_q) + U(c_q)\}$$
  
=  $\sum_{X_p \in \{S,U\}} \sum_{X_{p+1} \in \{S,U\}} \cdots \sum_{X_q \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^q X_i(c_i)$   
=  $\sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^q X_i(c_i)$ 

and

$$S(c_i) + U(c_i) = (1 - t^{c_i}) + t^{-c_i} = t^{-c_i} + 1 - t^{c_i}.$$

(2b) is trivial from (2a).

(2c) follows from (2a) and

$$\left(\prod_{i=p}^{q} (t^{-c_i} + 1 - t^{c_i})\right)'(-1) = \sum_{i=p}^{q} (-c_i(-1)^{-c_i-1} - c_i(-1)^{c_i-1}) = \sum_{i=p}^{q} (-2c_i). \quad \Box$$

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The following are lemmas for calculations with Jones polynomials, so we adopt the convention  $(-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -i$ .

We often use the following in the proof of the lemmas:

$$\{(1+t)^2 f(t)\}'(-1) = 0, \{(1+t)f(t)\}'(-1) = f(-1).$$

**Lemma 5.2.** Let G(t) be a Laurent polynomial. Let d(t) denote  $-t^{-\frac{1}{2}}(1+t)$ . Let S(c), etc., be as in section 4.2. Then the following holds.

$$\{G(t)d(t)\}'(-1) = -iG(-1)$$
(3a)

$$\{T(c)G(t)\}'(-1) = 2|c|iG(-1)$$
(3b)

$$S(c)|_{t=-1} = P(c)|_{t=-1} = 2|c|$$
(3c)

$$\{T(c)d(t)G(t)\}'(-1) = 0$$
(3d)

$$(\{S(c)\}'(-1) = \{P(c)\}'(-1) = -c$$
(3e)

$$Q(c)|_{t=-1} = 2ci \tag{3f}$$

$$\{Q(c)\}'(-1) = 0 \tag{3g}$$

Let

$$\begin{split} V(p,q) &= \prod_{i=p}^{q} U(c_i), \\ W(p,q,r) &= \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=p}^{q-1} X_i(c_i) S(c_q) \prod_{j=q+1}^{r} U(c_j). \end{split}$$

Then we have

Lemma 5.3.

$$V(p,q)|_{t=-1} = f(p,q)$$
 (4a)

$$W(p,q,r)|_{t=-1} = g(q,r)$$
 (4b)

$$\{V(p,q)\}'(-1) = v(p,q)$$
(4c)

$$\{W(p,q,r)\}'(-1) = w(p,q,r)$$
(4d)
$$V(p,q) = V(q,q)$$
(4d)

$$\{V(p,q)P(c_{q+1})\}'(-1) = x(p,q)$$
(4e)

$$\{W(p,q,r)P(c_{r+1})\}'(-1) = y(p,q,r)$$
(4f)

Note that the right hand side of (4b) does not depend on p.

Proof. (4a) follows from

$$V(p,q) = \prod_{i=p}^{q} U(c_i) = \prod_{i=p}^{q} t^{-c_i}$$

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and

$$V(p,q)|_{t=-1} = \prod_{i=p}^{q} (-1)^{-c_i} = f(p,q).$$

(4b) follows from (2b), (3c), and (4a). (4c) follows from

$$\prod_{i=p}^{q} U(c_i) = \prod_{i=p}^{q} t^{-c_i} = t^{-\sum_{i=p}^{q} c_i}.$$

(4d) follows from (2b), (2c), (3c), (3e), (4a), and (4c).

## 6. Proof of Proposition 1.14

Now we begin to calculate  $J'_K(-1)$ .

Note that the first derivative at -1 of a Laurent polynomial which has  $(1+t)^2$  as a factor is 0. If at least two of  $X_i$ 's in a term of (1) in Proposition 3.1 are T, then the first derivative at -1 of the term is 0. In fact, let  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  be T. Then the term has  $T(c_i)T(c_j) = t^{-\frac{c_i}{2}}(1-t^{2c_i})t^{-\frac{c_j}{2}}(1-t^{2c_j})$  as a factor. So if  $c_i \neq 0$  and  $c_j \neq 0$ , the term has  $(1+t)^2$  as a factor. If at least one of  $c_i$  or  $c_j$  is 0, then the term is 0.

