

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 .

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A Poly-Time Knot Polynomial Via Solvable Approximation

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

Dunfield: 1000-crossing fast.



Expected!

Why expected? Finite-type invariants include all coefficients of all quantum knot polynomials (appropriately parametrized), and each is computable in poly-time. Yet

d	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	...
known f.t. invariants 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.

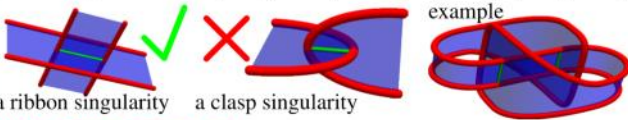
Also. • The line above the Alexander line in the Melvin-Morton [MM, Ro] expansion of the coloured Jones polynomial. • The 2-loop contribution to the Kontsevich integral.



Paradise!

Why paradise? Foremost reason: **OBVIOUSLY.** Cf. proving (incomputable A) = (incomputable B), or categorifying (incomputable C).

Secondary reason: may disprove {ribbon} = {slice}: (see [BN2])

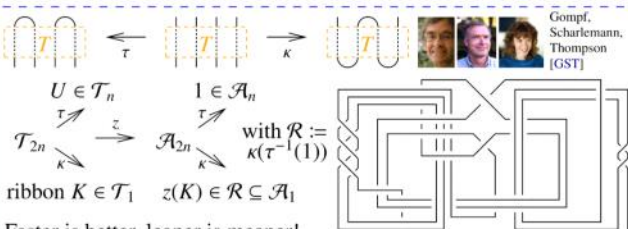
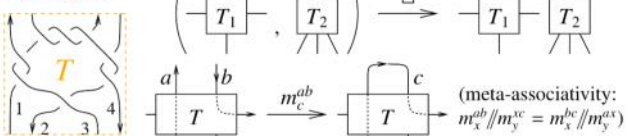


A bit about ribbon knots. A "ribbon knot" is a knot that can be presented as the boundary of a disk that has "ribbon singularities", but no "clasp singularities". A "slice knot" is a knot in $S^3 = \partial B^4$ which is the boundary of a non-singular disk in B^4 . Every ribbon knot is clearly slice,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



Faster is better, leaner is meaner!

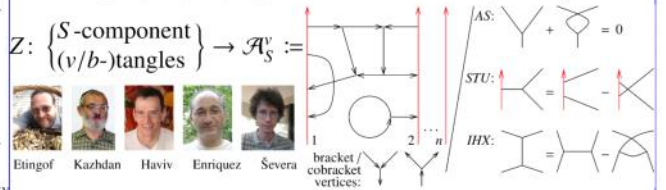
The Gold Standard is set by the "Gamma-calculus" Alexander formulas [BNS, BN1]. An S-component tangle T has

$$\Gamma(T) \in R_S \times M_{S \times S}(R_S) = \begin{Bmatrix} \omega & S \\ S & A \end{Bmatrix} \text{ with } R_S := \mathbb{Z}\langle t_a : a \in S \rangle$$

$$\begin{matrix} \omega & a & b & S \\ a & 1 & 1-t_a^{\pm 1} & \\ b & 0 & t_a^{\pm 1} & \end{matrix} \quad T_1 \sqcup T_2 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \omega_1 \omega_2 & S_1 & S_2 \\ S_1 & A_1 & 0 \\ S_2 & 0 & A_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \omega & a & b & S \\ a & \alpha & \beta & \theta \\ b & \gamma & \delta & \epsilon \\ S & \phi & \psi & \Xi \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{m_c^{ab}} \begin{matrix} (1-\beta)\omega & c & S \\ c & \gamma + \frac{\alpha\delta}{1-\beta} & \epsilon + \frac{\delta\theta}{1-\beta} \\ S & \phi + \frac{\alpha\psi}{1-\beta} & \Xi + \frac{\psi\theta}{1-\beta} \end{matrix}$$

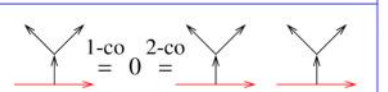
Theorem [EK, Ha, En, Se]. There is a "homomorphic expansion"



