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# The Dogma is Wrong

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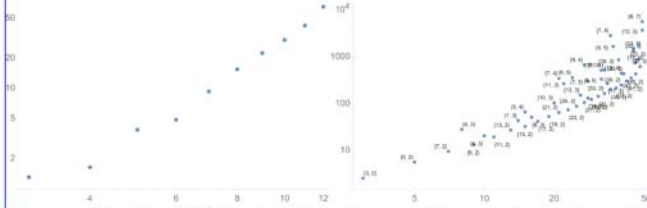
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**Abstract.** It has long been known that there are knot invariants associated to semi-simple Lie algebras, and there has long been a dogma as for how to extract them: “quantize and use representation theory”. We present an alternative and better procedure: “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** ([oeβ/kiw](http://oeβ/kiw)). Whether or not you like the formulas on this page, they describe the strongest truly computable knot invariant we know.

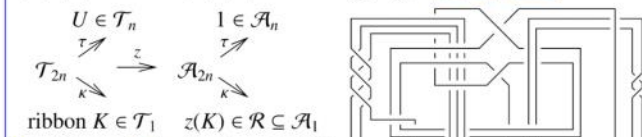
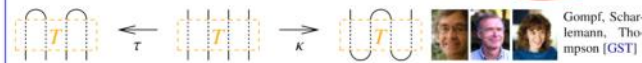
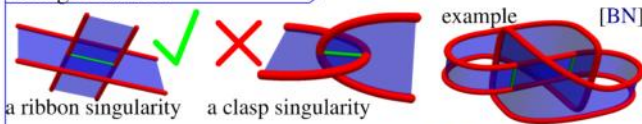
**Experimental Analysis** ([oeβ/Exp](http://oeβ/Exp)). Log-log plots of computation time (sec) vs. crossing number, for all knots with up to 12 crossings (mean times) and for all torus knots with up to 48 crossings:



**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 xings, 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.



[Vo]: Works with  $\mathcal{R} := \kappa(\tau^{-1}(1))$  for Alexander!  
 $A^+ = -t^8 + 2t^7 - t^6 - 2t^4 + 5t^3 - 2t^2 - 7t + 13$   
 $\rho_1^+ = 5t^{15} - 18t^{14} + 33t^{13} - 32t^{12} + 2t^{11} + 42t^{10} - 62t^9 - 8t^8 + 166t^7 - 242t^6 +$   
Faster is better, leaner is meaner!  $108t^5 + 132t^4 - 226t^3 + 148t^2 - 11t - 36$

### dog·ma

The Free Dictionary. [oeβ/TFD](http://oeβ/TFD)

- 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 coloured Jones polynomial of  $K$ , in the  $d$ -dimensional representation of  $sl_2$ . Writing

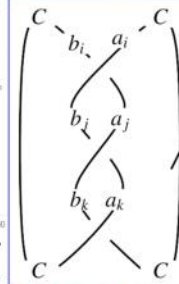
$$\frac{(q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2})J_d(K)}{q^{d/2} - q^{-d/2}} \Big|_{q=e^h} = \sum_{j,m \geq 0} a_{jm}(K) d^j h^m,$$

“below diagonal” coefficients vanish,  $a_{jm}(K) = 0$  if  $j > m$ , and “on diagonal” coefficients give the inverse of the Alexander polynomial:

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

“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

$$R = \sum a_i \otimes b_i \in A \otimes A \text{ and } C \in A,$$

form

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

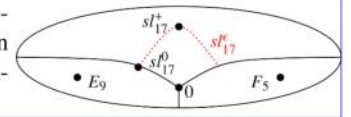
**Problem.** Extract information from  $Z$ .

