

# Rohomeo and Rofeulliette.

## And other easy variants of Double-Irreducible classes

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### Abstract

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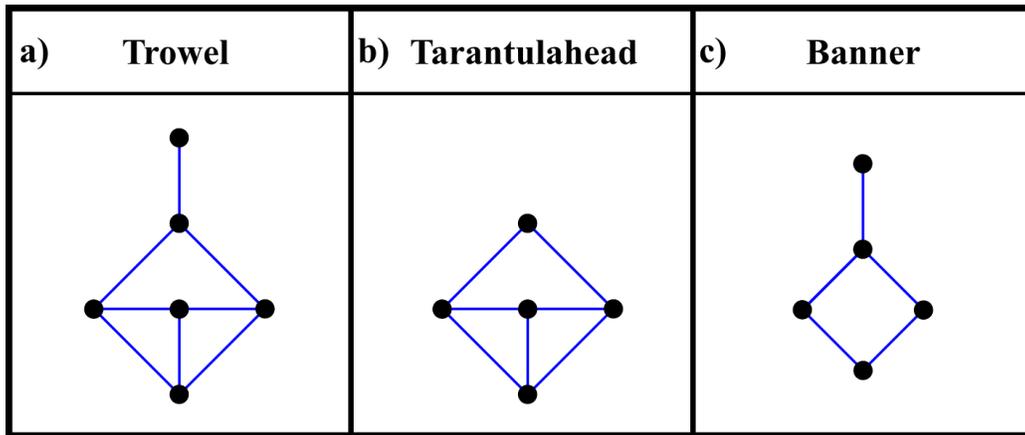


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# 1 Introduction

We extend the recently revealed double irreducibles classification theorem [10, 12] from simple graphs [2, 7, 9] to the following modelling situations. Rooted graphs [1], digraphs [5] and rooted digraphs (Sec 2). And where double irreducibles are both homeomorph irreducibles [3, 11] and defoliation irreducibles [11].

In the process (Sec 3), we extend these Topologically-significant notions to our three further modelling situations. For instance, rohomeomorph and rofeulliette are the root-preserving variants...

The original Theorem and our three counterparts are outlined in Sec 4, with our proof largely resting upon that in [12] We leave the lion's share of our material on this – minimum examples and their extent of nonuniqueness – as Exercises for around two years.

## 2 Modelling assumptions

**Definition S** A *simple graph* [2, 9], that consists of a set of vertices. Alongside a set of edges, with at most 1 edge between each distinct pair of vertices.

**Definition R** *Rooted graphs* [1] additionally assign a special role to a single vertex called the *root*.

**Definition D** *Digraphs* [5] assign instead a single arrow to each edge. ‘Di’ stands here for *directed*.

**Definition RD** *Rooted digraphs* concurrently make both of the previous assignments.

**Remark 1** None of these models contain multi-edges between vertices. Or loops: edges from a vertex to itself. See Part V of the freely-available [11] for an introductory text that makes active use of all of the current Subsection's notions.

## 3 Topological modelling

### 3.1 The simple graphs

**Definition S.0** The *degree* of a vertex in a simple graph is the number of edges emanating from it. Chemists (and a few others) call this *valency*.

**Definition S.1** *Homeomorphing* [11, 8] serially removes all degree-2 vertices from a simple graph. Excepting cases in which this would create a multi-edge. The end-product of this is a *homeomorph irreducible (HI)* graph [3, 11].

**Naming Remark 1** Homeomorphing is alias *subdividing* or *expanding* [4] in one direction. And *smoothing* or *series reduction* in the other. While [6] call HI trees *topological trees*.

**Motivation 1** Unaffected Topological properties include those involving forbidden subgraphs modulo homeomorphing. Such as *planarity* [7]: forbidden subgraphs  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$ . Or *outerplanarity* [7, 11]: forbidden subgraphs  $K_4$  and  $K_{3,2}$ .

And some notions of connectivity [7, 11]. In which the difference between connection via an edge, and connection via an edge, then a vertex and then another edge, do not register. Such as *k-connectivity*. And the qualifiers that a graph contains a cut-edge or a cut-vertex. Though clearly not quantifiers of how many cut-edges or cut-vertices the graph possesses.

**Definition S.2** *Defoliation* [11] serially removes all leaves alias degree-1 vertices. This prunes off all side-chains, and, more generally, all side-trees. The end-product of this is a *foliation irreducible (FI)* alias *cycle system* [12]. Observe that if the incipient graph is a tree, then a single vertex survives this process: a terminal state since no leaves remain therein. We finally also call the vertex adjacent to a leaf a *twig*.

**Motivation 2** Topological graph properties unaffected by defoliation include, again, planarity and outerplanarity. For side-trees can always be deformed so as to avoid incurring any crossings. And a smaller subset of notions of connectivity. For ‘branching points’ – degree  $\geq 3$  vertices – contribute to some notions of connectivity. And pruning off side-trees is indeed capable of decommissioning some of these...

**Definition S.3** A *double irreducible (DI)* [12] is the end-product of applying both of the preceding. Including letting homeomorphing loose on any new degree-2 vertices resulting from defoliation.

**Motivation 3** All three of the above notions of irreducible are useful in structurally analyzing graphs and arenas of graphs [11] and in naming graphs as well [16]. The DI version of this is new [12, 13, 14]

### 3.2 Rooted graphs

**Definition R.1** A rooted graph *rohomeomorph*  $H_R$  is a homeomorphing operation that is not however allowed to conflate the root with any non-root vertex.

**Definition R.2** A rooted graph *rofeuilliette*  $F_R$  is a defoliation operation that is not however allowed to conflate the root with any non-root vertex.

