

# Scatter and Glow

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## Project goals

- Verify R3 and R2. *scatter level*
- Recover the Alexander polynomial of all knots. *\* glow level*
- Recover the multi-variable Alexander polynomial of all links.
- The scatter and glow of an arbitrary exponential.
- Find an explicit BCH formula.
- Solve R4 for F at the scatter level.
- Verify the pentagon.
- Solve for F at the glow level.
- Check the Hexagons.
- Solve the  $\theta$ -R-F equation.
- Verify the Hexagons.
- Recover the Lieberum formulas.

*strand  
deletion  
& doubling*

## Conventions

$Ar[i, j]$  is an arrow going from  $i$  to  $j$ .

$$Y[i, j, k] := [Ar[i, k], Ar[j, k]] = Ar[i, k]Ar[j, k] - Ar[j, k]Ar[i, k] =: Ad[Ar[i, k]][Ar[j, k]] = -[Ar[i, j], Ar[j, k]]$$

$$x[l]Y[i, j, k] := [Ar[l, k], Y[i, j, k]]$$

$$IHX: x[i]Y[j, k, l] + x[j]Y[k, i, l] + x[k]Y[i, j, l] = 0$$

*math  
formatting*

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**Program**

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In[1]:= S[sigma[i_, j_]] := S[{
  Ar[0, j] → Ar[0, j] + Y[0, i, j, -(Exp[-x[i]] - 1) / x[i]],
  Ar[0, i] → Ar[0, i] + Y[0, i, j, (Exp[-x[i]] - 1) / x[i]],
  Ar[j, 0] → Ar[j, 0] + Y[i, j, 0, (Exp[x[i]] - 1) / x[i]]
}];
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ReducePrimitives[prims_] := Module[{l, h0, h1}, prims
  //. {
    Y[_, 0] → 0,
    Y[i_, i_, _] → 0,
    Y[i_, j_, k_, h_] /; i > j ⇒ Y[j, i, k, Expand[-h]],
    c_ * Y[i_, j_, k_, h_] ⇒ Y[i, j, k, Expand[c * h]],
    Y[i_, j_, k_, h1_] + Y[i_, j_, k_, h2_] ⇒ Y[i, j, k, h1 + h2],
    Y[i_, j_, k_, h_] /; !FreeQ[h, x[l_]] /; l < i ⇒ (
      l = Min[Cases[{h}, x[l_] ⇒ l, Infinity]];
      h0 = Limit[h, x[l] → 0];
      h1 = Expand[(h - h0) / x[l]];
      Y[i, j, k, h0]
      - Y[j, l, k, Expand[h1 x[i]]] - Y[l, i, k, Expand[h1 * x[j]]]
    )
  }
  /. Y[i_, j_, k_, h_] ⇒ Y[i, j, k, Expand[h]]
];
```

*Keep S as  
only operator.*

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Scatter[S[s_List]][prims_] := ReducePrimitives[prims
  //. {
    Ar[i_, j_] ⇒ Distribute[Ar[Ar[i, 0] /. s, Ar[0, j] /. s]],
    Y[i_, j_, k_, h_] ⇒ Distribute[Y[
      Ar[i, 0] /. s, Ar[j, 0] /. s, Ar[0, k] /. s, h
    ]]
  }
  /. {Ar[i_, 0] ⇒ i, Ar[0, j_] ⇒ j}
  /. {
    Ar[Y[i_, j_, 0, h_], k_] ⇒ Y[i, j, k, h],
    Y[_Y, _Y, _] ⇒ 0,
    Y[i_Integer, Y[j_, k_, 0, h_], l_, h1_] ⇒ Y[j, k, l, x[i] * h * h1],
    Y[Y[j_, k_, 0, h_], i_Integer, l_, h1_] ⇒ Y[j, k, l, -x[i] * h * h1]
  }
  /. {
    Ar[i_, Y[0, j_, k_, h_]] ⇒ Y[i, j, k, h],
    Ar[i_, Y[j_, 0, k_, h_]] ⇒ Y[j, i, k, h],
    Y[i_, j_, Y[0, k_, l_, h_], h1_] ⇒ Y[i, j, l, -x[k] * h * h1],
    Y[i_, j_, Y[k_, 0, l_, h_], h1_] ⇒ Y[i, j, l, x[k] * h * h1]
  }
];
```

# Testing

## ■ The braid group on two strands is commutative :

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In[4]:= Scatter[S[sigma[1, 2]]][Ar[1, 2]] // ReducePrimitives
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Out[4]= Ar[1, 2]
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## ■ Locality in Scale (only for overcrossings)

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In[5]:= (Ar[1, 2] // Scatter[S[sigma[3, 1]]]) // Scatter[S[sigma[3, 2]]]
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Out[5]= Ar[1, 2] + Y[1, 3, 2, 0]
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In[6]:= (Ar[2, 1] // Scatter[S[sigma[3, 1]]]) // Scatter[S[sigma[3, 2]]]
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Out[6]= Ar[2, 1]
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locality in scale - global over local.