Thus, to calculate  $J'_K(-1)$ , it is enough to consider the terms of (1) in Proposition 4.1 without T and with a single T and calculation proceeds as follows: In [i-0]  $(1 \le i \le 5)$ , we consider the terms in  $J_i(t)$  without T. In [i-1], we consider the terms in  $J_i(t)$  with a single T. Moreover, [i-1] divides into [i-1-odd] and [i-1-even] in terms of position of the T being right or left. In [i-1-odd], we consider the terms with a single T which appears in  $X_{odd}$  (i.e. in the right). In [i-1-even], we consider the terms with a single T which appears in  $X_{even}$  (i.e. in the left).

**6.1.** We consider the part  $J_1(t)$  in Proposition 4.1.

**[1-0]** Picking up the terms without T from  $J_1(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^n X_i(c_i) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_n]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

$$[X_1,\ldots,X_n] \qquad (X_i \in \{S,U\});$$

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le n/2)$ . Precisely  $X_{2h-1} = S$ ,  $X_i \in \{S, U\}$   $(1 \le i \le 2h-2), X_j = U$   $(2h \le j \le n)$ .
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le n/2)$ . Precisely  $X_{2h} = S$ ,  $X_i \in \{S, U\}$   $(1 \le i \le 2h 1), X_j = U$   $(2h + 1 \le j \le n)$ .

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(3) [U, ..., U]. Precisely  $X_i = U \ (1 \le i \le n)$ .

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$  is as follows, where O is the trivial knot and  $\cup$  means the split sum. Note that in group **1** the link type does not depend on  $X_1, \cdots, X_{2h-2}$ :

1	$O \cup L(2h, n+1)$
2	0
3	0

For example  $[U, U, S, S, S, U] = O \cup L(6, 7)$  (see figure 12).

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is calculated as follows:

(1) The sum of the terms in this group is

$$\sum_{h=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2h-2} X_i(c_i) S(c_{2h-1}) \prod_{j=2h}^n U(c_j) J_{O \cup L(2h,n+1)}(t)$$
$$= \sum_{h=1}^{n/2} W(1, 2h-1, n) J_{L(2h,n+1)}(t) d(t).$$

By using (3a) and (4b), the derivative at -1 is  $E_1$ .

(2) The sum is

$$\sum_{h=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2h-1} X_i(c_i) S(c_{2h}) \prod_{j=2h+1}^n U(c_j) J_O(t) = \sum_{h=1}^{n/2} W(1,2h,n).$$

By using (4d), the derivative is  $F_1$ .

(3) The term is

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} U(c_i) J_O(t) = V(1, n).$$

By using (4c), the derivative is  $F_2$ .

**[1-1]** Picking up the terms with a single T from  $J_1(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_l) \prod_{i=l+1}^{n} X_i(c_i) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{l-1},T,X_{l+1},\dots,X_n]}(t).$$

We divide  $\sum_{1 \le l \le n}$  into two parts  $\sum_{l \text{ odd}} ([1-1-odd])$  and  $\sum_{l \text{ even}} ([1-1-even])$ .

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[1-1-odd] We consider the following terms (in which l is odd).

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-2} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k-1}) \prod_{i=2k}^n X_i(c_i) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-2},T,X_{2k},\dots,X_n]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

$$[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_n] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\});$$

 $[X_1,\ldots,X_{2k-2}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h-1, 2k-2),
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h, 2k-2),
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(1, 2k 2).

 $[X_{2k},\ldots,X_n]$  is divided into three groups:

(a)  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le n/2)$ : g(2r-1, n),

**(b)**  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k \le r \le n/2)$ : g(2r, n),

(c)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(2k, n).

(The reason why g, f are written there will be found in (1,b).)

Then we have nine groups (1,a)-(3,c). The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_n]$  is as follows, where each link in (1,a) and (1,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link:

	а	b	с
1		L(2h, 2k-1)	
2	L(2r, n+1)	RR(2h+1, 2k-1, 2r+1, n+1)	L(2k, n+1)
3	L(2r, n+1)	RR(1, 2k - 1, 2r + 1, n + 1)	L(2k, n+1)

As an example of (1,b), [S, U, T, S, U, S] = L(2,3) (see figure 13).

