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A Poly-Time Knot Polynomial Via Solvable Approximation

Abstract. I will construct the first poly-time-computable knot polynomial since Alexander's [Al, 1928] by 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 .

Expected! Finite-type invariants include all coefficients of all quantum knot polynomials (appropriately parametrized), and each is computable in poly-time. Yet **A green paradise...**

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known f.t. invts in $O(n^d)$	1	1	∞	3	4	8	11	...

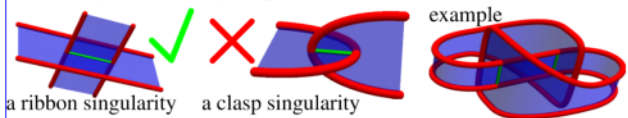
This is an unreasonable picture! So there ought to be further poly-time polynomial invariants.

Also. • The line above the Alexander line in the Melvin-Morton [MM, Ro] expansion of the coloured Jones polynomial. • The 2-loop contribution to the Kontsevich integral.



Paradise! Foremost reason: **OBVIOUSLY**. Cf. proving (incomputable A)=(incomputable B), or categorifying (incomputable C).

Secondary reason: may disprove {ribbon} = {slice}:

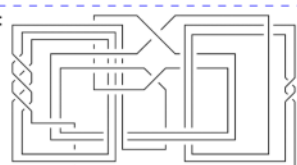


A bit about ribbon knots. A "ribbon knot" is a knot that can be presented as the boundary of a disk that has "ribbon singularities", but no "clasp singularities". A "slice knot" is a knot in $S^3 = \partial B^4$ which is the boundary of a non-singular disk in B^4 . Every ribbon knots is clearly slice,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

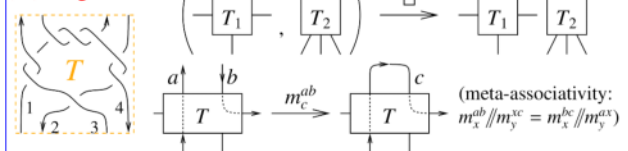
Conjecture. Some slice knots are not ribbon.

In [BN2] I list 5 criteria an invariant needs to meet to have a fair chance of detecting non-ribbons. **Ours meets all 5.**

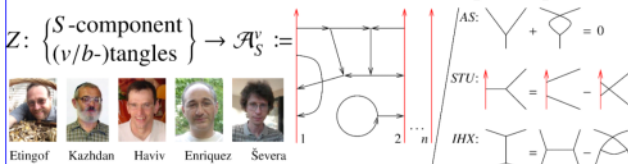
[GST]: Gompf, Scharlemann, Thompson:



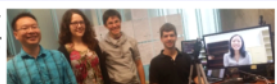
(v-)Tangles.



Theorem [EK, Ha, En, Se]. There is a "homomorphic expansion"

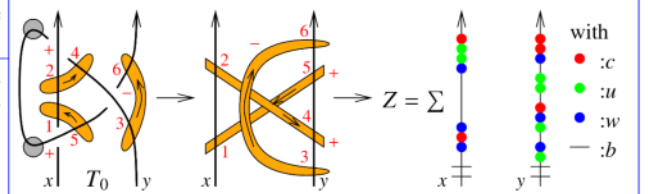


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Algebras and Invariants. Given any unital algebra A (typically, $A \sim \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$), appropriate orange $R \in A \otimes A$, and appropriate cuaps $\in A$, get an $A^{\otimes S}$ -valued invariant of pure S -component tangles:



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

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 $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes S}$:

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

van der Veen 

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 $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_1)^{\otimes(i,j)}$. 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 $sl_2 \oplus$. 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) . It is even more valuable than \mathfrak{g}_1 , but topology already got by other means almost everything \mathfrak{g}_0 has to give.

