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A Poly-Time Knot Polynomial Via Solvable Approximation

Abstract. Rozansky [Ro2] and Overbay [Ov] described a spectacular knot polynomial that failed to attract the attention it deserved as the first poly-time-computable knot polynomial since Alexander's [A1, 1928] and (in my opinion) as the second most likely knot polynomial (after Alexander's) to carry topological information. With Roland van der Veen, I will explain how to compute the Rozansky polynomial using some new commutator-calculus techniques and a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_1 which is at the same time solvable and an approximation of the simple Lie algebra sl_2 .

Theorem (BNG), conjectured [MM], elucidated [Ro1]). Let $J_d(K)$ be the coloured Jones polynomial of K , in the d -dimensional representation of sl_2 . Writing

$$\frac{(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})J_d(K)}{q^{d/2} - q^{-d/2}} \Big|_{q=e^h} = \sum_{j,m \geq 0} a_{jm}(K) d^j h^m,$$

"below diagonal" coefficients vanish, $a_{jm}(K) = 0$ if $j > m$, and "on diagonal" coefficients give the inverse of the Alexander polynomial: $(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{mm}(K) h^m) \cdot A(K)(e^h) = 1$.

"Above diagonal" we have **Rozansky's Theorem** [Ro3, (1.2)]:

$$J_d(K)(q) = \frac{q^d - q^{-d}}{(q - q^{-1})A(K)(q^d)} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q-1)^k R_k(K)(q^d)}{A^{2k}(K)(q^d)} \right).$$

Why "spectacular"? Foremost reason: **OBVIOUSLY**. Cf. proving (incomputable A)=(incomputable B), or categorifying (incomputable C). Also, will bound **genus** and may disprove **(ribbon) = (slice)**.

Genus.

a ribbon singularity a clasp singularity example [BN2]

A bit about ribbon knots. A "ribbon knot" is a knot that can be presented as the boundary of a disk that has "ribbon singularities", but no "clasp singularities". A "slice knot" is a knot in $S^3 = \partial B^4$ which is the boundary of a non-singular disk in B^4 . Every ribbon knot is clearly slice, yet,

Conjecture. Some slice knots are not ribbon.

Fox-Milnor. The Alexander polynomial of a ribbon knot is always of the form $A(t) = f(t)f(1/t)$. (also for slice)

(v-)Tangles.

Algebras and Invariants. Given any unital algebra A (even better if A is Hopf; typically, $A \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$), appropriate orange $R \in A \otimes A$, and appropriate cuaps $\epsilon \in A$, get an $A^{\otimes S}$ -valued invariant of pure S -component tangles:

Good News. In theory, enough to know R , the cuaps, and stitching/multiplication $m_{ij}^k: A_i \otimes A_j \rightarrow A_k$.

Problem. Extract information out of Z .

Textbook Solution. Use representation theory ... works, slowly.

Today's Solution (with van der Veen). For some specific \mathfrak{g} 's, work in a space of "formulas of a specific type" for elements of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes S}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ordered perturbed} \\ \text{Gaussian formulas} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes S}$$

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bring to front?

1-Smidgen sl_2 Let \mathfrak{g}_1 be the 4-dimensional Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \langle b, c, u, w \rangle$ over the ring $R = \mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2 = 0)$, with b central and with $[w, c] = w, [c, u] = u$, and $[u, w] = b - 2\epsilon c$, with CYBE $r_{ij} = (b_i - \epsilon c_i)c_j + u_i w_j$ in $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_1)^{\otimes(2)}$. Over \mathbb{Q} , \mathfrak{g}_1 is a solvable approximation of sl_2 : $\mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \langle b, u, w, \epsilon b, \epsilon c, \epsilon u, \epsilon w \rangle \supset \langle b, \epsilon b, \epsilon c, \epsilon u, \epsilon w \rangle \supset 0$. (note: $\deg(b, c, u, w, \epsilon) = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$)

0-Smidgen sl_2 Let \mathfrak{g}_0 be \mathfrak{g}_1 at $\epsilon = 0$, or $\mathbb{Q}\langle b, c, u, w \rangle / ([b, \cdot] = 0, [c, u] = u, [c, w] = -w, [u, w] = b$ with $r_{ij} = b_i c_j + u_i w_j$. It is $\mathfrak{b}^* \rtimes \mathfrak{b}$ where \mathfrak{b} is the 2D Lie algebra $\mathbb{Q}\langle c, w \rangle$ and (b, u) is the dual basis of (c, w) . For topology, it is more valuable than \mathfrak{g}_1 / sl_2 , but topology already got by other means almost everything \mathfrak{g}_0 gives.

