

# On the presentation of links as a sum of two descending tangles

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We will show that every link can be presented as the sum of two descending  $2n$ -tangles which consist of  $n$  arcs with their own relative height. Clearly the minimal number  $\tau(L)$  of  $n$  such that  $L$  admits a descending  $2n$ -tangle presentation is a link invariant. We will show the relationship between  $\tau(L)$  and the well-known numerical link invariants; such as the minimal crossing number  $c(L)$ , the arc-index  $\alpha(L)$ , the polygon index  $P(L)$ , etc. Also we will calculate  $\tau(L)$  for some class of links.

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