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### Invariants of subfactors



## Subfactors

#### Theorem [Jon83]

For a  $II_1$ -subfactor  $A \subset B$ ,

$$[B\colon A] \in \left\{4\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \middle| n = 3, 4, \dots\right\} \cup [4, \infty].$$

#### Definition

The Jones tower of  $A = A_0 \subset A_1 = B$  (finite index) is given by

$$A_0 \subset A_1 \stackrel{e_1}{\subset} A_2 \stackrel{e_2}{\subset} A_3 \stackrel{e_3}{\subset} \cdots$$

where  $e_i$  is the projection in  $B(L^2(A_i))$  with range  $L^2(A_{i-1})$ .

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#### Two towers of centralizer algebras

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 $P_{3,+} = A'_0 \cap A_3 \supset A'_1 \cap A_3 = P_{2,-}$   
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 $P_{2,+} = A'_0 \cap A_2 \supset A'_1 \cap A_2 = P_{1,-}$   
 $\cup$   $\cup$   $\cup$   
 $P_{1,+} = A'_0 \cap A_1 \supset A'_1 \cap A_1 = P_{0,-}$   
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 $P_{0,+} = A'_0 \cap A_0$ 

These centralizer algebras form a planar algebra.

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## Planar algebras [Jon99]

#### Definition

- A shaded planar tangle has
  - a finite number of inner boundary disks
  - an outer boundary disk
  - non-intersecting strings
  - a marked interval  $\star$  on each boundary disk



## Composition of tangles

We can compose planar tangles by insertion of one into another if the number of strings matches up:



#### Definition

The *shaded planar operad* consists of all shaded planar tangles (up to isotopy) with the operation of composition.

#### Definition

A *planar algebra* is a family of vector spaces  $P_{k,\pm}$ , k = 0, 1, 2, ... and an action of the shaded planar operad.



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## Example: Temperley-Lieb

 $TL_{n,\pm}(\delta)$  is the complex span of non-crossing pairings of 2n points arranged around a circle, with formal addition and scalar multiplication.

$$TL_{3,+}(\delta) = \operatorname{Span}_{\mathbb{C}}\left\{ \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}}, \underbrace{\star}_{\mathcal{O}} \right\}.$$

Planar tangles act on TL by inserting diagrams into empty disks, smoothing strings, and trading closed loops for factors of  $\delta$ .

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## Subfactor planar algebras

#### Definition

- A planar algebra  $P_{\bullet}$  is a subfactor planar algebra if it is:
  - Finite dimensional:  $\dim(P_{k,\pm}) < \infty$  for all k
  - Evaluable:  $\dim(P_{0,+}) = 1$



• Positivity: each  $P_{k,+}$  has an adjoint \* such that the sesquilinear form  $\langle x, y \rangle := \operatorname{Tr}(y^*x)$  is positive definite

From these properties, it follows that closed circles count for a multiplicative constant  $\delta$ .

## Principal graphs

The complex \*-algebras  $P_{n,\pm}$  are all finite dimensional. The tower

$$P_{0,+} \subset P_{1,+} \subset P_{2,+} \subset \cdots$$

where the inclusion is given by  $\star \begin{bmatrix} n \\ n \end{bmatrix}$  is described by its Bratteli diagram (and the trace).



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The non-reflected part is the principal graph  $\Gamma$ .

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## Finite depth

#### Definition

If the principal graph is finite, then the subfactor and planar algebra are called finite depth.



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## Known subfactors



• See Jones-Morrison-Snyder survey [JMS13]

#### Bigelow-Morrison-Peters-Snyder, [BMPS12]

The Haagerup and extended Haagerup subfactor planar algebras have a generator  $S \in P_{n,+}$  where n = 4, 8 respectively satisfying:



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## The jellyfish algorithm

We can evaluate all closed diagrams as follows:

First, pull all generators to the outside using the jellyfish relations



Second, reduce the number of generators using the capping and absorption (multiplication) relations.

## Consistency and positivity

#### Theorem [Jones-Penneys [JP11], Morrison-Walker]

Every subfactor planar algebra embeds in the graph planar algebra of its principal graph.

