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ABSTRACT. Let \mathcal{A} be a line arrangement in the complex projective plane \mathbb{P}^2 . We consider the boundary manifold, defined as the boundary of a close regular neighborhood of \mathcal{A} in \mathbb{P}^2 and study the inclusion map on the complement. We give an explicit method to compute the map induced on the fundamental groups. This extends the work of E.Hironaka [6] on the homotopy type of the complement of (complexified) real arrangements to any complex arrangement.

1. Introduction

Line arrangements are finite collections of complex lines in the projective space \mathbb{P}^2 . The fundamental group of their complement provides a rich invariant of their embedding, extensively studied. Rybnikov showed in particular that it is not in general of combinatorial nature, see [2, 9]. For a given arrangement \mathcal{A} , we consider its boundary manifold $M(\mathcal{A})$, defined as the boundary of a closed regular neighborhood in \mathbb{P}^2 . Our aim is to describe explicitly the inclusion map on the complement $E(\mathcal{A})$ and the map induced on their fundamental groups. This generalises the work of E. Hironaka [6] on the homotopy type of complements of (complexified) real arrangements to any complex arrangement.

The fundamental group of $E(\mathcal{A})$ can be computed from the Zariski-Van Kampen method, adapted by W. Arvola, see [3]. The method involves the braid monodromy of the arrangement, determined by using braided wiring diagrams [4]. On the other hand, the boundary manifold $M(\mathcal{A})$ is a compact graph manifold, in the sense of F. Waldhausen [10], modeled on the incidence graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$. Its fundamental group can be computed from this description, see for example [5]. E. Hironaka [6] unifies these approaches and describes the map $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A})) \to \pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$ from an embedding of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ in $M(\mathcal{A})$, induced by a choice of a wiring diagram. We extend this construction to any complex arrangement, and give an explicit algorithm to compute this map in general. We focus our attention to a particular family of generators of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$, coming from cycles of the graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$. For real arrangements, they span the kernel of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A})) \to \pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$. We show that this is no longer the case for any complex arrangement and we describe how they retract to product of meridians of the lines.

Let us mention that the work of E.Artal [1] on the essential coordinate components of the characteristic varieties of an arrangement were one motivation for developing this method, required for the computation of special characters of the fundamental group (see in particular [1] Section 5.4).

In Section 2, we recall the basics on combinatorics of arrangements. We construct the boundary manifold $M(\mathcal{A})$ from the incidence graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ and give a presentation of its fundamental group. The Section 3 is devoted to the complement $E(\mathcal{A})$ and the calculation of the fundamental group from the braided wiring diagram. In

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Section 4, we present the method to compute the map induced by the inclusion on fundamental groups. We obtain a description of the homotopy type of the exterior where the boundary manifold appears explicitly. In the last Section 5, we illustrate the method with the example of MacLane arrangement.

We sometimes use both projective and affine point of views on arrangements. For a given arrangement \mathcal{A} in \mathbb{P}^2 with n+1 lines, the line L_0 will denote the arbitrary choice of the line at infinity. The arrangement $\mathcal{A} - L_0$ in $\mathbb{P}^2 - L_0 \simeq \mathbb{C}^2$ is an affine arrangement with n lines.

Along the different sections, the notions and computations are illustrated with the *didactic* example described by the following equations:

$$L_0 = \{z = 0\}, L_1 = \{-(i+2)x + (2i+3)y = 0\}, L_2 = \{-x + (i+2)y = 0\},$$

 $L_3 = \{-x + 3y + iz = 0\}, L_4 = \{-x + (2i+2)y = 0\}.$

2. The boundary manifold

The boundary manifold M(A) is the boundary of a closed regular neighborhood of A, which can be constructed as a subcomplex of a triangulation of \mathbb{P}^2 -the closed star of A in the second barycentric subdivision. This is a compact connected, oriented graph 3-manifold, modeled on the incidence graph. In particular, it is combinatorially determined: any isomorphism of the incidence graph induces an isomorphism of the graph manifolds [6].

2.1. Incidence graph.

Let \mathcal{A} be an arrangement with set of singular points \mathcal{Q} . The incidence graph encodes the combinatorial information on \mathcal{A} , see [8] for details. For $P \in \mathcal{Q}$, let us denote $\mathcal{A}_P = \{\ell \in \mathcal{A} \mid P \in \ell\}$. The number $m_P = \#A_P \geq 2$ is called the *multiplicity* of P.

Definition 2.1. The *incidence graph* $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ of \mathcal{A} is a non-oriented bipartite graph where the set of vertices $V(\mathcal{A})$ decomposes as $V_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{A}) \coprod V_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{A})$, where

$$V_P(\mathcal{A}) = \{v_P \mid P \in \mathcal{Q}\}, \quad V_L(\mathcal{A}) = \{v_L \mid L \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

The vertices of $V_P(A)$ are called *point-vertices* and those of $V_L(A)$ are called *line-vertices*. The edges of Γ_A join v_L to v_P if and only if $L \in A_P$. They are denoted e(L, P).

A morphism between incidence graphs is a morphism of graphs preserving the vertex labelings, which send elements of $V_P(\mathcal{A})$ (resp. $V_L(\mathcal{A})$) to elements of $V_P(\mathcal{A})$ (resp. $V_L(\mathcal{A})$).

The incidence graph of the didactic example is pictured in Figure 1.

2.2. Fundamental group of M(A).

The fundamental group of M(A) is the group associated to the incidence graph, see [11], [5]. Two types of generators naturally appear: the *meridians* of the lines and the cycles related to the graph.

Definition 2.2. Let L be a line in \mathbb{P}^2 , and $b \in \mathbb{P}^2 - L$. A homotopy class $\alpha \in \pi_1(P^2 \setminus L, b)$ is called a *meridian of* L if α has a representative δ satisfying the following properties:

- there is a smooth complex analytic disc $\Delta \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ transverse to L such that $\Delta \cap L = \{b'\} \subset L$;
- there is a path a in $\mathbb{P}^2 L$ from b to $b' \in \partial \Delta$;
- $\delta = a.\beta.a^{-1}$, where β is the closed path based in b' given by $\partial \Delta$ (in the positive direction).

