# A Sufficient Condition for Intrinsic Linking <sup>1</sup>

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1 Preliminaries





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# Lemma (Blain et. al. and Ozawa et. al.)

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knotted	7	5,5	3,3,3	3,2,2,2	2,2,2,2,1	2,2,1,1,1,1	All
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Table: Intrinsic Linking of 1 Deficient Graphs.

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				4,3,1,1-e	3,3,1,1,1-e	2,2,2,1,1,1-e		
					3,2,2,1,1-е	4,1,1,1,1,1-e		
not knotted	7-е	n,4-e	3,3,2-е	3,3,1,1-e	3,2,1,1,1-(c,d)	2,2,1,1,1,1-(a,b)	1,1,1,1,1,1,1e	None
			п,2,2-е	2,2,2,2-е	3,2,1,1,1-(a,b)	2,2,1,1,1,1-(c,d)		
			n,3,1-e	3,2,2,1-e	3,2,1,1,1-(a,c)	3,1,1,1,1,1-(a,b)		
				n,2,1,1-e	2,2,2,1,1-е	2,1,1,1,1,1-e		
					<i>n</i> ,1,1,1,1-е			

Table: Intrinsic knotting of 1 deficient graphs.

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