



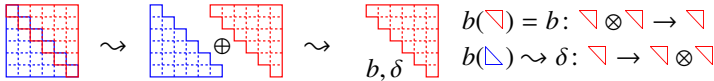
# What else can you do with solvable approximations?

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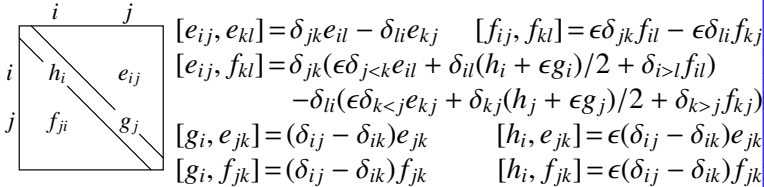
**Abstract.** Recently, Roland van der Veen and myself found that there are sequences of solvable Lie algebras “converging” to any given semi-simple Lie algebra (such as  $sl_2$  or  $sl_3$  or  $E_8$ ). Certain computations are much easier in solvable Lie algebras; in particular, using solvable approximations we can compute in polynomial time certain projections (originally discussed by Rozansky) of the knot invariants arising from the Chern-Simons-Witten topological quantum field theory. This provides us with the first strong knot invariants that are computable for truly large knots.

But  $sl_2$  and  $sl_3$  and similar algebras occur in physics (and in mathematics) in many other places, beyond the Chern-Simons-Witten theory. Do solvable approximations have further applications?

**Recomposing  $gl_n$ .** Half is enough!  $gl_n \oplus \mathfrak{a}_n = \mathcal{D}(\nabla, b, \delta)$ :



Now define  $gl_n^\epsilon := \mathcal{D}(\nabla, b, \epsilon\delta)$ . Schematically, this is  $[\nabla, \nabla] = \nabla$ ,  $[\Delta, \Delta] = \epsilon\Delta$ , and  $[\nabla, \Delta] = \Delta + \epsilon\nabla$ . In detail, it is



**Solvable Approximation.** At  $\epsilon = 1$  and modulo  $h = g$ , the above is just  $gl_n$ . By rescaling at  $\epsilon \neq 0$ ,  $gl_n^\epsilon$  is independent of  $\epsilon$ . We let  $gl_n^k$  be  $gl_n^\epsilon$  regarded as an algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^{k+1} = 0$ . It is the “ $k$ -smidgen solvable approximation” of  $gl_n$ !

Recall that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is “solvable” if iterated commutators in it ultimately vanish:  $\mathfrak{g}_2 := [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_3 := [\mathfrak{g}_2, \mathfrak{g}_2]$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_d = 0$ . Equivalently, if it is a subalgebra of some large-size  $\nabla$  algebra.

**Note.** This whole process makes sense for arbitrary semi-simple Lie algebras.

**Why are “solvable algebras” any good?** Contrary to common beliefs, computations in semi-simple Lie algebras are just awful:

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In[1]:= MatrixExp[{{a, b}, {c, d}}] // FullSimplify // MatrixForm
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Yet in solvable algebras, exponentiation is fine and even BCH,  $z = \log(e^x e^y)$ , is bearable:

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In[2]:= MatrixExp[{{a, b}, {c, 0}}] // MatrixForm
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In[3]:= MatrixExp[{{a1, b1}, {c1, 0}}].MatrixExp[{{a2, b2}, {c2, 0}}] // MatrixLog // PowerExpand // Simplify // MatrixForm
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**Question.** What else can you do with solvable approximation? Chern-Simons-Witten theory is often “solved” using ideas from conformal field theory and using quantization of various moduli spaces. Does it make sense to use solvable approximation there too? Elsewhere in physics? Elsewhere in mathematics?

**See Also.** Talks at George Washington University [ωεβ/gwu], Indiana [ωεβ/ind], and Les Diablerets [ωεβ/ld], and a University of Toronto “Algebraic Knot Theory” class [ωεβ/akt].

**Chern-Simons-Witten.** Given a knot  $\gamma(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and a metrized Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , set  $Z(\gamma) :=$

$$\int_{A \in \Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathfrak{g})} \mathcal{D}A e^{ikcs(A)} PExp_\gamma(A),$$

where  $cs(A) := \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \text{tr}(AdA + \frac{2}{3}A^3)$  and

