

StonyBrook-1805 handout on 180505

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Thanks for inviting me to the SCGP!



Follows Rozansky [Ro1, Ro2, Ro3] and Overbay [Ov], joint with van der Veen. More at oebf/talks.



Computation without Representation

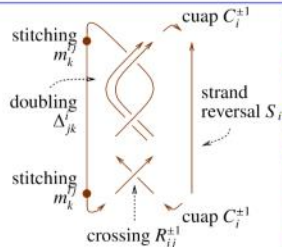
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Abstract. A major part of “quantum topology” is the definition and computation of various knot invariants by carrying out computations in quantum groups. Traditionally these computations are carried out “in a representation”, but this is very slow: one has to use tensor powers of these representations, and the dimensions of powers grow exponentially fast. I will describe a direct-participation method for carrying out these computations without having to choose a representation and explain why in many ways the results are better and faster. The two key points we use are a technique for composing infinite-order “perturbed Gaussian” differential operators, and the little-known fact that every semi-simple Lie algebra can be approximated by solvable Lie algebras, where computations are easier.



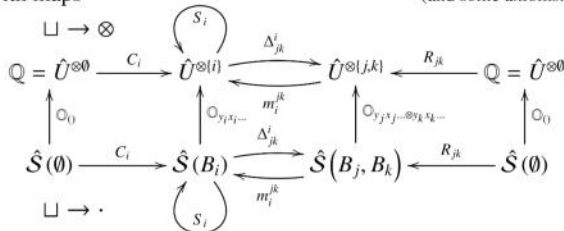
The Knot Theory Portfolio.

- Has operations \sqcup, m, Δ, S .
- All tangles are generated by $R^{\pm 1}$ and C^{\pm} (so “easy” to produce invariants).
- Makes some properties (“genus”, “ribbon”) be “definable”.



(more to say, but not now).

A “Quantum Group” Portfolio consists of an algebra U along with maps



PBW Bases. The U 's we care about always have “Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt” bases; there is some finite set B and isomorphisms $O_{y,x,\dots}: \hat{S}(B) \rightarrow U$ defined by “ordering monomials” to some fixed y, x, \dots order. The quantum group portfolio now becomes a “symmetric algebra” portfolio, or a “power series” portfolio.

The Category \mathcal{DO} . Hence we care about the monoidal category \mathcal{DO} whose objects are finite sets B and whose morphisms are $\text{mor}_{\mathcal{DO}}(B, B') := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}}(S(B) \rightarrow S(B')) = S(B^*, B')$ (by convention, $x^* = \xi, y^* = \eta$, etc.).

The Composition Law. If

$$S(B_0) \xrightarrow{f} S(B_1) \xrightarrow{g} S(B_2)$$

$f \in \mathbb{Q}[\xi_i, z_{1j}]$ $g \in \mathbb{Q}[\xi_i, z_{1j}, z_{2k}]$

then $(f \parallel g) = (g \circ f) = (g|_{\xi_i \rightarrow \partial_{z_{1j}}} f)_{z_{1j}=0} =$ *write ds in (alt. form)*

Proposition. If $F: S(B) \rightarrow S(B')$ is linear and “continuous”, then $F = \exp(\sum_{z_i \in B} \xi_i z_i) \parallel F$.

Examples.

1. The 1-variable identity map $I: S(z) \rightarrow S(z)$ is given by $I_1 = \exp(z\xi)$ and the n -variable one by $I_n = \exp(z_1\xi_1 + \dots + z_n\xi_n)$.
2. The “ $z_i \rightarrow z_j$ variable rename map $\sigma_j^i: S(z_i) \rightarrow S(z_j)$ becomes $I\sigma_j^i = \exp(z_j\xi_j)$, and it’s easy to rename several variables simultaneously.
3. The “archetypal multiplication map $m_k^{ij}: S(z_i, z_j) \rightarrow S(z_k)$ ” has $I m_k^{ij} = \exp(z_k(\xi_i + \xi_j))$.
4. The “archetypal coproduct $\Delta_{jk}^i: S(z_i) \rightarrow S(z_j, z_k)$ ”, given by $z_i \rightarrow z_j + z_k$ or $\Delta z = z \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes z$, has $I \Delta = \exp(z_j\xi_j + z_k\xi_k)$.
5. R -matrices tend to have terms of the form $\phi_q^{h_{y_1, x_2}} \in \mathcal{U}_q \otimes \mathcal{U}_q$. The “baby R -matrix” is $I R = \exp(h_{yx}) \in S(y, x)$.
6. The “Weyl form of the canonical commutation relations” states that if $[y, x] = t$ is a scalar, then $e^{\xi x} e^{\eta y} = e^{\eta y} e^{\xi x} e^{-\eta \xi t}$. Thus with

$$SW_{xy} \left(S(y, x) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{O_{xy}} \\ \xrightarrow{O_{yx}} \end{matrix} U(y, x) \right)$$

we have $I SW_{xy} = \exp(\eta y + \xi x - \eta \xi t)$.

