On the universal invariant of bottom tangles

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Abstract. A bottom tangle is a tangle in a cube whose boundary points are arranged on the bottom line, and every link can be obtained from a bottom tangle by closing. The universal sl_2 invariant of bottom tangles has the universality property with respect to the colored Jones polynomial of links. In this talk, we study the universal sl_2 invariant of certain types of bottom tangles.