

# Categorification of tensor products!

- 1) quantum invariants of knots.
- 2) categorify all the things!

Still somewhat open: general tensor prod  
of cat. actions. (Rouquier?)

# Step 1: categorification of simples.

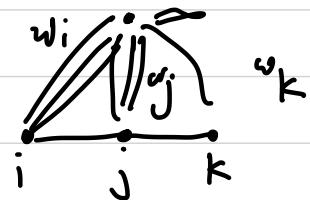
Consider favorite Cartan matrix  $A$  and dominant integral weight  $\lambda$ . Characterized by  $\alpha_i^\vee(\lambda) = w_i$ .

Gives  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  and irrep  $V(\lambda)$ .

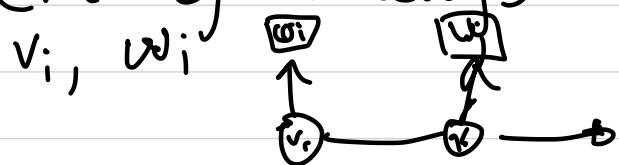
Extend Cartan by adding a new root  $\alpha_\infty$ , w/  
 $\alpha_i^\vee(\alpha_\infty) = -w_i$ . Bigger Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{g}^+$ .

$$\alpha_\infty^\vee(\alpha_i)$$

In terms of Dynkin diagram,



Crawley-Boevey's trick: Nakajima quiver



In  $F_\infty$ ,  $F_\infty$  generates a copy of  $V(\lambda)$  under action  
of  $F_i$ 's in the adjoint action of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ .

$N_f$  - lower triangular in  $\mathfrak{g}^+$

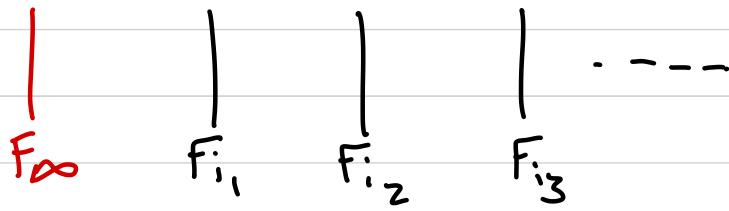
$M$  - lower triangular in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

$$\frac{U(M) F_\infty U(N)}{U(N) M F_\infty U(N)} \ni F_\infty \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{highest} \\ \text{weight} \\ v. \end{matrix}$$

↑  
of weight  $\lambda$  for  $U(g)$  on  
right.

$$F_\infty U(g) = V(\lambda)$$

How to categorify? KLR for  $\mathcal{G}_+$ , w/ one strand  
for  $F_\infty$



Relation of  $/U(n) \cap F_\infty \Rightarrow$

$$\dots - \frac{1}{F_i} \frac{1}{F_\infty} \dots = 0. \text{ +2-sided ideal}$$

~~$\frac{1}{F_i} \frac{1}{F_\infty}$~~  = 0

So, resulting algebra has only KLR diagrams  
w/  $F_\infty$  on left, and relation

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{F_i}} = \frac{1}{F_i} w_i \left( + a_{i,1} | w_{i-1} + a_{i,2} | w_{i-2} + \dots \right) = 0$$

*(if you want to deform)*

Here I'm setting  $\cancel{\frac{1}{F_i}} = 0$ , can absorb into  $a_i$ 's above.

Cyclotomic quotient!

