

IMMERSED CURVES IN KHOVANOV HOMOLOGY

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Lecture 1: Bar-Natan's tangle invariant[†].

- Definition: Cob (no gradings)
- Definition: $\llbracket T \rrbracket$ via cube of resolutions $\leftrightarrow$ Example: 2-crossing tangle
- Definition: complexes over a category
- Example: Reidemeister I move
- Definition: $\text{Cob}_{/l}$ (no gradings)
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- Lemma: delooping and its consequences for $\llbracket T \rrbracket_{/l}$ of 2- and 4-ended tangles

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- Example: mutation invariance with signs is false
- Theorem: mutation invariance of Rasmussen's s -invariant over any field

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Lecture 1: Bar-Natan's tangle invariant

1.1

main goal: geometric interpretation of a "local" version of Khovanov homology

Khovanov: $\{\text{links}\} \longrightarrow \frac{\{\text{chain complexes}/\mathbb{Z}\}}{\text{homotopy}}$



$$L \longmapsto CKh(L)$$

question: What is the Khovanov theory of this kind of object?

Bar-Natan: $\{\text{tangles}\} \longrightarrow \frac{\{\text{chain complexes}/Cob_{1/2}\}}{\text{homotopy}}$



$$T \longmapsto [T]_{1/2}$$

plan for today:

- $Cob_{1/2}$
- chain complexes over a category
- construction of $[T]_{1/2}$

remarks:

- website / lecture notes / references

→ exercises + cheat sheet ←

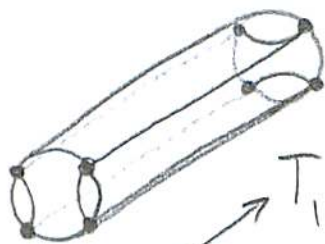
def: $B := \{2m \text{ points}\} \subset \partial D^2, m > 0$, eg $B =$ .

category $\text{Cob} := \text{Cob}(B)$:

ob: crossingless tangles with ends $= B / \text{isotopy fixing } \partial D^2$



mor: formal linear combination of cobordisms $T_0 \rightarrow T_1$



T_0

T_1

$=$ orientable surface Σ together with an identification of $\partial \Sigma$ with

$$(T_0 \times \{0\}) \cup (B \times [0, 1]) \cup (T_1 \times \{1\})$$

$$\partial(D^2 \times [0, 1]) = (D^2 \times \{0\}) \cup (\partial D^2 \times [0, 1]) \cup (D^2 \times \{1\})$$

composition: concatenation

$$T_0 \xrightarrow{g} T_1 \xrightarrow{f} T_2 = T_0 \xrightarrow{f \circ g} T_2$$

identity: $\text{id}: T \xrightarrow{T \times [0, 1]} T \quad \forall T \in \text{ob Cob.}$

notation: This cobordism with $\Sigma = D^2$ is called a saddle cobordism. We denote it by



Construction of $[T]$:

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1) Number all crossings of T

2) Let $u = \#\{\text{crossings of } T\}$.

For $v \in \{0,1\}^u$, define

$v(T) := \text{crossingless tangle:}$



3) Label the vertices $v \in \{0,1\}^u$ of the u -dimensional cube $[0,1]^u$ by $v(T)$.

4) Label each edge

$v = (\dots, 0, \dots) \rightarrow (\dots, 1, \dots) = w$

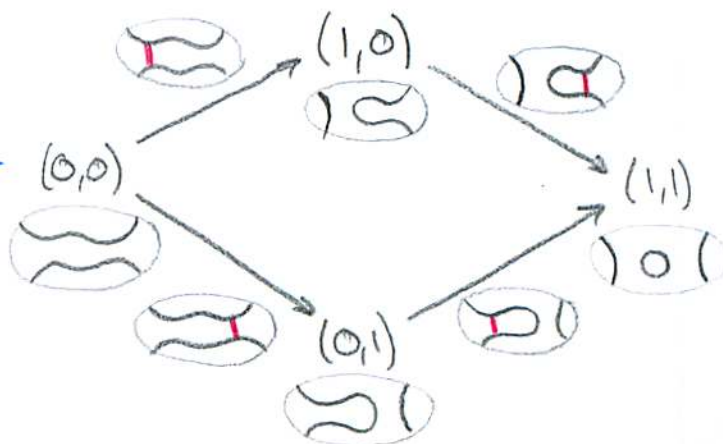
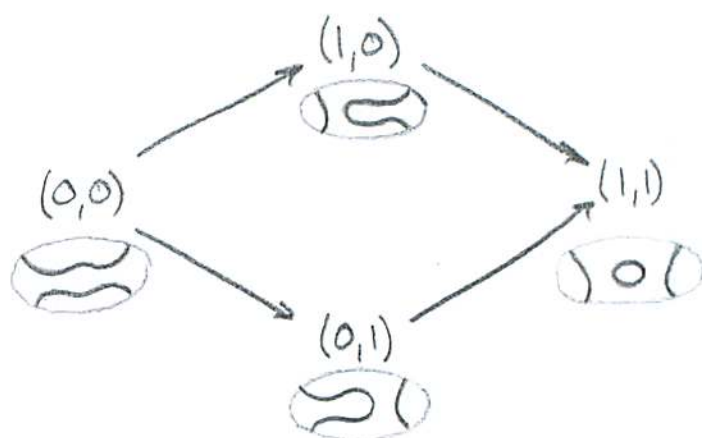
by the saddle cobordism.

The result is $[T]$.



$u = 2$

$v = (0,1)$



remark: We work over $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}/2$; in general, we need to add signs to edges.

def: A (chain) complex over a category $\mathcal{C}$ is a pair (C, d) , where

$$C = \bigoplus_{i \in I} X_i, \quad I = \text{finite index set}, \quad X_i \in \text{ob } \mathcal{C}$$

and $d: C \rightarrow C$ is a matrix $(d_{ji})_{ji}$ of morphisms

$$d_{ji}: X_i \rightarrow X_j \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}$$

such that $d^2 = 0$.

example: For a field k , let $\mathcal{C} = \bullet \curvearrowright k = (\text{ob}: \{\bullet\}, \text{mor}: \text{Mor}(\bullet, \bullet) = k)$

Then $\{\text{chain complexes}/\mathcal{C}\} \cong \{\text{chain complexes of vector spaces}/k\}$

remark: This is actually an equivalence of categories.

