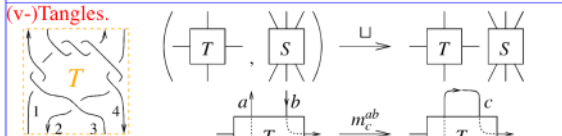


# PolyPoly on 150709

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**Abstract.** The value of things is inversely correlated with their computational complexity. "Real time" machines, such as our brains, only run linear time algorithms, and there's still a lot we don't know. Anything we learn about things doable in linear time is truly valuable. Polynomial time we can in-practice run, even if we have to wait; these things are still valuable. Exponential time we can play with, but just a little, and exponential things must be beautiful or philosophically compelling to deserve attention. Values further diminish and the aesthetic-or-philosophical bar further rises as we go further slower, or un-computable, or ZFC-style intrinsically infinite, or large-cardinalish, or beyond.

I will explain some things I know about polynomial time knot polynomials and explain where there's more, within reach.



**Why Tangles?**

- Finitely presented. (meta-associativity:  $m_a^{ab} // m_c^{bc} = m_b^{bc} // m_a^{ab}$ )
- Divide and conquer proofs and computations.
- "Algebraic Knot Theory": If  $K$  is ribbon,  $U \in \mathcal{T}_n$

$z(K) \in \{cl_2(\zeta) : cl_1(\zeta) = 1\}$ .  $\mathcal{T}_{2n}$

(Genus and crossing number are also definable properties).  $cl_1$ : trivial  $cl_2$ : ribbon  $K \in \mathcal{T}_1$

Faster is better, leaner is meaner!

**Theorem 1.**  $\exists!$  an invariant  $Z_0$ : {pure framed  $S$ -component tangles}  $\rightarrow \Gamma_0(S) := R \times M_{S \times S}(R)$ , where  $R = R_S = \mathbb{Z}((T_a)_{a \in S})$  is the ring of rational functions in  $S$  variables, intertwining

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 & S_1 & \omega_2 & S_2 \\ S_1 & A_1 & S_2 & A_2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\cup} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \omega_2 & S_1 & S_2 \\ S_1 & A_1 & 0 \\ S_2 & 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega & a & b & S \\ a & \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ b & \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ S & \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mu = 1 - \beta} \begin{pmatrix} \mu\omega & c & S \\ c & \gamma + \alpha\delta/\mu & \epsilon + \delta\theta/\mu \\ S & \phi + \alpha\psi/\mu & \Xi + \psi\theta/\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

and satisfying  $(\mu : a \times b, b \times a) \xrightarrow{z_0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix} ; \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ a & 1 & 1 - T_a^{\pm 1} \\ b & 0 & T_a^{\pm 1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

**In Addition** • The matrix part is just a stitching formula for Burau/Gassner [LD, KLV, CT].

- $K \mapsto \omega$  is Alexander, mod units.
- $L \mapsto (\omega, A) \mapsto \omega \det(A - I)/(1 - T')$  is the MVA, mod units.
- The "fastest" Alexander algorithm.
- There are also formulas for strand deletion, reversal, and doubling.
- Every step along the computation is the invariant of something.
- Extends to and more naturally defined on v/w-tangles.
- Fits in one column, including propaganda & implementation.

**Implementation key idea:**

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ω, A = (αab) ↔
(ω, λ = ∑ αab Ta hb)
Collect[Factor[...]] := Simplify[...];
Factor[...];
...

