

Title: B-model for knot homology.

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Abstract: <p>Talk is based on the joint work with Lev Rozansky. In my talk will outline a construction that provides complex \mathcal{C}_b of coherent sheaves on the Hilbert scheme of n points on the plane for every n -stranded braid b . The space of global sections of \mathcal{C}_b is a categorification of the HOMFLYPT polynomial of the closure $L(b)$ of the braid. I will also present a physical interpretation of our construction as a particular case of Kapustin-Saulina-Rozansky 3D topological field theory.</p>

Outline

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- 3 KSR model interpretation



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Jones polynomial

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Physics of knots

- Witten provided an interpretation of Jones polynomial as $2 + 1$ quantum Yang Mills, 1989



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Khovanov homology



$$\text{Kh}(4_1) = q^{-5}t^{-2} + q^{-1}t^{-1} + q^1t^0 + qt + q^5t^2$$

Theorem (Khovanov 2000)

For every link L there are graded spaces $H_{Kh}^*(L)$ such that

$$\sum_i (-1)^i \dim_q(H_{Kh}^i(L)) = V(L).$$



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HOMFLY-PT homology

J. Hoste, A. Ocneanu, K. Millet, P. Freyd, W. Lickorich; J. Przytycki, P. Traczyk; V. Jones 1985

HOMFLY-PT polynomial

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Theorem (Khovanov-Rozansky, 2007, 2008)

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Braids and links

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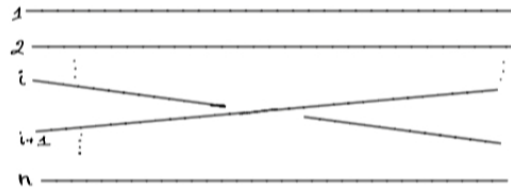


Figure: Generator σ_i

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Williamson, Webster 2009

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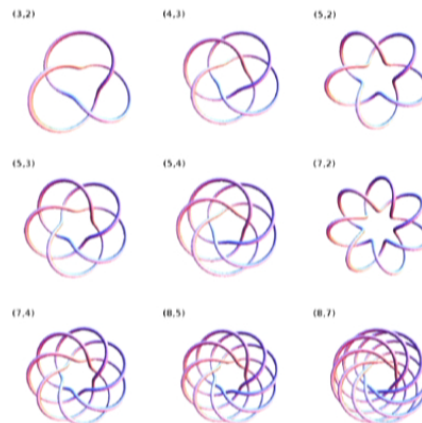
Question

What is the B-model version of the construction? How we can compute KhR homology with coherent instead of constructible sheaves?



Torus knots

Mathematicians need some examples to make a reasonable guess for B-model. Torus links are in some sense exactly solvable and provide lots of data for a guess.



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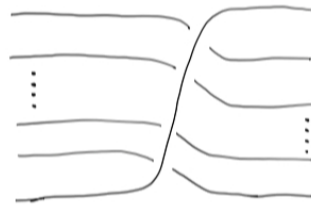


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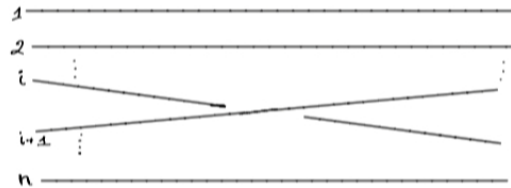


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Figure: Closure $L(\beta)$ of the braid β



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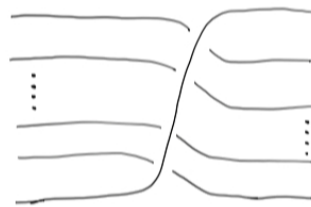


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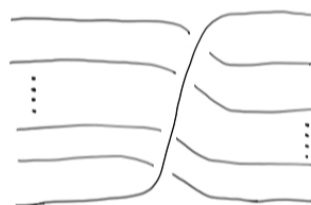


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$$Z = HC^{-1}(n \cdot (0, 0)), \quad \mathcal{B}^\vee|_I = \mathbb{C}[x, y]/I, \quad L = \det(\mathcal{B}).$$

The $T_{sc} = \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*$ action on \mathbb{C}^2 induces the action on $Hilb_n(\mathbb{C}^2)$, hence double grading on $H^i(Z, L^k \otimes \Lambda^m \mathcal{B})$.



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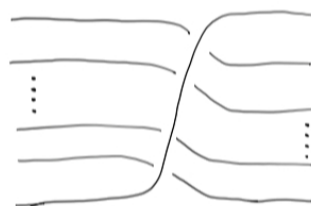


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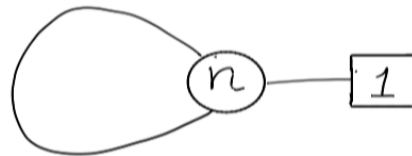
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Quiver



$Hilb_n(\mathbb{C}^2)$ as quiver variety

$$\mu : T^* \mathfrak{gl}(n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(n), \quad \mu(X, Y) = XY - YX,$$
$$Hilb_n(\mathbb{C}^2) = \mu^{-1}(0)^{stab} / GL_n.$$