How did these arise? $sl_2 = \mathfrak{b}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{b}^- / \mathfrak{h} =: sl_2^+ / \mathfrak{h}$, where $\mathfrak{b}^+ = \langle c, w \rangle / [w, c] = w$ is a Lie bialgebra with $\delta: \mathfrak{b}^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{b}^+$ 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. \circ (poly | specs) plants the variables of poly in $\mathcal{S}(\oplus \mathfrak{g})$ on several tensor copies of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ according to specs. E.g., $\circ(c_1^3 u_1 c_2 e^{u_3} w_3^9 | x: w_3 c_1, y: u_1 u_3 c_2) = w^9 c^3 \otimes u e^u c \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_x \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_y$. This enables the description of elements of $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes S}$ 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,

$$R_{ij} = e^{r_{ij}} = e^{b_i c_j + u_i w_j} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_{0,i} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{0,j}) \text{ solves YB/R3.}$$

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

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

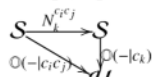
$$\circ \left(\exp \left(b_5 c_1 + \frac{e^{b_5-1}}{b_5} u_5 w_1 + b_2 c_4 + \frac{e^{b_2-1}}{b_2} u_2 w_4 - b_3 c_6 + \frac{e^{b_3-1}}{b_3} u_3 w_6 \right) \right) | x: c_1 w_1 u_2, y: u_3 c_4 w_4 u_5 c_6 w_6 = \circ \left(? | x: c_x u_x w_x, y: c_y u_y w_y \right) \text{ "cuw form"}$$

move to end 2

Goal. Write ? 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 $\omega \in R_S$.

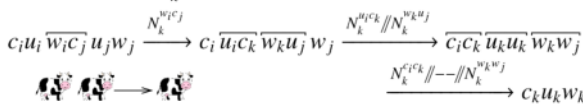
The Big g_0 Lemma. Under $[c, u] = u$, $[c, w] = -w$, and $[u, w] = b$:

1. $N_k^{c_i c_j} := \mathbb{O}(\zeta | c_i c_j) \equiv \mathbb{O}(\zeta / (c_i, c_j \rightarrow c_k) | c_k)$
(Meaning, $N_k^{c_i c_j} : \zeta \mapsto (\zeta / (c_i, c_j \rightarrow c_k))$ and the diagram commutes. Trivial, also for b, u, w .)
- 2a. $N^{uc} := \mathbb{O}(e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | uc) \equiv \mathbb{O}(e^{\gamma c + e^{-\gamma} \beta u} | cu)$ (means $e^{\beta u} e^{\gamma c} = e^{\gamma c} e^{e^{-\gamma} \beta u}$)
- 2b. $N^{wc} := \mathbb{O}(e^{\gamma c + \alpha w} | wc) \equiv \mathbb{O}(e^{\gamma c + e^{\gamma} \alpha w} | cw)$... in the $\{ax + b\}$ group)
3. $\mathbb{O}(e^{\alpha w + \beta u} | wu) = \mathbb{O}(e^{-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u} | uw)$ (the Weyl relations)
4. $\mathbb{O}(e^{\delta uv} | wu) e^{\beta u} = e^{\beta u} \mathbb{O}(e^{\delta uv} | wu)$, with $v = (1 + b\delta)^{-1}$
(a. expand and crunch. b. use $w = b\hat{x}$, $u = \delta\hat{x}$. c. use "scatter and glow".)
5. $\mathbb{O}(e^{\delta uv} | wu) = \mathbb{O}(v e^{\delta uv} | uw)$ (same techniques)
6. $N^{wu} := \mathbb{O}(e^{\beta u + \alpha w + \delta uv} | wu) \equiv \mathbb{O}(v e^{-b\alpha\beta + v\alpha w + v\beta u + v\delta uv} | uw)$



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

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



Γ -calculus [BNS, BN1]. After re-packaging, especially setting $t_i := e^{b_i}$, an S -component tangle T has $\Gamma(T) \in R_S \times M_{S \times S}(R_S) =$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c|c} \omega & S \\ \hline S & A \end{array} \right\}$ with $R_S := \mathbb{Z}(\{t_a : a \in S\})$:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \omega & S \\ \hline S & A \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} 1 & a & b \\ \hline a & 1 & 1 - t_a^{\pm 1} \\ & b & 0 \\ & & t_a^{\pm 1} \end{array} \quad T_1 \sqcup T_2 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} \omega_1 \omega_2 & S_1 & S_2 \\ \hline S_1 & A_1 & 0 \\ & S_2 & 0 \\ & & A_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} \omega & a & b & S \\ \hline a & \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ b & \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ S & \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{array} \xrightarrow{m_c^{ab}} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} (1-\beta)\omega & S \\ \hline c & S \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c|cc} c & \gamma + \frac{\alpha\delta}{1-\beta} & \epsilon + \frac{\delta\theta}{1-\beta} \\ \hline S & \phi + \frac{\alpha\psi}{1-\beta} & \Xi + \frac{\psi\theta}{1-\beta} \end{array}$$

For long knots, ω is Alexander, and that's the fastest Alexander algorithm I know!