→ see Q1 on exercise sheet ←

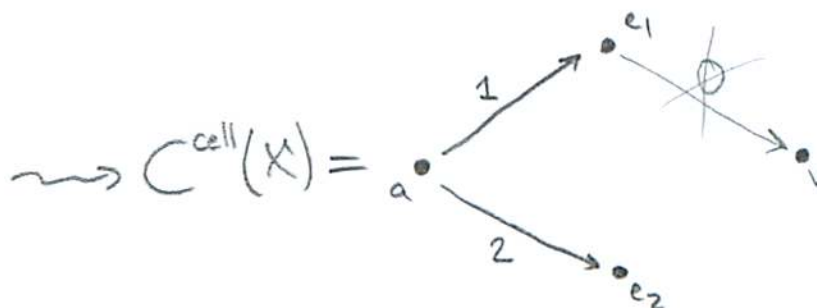
(+ basis)

subexample: cellular homology

CW complex



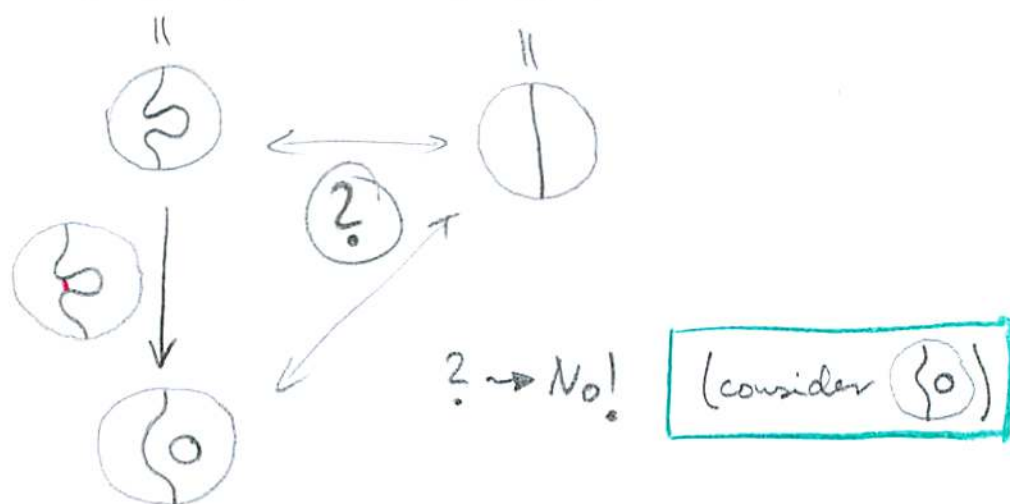
+ attach a 2-cell a
along $e_1 e_2^2$



compare with [T]

remark: One should also add gradings to the definition above.

example: $[\text{cork}] \approx [\text{cap}]$



def: $\text{Cob}_{1/2} := \text{Cob}$ modulo the following relations on morphisms:

(S) $\text{cap} = 0$

(4Tn) $\text{cup} + \text{cap} = \text{cup} + \text{cap}$

→ Bar-Natan also included the T-relation $\text{cap} = 2$, but it follows from the other two if $B \neq \emptyset$. (Q 4) →

def/thm: [Bar-Natan '04]

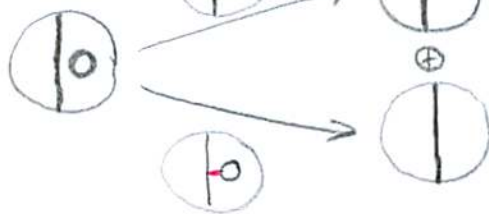
$[[T]]_{1/2} := [[T]]$ considered as a complex over $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$.

Then, up to chain homotopy, $[[T]]_{1/2}$ is a tangle invariant.

lemma: (delooping)

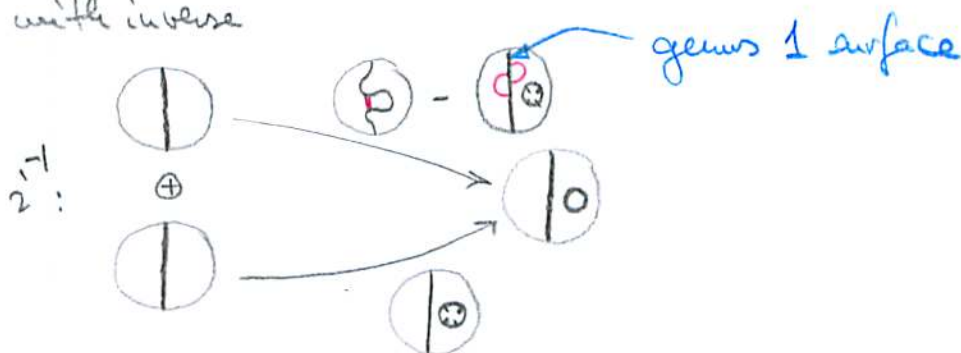
Over $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$,

$i:$

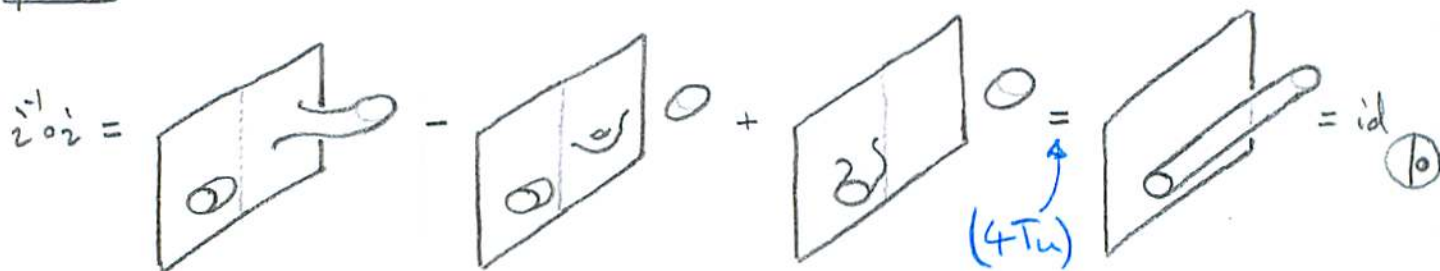


$\otimes = \text{cap off circle with disc}$ 1.6

is an isomorphism with inverse

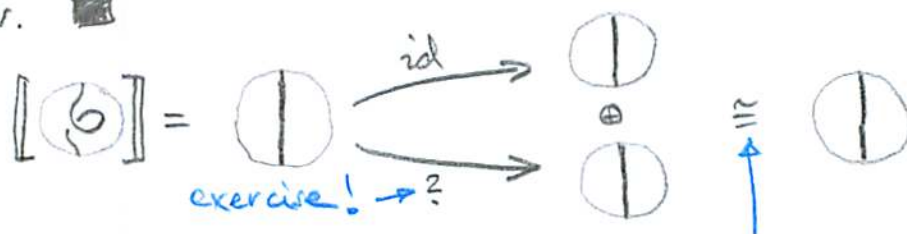


proof:



