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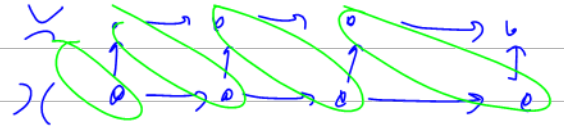
**The Jones polynomial:**  $\bigcirc^k \mapsto (q + q^{-1})^k$   
 $J : \mathcal{K} \mapsto q \langle -q^2 \rangle, \quad J : \mathcal{K} \mapsto -q^{-2} \langle +q^{-1} \rangle,$

$$\rightarrow -\bigcirc \rightarrow V^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{ht 0} 0 \dots$$

**Khovanov:**  $K(L)$  is a chain complex of graded  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules;

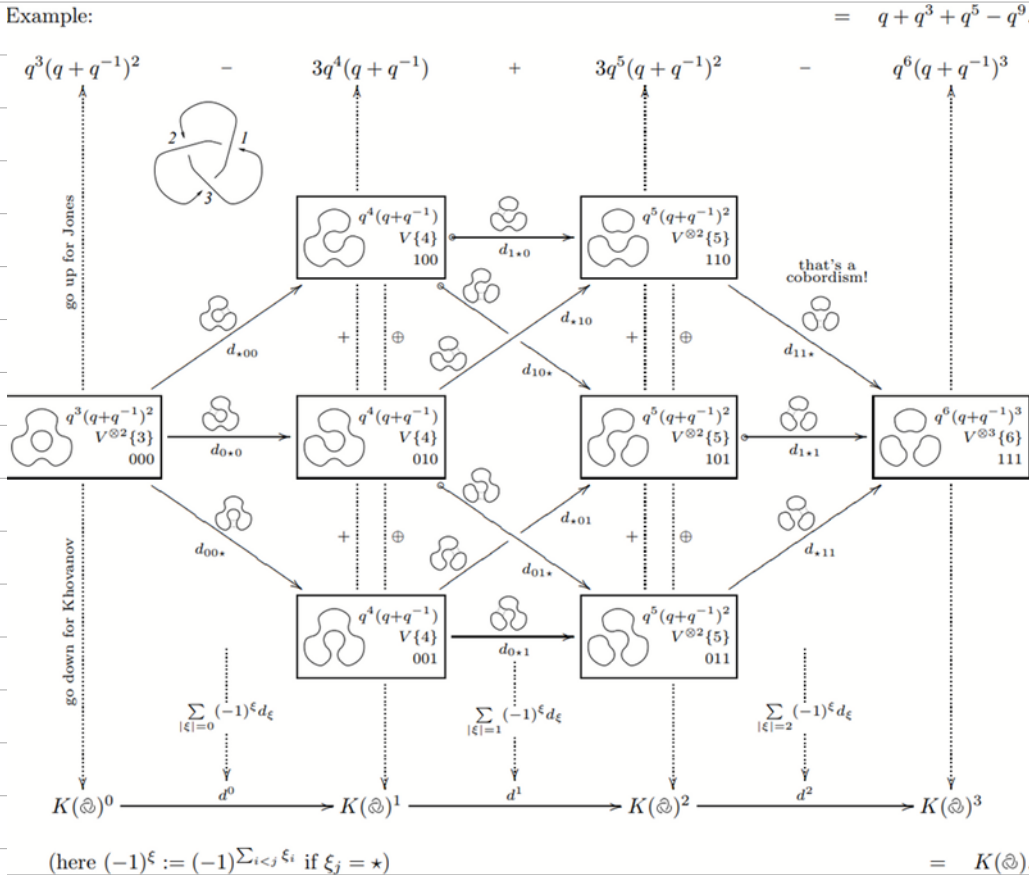
$$V = \text{span}\langle v_+, v_- \rangle; \quad \text{deg } v_{\pm} = \pm 1; \quad \text{qdim } V = q + q^{-1};$$

$$K(\bigcirc^k) = V^{\otimes k}; \quad K(\mathcal{K}) = \text{Flatten} \left( 0 \rightarrow K(\bigcirc)\{1\} \xrightarrow{\text{height } 0} K(\bigcirc)\{2\} \rightarrow 0 \right);$$