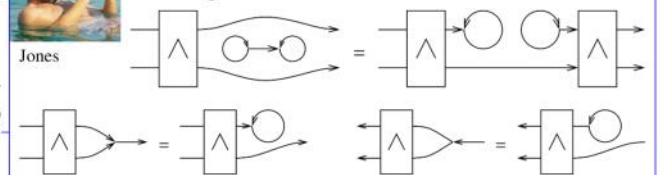
(it is enough to know Z on \mathcal{A} and have disjoint union and stitching formulas)

Idea. Look for "ideal" quotients of \mathcal{A}_S^v that have poly-sized descriptions; ... specifically, limit the co-brackets.

1-co and 2-co, aka TC and TC^2, on the right. The primitives that remain are:



The 2D relations come from the relation with 2D Lie bialgebras:



We let $\mathcal{A}^{2,2}$ be \mathcal{A}^v modulo 2-co and 2D, and $z^{2,2}$ be the projection of $\log Z$ to $\mathcal{P}^{2,2} := \pi \mathcal{P}^v$, where \mathcal{P}^v are the primitives of \mathcal{A}^v .

Main Claim. $z^{2,2}$ is poly-time computable.

Main Point. $\mathcal{P}^{2,2}$ is poly-size, so how hard can it be? Indeed, as a module over $\mathbb{Q}\langle b_i \rangle$, $\mathcal{P}^{2,2}$ is at most

$$\left\langle \begin{matrix} i \\ 1 \downarrow \\ j \downarrow \\ a_{ij} \end{matrix}, \delta, \begin{matrix} i \\ \circ \\ j \downarrow \\ c_j \end{matrix}, \delta, \begin{matrix} i \\ \circ \\ j \downarrow \\ \delta a_{ij} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} i \\ \circ \\ j \downarrow \\ c_i a_{ij} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} i & k \\ \circ & \downarrow \\ j & \downarrow \\ \delta a_{ij} & \downarrow \\ c_i a_{ij} & \downarrow \\ \delta a_{ij} a_{kl} \end{matrix} \right\rangle \quad b_i = \begin{matrix} \circ \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\delta = \begin{matrix} \circ & \circ \end{matrix}$$

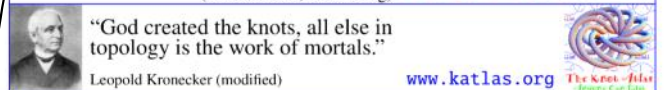
Claim. $R_{jk} = e^{a_{jk}} e^{\rho_{jk}}$ is a solution of the Yang-Baxter / R3 equation $R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12}$ in $\exp \mathcal{P}^{2,2}$, with $\rho_{jk} :=$

$$\psi(b_j) \left(-c_k + \frac{c_k a_{jk}}{b_j} - \frac{\delta a_{jk} a_{jk}}{b_j^2} \right) + \frac{\phi(b_j) \psi(b_k)}{b_k \phi(b_k)} \left(c_k a_{kk} - \frac{\delta a_{jk} a_{kk}}{b_j} \right),$$

and with $\phi(x) := e^{-x} - 1 = -x + x^2/2 - \dots$, and $\psi(x) := ((x+2)e^{-x} - 2 + x)/(2x) = x^2/12 - x^3/24 + \dots$

But how do we multiply in $\exp(\mathcal{P}^{2,2})$? How do we stitch?

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

4-hour version of this talk at w6b/LD.

1-Smidgen sl_2 (with van der Veen). Let \mathfrak{g}_1 be the 4D Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \langle b, c, u, w \rangle$ over $\mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2 = 0)$, with b central and $[w, c] = w$, $[c, u] = u$, 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** : $\mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \langle b, u, w, \epsilon b, \epsilon c, \epsilon u, \epsilon w \rangle \supset \langle b, \epsilon b, \epsilon c, \epsilon u, \epsilon w \rangle \supset 0$. In a certain sense, \mathfrak{g}_1 is more valuable than sl_2 . (note: $\deg(b, c, u, w, \epsilon) = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$)



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

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

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

0-Smidgen sl_2 \odot . 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 $\mathfrak{a}^* \rtimes \mathfrak{a}$ where \mathfrak{a} is the 2D Lie algebra $\mathbb{Q}\langle b, u \rangle$ and (c, w) is the dual basis of (b, u) . It is even more valuable than \mathfrak{g}_1 , but topology already got by other means almost everything \mathfrak{g}_0 has to give.