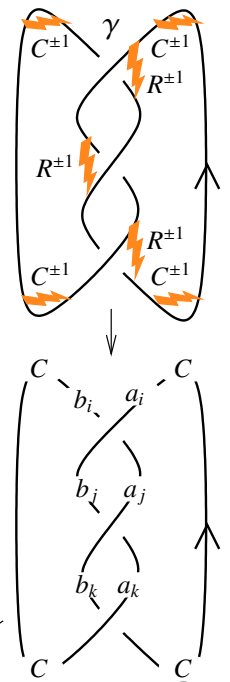
$$PExp_\gamma(A) := \int_0^1 \exp(\gamma^* A) \in \mathcal{U} = \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g}),$$

and  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) := \langle \text{words in } \mathfrak{g} \rangle / (xy - yx = [x, y])$ . In a favourable gauge, one may hope that this computation will localize near the crossings and the bends, and all will depend on just two quantities,

$$R = \sum a_i \otimes b_i \in \mathcal{U} \otimes \mathcal{U} \quad \text{and} \quad C \in \mathcal{U}.$$

This was never done formally, yet  $R$  and  $C$  can be “guessed” and all “quantum knot invariants” arise in this way. So for the trefoil,

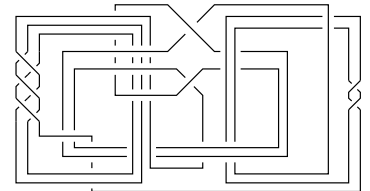
$$Z = \sum_{i,j,k} C a_i b_j a_k C^2 b_i a_j b_k C.$$



But  $Z$  lives in  $\mathcal{U}$ , a complicated space. How do you extract information out of it?

**Solution 1, Representation Theory.** Choose a finite dimensional representation  $\rho$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  in some vector space  $V$ . By luck and the wisdom of Drinfel’d and Jimbo,  $\rho(R) \in V^* \otimes V^* \otimes V \otimes V$  and  $\rho(C) \in V^* \otimes V$  are computable, so  $Z$  is computable too. But in exponential time!

Ribbon=Slice?



**Solution 2, Solvable Approximation.** Work directly in  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g}_k)$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_k = sl_2^k$  (or a similar algebra); everything is expressible using low-degree polynomials in a small number of variables, hence everything is poly-time computable!

**Example 0.** Take  $\mathfrak{g}_0 = sl_2^0 = \mathbb{Q}\langle h, e, l, f \rangle$ , with  $h$  central and  $[f, l] = f$ ,  $[e, l] = -e$ ,  $[e, f] = h$ . In it, using normal orderings,

$$R = \mathbb{O} \left( \exp \left( hl + \frac{e^h - 1}{h} ef \right) \mid e \otimes lf \right), \quad \text{and,}$$

$$\mathbb{O} \left( e^{\delta ef} \mid fe \right) = \mathbb{O} \left( v e^{v\delta ef} \mid ef \right) \quad \text{with } v = (1 + h\delta)^{-1}.$$

**Example 1.** Take  $R = \mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2 = 0)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = sl_2^1 = R\langle h, e, l, f \rangle$ , with  $h$  central and  $[f, l] = f$ ,  $[e, l] = -e$ ,  $[e, f] = h - 2\epsilon l$ . In it,

$$\mathbb{O} \left( e^{\delta ef} \mid fe \right) = \mathbb{O} \left( v(1 + \epsilon v\delta \Lambda/2) e^{v\delta ef} \mid elf \right), \quad \text{where } \Lambda \text{ is}$$

$$4v^3 \delta^2 e^2 f^2 + 3v^3 \delta^3 h e^2 f^2 + 8v^2 \delta e f + 4v^2 \delta^2 h e f + 4v \delta e l f - 2v \delta h + 4l.$$

**Fact.** Setting  $h_i = h$  (for all  $i$ ) and  $t = e^h$ , the  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  invariant of any tangle  $T$  can be written in the form

$$Z_{\mathfrak{g}_1}(T) = \mathbb{O} \left( \omega^{-1} e^{hL + \omega^{-1} Q} (1 + \epsilon \omega^{-4} P) \mid \bigotimes_i e_i l_i f_i \right),$$

where  $L$  is linear,  $Q$  quadratic, and  $P$  quartic in the  $\{e_i, l_i, f_i\}$  with  $\omega$  and all coefficients polynomials in  $t$ . Furthermore, everything is poly-time computable.



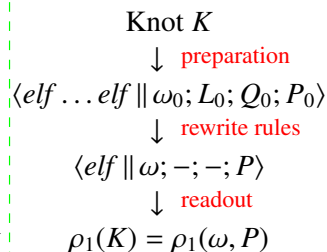
# On Elves and Invariants

Work in Progress! Fluid! Help Needed!

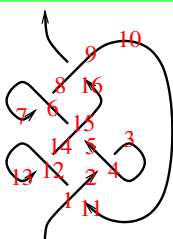
**Abstract.** Whether or not you like the formulas on this page, they describe the strongest truly computable knot invariant we know.