How did these arise? $sl_2 = \mathfrak{b}^* \oplus \mathfrak{b}^* / \mathfrak{b} = sl_2^* / \mathfrak{b}$, where $\mathfrak{b}^* = \langle c, w \rangle / [w, c] = w$ is a Lie bialgebra with $\delta: \mathfrak{b}^* \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}^* \otimes \mathfrak{b}^*$ by $\delta: (c, w) \mapsto (0, c \wedge w)$. Going back, $sl_2^* = \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{b}^*) = (\mathfrak{b}^*)^* \oplus \mathfrak{b}^* = \langle b, u, c, w \rangle / \dots$. **Idea.** Replace $\delta \rightarrow \epsilon \delta$ over $\mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^{k+1} = 0)$. At $k = 0$, get \mathfrak{g}_0 . At $k = 1$, get $[w, c] = w, [w, b'] = -\epsilon w, [c, u] = u, [b', u] = -\epsilon u, [b', c] = 0$, and $[u, w] = b' - \epsilon c$. Now note that $b' + \epsilon c$ is central, so switch to $b := b' + \epsilon c$. This is \mathfrak{g}_1 .

Ordering Symbols. $\mathcal{O}(\text{poly} | \text{specs})$ plants the variables of poly in $S(\mathfrak{g})$ on several tensor copies of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ according to specs . E.g., $\mathcal{O}(c_1^2 u_1 c_2^2 w_3^2 | x: w_3 c_1, y: u_1 u_3 c_2) = w^9 c^3 \otimes u^6 e^c \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_x \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_y$. This enables the description of elements of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes S}$ using commutative polynomials / power series.

0-Smidgen Invariants. $r = Id \in \mathfrak{b}^* \otimes \mathfrak{b}^*$ solves the CYBE $[r_{12}, r_{13}] + [r_{12}, r_{23}] + [r_{13}, r_{23}] = 0$ in $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_0)^{\otimes 3}$ and, by luck,

$$R_{ij} = e^{b_i c_j + u_i w_j} = e^{b_i c_j + u_i w_j} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_0)_{ij} \otimes \mathfrak{g}_0$$

solves YB/R3.

Lemma. $R_{ij} = e^{b_i c_j + u_i w_j} = \mathcal{O}(\exp(b_i c_j + \frac{b_i - 1}{b_i} u_i w_j) | i: u_i, j: c_j w_j)$

Example. $Z(T_0) = \sum_{m,n} \frac{b^{m-n} (b^n - 1)^n}{m! n!} u^m \otimes e^m w^n$

$$\mathcal{O}(\exp(b_5 c_1 + \frac{b_5 - 1}{b_5} u_5 w_1 + b_2 c_4 + \frac{b_2 - 1}{b_2} u_2 w_4 - b_3 c_6 + \frac{b_3 - 1}{b_3} u_3 w_6) | x: c_1 w_1 u_2, y: u_3 c_4 u_5 c_6 w_6) = \mathcal{O}(\text{cuv form} | c: u_3 w_6, u: c_1 w_1)$$

Goal. Write Z as a Gaussian: ωe^{L+Q} where L bilinear in b_i and c_i with integer coefficients, Q a balanced quadratic in u_i and w_i with coefficients in $R_S := \mathbb{Q}(b_i, e^{b_i})$, and $\omega \in R_S$.