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Example:



Need:

such that:

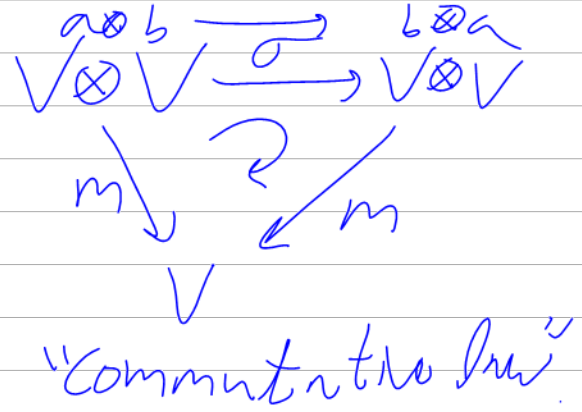
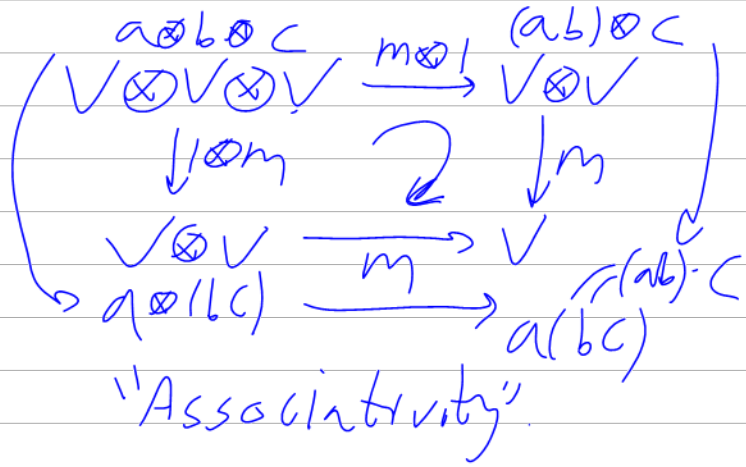
$$\left( \bigcirc \bigcirc \xrightarrow{\Delta} \bigcirc \bigcirc \right) \rightarrow (V \otimes V \xrightarrow{m} V)$$

$$\left( \bigcirc \bigcirc \xrightarrow{\Delta} \bigcirc \right) \rightarrow (V \xrightarrow{\Delta} V \otimes V)$$

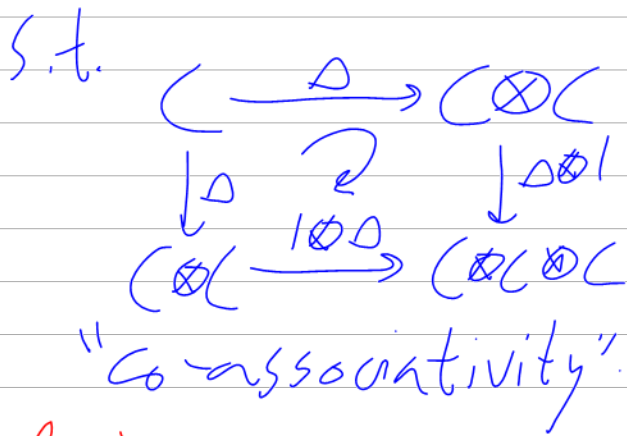
1.  $\text{deg } m = \text{deg } \Delta = -1.$
- 2.

Aside: Hopf Algebras:  $(a+b) \cdot c = ac + bc$

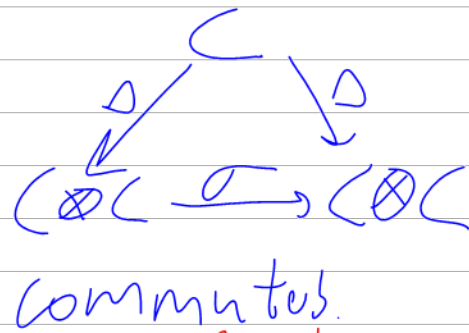
Algebra: A a v.s. w/m:  $V \otimes V \rightarrow V$



