

Enumerations of theta-curves and handcuff graphs

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We enumerate all the θ -curves and handcuff graphs with up to seven crossings by using algebraic tangles and prime basic θ -polyhedra. Here, a θ -polyhedron is a connected graph embedded in 2-sphere, whose two vertices are 3-valent, and the others are 4-valent. There exist twenty-four prime basic θ -polyhedra with up to seven 4-valent vertices. We can obtain a θ -curve or handcuff graph diagram from a prime basic θ -polyhedron by substituting algebraic tangles for their 4-valent vertices.

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