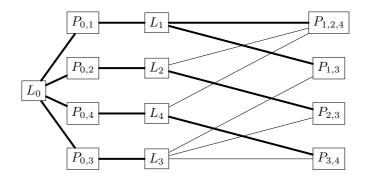


FIGURE 1. Incidence graph of the didactic example

Choose arbitrarily a line L_0 of the arrangement. Note that the meridian of L_0 is a product of meridians of the lines of \mathcal{A} , in $\mathbb{P}^2 - \mathcal{A}$. Let \mathcal{P} be the set of singular points of the affine arrangement $\mathcal{A} - L_0$.

Definition 2.3. A cycle of the incidence graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ is an element of $\pi_1(\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}, v_{L_0})$.

We construct a generating system \mathscr{E} of cycles of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ as follows. Let \mathcal{T} be the maximal tree of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ containing the following edges:

- e(L, P) for all $P \in L_0$, and $L \in \mathcal{A}$;
- $e(L_{\nu(P)}, P)$ for all $P \in \mathcal{P}$ and $\nu(P) = \min\{j \mid L_i \in \mathcal{A}_P\}.$

The maximal tree \mathcal{T} of the didactic example is given by bold edges in Figure 1. An edge in $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}} - \mathcal{T}$ is of the form $e(L_j, P)$, with $P \in \mathcal{P}$ and $L_j \in \mathcal{A} - L_0$. By definition of a maximal tree, there exists a unique path $\lambda_{P,j}$ in \mathcal{T} joining v_P and v_{L_j} . The unique cycle of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ containing only the three vertices v_{L_0} , $v_{L_{\nu(P)}}$ and v_{L_j} is denoted:

$$\xi_{\nu(P),j} = \lambda_{P,j} \cup e(L_j, P).$$

Let \mathscr{E} be the set of cycles of Γ_A of the form $\xi_{s,t}$. To each $\xi_{s,t}$ in \mathscr{E} will correspond an element of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$, that we denote $\varepsilon_{s,t}$.

Notation 2.4. We denote $[a_1, \ldots, a_m]$ the equality of all the cyclic commutators

$$\{a_1\cdots a_m, a_2\cdots a_m a_1, \cdots, a_m a_1 \dots a_{m-1}\}.$$

Proposition 2.5. For $i=1,\ldots,n$, let α_i be the meridians of the lines L_i , and let $\{\varepsilon_{s,t}\}$ be a set indexed by \mathscr{E} . For any singular point $P=L_{i_1}\cap L_{i_2}\cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m}$ with multiplicity m and $i_1=\nu(P)$, let

$$\mathcal{R}_P = [\alpha_{i_m}^{c_{i_m}}, \cdots, \alpha_{i_2}^{c_{i_2}}, \alpha_{i_1}], \text{ where } c_{i_j} = \varepsilon_{i_1, i_j} \text{ for all } j = 2, \cdots, m.$$

The fundamental group of the boundary manifold M(A) admits the following presentation:

$$\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A})) = <\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n, \varepsilon_{s_1,t_1}, \cdots, \varepsilon_{s_l,t_l} \mid \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{R}_P, >.$$

It is worth noticing that the $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ are not uniquely defined (see details in the proof).

Proof. The presentation follows from a plumbing description of a tubular neighborhood of \mathcal{A} . For every singular point P of \mathcal{A} , consider a 4-ball \mathbb{B}_P centered in P. Let $F = \mathcal{A} - (\coprod_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} (\mathcal{A} \cap \mathbb{B}_P))$ be the surface

obtained by removing discs from the \mathbb{B}_P 's. One sees that F is a union $\prod_{k=0}^n F_k$ where each F_k corresponds to the line L_k of \mathcal{A} . Let $\mathcal{N}_k = F_k \times S^1$ whose boundary is a union of disjoint tori. Then $M(\mathcal{A})$ is obtained by identifications of the $\mathcal{S}_P = \partial(\mathbb{B}_P) \setminus (\partial \mathbb{B}_P \cap \mathcal{A})$, with $P \in \mathcal{Q}$, and the \mathcal{N}_k 's.

We have the following presentations of the fundamental groups of the \mathcal{N}_k and \mathcal{S}_P :

- If g_i are generators of $\pi_1(F_k)$, and α_k is the meridian of L_k , then, for $\mathcal{Q} \cap L_k = \{P_{k_1}, \cdots, P_{k_l}\}$:

$$\pi_1(\mathcal{N}_k) = \langle g_{k_1}, \cdots, g_{k_l}, \alpha_k \mid \forall i \in \{k_1, \cdots, k_l\}, \ \alpha_k^{-1} g_i \alpha_k = g_i \rangle$$

- For each singular point $P = L_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m} \in \mathcal{Q}$ of multiplicity m, if y_{i_1}, \ldots, y_{i_m} are the 'local' meridians of the line L_i in \mathbb{B}_P , then

$$\pi_1(S_P) = \langle y_{k_1}, \cdots, y_{k_m} \mid [y_{k_m}, \cdots, y_{k_1}] \rangle$$

We apply Seifert-Van Kampen's theorem to the union of all \mathcal{S}_P and \mathcal{N}_k to obtain the result. Note that if $P_i \in L_j$, then the meridian α_j is identified with y_j and g_i with the product of the generator of $\pi_1(\mathcal{S}_P)$ different of y_i . The new generators $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ appear with the gluing, in correspondence with the cycles $\xi_{s,t}$ of the graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Example 2.6. The fundamental group of the didactic example boundary manifold is:

$$<\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\alpha_3,\alpha_4,\varepsilon_{1,2},\varepsilon_{1,3},\varepsilon_{1,4},\varepsilon_{2,3},\varepsilon_{3,4} \mid [\alpha_4^{\varepsilon_{1,4}},\alpha_2^{\varepsilon_{1,2}},\alpha_1], [\alpha_3^{\varepsilon_{1,3}},\alpha_1], [\alpha_3^{\varepsilon_{3,4}},\alpha_4], [\alpha_3^{\varepsilon_{2,3}},\alpha_2]>.$$

3. The complement

Let E(A) be the complement of a tubular neighborhood of A. As before, we choice arbitrarily a line L_0 , and let \mathbb{C}^2 be $\mathbb{P}^2 - L_0$.

3.1. Braided wiring diagrams.

Consider a linear projection $\pi: \mathbb{C}^2 \to \mathbb{C}$, generic in the sense that:

- For all $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$, the restriction of $\pi_{|L_i|}$ is a homeomorphism.
- Each multiple point lie in a different fiber of π .