The Big \mathfrak{g}_0 Lemma. Under $[c, u] = u, [c, w] = -w$, and $[u, w] = b$:

- 1a. $N^{uc} := \mathcal{O}(e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | uc) \equiv \mathcal{O}(e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{-\gamma} \beta u} | cu)$ (means $e^{b_i} e^{c_j} = e^{\epsilon c_j} e^{b_i}$)
- 1b. $N^{wc} := \mathcal{O}(e^{\gamma c + \alpha w} | wc) \equiv \mathcal{O}(e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{\alpha} \alpha w} | cw)$... in the $(ax + b)$ group
2. $\mathcal{O}(e^{\alpha u + \beta w} | uw) = \mathcal{O}(e^{-b\alpha\beta + \alpha u + \beta w} | uw)$ (the Weyl relations)
3. $\mathcal{O}(e^{\delta u w} | uw) e^{\beta u} = e^{\beta u} \mathcal{O}(e^{\delta u w} | uw)$, with $\beta = (1 + b\delta)^{-1}$
4. $\mathcal{O}(e^{\delta u w} | uw) = \mathcal{O}(v e^{\delta u w} | uw)$ (same techniques)
5. $N^{wu} := \mathcal{O}(e^{\beta u + \alpha w + \delta u w} | wu) \equiv \mathcal{O}(v e^{-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u + \delta u w} | wu)$
6. $N_k^{c_i c_j} := \mathcal{O}(Z(c_i c_j) | c) \equiv \mathcal{O}(Z(c_i, c_j \rightarrow c_k) | c_k)$

Sneaky. α may contain (other) u 's, β may contain (other) w 's.

Strand Stitching. m_k^{ij} is defined as the composition

$$c_i u_i \overline{w_i} c_j u_j w_j \xrightarrow{N_k^{c_i c_j}} c_i u_i \overline{c_k} \overline{w_k} u_j w_j \xrightarrow{N_k^{u_i c_j} / N_k^{c_i u_j}} c_i \overline{c_k} u_k \overline{w_k} w_k w_j \xrightarrow{N_k^{c_k} / N_k^{c_k}} c_k u_k \overline{w_k} w_k$$



1-Smidgen Invariants. Much is the same:

The Big \mathfrak{g}_1 Lemma. Parts 1 and 6 are the same, yet

5. $\mathcal{O}(e^{\alpha u + \beta w + \delta u w} | wu) = \mathcal{O}(v(1 + \epsilon v \Lambda) e^{v(-b\alpha\beta + \alpha u + \beta w + \delta u w)} | cuw)$

Here Λ is for Λόγος, "a principle of order and knowledge", a balanced quartic in α, β, c, u , and w :

$$\Lambda = -bv(\gamma^2 \alpha^2 \beta^2 + 4\delta \gamma \alpha \beta + 2\delta^2) / 2 - \delta v^3 (3b\delta + 2)\beta^2 u^2 / 2 - b\delta^3 v^2 u^2 w^2 / 2 - \delta^2 v^3 (2b\delta + 1)\beta u^2 w - v^2 (2b\delta + 1)(v\alpha\beta + 2\delta)\beta u - 2b\delta^2 v^2 (v\alpha\beta + \delta)uw + \delta v^3 (b\delta + 2)\alpha^2 w^2 / 2 + 2(v\alpha\beta + \delta)c + 2\delta v \beta c u + 2\delta^2 v \alpha w + 2\delta v \alpha c w + \delta^2 v^3 \alpha u w^2 + v^2 (v\alpha\beta + 2\delta)\alpha w.$$

Proof. A brutal hell. A lengthy computation

Problem. We now need to normal-order perturbed Gaussians!

Solution. Borrow some tactics from QFT:

$$\mathcal{O}(\epsilon P(c, u) e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | uc) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon P(\partial_\gamma, \partial_\beta) e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | uc) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon P(\partial_\gamma, \partial_\beta) e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{-\gamma} \beta u} | cu),$$

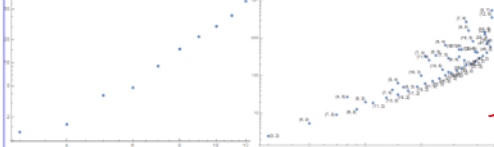
and likewise $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon P(u, w) e^{\alpha u + \beta w + \delta u w} | wu) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon P(\partial_\beta, \partial_\alpha) v e^{v(-b\alpha\beta + \alpha u + \beta w + \delta u w)} | cuw)$

Note. Strand stitching requires a tiny extra step. Finally, the values of the generators $\gamma, \alpha, \beta, \delta, u, w$ are set by specs solving many equations, non-uniquely.