**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”.

$$m_k^{ij} \circlearrowleft \{ \mathcal{F}_S \} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{E}} \{ A^{\otimes S} \} \circlearrowright m_k^{ij}$$

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



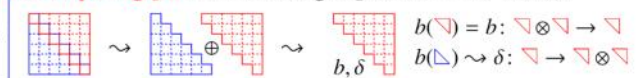
**Why are “solvable algebras” any good?** Contrary to common beliefs, computations in semi-simple Lie algebras are just awful:

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in[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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in[2]= MatrixExp[{{a b},{0 c}}] // MatrixForm
in[3]= MatrixExp[{{a1 b1},{0 c1}}].MatrixExp[{{a2 b2},{0 c2}}] //
MatrixLog // PowerExpand // Simplify // MatrixForm
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**Recomposing  $gl_n$ .** Half is enough!  $gl_n \oplus \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathcal{D}(\nabla, b, \delta)$ :



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

$$\begin{matrix} & i & j \\ i & \begin{matrix} e_{ij} & \\ h_i & e_{ij} \end{matrix} & \\ j & \begin{matrix} f_{ji} & g_j \end{matrix} & \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} [e_{ij}, e_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} e_{il} - \delta_{li} e_{kj} & [f_{ij}, f_{kl}] = \epsilon \delta_{jk} f_{il} - \epsilon \delta_{li} f_{kj} \\ [e_{ij}, f_{kl}] = \delta_{jk} (\epsilon \delta_{j < k} e_{il} + \delta_{il} (h_i + \epsilon g_j) / 2 + \delta_{i > l} f_{jl}) \\ \quad - \delta_{li} (\epsilon \delta_{k < j} e_{kj} + \delta_{kj} (h_j + \epsilon g_i) / 2 + \delta_{k > j} f_{ij}) \\ [g_i, e_{jk}] = (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) e_{jk} & [h_i, e_{jk}] = \epsilon (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) e_{jk} \\ [g_i, f_{jk}] = (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) f_{jk} & [h_i, f_{jk}] = \epsilon (\delta_{ij} - \delta_{ik}) f_{jk} \end{matrix}$$

**The  $s_2$  Example.** Let  $g^e = \langle h, e, l, f \rangle / ([h, \cdot] = 0, [e, l] = -e, [f, l] = f, [e, f] = h - 2\epsilon l)$  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

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

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  $\{\epsilon, e_i, l_i, f_i\}$  (with scalar coefficients) whose  $\epsilon^d$ -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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CF** [ $\mathcal{E}_E$ ] := **CF** [ $\mathcal{E}$ ];

**E** [ $i\_ , j\_ , s\_$ ] := **E** [ $1, (-1)^s l_j, (-t)^s e_i f_j,$   
 $t^s e_i l_{(1+s)} t^{-s} f_j + (-1)^s l_i l_j + (-t)^s e_i^2 f_j^2 / 4$ ];

**E** [ $i\_ , s\_$ ] := **E** [ $1, \theta, \theta, s l_i$ ];

**E** /: **E** [ $1, L1\_ , Q1\_ , P1\_$ ] **E** [ $1, L2\_ , Q2\_ , P2\_$ ] :=

**E** [ $1, L1 + L2, Q1 + Q2, P1 + P2$ ];

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{E} \left[ 1, -l_2 + l_5 - l_8 + l_{11} - l_{14} + l_{16}, \right. \\ & - \frac{e_4 f_2}{t} + e_{15} f_5 - \frac{e_6 f_8}{t} + e_1 f_{11} - \frac{e_{12} f_{14}}{t} + e_9 f_{16}, \\ & - \frac{e_4^2 f_2^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_{15}^2 f_5^2 - \frac{e_6^2 f_8^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_1^2 f_{11}^2 - \frac{e_{12}^2 f_{14}^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_9^2 f_{16}^2 + e_1 f_{11} l_1 + \\ & \left. \frac{e_4 f_2 l_2}{t} - l_3 - l_2 l_4 + l_7 + \frac{e_6 f_8 l_8}{t} - l_6 l_8 + e_9 f_{16} l_9 - l_{10} + \right. \\ & \left. l_1 l_{11} + l_{13} + \frac{e_{12} f_{14} l_{14}}{t} - l_{12} l_{14} + e_{15} f_5 l_{15} + l_5 l_{15} + l_9 l_{16} \right] \end{aligned}$$