$i \circ i^{-1}$ is similar. ■

consequence 1:



→ cancellation (Q2,3) ←

consequence 2:

Delooping allows us to write any complex over $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$ in terms of crossingless tangles without closed components and morphisms between them.

examples:

$B = \bigcirc \Rightarrow$ single object $\bigcirc$

$B = \bigcirc \Rightarrow$ two objects $\bigcirc$ and $\bigcirc$

Lecture 2: Bases of morphism spaces

2.1

Last time: delooping $\Rightarrow$ it suffices to understand the full subcategory of $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$ generated by crossingless tangles without closed components.

notation: [Kotelskiy-Watson-Z]

Mark one of the points in B by $*$, eg  or .

This picks out a special component of each cobordism in $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$.

Let us write

$$H \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} := - \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{cap} \\ \hline * \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} := \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{cup} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \\ \hline \end{array} + H \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{crossing} \\ \hline * \end{array}$$

prop: [KWZ]

In $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$, the following relations hold:

$$(S_1) \quad \text{circle with one dot} = 1$$

$$(0\text{-trading}) \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline * \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = 0$$

$$(H\text{-trading}) \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bullet \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} = H \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bullet \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(\text{neck-cutting}) \quad \text{rectangle} = \text{circle with dot} \text{ circle} + \text{circle} \text{ circle with dot} - H \cdot \text{circle} \text{ circle}$$

Remark: comparison with Bar-Natan's Cob.

def: A dotted cobordism is simple if it does not contain a closed component and every open component is a disc containing at most one dot and in the case of the special component no dots.

thm: [reformulation of a result of Naot'06]

For any two objects T and T' of $\text{Cob}_{1/2}$,

$$\text{Mor}_{\text{Cob}_{1/2}}(T, T') = \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle \text{simple cobordisms} \rangle.$$

Note: There are $2^{\#\{\text{components of } T \cup T'\} - 1}$ simple cobordisms.

proof:

- Use neck-cutting to minimize the genus.
- Use O- and H-trading to minimize $\#\{\text{dots}\}$.
- Use S' - and S_0 -relation to remove closed components.

free generation: more involved

↳ Naot uses pairing thm + alg. def. of KH/BN

↳ There should also be a purely combinatorial argument.

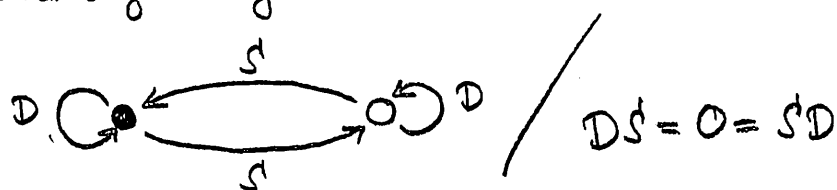
examples:

$$\text{Mor}_{\text{Cob}/\mathbb{Z}}(\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{1}) = \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle \text{id}_{\textcircled{1}} \rangle$$

$$\text{Mor}_{\text{Cob}/\mathbb{Z}}(\textcircled{0}, \textcircled{0}) = \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle \textcircled{1} \rangle$$

$$\text{Mor}_{\text{Cob}/\mathbb{Z}}(\textcircled{0}, \textcircled{0}) = \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle \text{id} = \textcircled{\text{ // }}, \textcircled{\text{ // } \bullet} \rangle$$

def: $B =$ quiver algebra of



ie. $B = \mathbb{Z} \langle \text{paths in this quiver} \rangle$ as an Abelian group,
composition = concatenation (if possible, otherwise 0)

so eg: $\text{Mor}_B(\bullet, \circ) = \mathbb{Z} \langle S^{2u+1} \mid u \geq 0 \rangle$

$$\text{Mor}_B(\bullet, \bullet) = \mathbb{Z} \langle S^{2u}, \text{id}_{\bullet}, D^u \mid u \geq 0 \rangle$$

thm: [KWZ]

The functor

$$B \longrightarrow \text{Cob}/\mathbb{Z}(\textcircled{\bullet, \bullet})$$

$$\bullet \longmapsto \textcircled{\bullet}$$

$$\circ \longmapsto \textcircled{\bullet}$$

$$S \longmapsto \text{saddle cob.} \quad D \longmapsto \text{dot cob.}$$

is well-defined and induces an isomorphism between B and the full subcategory of $\text{Cob}/\mathbb{Z}$ generated by $\textcircled{\bullet}$ and $\textcircled{\bullet}$.

proof:

well-defined: the saddle and dot cobordisms compose to 0, since

$$\boxed{* \bullet} = 0.$$

fully faithful: Note that

$$D \mapsto \begin{array}{c} \square \\ * \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \text{---} \\ \square \\ \bullet \end{array} + H \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \end{array} \longleftrightarrow SS + H \cdot \text{id},$$

so we define $H := D - SS \in \mathcal{B}$.