Co-algebra  $C$  w/  $\Delta: C \rightarrow C \otimes C$



Co-commutative: if



Claim IF  $A$  is a F.D. algebra, then  $C = A^*$  is a co-algebra.  $m: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$

Indwd  $\Delta = m^*: A^* \rightarrow A^* \otimes A^*$   
 $C \rightarrow C \otimes C$

Hopf Algebra  $A$  v.s. which is both an algebra & a co-alg at the same time (has  $m, \Delta$ ; satisfying both assoc. & co-assoc) and s.t.  $(a \otimes b)(c \otimes d) = (a \otimes c)(b \otimes d)$

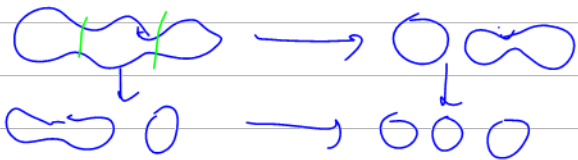
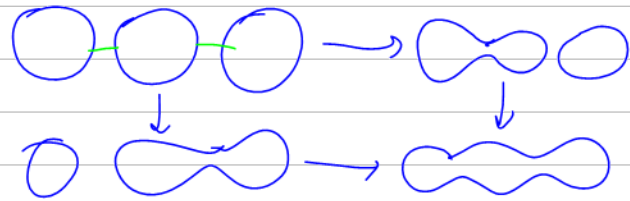
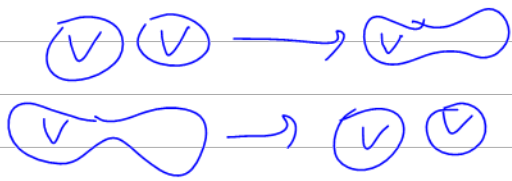
$\Delta: A \rightarrow A \otimes A$  is a morphism of dg-algebras

Forgetting axioms related to units & "inverses"

$$m: V \otimes V \rightarrow V \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\Delta: V \rightarrow V \otimes V$$

1.  $\deg m = \deg \Delta = -1$
2.  $m$  is commutative
3.  $\Delta$  is co-commutative
4.  $m$  is associative
5.  $\Delta$  co-associative



$$V \otimes V \otimes V \xrightarrow{m \otimes 1} V \otimes V$$

$$\downarrow 1 \otimes m \quad \searrow \quad \downarrow m$$

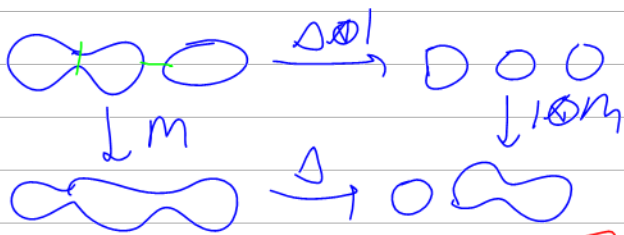
$$V \otimes V \xrightarrow{m} V$$

$$V \rightarrow V \otimes V$$

$$\downarrow \Delta \quad \downarrow \Delta$$

$$V \otimes V \rightarrow V \otimes V \otimes V$$

$$6. \Delta \otimes 1 // 1 \otimes m = m // \Delta$$



$$m: \begin{matrix} V_+ \otimes V_+ & \longrightarrow & V_+ \\ V_+ \otimes V_- & \longrightarrow & V_- \\ V_- \otimes V_- & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{matrix}$$

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$$\Delta: \begin{matrix} V_+ & \longrightarrow & V_+ \otimes V_- + V_- \otimes V_+ \\ V_- & \longrightarrow & V_- \otimes V_- \end{matrix}$$

