

# Free Cumulants For Random Tensors

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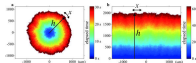


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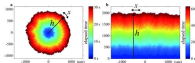
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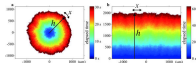
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Lately – increased efforts to generalize “freeness” to tensors

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$(132) \rightarrow \{\{1, \bar{3}\}, \{3, \bar{2}\}, \{2, \bar{1}\}\}, \quad (1)(2)(3) \rightarrow \{\{1, \bar{1}\}, \{2, \bar{2}\}, \{3, \bar{3}\}\},$

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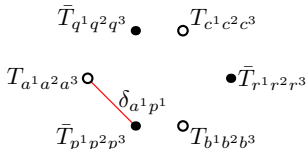
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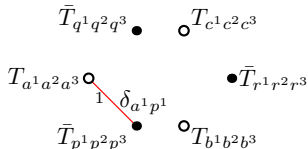
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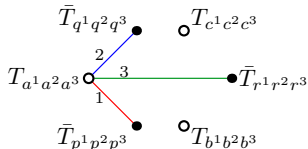
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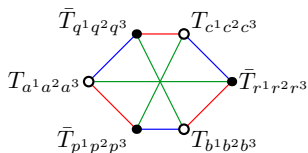
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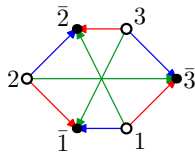
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White (black) vertices for  $T$  ( $\bar{T}$ ).

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## Main Message

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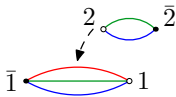
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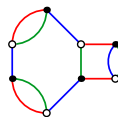
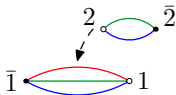
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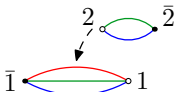




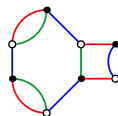
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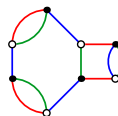
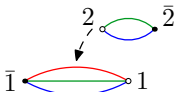
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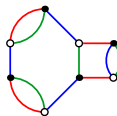
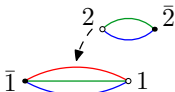
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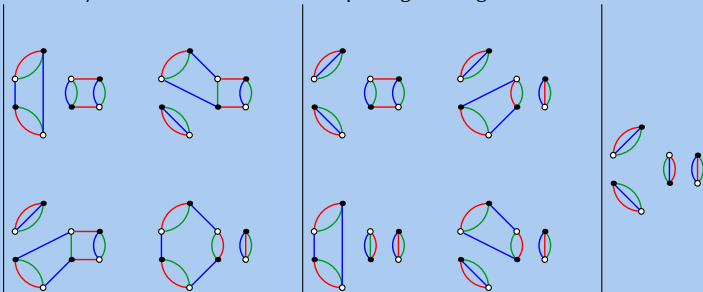
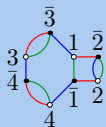
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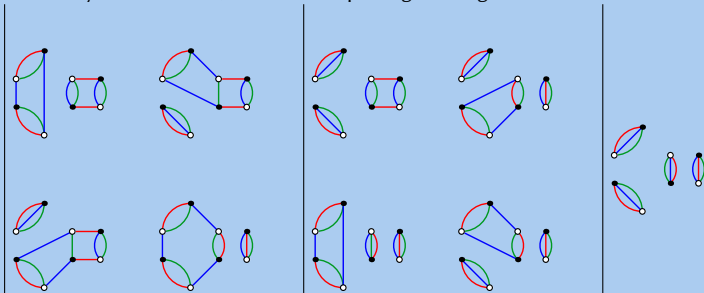
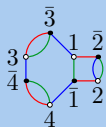
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