Now observe that the morphism spaces are freely generated over $\mathbb{Z}[H]$ by the identity, D/dot cob. and S/saddle cob. ■

→ exercise (Q7): This isomorphism depends on the basepoint $*$. How? →

def: Given a pointed 4-ended tangle T , let $\Delta(T)$ be the complex over $\mathcal{B}$ corresponding to $[T]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ under the isomorphism above.

example: $T_n = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}}_n, n \geq 1$ → see exercise (Q6) →

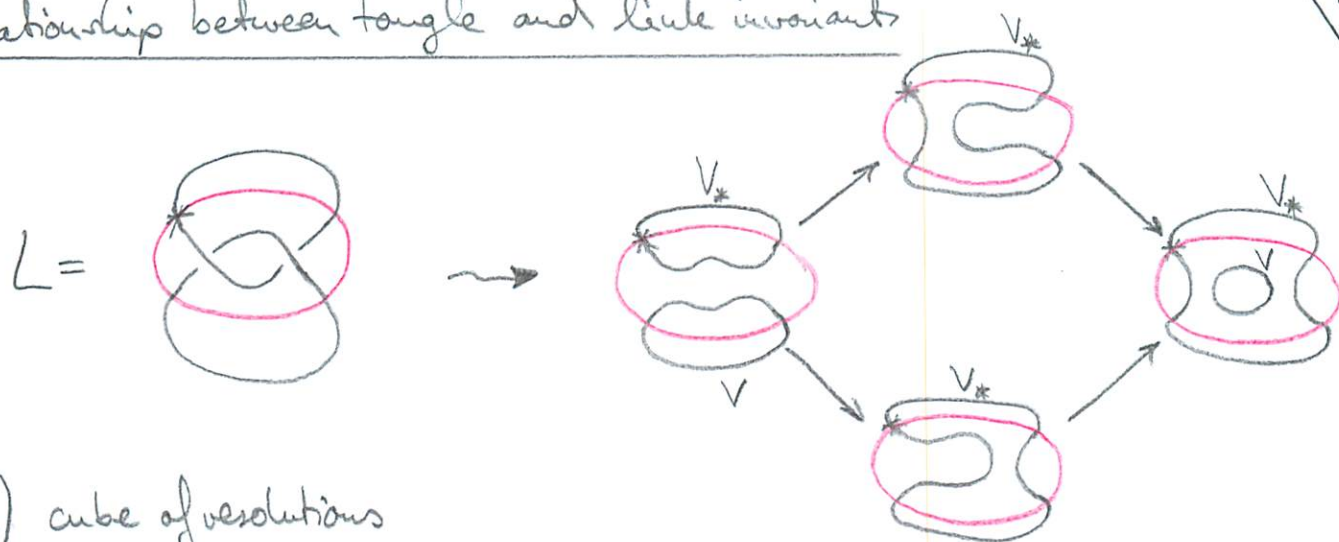
$$[T_n]_{\mathbb{Z}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \dots \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array}$$

n copies of $\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \end{array}$

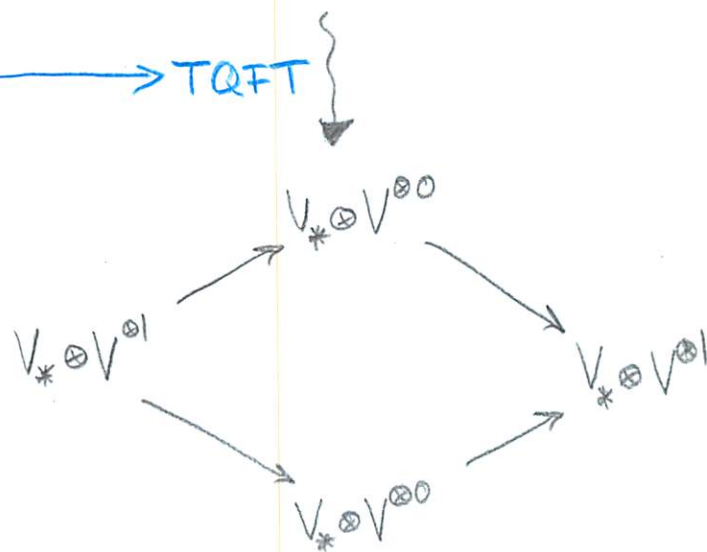
$$\Delta(T_n) = \bullet \xrightarrow{S} \circ \xrightarrow{D} \circ \xrightarrow{SS} \circ \xrightarrow{D} \dots \rightarrow \circ$$

Relationship between tangle and link invariant

2.5



- 1) cube of resolutions
- 2) Label the special component $*$ by V_* and all other components by V (see cheat sheet).
- 3) Take $\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[H]}$ at each vertex.
- 4) Add edge maps: Δ, m, Δ_*, m_* (see cheat sheet).



The result is $\widehat{CBN}(L)$, the reduced Bar-Natan chain complex.

Also, the reduced Khovanov chain complex $\widehat{CKh}(L)$ is equal to $\widehat{CBN}(L)/(H=0)$.

observation: Inside , the cube of resolution agrees with [T]!

question: Can I replace the TQFT by a functor

$$\text{Cob}_{1/2} \longrightarrow \text{Mod}^{\mathbb{Z}[H]} \quad \text{category of } \mathbb{Z}[H]\text{-modules}$$

such that $[T]_{1/2} \longmapsto \widehat{\text{CBN}}(*T)$.

candidate:

$$\text{Mor}(*, -): \text{ob Cob}_{1/2} \ni T \longmapsto \text{Mor}(*, T)$$

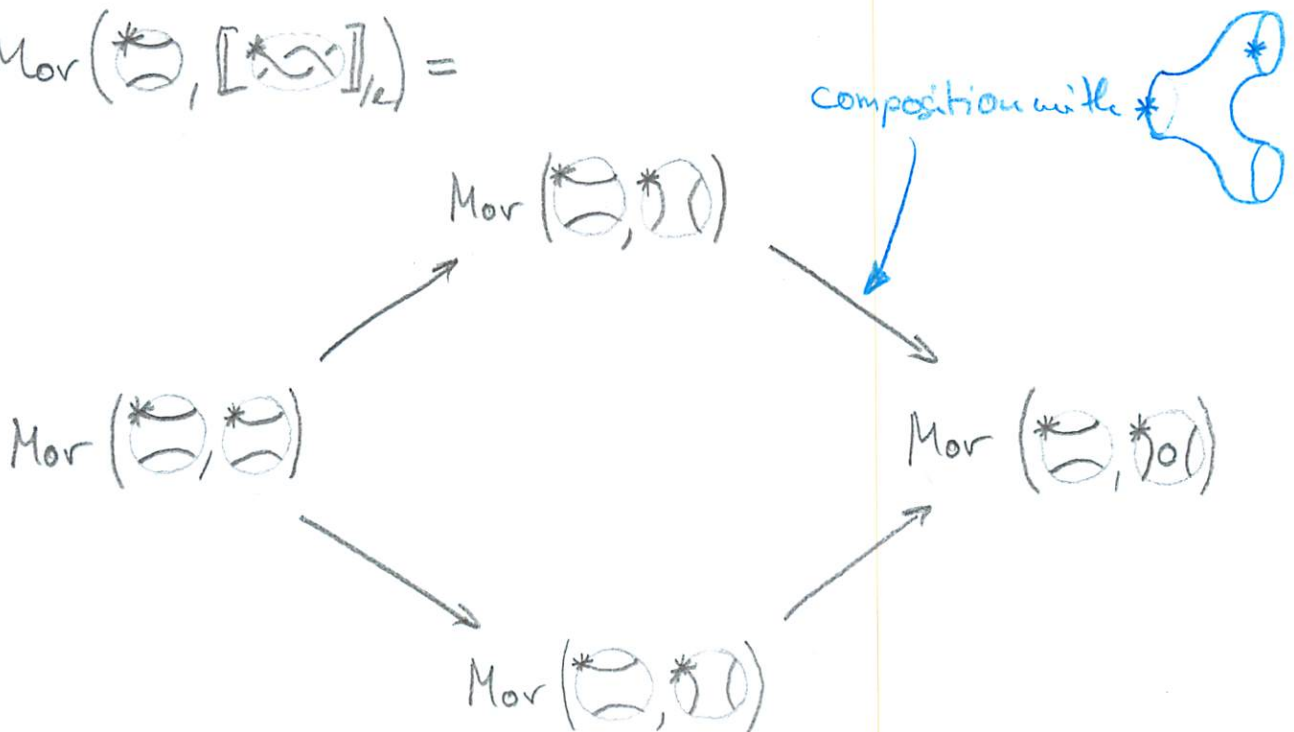
$$(T \xrightarrow{f} T') \longmapsto \left(\text{Mor}(*, T) \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{Mor}(*, T') \right)$$