Dunfield: 1000-crossing fast.



1-Smith Invariants. Much is the same:

The Big g_1 Lemma. Parts 1 and 2 are the same, yet

$$6. \mathbb{O}(e^{\alpha w + \beta u + \delta uv} | wu) = \mathbb{O}(v(1 + \epsilon v \Lambda) e^{v(-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u + \delta uv)} | cuw)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda = & -bv(v^2\alpha^2\beta^2 + 4\delta v\alpha\beta + 2\delta^2)/2 - \delta v^3(3b\delta + 2)\beta^2 u^2/2 \\ & - b\delta^4 v^3 u^2 w^2/2 - \delta^2 v^3(2b\delta + 1)\beta u^2 w \\ & - v^2(2b\delta + 1)(v\alpha\beta + 2\delta)\beta u - 2b\delta^2 v^2(v\alpha\beta + \delta)uw \\ & + \delta v^3(b\delta + 2)\alpha^2 w^2/2 + 2(v\alpha\beta + \delta)c + 2\delta v\beta cu + 2\delta^2 vcuw \\ & + 2\delta v\alpha cw + \delta^2 v^3 \alpha u w^2 + v^2(v\alpha\beta + 2\delta)\alpha w. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. A brutal hell.

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

Solution. Borrow some tactics from QFT:

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

and likewise

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

Note. Strand stitching requires a tiny extra step.

Finally, the values of the generators $\nearrow, \nwarrow, \vec{n}, \overleftarrow{n}, \underline{u}$, and \overleftarrow{u} , are set by brutally solving many equations, non-uniquely.

Pragmatic Simplifications. Get rid of $\zeta = (e^b - 1)/b$ factors by rescaling $u \rightarrow \bar{u} = \zeta u$. Complement this with $\beta \rightarrow \bar{\beta} = \zeta^{-1}\beta$, $\delta \rightarrow \bar{\delta} = \zeta^{-1}\delta$, $\epsilon \rightarrow \bar{\epsilon} = \zeta^{-1}\epsilon$. Simplify further by naming $e^b \rightarrow t$; e.g., $v \rightarrow \bar{v} = (1 + (t - 1)\delta)^{-1}$. Get confused by re-naming $(\bar{u}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\delta}, \bar{v}) \rightarrow (u, \beta, \delta, v)$, 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 $\omega \in R := \mathbb{Q}(t_k)$, $L = \sum l_{ij} b_i c_j$ 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 $\frac{n}{A} \sum_{d=0}^4 \frac{w^{4-d}}{E} \frac{w^d}{F} \frac{n^2}{G} = n^3 w^4 \in [n^5, n^7]$ number; w : width, maybe $\sim \sqrt{n}$. 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.

Expectation. Our invariant is the "1-higher diagonal" in the MMR expansion of the coloured Jones polynomial J_λ .



Melvin, Morton, Garoufalidis

Theorem ([BNG], conjectured [MM], elucidated [Ro]). 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:

$$\left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{mm}(K) h^m \right) \cdot A(K)(e^h) = 1.$$

I mean business!

The LST48 knot:

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

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

The R-matrices

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CF[ω_ . E[Q_] := Simplify[ω] E[Simplify[Q]];
E /: E[Q1_] E[Q2_] := CF@E[Q1 + Q2];
ω1_ . E[Q1_] ≡ ω2_ . E[Q2_] := Simplify[ω1 == ω2 ∧ Q1 == Q2];
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Utilities