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Theorem (O., Rozansky 2016)

The conjecture is true if we adjust slightly $D_{T_{sc}}^{coh}(\dots)$



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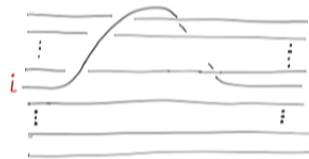


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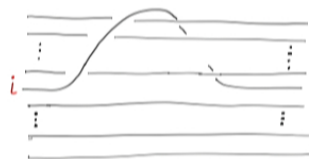


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Coxeter links

$$\pi : FHilb_n \rightarrow Hilb_n, \quad FZ = \pi^{-1}(Z).$$

Theorem (O., Rozansky 2017)

$$\Phi_{\text{cox}_n} = [\mathcal{O}_{FZ}]^{\text{vir}}.$$

There is an extension of the theorem to the case of

$$\text{cox}_S = \prod_{i \in S}^{\vec{}} \sigma_i, \quad S \subset \{1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

Thus homology of the *Coxeter link* $L(\text{cox}_S \cdot \delta^{\vec{k}})$ is given by the homology of $[\mathcal{O}_{FZ_S}]^{\text{vir}} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\vec{k}}$.



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We expect to have some explicit formulas for links that are obtained from unknot by the Coxeter cabling procedure.



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and $h : H \rightarrow X \times W, L'' = h(H)$.



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3Cat_{sym} vs 3Cat_{man}

Functor $3\text{Cat}_{\text{man}} \rightarrow 3\text{Cat}_{\text{sym}}$

$$\begin{aligned} X &\mapsto T^*X, \\ (Z, w) &\mapsto (F_w, L_w, \pi) \end{aligned}$$

$$Z \times T^*X \supset F_w \ni (z, x, p) \text{ if } \partial_z w(z, x) = 0, \quad p = \partial_x w(z, x).$$

Let impose condition on (Z_i, w_i) : $\text{Crit}_w \subset \{w = 0\}$, then we have

$$MF(X \times Z_1 \times Z_2 \times Y, w_1 - w_2) \rightarrow D^{\text{per}}(F_{w_1} \times_{T^*(X \times Y)} F_{w_2}).$$



Main example

$3\text{Cat } \mathfrak{gl}$

$$\text{Obj} = \{\mathfrak{gl}_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\},$$

$$\text{Hom}(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathfrak{gl}_m) = \{Z \text{ with Hamiltonian } GL_n \times GL_m \text{ action}\}$$

$\mathfrak{gl} \rightarrow 3\text{Cat}_{\text{man}}$

$$\text{Hom}(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathfrak{gl}_m) \ni Z \mapsto (Z, w(x, z, y) = \mu_n(z)(x) - \mu_m(z)(y)).$$

$$\text{Moment maps: } \mu_n : Z \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_n^*, \quad \mu_m : Z \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_m^*$$



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Let us take $Z = T^*Fl$. $T^*Fl = \{(g, Y) \in GL_n \times \mathfrak{n}\}/B$

$$\mu(g, Y) = Ad_g(Y), \quad \phi = (Z, Tr(XAd_g Y)) \in Hom(\mathfrak{gl}_n, \mathfrak{gl}_0).$$

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$$MF_n = MF_{B^2}(\mathfrak{gl}_n \times G^2 \times \mathfrak{n}^2, W),$$

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Theorem (O.-Rozansky, 2017)

For any n there is group homomorphism:

$$\Psi : Br_n^{aff} \rightarrow (MF_n, \star).$$



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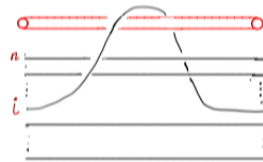


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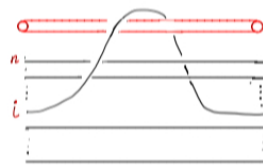


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Forgetful map: $Br_n^{aff} \rightarrow Br_n$

$$\text{for } : \Delta_n \mapsto 1, \quad \Delta_k \mapsto \delta_k.$$



Framing

$$X = \mathfrak{gl}_n \times G^2 \times \mathfrak{n}^2.$$

Framed space

$$X^{fr} = \{(X, g_1, Y_1, g_2, Y_2, \nu) \mid \mathbb{C}\langle Ad_{g_1}^{-1}(X), Y_1 \rangle \nu = \mathbb{C}^n\}$$

$$fr : X^{fr} \rightarrow X, \quad fr^* : MF_n \rightarrow MF_n^{fr}.$$

Theorem

$$fr^* \circ \Psi = \Psi \circ \text{for}.$$



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Theorem (O.-Rozansky 2016)

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Virtual sheaves

$FZ \subset \mathfrak{b} \times \mathfrak{n}$ and defined by the equations

$$X_{ij} = X_{i+1,i+1}, [X, Y]_{i,j} = 0, \quad j - i > 1.$$



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$$g = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W = \text{Tr}(X \text{Ad}_g(Y)) = y \cdot g_{12} f$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & x_1 \\ 0 & -x_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R = ([n \times G \times \mathfrak{g}])$$

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