Pragmatic Simplifications. Get rid of $\zeta = (e^b - 1)/b$ factors by rescaling $u \rightarrow \tilde{u} = \zeta u$. Complement this with $\beta \rightarrow \tilde{\beta} = \zeta^{-1} \beta$, $\delta \rightarrow \tilde{\delta} = \zeta^{-1} \delta$, $\epsilon \rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon} = \zeta^{-1} \epsilon$. Simplify further by naming $e^b \rightarrow t$; e.g., $v \rightarrow \tilde{v} = (1 + (t - 1)\delta)^{-1}$. Get confused by renaming $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\delta}, \tilde{v}) \rightarrow (u, \beta, \delta, v)$, and more confused by working with $\mu = v^{-1}$ and $\mathbb{E}(\omega, L, Q, P) := \omega^{-1} (1 + \epsilon \omega^{-4} P) e^{L + \omega^{-1} Q}$, where $\omega \in R := \mathbb{Q}(t)$, $L = \sum l_{ij} b_i c_j$ with $l_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$, $Q = \sum q_{ij} u_i w_j$ with $q_{ij} \in R$, and P is a balanced quartic polynomial in c_i, u_i , and w_i with coefficients in R . Magically, all coefficients are now Laurent polynomials in the t_k 's.

Rough complexity estimate. after $t_k \rightarrow t$: n : xing number; w : width, maybe $\frac{n}{A} \sum_{d=0}^4 \frac{w^{4-d} w^d n^2}{E F G} = n^3 w^4 \in [n^5, n^7]$
 $\sim \sqrt{n}$. A : go over stitchings in order. B : multiplication ops per $N^{u_i w_j}$. d : deg of u_i, w_j in P . E : #terms of deg d in P . F : ops per term. G : cost per polynomial multiplication op.

Experimental Analysis (oef/Exp). Log-log plot of computation time (sec) vs. crossing number, for all knots with up to 12 crossings (mean times) and for all torus knots with up to 48 crossings:



Conjecture (checked on the same collections). Given a knot K with Alexander polynomial A , there is a polynomial ρ_1 such that

$$P = A^2 \left((t - 2 + t^{-1}) \rho_1 + t A A' \left(\frac{(4 + t - t^2)(u w + (t - 1)c)}{2(t - 1)} - 1 \right) \right)$$

Furthermore, A and ρ_1 are symmetric under $t \rightarrow t^{-1}$, so let A^+ and ρ_1^+ be their "positive parts", so e.g., $\rho_1(t) = \rho_1^+(t) + \rho_1^+(t^{-1}) - \rho_1^+(0)$.

Power. On the 250 knots with at most 10 crossings, the pair (A, ρ_1) attains 250 distinct values, while (Khovanov, HOMFLY-PT) attains only 249 distinct values. To 11 crossings the numbers are (802, 788, 772) and to 12 they are (2978, 2883, 2786).

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Genus. Up to 12 crossings, always $\text{deg } \rho_1^+ \leq 2g - 1$, where g is the 3-genus of K (equality for 2530 knots). This gives a lower bound on g in terms of ρ_1^+ (conjectural, but undoubtedly true). This bound is often weaker than the Alexander bound, yet for 10 of the 12-crossing Alexander failures it does give the right answer.

Demo Programs for 0-Co.

$\omega\epsilon\beta$ /Demo

$R_{0,i,j}^+ := \mathbb{E}[b_i c_j + b_i^{-1} (e^{b_i} - 1) u_i w_j]$; **The R-matrices**
 $R_{0,i,j}^- := \mathbb{E}[-b_i c_j + b_i^{-1} (e^{-b_i} - 1) u_i w_j]$;

Utilities
 $\text{CF}[\omega \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{Simplify}[\omega] \mathbb{E}[\text{Simplify}[Q]]$;
 $\mathbb{E} /: \mathbb{E}[Q1] \mathbb{E}[Q2] := \text{CF} \mathbb{E}[Q1 + Q2]$;