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## Polynomial Time Knot Polynomials, A

**Meta-Associativity**

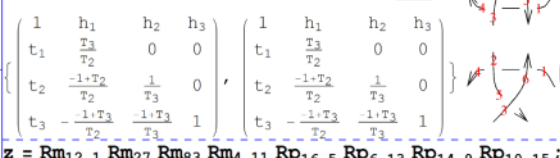
$$\xi = \mathcal{T}[\omega, \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}]. \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \theta_1 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} & \theta_2 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} & \theta_3 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \phi_3 & \Xi \end{pmatrix} \cdot \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\};$$

**Runs**

$$(\xi // m_{12-1} // m_{13-1}) = (\xi // m_{23-2} // m_{12-1})$$

**True**  $R_3$  ... divide and conquer!

$\{Rm_{51} Rm_{62} Rp_{34} // m_{14-1} // m_{25-2} // m_{36-3}, Rp_{61} Rm_{24} Rm_{35} // m_{14-1} // m_{25-2} // m_{36-3}\}$

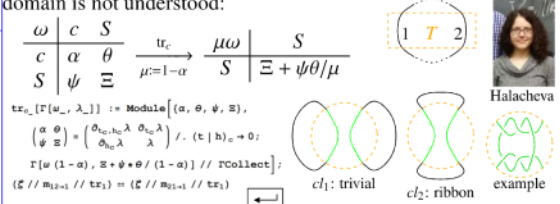


$$z = Rm_{12,1} Rm_{27} Rm_{63} Rm_{4,11} Rp_{16,5} Rp_{6,13} Rp_{14,9} Rp_{10,15};$$

**Do**  $[z = z // m_{1k \rightarrow 1}, \{k, 2, 16\}]$ ;

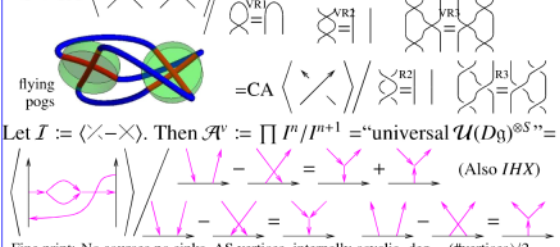
$$z \left( 11 - \frac{1}{T_1^3} + \frac{4}{T_1^2} - \frac{8}{T_1} - 8 T_1 + 4 T_1^2 - T_1^3 \right) h_1$$

**Closed Components.** The Halacheva trace satisfies  $m_c^{ab} // tr_c = m_b^{ba} // tr_c$  and computes the MVA for all links in the atlas, but its domain is not understood:



**Weaknesses.** •  $m_c^{ab}$  and  $tr_c$  are non-linear. • The product  $\omega A$  is always Laurent, but my current proof takes induction with exponentially many conditions. • I still don't understand  $tr_c$ . • I still don't understand "unitarity".

**v-Tangles.**



**Theorem.** [EK, En] There exists a homomorphic expansion (universal finite type invariant)  $Z$ :  $vT \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^v$ .

**Too hard!** Let's look for "meta-monoid" quotients.

Something about  $w$

"Work in progress"

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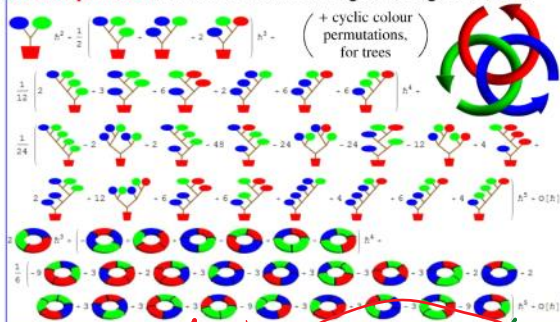
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**Polynomial Time Knot Polynomials, B**

**Theorem 2 [BND].**  $\exists!$  a homomorphic expansion, aka a homomorphic universal finite type invariant  $Z^w$  of pure w-tangles.  $z^w := \log Z^w$  takes values in  $FL(S)^S \times CW(S)$ .