## ■ Overcrossings Commute

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In[7]:= oc1 = {Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4], Ar[3, 4], Ar[4, 1], Ar[4, 2], Ar[4, 3], Ar[1, 2], Y[1, 2, 3, 1],
  Y[2, 3, 1, 1], Y[3, 1, 2, 1]} // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 2]]] // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 3]]]
```

```
Out[7]= {Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4] + Y[1, 2, 4, -1/x[1] + e^x[1]/x[1]], Ar[3, 4] + Y[1, 3, 4, -1/x[1] + e^x[1]/x[1]],
  Ar[4, 1] + Y[1, 4, 2, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]] + Y[1, 4, 3, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]],
  Ar[4, 2] + Y[1, 4, 2, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1]], Ar[4, 3] + Y[1, 4, 3, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1]], Ar[1, 2],
  Y[1, 2, 3, 1], Y[1, 2, 1, x[3]/x[1] - e^x[1]x[3]/x[1]] + Y[1, 2, 2, x[3]/x[1] - e^x[1]x[3]/x[1]] +
  Y[1, 2, 3, x[3]/x[1] - e^x[1]x[3]/x[1]] + Y[1, 3, 1, -x[2]/x[1] + e^x[1]x[2]/x[1]] +
  Y[1, 3, 2, -x[2]/x[1] + e^x[1]x[2]/x[1]] + Y[1, 3, 3, -x[2]/x[1] + e^x[1]x[2]/x[1]] + Y[2, 3, 1, 1], Y[1, 3, 2, -1]}
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In[8]:= oc2 = {Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4], Ar[3, 4], Ar[4, 1], Ar[4, 2], Ar[4, 3], Ar[1, 2], Y[1, 2, 3, 1],
  Y[2, 3, 1, 1], Y[3, 1, 2, 1]} // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 3]]] // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 2]]];
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Thread[
  oc1 ==
  oc2]
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Out[9]= True
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merge

In[10]:= t1 =

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{Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4], Ar[3, 4], Ar[4, 1], Ar[4, 2], Ar[4, 3]} // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 2]]] //
Scatter[S[sigma[1, 3]]] // Scatter[S[sigma[2, 3]]]
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Out[10]= {Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4] + Y[1, 2, 4, -1/x[1] + e^x[1]/x[1]],
Ar[3, 4] + Y[1, 2, 4, -x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) + e^x[1] x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) + e^x[2] x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) - e^(x[1]+x[2]) x[3]/(x[1] x[2])] +
Y[1, 3, 4, -e^x[2]/x[1] + e^(x[1]+x[2])/x[1]] + Y[2, 3, 4, -1/x[2] + e^x[2]/x[2]],
Ar[4, 1] + Y[1, 4, 2, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]] + Y[1, 4, 3, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]],
Ar[4, 2] + Y[1, 4, 2, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1]] + Y[1, 4, 3, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1] - e^-x[1]-x[2]/x[1] + e^-x[2]/x[1]] +
Y[2, 4, 3, 1/x[2] - e^-x[2]/x[2]], Ar[4, 3] + Y[1, 4, 3, e^-x[1]-x[2]/x[1] - e^-x[2]/x[1]] + Y[2, 4, 3, -1/x[2] + e^-x[2]/x[2]]}}
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In[11]:= t2 =

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{Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4], Ar[3, 4], Ar[4, 1], Ar[4, 2], Ar[4, 3]} // Scatter[S[sigma[2, 3]]] //
Scatter[S[sigma[1, 3]]] // Scatter[S[sigma[1, 2]]]
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no show

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Out[11]= {Ar[1, 4], Ar[2, 4] + Y[1, 2, 4, -1/x[1] + e^x[1]/x[1]],
Ar[3, 4] + Y[1, 2, 4, -x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) + e^x[1] x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) + e^x[2] x[3]/(x[1] x[2]) - e^(x[1]+x[2]) x[3]/(x[1] x[2])] +
Y[1, 3, 4, -e^x[2]/x[1] + e^(x[1]+x[2])/x[1]] + Y[2, 3, 4, -1/x[2] + e^x[2]/x[2]],
Ar[4, 1] + Y[1, 4, 2, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]] + Y[1, 4, 3, 1/x[1] - e^-x[1]/x[1]],
Ar[4, 2] + Y[1, 2, 3, 0] + Y[1, 4, 2, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1]] +
Y[1, 4, 3, -1/x[1] + e^-x[1]/x[1] - e^-x[1]-x[2]/x[1] + e^-x[2]/x[1]] + Y[2, 4, 3, 1/x[2] - e^-x[2]/x[2]],
Ar[4, 3] + Y[1, 2, 3, 0] + Y[1, 4, 3, e^-x[1]-x[2]/x[1] - e^-x[2]/x[1]] + Y[2, 4, 3, -1/x[2] + e^-x[2]/x[2]]}}
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In[12]:= ReducePrimitives[t1 - t2]

Out[12]= {0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}

## Mathematica Experiments

→ "Testing" File, to be renamed "Experiments"