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is calculated as follows:

(1,b): The sum of the terms is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2h-2} X_i(c_i) S(c_{2h-1}) \prod_{j=2h}^{2k-2} U(c_j) T(c_{2k-1}) \cdot \prod_{i=2k}^{2r-1} X_i(c_i) S(c_{2r}) \prod_{j=2r+1}^n U(c_j) \times J_{L(2h,2k-1)}(t)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} W(1, 2h-1, 2k-2) T(c_{2k-1}) W(2k, 2r, n) J_{L(2h,2k-1)}(t).$$

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By using (3b) and (4b), the derivative is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} g(2h-1, 2k-2)(2i) |c_{2k-1}| g(2r, n)(2i) l(2h, 2k-1)$$
$$= -4 \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} \sum_{r=k}^{n/2} g(2h-1, 2k-2) |c_{2k-1}| g(2r, n) l(2h, 2k-1).$$

This is  $E_2$ .

As we see from this calculation, we can calculate the derivative of the terms with a single T automatically by the following procedure:

$$\underbrace{[X_{1}, \dots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \dots, U, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \dots, U]}_{\mathbf{1}}_{\mathbf{0}} = L(2h, 2k-1)$$

$$g(2h-1, 2k-2) \quad (2i)|c_{2k-1}| \quad g(2r, n) \quad (2i)l(2h, 2k-1)$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{k} -4g(2h-1, 2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|g(2r, n)l(2h, 2k-1).$$

By summing up we have  $E_2$ .

By using this procedure we have the following, where each link in (1,a) and (1,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link, and hence by using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1,n)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, n)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k, n)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-2)$	0	$E_2$	0
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-2)$	$E_3$	$E_4$	$E_5$
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 2)$	$E_6$	$E_7$	$E_8$

[1-1-even] We consider the following terms (in which l is even).

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k}) \prod_{i=2k+1}^n X_i(c_i) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-1},T,X_{2k+1},\dots,X_n]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

 $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \dots, X_n] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}).$ 

 $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}]$  is divided into three groups:

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(1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k)$ : g(2h-1, 2k-1), (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h, 2k-1), (3)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(1, 2k-1).

 $[X_{2k+1},\ldots,X_n]$  is divided into three groups:

- (a)  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le n/2)$ : g(2r-1, n),
- **(b)**  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le n/2)$ : g(2r, n),
- (c)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(2k+1, n).

Then we have nine groups (1,a)–(3,c). The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_n]$  is as follows, where each link in (2,a) and (3,a) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link:

	a	b	с
1	L(2r, n+1)	L(2h, 2k, 2r+1, n+1)	L(2h, n+1)
2		R(2h+1,2k)	R(2h+1,2k)
3		R(1,2k)	R(1,2k)

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is as follows:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1,n)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, n)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k+1, n)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-1)$	$E_9$	$E_{10}$	$E_{11}$
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-1)$	0	$E_{12}$	$E_{13}$
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 1)$	0	$E_{14}$	$E_{15}$

Each link in (2,a) and (3,a) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.

**6.2.** We consider the part  $J_2(t)$  in Proposition 4.1.

**[2-0]** Picking up the terms without T from  $J_2(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2j-2},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

$$[X_1, \cdots, X_{2j-2}, P]$$
  $(X_i \in \{S, U\}):$ 

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, P] = O \cup L(2h, 2j-1) \quad (1 \le h \le j-1),$
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, P] = O \quad (1 \le h \le j-1),$
- (3)  $[U, \cdots, U, P] = O.$

The sum of the terms in each group and its derivative at -1 are as follows:

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- (1)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} W(1, 2h-1, 2j-2) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{L(2h, 2j-1)}(t) d(t)$ . The derivative is  $E_{16}$ .
- (2)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} W(1, 2h, 2j-2) P(c_{2j-1})$ . By using (4f), the derivative is  $F_3$ .
- (3)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} V(1,2j-2)P(c_{2j-1})$ . By using (4e), the derivative is  $F_4$ .

