

[Part 1]: Calculate $S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset) \cong \underline{Kh}_2(U^0)$.

Note: $S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset)$ has a natural ring structure given by multiplication map:

$$m: S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset) \otimes S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset) \rightarrow S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset)$$

$$m(\mathcal{F}_1 \otimes \mathcal{F}_2) = \mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2$$

... coming from gluing $S^2 \times D^2$'s together along $S^2 \times I$, $I \subset \partial D^2$.

$\leadsto$ We aim to prove the following:

Thm: $S_{0,0,\mathbb{X}}^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset) \cong \mathbb{K}\langle A_1, A_0, A_0^{-1} \rangle$, $\deg_{\ell}(A_i) = -2i$.

Proof.

$\leadsto$ To do this, we need to describe β & $\psi^{[m]}$ explicitly on cables of U^0 (0-framed unknot). We use the following lemma for β :

Lemma (Grigsby - Licata - Wehrli): The braid group action on the cable of a knot factors through S_n .

Note: $\underline{Kh}_{2,\alpha}(U^0) = \left(\bigoplus_{r \in \mathbb{N}} q^{-2r-|\alpha|} Kh(U_0(r-\alpha^-, r+\alpha^+)) \right) / \sim$

... where $U_0(r-\alpha^-, r+\alpha^+)$ is just a $2r+|\alpha|$ component unlink. Thus, letting $A = \mathbb{K}[X] / \langle X^2 \rangle \setminus \{-1\}$, we have:

$$Kh_2(U^0(r-\alpha^-, r+\alpha^+)) \cong A^{\otimes (2r+|\alpha|)}$$

... We may then write:

$$\underline{Kh}_{2,\alpha}(U^0) = \left(\bigoplus_{r \in \mathbb{N}} q^{-1} A^{\otimes (r-\alpha^-)} \otimes A^{\otimes (r+\alpha^+)} \right) / \sim$$

$\leadsto$ By our lemma, we can re-write the above as:

$$\underline{Kh}_{2,\alpha}(U^0) = \left(\bigoplus_{r \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Sym}^{r-\alpha^-}(q^{-1}A) \otimes \text{Sym}^{r+\alpha^+}(q^{-1}A) \right) / \sim'$$

... where $\sim' : \psi^{[0]}(v) \sim 0$, $\psi^{[1]}(v) \sim v$.

Observation: $\psi^{[m]}$ are induced by splits, and therefore we can write them as:

$$\psi^{[1]}(v) = \Delta(1) \cdot v$$

$$\psi^{[0]}(v) = \Delta(X) \cdot v$$

... where $\cdot$ is the multiplication from the ring structure on $S_0^2(S^2 \times D^2; \emptyset)$.

$\leadsto$ Let $A_0 = 1$ and $A_1 = X$, then we can write our cabled Khovanov homology summands as:

$$\text{Sym}^*(q^{-1}A) \cong \mathbb{K}\langle A_0, A_1 \rangle$$

... letting the second tensor factor be $\mathbb{K}\langle B_0, B_1 \rangle$ gives:

$$\text{Sym}^*(q^{-1}A) \otimes \text{Sym}^*(q^{-1}A) \cong \mathbb{K}\langle A_0, A_1, B_0, B_1 \rangle$$

$\leadsto$ Furthermore, we can write $\Delta(1) = A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0$ and $\Delta(X) = A_1 B_1$, letting $\mathcal{I}$ be the ideal generated by $\{A_0 B_1 + A_1 B_0, A_1 B_1 - 1\}$, we have:

$$\underline{Kh}_2(U^0) \cong \text{Sym}^*(q^{-1}A) \otimes \text{Sym}^*(q^{-1}A) / \sim' \cong \mathbb{K}\langle A_0, A_1, B_0, B_1 \rangle / \mathcal{I}$$

... the second relation implies $B_1 = A_1^{-1}$, and using the first we obtain: $B_0 = -A_1^{-1} A_0 A_1^{-1}$. Thus:

$$\underline{Kh}_2(U^0) \cong \mathbb{K}\langle A_0, A_1, A_1^{-1} \rangle, \text{ as desired.}$$