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We define the family of polynomials $p(v, w)$ as follows:

v, w : binary sequence

with $|v| = |w| = \# \text{ of } 1 \text{ in } v = \ell$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad p(\emptyset, \emptyset^n) = p(\emptyset^n, \emptyset) = \left(\frac{1+q}{1-q}\right)^n$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad p(v1, w1) = (t^\ell + q) p(v, w)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad p(v0, w1) = p(v, 1w)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad p(v1, w0) = p(1v, w)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad p(v0, w0) = t^{-\ell} p(1v, 1w) + qt^{-\ell} p(0v, 0w)$$

Our main takeaway is that

the triply graded Khovanov-Rozansky homology of $T(m, n)$ ($::= HHH(T(m, n))$) is free over $\mathbb{Z}$ of graded rank $p(\emptyset^m, \emptyset^n)$, and so

$HHH(T(m, n))$ is supported in even degrees.

Ex $p(0^2, 0^2)$

$$p(00, 00) = p(10, 10) + q p(00, 00)$$

$$\text{So, } p(00, 00) = \frac{1}{1-q} p(10, 10).$$

$$\cdot p(10, 10) = t^{-1} p(11, 11) + q t^{-1} p(01, 01)$$

$$\text{Here, } p(11, 11) = (t+a)(1+a) \quad \text{and}$$

$$p(01, 01) = 1+a$$

$$\text{thus } p(00, 00) = \frac{1+a}{1-q} \{ t+a+1 \}.$$

Important Combinatorial Fact about $p(0^m, 0^n)$

$$\cdot p(0^m, 0^n) |_{a=0} = (m, n) \text{ rational } q, t \text{ Catalan number}$$

Thm (Hogancamp-Mellit)

$HHH(T(m,n))$ is supported in even degrees with its rank $P(O^m, O^n)$.

We'll sketch the idea of this theorem.

Idea of proof

① Thm (Hogancamp)

There are complex of Soergel bimodules k_n satisfying the following relations:

$$(1) \quad \boxed{k_1} = 1$$

$$(2) \quad \boxed{k_n} = \boxed{k_n} = \boxed{k_n}$$

$$(3) \quad \boxed{k_{n+1}} = (t^n + a) \boxed{k_n}$$

$$(4) \quad \boxed{k_n} = t^{-n} \left(\boxed{k_{n+1}} \rightarrow q \boxed{k_n} \right)$$

② Diagrammatics

Recall that we've pictured the complexes in the following diagrammatical way.

• Diagram for a strand $n | = || \dots |$

$n \nearrow \searrow_n = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } n \text{ strands crossing} \end{array}$

• Diagram for torus links

$X_{m,n} := \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } m \text{ strands crossing } n \text{ strands} \end{array}$ braid

$T(m,n) := \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } m \text{ strands crossing } n \text{ strands in a torus} \end{array}$ Torus link

⚠ Caution

We use the different notation for $T(m,n)$ in our lecture note.

$T(m,n) := \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } m \text{ strands crossing } n \text{ strands} \end{array} \right)^m$ So, this braid (& link) consists of n strands.

For example, $T(2,2) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } 2 \text{ strands crossing } 2 \text{ strands} \end{array} \right)^2 = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram of } 4 \text{ strands crossing } 4 \text{ strands} \end{array}$

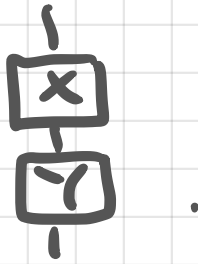
However, the notation above has $m \cdot n$ strands.

Actually, these two definitions coincide if we apply Markov moves, but showing this in general is nontrivial.

