

# Dogma handout on 170803

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**The Dogma is Wrong** (Toulouse-1705) Thanks for the invitation!

Follows Rozansky [Ro1, Ro2, Ro3] and Overbay [Ov], joint with van der Veen. More at [oeβf/talks](http://oeβf/talks). [oeβf:=http://drorbn.net/toulouse-1705/](http://drorbn.net/toulouse-1705/)

**Abstract.** It has long been known that there are knot invariants associated to semi-simple Lie algebras, and there has long been a dogma as for how to extract them: “quantize and use representation theory”. We present an alternative and better procedure: “centrally extend, approximate by solvable, and learn how to re-order exponentials in a universal enveloping algebra”. While equivalent to the old invariants via a complicated process, our invariants are in practice stronger, faster to compute (poly-time vs. exp-time), and clearly carry topological information.

**kiw 43 Abstract** (oeβf/kiw). Whether or not you like the formulas on this page, they describe the strongest truly computable knot invariant we know.

**Experimental Analysis** (oeβf/Exp). Log-log plots 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:

**Power.** On the 250 knots with at most 10 crossings, the pair  $(\omega, \rho_1)$  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).

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

**Ribbon Knots.** example [BN]

**Commutative Diagrams:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{T}_n & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \mathcal{A}_n \\ \mathcal{T}_{2n} & \xrightarrow{z} & \mathcal{A}_{2n} \end{array}$$

ribbon  $K \in \mathcal{T}_1$      $z(K) \in \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1$

[Vo]: Works for Alexander!  $A^* = -s^8 + 2t^7 - t^6 - 2t^4 + 5t^3 - 2t^2 - 7t + 13$   
 $\rho_1^+ = 5t^{15} - 18t^{14} + 33t^{13} - 32t^{12} + 2t^{11} + 42t^{10} - 62t^9 - 8t^8 + 166t^7 - 242t^6 +$   
 Faster is better, leaner is meaner!  $108t^5 + 132t^4 - 226t^3 + 148t^2 - 11t - 36$

**dog-ma** (dɔgˈmɑ, dɔgˈlɑ)    The Free Dictionary, oeβf/TFD

n. pl. **dog-mas** or **dog-ma-ta** (-mə-tə)

1. A doctrine or a corpus of doctrines relating to matters such as morality and faith, set forth in an authoritative manner by a religion.
2. A principle or statement of ideas, or a group of such principles or statements especially when considered to be authoritative or accepted uncritically: "Much education consists in the instilling of unfounded dogmas in place of a spirit of inquiry" (Bertrand Russell).

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

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

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

“Above diagonal”, we have **Rozansky’s Theorem** [Ro3, (1.2)]:

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

**The Yang-Baxter Technique.** Given an algebra  $A$  (typically  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  or  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ ) and elements  $R = \sum a_i \otimes b_i \in A \otimes A$  and  $C \in A$ , form

$$Z = \sum_{i,j,k} C a_i b_j a_k C^2 b_i a_j b_k C.$$

**Problem.** Extract information from  $Z$ .

**The Dogma.** Use representation theory. In principle finite, but slow.

**The Loyal Opposition.** For certain algebras, work in a homomorphic poly-dimensional “space of formulas”.  $m_i^j \hookrightarrow \{F_S\} \xrightarrow{E} \{A^{\otimes S}\} \hookleftarrow m_k^j$

**The (fake) moduli of Lie algebras** on  $V$ , a quadratic variety in  $(V^*)^{\otimes 2} \otimes V$  is on the right. We care about  $s_{17}^k := s_{17}^k / (\epsilon^{k+1} = 0)$ .

**Why are “solvable algebras” any good?** Contrary to common beliefs, computations in semi-simple Lie algebras are just awful:

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h[1]= MatrixExp[{{a b},{c d}}] // FullSimplify // MatrixForm

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Yet in solvable algebras, exponentiation is fine and even BCH,  $z = \log(e^x e^y)$ , is bearable:

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h[2]= MatrixExp[{{a b},{0 c}}] // MatrixForm

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$h[3]= \text{MatrixExp}[\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{pmatrix}] \cdot \text{MatrixExp}[\begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{pmatrix}] //$   
 MatrixLog // PowerExpand // Simplify // MatrixForm