We suppose that the points $x_i = \pi(P_i)$ have distinct real parts, and that we can order the points of $\pi(\mathcal{P})$ by increasing real parts, so that $Re(x_1) < Re(x_2) \cdots < Re(x_k)$. A smooth path $\gamma : [0,1] \to \mathbb{C}$ emanating from x_0 with $Re(x_0) < Re(x_1)$, passing through x_1, \dots, x_k in order, and horizontal in a neighborhood of each x_i is said to be *admissible*.

Definition 3.1. The braided wiring diagram associated to an admissible path γ is defined by :

$$W_{\mathcal{A}} = \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \mid \exists t \in [0, 1], \ p(x, y) = \gamma(t) \ \}.$$

The trace $\omega_i = W_A \cap L_i$ is called the *wire* associated to the line L_i .

Note that if \mathcal{A} is a real complexified arrangement, then $\gamma = [x_0 - \eta, x_k + \eta] \subset \mathbb{R}$; and $W_{\mathcal{A}} \simeq \mathcal{A} \cap \mathbb{R}^2$.

Remark 3.2.

- i) The braided wiring diagram depends on the path γ , and on the projection π .
- ii) The set of singular points \mathcal{P} is contained in $W_{\mathcal{A}}$.

We re-index the lines L_1, \dots, L_n such that:

$$I_i < I_j \iff i < j,$$

where $I_i = Im(L_i \cap \pi^{-1}(x_0))$. On the representation described bellow of the braided wiring diagram, this re-indexation implies that the lines are ordered, at the left of the diagram, from the top to bottom.

Since the x coordinates of the points of W_A are parametrized by γ , the wiring diagram can be seen as a one dimensional object inside $\mathbb{R}^3 \simeq [0,1] \times \mathbb{C}$. Consider its image by a generic projection $\gamma([0,1]) \times \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}^2$. If we take a plane projection of this diagram (assume, for example, that it is in the direction of the vector (0,0,1)-that is, in the direction of the imaginary axis of the fibre-), we obtain a planar graph. Observe that there are nodes corresponding to the image of actual nodes in the wiring diagram in \mathbb{R}^3 (that is, to a singular point of the arrangement). Other nodes appear from the projection of undergoing and overgoing branches of the wiring diagram in \mathbb{R}^3 . The two types of nodes are called by Arvola actual and virtual crossing.

If we represent the virtual crossings in the same way that they are represented as in the case of braid diagrams, we obtain a schematic representation of the wiring diagram as in Figure 3. From now on, we will refer to this representation as the wiring diagram itself. By genericity, we assume that two crossings (actual or virtual) do not lie on the same vertical line.

It is worth noticing that from the braided wiring diagram, one may extract the braid monodromy of \mathcal{A} , related to the generic projection π . The local equation of a multiple point is of the form $y^m - x^m$, where m is the multiplicity, and the corresponding local monodromy is a full twist in the braid group with m strands.

3.2. Fundamental group of the complement.

We recall briefly the method due to Arvola [3] to obtain a presentation of the fundamental group of the complement from a braided wiring diagram W_A . The algorithm goes as follows: start from the left of the diagram, assigning a generator α_i to each strand. Then follow the diagram from the left to the right, assigning a new word to the strands each time going through a crossing. The rules for this new assignation are given in Figure 2, where the a_i 's are words in the α_i 's.

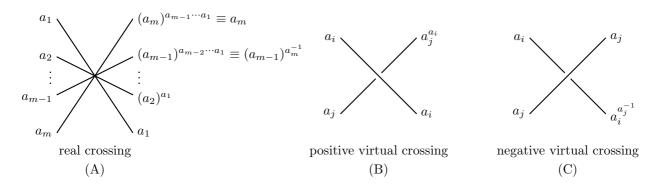


Figure 2. Computation of Arvola's words

The notation of Figure 2 is $a_i^{a_j} = a_j^{-1} a_i a_j$.

For each actual crossing P -that corresponds to a singular point of A-, suppose that the strands are labelled with the words a_1, \ldots, a_m with respect to their order in the diagram at this point P, from top to bottom,

where $m = m_P$ is the multiplicity of P. Then the following relations are added to the presentation

$$R_P = [a_m, \dots, a_1] = \{a_m \cdots a_1 = a_1 a_m \cdots a_2 = \dots = a_{m-1} \cdots a_1 a_m\}.$$

They correspond to the action of a half-twist on the free group, whereas the action of a virtual crossing is given by the corresponding braid.

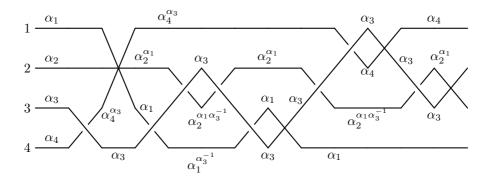


FIGURE 3. The braided wiring diagram of the affine part of the didactic example

Theorem 3.3 (Arvola [3]). For i = 0, ..., n, let α_i be the meridians of the lines L_i . The fundamental group of the exterior of A admits the following presentation

$$\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A})) = <\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n \mid \bigcup_{P} R_P>,$$

where P ranges over all the actual crossings of the wiring diagram W_A .

Example 3.4. The braided wiring diagram of the didactic example is pictured in Figure 3. Its fundamental group is:

$$<\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\alpha_3,\alpha_4 \mid [\alpha_4^{\alpha_3},\alpha_2,\alpha_1], [\alpha_3,\alpha_1], [\alpha_4,\alpha_3], [\alpha_3,\alpha_2^{\alpha_1}]>.$$

4. The inclusion map

The main result of the paper is a complete description of the map induced on the fundamental groups, by the inclusion of the boundary in the exterior of an arrangement \mathcal{A} . The computation is done in two main steps.

Let $W_{\mathcal{A}}$ be the wiring diagram associated to the choice of a generic projection π and an admissible path γ . We start by choosing a generating system $\mathscr{E} = \{\xi_{s,t}\}$ of cycles of the incidence graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$. These cycles can be directly seen in $W_{\mathcal{A}}$, since it contains all the singular points and the vertices of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$ can be identified with their corresponding wires between two singular points. Then, the first step is to "push" each cycle $\xi_{s,t}$ from $W_{\mathcal{A}}$ to the boundary manifold $M(\mathcal{A})$. The procedure is described in Section 4.1, and gives an explicit family $\{\varepsilon_{s,t}\}$ of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$, indexed by \mathscr{E} . This family, with the set of meridians of the lines, generates $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$. The second step is to compute the images of these generators $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ by the inclusion map. We use an ad hoc Arvola's algorithm to make the computations directly from $W_{\mathcal{A}}$, see Section 4.2. Then the map is described in Theorem 4.4.