This serves two purposes:

- **1** To show the planar algebra is non-zero, give a representation.
- Graph planar algebras are always finite dimensional, spherical, and positive. Only need to check evaluable.

## Spoke graphs

#### Examples of spoke principal graphs

- $A_n, D_{2n}, E_6, E_8,$
- $E_6^{(1)}, E_7^{(1)}, E_8^{(1)}$
- $A_{\infty}, A_{\infty}^{(1)}, D_{\infty}$
- Principal graphs for  $R \subset R \rtimes G$ , G finite  $\left( \overset{2}{\longleftarrow}, \overset{2}{\longleftarrow} \right)$



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## Spokes and jellyfish

Assume all generators of  $P_{\bullet}$  are at the same depth n.

#### Theorem [Bigelow-Penneys [BP13]]

•  $P_{\bullet}$  has 2-strand jellyfish relations  $\Leftrightarrow$  one graph is a spoke.



•  $P_{\bullet}$  has 1-strand jellyfish relations  $\Leftrightarrow$  both graphs are spokes.



## Constructing spoke subfactors with jellyfish

#### Theorem [Morrison-Penneys [MP13]]

We automate finding 1-strand relations for these subfactors:

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For the above, both principal graphs are the same spoke graph.

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## Constructing spoke subfactors with jellyfish, part 2

#### Theorem [Penneys-Peters (in preparation)]

We give explicit 2-strand relations for the following subfactors:



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## Index $(5, 3 + \sqrt{5})$

#### Conjecture [Morrison-Peters] [MP12]

There are exactly two non Temperley-Lieb subfactor planar algebras in the index range  $(5,3+\sqrt{5})$ :

name	Principal graphs	Index	Constructed
$SU(2)_5$	$(\prec \mathbb{Z}, \prec \mathbb{Z})$	5.04892	[Wen90], [MP12]
$SU(3)_4$	$\left  \left( \underbrace{ \cdots \nleftrightarrow}, \underbrace{ \cdots \bigstar} \right) \right.$	5.04892	[Wen88], [MP12]

#### Theorem [Morrison-Peters] [MP12]

There is exactly one 1-supertransitive subfactor in the index range  $(5,3+\sqrt{5})$ 

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## Subfactor planar algebras at $3 + \sqrt{5}$

#### Conjecture [Morrison-Penneys]

At  $3 + \sqrt{5}$ , we have the following subfactor planar algebras:

name	Principal graphs		Constructed
4442	(	2	[MP13], Izumi
$3^{\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2}$	( < = )	2	Izumi, [MP13]
$3^{\mathbb{Z}/4}$	()	2	Izumi, [PP13]
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$A_3 \otimes A_4$	$( \prec , \prec )$	1	$\otimes$
fish 2	$( \smile , \frown )$	2	BH
fish 3	$( \checkmark \checkmark \land $	2	[IMP13]
$A_3 * A_4$		2	[BJ97]
$A_{\infty}$	$( {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle \leftarrow}}} {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle \leftarrow}}  {\scriptstyle {\scriptstyle \leftarrow}}  {\scriptstyle \scriptstyle \leftarrow}  {\scriptstyle \scriptstyle \scriptstyle \leftarrow}  {\scriptstyle \scriptstyle \leftarrow}  {\scriptstyle$	1	[Pop93]

#### How can we prove these conjectures?

Biggest hurdle: need to eliminate certain weeds. \*10 weeds:



\*11 weeds:



## New obstruction

#### Theorem [Penneys, last week]



 $\sigma_S$  is the chirality ( $\sigma_S^2$  is rotational eigenvalue)  $r, \check{r}$  are the branch factors (ratio of dimensions past branch)

## Remaks on the new obstruction

- The obstruction is far more general. Recovers Jones' quadratic tangles obstruction and Snyder's single valent obstruction.
- Proven by analyzing rotation after using Liu's relation, which is a clever manipulation of Wenzl's relation.



• Can obtain rotational eigenvalues for most small index subfactors.

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# Thank you for listening!

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