**Three steps** to the computation of  $\rho_1$ :

- 1. Preparation.** Given  $K$ , results  $\langle \text{long word} \parallel \text{simple formulas} \rangle$ .
- 2. Rewrite rules.** Make the word simpler and the formulas more complicated, until the word "elf" is reached.
- 3. Readout.** The invariant  $\rho_1$  is read from the last formulas.



**Preparation.** Draw  $K$  using a 0-framed 0-rotation planar diagram  $D$  where all crossings are pointing up. Walk along  $D$  labeling features by  $1, \dots, m$  in order: over-passes, under-passes, and right-heading cups and caps ("±-cuaps"). If  $x$  is a xing, let  $i_x$  and  $j_x$  be the labels on its over/under strands, and let  $s_x$  be 0 if it right-handed and  $-1$  otherwise. If  $c$  is a cuap, let  $i_c$  be its label and  $s_c$  be its sign. Set



$$(L; Q; P) = \sum_{x: (i,j,s)} (-)^s \left( l_j; t^s e_i f_j; (-)^s e_i l_{(1+s)i-s} j_f + l_i l_j + \frac{t^{2s} e_i^2 f_j^2}{4} \right) + \sum_{c: (i,s)} (0; 0; s \cdot l_i).$$

This done, output  $\langle e_1 l_1 f_1 e_2 l_2 f_2 \dots e_m l_m f_m \parallel 1; L; Q; P \rangle$ .

**In formulas,**  $L$  is always  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linear in  $\{l_i\}$ ,  $Q$  is an  $R$ -linear combination of  $\{e_i f_j\}$  where  $R := \mathbb{Q}[t^{\pm 1}]$ , and  $P$  is an  $R$ -linear combination of  $\{1, l_i, l_i l_j, e_i f_j, e_i l_j f_k, e_i e_j f_k f_l\}$ . (The key to computability!)

**Rewrite Rules.** Manipulate  $\langle \text{word} \parallel \text{formulas} \rangle$  expressions using the rewrite rules below, until you come to the form  $\langle e_1 l_1 f_1 \parallel \omega; -; -; P \rangle$ . Output  $(\omega, P)$ .

**Rule 1, Deletions.** If a letter appears in word but not in formulas, you can delete it.

**Rule 2, Merges.** In word, you can replace adjacent  $v_i v_j$  with  $v_k$  (for  $v \in \{e, l, f\}$ ) while making the same changes in formulas (provided  $k$  creates no naming clashes). E.g.,

$$\langle \dots e_i e_j \dots \parallel Z \rangle \rightarrow \langle \dots e_k \dots \parallel Z|_{e_i, e_j \rightarrow e_k} \rangle.$$

**Rule 3, le Sorts.** Provided  $k$  introduces no clashes, given  $\langle \dots l_j e_j \dots \parallel \omega; L; Q; P \rangle$ , decompose  $L = \lambda l_j + L'$ ,  $Q = \alpha e_i + Q'$ , write  $P = P(e_i, l_j)$  (with messy coefficients), set  $q = \epsilon^{\gamma} \beta e_k + \gamma l_k$ , and output

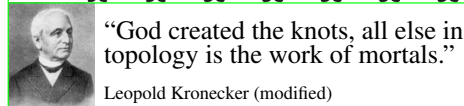
$$\langle \dots e_k l_k \dots \parallel \omega; L|_{l_j \rightarrow l_k}; t^{\lambda} \alpha e_k + Q'; \epsilon^{-q} P(\partial_{\beta}, \partial_{\gamma}) \epsilon^q |_{\beta \rightarrow \alpha/\omega, \gamma \rightarrow \lambda \log t} \rangle.$$

**Rule 4, fl Sorts.** Provided  $k$  introduces no clashes, given  $\langle \dots f_i l_i \dots \parallel \omega; L; Q; P \rangle$ , decompose  $L = \lambda l_i + L'$ ,  $Q = \alpha f_i + Q'$ , write  $P = P(f_i, l_i)$  (with messy coefficients), set  $q = \epsilon^{\gamma} \beta f_k + \gamma l_k$ , and output

$$\langle \dots l_k f_k \dots \parallel \omega; L|_{l_i \rightarrow l_k}; t^{\lambda} \alpha f_k + Q'; \epsilon^{-q} P(\partial_{\beta}, \partial_{\gamma}) \epsilon^q |_{\beta \rightarrow \alpha/\omega, \gamma \rightarrow \lambda \log t} \rangle.$$



Happy Birthday, Scott!



"God created the knots, all else in topology is the work of mortals."

