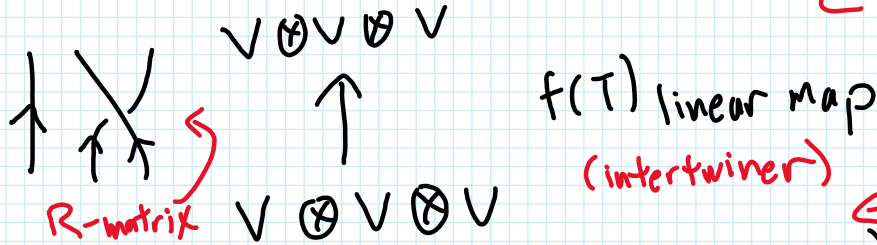


RT-invariants ('88)

- Given  $U_q(\mathfrak{g}), V \in U_q(\mathfrak{g}) \text{ mod}, T$  a tangle



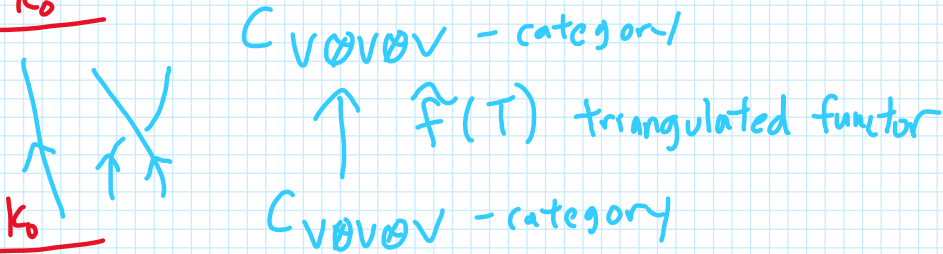
- When  $T = \text{link}, f(T): \mathbb{C}(q) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(q)$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$
- For  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2, V = V_1 = \mathbb{C}(q)^2 \rightsquigarrow$  Jones poly

Lusztig's Canonical Bases ('90)

-  $K_0(\text{certain cat of perverse sheaves}) \stackrel{\text{bi alg}}{\cong} U_q^-(\mathfrak{g})$   
 $\mathbb{Z}(q) = [\text{simple}] \longrightarrow \text{canonical basis}$

Crane-Frenkel categorification ('94)

- Use canonical basis to categorify RT-invariants to construct 4-manifold invariants



BFK - Category O ('99)

- For  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2, V = V_1$ , they showed

$$K_0 \left( \bigoplus_{k=0}^n O_{\mu}^{k, n-k} \right) \cong V_1 \otimes \mathbb{N} \quad (\text{parabolic cat } O)$$

-  $\text{crossing} \mapsto \text{Y-junction} \rightsquigarrow$  projective functors

$$\rightsquigarrow \hat{F}(T): D^b(O^n) \rightarrow D^b(O^m)$$

Conjecture: this gives tangle invariant

- Stroppel '05: Yes, + upgrade to  $q \neq 1$

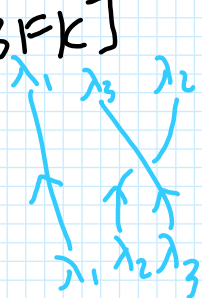
# Khovanov homology

- forget Category  $\mathcal{O}$ , canonical bases for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ ,  $V = V_1$ ,  $\exists$  combinatorial approach to categorifying Jones poly
- very computable v.s. Category  $\mathcal{O}$  methods

Q: What about other RT-invariants?

A: Webster '17 constructs using KLRW-alg method is sort of a hybrid b/t Category  $\mathcal{O}$  and combinatorics, follows outline of

[BFK]



$D^b(\mathbb{T}^M\text{-mod})$

$D^b(\mathbb{T}^2\text{-mod})$

$\mathbb{T}^2 = \text{KLRW algebra is defined using diagrams!}$

- To understand KLRW algs, understand KLR algebras first.

Q: What is a KLR algebra?

A: Categorification of quantum groups

i.e.  $K^\oplus(\text{Proj of KLR}(\mathfrak{g})\text{-alg}) \stackrel{\text{bialg}}{\cong} U_q^-(\mathfrak{g})$

- We saw this before with Lusztig's canonical basis, so what is difference?