Generalize to tensor products

Have dominant weights  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_e$ , can define  
 $g_+$  to have  $e$  new roots  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_e$

$$V(\lambda_1) \otimes V(\lambda_2) \otimes \dots \otimes V(\lambda_e) \cong \underbrace{U(n) F_{\alpha_1} U(n) F_{\alpha_2} U(n) \dots U(n) F_{\alpha_e} U(n)}_{U(n) F_{\alpha_1} \dots F_{\alpha_e} U(n)} \quad \boxed{\alpha_i(\alpha_{\alpha_k}) = \alpha_i(\lambda_k)}$$

$$= \lambda_k$$

$$U(n) F_{\alpha_1} \dots F_{\alpha_e} U(n)$$

via  $F_{\alpha_1} u_1 F_{\alpha_2} u_2 \dots F_{\alpha_e} u_e \mapsto$

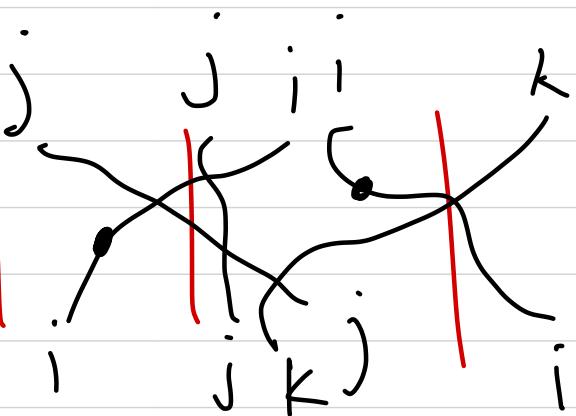
$$((v_1 u_1 \otimes v_2 u_2 \otimes \dots \otimes v_e u_e) u_1, [F_{\alpha_1} u_1, F_{\alpha_2} u_2, \dots, F_{\alpha_e} u_e])$$

Categorification is almost the same.

$$\lambda_1 \quad \vdots \quad \lambda_2 \quad \vdots \quad \lambda_e$$

$$\dots \quad | \quad \dots = 0. \quad j \quad j \quad i \quad k$$

Call this algebra  $T^{\lambda}$



# Relations:

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Diagram: two crossing lines } j, \lambda, i & = & \text{Diagram: two crossing lines } j, \lambda, i \\ & + & \delta_{ij} \sum_{a+b+1=\lambda^i} b \cdot \text{Diagram: vertical line } j \text{ with dot at } \lambda \\ & & \text{Diagram: vertical line } i \text{ with dot at } \lambda \end{array}$$

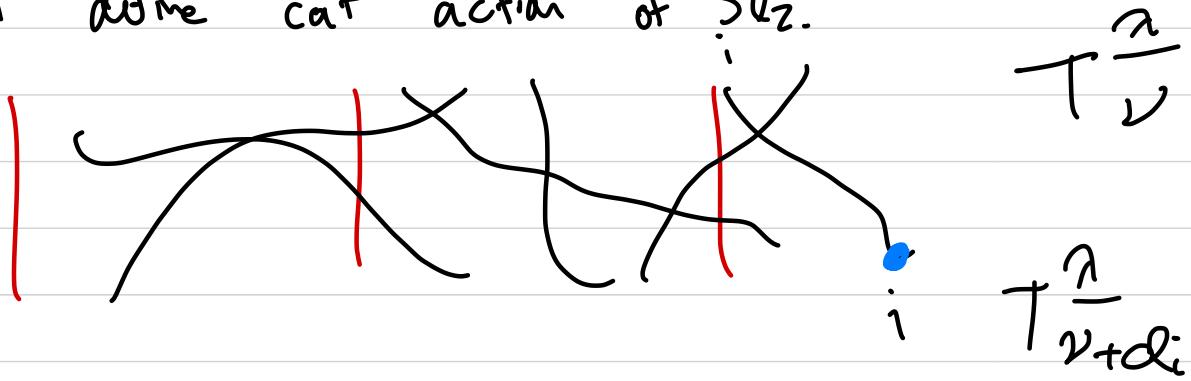
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What do we want to know about this algebra?

Thm The category of  $T^\lambda$ -modules has a categorical  $g$ -action given by induction and restriction functors.