Leopold Kronecker (modified)



**Rule 5, fe Sorts.** Provided  $k$  introduces no clashes, given  $\langle \dots f_i e_j \dots \parallel \omega; L; Q; P \rangle$ , decompose  $Q = Q_{f_e} f_i e_j + Q_{f_l} f_i + Q_{e_e} e_j + Q'$  write  $P = P(f_i, e_j)$  (with messy coefficients), set  $\mu = 1 + (t-1)\delta$  and  $q = ((1-t)\alpha\beta + \beta e_k + \alpha f_k + \delta e_k f_k) / \mu$ , and output

$$\left\langle \dots e_k f_k \dots \parallel \begin{matrix} \mu\omega; L; \mu\omega q + \mu Q'; \\ \omega^4 \Lambda_k + \epsilon^{-q} P(\partial_{\alpha}, \partial_{\beta}) (\epsilon^q) \end{matrix} \right\rangle \xrightarrow[\delta \rightarrow Q_{f_e}/\omega]{\alpha \rightarrow Q_f/\omega, \beta \rightarrow Q_e/\omega,}$$

where  $\Lambda_k$  is the  $\Lambda$ όγος, "a principle of order and knowledge":

$$\Lambda_k = \frac{t+1}{4} \left( -\delta(\mu+1)(\beta^2 e_k^2 + \alpha^2 f_k^2) - \delta^3(3\mu+1)e_k^2 f_k^2 - 2(\beta e_k + \alpha f_k)(\alpha\beta + 2\delta\mu + \delta^2(2\mu+1)e_k f_k + 2\delta\mu^2 l_k) - 4(\alpha\beta + \delta\mu)(\delta(\mu+1)e_k f_k + \mu^2 l_k) - 4\delta^2 \mu^2 e_k f_k l_k + (t-1)(2(\alpha\beta + \delta\mu)^2 - \alpha^2 \beta^2) \right).$$

**elf merges,**  $m_k^{ij}$ , are defined as compositions

$$e_i l_i \overline{f_i} e_j l_j f_j \xrightarrow{S_x^{f_i e_j}} e_i \overline{l_i} e_x \overline{f_x} l_j f_j \xrightarrow{S_x^{l_i e_x} // S_x^{f_x l_j}} \overline{e_i} \overline{e_x} \overline{l_x} l_x \overline{f_x} f_j \xrightarrow{i, j, x \rightarrow k} e_k l_k f_k$$

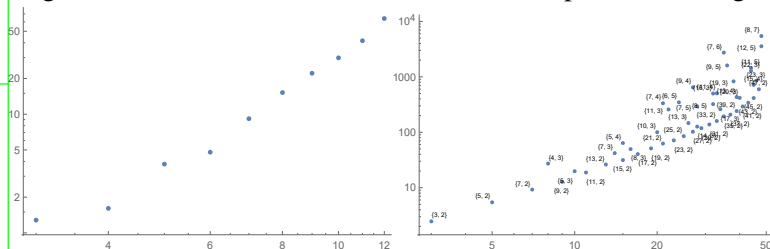
**Readout.** Given  $\langle \text{elf} \parallel \omega; -; -; P \rangle$ , output

$$\rho_1(K) := \frac{t(P|_{e, l, f \rightarrow 0} - t\omega^3)}{(t-1)^2 \omega^2}.$$

( $\omega$  is the Alexander polynomial,  $L$  and  $Q$  are not interesting).



**Experimental Analysis (ωεβ/Exp).** Log-log plots of computation time (sec) vs. crossing number, for all knots with up to 12 crossings (mean times) and for all torus knots with up to 48 crossings:



**Power.** On the 250 knots with at most 10 crossings, the pair  $(\omega, \rho_1)$  attains 250 distinct values, while (Khovanov, HOMFLY-PT) attains only 249 distinct values. To 11 crossings the numbers are (802, 788, 772) and to 12 they are (2978, 2883, 2786).

**Genus.** Up to 12 xings, always  $\rho_1$  is symmetric under  $t \leftrightarrow t^{-1}$ . With  $\rho_1^+$  denoting the positive-degree part of  $\rho_1$ , always  $\deg \rho_1^+ \leq 2g - 1$ , where  $g$  is the 3-genus of  $K$  (equality for 2530 knots). This gives a lower bound on  $g$  in terms of  $\rho_1$  (conjectural, but undoubtedly true). This bound is often weaker than the Alexander bound, yet for 10 of the 12-xing Alexander failures it does give the right answer.

**Why Works?** The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  (below) is a "solvable approximation of  $sl_2$ ".

**Theorem.** The map (as defined below)  $\langle w \parallel \omega; L; Q; P \rangle \mapsto \mathbb{O} \left( \omega^{-1} \epsilon^{L \log t + \omega^{-1} Q} (1 + \epsilon \omega^{-4} P) : w \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g}_1) \right)$  is well defined modulo the sorting rules. It maps the initial preparation to a product of "R-matrices" and "cuap values" satisfying the usual moves for Morse knots (R3, etc.). (And hence the result is a "quantum invariant", except computed very differently; no representation theory!).

