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1984 Jones polynomial:

$$K \rightarrow \text{inv}_L \in \mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm 1}]$$

$$q^2 \nearrow_1 - q^{-2} \searrow_1 = (q - q^{-1}) \nearrow_1$$

$$\bigcirc \rightarrow q + q^{-1}$$

} generalization via quantum groups
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K knot, \mathfrak{g} simple Lie alg, V fid. rep.

$$J_K^{\mathfrak{g}}(V) \in \mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm 1}]$$

For $sl(2)$, \mathbb{C}^2 ,
 get old J_K .

$\forall n \geq 1 \exists V_n$ irred rep. of $sl(2)$,

get $J_K(n)$, the colored Jones poly.

Example: The trefoil $\left[\bigcirc \right] = K$

$$J_K(m) = [m] q^{2-m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{-2km} (1 - q^{2-2m}) \cdot (1 - q^{4-2m}) \cdots (1 - q^{2k-2m})$$

Recurrence relation

$$a_2 J_K(m+2) + a_1 J_K(m+1) + a_0 J_K(m) = 0$$

$$\text{w/ } a_2 = q^{2+10m} - q^{6m} \quad a_1, a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm m}, q^{\pm 1}]$$

along w/ $J_K(0)=1$ & $J_K(1)=i$ this determines the colored Jones of (\mathbb{Q})

Two operators L, M acting on

$$\{F: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R = \mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]\}$$

$$(LF)(m) = F(m+1)$$

$$(MF)(m) = q^m F(m)$$

$$LM = qML$$

$$\Pi := R \langle M^{\pm 1}, L^{\pm 1} \rangle / (LM = qML)$$

$$A_F := \{ \alpha \in \Pi : \alpha F = 0 \}$$

Def F is q -holonomic if $A_F \neq 0$

For the trefoil, take $\langle \alpha \rangle = A_F$

$$\alpha|_{q=1} = \underbrace{(M^4 - 1)}_{M \text{ factor}} \underbrace{(1 + M^6 L)(L - 1)}_{A\text{-polynomial of } (\mathbb{Q})}$$

Thm (Garoufalidis, LL) $\forall K \quad J_K: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 \mathbb{Z}
 is q -holonomic.

$\rightsquigarrow \exists$ canonical $\Delta_K \in \mathbb{T}$
 Conjecture (AJ conjecture, Aaronson, Frohman, Gelca, 2.)

$$\Delta_K|_{q=1} = (\text{Factor})(A\text{-poly}).$$

Le, Tran-Le: Proven for many
 2-bridge knots & some pretzel knots,
 & torus knots.

On to sln. Reps parametrized by partitions
 $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1})$; get $J_K^{\text{sln}}(\lambda) \in \mathbb{R}$

At $\lambda = \emptyset$, get HOMFLYPT:

$$q^n \overrightarrow{\searrow} - q^{-n} \overrightarrow{\swarrow} = (q + q^{-1}) \overrightarrow{\nearrow}$$

$\rightarrow \exists$ poly $W_K(\emptyset) \in \mathbb{Z}[z^{\pm 1}, q^{\pm 1}]$ st.

at $z = q^n$, get HOMFLYPT

This is true for all λ . First proof
 of this "sln-uniformization" by
 Morton.

(1) \dots is non-homomorphism

Q $W_k(\lambda)$ is q -holonomic w.r.t. λ
 Namely, ...

Thm (Garoufalidis, Lauda, Le) $W_k(m \square)$
 is q -holonomic.

proof uses quantum skew duality using
 Cauntis-Kamnitzer-Morrison.

This can be generalized to partitions
 w/ a fixed number of rows/cols.

Q: the ALL techniques cannot do