Pf Not obvious, even for  $\ell=1$ . Ruined my summer in 2009.  
Basic idea: prove "one sl<sub>2</sub> at a time." If you only  
Add cycles rel on strands w/ label  $i$ , then  $E_i, F_i$   
For  $i$  define cat action of  $SL_2$ .



$$T_{\nu}^{\lambda} = \sum \lambda_i - \nu = \sum (\# i\text{-strands}) \alpha_i$$

$$\left| \dots \right| \left| \dots \right| = 0$$

projectives

Lusztig integral form

$$\text{Thm } K^0(T^\Delta) \cong V(\lambda_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(\lambda_e)$$

$$K_q^0(T^\Delta) \cong V_q(\lambda_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V_q(\lambda_e)$$

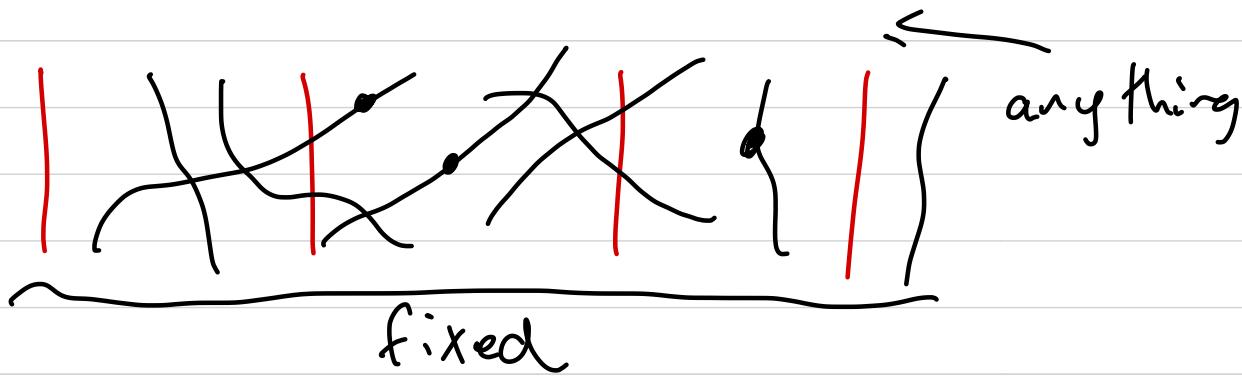
Not hard once you know about cast action.

$\ell=1$ :  $K^0(T^\Delta)$  is gen by a single highest weight vec. of wt.  $\lambda$ . Must be  $V(\lambda)$ .

Q72: Show by induction that

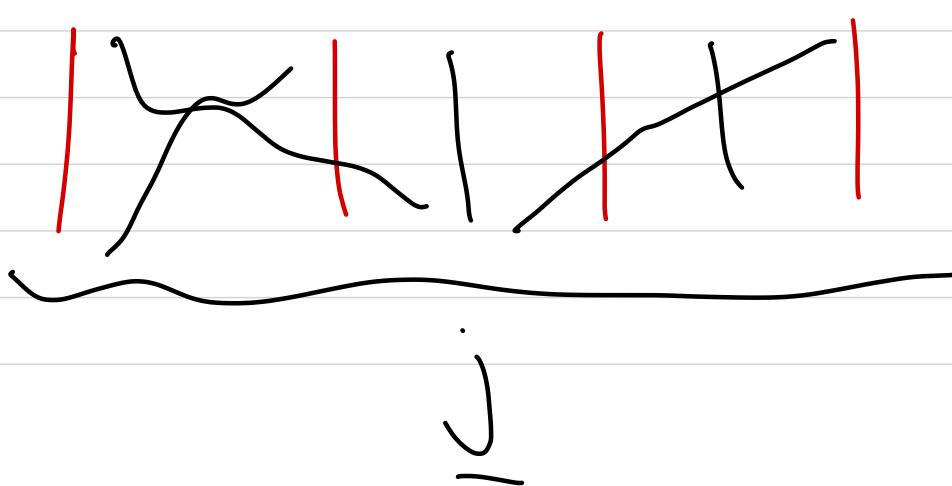
$$\text{Hom}(P_i, P_j) = \text{inner product on } V(\lambda_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes V(\lambda_e)$$

Projectives are obtained by just multiplying by an idempotent on one side or the other, say bottom.