In Section 4.3, we examine the kernel of the map; this provides an exact sequence involving $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$ and $\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$, see Theorem 4.5. We deduce in Section 4.4 a presentation of $\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$ where the generators of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$ appear explicitly. This presentation provides a complex whose homotopy type is the same that $E(\mathcal{A})$, see Proposition 4.8.

4.1. Cycles of the boundary manifold.

We suppose that the admissible path γ emanates from x_0 and goes through x_1, \ldots, x_k , the images of the singular points of \mathcal{A} by π , ordered by their real parts. Let $\mathscr{E} = \{\xi_{s,t}\}$ be the generating set defined in Section 2 of cycles of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Each cycle $\xi_{s,t} \in \mathscr{E}$ is sent to $M(\mathcal{A})$ via $W_{\mathcal{A}}$, as follows. Let $X_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ be a point of \mathcal{N}_0 such that $x_0 = \gamma(0)$. The vertices of $\xi_{s,t}$ of the form v_{L_0} or v_P with $P \in L_0$ and the edges of the form $e(L_0, P)$, with $P \in L_0$, are all sent to the point X_0 . The edges $e(L_i, P)$, with $i \neq 0$ and $P \in L_0$, are sent on segments from X_0 to the points $L_i \cap \pi^{-1}(x_0)$. Then the remaining vertices of the form $v_L \in V_L(\mathcal{A})$ are sent to $L \cap \pi^{-1}(x_0)$. Let $\xi_{s,t}$ denotes now the cycle of $W_{\mathcal{A}}$, relative to the left endpoints, where the vertices $v_P \in V_P(\mathcal{A})$ are identified with the singular points P, and the edges with their corresponding wire of $W_{\mathcal{A}}$.

A framed cycle in M(A) is obtained as a perturbation of a cycle $\xi_{s,t}$. This cycle $\xi_{s,t}$ consists of two arcs, the parts in L_s and L_t . Each arc goes through several actual crossings of W_A and can be viewed as a union of small arcs. Each of them is projected to M(A) in the direction (0,i) and their images are glued together as follows. For each actual crossing P, modify γ slightly so that it makes a half circle of (small) radius η_P around $x = \pi(P)$ in the positive sense. Choose η_P so that the preimage of this half circle lies in M(A). Note that we avoid the singular point $P = L_s \cap L_t$ as indicated in Figure 6. The class of the obtained cycle in $\pi_1(M(A), X_0)$ is $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ (see Proposition 2.5). The following map σ is a morphism:

$$\sigma: \pi_1(\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{T}) \longrightarrow \pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}), X_0),$$

$$\xi_{s,t} \longmapsto \varepsilon_{s,t}.$$

In order to compute the image of the framed cycles in the exterior E(A), we introduce geometric cycles, defined as parallel copies of the $\xi_{s,t}$'s. Indeed, let $\tilde{\xi}_{s,t}$ in $\pi_1(M(A))$ be the image of $\xi_{s,t}$ by the projection in the direction (0,i). We define an unknotting map:

$$\delta: \pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}), X_0) \longrightarrow \pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}), X_0),
\varepsilon_{s,t} \longmapsto \delta^l_{s,t} \varepsilon_{s,t} \delta^r_{s,t},$$

where $\delta_{s,t}^l$ (resp. $\delta_{s,t}^r$) corresponds to the arc in L_s (resp. L_t) of $\varepsilon_{s,t}$. They are defined as the products over all actual crossing P of the arc L_s (resp. L_t) of $\xi_{s,t}$, different from $L_s \cap L_t$, of the following words. Suppose that $P = L_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m}$ where the order of the lines corresponds to Figure 4.

- If $P \in L_s$, let $h \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ be such that $i_h = s$, then P contributes to $\delta_{s,t}^l$ by:

$$\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{h}}^{-1}\left(\alpha_{i_{1}}^{-1}\left(\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{2}}\alpha_{i_{2}}^{-1}\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{2}}^{-1}\right)\cdots\left(\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{h-1}}\alpha_{i_{h-1}}^{-1}\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{h-1}}^{-1}\right)\right)\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{h}},$$

- If $P \in L_t$, let $h \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ be such that $i_h = t$, then P contributes to $\delta_{s,t}^r$ by:

$$\varepsilon_{i_1,i_h}^{-1}\left(\left(\varepsilon_{i_1,i_{h-1}}\alpha_{i_{h-1}}\varepsilon_{i_1,i_{h-1}}^{-1}\right)\cdots\left(\varepsilon_{i_1,i_2}\alpha_{i_2}\varepsilon_{i_1,i_2}^{-1}\right)\alpha_{i_1}\right)\varepsilon_{i_1,i_h}.$$

Proposition 4.1. The image of a framed cycle by the unknotting map δ is a geometric cycle. In particular, we have

$$\delta(\varepsilon_{s,t}) = \delta_{s,t}^l \ \varepsilon_{s,t} \ \delta_{s,t}^r = \tilde{\xi}_{s,t}.$$

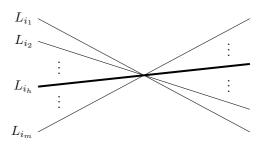


FIGURE 4

Proof. The contribution of P is induced by the action of a half-twist, given by the pre-image by γ of the half circle around each $x = \pi(P)$, in the positive sense. We obtain the description of $\delta_{s,t}^l$ and $\delta_{s,t}^r$ above, and then $\varepsilon_{s,t} = \left(\delta_{s,t}^l\right)^{-1} \tilde{\xi}_{s,t} \left(\delta_{s,t}^r\right)^{-1}$.