$\omega 1 \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q1] := \omega 2 \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q2] := \text{Simplify}[\omega 1 = \omega 2 \wedge Q1 = Q2]$;

Normal Ordering Operators

$N_{u_i c_j \rightarrow u_i}[\omega \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{CF}[\omega \mathbb{E}[e^{-\gamma} \beta u_i + \gamma c_j + (Q / c_j | u_i \rightarrow \theta)]] / . \{ \gamma \rightarrow \partial_{c_j} Q, \beta \rightarrow \partial_{u_i} Q \}$;

$N_{u_i c_j \rightarrow u_i}[\omega \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{CF}[\omega \mathbb{E}[e^{\gamma} \alpha w_i + \gamma c_j + (Q / c_j | w_i \rightarrow \theta)]] / . \{ \gamma \rightarrow \partial_{c_j} Q, \alpha \rightarrow \partial_{w_i} Q \}$;

$N_{u_i w_j \rightarrow u_i}[\omega \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{CF}[\omega \mathbb{E}[-b_j \gamma \alpha \beta + \gamma \beta u_i + \gamma \delta u_i w_j + \gamma \alpha w_i + (Q / w_i | u_j \rightarrow \theta)]] / . \{ \gamma \rightarrow \partial_{u_i} Q, \alpha \rightarrow \partial_{w_j} Q, \beta \rightarrow \partial_{u_j} Q, \delta \rightarrow \partial_{w_i} Q \}$;

$\{ \alpha \rightarrow \partial_{u_i} Q / u_j \rightarrow \theta, \beta \rightarrow \partial_{u_j} Q / w_i \rightarrow \theta, \delta \rightarrow \partial_{w_i} Q \}$;

Stitching

$m_{i,j \rightarrow k}[\omega \cdot \mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{CF}[\text{Module}[(x, \omega \mathbb{E}[Q] / . b_{i|j} \rightarrow b_k // N_{u_i c_j \rightarrow u_i} // N_{u_i c_k \rightarrow u_i} // N_{u_i w_j \rightarrow u_i}]]$

$\{ c_i \rightarrow c_k, w_j \rightarrow w_k, y_x \rightarrow y_k \}$

Some calculations for T_0

$T_0 = R_{0,5,1}^+ R_{0,2,4}^+ R_{0,3,6}^+$

$\mathbb{E}[b_5 c_1 + b_2 c_4 - b_3 c_6 + \frac{(-1-e^{b_5}) u_5 w_1}{b_5} + \frac{(-1-e^{b_2}) u_2 w_4}{b_2} + \frac{(-1-e^{b_3}) u_3 w_6}{b_3}]$

$T_0 // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{3,4 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,5 \rightarrow 3} // m_{3,6 \rightarrow 3}$

$\frac{1}{1 - (-1+e^{b_1})} \mathbb{E}[b_3 c_1 + b_1 c_3 - b_3 c_3 + \frac{(-1+e^{b_1}) (-1+e^{b_3}) u_1 w_1}{(-e^{b_1} e^{b_3} + e^{b_1} b_3) b_1} - \frac{e^{-b_3} (-1+e^{b_1}) [b_3 u_1 - e^{b_3} (-1+e^{b_3}) b_1 u_3] w_3}{(-e^{b_1} e^{b_3} + e^{b_1} b_3) b_1 b_3} + \frac{e^{-b_1} (-1+e^{b_3}) u_3 (-e^{b_1} b_3 w_1 + [e^{b_1} b_3 - e^{b_1} b_3] w_3)}{(-e^{b_1} e^{b_3} + e^{b_1} b_3) b_3}]$

Verifying meta-associativity

$Q_0 = \mathbb{E}[\text{Sum}[f_i c_i, \{1, 3\}] + \text{Sum}[f_{i,j} u_i w_j, \{1, 3\}, \{j, 3\}]]$

$\mathbb{E}[c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + c_3 f_3 + u_1 w_1 f_{1,1} + u_1 w_2 f_{1,2} + u_1 w_3 f_{1,3} + u_2 w_1 f_{2,1} + u_2 w_2 f_{2,2} + u_2 w_3 f_{2,3} + u_3 w_1 f_{3,1} + u_3 w_2 f_{3,2} + u_3 w_3 f_{3,3}]$