[2-1] Picking up the terms with a single T from  $J_2(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{l=1}^{2j-2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_l) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=l+1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{l-1},T,X_{l+1},\dots,X_{2j-2},P]}(t).$$

[2-1-odd] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is odd).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-2} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k-1}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-2},T,X_{2k},\dots,X_{2j-2},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

$$[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, P] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$$

 $[X_1,\ldots,X_{2k-2}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1); g(2h-1, 2k-2),$
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U] \ (1 \le h \le k-1); \ g(2h, 2k-2),$
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U]; f(1, 2k 2).$

 $[X_{2k},\ldots,X_{2j-2}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (a)  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j-1); g(2r-1, 2j-2),$
- (b)  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k \le r \le j-1); g(2r, 2j-2),$
- (c)  $[U, \ldots, U]; f(2k, 2j 2).$

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, P]$  is as follows, where each link in (1,a) and (1,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link:

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	a	b	с
1		L(2h, 2k-1)	
<b>2</b>	L(2r, 2j-1)	RR(2h+1, 2k-1, 2r+1, 2j-1)	L(2k, 2j-1)
3	L(2r, 2j-1)	RR(1, 2k - 1, 2r + 1, 2j - 1)	L(2k, 2j-1)

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is as follows:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1, 2j-2)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, 2j - 2)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k, 2j - 2)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-2)$	0	$E_{17}$	0
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-2)$	$E_{18}$	$E_{19}$	$E_{20}$
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 2)$	$E_{21}$	$E_{22}$	$E_{23}$

Each link in (1,a) and (1,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.

[2-1-even] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is even).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k}) \cdot \prod_{i=2k+1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-1},T,X_{2k+1},\dots,X_{2j-2},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

 $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, P] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$ 

 $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k)$ : g(2h 1, 2k 1),
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h, 2k-1),
- (3)  $[U, \cdots, U]$ : f(1, 2k 1).

 $[X_{2k+1},\ldots,X_{2j-2}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (a)  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j-1)$ : g(2r-1, 2j-2),
- (b)  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j-1)$ : g(2r, 2j-2),
- (c)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(2k+1, 2j-2).

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, P]$  is as follows, where each link in (2,a) and (3,a) bounds a disconnected Seifert surface:

	а	b	С
1	L(2r, 2j-1)	L(2h, 2k, 2r+1, 2j-1)	L(2h, 2j-1)
2		R(2h+1,2k)	R(2h+1,2k)
3		R(1,2k)	R(1,2k)

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The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is as follows:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1, 2j-2)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, 2j - 2)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k+1, 2j-2)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-1)$	$E_{24}$	$E_{25}$	$E_{26}$
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-1)$	0	$E_{27}$	$E_{28}$
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 1)$	0	$E_{29}$	$E_{30}$

Each link in (2,a) and (3,a) bounds a disconnected Seifert surface (see figure 14 for an example of (2,a)), so the Alexander polynomial is 0 (cf. [7, Proposition 6.14]), and then the Jones polynomial evaluated at -1 is 0. Hence the derivative is 0.

**6.3.** We consider the part  $J_3(t)$  in Proposition 4.1.

**[3-0]** Picking up the terms without T from  $J_3(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2j-1},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

 $[X_1, \dots, X_{2j-1}, P]$   $(X_i \in \{S, U\}):$ 

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, P] = O \ (1 \le h \le j),$
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, P] = O \cup L(2h+1, 2j) \ (1 \le h \le j-1),$
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U, P] = O \cup L(1, 2j).$

The sum of the terms in each group and its derivative at -1 are as follows:

- (1)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j} W(1, 2h-1, 2j-1) P(c_{2j})$ . The derivative is  $F_5$ .
- (2)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} W(1, 2h, 2j-1) P(c_{2j}) J_{L(2h+1, 2j)}(t) d(t)$ . The derivative is  $E_{31}$ .
- (3)  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} V(1,2j-1)P(c_{2j})J_{L(1,2j)}(t)d(t)$ . The derivative is  $E_{32}$ .