**Remark 2** The first of these is a relevant distinction whenever the root is assigned to a degree-2 vertex. That could otherwise be homeomorphed out. While the second of these is an immediately relevant distinction whenever the root is assigned to a degree-1 vertex. That could otherwise be defoliated out by a single defoliation. And relevant in the face of serial defoliation whenever the root is assigned to a side-tree vertex.

**Structure R** Rooted graphs support their own notion of double irreducibles, under the  $H_R$  and  $F_R$  operations.

### 3.3 Digraphs

**Definition D.0** In a digraph, the *indegree* of a vertex is the number of edges emanating from it with arrows pointing into it. And the *outdegree* of a vertex is the number of edges emanating from it with arrows pointing away from it. A vertex with all arrows pointing away from it is a *source*. While a vertex with all arrows pointing into it is a *sink*. The only other possibility for a degree-2 vertex is a *flow-through*. This has one arrow flowing into the vertex and the other flowing out of it.

**Definition D.1** A digraph *dihomeomorph*  $H_D$  is a homeomorphing operation in the following restricted sense. A flow-in arrow, flow-through vertex and flow-out arrow is replaced by a single arrow. Which points in the common direction of the 2 arrows being replaced. While any degree-2 vertices that are sources or sinks are to be left alone. All of this remains restricted by no multi-edges being created.

**Definition D.2** A digraph *didefoliation*  $F_D$  is a defoliation operation that can conflate a leaf with its flow-through twig. But cannot conflate a leaf with its source or sink twig.

In the event in which a twig is a branching point of degree  $\geq 4$ , finer distinctions are supported. One might or might not permit defoliation unto mixed twigs. Starting with degree-4 vertices with indegree 2 and outdegree 2. Let us refer to the case allowing mixed cases to be defoliated *strong didefoliation*  $F_{DS}$ . And to the case not allowing this *weak didefoliation*  $F_{DW}$ .

**Structure D** Digraphs support their own notion of double irreducibles, under the  $H_D$  and  $F_D$  operations. With a finer split into  $F_{DS}$  and  $F_{DW}$  versions.

### 3.4 Rooted digraphs

**Definition RD.1** A rooted digraph *dorohomeomorph*  $H_{RD}$  is a homeomorphing operation to which both of the above restrictions apply.

All of this remains restricted by no multi-edges being created.

**Definition RD.2** A rooted digraph *dorofeuillette*  $F_{RD}$  is a defoliation operation that to which both of the above restrictions apply. Again, this comes in weak and strong variants.

**Structure RD** Rooted digraphs support their own notion of double irreducibles, under the  $H_{RD}$  and  $F_{RD}$  operations. With a finer split into strong and weak versions.

## 4 Double irreducible classification theorems

### 4.1 For the simple graphs

**Remark 1** We recently revealed the double-irreducible class theorem for simple graphs [12].

**Theorem S** The interplay between the  $H$  and  $F$  operations on simple graphs partitions their arena [11, 14] into the following. Precisely 8 double-irreducibility classes. Namely,  $D, P, P', P_3, C_3, C_4, Paw$  and  $C_5$ .

**Remark 1** The minimum examples of each of these 8 classes for simple graphs were also provided. Alongside the extent to which these minimum examples are unique.

### 4.2 Rooted and digraph versions

**Theorem R** Substituting ‘rooted graph’,  $H_R$  and  $F_R$  for ‘simple graph’,  $H$  and  $F$  respectively gives the same result.

**Theorem D** Substituting ‘digraph’,  $H_D$  and  $F_D$  for ‘simple graph’,  $H$  and  $F$  respectively gives the same result.

**Theorem RD** Substituting ‘rooted digraph’,  $H_{RD}$  and  $F_{RD}$  for ‘simple graph’,  $H$  and  $F$  respectively gives the same result.

**Proof** The Algebraic proof in [12]’s exhaustion carries through when the simple graphs are further structured or conditioned in the current Articles’ ways. What these structurings or conditionings require is establishing that none of the 8 exhaustive classes are rendered empty by them. The list of minimum examples for each class – without multiplicity – suffice for this purpose. Thus a small sliver of the below Exercises finish off these 3 (or with weak to strong distinction 5) proofs.  $\square$

**Remark 2** However, the minimum examples and the extent to which they are unique differ with the type of graph being modelled. Including with the finer weak versus strong distinction in the D and RD cases.

### 4.3 S. Sánchez' Exercise set

**Remark 3** The simple graph's Trowel graph (Fig 1.a) is key in providing the minimum examples of the 3 hardest cases. I.e.  $P_3$ , Paw and  $C_5$ . This is based on the Tarantulahead cycle system (Subfig b).

**Exercise 1** a) How many rootings does this support?

b) How does rooting affect the multiplicity of the minimum examples of these 3 classes?

c) Also show that 2 of the simple graph minimum examples need to be abandoned. Find their replacements.

d) Finally show that 1 of the remaining minimum graph examples picks up a new nonuniqueness.

**Exercise 2<sup>-</sup>** Find the number of distinct digraphs supported by the square. How many of these can be dihomeomorphed?

**Exercise 3** Show that 16 of the 20 digraphs supported by the Banner graph (Subfig c) can be strongly dihomeomorphed.

**Exercise 4<sup>+</sup>** Carry out the corresponding analysis for Trowel and its first homeomorphs. Deduce the extent of nonuniqueness for each DI class for digraphs.

**Exercise 5<sup>+</sup>** Find the minimum examples for the 8 DI classes in the strong DR case.

**Exercise 6<sup>+</sup>** Find the weak counterparts of the previous two Exercises.

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