Example 4.2. The images of the $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ of the didactic example by the unknotting map are:

$$\begin{split} \delta(\varepsilon_{1,2}) &= \varepsilon_{1,2}, \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{1,3}) &= \varepsilon_{1,3}, \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{3,4}) &= (\varepsilon_{1,3}^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \varepsilon_{1,3}) \varepsilon_{3,4} (\varepsilon_{1,4}^{-1} (\alpha_1 \varepsilon_{1,2} \alpha_2 \varepsilon_{1,2}^{-1}) \varepsilon_{1,4}). \end{split}$$

$$\delta(\varepsilon_{1,4}) &= \varepsilon_{1,4}, \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{2,3}) &= (\varepsilon_{1,2}^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \varepsilon_{1,2}) \varepsilon_{2,3} (\varepsilon_{1,3}^{-1} \alpha_1 \varepsilon_{1,3}), \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{3,4}) &= (\varepsilon_{1,3}^{-1} \alpha_1^{-1} \varepsilon_{1,3}) \varepsilon_{3,4} (\varepsilon_{1,4}^{-1} (\alpha_1 \varepsilon_{1,2} \alpha_2 \varepsilon_{1,2}^{-1}) \varepsilon_{1,4}). \end{split}$$

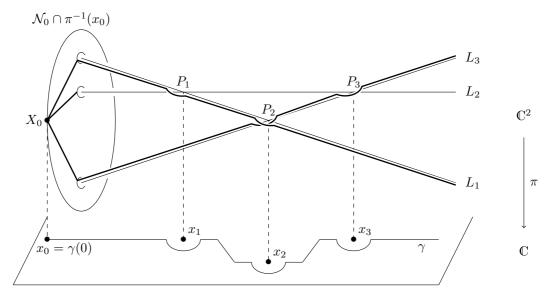


Figure 5

4.2. Inclusion map.

Geometric cycles were constructed by taking parrallel copies of cycles of $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$, via $W_{\mathcal{A}}$, to the boundary manifold $M(\mathcal{A})$. Their image in $E(\mathcal{A})$ can then be computed directly from $W_{\mathcal{A}}$.

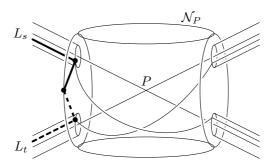


Figure 6

Let $\xi_{s,t}$ be a cycle of W_A , relative to the left endpoints. An *over arc* ς is an arc of W_A that goes over $\xi_{s,t}$ through a virtual crossing. Denote $\operatorname{sgn}(\varsigma) \in \{\pm 1\}$ the sign of the crossing. It is positive if the orientations of ς and $\xi_{s,t}$ (in this order) at the crossing form a positive base, and is negative otherwise.

Let $S_{\xi_{s,t}}$ be the set of over arcs of $\xi_{s,t}$, oriented from left to right. The element $\mu_{s,t}$ is defined by :

$$\mu_{s,t} = \prod_{\varsigma \in S_{\xi_{s,t}}} a_{\varsigma}^{\operatorname{sgn}(\varsigma)},$$

where a_{ς} is the word associate to the arc ς by the Arvola's algorithm, and the order in the product respect the order of the crossings in the cycle $\xi_{s,t}$. Note that $\mu_{s,t}$ is a product of conjugated of meridians.

Example 4.3. All the $\mu_{s,t}$ of the didactic example are equal to 1, except $\mu_{1,4} = \alpha_3^{-1}$.

Theorem 4.4. For $i=1,\ldots,n$, let α_i be the meridians of the lines and $\{\varepsilon_{s,t}\}$ be indexed by a generating system $\mathscr E$ of cycles of the incidence graph $\Gamma_{\mathcal A}$. Then $\{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n,\varepsilon_{s_1,t_1},\cdots,\varepsilon_{s_l,t_l}\}$ generates $\pi_1(M(\mathcal A))$ and the map $i_*:\pi_1(M(\mathcal A))\to\pi_1(E(\mathcal A))$ induced by the inclusion is described as follows:

$$i_*: \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_i & \longmapsto & \alpha_i, \\ \varepsilon_{s,t} & \longmapsto & \left(\delta_{s,t}^l\right)^{-1} \mu_{s,t} \left(\delta_{s,t}^r\right)^{-1}, \end{array} \right.$$

It is worth noticing that by a recursive argument on the set of $\varepsilon_{s,t}$, the words $\left(\delta_{s,t}^l\right)^{-1}\mu_{s,t}\left(\delta_{s,t}^r\right)^{-1}$ are products of conjugated of the meridians α_1,\ldots,α_n .

Proof. Since $M(A) \subset E(A)$, then a class in $\pi_1(M(A))$ can be view as a class in $\pi_1(E(A))$, and the both are denoted in the same way.

By Proposition 4.1, each class $\delta_{s,t}^l \varepsilon_{s,t} \delta_{s,t}^r$ in $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$ can be represented by a geometric cycle $\tilde{\xi}_{s,t}$, obtained as a parallel copy of $\xi_{s,t}$ from $W_{\mathcal{A}}$ to $M(\mathcal{A})$. Consider a 2-cell homotopic to a disc with $\operatorname{card}(S_{\xi_{s,t}})$ holes. Then glue the boundary of the disc to $\tilde{\xi}_{s,t}$ and the other boundary components to the meridians of over arcs $\varsigma \in S_{\xi_{s,t}}$. As the 2-cell is in $E(\mathcal{A})$, then, in the exterior, $\tilde{\xi}_{s,t}$ can be retracted to the product $\mu_{s,t}$ of the a_{ς} , with $\varsigma \in S_{\xi_{s,t}}$. It follows that in $\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$, $\delta_{s,t}^l \varepsilon_{s,t} \delta_{s,t}^r = \mu_{s,t}$.

4.3. Exact sequence.

Theorem 4.5. The following sequence is exact

$$0 \longrightarrow K \xrightarrow{\phi} \pi_1(M(\mathcal{A})) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_1(E(\mathcal{A})) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where K is the normal subgroup of $\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A}))$ generated by the elements of the form $\delta_{s,t}^l \varepsilon_{s,t} \delta_{s,t}^r \mu_{s,t}^{-1}$.

Proof. By theorem 4.4, the map i_* is onto and K is included in $\ker(i_*)$. It remains to show that the relations induced by the images $i_*(\varepsilon_{s,t})$ are enough to determine a presentation of $\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A}))$. We compare these relations to thoose coming from braid monodromy and Zariski-Van Kampen's method, see [7] for example.