**1-Smidgen  $sl_2$**  Let  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  be the 4-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_1 = \langle h, e', l, f \rangle$  over the ring  $R = \mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2 = 0)$ , with  $h$  central and with  $[f, l] = f$ ,  $[e', l] = -e'$ , and  $[e', f] = h - 2\epsilon l$ . Over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_1$  is a **solvable approximation of  $sl_2$** :  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \langle h, e', f, \epsilon h, \epsilon e', \epsilon l, \epsilon f \rangle \supset \langle h, \epsilon h, \epsilon e', \epsilon l, \epsilon f \rangle \supset 0$ . Pragmatics: declare  $\text{deg}(h, e', l, f, \epsilon) = (1, 1, 0, 0, 1)$  and set  $t := e^h$  and  $e := (t - 1)e'/h$ .

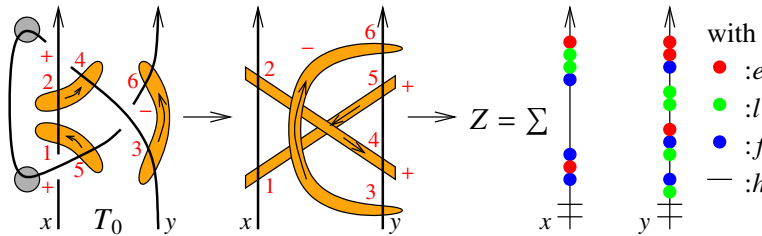
**How did it arise?**  $sl_2 = \mathfrak{b}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{b}^-/\mathfrak{h} =: sl_2^+/\mathfrak{h}$ , where  $\mathfrak{b}^+ = \langle l, f \rangle/[f, l] = f$  is a Lie bialgebra with  $\delta: \mathfrak{b}^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{b}^+ \otimes \mathfrak{b}^+$  by  $\delta: (l, f) \mapsto (0, l \wedge f)$ . Going back,  $sl_2^+ = \mathcal{D}(\mathfrak{b}^+) = (\mathfrak{b}^+)^* \oplus \mathfrak{b}^+ = \langle h', e', l, f \rangle/\dots$ . **Idea.** Replace  $\delta \rightarrow \epsilon\delta$  over  $\mathbb{Q}[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^{k+1} = 0)$ . At  $k = 1$ , get  $[f, l] = f$ ,  $[f, h'] = -\epsilon f$ ,  $[l, e'] = e'$ ,  $[h', e'] = -\epsilon e'$ ,  $[h', l] = 0$ , and  $[e', f] = h' - \epsilon l$ . Now note that  $h' + \epsilon l$  is central, so switch to  $h := h' + \epsilon l$ . This is  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ .

**Ordering Symbols.**  $\odot$  (*poly* | *specs*) plants the variables of *poly* in  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  along  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  according to *specs*. E.g.,

$$\odot(e_1 e^{\epsilon^3} l_1^3 l_2 f_3^9 | f_3 l_1 e_1 e_3 l_2) = f^9 l^3 e e^{\epsilon} l \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g}).$$

This enables the description of elements of  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  using commutative polynomials / power series. In  $\mathfrak{g}_1$ , no need to specify  $h/t$ .

**Algebras and Invariants.** Given any unital algebra  $A$  (even better if  $A$  is Hopf; typically,  $A \sim \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$ ), appropriate **orange**  $R \in A \otimes A$ , and appropriate **cuaps**  $\in A$ , get an  $A^{\otimes S}$ -valued invariant of pure  $S$ -component tangles:



**What we didn't say** (more, including videos, in  $\omega\epsilon\beta$ /Talks).

- $\rho_1$  is "line" in the coloured Jones polynomial; related to Melvin-Morton-Rozansky.
- $\rho_1$  extends to "rotational virtual tangles" and is a projection of the universal finite type invariant of such.
- $\rho_1$  seems to have a better chance than anything else we know to detect a counterexample to slice=ribbon.
- $\rho_1$  leads to many questions and a very long to-do list. Years of work, many papers ahead. Have fun!

**Demo Programs.**

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 $\omega\epsilon\beta$ /Demo
CF[ $\mathcal{E}$ ] := Module[{vars = Union@Cases[ $\mathcal{E}$ , e_ | l_ | f_ |  $\infty$ ]},
  If[vars === {}, Factor[ $\mathcal{E}$ ],
    Total[CoefficientRules[ $\mathcal{E}$ , vars] /.
      (p_ -> c_) => Factor[c] Times @@ (vars^p) ] ];
CF[ $\mathcal{E}$ _ $\mathcal{E}$ ] := CF /@  $\mathcal{E}$ ;
E[i_ , j_ , s_] := E[1, (-1)^s l_j, (-t)^s e_i f_j,
  t^s e_i l_{(1+s) i-s j} f_j + (-1)^s l_i l_j + (-t^2)^s e_i^2 f_j^2 / 4];
E[i_ , s_] := E[1, 0, 0, s l_i];
E /: E[1, L1_ , Q1_ , P1_ ] E[1, L2_ , Q2_ , P2_ ] :=
  E[1, L1 + L2, Q1 + Q2, P1 + P2];