w1:  $n > 0, a_i > 0, \sum a_i = b$  known to w1 & w2

$\prod a_i = a$ , age of w1,

w2: If I know  $n$  &  $a$  I'd know  $a_i$

w1: No you couldn't

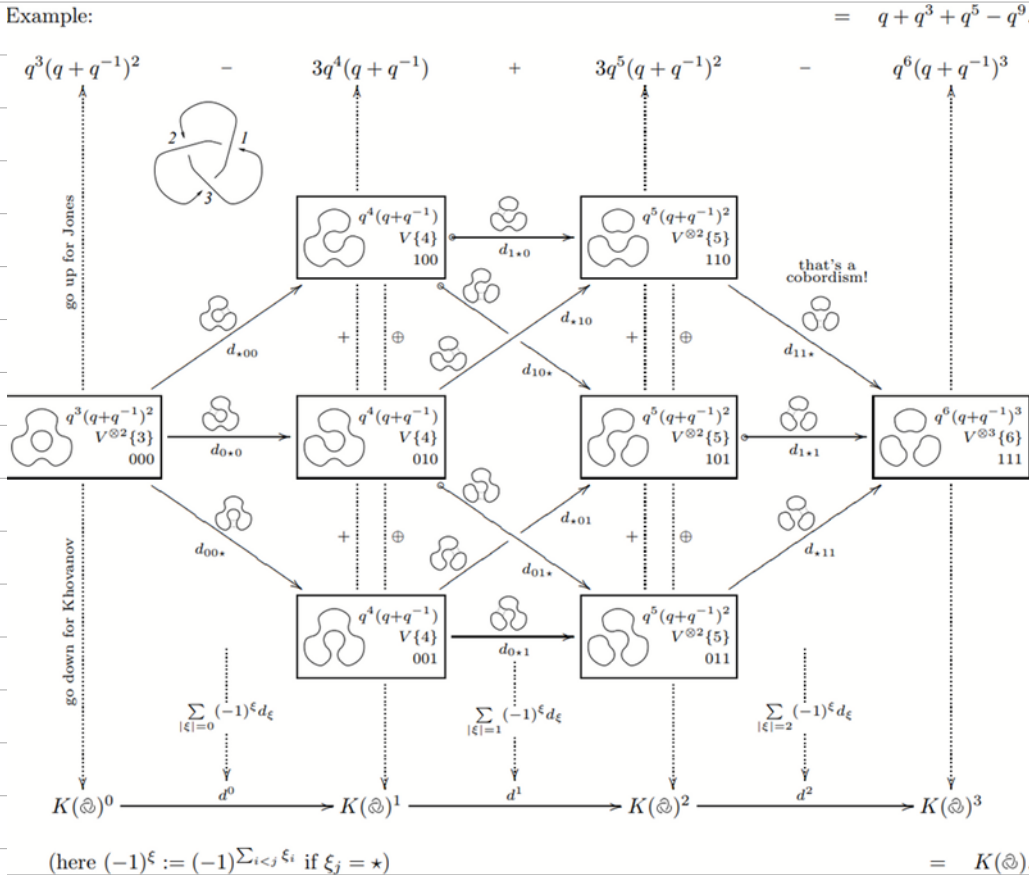
w2: I know  $a$ , what's  $b$ ?

HW 3 on Wed  
HW 2 due tonight

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Today: The most disturbing open problem about Khovanov homology

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 $K(\bigcirc^k) = V^{\otimes k}$ ;  $K(\text{link}) = \text{Flatten} \left( 0 \rightarrow K(\text{link})\{1\} \rightarrow K(\text{link})\{2\} \rightarrow 0 \right)$ ;  
 $K(\text{link}) = \text{Flatten} \left( 0 \rightarrow K(\text{link})\{-2\} \rightarrow K(\text{link})\{-1\} \rightarrow 0 \right)$ ;



Need:

such that:

$(\bigcirc \bigcirc \text{cup}) \rightarrow (V \otimes V \xrightarrow{m} V)$   
 $(\text{cup} \bigcirc \bigcirc) \rightarrow (V \xrightarrow{\Delta} V \otimes V)$

- $\deg m = \deg \Delta = -1$
- $m$  is commutative and associative
- $\Delta$  is co-commutative and co-associative
- A funny "Frobenius compatibility" of  $m$  &  $\Delta$  holds

$m : \begin{cases} v_+ \otimes v_- \mapsto v_- & v_+ \otimes v_+ \mapsto v_+ \\ v_- \otimes v_+ \mapsto v_- & v_- \otimes v_- \mapsto 0 \end{cases}$   
 $\Delta : \begin{cases} v_+ \mapsto v_+ \otimes v_- + v_- \otimes v_+ \\ v_- \mapsto v_- \otimes v_- \end{cases}$