Let $P = L_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m}$ (as in Figure 4), be a singular point of \mathcal{A} , with $i_1 = \nu(P)$. Consider a small ball in \mathbb{P}^2 with center P and a local base point b in its boundary sphere. Let λ be a path from X_0 to b, and let y_j be the (local) meridian of L_j with base b, for $j = 1, \ldots, m$. The path λ can be choosen in such a way that the Zariski-Van Kampen relation associated to P are:

$$[y_{i,i_m}^{\lambda},\cdots,y_{i,i_1}^{\lambda}].$$

We can assume that b is a point of $\varepsilon_{i_1,j}$, for all $j=i_2,\cdots,i_m$. Then we write $\varepsilon_{i_1,j}=\beta_j^{-1}\beta_{i_1}$ where β_{i_1} goes from X_0 to b, and β_j^{-1} from b to X_0 . We get

$$[\alpha_{i_{m}}^{\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{m}}},\cdots,\alpha_{i_{2}}^{\varepsilon_{i_{1},i_{2}}},\alpha_{i_{1}}] \Leftrightarrow [\alpha_{i_{m}}^{\beta_{i_{m}}^{-1}\beta_{i_{1}}},\cdots,\alpha_{i_{2}}^{\beta_{i_{2}}^{-1}\beta_{i_{1}}},\alpha_{i_{1}}^{\beta_{i_{1}}^{-1}\beta_{i_{1}}}],$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\alpha_{i_{m}}^{\beta_{i_{m}}^{-1}},\cdots,\alpha_{i_{2}}^{\beta_{i_{2}}^{-1}},\alpha_{i_{1}}^{\beta_{i_{1}}^{-1}}]^{\beta_{i_{1}}},$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\alpha_{i_{m}}^{\beta_{i_{m}}^{-1}},\cdots,\alpha_{i_{2}}^{\beta_{i_{2}}^{-1}},\alpha_{i_{1}}^{\beta_{i_{1}}^{-1}}],$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\alpha_{i_{m}}^{\beta_{i_{m}}^{-1}},\cdots,\alpha_{i_{2}}^{\beta_{i_{2}}^{-1}},\alpha_{i_{1}}^{\beta_{i_{1}}^{-1}}]^{\lambda}.$$

Note that during this computation, base point may have changed, but the first and the last relations are based in X_0 . Since $\alpha_j^{\beta_j^{-1}} = y_{i,j}$, for all $j = i_1, \dots, i_m$, then:

$$[\alpha_{i_m}^{\varepsilon_{i_1,i_m}}, \cdots, \alpha_{i_2}^{\varepsilon_{i_1,i_2}}, \alpha_{i_1}] \Leftrightarrow [y_{i_m}, \cdots, y_{i_2}, y_{i_1}]^{\lambda}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [y_{i_m}^{\lambda}, \cdots, y_{i_2}^{\lambda}, y_{i_1}^{\lambda}].$$

4.4. Homotopy type of the complement.

From Theorem 4.3, we obtain a presentation of the fundamental group of $\pi_1(E(A))$.

Corollary 4.6. For i = 1, ..., n, let α_i be the meridians of the lines L_i . For any singular point $P = L_{i_1} \cap L_{i_2} \cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m}$ with $i_1 = \nu(P)$, let

$$\mathcal{R}_{P} = \left[\alpha_{i_{m}}^{c_{i_{m}}}, \cdots, \alpha_{i_{2}}^{c_{i_{2}}}, \alpha_{i_{1}}\right], \text{ where } c_{i_{j}} = \left(\delta_{i_{1}, i_{j}}^{l}\right)^{-1} \mu_{i_{1}, i_{j}} \left(\delta_{i_{1}, i_{j}}^{r}\right)^{-1} \text{ for all } j = 2, \cdots, m.$$

The fundamental group of E(A) admits the following presentation:

$$\pi_1(M(\mathcal{A})) = <\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n \mid \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{R}_P > .$$

Proof. For each $\varepsilon_{s,t}$, let $r_{s,t}$ be the relation $\varepsilon_{s,t} = \left(\delta_{s,t}^l\right)^{-1} \mu_{s,t} \left(\delta_{s,t}^r\right)^{-1}$, and for each point $P \in \mathcal{P}$ (with $P = L_{i_1} \cap \cdots \cap L_{i_m}$ and $i_1 = \nu(P)$), we define the relation $\mathcal{R}'_P : \left[\alpha_{i_m}^{\varepsilon_{i_1,i_m}}, \cdots, \alpha_{i_2}^{\varepsilon_{i_1,i_2}}, \alpha_{i_1}\right]$. Then, Theorem 4.5

imply that we have the following presentation:

$$\pi_1(E(\mathcal{A})) = \langle \alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_n, \varepsilon_{s_1, t_1}, \cdots, \varepsilon_{s_l, t_l} \mid \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{R}'_P, \bigcup_{i=1}^l r_{s_i, t_i} \rangle.$$

Consider the total order on the set $\{\varepsilon_{s,t}\}$: $(\varepsilon_{s,t} < \varepsilon_{s',t'}) \Leftrightarrow (s \leq s' \text{ and } t < t')$. By construction, $\delta_{s,t}^l$ and $\delta_{s,t}^r$ depend on $\varepsilon_{s',t'}$ if and only if $\varepsilon_{s',t'} < \varepsilon_{s,t}$. Since $\mu_{s,t}$ is a product of meridians, then the smallest $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ is a product of meridians. And by induction, the relation $r_{s,t}$ express any $\varepsilon_{s,t}$ as a product of α_i .

Example 4.7. The presentation of the fundamental group of the didactic example is:

$$<\alpha_{1},\alpha_{2},\alpha_{3},\alpha_{4}\ |\ [\alpha_{4}^{\alpha_{3}^{-1}},\alpha_{2},\alpha_{1}],\ [\alpha_{3},\alpha_{1}],\ [\alpha_{3}^{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}^{-1}\alpha_{1}^{-1}},\alpha_{4}],\ [\alpha_{3}^{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{4}^{-1}},\alpha_{2}]>$$

Proposition 4.8. The 2-complex modeled on the minimal presentation given in Corollary 4.6 is homotopy equivalent to E(A).

Proof. The proof of Theorem 4.5 showes in particular that the relations of the presentation in Corollary 4.6 are equivalent to the Zariski-Van Kampen relations, based on the braid monodromy. It is shown in [7] that the 2-complex modeled on a minimal presentation equivalent to the Zariski-Van Kampen presentation is homotopy equivalent to E(A).

5. The example of positive MacLane line arrangement

In this section, we illustrate Theorem 4.4 with an arrangement Q^+ introduced by Mac Lane, given by the following equations

$$L_0 = \{z = 0\}; \qquad L_1 = \{z - x = 0\}; \qquad L_2 = \{x = 0\}; \qquad L_3 = \{y = 0\}; \\ L_4 = \{z + \omega^2 x + \omega y = 0\}; \qquad L_5 = \{y - x = 0\}; \qquad L_6 = \{z - x - \omega^2 y = 0\}; \qquad L_7 = \{z + \omega y = 0\},$$

where $\omega = \exp(\frac{2i\pi}{3})$ is a primitive root of unity of order 3.