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**Preparation**

**Preparing the Trefoil**

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z1 = (E[1, 11, 0] E[4, 2, -1] E[15, 5, 0]
  E[6, 8, -1] E[9, 16, 0] E[12, 14, -1] E[3, -1] E[7, +1]
  E[10, -1] E[13, +1])

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$$E[1, -l_2 + l_5 - l_8 + l_{11} - l_{14} + l_{16},$$

$$- \frac{e_4 f_2}{t} + e_{15} f_5 - \frac{e_6 f_8}{t} + e_1 f_{11} - \frac{e_{12} f_{14}}{t} + e_9 f_{16},$$

$$- \frac{e_4^2 f_2^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_{15}^2 f_5^2 - \frac{e_6^2 f_8^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_1^2 f_{11}^2 - \frac{e_{12}^2 f_{14}^2}{4 t^2} + \frac{1}{4} e_9^2 f_{16}^2 + e_1 f_{11} l_1 +$$

$$\frac{e_4 f_2 l_2}{t} - l_3 - l_2 l_4 + l_7 + \frac{e_6 f_8 l_8}{t} - l_6 l_8 + e_9 f_{16} l_9 - l_{10} +$$

$$l_1 l_{11} + l_{13} + \frac{e_{12} f_{14} l_{14}}{t} - l_{12} l_{14} + e_{15} f_5 l_{15} + l_5 l_{15} + l_9 l_{16}]$$

**Differential Polynomials**

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DP_{x->D_{\alpha}, y->D_{\beta}}[P_] [f_] :=
  Total[CoefficientRules[P, {x, y}] /.
    ({m_ , n_} -> c_) => c D[f, { $\alpha$ , m}, { $\beta$ , n}]]

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S_{l_j} (x:e|f)_{i->k} [E[ $\omega$ _, L_ , Q_ , P_ ] ] :=
  With[{ $\lambda = \partial_{l_j} L$ ,  $\alpha = \partial_{x_i} Q$ ,  $q = e^y \beta x_k + \gamma l_k$ }, CF[
    E[ $\omega$ , L /. l_j -> l_k, t^{\lambda} \alpha x_k + (Q /. x_i -> \theta),
      e^{-q} DP_{l_j->D_{\gamma}, x_i->D_{\beta}}[P] [e^q] /. { $\beta \rightarrow \alpha / \omega$ ,  $\gamma \rightarrow \lambda \text{Log}[t]$ } ] ]];

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$$\Delta[k_r] := ((t - 1) (2 (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu)^2 - \alpha^2 \beta^2) - 4 e_r l_k f_r \delta^2 \mu^2 -$$

$$\delta (1 + \mu) (f_r^2 \alpha^2 + e_r^2 \beta^2) - e_r^2 f_r^2 \delta^3 (1 + 3 \mu) -$$

$$2 (\alpha \beta + 2 \delta \mu + e_r f_r \delta^2 (1 + 2 \mu) + 2 l_r \delta \mu^2) (f_r \alpha + e_r \beta) -$$

$$4 (l_r \mu^2 + e_r f_r \delta (1 + \mu)) (\alpha \beta + \delta \mu)) (1 + t) / 4;$$

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S_{f_i} e_j ->k [E[ $\omega$ _, L_ , Q_ , P_ ] ] :=
  With[{q = ((1 - t) \alpha \beta + \beta e_k + \alpha f_k + \delta e_k f_k) / \mu}, CF[
    E[ $\mu \omega$ , L, \mu \omega q + \mu (Q /. f_i | e_j -> \theta),
      \mu^4 e^{-q} DP_{f_i->D_{\alpha}, e_j->D_{\beta}}[P] [e^q] + \omega^4 \Delta[k_r] ] /.
      { $\alpha \rightarrow \omega^{-1} (\partial_{f_i} Q /. e_j -> \theta)$ ,  $\beta \rightarrow \omega^{-1} (\partial_{e_j} Q /. f_i -> \theta)$ ,
      \delta -> \omega^{-1} \partial_{f_i, e_j} Q} ] ]];

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**Elf Merges**

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m_{i,j->k} [Z_ E] := Module[{x, z},
  CF[Z // S_{f_i} e_j ->x // S_{l_i} e_x ->x // S_{f_x} l_j ->x] /. z_{-i|j|x} -> z_k]]