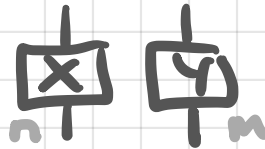
- Diagram for a complex

A complex C corresponds to a diagram 

Tensor product operation on two complex X and Y corresponds to a concatenating of two diagram



Similarly, the external tensor product operation $X \cup Y$ are indicated by



Note Actual statement was that

$$k_n \otimes F(\beta) \cong k_n \cong F(\beta) \otimes k_n$$

$$HH((X \cup \mathbb{1}_1) \otimes k_{n+1}) \cong (t^n + a) HH(X)$$

$$(\mathbb{1}_1 \cup k_n) \otimes L_{n+1} \cong t^{-n} (k_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{1}_1 \cup k_n))$$

We also had a diagrammatic descriptions of the positive braid list of π_v and π_v^{-1} .

$\alpha_v :=$ positive braid list of π_v

$\beta_v :=$ negative braid list of π_v^{-1}

$$\alpha_{v1} = \begin{array}{c} \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \\ \boxed{\alpha_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\text{vs} \quad \beta_{v1} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\beta_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\alpha_{v0} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\alpha_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\text{vs} \quad \beta_{v0} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\beta_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\alpha_{1v} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\alpha_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\text{vs} \quad \beta_{1v} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\beta_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\alpha_{0v} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\alpha_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

$$\text{vs} \quad \beta_{0v} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \boxed{\beta_v} \\ \text{K} \quad \text{e} \quad | \end{array}$$

and we defined a complex

$C(v.w) \in K^b(\mathcal{A}S_{m+n+e})$ by

$$(\mathbb{1}_n \cup F(\alpha_v)) \otimes (F(X_{m,n}) \cup K_e) \otimes (\mathbb{1}_n \cup F(\beta_w))$$

So, this new complex $C(v.w)$ will be depicted by



② Sketch of proof

Then we prove our main theorem by showing that

- $HH(C(v, w))$ satisfies the categorical analogues of the recursion which defines $p(v, w)$ i.e

$$HH(C(v_1, w_1)) \cong (t^l + a) HH(C(v, w))$$

$$HH(C(v_0, w_1)) \cong HH(C(v, 1w))$$

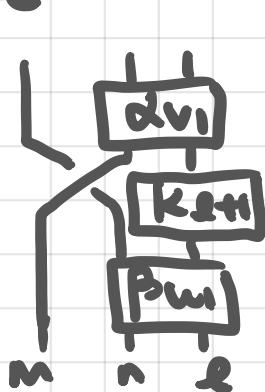
$$HH(C(v_1, w_0)) \cong HH(C(1v, w))$$

$$HH(C(v_0, w_0)) \cong t^{-l} (HH(C(1v, 1w)) \rightarrow_e HH(C(v, w)))$$

For example, we check that

$$HH(C(v_1, w_1)) \cong (t^l + a) HH(C(v, w)).$$

Since $C(v_1, w_1)$ is pictured as



and $\alpha v_1 = \begin{array}{c} \kappa \quad l \\ \boxed{\alpha v} \\ \kappa \quad l \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \end{array}$

$\beta w_1 = \begin{array}{c} \kappa \quad l \\ \boxed{\beta w} \\ \kappa \quad l \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \boxed{\kappa \eta} \\ \vdots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} = (t^l + a) \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \boxed{\kappa \eta} \\ \vdots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}$

we have $C(v_1, w_1) = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\alpha v} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \boxed{\kappa \eta} \quad \boxed{\beta w} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ m \quad n \quad l \quad i \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\alpha v} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \boxed{\kappa \eta} \quad \boxed{\beta w} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ m \quad n \quad l \quad i \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\alpha v} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \boxed{\kappa \eta} \quad \boxed{\beta w} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ m \quad n \quad l \quad i \end{array} \cdot (t^l + a)$

- Then Prop 4.12 in "On the Computation of Torus Link Homology" (Elías)

tells us that applying HH before and after tensoring with k are related by taking $-\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x]$.