1-Smidgen Invariants. Much is the same:

The Big \mathfrak{g}_1 Lemma. Parts 1 and 2 are the same, yet

$$6. \circ(e^{\alpha w + \beta u + \delta u w} | w u) = \circ(v(1 + \epsilon v \Lambda) e^{v(-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u + \delta u w)} | c u w)$$

Here Λ is for $\Lambda\delta\gamma\sigma\varsigma$, "a principle of order and knowledge", a balanced quartic in α, β, c, u , and w :

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

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 $\delta: \mathfrak{b}^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}^+ \otimes \mathfrak{b}^+$ 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 .

Proof. A brutal hell.

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

Solution. Borrow some tactics from QFT:

$$\circ(\epsilon P(c, u) e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | u c) = \circ(\epsilon P(\partial_\gamma, \partial_\beta) e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | u c) = \circ(\epsilon P(\partial_\gamma, \partial_\beta) e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{-1} \beta u} | c u),$$

and likewise

$$\circ(\epsilon P(u, w) e^{\alpha w + \beta u + \delta u w} | w u) = \circ(\epsilon P(\partial_\beta, \partial_\alpha) v e^{v(-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u + \delta u w)} | c u w)$$

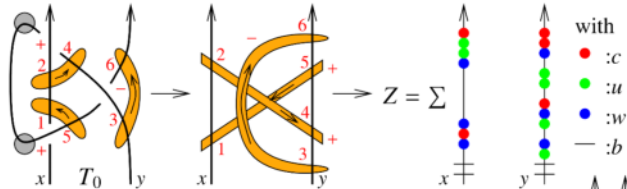
Note. Strand stitching requires a tiny extra step.

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

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,

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ i \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \nwarrow \\ j \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \overline{\nearrow} \\ i \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \overline{\nwarrow} \\ j \end{matrix} = R_{ij} = e^{r_{ij}} = e^{b_i c_j + u_i w_j} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}_{0,i} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{0,j})$$

solves YB/R3, hence we get a tangle invariant:



Goal. Sort Z to be as on the right, with $f_k \in \mathbb{Q}[[b_i]]$. Better, with $\zeta \in \mathbb{Q}[[b_x, c_x, u_x, w_x, b_y, c_y, u_y, w_y]]$, write

$$Z = \circ(\zeta | x: c_x u_x w_x, y: c_y u_y w_y) \quad (\text{cuw form})$$

Here $\circ(\text{poly} | \text{specs})$ plants the variables of poly in $S(\oplus_i \mathfrak{g})$ on several tensor copies of $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ according to specs . E.g.,

$$\circ(c_1^3 u_1 c_2 e^{u_3} w_3^2 | x: w_3 c_1, y: u_1 u_3 c_2) = w^9 c^3 \otimes u e^u c \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_x \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})_y$$

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. $Z(T_0) = \sum_{m,n} \frac{b_1^{m-n} (e^{b_1} - 1)^n}{m! n!} u^m \otimes c^m w^m$.

$$\circ\left(1 \exp\left(b_5 c_1 + \frac{e^{b_5} - 1}{b_5} u_5 w_1 + b_2 c_4 + \frac{e^{b_2} - 1}{b_2} u_2 w_4 - b_3 c_6 + \frac{e^{-b_3} - 1}{b_3} u_3 w_6\right) \middle| \begin{matrix} \circ(\omega e^{L+Q}): L \text{ bilinear in } b_i \text{ and } c_i, \\ \text{and } Q \text{ a balanced quadratic in } u_i \text{ and } w_i \\ \text{with coefficients in } \mathbb{Q}(b_i, e^{b_i}) \ni \omega. \\ \text{"Admissible"} \end{matrix} \right) = \circ(? | x: c_x u_x w_x, y: c_y u_y w_y)$$