$$g \longmapsto (f \circ g)$$

Hence: $\widehat{\text{CBN}}(*T) = \text{Mor}(*, [T]_{1/2})$.

example:

$$\text{Mor}(*, [*]) =$$



Lecture 3: Immersed curve invariants

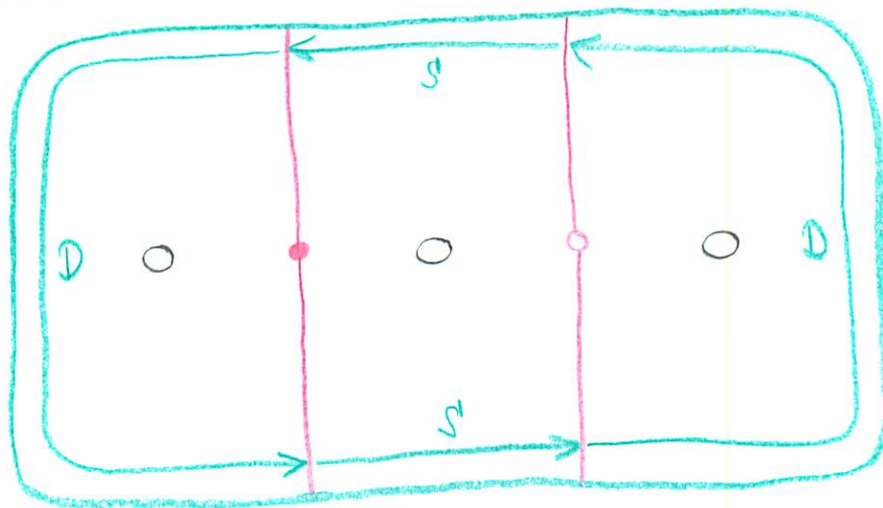
Last time: For painted 4-ended tangles T , $[T]_{\text{cl}}$ is equivalent to a complex $\Delta(T)$ over $\mathcal{B}$.

today: classification of complexes over $\mathcal{B}$ in terms of immersed curves on $D^2 - (3 \text{ points})$

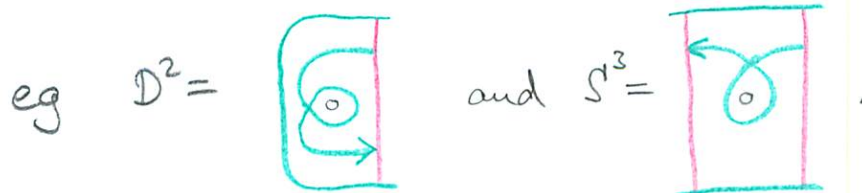
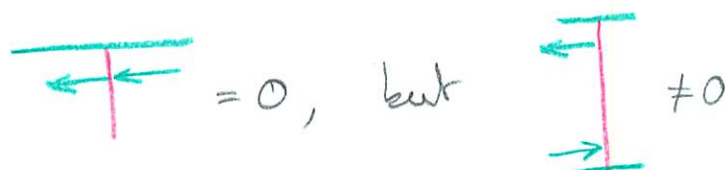
recall: $\mathcal{B}$ = path algebra of



geometric interpretation:



relations:



How to represent complexes over B graphically:

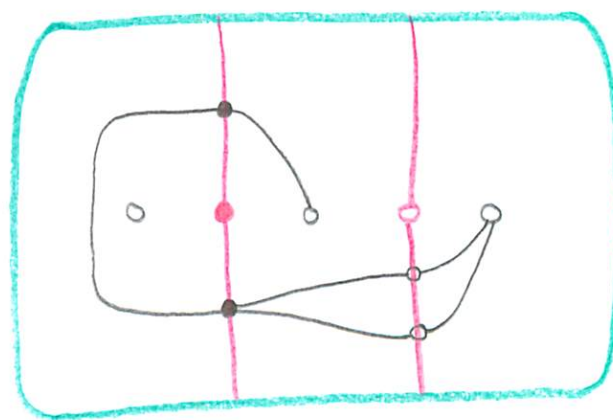
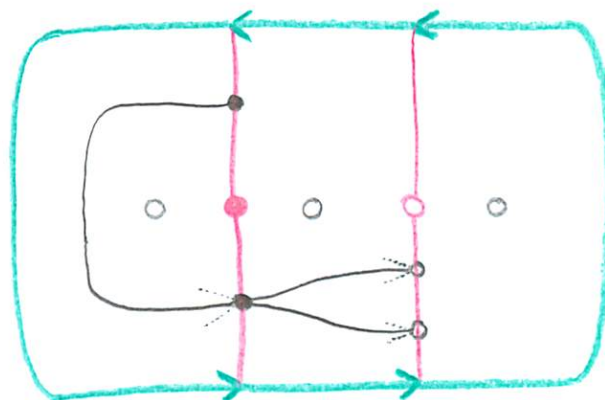
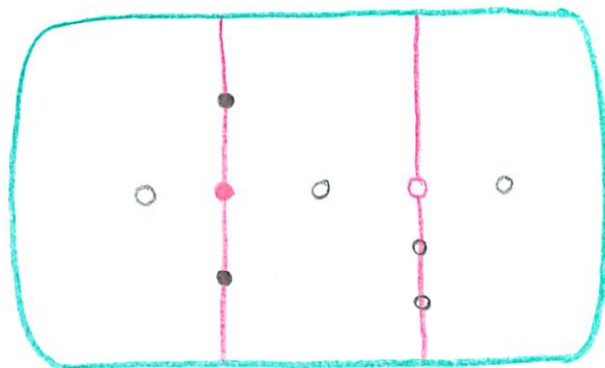
3.2