$(\vec{L}(\mathfrak{g}), \oplus)$

- obj ✓
- gen morph ?
- relations ??
- Cat of  $\mathcal{V}_\lambda$  ???

$(\text{KLR}(\mathfrak{g})\text{-alg}, \oplus)$

- obj ✓
- gen morph ✓
- relations ✓
- Cat of  $\mathcal{V}_\lambda$  ✓

$\text{Ext}(\bigoplus_{\text{simple}} S, \bigoplus_{\text{simple}} S) = \text{KLR algebra}$

Rmrc;

monoidal functor out of  $(\text{KLR}(\mathfrak{g}), \otimes)$  = 2-rep or categorical action of  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$

(1) One example of a KLR-algebra is nilHecke alg,  $[\text{KLR}(\mathfrak{g})]$  use many well-known facts about nilHecke alg w/o proofs, but b/c this example is so important, I thought I would give outlines of how to prove these facts. For example, similar computations occur in computations of equivariant Borel-Moore homology of Affine Grassmannian and Affine Flag Varieties

(2) (b) and (c) (the parts w/ proj and simple) is pretty fundamental stuff when categorifying stuff. Also, here you get to see how much simpler working with diagrams is when proving (d), the analogous result for  $[\text{KLR}(\mathfrak{g})]$  requires the deepest theorem in geo rep theory.

(3) If you never categorified something in your life, now's a good chance, as the argument is fairly clean.

Main reference is [mat14], but skip around a lot

(4) Topic is so important that I decided to have a whole talk instead of the 1-page summary in [mat14]

- A cellular alg = finite/wcy group analogue of a highest weight cat (aka cat 0)
- In short, gives you systematic way to construct irr rep / any field
- reference is a different book entirely

(5) Q: what is a cyclotomic Hecke alg?

A: Here is 2-def

$$H_d^{cyc} = \frac{H_d^{aff}}{(x_1 - v) \dots (x_l - v_l)} \quad v_i \in \mathbb{C}(q)$$

LEM: f.d rep of  $H_d^{aff}$  = rep of  $H_d^{cyc}$

PF:  $V \llcorner$  f.d.  $\Rightarrow \chi_1 \otimes V$  has minimal poly

Rem  $l=1, v_1=1$ , recover  $H_d^{fin}$ , finite Hecke alg  
(much of the material in (5) is a gen of rep of  $H_d^{fin}$  at roots of unity)

(6) analogue of (5) but for  $KLR_d^{cyc}$

$$(7) H_d^{cyc} \cong KLR_d^{cyc}$$

- RHS is graded, so LHS inherits grading

A grading on LHS really is not obvious!

Ex:  $H_d^{fin}$ , naive approach = "just give gen  $T_s$  a grading"

Problem:  $T_s^2 - (v+v^{-1})T_s - 1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \deg(T_s) = 0$  if relation is homogenous ↙ has to be deg 0

## Applications: (1) Upgrade Ariki's Cat Theorem

Rough statement Let  $\text{char } K = 0$

$[S_\lambda^k: D_k^M]$   $\longleftrightarrow$  controlled by canonical basis of  $U(\widehat{sl}_e)$   
 Specht, irr of  $H_{\text{evc}}^d$

BK - cat theorem controlled by canonical basis of  $U_q(\widehat{sl}_e)$   
 $[S_\lambda^k: D_k^M]_q \longleftrightarrow$

Remark: Very similar to KL-conj

controlled by KL basis of  $H_d^{\text{fin}}(\mathfrak{g}) \longleftrightarrow [M_\lambda: L_\mu]$   
 Verma, simple of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$

Slogan: Decomp numbers are controlled by a canonical bases on opposite side of Schur-Weyl duality

## (2) James Conjecture: Let $\text{char } F = p$

$[S_\lambda^k: D_k^M] = ??$

- Can factor problem

$S_\lambda^k \xrightarrow{\text{mod } p} = ??? \text{ of } D_k^M$

Ariki  $\downarrow$

$H_d^{\text{fin}}|_{q=e^{2\pi i/p}} \xleftrightarrow{\text{BK}} \text{KLR}(\widehat{sl}_p)$

- decomp/char 0

James conjecture = mod p map is trivial

Williamson'14: **Nope**

- aka mod rep theory is hard!