**[3-1]** Picking up the terms with a single T from  $J_3(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{l=1}^{2j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U,\}} \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_l) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=l+1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{l-1},T,X_{l+1},\dots,X_{2j-1},P]}(t).$$

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**[3-1-odd**] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is odd).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-2} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k-1}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-2},T,X_{2k},\dots,X_{2j-1},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

 $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_{2j-1}, P] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$ 

 $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-2}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h-1, 2k-2),
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$ : g(2h, 2k-2),
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(1, 2k 2).

 $[X_{2k},\ldots,X_{2j-1}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (a)  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j)$ : g(2r-1, 2j-1),
- **(b)**  $[X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k \le r \le j-1)$ : g(2r, 2j-1),
- (c)  $[U, \dots, U]$ : f(2k, 2j 1).

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, P]$  is as follows, where each link in (1,b) bounds a disconnected Seifert surface:

	a	b	с
1	L(2h, 2k-1)		L(2h, 2k-1)
2	R(2h+1, 2k-1, 2r, 2j)	R(2r+1,2j)	R(2h+1,2j)
3	R(1,2k-1,2r,2j)	R(2r+1,2j)	R(1,2j)

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is as follows:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1, 2j-1)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, 2j - 1)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k, 2j - 1)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-2)$	$E_{33}$	0	$E_{34}$
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-2)$	$E_{35}$	$E_{36}$	$E_{37}$
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 2)$	$E_{38}$	$E_{39}$	$E_{40}$

Each link in (1,b) bounds a disconnected Seifert surface, so the Alexander polynomial is 0, and then the Jones polynomial evaluated at -1 is 0. Hence the derivative is 0.

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**[3-1-even**] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is even).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k+1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) P(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-1},T,X_{2k+1},\dots,X_{2j-1},P]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into nine groups by the link type of

 $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \dots, X_{2j-1}, P] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$ 

 $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-1}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(1 \le h \le k)$ : g(2h 1, 2k 1),
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U] \ (1 \le h \le k-1): \ g(2h, 2k-1),$
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U]$ : f(1, 2k 1).

 $[X_{2k+1},\ldots,X_{2j-1}]$  is divided into three groups:

- (a)  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-2}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j)$ : g(2r-1, 2j-1),
- **(b)**  $[X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2r-1}, S, U, \ldots, U]$   $(k+1 \le r \le j-1)$ : g(2r, 2j-1),
- (c)  $[U, \dots, U]$ : f(2k+1, 2j-1).

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, P]$  is as follows, where each link in (2,b), (2,c), (3,b), (3,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link:

	a	b	С
1	LL(2h, 2k, 2r, 2j)	R(2r+1,2j)	R(2k+1,2j)
2	R(2h+1,2k)		
3	R(1,2k)		

The derivative at -1 of the sum of the terms in each group is as follows:

	<b>a</b> : $g(2r-1, 2j-1)$	<b>b</b> : $g(2r, 2j - 1)$	<b>c</b> : $f(2k+1, 2j-1)$
<b>1</b> : $g(2h-1, 2k-1)$	$E_{41}$	$E_{42}$	$E_{43}$
<b>2</b> : $g(2h, 2k-1)$	$E_{44}$	0	0
<b>3</b> : $f(1, 2k - 1)$	$E_{45}$	0	0

Each link in (2,b), (2,c), (3,b), (3,c) is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.

**6.4.** We consider the part  $J_4(t)$  in Proposition 4.1.

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**[4-0]** Picking up the terms without T from  $J_4(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t).$$

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q], X_i \in \{S, U\}$ , is the 2-component trivial link. So we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i)Q(c_{2j-1})d(t).$$

By using (3a), (2b), and (3f), the derivative at -1 is  $F_6$ .

[4-1] Picking up the terms with a single T from  $J_4(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{l=1}^{2j-2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_l) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=l+1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{l-1},T,X_{l+1},\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t).$$

**[4-1-odd**] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is odd).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-2} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k-1}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-2},T,X_{2k},\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

$$[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, Q] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$$

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q] = O \ (1 \le h \le k-1).$ So the sum of the terms is

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{h=1}^{k-1} W(1, 2h, 2k-2) T(c_{2k-1}) \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-2} (t^{-c_i} + 1 - t^{c_i}) Q(c_{2j-1}).$$

The derivative is  $F_7$ .