$(Q_0 // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,3 \rightarrow 1}) = (Q_0 // m_{2,3 \rightarrow 2} // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1})$

True

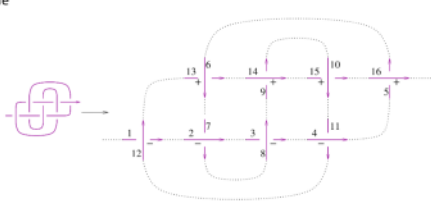
Testing R3

$t1 = R_{0,1,2}^+ R_{0,3,4}^+ R_{0,5,6}^+ // m_{3,5 \rightarrow x} // m_{1,6 \rightarrow y} // m_{2,4 \rightarrow z}$

$\mathbb{E}[b_x (c_y + c_z) + \frac{(-1+e^{b_x}) u_x (w_y w_z)}{b_x} - \frac{b_y^2 c_z (-1+e^{b_y}) w_y w_z}{b_y}]$

$t1 = (R_{0,1,2}^+ R_{0,3,4}^+ R_{0,5,6}^+ // m_{1,3 \rightarrow x} // m_{2,5 \rightarrow y} // m_{4,6 \rightarrow z})$

True



$z1 = R_{0,12,1}^+ R_{0,2,7}^+ R_{0,8,3}^+ R_{0,4,11}^+ R_{0,16,5}^+ R_{0,6,13}^+ R_{0,14,9}^+ R_{0,10,15}^+$

$\text{Do}[z1 = z1 // m_{1,n \rightarrow 1}] / . b \rightarrow b, \{n, 2, 16\}$;

$\text{CF}[z1, \text{KnotData}[\{8, 17\}, \text{"AlexanderPolynomial"}][t]]$

$(-\frac{e^{3b} b^3 (8t - 11e^{3b} b^2 + 8e^{4b} + 4e^{5b} c^2 b^2 + 11 - \frac{3}{t^3} + \frac{4}{t^2} - \frac{8}{t} - 8t + 4t^2 - t^3)}{1.4 e^{3b} b^2 c^2 b^2 - 11 e^{3b} b^2 + 8 e^{4b} + 4 e^{5b} c^2 b^2 + 11 - \frac{3}{t^3} + \frac{4}{t^2} - \frac{8}{t} - 8t + 4t^2 - t^3})$

Demo Programs for 1-Co.

$\omega\epsilon\beta$ /Demo

$\Delta[h] := (t_h - 1) (2 (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu)^2 - \alpha^2 \beta^2) - 4 v_h c_h w_h \delta^2 \mu^2 - \delta (1 + \mu) (w_h^2 \alpha^2 + v_h^2 \beta^2) - v_h^2 w_h^2 \delta^3 (1 + 3 \mu) - 2 (\alpha \beta + 2 \delta \mu + v_h w_h \delta^2 (1 + 2 \mu) + 2 c_h \delta \mu^2) (w_h \alpha + v_h \beta) - 4 (c_h \mu^2 + v_h w_h \delta (1 + \mu)) (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu) (1 + t_h) / 4$; **The Approx**

$R_{1,i,j}^+ := \mathbb{E}[1, \text{Log}[t_i] c_j, v_i w_j, v_i c_i w_j + c_i c_j + v_i^2 w_j^2]$; **Generators**

$R_{1,i,j}^- := \mathbb{E}[1, -\text{Log}[t_i] c_j, -t_i^{-1} v_i w_j, -c_i c_j + t_i^{-1} v_i c_j w_j - t_i^{-1} v_i^2 w_j^2 / 4]$;

$u_{r_i} := \mathbb{E}[t_i^{1/2}, \theta, \theta, c_i t_i^2]$;

$n_{r_i} := \mathbb{E}[t_i^{1/2}, \theta, \theta, -c_i t_i^2]$;

Differential Polynomials

$\text{DP}_{c_i \rightarrow 0, y_i \rightarrow 0, \theta} [P] [f] := (* \text{ means } P[\partial_{\alpha}, \partial_{\beta}] [f] *)$