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**Rewriting the Trefoil**

(by merging 16 elves)

$$E\left[\frac{1-t+t^2}{t}, \theta, \theta, \frac{(-1+t)(1-t+t^2)^2(1-t+2t^2)}{t^3} -$$

$$\frac{2(1+t)(1-t+t^2)^3 e_1 f_1}{t^4} - \frac{2(-1+t)(1+t)(1-t+t^2)^3 l_1}{t^4}\right]$$

**Readout**

$$\rho_1[E[\omega_ , \_ , \_ , P_ ] ] := CF\left[\frac{t((P /. e_ | l_ | f_ -> \theta) - t \omega^3 (\partial_t \omega))}{(t - 1)^2 \omega^2}\right]$$

**$\rho_1(3_1)$**

$$\rho_1[z1] // \text{Expand} \quad \frac{1}{t} + t$$

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diagram	$n_k^t$	Alexander's $\omega^+$	genus / ribbon	diagram	$n_k^t$	Alexander's $\omega^+$	genus / ribbon
		Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	unknotting number / amphicheiral			Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	unknotting number / amphicheiral
	$0_1^a$	1	0 / ✓		$3_1^a$	$t - 1$	1 / ✗
	0		0 / ✓		t		1 / ✗
	$4_1^a$	$3 - t$	1 / ✗		$5_1^a$	$t^2 - t + 1$	2 / ✗
	0		1 / ✓		$2t^3 + 3t$		2 / ✗