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Nu_i_cj_>rh_ [ω_ . E[Q_] := CF[
  ω E[e^{-γ} β u_h + γ c_h + (Q / . c_j | u_i → θ)] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} Q, β → ∂_{u_i} Q}];
Nu_i_cj_>rh_ [ω_ . E[Q_] := CF[
  ω E[e^{γ} α w_h + γ c_h + (Q / . c_j | w_i → θ)] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} Q, α → ∂_{w_i} Q}];
Nu_i_uj_>rh_ [ω_ . E[Q_] := CF[
  v ω E[-b_i v α β + v β u_h + v δ u_h w_h + v α w_h + (Q / . w_i | u_j → θ)] / .
  v → (1 + b_i δ)^{-1} / .
  {α → ∂_{w_i} Q / . u_j → θ, β → ∂_{u_j} Q / . w_i → θ, δ → ∂_{w_i, u_j} Q}];
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Normal Ordering Operators

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m_{i,j_>rh_ [ω_ . E[Q_] := CF[Module[{x},
  (ω E[Q] / . b_{i|j} → b_{i|j} // Nu_i_cj_>rh_ // Nu_i_cx_>rh_ // Nu_x_uj_>rh_) / .
  {c_i → c_h, w_j → w_h, y_x → y_h}]]]
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Stitching

Some calculations for T₀

$$T_{\theta,0} = R_{\theta,5,1}^+ R_{\theta,2,4}^+ R_{\theta,3,6}^-$$

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

$$T_{\theta,1} = T_{\theta,0} // Nu_{u_3} c_{4+4}$$

$$E \left[b_5 c_1 + b_2 c_4 - b_3 c_6 + \frac{(-1+e^{b_5}) u_5 w_1}{b_5} + \frac{(-1+e^{b_2}) u_2 w_4}{b_2} + \frac{e^{-b_2} (-1+e^{-b_3}) u_4 w_6}{b_3} \right]$$

$$T_{\theta,2} = T_{\theta,1} // Nu_{w_4} u_{5+4}$$

$$E \left[b_5 c_1 + b_2 c_4 + \frac{(-1+e^{b_5}) (-1+e^{b_2}) b_4 u_2 \cdot b_2 u_4 w_1}{b_2 b_5} + \frac{(-1+e^{b_2}) u_2 w_4}{b_2} - \frac{b_3^2 c_6 + e^{-b_2} b_3 (-1+e^{b_3}) u_4 w_6}{b_3} \right]$$

$$T_{\theta,2} // Nu_{w_1} u_{2-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{(-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_4}{b_2 b_5}} E \left[\frac{1}{b_3 ((-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_4 - b_2 b_5)} \right.$$

$$\left. (b_3 b_5 ((-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_4 - b_2 b_5) c_1 + b_2 b_3 ((-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_4 - b_2 b_5) c_4 + (-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_3 b_4 u_1 w_1 - (-1+e^{b_5}) b_2 b_3 u_4 w_1 - (-1+e^{b_2}) b_3 b_5 u_1 w_4 + (-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_3 u_4 w_4 - ((-1+e^{b_2}) (-1+e^{b_5}) b_1 b_4 - b_2 b_5) (b_3^2 c_6 + e^{-b_2} b_3 (-1+e^{b_3}) u_4 w_6) \right]$$

$$T_{\theta,0} // m_{1,2-1} // m_{3,4+3} // m_{3,5+3} // m_{3,6+3}$$

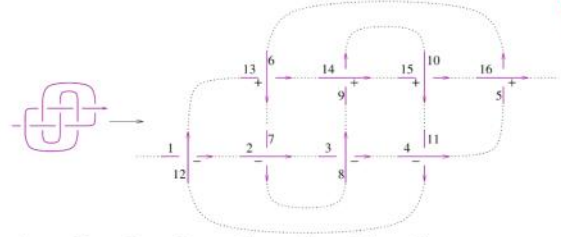
$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{(-1+e^{b_1}) (-1+e^{b_3})}{(-1+e^{b_3})}} E \left[b_3 c_1 + b_1 c_3 - b_3 c_3 + \frac{(-1+e^{b_1}) (-1+e^{b_3}) u_1 w_1}{(-e^{b_1} - e^{b_3} + e^{b_1+b_3}) b_1} - \frac{e^{-b_3} (-1+e^{b_1}) (b_3 u_1 - e^{b_3} (-1+e^{b_3}) b_1 u_3) w_3}{(-e^{b_1} - e^{b_3} + e^{b_1+b_3}) b_1 b_3}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