**DP** [ $x \rightarrow 0_\alpha, y \rightarrow 0_\beta$ ] [ $f\_$ ] := **Differential Polynomials**

**Total** [**CoefficientRules** [ $P, \{x, y\}$ ] /. (Implementing  $P(\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta)(f)$ )

$(\{m\_ , n\_ \} \rightarrow c\_ ) \Rightarrow c \text{D}[f, \{\alpha, m\}, \{\beta, n\}] ] ]$

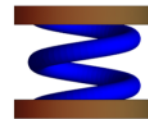


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	0 <sup>0</sup>	1	0 / ✓		3 <sup>1</sup>	$t - 1$	1 / ✗
	0		0 / ✓		$t$		1 / ✗
	4 <sup>0</sup>	$3 - t$	1 / ✗		5 <sup>0</sup>	$t^2 - t + 1$	2 / ✗
	0		1 / ✓		2 <sup>3</sup>	$3t$	2 / ✗

**S**<sub>1j</sub> [ $x: e|f$ ]  $\rightarrow$   $k\_$  [**E** [ $\omega\_ , L\_ , Q\_ , P\_$ ] ] := **le and fl Sorts**

**With** [ $\{\lambda = \partial_{l_j} L, \alpha = \partial_{x_i} Q, q = e^x \beta x_k + \gamma l_k\}$ , **CF** [

**E** [ $\omega, L / . l_j \rightarrow l_k, t^\lambda \alpha x_k + (Q / . x_i \rightarrow \theta)$ ,

$e^{-q} \text{DP}_{l_j \rightarrow 0_\gamma, x_i \rightarrow 0_\beta} [P] [e^q] / . \{\beta \rightarrow \alpha / \omega, \gamma \rightarrow \lambda \text{Log}[t]\} ] ] ]$ ;

**$\Delta$**  [ $k\_$ ] :=  $( (t - 1) ( 2 (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu)^2 - \alpha^2 \beta^2 ) - 4 e_h l_h f_h \delta^2 \mu^2 -$   
 $\delta ( 1 + \mu ) ( f_h^2 \alpha^2 + e_h^2 \beta^2 ) - e_h^2 f_h^2 \delta^3 ( 1 + 3 \mu ) -$  **The  $\Delta$  logo**  
 $2 (\alpha \beta + 2 \delta \mu + e_h f_h \delta^2 ( 1 + 2 \mu ) + 2 l_h \delta \mu^2 ) ( f_h \alpha + e_h \beta ) -$   
 $4 ( l_h \mu^2 + e_h f_h \delta ( 1 + \mu ) ) (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu ) ( 1 + t ) / 4$ ;

**S**<sub>f<sub>i</sub></sub> [ $e_j \rightarrow k\_$ ] [**E** [ $\omega\_ , L\_ , Q\_ , P\_$ ] ] := **fe Sorts**

**With** [ $\{q = ((1 - t) \alpha \beta + \beta e_k + \alpha f_k + \delta e_h f_k) / \mu\}$ , **CF** [

**E** [ $\mu \omega, L, \mu \omega q + \mu (Q / . f_i | e_j \rightarrow \theta)$ ,

$\mu^4 e^{-q} \text{DP}_{f_i \rightarrow 0_\alpha, e_j \rightarrow 0_\beta} [P] [e^q] + \omega^\Delta \Delta [k] ] / . \mu \rightarrow 1 + (t - 1) \delta / .$

$\{\alpha \rightarrow \omega^{-1} (\partial_{f_i} Q / . e_j \rightarrow \theta), \beta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} (\partial_{e_j} Q / . f_i \rightarrow \theta),$

$\delta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} \partial_{f_i, e_j} Q ] ] ]$ ;