In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{HH}(C(O^m, O^n)) &\cong \mathrm{HH}(C(10^m, 10^{n+1})) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}[x] \\ &\cong \frac{1}{1-x} P(10^m, 10^{n+1}) \mathbb{Z} \\ &= P(O^m, O^n) \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned}$$

- How do we know that $\mathrm{HHH}(T(m, n))$ is supported in even degrees?

Our polynomial $P(O^m, O^n)$ are polynomial in three variables q, t and a .

We use the change of variables

$$q = Q^2$$

$$t = T^2 Q^{-2}$$

$$a = A Q^{-2}$$

Here, Q was the homological degree, so this finalizes our claim!

Note In the proof of [65], we use the induction on (v, w) and divided the cases

when ① $(v', w') = (0^m, 0^n)$

② $(v', w') = (v_1, w_1)$

③ $(v', w') = (v_1, w_0)$

④ $(v', w') = (v_0, w_1)$

⑤ $(v', w') = (v_0, w_0)$

But in the last case, since

$$HH(C(v', w')) \cong (t^{-l} HH(C(v_1, w)) \rightarrow t^{-l} HH(v_0, w))$$

to show that $HH(C(v', w'))$ is actually

supported in even homological degrees,

we need the following additional lemma.

Lem Suppose that we have an exact triple of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow A. \rightarrow B. \rightarrow C. \rightarrow 0$$

and the homology of $A.$ & $C.$ is supported in even homological degrees. Then the homology of $B.$ is supported in even homological degrees and

$$H_k(B.) = H_k(A.) \oplus H_k(C.) \quad \forall k.$$

Whenever we have a twisted differential map

$\mathcal{F}: A[-1] \rightarrow B$ that shifts degree by 1,

we have a $\text{Cone}(\mathcal{F}) := A \oplus B$ and so

we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{Cone}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0.$$

Since we have

$$HH(C(v', w')) \cong (t^{-l} HH(C(v, w)) \rightarrow t^{-l} HH(Ov, Ow))$$

Showing that $HH(C(v, w))$, $HH(Ov, Ow)$ is

supported in purely even homological degrees

this implies that $HH(C(v', w'))$ is also

evenly supported.

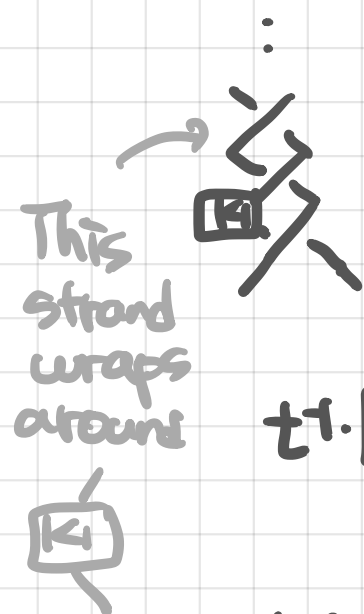
Ex 3.2.6

Let's compute the homology of two strand
torus links $HH(T(2, m))$!

If we use the notations from our main reference,
we can describe the braid of $T(2, m)$ as
follows.

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \right)^m = \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \vdots \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ \vdots \end{array} \text{ } m \text{ times}$$

Using the construction of kn , $\left(\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \right)^m$ is
homotopic equivalent to



Then (4) implies that
this is equal to

$$\begin{array}{l}
 t^{-1} \cdot \boxed{K_2} \longrightarrow q t^{-1} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \boxed{K_1} \end{array} \\
 t^{-1} \cdot \boxed{K_2} \longrightarrow q t^{-1} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \vdots \end{array} m-2
 \end{array}$$

which is same as

$$\text{Thus } HH(T(2, m)) = \frac{t^{-1}(t+q)(1+q)}{1-q} + HH(T(2, m-2))$$

Rmk

1) Plugging in $a=0$, we get the formula for $HH^0(T(m,n))$ stated in Ex 3.23.

2) This idea can't be used for 3 strands torus link, so when the given torus link has 3 or more strands,

we rely on the recursion of $p(v,w)$.

(So, in this case,  notation stated in [65] is a lot better!)