1.  $V_+(V_- V_+) \xrightarrow{\Delta} (V_+ V_-) V_+ \checkmark$   
 2.  $V_+ \xrightarrow{\Delta} V_+ V_- + V_- V_+ \xrightarrow{m \otimes 1} V_+ V_- V_- + V_- (V_+ V_- + V_- V_+) \checkmark$

Claim  $(V, m) \cong \mathbb{Z}[x]/x^2=0$   $\begin{matrix} 1 \rightarrow V_+ \\ x \rightarrow V_- \end{matrix}$

Thm Suppose  $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C}$  is an inclusion  $\mathcal{C}' \sim \mathcal{C}$  of complexes

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{C}' & & C'^{r-1} \rightarrow C'^r & \rightarrow & C'^{r+1} & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \mathcal{C} & \rightarrow & C^{r-1} \rightarrow C^r & \rightarrow & C^{r+1} & \rightarrow & \dots \\ \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}' & & \rightarrow C^r/C'^r & \rightarrow & & & \end{array}$$

A. IF  $H(\mathcal{C}')=0$  then  $H(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}')=H(\mathcal{C})$   
 "C' is acyclic"

B IF  $H(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}')=0$  then  $H(\mathcal{C})=H(\mathcal{C}')$

PF whenever you have a short exact seq. of complexs:

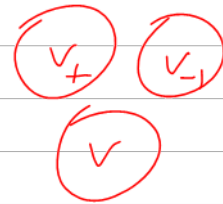
$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}' \rightarrow 0$$

there is a corresponding long exact seq of H's:

$$\begin{array}{l} \rightarrow H^{r-1}(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}') \rightarrow \quad \text{A} \\ \rightarrow H^r(\mathcal{C}') \rightarrow H^r(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow H^r(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}') \rightarrow \quad \text{B} \\ \rightarrow H^{r+1}(\mathcal{C}') \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Invariance under R1:

$$c = [\mathcal{L}] = \left( [\mathcal{L}] \xrightarrow{m} [\mathcal{L}] \right)$$