**Recomposing  $gl_n$ .** Half is enough!  $gl_n \oplus \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathcal{D}(\nabla, b, \delta)$ :

Now define  $gl_n^{\epsilon} := \mathcal{D}(\nabla, b, \epsilon\delta)$ . Schematically, this is  $\nabla, \nabla] = \nabla, [\nabla, \nabla] = \epsilon\nabla$ , and  $\nabla, \nabla] = \nabla + \epsilon\nabla$ . In detail, it is

$i$	$j$	$[e_{ij}, e_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} e_{il} - \delta_{il} e_{kj}$	$[f_{ij}, f_{kl}] = \epsilon \delta_{jk} f_{il} - \epsilon \delta_{il} f_{kj}$
$i$	$j$	$[e_{ij}, f_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} (\epsilon \delta_{j < k} e_{il} + \delta_{il} (h_j + \epsilon g_i) / 2 + \delta_{i > j} f_{il}) - \delta_{il} (\epsilon \delta_{k < j} e_{kj} + \delta_{kj} (h_j + \epsilon g_j) / 2 + \delta_{k > j} f_{kj})$	
$j$	$j$	$[g_i, e_{jk}] = (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) e_{jk}$	$[h_i, e_{jk}] = \epsilon (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) e_{jk}$
		$[g_i, f_{jk}] = (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) f_{jk}$	$[h_i, f_{jk}] = \epsilon (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) f_{jk}$

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A: Another Dogma: semi-simple Lie algebras are the center of the universe.

The (weaker) loyal opposition: No, the  $g$ 's are real centre.

**The  $s/2$  Example.** Let  $g^e = \langle h, e, l, f \rangle / ([h, \cdot] = 0, [e, l] = -e, [f, l] = f, [e, f] = h - 2el)$  and let  $g_k = g^e / (\epsilon^{k+1} = 0)$ .

**The Main  $g_k$  Theorem.** The  $g_k$ -invariant of any  $S$ -component tangle  $T$  can be written in the form

$$Z(T) = \omega \left( \omega e^{L+Q+P} : \bigotimes_{i \in S} e_i l_i f_i \right),$$

where  $\omega$  is a scalar (meaning, a rational function in the variables  $h_i$  and their exponentials  $t_i := e^{h_i}$ ), where  $L = \sum a_{ij} h_i h_j$  is a balanced quadratic in the variables  $h_i$  and  $l_j$  with integer coefficients, where  $Q = \sum b_{ij} e_i f_j$  is a balanced quadratic in the variables  $e_i$  and  $f_j$  with scalar coefficients  $b_{ij}$ , and where  $P$  is a polynomial in  $\{e, e_i, l_i, f_i\}$  (with scalar coefficients) whose  $e^d$ -term is of degree at most  $2d + 2$  in  $\{e_i, \sqrt{l_i}, f_i\}$ . Furthermore, after setting  $h_i = h$  and  $t_i = t$  for all  $i$ , the invariant  $Z(T)$  is poly-time computable.

**The Main  $g_k$  Lemma.** The following “re-ordering relations” hold:

$$\circlearrowleft (e^{\gamma l + \beta e} : le) = \circlearrowleft (e^{\gamma l + \beta e} : el) \quad (\text{and similarly for } fl \rightarrow lf),$$

$$\circlearrowleft (e^{\beta e + \alpha f + \delta f} : fe) = \circlearrowleft (v e^{\gamma l - \alpha \beta h + \beta e + \alpha f + \delta e f + \lambda_k(\epsilon, e, l, f, \alpha, \beta, \delta)} : elf),$$

with  $v = (1 + h\delta)^{-1}$  and where  $\lambda_k(\epsilon, e, l, f, \alpha, \beta, \delta)$  is some fixed polynomial of degree at most  $2k + 2$  in  $\epsilon, e, \sqrt{l}, f, \alpha, \beta, \delta$ , with scalar coefficients.