- 1) For each object $\bullet$ in (C, d) , mark a point on $\downarrow$.
Same for $\circ/\downarrow$.

- 2) For each arrow labelled by a power of D or S , connect its endpoints on the arcs $\downarrow/\downarrow$ by a corresponding path.

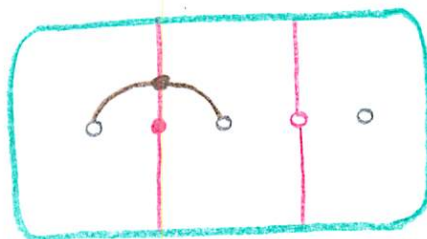
Note: These paths inherit an orientation from the boundary of the surface!

- 3) Connect each puncture to all adjacent generators that are not ends of paths on the same face.

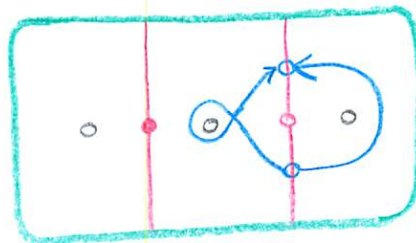


examples:

1) $\bullet$ ($d=0$)



2) $\circ \xrightarrow{D} \circ$
 $\quad \quad \quad \searrow_{S^2}$



3) $\bullet \xrightarrow{1} \bullet$



$\Rightarrow$ Need to start with a fully cancelled complex!

classification theorem 1: [KWZ; based on HKK, HRW, ≅]

Let k be a field. Then, $\exists$ 1:1-correspondence

arcs connecting punctures (like 1)
 circles (like 2)
 can carry local systems

$$\frac{\{\text{complexes over } B \text{ and } k\}}{\text{homotopy}} \xleftrightarrow{\varphi} \frac{\{\text{immersed curves on } D^2 \setminus (3 \text{ points})\}}{\text{homotopy}}$$

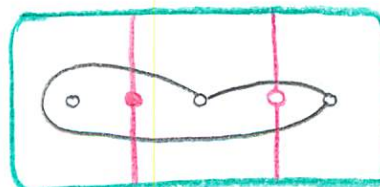
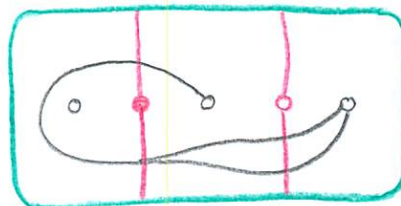
example:

$$\bullet \xrightarrow{D} \bullet \begin{cases} \nearrow_{S'} \circ \\ \searrow_{S'} \circ \end{cases}$$

Clean-Up Lemma (Q8) $\rightarrow$ $\parallel$

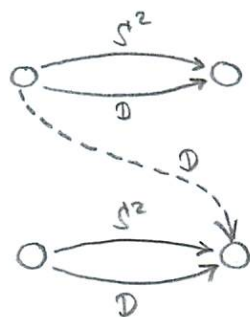
$$\bullet \xrightarrow{D} \bullet \xrightarrow{S} \circ$$

$\oplus$
 $\circ$

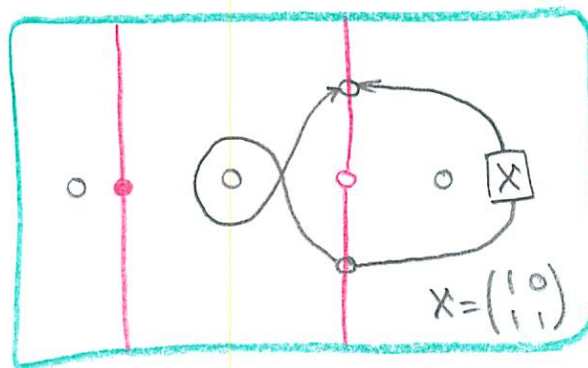
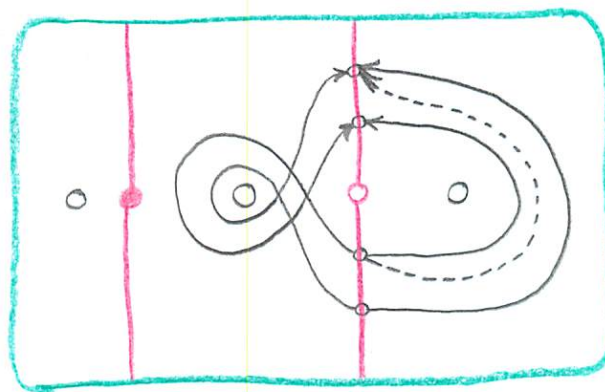
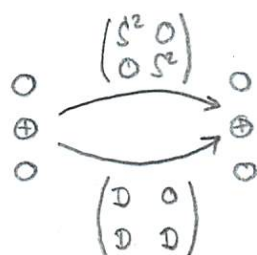


def by example: (local systems)

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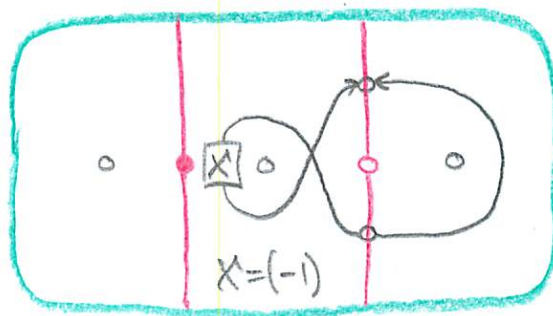
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so: local system = decoration of an immersed curve by an invertible matrix $\in GL_n(k)$, considered up to matrix similarity.