$\text{TotalCoefficientRules}[P, \{x, y\}] / . \{(m, n) \rightarrow c\} \rightarrow \text{D}[f, \{a, m\}, \{\beta, n\}]$

Utilities

$\text{CF}[\mathbb{E}[Q]] := \text{Expand} / \text{Together} / \text{D}[Q]$;

$\mathbb{E} /: \mathbb{E}[\omega 1, L1, Q1, P1] \mathbb{E}[\omega 2, L2, Q2, P2] := \text{CF} \mathbb{E}[\omega 1 \omega 2, L1 + L2, \omega 2 Q1 + \omega 1 Q2, \omega 2^2 P1 + \omega 1^2 P2]$;

Normal Ordering Operators

$N_{c_j (v_i w_i) \rightarrow u_i}[\mathbb{E}[\omega \cdot L, Q, P]] := \text{With}[\{q = e^{\gamma} \beta x_h + \gamma c_h\}, \text{CF}[\mathbb{E}[\omega \gamma c_h + (L / c_j \rightarrow \theta), \omega e^{\gamma} \beta x_h + (Q / x_i \rightarrow \theta), e^{-\mu} \text{DP}_{c_j \rightarrow 0, x_i \rightarrow 0} [P] [e^{\gamma}] / . \{ \gamma \rightarrow \partial_{c_j} L, \beta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} \partial_{x_i} Q \}]]]$;

$N_{u_i v_j \rightarrow u_i}[\mathbb{E}[\omega \cdot L, Q, P]] := \text{With}[\{q = ((1 - t_h) \alpha \beta + \beta v_h + \delta v_h w_h + \alpha w_h) / \mu\}, \text{CF}[\mathbb{E}[\mu \omega, L, \mu \omega q + \mu (Q / w_i | v_j \rightarrow \theta), \mu^4 e^{-\mu} \text{DP}_{v_i \rightarrow 0, v_j \rightarrow 0} [P] [e^{\gamma}] + \omega^{\mu} \Delta[h]] / . \mu \rightarrow 1 + (t_h - 1) \delta / \{ \alpha \rightarrow \omega^{-1} \partial_{u_i} Q / v_j \rightarrow \theta, \beta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} \partial_{v_j} Q / w_i \rightarrow \theta, \delta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} \partial_{w_i} Q \}]]]$;

Stitching

$m_{i,j \rightarrow k} [Z] := \text{Module}[(x, z), \text{CF}[Z // N_{u_i v_j \rightarrow u_i} // N_{c_i v_k \rightarrow u_i} // N_{u_i c_j \rightarrow u_i} // \text{ReplaceAll}[Z - \{i\} | j \rightarrow z_k]]]$

The 0-Framed Trefoil

$z2 = R_{1,11}^+ R_{4,2}^+ n_{r_3} R_{15,5}^+ R_{6,8}^+ u_{r_7} R_{9,16}^+ n_{r_{10}} R_{12,14}^+ u_{r_{13}}^+$

$(\text{Do}[z2 = z2 // m_{1,k \rightarrow 1}], \{k, 2, 16\})$;

$z2 = z2 / . a_1 \rightarrow a$

$\mathbb{E}[-1 + \frac{1}{t} + t, \theta, \theta,$

$16 + \frac{2c}{t^4} - \frac{3}{t^3} - \frac{6c}{t^2} + \frac{4}{t^2} + \frac{10c}{t^2} - \frac{10}{t} - 8c - 18t + 8ct + 14t^2 - 10ct^2 - 7t^3 + 6ct^3 + 2t^4 - 2ct^4 + 2vw - 2xw + \frac{4xw}{t^3} - \frac{6xw}{t^2} + 2xw - 6tvw + 4t^2vw - 2t^3vw]$

