

# Calculating the 3- and 4-tangles

This text documents using R to compute the explicit polynomial form of the “3-tangle” and “4-tangle” discussed in <http://arxiv.org/abs/1211.3461>. The main purpose of this code is to verify that the 3-tangle has 1,152 monomial terms while the 4-tangle has 431,424. The calculation of the 3-tangle takes seconds, while the calculation for the 4-tangle will take between 4-7 hours.

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Depends: Windows operating system.  
R package: “fastmatch” (<http://cran.r-project.org/>).

Due to memory constraints on a standard machine, the calculation proceeds in 24 batches from Windows cmd line.

The 4-tangle is a degree 8 polynomial in 64 variables. The variables are given as an array  $X_{ijk}$  where  $i, j, k$  range from 1 to 4. In the code we represent  $ijk$  as a unique 2-digit integer in the range 10 to 73 and express the degree 8 monomials as the integer obtained, after ordering, by concatenation.

i.e.,  $X_{111} \rightarrow 10$ ,  $X_{112} \rightarrow 11$ ,  $X_{113} \rightarrow 12$ , ...,  $X_{443} \rightarrow 72$ ,  $X_{444} \rightarrow 73$

$X_{111}(X_{112})^2 X_{113} X_{443} (X_{444})^3 \rightarrow 1011111272737373$

The representation of the 3-tangle is analogous.

## Files

*reduceFunction.r* Single function “reduce()” that reduces polynomials (i.e. adds like terms). Depends on “fastmatch” package (otherwise is extremely slow).

## 3-tangle

*3tangleCODE.r* The R code that computes the 3-tangle (depends on “reduce” function, see above).

*3tangle.r* The final form of the 3-tangle.

## 4-tangle

*.bat* .bat file that points to the R executables. This file may need modification depending upon R installation file.

*winCMD.r* Contains the 24 (identical) lines to paste to the Windows command line.

*singlebatchCMD.r* The R code that controls each batch.

<i>ilbatch.r</i>	Text file containing a single integer that tracks the batches. Must be initialized to 0.
<i>tangleBatch.r</i>	The R code that, for each batched part, computes the 4-tangle.
<i>monos1.r, monos2.r</i>	The monomial terms for each batched part of the 4-tangle.
<i>cofs1.r, cofs2.r ...</i>	The coefficients for <i>monos1.r, monos2.r etc.</i>
<i>finalReduce.r</i>	The R code that reads in each batched part and computes the final form of the 4-tangle.
<i>4tangle.r</i>	The final form of the 4-tangle.