Verifying meta-associativity

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Q0 = E[Sum[f_i c_i, {i, 3}] + Sum[f_i, j u_i w_j, {i, 3}, {j, 3}]]
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}]
(Q0 // m_{1,2-1} // m_{3,3-1}) ≡ (Q0 // m_{2,3+2} // m_{1,2-1})
True
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Testing R3

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t1 = R_{\theta,1,2}^+ R_{\theta,3,4}^+ R_{\theta,5,6}^- // m_{3,5+3} // m_{1,6-y} // m_{2,4+z}
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}) u_y w_z}{b_y}]
t1 ≡ (R_{\theta,1,2}^+ R_{\theta,3,4}^+ R_{\theta,5,6}^- // m_{1,3+x} // m_{2,5+y} // m_{4,6+z})
True
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z1 = R_{\theta,12,1}^- R_{\theta,2,7}^- R_{\theta,8,3}^- R_{\theta,4,11}^- R_{\theta,16,5}^- R_{\theta,6,13}^- R_{\theta,14,9}^- R_{\theta,10,15}^-;
Do[z1 = (z1 // m_{1,n-1}) / . b_ → b, {n, 2, 16}];
{CF@z1, KnotData[{8, 17}, "AlexanderPolynomial"] [t]}
{- \frac{e^{3b} E[\theta]}{1 - 4e^{b_8} e^{2b_{11}} e^{3b_3} e^{4b_4} e^{5b_5} e^{6b_6}}, 11 - \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{4}{t^2} - \frac{8}{t} - 8t + 4t^2 - t^3}
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Demo Programs for 1-Co.

ωεβ/Demo

$$\Delta[R_-] := (1 - t_h) (\alpha^2 \beta^2 + 4 \alpha \beta \delta \mu + 2 \delta^2 \mu^2) / 2 + 2 \mu^2 (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu) c_h - \beta (2 \mu - 1) (\alpha \beta + 2 \delta \mu) u_h + 2 \beta \delta \mu^2 c_h u_h - \beta^2 \delta (3 \mu - 1) u_h^2 / 2 + \alpha (\alpha \beta + 2 \delta \mu) w_h + 2 \alpha \delta \mu^2 c_h w_h - 2 (t_h - 1) \delta^2 (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu) u_h w_h + 2 \delta^2 \mu^2 c_h u_h w_h - \beta \delta^2 (2 \mu - 1) u_h^2 w_h + \alpha^2 \delta (1 + \mu) w_h^2 / 2 + \alpha \delta^2 u_h w_h^2 - (t_h - 1) \delta^4 u_h^2 w_h^2 / 2;$$

The Δόγος

Differential Polynomials

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DP_{x_>D_{\alpha}, y_>D_{\beta}} [P_] [f_] := (* means P[\partial_{\alpha}, \partial_{\beta}] [f] *)
Total[CoefficientRules[P, {x, y}] / .
  ({m, n} → c) ⇒ c D[f, {α, m}, {β, n}]]
CF[E[ω, L_, Q_, P_] := Expand/@Together/@
  E[ω / . b_i → Log[t_i], L, Q / . b_i → Log[t_i],
  P / . b_i → Log[t_i]];
E /: E[ω1_, L1_, Q1_, P1_] E[ω2_, L2_, Q2_, P2_] :=
  CF@E[ω1 ω2, L1 + L2, ω2 Q1 + ω1 Q2, ω2^2 P1 + ω1^2 P2];
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Utilities

Normal Ordering Operators

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Nu_i_cj_>rh_ [E[ω, L_, Q_, P_] := With[{q = e^{-γ} β u_h + γ c_h}, CF[
  E[ω, γ c_h + (L / . c_j → θ), ω e^{-γ} β u_h + (Q / . u_i → θ),
  e^{-q} DP_{c_j→D_{\gamma}, u_i→D_{\beta}} [P] [e^q]] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} L, β → ω^{-1} ∂_{u_i} Q}]];
Nu_i_cj_>rh_ [E[ω, L_, Q_, P_] := With[{q = e^{γ} α w_h + γ c_h}, CF[
  E[ω, γ c_h + (L / . c_j → θ), ω e^{γ} α w_h + (Q / . w_i → θ),
  e^{-q} DP_{c_j→D_{\gamma}, w_i→D_{\alpha}} [P] [e^q]] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} L, α → ω^{-1} ∂_{w_i} Q}]];
Nu_i_uj_>rh_ [E[ω, L_, Q_, P_] :=
  With[{q = (1 - t_h) μ^{-1} α β + μ^{-1} β u_h + μ^{-1} δ u_h w_h + μ^{-1} α w_h}, CF[
  E[μ ω, L, μ ω q + μ (Q / . w_i | u_j → θ),
  μ^4 e^{-q} DP_{w_i→D_{\alpha}, u_j→D_{\beta}} [P] [e^q] + ω^4 Δ[R]] / .
  μ → 1 + (t_h - 1) δ / .
  {α → ω^{-1} (∂_{w_i} Q / . u_j → θ), β → ω^{-1} (∂_{u_j} Q / . w_i → θ),
  δ → ω^{-1} ∂_{w_i, u_j} Q}]]];
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Stitching