The incidence graph Γ of Q^+ is given in Figure 7.

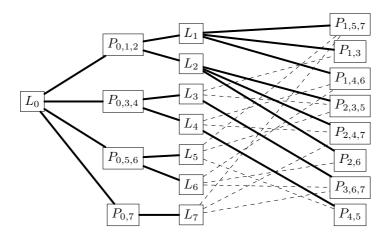


FIGURE 7. Incidence graph of the MacLane arrangement Q^+

It is worth mentionning that Q^+ is one of the only two topological realisations of this combinatorial data by an arrangement in \mathbb{P}^2 . The other realisation Q^- corresponds to $\omega = \exp(\frac{-2i\pi}{3})$. These two arrangements do not admit real equations.

Generating set of cycles of Γ_{Q^+} .

Consider the maximal tree \mathcal{T} in Γ_{Q^+} indicated with thick lines in Figure 7. Let \mathscr{E} be the generating system of cycles induced by \mathcal{T} (it is in one-to-one correspondence with the dotted lines in Figure 7):

$$\mathscr{E} = \left\{ \xi_{2,3}, \xi_{2,5}, \xi_{2,4}, \xi_{2,7}, \xi_{2,6}, \xi_{4,5}, \xi_{3,6}, \xi_{3,7}, \xi_{1,5}, \xi_{1,7}, \xi_{1,3}, \xi_{1,4}, \xi_{1,6} \right\}.$$

Group of the boundary manifold.

By Section 4.1, the images ε of the cycles ξ by the application σ provide a family of cycles in $\pi_1(M(Q^+))$. Proposition 2.5 applies to this explicit family, and $\pi_1(M(Q^+))$ admits a presentation with generators:

$$\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5, \alpha_6, \alpha_7\} \cup \{\varepsilon_{2,3}, \varepsilon_{2,5}, \varepsilon_{2,4}, \varepsilon_{2,7}, \varepsilon_{2,6}, \varepsilon_{4,5}, \varepsilon_{3,6}, \varepsilon_{3,7}, \varepsilon_{1,5}, \varepsilon_{1,7}, \varepsilon_{1,3}, \varepsilon_{1,4}, \varepsilon_{1,6}\},$$

and relations:

$$[\alpha_7^{\varepsilon_{1,7}},\alpha_5^{\varepsilon_{1,5}},\alpha_1], [\alpha_3^{\varepsilon_{1,3}},\alpha_1], [\alpha_6^{\varepsilon_{1,6}},\alpha_4^{\varepsilon_{1,4}},\alpha_1], [\alpha_5^{\varepsilon_{2,5}},\alpha_3^{\varepsilon_{2,3}},\alpha_2], [\alpha_7^{\varepsilon_{2,7}},\alpha_4^{\varepsilon_{2,4}},\alpha_2], [\alpha_6^{\varepsilon_{2,6}},\alpha_2], [\alpha_7^{\varepsilon_{3,6}},\alpha_3], [\alpha_5^{\varepsilon_{4,5}},\alpha_4].$$

Geometric cycles and unknotting map.

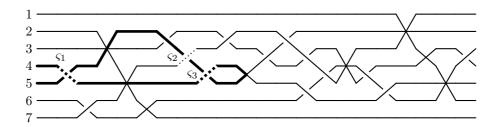


FIGURE 8. Wiring diagram of the positive MacLane arrangement

Let W_{Q^+} be the braided wiring diagram of Q^+ given in Figure 8.

Note that W_{Q^+} differs from the wiring diagram considered in [5] by an axial symetry and a local move on the wires corresponding to L_3, L_5, L_7 .

The diagram W_{Q^+} is used to compute the unknotting map δ , and the images of the cycles ε in terms of geometric cycles, see Proposition 4.1. The thick lines in Figure 8 represent the cycle $\xi_{4,5}$, divided into two arcs of L_4 and L_5 . The first arc L_4 meets the triple point $v_{P_{2,4,7}}$. This gives $\delta_{4,5}^l = \varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} \varepsilon_{2,4}$. The second arc L_5 meets $v_{P_{2,3,5}}$, and $\delta_{4,5}^r = \varepsilon_{2,5}^{-1} \varepsilon_{2,3} \alpha_3 \varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1} \alpha_2 \varepsilon_{2,5}$. This implies that

(1)
$$\delta(\varepsilon_{4,5}) = (\varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,4})\varepsilon_{4,5}(\varepsilon_{2,5}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,3}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,5}).$$

Similarly, one computes:

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\begin{array}{ll} \delta(\varepsilon_{2,3})=\varepsilon_{2,3}, & \delta(\varepsilon_{2,4})=\varepsilon_{2,5}, \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{2,4})=\varepsilon_{2,4}, & \delta(\varepsilon_{2,7})=\varepsilon_{2,7}, \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{2,6})=\varepsilon_{2,6}, & \delta(\varepsilon_{4,5})=(\varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,4})\varepsilon_{4,5}(\varepsilon_{2,5}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,3}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,5}) \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{3,6})=(\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,3})\varepsilon_{3.6}(\varepsilon_{2,6}^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,6}) & \delta(\varepsilon_{3,7})=(\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,3})\varepsilon_{3,7}(\varepsilon_{2,7}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,4}\alpha_4\varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,7}) \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{1,5})=\varepsilon_{1,5}(\varepsilon_{4,5}^{-1}\alpha_4\varepsilon_{4,5}\varepsilon_{2,5}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,3}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,5}) & \delta(\varepsilon_{1,7})=\varepsilon_{1,7}(\varepsilon_{3,7}^{-1}\varepsilon_{3,6}\alpha_6\varepsilon_{3,6}^{-1}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{3,7}\varepsilon_{2,7}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,4}\alpha_4\varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,7}) \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{1,3})=\varepsilon_{1,3}(\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,3}) & \delta(\varepsilon_{1,4})=\varepsilon_{1,4}(\varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,4}) \\ \delta(\varepsilon_{1,6})=\varepsilon_{1,6}(\varepsilon_{3,6}^{-1}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{3,6}\varepsilon_{2,6}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,6}) & \end{array}
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Retractions of geometric cycles.