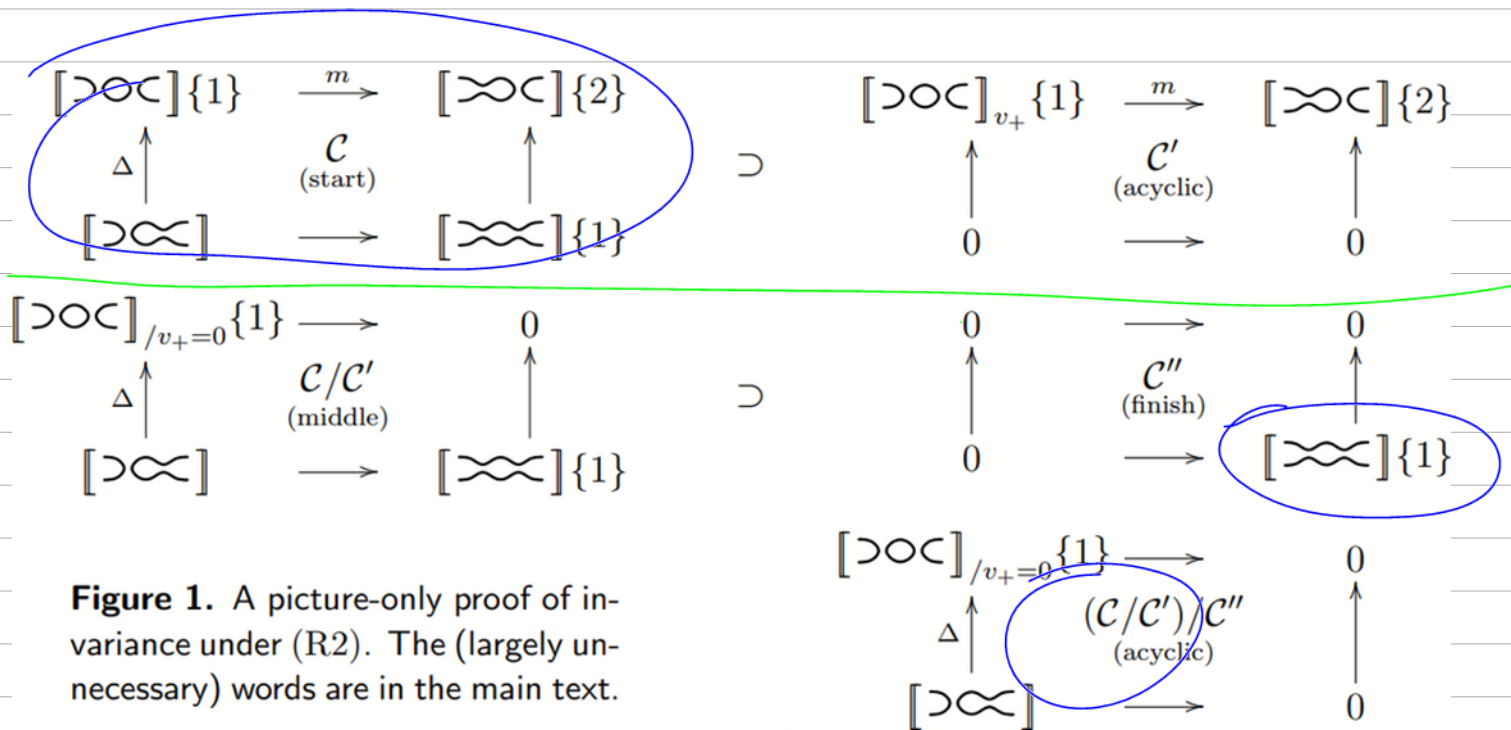


$V \otimes V \otimes V$

$$c' = \left( [\mathcal{L}]_{v_+} \xrightarrow{m} [\mathcal{L}] \right)$$

$$c/c' = \left( [\mathcal{L}]_{/v_+=0} \rightarrow 0 \right) \cong [\mathcal{L}]$$

Invariance under R2:



**Figure 1.** A picture-only proof of invariance under (R2). The (largely unnecessary) words are in the main text.

$$\begin{aligned}
 0: V_- &\rightarrow V_- \otimes V_- \xrightarrow{\text{mod by}} V_- \otimes V_- \\
 V_+ &\rightarrow V_+ + V_+ \xrightarrow[\text{on left}]{V_+ = 0} V_- \otimes V_+
 \end{aligned}$$

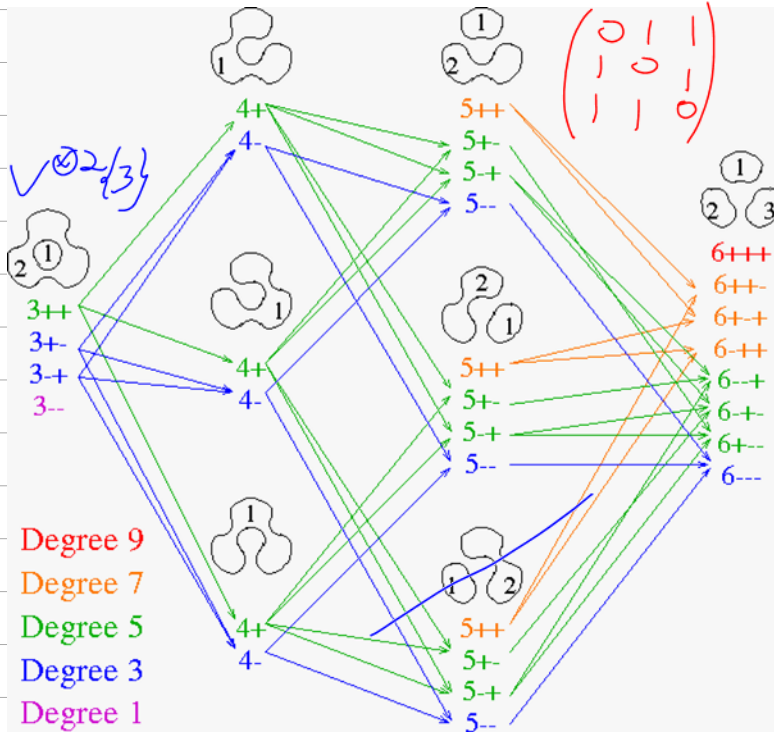
Invariance under R3?