**Definition.** (Compare [BNS, BN]) A **The Abstract Context** meta-monoid is a functor  $M: (\text{finite sets, injections}) \rightarrow (\text{sets})$  (think " $M(S)$  is quantum  $G^S$ ", for  $G$  a group) along with natural operations  $*$ :  $M(S_1) \times M(S_2) \rightarrow M(S_1 \sqcup S_2)$  whenever  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$  and  $m_c^{ab}: M(S \sqcup \{a, b\}) \rightarrow M(S \sqcup \{c\})$  whenever  $a \neq b \notin S$  and  $c \notin S$ , such that

$z$  is computable!  $z$  of the Borromean tangle, to degree 5 [BN]:



meta-associativity:  $m_a^{ab} // m_a^{ac} = m_b^{bc} // m_a^{ab}$   
 meta-locality:  $m_c^{ab} // m_f^{de} = m_f^{de} // m_c^{ab}$   
 and, with  $\epsilon_b = M(S \hookrightarrow S \sqcup \{b\})$ ,  
 meta-unit:  $\epsilon_b // m_a^{ab} = Id = \epsilon_b // m_a^{ba}$ .

**Proposition [BN].** Modulo all relations that universally hold for the 2D non-Abelian Lie algebra and after some changes-of-variable,  $z^w$  reduces to  $z_0$ .

**Claim.** Pure virtual tangles  $PT$  form a meta-monoid.  
**Theorem.**  $S \mapsto \Gamma_0(S)$  is a meta-monoid and  $z_0: PT \rightarrow \Gamma_0$  is a morphism of meta-monoids.

**Strong Conviction.** There exists an extension of  $\Gamma_0$  to a bigger meta-monoid  $\Gamma_{01}(S) = \Gamma_0(S) \times \Gamma_1(S)$ , along with an extension of  $z_0$  to  $z_{01}: PT \rightarrow \Gamma_{01}$ , with (more or less)

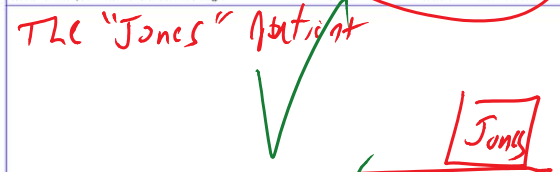
$\Gamma_1(S) =$  [yellow box]

Furthermore, upon reducing to a single variable everything is polynomial size and polynomial time.

Furthermore,  $\Gamma_{01}$  is given using a "meta-2-cocycle over  $\Gamma_0$ ": In addition to  $m_c^{ab} \rightarrow m_{0c}^{ab}$ , there are  $R_S$ -linear  $m_{1c}^{ab}: \Gamma_1(S \sqcup \{a, b\}) \rightarrow \Gamma_1(S \sqcup \{c\})$  a meta-right-action  $\alpha^{ab}: \Gamma_1(S) \times \Gamma_0(S) \rightarrow \Gamma_1(S)$   $R_S$ -linear in the first variable, and an order 1 differential operator (over  $R_S$ )  $\rho_c^{ab}: \Gamma_0(S \sqcup \{a, b\}) \rightarrow \Gamma_1(S \sqcup \{c\})$  such that

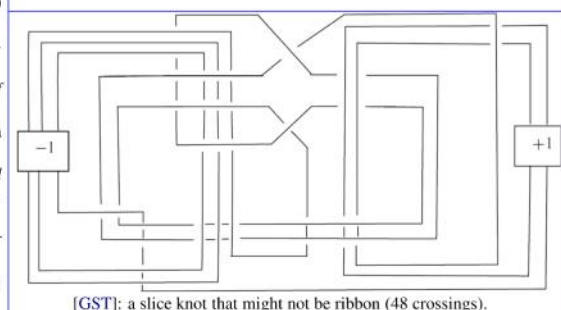
and then

$(\zeta_0, \zeta_1) // m_c^{ab} = (\zeta_0 // m_{0c}^{ab}, (\zeta_1, \zeta_0) // \alpha^{ab} // m_{1c}^{ab} + \zeta_0 // \rho_c^{ab})$



The "Jones" notation  
 The 1-co-product  
 everything should be polynomial...

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[GST]: a slice knot that might not be ribbon (48 crossings).

Let's talk about China, America, Taiwan, economy, ecology, religion, democracy, censorship, and all else.

"God created the knots, all else in topology is the work of mortals."  
 Leopold Kronecker (modified) [www.katlas.org](http://www.katlas.org)

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 "I'm 2D and I'm a friend of Vaughan Jones" ✓