Thus  $\text{Hom}(P_i, P_j) =$

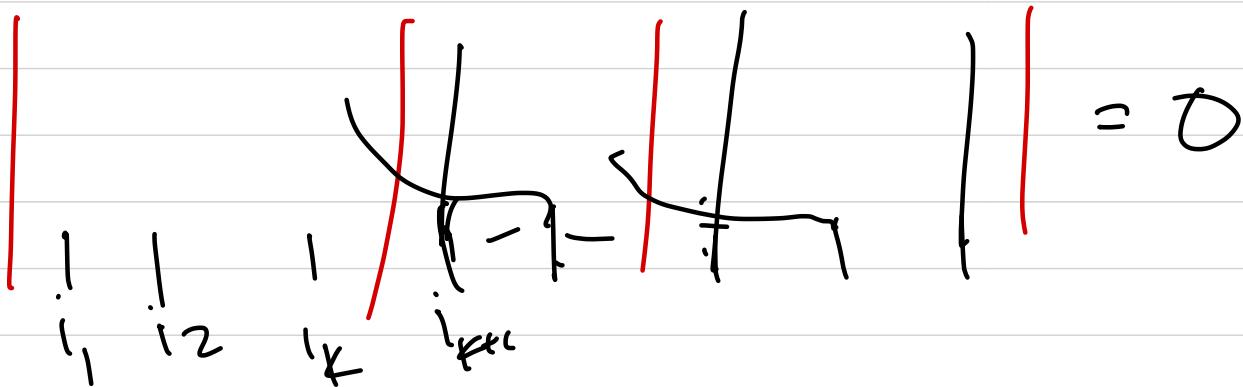
$\underbrace{\phantom{\dots}}_i$



More intuitive proof goes by finding objects corresponding to pure tensors.  $v_1 u_1 \otimes v_2 u_2 \otimes \dots$

These are standard modules.  $S_i$

Standard modules are quotients where we kill any diagram w/  $\times$  before any  $X$ .



Standard modules are not projective, every projective has a standard filtration!

$F_i, E_i (S_i)$  get a standard filtration.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_i & \quad \lambda_1, \nu_1 & \lambda_1 - \nu_1 &= \sum (\# \text{ strands between } \text{red 1 and red 2}) d_i \\
 & \quad \gamma_2, \gamma_2 & \lambda_2 - \nu_2 &= \sum (\# \text{ red 2 - red 3}) d_i \\
 & & & \vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{\nu_1}^{\gamma_1}, R_{\nu_2}^{\gamma_2}, \dots, R_{\nu_e}^{\gamma_e}$$

$$S(M_1, \dots, M_e) = | \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram showing three nodes } M_1, M_2, M_3 \text{ with red vertical lines connecting them.} \\ \text{Below each node is a small circle with a dot.} \end{array}$$

Standard molecules  $S(P_1, \dots, P_n)$

$$T^2 G \underset{2}{\oplus} S_i \hookrightarrow R_{\gamma_1}^{\gamma_1} \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\gamma_e}^{\gamma_e}$$

$P_{i,1} \quad P_{i,2}$

$$S(P_{i,1}, \dots, P_{i,e}) = S_i$$

$$F_i S(M_1, \dots, M_e) = | \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram showing three nodes } M_1, M_2, M_3 \text{ with red vertical lines connecting them.} \\ \text{A blue line connects the top of } M_1 \text{ to the bottom of } M_2. \end{array}$$