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

- $N_k^{c_i c_j} := \circ(\zeta | c_i c_j) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \circ(\zeta / (c_i, c_j \rightarrow c_k) | c_k)$
(Meaning, $N_k^{c_i c_k} : \zeta \mapsto (\zeta / (c_i, c_j \rightarrow c_k))$ and the diagram commutes. Trivial, also for b, u, w .)
- $N_k^{uc} := \circ(e^{\gamma c + \beta u} | u c) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \circ(e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{-1} \beta u} | c u)$ (means $e^{\beta u} e^{\gamma c} = e^{\gamma c} e^{\epsilon^{-1} \beta u}$)
- $N_k^{wc} := \circ(e^{\gamma c + \alpha w} | w c) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \circ(e^{\gamma c + \epsilon^{-1} \alpha w} | c w)$... in the $\{ax + b\}$ group)
- $\circ(e^{\alpha w + \beta u} | w u) = \circ(e^{-b\alpha\beta + \alpha w + \beta u} | u w)$ (the Weyl relations)
- $\circ(e^{\delta u w} | w u) e^{\beta u} = e^{\gamma \beta u} \circ(e^{\delta u w} | w u)$, with $\gamma = (1 + b\delta)^{-1}$
(a. expand and crunch. b. use $w = b\hat{x}, u = \partial_x$. c. use "scatter and glow".)
- $\circ(e^{\delta u w} | w u) = \circ(v e^{\delta u w} | u w)$ (same techniques)
- $N_k^{wu} := \circ(e^{\beta u + \alpha w + \delta u w} | w u) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \circ(v e^{-b\gamma\alpha\beta + \gamma\alpha w + \gamma\beta u + \delta u w} | u w)$

Rough complexity estimate, after $t_k \rightarrow t$: n : xing

$$\frac{n}{A} \sum_{d=0}^4 \frac{w^{4-d} w^d n^2}{E F G} = n^3 w^4 \in [n^5, n^7]$$

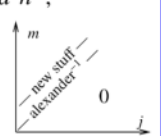
number; w : width, maybe $\sim \sqrt{n}$. A : go over stitchings in order. B : multiplication ops per $N_k^{u_i w_j}$. d : deg of u_i, w_j in P . E : #terms of deg d in P . F : ops per term. G : cost per polynomial multiplication op.

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

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

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

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



Demo Programs for 0-Co.

ωεβ/Demo

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

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

The R-matrices

CF[ω_ . E[Q_]] := Simplify[ω] E[Simplify[Q]]; Utilities

E /: E[Q1] E[Q2] := CF@E[Q1 + Q2];

ω1_ . E[Q1] ≡ ω2_ . E[Q2] := Simplify[ω1 = ω2 ∧ Q1 = Q2];

Nu_{i,c_j → h} [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}]; Normal Ordering Operators

Nu_{i,c_j → h} [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,u_j → h} [ω_ . E[Q_]] := CF [v ω E[-b_h 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_h δ)^{-1} / . {α → ∂_{w_i} Q / . u_j → θ, β → ∂_{u_j} Q / . w_i → θ, δ → ∂_{w_i, u_j} Q}];

m_{i,j → h} [ω_ . E[Q_]] := CF[Module[{x}, (ω E[Q] / . b_{i,j} → b_h // Nu_{i,c_j → x} // Nu_{i,c_x → x} // Nu_{x,u_j → x}) / . {c_i → c_h, w_j → w_h, y_x → y_h}]]; Stitching

T_{0,0} = R_{0,5,1}^+ R_{0,2,4}^+ R_{0,3,6}^+ Some calculations for T_0

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

T_{0,1} = T_{0,0} // Nu_{3,c4 → 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_{0,2} = T_{0,1} // Nu_{4,u5 → 4}

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

T_{0,2} // Nu_{1,u2 → 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_{0,0} // 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

Q0 = E[Sum[f_1 c_1, {i, 3}] + Sum[f_{1,i} u_i w_i, {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_{1,3 → 1}) ≡ (Q0 // m_{2,3 → 2} // m_{1,2 → 1})