diagram	$n_k^l$ Alexander's $\omega^+$ Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	genus / ribbon unknotting number / amphicheiral	diagram	$n_k^l$ Alexander's $\omega^+$ Today's / Rozansky's $\rho_1^+$	genus / ribbon unknotting number / amphicheiral
	$5_2^a$ $2t - 3$ $5t - 4$	1 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$6_1^a$ $5 - 2t$ $t - 4$	1 / ✓ 1 / ✗
	$6_2^a$ $-t^2 + 3t - 3$ $t^3 - 4t^2 + 4t - 4$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$6_3^a$ $t^2 - 3t + 5$ 0	2 / ✗ 1 / ✓
	$7_1^a$ $t^3 - t^2 + t - 1$ $3t^5 + 5t^3 + 6t$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗		$7_2^a$ $3t - 5$ $14t - 16$	1 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$7_3^a$ $2t^2 - 3t + 3$ $-9t^3 + 8t^2 - 16t + 12$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$7_4^a$ $4t - 7$ $32 - 24t$	1 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$7_5^a$ $2t^2 - 4t + 5$ $9t^3 - 16t^2 + 29t - 28$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$7_6^a$ $-t^2 + 5t - 7$ $t^3 - 8t^2 + 19t - 20$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$7_7^a$ $t^2 - 5t + 9$ $8 - 3t$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$8_1^a$ $7 - 3t$ $5t - 16$	1 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$8_2^a$ $-t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 3$ $2t^5 - 8t^4 + 10t^3 - 12t^2 + 13t - 12$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$8_3^a$ $9 - 4t$ 0	1 / ✗ 2 / ✓
	$8_4^a$ $-2t^2 + 5t - 5$ $3t^3 - 8t^2 + 6t - 4$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$8_5^a$ $-t^3 + 3t^2 - 4t + 5$ $-2t^5 + 8t^4 - 13t^3 + 20t^2 - 22t + 24$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$8_6^a$ $-2t^2 + 6t - 7$ $5t^3 - 20t^2 + 28t - 32$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$8_7^a$ $t^3 - 3t^2 + 5t - 5$ $-t^5 + 4t^4 - 10t^3 + 12t^2 - 13t + 12$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$8_8^a$ $2t^2 - 6t + 9$ $-t^3 + 4t^2 - 12t + 16$	2 / ✓ 2 / ✗		$8_9^a$ $-t^3 + 3t^2 - 5t + 7$ 0	3 / ✓ 1 / ✓
	$8_{10}^a$ $t^3 - 3t^2 + 6t - 7$ $-t^5 + 4t^4 - 11t^3 + 16t^2 - 21t + 20$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$8_{11}^a$ $-2t^2 + 7t - 9$ $5t^3 - 24t^2 + 39t - 44$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$8_{12}^a$ $t^2 - 7t + 13$ 0	2 / ✗ 2 / ✓		$8_{13}^a$ $2t^2 - 7t + 11$ $-t^3 + 4t^2 - 14t + 20$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$8_{14}^a$ $-2t^2 + 8t - 11$ $5t^3 - 28t^2 + 57t - 68$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$8_{15}^a$ $3t^2 - 8t + 11$ $21t^3 - 64t^2 + 120t - 140$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$8_{16}^a$ $t^3 - 4t^2 + 8t - 9$ $t^5 - 6t^4 + 17t^3 - 28t^2 + 35t - 36$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$8_{17}^a$ $-t^3 + 4t^2 - 8t + 11$ 0	3 / ✗ 1 / ✓
	$8_{18}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 10t + 13$ 0	3 / ✗ 2 / ✓		$8_{19}^a$ $t^3 - t^2 + 1$ $-3t^5 - 4t^2 - 3t$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗
	$8_{20}^a$ $t^2 - 2t + 3$ $4t - 4$	2 / ✓ 1 / ✗		$8_{21}^a$ $-t^2 + 4t - 5$ $t^3 - 8t^2 + 16t - 20$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_1^a$ $t^4 - t^3 + t^2 - t + 1$ $4t^7 + 7t^5 + 9t^3 + 10t$	4 / ✗ 4 / ✗		$9_2^a$ $4t - 7$ $30t - 40$	1 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_3^a$ $2t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t - 3$ $-13t^5 + 12t^4 - 25t^3 + 20t^2 - 32t + 24$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗		$9_4^a$ $3t^2 - 5t + 5$ $23t^3 - 28t^2 + 46t - 44$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$9_5^a$ $6t - 11$ $100 - 65t$	1 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_6^a$ $2t^3 - 4t^2 + 5t - 5$ $13t^5 - 24t^4 + 45t^3 - 52t^2 + 68t - 64$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗
	$9_7^a$ $3t^2 - 7t + 9$ $23t^3 - 56t^2 + 99t - 108$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_8^a$ $-2t^2 + 8t - 11$ $3t^3 - 16t^2 + 29t - 28$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$9_9^a$ $2t^3 - 4t^2 + 6t - 7$ $13t^5 - 24t^4 + 55t^3 - 72t^2 + 98t - 96$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗		$9_{10}^a$ $4t^2 - 8t + 9$ $-40t^3 + 72t^2 - 114t + 120$	2 / ✗ 2, 3 / ✗
	$9_{11}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 7t + 7$ $-2t^5 + 16t^4 - 41t^3 + 52t^2 - 66t + 64$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{12}^a$ $-2t^2 + 9t - 13$ $5t^3 - 36t^2 + 84t - 100$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{13}^a$ $4t^2 - 9t + 11$ $-40t^3 + 92t^2 - 154t + 168$	2 / ✗ 2, 3 / ✗		$9_{14}^a$ $2t^2 - 9t + 15$ $-t^3 + 8t^2 - 35t + 60$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{15}^a$ $-2t^2 + 10t - 15$ $-5t^3 + 40t^2 - 108t + 136$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{16}^a$ $2t^3 - 5t^2 + 8t - 9$ $-13t^5 + 36t^4 - 80t^3 + 120t^2 - 161t + 168$	3 / ✗ 3 / ✗
	$9_{17}^a$ $t^3 - 5t^2 + 9t - 9$ $t^5 - 8t^4 + 23t^3 - 32t^2 + 28t - 24$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{18}^a$ $4t^2 - 10t + 13$ $40t^3 - 108t^2 + 193t - 220$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$9_{19}^a$ $2t^2 - 10t + 17$ $t^3 - 8t^2 + 20t - 24$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$9_{20}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 9t + 11$ $2t^5 - 16t^4 + 47t^3 - 84t^2 + 117t - 124$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗
	$9_{21}^a$ $-2t^2 + 11t - 17$ $-5t^3 + 44t^2 - 127t + 164$	2 / ✗ 1 / ✗		$9_{22}^a$ $t^3 - 5t^2 + 10t - 11$ $-t^5 + 8t^4 - 24t^3 + 38t^2 - 40t + 36$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{23}^a$ $4t^2 - 11t + 15$ $40t^3 - 128t^2 + 243t - 288$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{24}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 10t + 13$ $-4t^2 + 16t - 20$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{25}^a$ $-3t^2 + 12t - 17$ $12t^3 - 70t^2 + 153t - 188$	2 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{26}^a$ $t^3 - 5t^2 + 11t - 13$ $-t^5 + 8t^4 - 31t^3 + 64t^2 - 85t + 92$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{27}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 11t + 15$ $t^3 - 8t^2 + 24t - 32$	3 / ✓ 1 / ✗		$9_{28}^a$ $t^3 - 5t^2 + 12t - 15$ $t^5 - 8t^4 + 30t^3 - 68t^2 + 105t - 120$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗
	$9_{29}^a$ $t^3 - 5t^2 + 12t - 15$ $t^5 - 8t^4 + 26t^3 - 48t^2 + 59t - 56$	3 / ✗ 2 / ✗		$9_{30}^a$ $-t^3 + 5t^2 - 12t + 17$ $2t^3 - 10t^2 + 25t - 32$	3 / ✗ 1 / ✗