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(3)  $[U, ..., U, T, X_{2k}, ..., X_{2j-2}, Q] = O$ . So the sum of the terms is

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} V(1, 2k-2) T(c_{2k-1}) \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-2} (t^{-c_i} + 1 - t^{c_i}) Q(c_{2j-1}).$$

The derivative is  $F_8$ .

[4-1-even] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is even).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k+1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-1},T,X_{2k+1},\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

$$[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, Q] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$$

- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q] = O \ (1 \le h \le k).$ As in (2) in [4-1-odd], the derivative of the terms is  $F_9$ .
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q]$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.

**6.5.** We consider the part  $J_5(t)$  in Proposition 4.1.

**[5-0]** Picking up the terms without T from  $J_5(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2j-1},Q]}(t).$$

The link type of  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, Q], X_i \in \{S, U\}$  is the 2-component trivial link. So we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j}) d(t).$$

By using (3a), (2b), and (3f), the derivative is  $F_{10}$ .

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**[5-1]** Picking up the terms with a single T from  $J_5(t)$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{l=1}^{2j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{l-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_l) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=l+1}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{l-1},T,X_{l+1},\dots,X_{2j-1},Q]}(t).$$

[5-1-odd] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is odd).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-2} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k-1}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k}^{2j-1} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-2},T,X_{2k},\dots,X_{2j-1},Q]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

- $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-2}, T, X_{2k}, \dots, X_{2j-1}, Q] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$
- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, Q]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.
- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, Q] = O \ (1 \le h \le k-1).$ The derivative of the terms is  $F_{11}$ .
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k}, \ldots, X_{2j-1}, Q] = O$ . The derivative of the terms is  $F_{12}$ .
- [5-1-even] We consider the following terms (in which *l* is even).

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \sum_{X_i \in \{S,U\}} \prod_{i=1}^{2k-1} X_i(c_i) T(c_{2k}) \\ \cdot \prod_{i=2k+1}^{2j-2} X_i(c_i) Q(c_{2j-1}) J_{[X_1,\dots,X_{2k-1},T,X_{2k+1},\dots,X_{2j-2},Q]}(t).$$

We divide these terms into three groups by the link type of

- $[X_1, \dots, X_{2k-1}, T, X_{2k+1}, \dots, X_{2j-2}, Q] \qquad (X_i \in \{S, U\}):$
- (1)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-2}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q] = O \ (1 \le h \le k).$ The derivative of the terms is  $F_{13}$ .

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- (2)  $[X_1, \ldots, X_{2h-1}, S, U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q]$   $(1 \le h \le k-1)$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.
- (3)  $[U, \ldots, U, T, X_{2k+1}, \ldots, X_{2j-2}, Q]$  is a split link which consists of the trivial knot and some link. By using (3d) the derivative of the terms is 0.

This completes the proof of Proposition 1.14.

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# Appendix: Some properties of the derivative

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Let  $K, c_1, \dots, c_n, A_i, A_{i,j}$  and B be as in Proposition 1.14 and Theorem 1.15 in section 1. Then we have

**Proposition A.**  $A_{i,j}$  is divisible by 16 for any i, j.

**Proposition B.**  $A_1 = A_2 = \cdots = A_{n+1} = 2\Delta_K(-1) - 2.$ 

**Proposition C.** Moreover, if we suppose that  $\Delta_K(-1) = 1$ , then

- (i)  $A_{i,j}$  is divisible by 48 for any i, j.
- (ii)  $A_i = 0$  for all *i*.
- (iii) B is divisible by 24.

Proof of Proposition A. By Theorem 1.15 in section 1,

$$\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n+1} A_{i,j} \alpha_{i,j} + \sum_{1 \le i \le n+1} A_i \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^{45} E_i.$$

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Figure 15

By the explicit formula for  $E_i$  in Proposition 1.14 in section 1,

$$E_{1} + E_{8} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} g(2k-1,n)l(2k,n+1) + (-4) \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} f(1,2k-2)|c_{2k-1}|f(2k,n)l(2k,n+1)$$

$$= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} |c_{2k-1}| \prod_{j=2k}^{n} (-1)^{-c_{j}} l(2k,n+1)$$

$$- 4 \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \prod_{j=1}^{2k-2} (-1)^{-c_{j}} |c_{2k-1}| \prod_{j=2k}^{n} (-1)^{-c_{j}} l(2k,n+1)$$

$$= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{n/2} \prod_{j=2k}^{n} (-1)^{-c_{j}} |c_{2k-1}| \{1 - \prod_{j=1}^{2k-2} (-1)^{-c_{j}}\} l(2k,n+1).$$