True

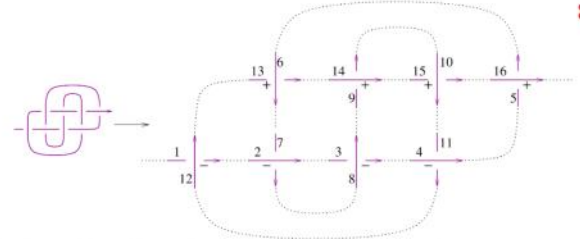
Testing R3

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

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

t1 ≡ (R_{0,1,2}^+ R_{0,3,4}^+ R_{0,5,6}^+ // m_{1,3 → x} // m_{2,5 → y} // m_{4,6 → z})

True



817

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};

Do[z1 = (z1 // m_{1,n → 1}) / . b_ → b, {n, 2, 16}];

{CF@z1, KnotData[{8, 17}, "AlexanderPolynomial"] [t]}

$$\left\{ -\frac{e^{3b} \mathbb{E}[\theta]}{1-4e^{b_8} e^{2b_{11}} e^{3b_8} e^{4b_4} e^{5b_6} e^{6b}}, 11 - \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{4}{t^2} - \frac{8}{t} - 8t + 4t^2 - t^3 \right\}$$

Demo Programs for 1-Co.

ωεβ/Demo

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

The Λόγος

Differential Polynomials

DP_{x → 0, y → 0} [P_] [f_] := (* means P[∂_α, ∂_β] [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_L_ => Log[t_L], L, Q / . b_L_ => Log[t_L],

P / . b_L_ => Log[t_L]]; Utilities

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];

Normal Ordering Operators

Nu_{i,c_j → h} [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 → 0, u_i → 0} [P] [e^q]] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} L, β → ω^{-1} ∂_{u_i} Q}];

Nu_{i,c_j → h} [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 → 0, w_i → 0} [P] [e^q]] / . {γ → ∂_{c_j} L, α → ω^{-1} ∂_{w_i} Q}];

Nu_{i,u_j → h} [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 → 0, u_j → 0} [P] [e^q] + ω^4 Δ[k]] / .

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}];

m_{i,j → h} [Z_] := Module[{x, y, z},

Z // Nu_{i,c_j → x} // Nu_{x,u_j → y} // ReplaceAll[{c_{x|y} → c_x, w_j → w_y}]] //

Nu_{i,c_x → x} // ReplaceAll[Z_{-i|j|x|y} → z_h] // CF]

Stitching

The Generators

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

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

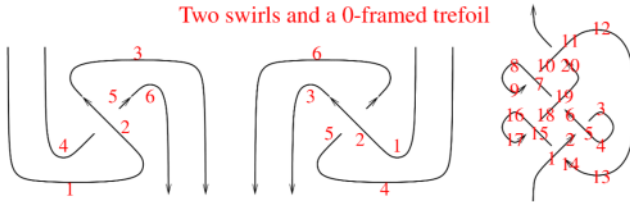
$$ur_i := \mathbb{E} \left[t_i^{-1/4}, \theta, \theta, c_i t_i / 4 + u_i w_i / 8 \right];$$

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

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

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

Two swirls and a 0-framed trefoil



$t2 = ur_1 R_{2,5}^+ nr_3 ur_4 nr_6 // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,3 \rightarrow 1} // m_{4,5 \rightarrow 4} // m_{4,6 \rightarrow 4}$

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

$t2 = (ul_1 R_{2,5}^+ nl_3 ul_4 nl_6 // m_{1,2 \rightarrow 1} // m_{1,3 \rightarrow 1} // m_{4,5 \rightarrow 4} // m_{4,6 \rightarrow 4})$

True

$z2 = R_{1,14}^+ R_{5,2}^- nr_3 ul_4 R_{19,6}^+ R_{7,10}^- nl_8 ur_9 R_{11,20}^+ nr_{12} ul_{13} R_{15,18}^- nl_{16} ur_{17};$

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

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

FromCoefficientRules[

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

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

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

Questions and To Do List. • Clean up and write up. • Implement well, compute for everything in sight. • Why are our quantities polynomials rather than just rational functions? • Bounds on their degrees? • 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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Disclaimer. This is all quite new. The overall picture is correct, yet some details might be somewhat off. Many pieces are certainly not in their final form yet. *if all help needed*

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