Subquotient  $S =$

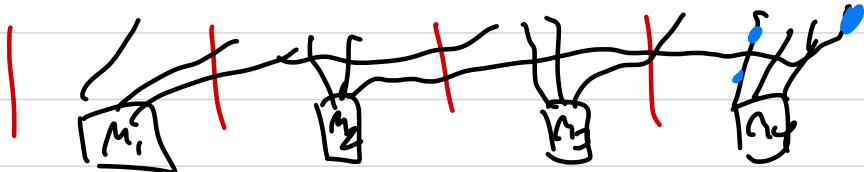
$$S(P_{i,1}, F_i P_{i,k}, \dots, P_{i,e})$$



$$[S(M_1, \dots, M_e)] = [M_1] \otimes \dots \otimes [M_e]$$

$$F_i[S(M_1, \dots, M_e)] = S_i(M_1) \otimes \dots \otimes F_i(M_e) \otimes \dots \otimes [M_e]$$

$$E_i S(M_1, \dots, M_e)$$



$$S(M_1, \dots, E_i M_k, \dots, M_e)$$

Natural Q: How unique? (w/ Ivan Losev)

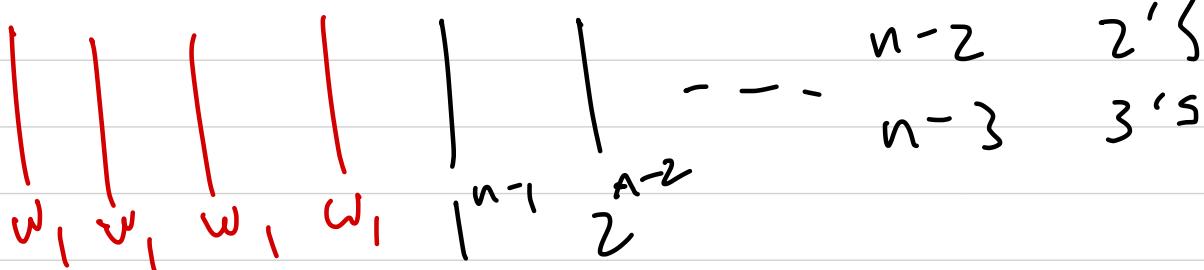
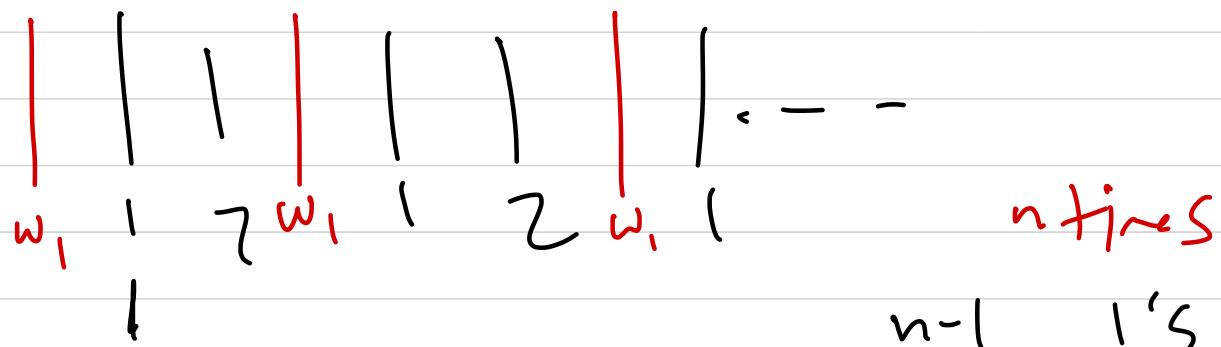
"Tensor product categorification"

- 1) Categorical  $g$ -action
- 2) notion of standard module  
(in particular, all projections  
are standard filtered)
- 3)  $E_i, F_i$  standards has expected filtration.

Then Every  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L$  has a  
unique tensor product cat. (up to  
equivalence):  $T^{\lambda} - \text{mod}$

[Brundan - Losev - W.  $\Rightarrow$  Super KL conjecture  
mult. of simples in Verma for  
 $GL(n)$ ,  
 $(\mathbb{C}^\infty)^{\otimes n} \otimes ((\mathbb{C}^\infty)^*)^{\otimes n}$

cat  $\mathcal{Q}$  for  $gl_n$ , regular block



$V(-\mathfrak{g})$