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m_{i,j_>rh_ [Z_] := Module[{x, y, z},
  Z // Nu_i_cj_>rh_ // Nu_x_uj_>rh_ // ReplaceAll[{c_x|y → c_x, w_j → w_j}] //
  Nu_i_cx_>rh_ // ReplaceAll[z_{-i|j}|x|y → z_h] // CF]
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The Generators

$$R_{i,j}^+ := \mathbb{E} \left[1, b_i c_j, u_i w_j, \right. \\ \left. -c_i (t_i - 1)^2 / 2 - c_i^2 (t_i - 1)^2 / 2 + c_i c_j (t_i^2 - t_i - 2) / 2 - \right. \\ \left. c_j u_i w_i / 2 + c_i (1 - t_i) u_i w_i - u_i^2 w_i^2 / 2 + u_i w_j + c_j t_i u_i w_j / 2 + \right. \\ \left. c_i (t_i - 2) t_i u_i w_j + c_i (1 + t_j) u_j w_j / 2 + (t_i - 1) u_i^2 w_i w_j - \right. \\ \left. (t_i - 2) t_i u_i^2 w_j^2 / 2 \right];$$

$$R_{i,j}^- := \mathbb{E} \left[1, -b_i c_j, -t_i^{-1} u_i w_j, \right. \\ \left. c_i (t_i - 1)^2 / 2 + c_i^2 (t_i - 1)^2 / 2 + c_i c_j (2 + t_i - t_i^2) / 2 + \right. \\ \left. c_j u_i w_i / 2 + c_i (t_i - 1) u_i w_i + u_i^2 w_i^2 / 2 + (1 - t_i^{-1}) u_i w_j / 2 + \right. \\ \left. c_i (2 t_i - 5 + 3 t_i^{-1}) u_i w_j / 2 + c_j (t_i^{-1} + 1 - t_i^{-1} t_j) u_i w_j / 2 - \right. \\ \left. c_i (t_j + 1) u_j w_j / 2 + (2 - 3 t_i^{-1}) u_i^2 w_i w_j / 2 + \right. \\ \left. (1 + 2 t_i^{-2} - 3 t_i^{-1}) u_i^2 w_j^2 / 2 - t_i^{-1} (1 + t_j) u_i u_j w_j^2 / 2 \right];$$

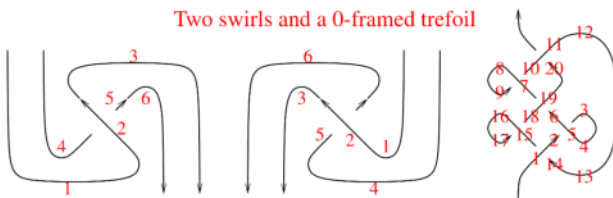
$$ur_{i-} := \mathbb{E} \left[t_i^{1/4}, \theta, \theta, c_i t_i / 4 + u_i w_i / 8 \right];$$

$$nr_{i-} := \mathbb{E} \left[t_i^{1/4}, \theta, \theta, -c_i t_i^3 / 4 - t_i^2 u_i w_i / 8 \right];$$

$$ul_{i-} := \mathbb{E} \left[t_i^{1/4}, \theta, \theta, c_i t_i (4 + t_i) / 4 - t_i^2 u_i w_i / 8 \right];$$

$$nl_{i-} := \mathbb{E} \left[t_i^{1/4}, \theta, \theta, -c_i (1 + 4 t_i^{-1}) / 4 + u_i w_i / 8 \right];$$