**m**<sub>i, j</sub> [ $z \rightarrow k\_$ ] [**Z** [ $\mathcal{E}$ ] ] := **Module** [ $\{x, z\}$ , **Elf Merges**

**CF** [ $\{Z // S_{f_i} e_j \rightarrow x // S_{l_i} e_x \rightarrow x // S_{f_j} l_j \rightarrow x\} / . z \rightarrow t | j | x \rightarrow z_k ] ]$

**(Do** [ $z1 = z1 // m_{1, k+1}, \{k, 2, 16\}$ ];  $z1$ ) **Rewriting the Trefoil**

**E** [ $\frac{1-t-t^2}{t}, \theta, \theta, \frac{(-1+t)(1-t+t^2)^2}{t^3} \frac{1-t+2t^2}{t} -$  (by merging 16 elves)

*Also fix in GUV*

**omega beta / Demo**

**Formatting**

$$\rho_1 [\text{E}[\omega, \_, \_, P\_ ] ] := \text{CF} \left[ \frac{t ( (P / . e\_ | l\_ | f\_ \rightarrow \theta) - t \omega^3 (\partial_t \omega) )}{(t - 1)^2 \omega^2} \right]$$

$\rho_1 [z1] // \text{Expand}$

$$\frac{1}{t} + t$$

$\rho_1(31)$

**Preparation**

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**Warning.** Conventions on this page change randomly from line to line.

**The Algebra.**  $\mathcal{U}_{\hbar, \alpha\beta}$  conventions:  $q = e^{\hbar\alpha\beta}$ ,  $H = \langle a, x \rangle / ([a, x] = \alpha x)$  with

$$A = e^{-\hbar\beta a}, \quad xA = qAx, \quad S(a, A, x) = (-a, A^{-1}, -A^{-1}x),$$

$$\Delta(a, A, x) = (a_1 + a_2, A_1A_2, x_1 + A_1x_2)$$

and dual  $H^* = \langle b, y \rangle / ([b, y] = -\beta y)$  with

$$B = e^{-\hbar\alpha b}, \quad By = qyB, \quad S(b, B, y) = (-b, B^{-1}, -yB^{-1}),$$

$$\Delta(b, B, y) = (b_1 + b_2, B_1B_2, y_1B_2 + y_2)$$

Pairing by  $(a, x)^* = \hbar(b, y)$  making  $\langle y^l b^j, a^i x^k \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} i! [k]_q!$ . Then  $\mathcal{U} = H^{*cop} \otimes H$  with  $(\phi f)(\psi g) = \langle \psi_1 S^{-1} f_3 \rangle \langle \psi_3, f_1 \rangle \langle \phi \psi_2 \rangle \langle f_2 g \rangle$ . With the central  $t := \beta a - \alpha b$ ,  $T := e^{\hbar t} = A^{-1}B$  get

$$[a, y] = -\alpha y, \quad xy - qyx = (1 - TA^2)/\hbar.$$

Benkart-Witherspoon, 2017-06/BW.nb: At  $\alpha\beta\hbar = \sigma - \rho$ , represented by  $y \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -e^\rho & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\rho - \sigma} \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e^\rho & 0 \\ 0 & e^\sigma \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$x \rightarrow \frac{e^\rho - e^\sigma}{\hbar e^{\rho + \sigma}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \rightarrow \frac{\rho + \sigma}{\hbar} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T \rightarrow \frac{1}{e^{\rho + \sigma}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b \rightarrow \frac{\beta}{\sigma - \rho} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix}, \quad B \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\rho} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**The R-Matrix.** With  $[n]_q := (q^n - 1)/(q - 1)$ ,  $[n]_q! := [1]_q \dots [n]_q$  and  $e_q^x := \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{x^n}{[n]_q!}$ , we have the mysterious Quesne formula of arXiv:math-ph/0305003:  $e_q^x = e^x \exp\left(\sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{(1-q)^k x^k}{k(1-q^k)}\right)$ . Then  $R_{ij} := \mathbb{O}(yb \otimes ax: e^{\hbar ba} e_q^{\hbar yx})$ .

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**xa Swaps.**

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**The Drinfel'd Element.**

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**Putting Everything Together.**