**Demo Programs.**

**CF**  $[\mathcal{E}_-] := \text{Module}[\{\text{vars} = \text{Union@Cases}[\mathcal{E}_-, \mathbf{e}_- | \mathbf{f}_-, \infty]\},$

**If**  $\{\text{vars} == \{\}, \text{Factor}[\mathcal{E}_-],$

**Total**  $[\text{CoefficientRules}[\mathcal{E}_-, \text{vars}] /$

$(p_- \rightarrow c_-) \Rightarrow \text{Factor}[c] \text{ Times} @@ (\text{vars}^p)] \}; \}$

**CF**  $[\mathcal{E}_+ \mathcal{E}_-] := \text{CF} / @ \mathcal{E}_-;$

**E**  $[\mathbf{i}_-, \mathbf{j}_-, \mathbf{s}_-] := \text{E}[\mathbf{1}, (-1)^s \mathbf{1}_j, (-t)^s \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{f}_j,$   
 $t^s \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{1}_{(1-s)} \mathbf{i-s} \mathbf{f}_j + (-1)^s \mathbf{1}_i \mathbf{1}_j + (-t)^s \mathbf{e}_i^2 \mathbf{f}_j^2 / 4];$

**E**  $[\mathbf{i}_-, \mathbf{s}_-] := \text{E}[\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{s} \mathbf{1}_i];$

**E**  $/: \text{E}[\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{L1}_-, \mathbf{Q1}_-, \mathbf{P1}_-] \text{E}[\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{L2}_-, \mathbf{Q2}_-, \mathbf{P2}_-] :=$

$\text{E}[\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{L1} + \mathbf{L2}, \mathbf{Q1} + \mathbf{Q2}, \mathbf{P1} + \mathbf{P2}];$

**z1** =  $(\text{E}[\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{11}, \mathbf{0}] \text{E}[\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, -1] \text{E}[\mathbf{15}, \mathbf{5}, \mathbf{0}] \times$  **Preparing the Trefoil**

$\text{E}[\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{8}, -1] \text{E}[\mathbf{9}, \mathbf{16}, \mathbf{0}] \text{E}[\mathbf{12}, \mathbf{14}, -1] \times$

$\text{E}[\mathbf{3}, -1] \text{E}[\mathbf{7}, +1] \text{E}[\mathbf{10}, -1] \text{E}[\mathbf{13}, +1])$



$$\text{E} \left[ \mathbf{1}, -1_2 + 1_5 - 1_8 + 1_{11} - 1_{14} + 1_{16}, \right. \\
 - \frac{e_4 f_2}{t} + e_{15} f_5 - \frac{e_6 f_8}{t} + e_1 f_{11} - \frac{e_{12} f_{14}}{t} + e_9 f_{16}, \\
 - \frac{e_2^2 f_2^2}{4+t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_{15}^2 f_5^2 - \frac{e_6^2 f_8^2}{4+t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_1^2 f_{11}^2 - \frac{e_{12}^2 f_{14}^2}{4+t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_9^2 f_{16}^2 + e_1 f_{11} 1_1 + \\
 \left. \frac{e_4 f_2 1_2}{t} - 1_3 - 1_2 1_4 + 1_7 + \frac{e_6 f_8 1_8}{t} - 1_6 1_8 + e_9 f_{16} 1_9 - 1_{10} + \right. \\
 \left. 1_1 1_{11} + 1_{13} + \frac{e_{12} f_{14} 1_{14}}{t} - 1_{12} 1_{14} + e_{15} f_5 1_{15} + 1_5 1_{15} + 1_9 1_{16} \right]$$

**DP**  $_{x \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow 0} [P_-] [f_-] :=$  **Differential Polynomials**

**Total**  $[\text{CoefficientRules}[P, \{x, y\}] /$  (Implementing  $P(\partial_x, \partial_y)(f)$ )

$(\{m_-, n_-\} \rightarrow c_-) \Rightarrow c \text{D}[f, \{\alpha, m\}, \{\beta, n\}]]$

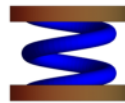
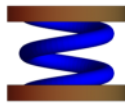


diagram	$n_i^c$ Alexander's $\omega^+$	genus / ribbon	diagram	$n_i^c$ Alexander's $\omega^+$	genus / ribbon
	Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	unknotting number / amphicheiral		Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	unknotting number / amphicheiral
	$0_1^c$ 1	0 / ✓		$3_1^c$ $t - 1$	1 / ✗
	0	0 / ✓		$t$	1 / ✗
	$4_1^c$ $3 - t$	1 / ✗		$5_1^c$ $t^2 - t + 1$	2 / ✗
	0	1 / ✓		$2t^3 + 3t$	2 / ✗

Merge PPE.pdf in?