Two swirls and a 0-framed trefoil



$$t2 = ur_{1-} R_{2,5} nr_{3-} ur_{4-} nr_{6-} // m_{1,2,-1} // m_{1,3,-1} // m_{4,5,-4} // m_{4,6,-4}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[1, -b_1 c_4, -\frac{u_1 w_4}{t_1}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{c_1}{2} + \frac{c_1^2}{2} + c_1 c_4 - c_1 t_1 - c_1^2 t_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_1 c_4 t_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_1 t_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} c_1^2 t_1^2 - \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2} c_1 c_4 t_1^2 - c_1 u_1 w_1 + \frac{1}{2} c_4 u_1 w_1 + c_1 t_1 u_1 w_1 + \frac{1}{2} u_1^2 w_1^2 + \frac{3 u_1 w_4}{8} - \right. \\ \left. \frac{5}{2} c_1 u_1 w_4 + \frac{1}{2} c_4 u_1 w_4 - \frac{u_1 w_4}{2 t_1} + \frac{3 c_1 u_1 w_4}{2 t_1} + \frac{c_4 u_1 w_4}{2 t_1} - \frac{1}{8} t_1 u_1 w_4 + \right. \\ \left. c_1 t_1 u_1 w_4 + \frac{t_4 u_1 w_4}{8 t_1} + \frac{t_4^2 u_1 w_4}{8 t_1} - \frac{c_4 t_4^2 u_1 w_4}{2 t_1} - \frac{1}{2} c_1 u_4 w_4 - \frac{1}{2} c_1 t_4 u_4 w_4 + \right. \\ \left. u_1^2 w_1 w_4 - \frac{3 u_1^2 w_1 w_4}{2 t_1} + \frac{1}{2} u_1^2 w_4^2 + \frac{u_1^2 w_4^2}{t_1^2} - \frac{3 u_1^2 w_4^2}{2 t_1} - \frac{u_1 u_4 w_4^2}{2 t_1} - \frac{t_4 u_1 u_4 w_4^2}{2 t_1} \right]$$

$$t2 = (ul_{1-} R_{2,5} nl_{3-} ul_{4-} nl_{6-} // m_{1,2,-1} // m_{1,3,-1} // m_{4,5,-4} // m_{4,6,-4})$$

True

$$z2 = R_{1,14} R_{5,2} nr_{3-} ul_{4-} R_{9,6} R_{7,10} nl_{8-} ur_{9-} R_{11,20} nr_{12-} ul_{13-} R_{15,18} \\ nl_{16-} ur_{17-};$$

$$(Do[z2 = z2 // m_{1,k,-1}, \{k, 2, 20\}]; z2 = z2 /. a_{-1} => a)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[-1 + \frac{1}{t} + t, \theta, \theta, \right. \\ \left. -16 + \frac{9c}{2} - \frac{2c}{t^4} + \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{11c}{2t^3} - \frac{4}{t^2} - \frac{8c}{t^2} + \frac{10}{t} + \frac{4c}{t} + 18t - 10ct - 14t^2 + \right. \\ \left. 8ct^2 + 7t^3 - \frac{3ct^3}{2} - 2t^4 - 2ct^4 + 2ct^5 - \frac{ct^6}{2} - 4uw + \frac{2uw}{t^4} - \right. \\ \left. \frac{7uw}{2t^3} + \frac{9uw}{2t^2} + \frac{uw}{2t} + 6t uw - 2t^2 uw - \frac{1}{2} t^3 uw + \frac{3}{2} t^4 uw - \frac{1}{2} t^5 uw \right]$$

FromCoefficientRules[

CoefficientRules[z2[[4]], {c, u, w}] /.

{(e_ -> a_) => (e -> Simplify[a])}, {c, u, w}]

$$\frac{(1-t-t^2)^2 (-1-2t-3t^2+2t^3)}{t^3} - \\ c \frac{(1-t+t^2)^3 (4-t-5t^2-t^3+t^4)}{2t^4} - \frac{(1-t+t^2)^3 (-4-5t+t^3) uw}{2t^4}$$



"God created the knots; all else in topology is the work of mortals."

Leopold Kronecker (modified)



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

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