<http://www.math.toronto.edu/~drorbn/papers/Categorification/Categorification.pdf> or wait a bit.

$$\underline{\text{Thm}} \quad \text{Kh}(K) = V \Rightarrow K = \bigcirc$$

PF ~~wrongest~~ ever (morally)  
 way too complicated.

- Open problems:
1. 3D interpretation?
  2. Why  $Kh(K) = K(0) \Rightarrow K = 0$ ?



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in[1]:= << KnotTheory`
Loading KnotTheory` version of February 2, 2020, 10:53:45.2097.
Read more at http://katlas.org/wiki/KnotTheory.
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in[2]:= Kh[PD@Mirror[Knot[3, 1]]][q, t]
... KnotTheory: Loading precomputed data in PD4Knots`.
... KnotTheory: The Khovanov homology program JavaKh-v2 is an update of
Jeremy Green's program JavaKh-v1, written by Scott Morrison in
2008 at Microsoft Station Q.
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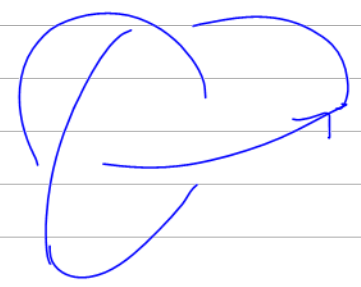
Out[2]=  $q + q^3 + q^5 t^2 + q^9 t^3$

$Kh = \sum t^r q^d \dim H^r$   
 So coeff of  $t^r q^d$  is  $\dim(H^r)$   
 $Kh / t \rightarrow 1 = J$

Parts of homological alg | Polynomial's on  $\{knots\}$   
 make sense even if ker & im don't 0 |  $sl_2 \vee_2$

Let  $V$  (for Vassiliev) be an inv. of oriented knots in oriented  $\mathbb{R}^3/S^3$ .  $V$  can be extended to 1-singular knots via:

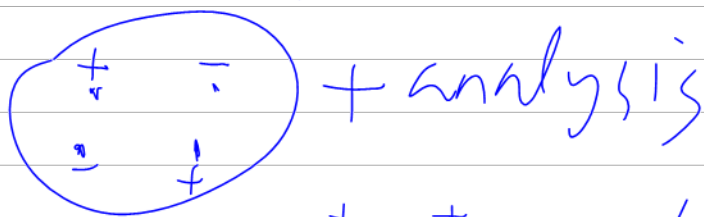
$$V(\text{crossing with dot}) = V(\text{crossing}) - V(\text{crossing})$$



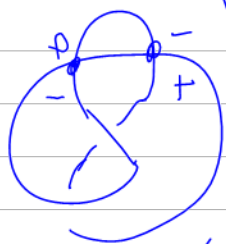
$V^{(1)}$  is "First derivative" of  $V$

$$V^{(m)}(\underbrace{X \cdot X \cdot \dots \cdot X}_m) = V^{(m-1)}(\overset{\nearrow}{\nearrow} X \cdot \dots \cdot X) - V^{(m-1)}(\overset{\nearrow}{\searrow} X \cdot \dots \cdot X)$$

"m-singular knots"



$$V(X X) = V(\overset{\nearrow}{\nearrow} \overset{\nearrow}{\nearrow}) - V(\overset{\nearrow}{\searrow} \overset{\nearrow}{\searrow}) - V(\overset{\nearrow}{\searrow} \overset{\nearrow}{\nearrow}) + V(\overset{\nearrow}{\searrow} \overset{\nearrow}{\searrow})$$



$$V^{(m)}(\underbrace{X \cdot \dots \cdot X}_m) = \sum_{S \in \{-1, +1\}^m} (\prod S_i) V(K_S)$$

Def  $V$  is poly of deg  $m$ ,

$$\text{if } V^{(m+1)} \equiv 0$$