We now compute the family of $\mu_{s,t}$, required to obtain the inclusion map, see Section 4.2. The arcs of the wiring diagram W_{Q^+} are labelled by the algorithm of Arvola, see Section 3.2.

The case of $\mu_{4,5}$ is drawn in thick in Figure 8. The over arcs ς_1 , ς_2 and ς_3 are dotted in Figure 8. Arvola's labellings of these arcs are respectively: $a_{\varsigma_1} = \alpha_4$, $a_{\varsigma_2} = \alpha_7$ and $a_{\varsigma_3} = \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7$. Furthermore, $\operatorname{sgn}(\varsigma_1) = -1$, $\operatorname{sgn}(\varsigma_2) = 1$ and $\operatorname{sgn}(\varsigma_3) = 1$. We obtain $\mu_{4,5} = (\alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7) \alpha_7 \alpha_4^{-1}$, which gives

$$\mu_{4,5} = \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1}.$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mu_{2,3} = & 1, & \mu_{2,5} = & 1, \\ \mu_{2,4} = & 1, & \mu_{2,7} = & 1, \\ \mu_{2,6} = & 1, & \mu_{4,5} = & \left(\alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7\right)\alpha_7\alpha_4^{-1}, \\ \mu_{3,6} = & \alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_6^{-1}, & \mu_{3,7} = & \alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4, \\ \mu_{1,5} = & \alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}, & \mu_{1,7} = & 1, \\ \mu_{1,3} = & \alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_6^{-1}\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4, & \mu_{1,4} = & 1, \\ \mu_{1,6} = & \alpha_7. & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ \end{array}$$

Images in the group of the complement.

Following Theorem 4.4, we can compute $i_*: \pi_1(M(Q^+)) \to \pi_1(E(Q^+))$. The computations above describe the relations induced by the images of the cycles ε in $\pi_1(E(Q^+))$. By the previous computations, $\varepsilon_{2,3}, \varepsilon_{2,5}, \varepsilon_{2,4}, \varepsilon_{2,7}, \varepsilon_{2,6}$ are equal to 1 (i.e. they are contractible in $E(\mathcal{A})$). They are the relations $r_{2,3}, r_{2,5}, r_{2,4}, r_{2,7}$ and $r_{2,6}$.

The case of $r_{4,5}$:

$$r_{4,5} \ : \ \varepsilon_{2,4}^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,4}\varepsilon_{4,5}\varepsilon_{2,5}^{-1}\varepsilon_{2,3}\alpha_3\varepsilon_{2,3}^{-1}\alpha_2\varepsilon_{2,5} = \alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7^2\alpha_4^{-1}.$$

Then using $r_{2,4}$, $r_{2,5}$ and $r_{2,3}$ we obtain that:

$$r_{4,5} \ : \ \varepsilon_{4,5} = \alpha_2 \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_3^{-1}.$$

The others relations are:

- $r_{3,6}$: $\varepsilon_{3,6} = \alpha_2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5 \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^{2} \alpha_6^{-1} \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_7$,
- $\bullet \ \ r_{3,7} \ : \ \varepsilon_{3,7} = \alpha_2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5 \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^{2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4^{-1},$

•
$$r_{1,5}$$
 : $\varepsilon_{1,5} = \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7 \alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_2 \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_3^{-1}$,

•
$$r_{1,7}: \quad \varepsilon_{1,7} = (\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^2\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5\alpha_4\alpha_7^2\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_7^2\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_2^{-1})(\alpha_3^{-1})$$

 $(\alpha_2\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_5^{-1}\alpha_4\alpha_7^{-2}\alpha_4^{-1}\alpha_7^{2}\alpha_6^{-1}\alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_7)(\alpha_6)(\alpha_7^{-1}\alpha_2\alpha_7\alpha_6\alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_4^{-1}),$

•
$$r_{1,3}$$
 : $\varepsilon_{1,3} = \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^2 \alpha_6^{-1} \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_2^{-1}$,

•
$$r_{1,4}$$
 : $\varepsilon_{1,4} = \alpha_2^{-1}$,

•
$$r_{1,6}$$
 : $\varepsilon_{1,6} = \alpha_7 \alpha_2^{-1} (\alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_2 \alpha_7 \alpha_6 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5 \alpha_4 \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_2^{-1}) \alpha_3^{-1} (\alpha_2 \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5 \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_5^{-1} \alpha_4 \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_4^{-1} \alpha_7^{-2} \alpha_6^{-1} \alpha_7^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_7).$

From the proof of Corollary 4.6, we obtain the presentation of $\pi_1(E(Q^+))$.

$$\pi_{1}(E(\mathcal{A}^{+})) = <\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \alpha_{3}, \alpha_{4}, \alpha_{5}, \alpha_{6}, \alpha_{7}, \varepsilon_{2,3}, \varepsilon_{2,5}, \varepsilon_{2,4}, \varepsilon_{2,7}, \varepsilon_{2,6}, \varepsilon_{4,5}, \varepsilon_{3,6}, \varepsilon_{3,7}, \varepsilon_{1,5}, \varepsilon_{1,7}, \varepsilon_{1,3}, \varepsilon_{1,4}, \varepsilon_{1,6} \mid \\ r_{2,3}, r_{2,5}, r_{2,4}, r_{2,7}, r_{2,6}, r_{4,5}, r_{3,6}, r_{3,7}, r_{1,5}, r_{1,7}, r_{1,3}, r_{1,4}, r_{1,6}, \\ [\alpha_{7}^{\varepsilon_{1,7}}, \alpha_{5}^{\varepsilon_{1,5}}, \alpha_{1}], [\alpha_{3}^{\varepsilon_{1,3}}, \alpha_{1}], [\alpha_{6}^{\varepsilon_{1,6}}, \alpha_{4}^{\varepsilon_{1,4}}, \alpha_{1}], [\alpha_{5}^{\varepsilon_{2,5}}, \alpha_{3}^{\varepsilon_{2,3}}, \alpha_{2}], \\ [\alpha_{7}^{\varepsilon_{2,7}}, \alpha_{4}^{\varepsilon_{2,4}}, \alpha_{2}], [\alpha_{6}^{\varepsilon_{2,6}}, \alpha_{2}], [\alpha_{7}^{\varepsilon_{3,7}}, \alpha_{6}^{\varepsilon_{3,6}}, \alpha_{3}], [\alpha_{5}^{\varepsilon_{4,5}}, \alpha_{4}] > .$$

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