By definition of l(p,q), the coefficient of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in l(p,q) has 2 as a factor. Moreover  $1 - \prod_{j=1}^{2k-2} (-1)^{-c_j} = 0$  or 2. Hence the coefficient of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in  $E_1 + E_8$  has 16 as a factor. Similarly the coefficient of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in  $E_{15} + E_{32}$  has 16 as a factor.

By definition g(q, r) has 2 as a factor and the coefficient of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in l(p,q), l(p,q,r,s) has 2 as a factor. Hence the coefficient of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  in  $E_k$   $(k \neq 1, 8, 15, 32)$  has 16 as a factor. This completes the proof.

Proof of Proposition B. Let  $K_0$ ,  $K_i$   $(i = 1, \dots, n+1)$  denote the knot obtained from K as follows: K,  $K_0$ , and  $K_i$  are identical except for the big rectangle where they are as shown in figure 15. All subbands in the big rectangle of  $K_0$  are untwisted and unlinked. All subbands in the big rectangle of  $K_i$  are unlinked. The *i*-th subband in the big rectangle of  $K_i$  is the only

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one full twisted and the other subbands are untwisted. Then it follows from Theorem 1.15 in section 1 that  $J'_{K_0}(-1) = B$ ,  $J'_{K_i}(-1) = B + A_i$ . Note that the  $K_i$ 's are all equivalent. Hence  $A_1 = A_2 = \cdots = A_{n+1}$ .

By using the skein relation for the Jones polynomial, we have

$$J_{K_0}(t) = t^2 J_{K_1}(t) + (1 - t^2)$$

and

$$J'_{K_0}(-1) = -2J_{K_1}(-1) + J'_{K_1}(-1) + 2.$$

Since the Alexander polynomial of ribbon knot of 1-fusion is determined by  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ ,

$$\Delta_{K_0}(t) = \Delta_{K_1}(t) = \Delta_K(t)$$

and

$$J_{K_1}(-1) = \Delta_{K_1}(-1) = \Delta_K(-1).$$

Hence we have

$$B = -2\Delta_K(-1) + (B + A_1) + 2.$$

That is,

$$A_1 = 2\Delta_K(-1) - 2.$$

*Proof of Proposition C.* (ii) immediately follows from Proposition B. To prove (i) and (iii), we use the following fact that is a consequence to a result in [11].

Let K be a ribbon knot with 
$$\Delta_K(-1) = 1$$
. Then  $J'_K(-1)$  is divisible by 24. (\*)

By [11, Theorem 5.1], the Casson invariant of  $\Sigma_2(K)$  is equal to  $-J'_K(-1)/12$ . Since mod 2 reduction of the Casson invariant is equal to the Rochlin invariant ([1]), we have (\*).

We return to the proof of Proposition C. Note that  $K_0$  is also a ribbon knot and  $\Delta_{K_0}(-1) = \Delta_K(-1) = 1$ . Hence by (\*)  $J'_{K_0}(-1)$  is divisible by 24, and (iii) is proved.

Let  $K_{i,j}$  denote the knot obtained from K as follows: K and  $K_{i,j}$  are identical except for the big rectangle where they are as shown in figure 16. All subbands in the big rectangle of  $K_{i,j}$ , except the *i*-th subband and the *j*-th subband, are untwisted and unlinked. The *i*-th subband and the *j*-th subband are linked with relative linking number one.

By Theorem 1.15 in section 1 again,  $J'_{K_{i,j}}(-1) = B + A_{i,j}$ . By (\*),  $B + A_{i,j}$  is divisible by 24. Hence by (iii),  $A_{i,j}$  is divisible by 24. By Proposition A,  $A_{i,j}$  is also divisible by 16. Hence  $A_{i,j}$  is divisible by 48. Thus (i) is proved.

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# $K_{i,i}$

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