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Sandy Ganzell, Mercedes Gonzalez* (gonzal20@southwestern.edu), **Chloe' Marcum, Nina Ryalls** and **Mariel Santos**. *Restrictions on Homflypt and Kauffman Polynomials Arising from Local Moves*. Preliminary report.

We study the effects of certain local moves on Homflypt and Kauffman polynomials. We show that all Homflypt (or Kauffman) polynomials are equal in a certain nontrivial quotient of the Laurent polynomial ring. As a consequence, we discover some new properties of these invariants. (Received September 25, 2018)