# The Jellyfish Algorithm 

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Skein theory for the ADE planar algebras
"jellyfish algorithm" introduced

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It follows that:
$p_{k}=\| \ldots+\sum \alpha_{Q} \cdot Q$, where each $Q$ contains a cap.

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An example of evaluating a diagram using the relations:


But what about:


## Partial braiding

Theorem
The relations imply the following partial braiding:


Example of the jellyfish algortihm


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## Alter the path of an arc

Notice that

implies:


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Thus we have all three Reidemeister moves for the $S$-box arcs.

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## Summary

We have just proved the following:

Theorem
The defined planar algebra is not trivial

This is part of the Kuperberg program:
Give a presentation for every interesting planar algebra, and prove as much as possible about the planar algebra using only its presentation.

## Thank You

I also want to thank my advisor