$\text{Questions and To Do List.} \bullet$ Clean up and write up. \bullet Implement well, compute for everything in sight. \bullet Why are our quantities polynomials rather than just rational functions? \bullet Bounds on their degrees? \bullet Their integrality (\mathbb{Z}) properties? \bullet Can everything be re-stated using integrals (\int)? \bullet Find the 2-variable version (for knots). How complex is it? \bullet What about links / closed components? \bullet Fully digest the "expansion" theorem; include cuaps. \bullet Explore the (non-)dependence on R . \bullet Is there a canonical R ? \bullet What does "group like" mean? \bullet Strand removal? Strand

merge?

unify w/ 1-co.

try to cut one line

try to cut one line

break green background by units.

include optimization from

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denser.

overlap.

doubling? Strand reversal? • Say something about knot genus.
 • Find the EK/AT/KV “vertex”. • Use as a playground to study associators/braidors. • Restate in topological language. • Study the associated (ν -)braid representations. • Study mirror images and the $b^+ \leftrightarrow b^-$ involution. • Study ribbon knots. • Make precise the relationship with Γ -calculus and Alexander. • Relate to the coloured Jones polynomial. • Relate with “ordinary” q -algebra. • k -smidgen sl_n , etc. • Are there “solvable” CYBE algebras not arising from semi-simple algebras? • Categorify and appease the Gods.

Help Needed!

~~Disclaimer. This is all quite new. The overall picture is correct, but many pieces are certainly not in their final form yet.~~

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diagram	n_k^t	Alexander’s A_n	genus / ribbon	diagram	n_k^t	Alexander’s A_n	genus / ribbon
	Today’s / Rozansky’s ρ_k^t	unknotting number / amphicheiral			Today’s / Rozansky’s ρ_k^t	unknotting number / amphicheiral	
	0_1^t	1	0 / ✓		3_1^t	$t - 1$	1 / ✗
	4_1^t	$3 - t$	1 / ✗		5_1^t	$t^2 - t + 1$	2 / ✗
	5_2^t	$2t - 3$	1 / ✗		6_1^t	$5 - 2t$	1 / ✓
	5_1^t	$t - 4$	1 / ✗		6_3^t	$t^2 - 3t + 5$	2 / ✗
	6_1^t	$-t^2 + 3t - 3$	2 / ✗		6_2^t	$t^2 - 4t^2 + 4t - 4$	1 / ✓
	7_1^t	$t^3 - t^2 + t - 1$	3 / ✗		7_2^t	$3t - 5$	1 / ✗
	$3t^2 + 5t^3 + 6t$	3 / ✗	3 / ✗		$14t - 16$	1 / ✗	
	7_3^t	$2t^2 - 3t + 3$	2 / ✗		7_4^t	$4t - 7$	1 / ✗
	$-9t^2 + 8t^2 - 16t + 12$	2 / ✗	2 / ✗		$32 - 24t$	2 / ✗	
	7_5^t	$2t^2 - 4t + 5$	2 / ✗		7_6^t	$-t^2 + 5t - 7$	2 / ✗
	$9t^2 - 16t^2 + 29t - 28$	2 / ✗	2 / ✗		$t^2 - 8t^2 + 19t - 20$	1 / ✗	
	7_7^t	$t^2 - 5t + 9$	2 / ✗		8_1^t	$7 - 3t$	1 / ✗
	$8 - 3t$	1 / ✗	1 / ✗		$5t - 16$	1 / ✗	
	8_2^t	$-t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 3$	3 / ✗		8_2^t	$9 - 4t$	1 / ✗
	$2t^3 - 8t^4 + 10t^3 - 12t^2 + 13t - 12$	2 / ✗	2 / ✗		0	2 / ✓	
	8_4^t	$-2t^2 + 5t - 5$	2 / ✗		8_3^t	$-t^3 + 3t^2 - 4t + 5$	3 / ✗
	$3t^3 - 8t^2 + 6t - 4$	2 / ✗	2 / ✗		$-2t^3 + 8t^4 - 13t^3 + 20t^2 - 22t + 24$	2 / ✗	
	8_5^t	$-2t^2 + 6t - 7$	2 / ✗		8_4^t	$t^3 - 3t^2 + 5t - 5$	3 / ✗
	$5t^3 - 20t^2 + 28t - 32$	2 / ✗	2 / ✗		$-t^3 + 4t^4 - 10t^3 + 12t^2 - 13t + 12$	1 / ✗	