Include from Metamorphosis as below.

Then

5. A graphical proof of zipping

orig out.



“God created the knots, all else in topology is the work of mortals.”

Leopold Kronecker (modified)

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The Zipping Issue (between unbound and bound lies half-zipped).



Zipping. If $P(\zeta^j, z_i)$ is a polynomial, or whenever otherwise convergent, set

$$\langle P(\zeta^j, z_i) \rangle_{(\zeta^j)} = P(\partial_{z_j}, z_i) \Big|_{z_i=0}$$

(E.g., if $P = \sum a_{nm} \zeta^n z^m$ then $\langle P \rangle_{\zeta} = \sum n! a_{nm}$).

The Zipping / Contraction Theorem. If P has a finite ζ -degree and the y 's and the q 's are "small" then

$$\langle P(z_i, \zeta^j) e^{\eta(z_i+y_j)\zeta^j} \rangle_{(\zeta^j)} = \langle P(z_i + y_i, \zeta^j) e^{\eta(z_i+y_i)} \rangle_{(\zeta^j)}$$

(proof: replace $y_j \rightarrow \hbar y_j$ and test at $\hbar = 0$ and at ∂_{\hbar}), and

$$\langle P(z_i, \zeta^j) e^{c+\eta(z_i+y_j)\zeta^j + d_j z_i \zeta^j} \rangle_{(\zeta^j)} = \det(\bar{q}) \langle P(\bar{q}_i^k(z_k + y_k), \zeta^j) e^{c+\eta \bar{q}_i^k(z_k + y_k)} \rangle_{(\zeta^j)}$$

where \bar{q} is the inverse matrix of $1 - q$: $(\delta_j^i - q_j^i) \bar{q}_k^j = \delta_k^i$ (proof: replace $q_j^i \rightarrow \hbar q_j^i$ and test at $\hbar = 0$ and at ∂_{\hbar}).

Implementation.

ωεβ/ZipBindDemo

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Kδ /: Kδ[...] := If[ i == j, 1, 0];
{z, x, y} = {ε, ε, η}; {z, x, y} = {ε, ε, η};
(u...) := (u...);
Zip[] [P_] := P;
Zip[ε, ...] [P_] :=
  (Expand[P // Zip[ε]] /. f_ . ε^_ . -> ∂[ε^_, ε] f] /. ε^_ -> 0
Zip[ε] [(a ε^6 + ε + 3) (z^5 a^2 + 7 z) + 99 b]
7 + 720 a + 99 b
Zip[ε, η] [ε^3 η^3 e^{a x + b y + c x y}]
a^3 b^3 + 9 a^2 b^2 c + 18 a b c^2 + 6 c^3
    
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5. A graphical proof

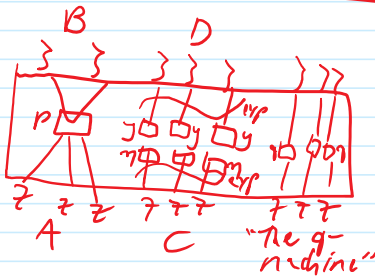
The true Hilbert hotel is exp! Remove one x from an "exponential reservoir" of x 's and you are left w/ the same exponential reservoir:

$$\exp x = \left[\dots + \frac{xxxxx}{120} + \dots \right] \xrightarrow{-2x} \left[\dots - \frac{xxxxx}{120} + \dots \right] = (\exp x)' = \exp x$$

And if you let each element choose left or right, you get twice the same reservoir:

$$e^x \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow x+x} e^{x+x} = e^{2x}$$

3 w/ better examples



Several scenarios occur:

1. Start at A, go through the 9 machine $k \geq 0$ times, stop at B:

$$\langle P(\sum_{k \geq 0} q^k z, \zeta) \rangle = \langle P(\tilde{q} z, \zeta) \rangle$$

2. Loop through the 9 machine & swallow your own tail:

$$\exp\left(\sum \frac{q^k}{k}\right) = \exp(-\log(1-q)) = \tilde{q}$$

3. ...

By the room splitting principle, these scenario contribute multiplicatively.

Sketch. (Total 57m)

1. (5m) The knot theory portfolio.
2. (5m) The (quantum) group portfolio. (Write in general-algebra language, not in universal enveloping algebra language).
3. (3m) Quantum groups have “PBW” basis. Hence they are symmetric algebras, with funny products / co-products.
4. (3m) The DO category.
5. (5m) Example: the Abelian case.
6. (3m) Example: $k=0$.
7. (5m) Example: \mathfrak{sl}_2 .
8. (10m) Zipping and composing. The zipping theorem.
9. (5m) Docility and polynomiality.
10. (5m) Solvable Approximation.
11. (8m) Mention Rozansky-Overbay, mention computations.

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