Note: Local systems may also record signs:

eg $\circ \xrightarrow{H} \circ$
(recall $H = D - S^2$)



Note: Local systems only occur on immersed circles, not on arcs.

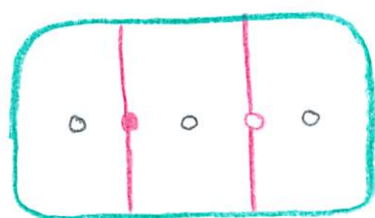
def: For pointed 4-ended tangles T , define

$$T \xrightarrow{\text{(lecture 1)}} [T]_{\mathbb{R}} \xleftrightarrow{\text{(lecture 2)}} \Delta(T) \xleftarrow[\text{over a field } k]{\varphi} : \widehat{BN}(T) = \widehat{BN}(T; k)$$

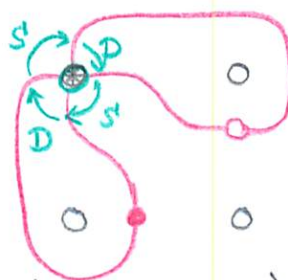
"reduced Bar-Natan invariant of T "
or simply "arc invariant of T "

examples:

T	$\Delta(T)$	$\widehat{BN}(T)$ on $D^2 - (3 \text{ points})$	$\widehat{BN}(T)$ on $(S^2 - (4 \text{ points}), *)$



$D^2 - (3 \text{ points})$



$(S^2 - (4 \text{ points}), *)$

Then: $[KWZ]$

For any $\rho \in \text{MCG}(S^2 - (4 \text{ points}))$, $\widehat{BN}(\rho T; \mathbb{F}_2) = \rho \widehat{BN}(T; \mathbb{F}_2)$

conj: This also holds over other fields.

observation: $\hat{B}_N(T)$ depends on the basepoint $*$.

recall: $*$ determines the special component of a cobordism.

→ saddle: single component, so * is irrelevant.

→ identity: no dots, so * is irrelevant.

→ dot cab?

Cor: [KWZ]

Let $\gamma: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, $S \mapsto S$, $D \mapsto -D$.

Then for any 4-ended tangle T ,

$$\gamma \left(\widehat{\text{BN}} \left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \square \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} \right) \right) = \widehat{\text{BN}} \left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \sqcup \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \end{array} \right)$$

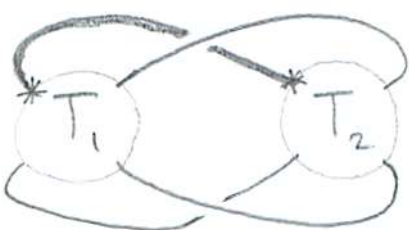
$\odot_{\pi}$ (Conway mutation)

In particular, the underlying curves stay the same, and so do the local systems up to sign.

Lecture 4: Pairing and applications

Algebraic Pairing Theorem: [Bar-Natan, Morrison]

Given two pointed 4-ended tangles T_1 and T_2 , let

$$\mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2) := \text{Diagram of } T_1 \text{ and } T_2 \text{ connected by arcs.}$$


Then

$$\widehat{CBN}(\mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2)) \cong \text{Mor}(\Delta(mT_1), \Delta(T_2))$$

as chain complexes over $\mathbb{Z}[H]$. ↗ mirror of T_1 ($\times \leftrightarrow \times$)

Remark: Given two complexes (C, d) and (C', d') over B ,

$$\text{Mor}((C, d), (C', d')) = \{ \text{matrices of morphisms in } B \}$$

↗ no dependence on d nor d' !

carries a differential defined by

$$D(f) = d' \circ f + f \circ d$$

(mod 2; in general, add signs here)

examples:

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \widehat{CBN}(\text{unknot}) &= \widehat{CBN}(\mathcal{L}(*\bigcirc, *\bigcirc)) = \text{Mor}(\Delta(*\bigcirc), \Delta(*\bigcirc)) \\ &= \text{Mor}(\bullet, \bullet) = \langle s, s^3, s^5, \dots \rangle = \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle s \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \widehat{CBN}(\text{unknot}) = \widehat{CBN}(\mathcal{L}(\bigcirc, \bigotimes)) = \text{Mor}(\bullet, \downarrow_S)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{D^u + S^{2u}} & \bullet \\ & \searrow S^{2u'+1} & \downarrow S \\ & & \circ \end{array} \right\} \quad u > 0, u', u'' \geq 0$$

$$= \{D^u \mid u > 0\} \oplus \{S^{2u'} \mid u' \geq 0\} \xrightarrow{\cdot S} \{S^{2u'+1} \mid u' \geq 0\}$$

↑
cancellation

$$= \mathbb{Z}[H] \langle D \rangle.$$

exercise: Compute $\widehat{CBN}(\bigcirc \bigotimes \bigcirc)$ from this tangle decomposition.

Recall that the reduced Khovanov complex $\widehat{CKh}(L)$ of a link L is defined by the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \widehat{CBN}(L) \xrightarrow{\cdot H} \widehat{CBN}(L) \longrightarrow \widehat{CKh}(L) \longrightarrow 0$$

cor: $\widehat{CKh}(\mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2)) \cong \text{Mor}(\Delta_1(nT_1), \underbrace{\Delta_1(T_2) \xrightarrow{H} \Delta_1(T_2)}_{=: \Delta_1^1(T_2)})$

example:

$$\widehat{CKh}(\text{unknot}) \cong \text{Mor}(\Delta_1(\bigcirc), \Delta_1^1(\bigcirc))$$

$$= \text{Mor}(\bullet, \downarrow_H) = \left\{ \bullet \xrightarrow{H} \downarrow_H \right\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

classification thm 2: [KWZ; based on HKW, Z]

Let $L = \varphi(C, d)$ and $L' = \varphi(C', d')$ for two complexes (C, d) and (C', d') over B and a field k . Then

$$H_*\left(\text{Mor}\left((C, d), (C', d')\right)\right) \cong \underline{HF(L, L')}$$

as complexes over k .

def: wrapped Lagrangian intersection Floer homology:

If L and L' are not parallel circles, then

$$HF(L, L') \cong k^{\min \#(L \cap L') \text{ (up to wrapping)}}$$

$$\text{eg } H_*\left(\text{Mor}\left(\bullet, \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ \downarrow H \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right) \cong HF(\underline{\varphi(\bullet)}, \underline{\varphi(0 \xrightarrow{H} 0)})$$

$$= HF\left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{diagram of two circles meeting at a point} \\ \text{with a red line segment connecting two points on the circles} \end{array}\right) = k$$

local system = (-1)

$$\text{eg } H_*\left(\text{Mor}\left(\bullet, 0\right)\right) = HF(\underline{\varphi(\bullet)}, \underline{\varphi(0)})$$

$$\neq HF\left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{diagram of two circles meeting at a point} \\ \text{with a red line segment connecting two points on the circles} \end{array}\right) = 0$$

?

$$= HF \left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{diagram of a link with a basepoint } * \text{ and strands labeled } s^1, s^3, s^5, \dots \end{array} \right) = k \langle s^1, s^3, s^5, \dots \rangle = k[H]$$

so: $H \cong$ "wrapping around punctures"

If L and L' are parallel circles with local systems X and X' , respectively, then

$$HF(L, L') = k^{\min \#(L \cap L')} \oplus \left(k^2 \otimes \ker(X' \otimes X^{-1} - \text{id}) \right).$$

cor: (Geometric Pairing Theorem)

$$\widehat{BN}(\mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2)) \cong HF(\widehat{BN}(T_1), \widehat{BN}(T_2))$$

Also, if $\widehat{KH}(T) := \varphi(\Delta^1(T))$ then

$$\widehat{KH}(\mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2)) \cong HF(\widehat{BN}(T_1), \widehat{KH}(T_2))$$

Applications: Conway mutation

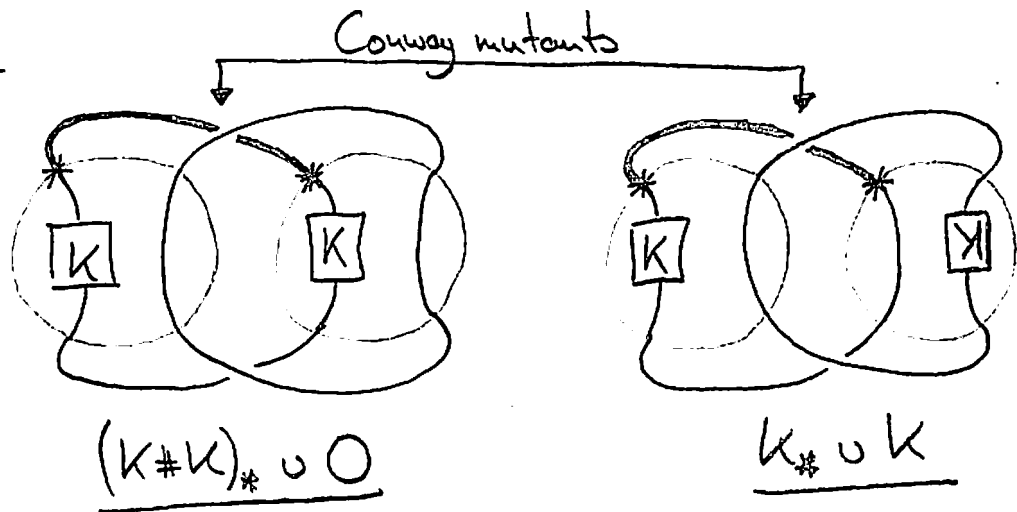
thm: [Bloom, Wehrli] $\widehat{KH}(L; \mathbb{F}_2)$ is mutation invariant.

◀ Now, this follows from pairing + moving basepoint *. ▶

thm: [KWZ] $\widehat{BN}(L; \mathbb{F}_2)$ is mutation invariant.

◀ same proof ▶

example:



Thm: [Wehrli] If $K = (2, n)$ -torus link, then Kh of these links over $\mathbb{Q}$ is different.

example: Say $n=3$, i.e. $K = \text{trefoil}$. Then

$$L = \widehat{BN} \left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{[K]} \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} * \\ \circ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{local system } X = (-1) \\ \text{[Diagram of a trefoil knot with a marked point]} \end{array} \cong \left(\circ \oplus \left(\circ \xrightarrow{S^2 - D} \circ \right) \right)$$

$$L' = \widehat{BN} \left(\begin{array}{c} * \\ \text{[X]} \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} * \\ \circ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{local system } X' = (+1) \\ \text{[Diagram of a trefoil knot with a marked point]} \end{array} \cong \left(\circ \oplus \left(\circ \xrightarrow{S^2 + D} \circ \right) \right)$$

So in $HF(L, L)$, the local systems contribute

$$h^2 \otimes \ker((-1) \otimes (-1)^{-1} - \text{id}) = h^2 \otimes \ker(\underbrace{(+1) - \text{id}}_{=0}) = h^2,$$

whereas in $HF(L, L')$, we see

$$h^2 \otimes \ker((+1) \otimes (-1)^{-1} - \text{id}) = h^2 \otimes \ker(-2) = \begin{cases} h^2 & \text{if } \text{char}(h) = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

observation: If $\widetilde{BN}(T)$ does not contain circles (like $T = T_{2,3}$, see (2.9)), mutating T preserves $\widetilde{BN}$ and $\widetilde{Kh}$ over any field.

Thm: [Lee] For knot K , $\widetilde{BN}(K; k) \cong \underbrace{\widetilde{BN}^{free}(K; k)}_{=k[H]} \oplus (\text{H-torsion})$

cor: If a tangle T has no closed components, then $\widetilde{BN}(T)$ contains a single non-compact component $\text{arc}(T)$.

Pair $\widetilde{BN}(T)$ with $\widetilde{BN}(\bigcirc)$. Then observe that $\text{HF}(L, L')$ is finite-dimensional unless L and L' contain arcs ending at the same puncture: 

cor: If $K = \mathcal{L}(T_1, T_2)$ is a knot, then

$$\widetilde{BN}^{free}(K; k) \subseteq \text{HF}(\text{arc}(T_1), \text{arc}(T_2)).$$

def: Rasmussen's s -invariant

$$s^k(K) := \text{quantum grading of } 1 \in k[H] = \widetilde{BN}^{free}(K; k).$$

$\widetilde{Kh}$ and $\widetilde{BN}$ carry a bigrading:

- homological grading (vanishes on $\mathcal{B}$)
- quantum grading q ($q(\bigcirc) = -2, q(S) = -1$)

cor: [KWZ] s^k is mutation invariant over any field k .

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