Constructing subfactors with the jellyfish algorithm ECOAS, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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Invariants of subfactors



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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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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 circles
 - an outer boundary circle
 - non-intersecting strings
 - a marked point * on each boundary circle



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 $V_{k,\pm}$, k = 0, 1, 2, ... which are acted on by the shaded planar operad.



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Example: Temperley-Lieb

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

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

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



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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: $\dim(P_{0,\pm}) = 1$
- Sphericality:

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

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

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Principal graphs

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The non-reflected part is the principal graph Γ .

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Finite depth

Definition

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



Examples of principal graphs

Index < 4

 A_n, D_{2n}, E_6, E_8

$\mathsf{Index} = 4$

Affine Dynkin diagrams

- Finite graphs $A_{2n-1}^{(1)}, D_{n+2}^{(1)}, E_6^{(1)}, E_7^{(1)}, E_8^{(1)}$.
- Infinite graphs $A_{\infty}, A_{\infty}^{(1)}, D_{\infty}$.

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Classification to index 5

[Haa94, AH99, Bis98, AY09, BMPS09, Han11, MS11, MPPS12, IJMS11, PT12]

Index in (4,5)

There are exactly 10 non $A_\infty\text{-subfactor}$ planar algebras in the index range (4,5):



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Bigelow-Morrison-Peters-Snyder, arXiv:0909.4099

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



• (Absorption) $S^2 = f^{(n)}$.

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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.

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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 $\left(\longleftarrow, \longleftarrow \right)$



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Constructing spoke subfactors using jellyfish

Theorem [Morrison-Penneys arXiv:1208.3637]

The following subfactors can be constructed using the jellyfish algorithm. Moreover, we only need 1-strand relations.



Spokes and jellyfish

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

Theorem [Bigelow-Penneys arXiv:1208.1564]

• 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.



Presenting small index subfactors by jellyfish



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Jellyfish relations for non-spoke subfactors

Theorem [Morrison-Penneys, in preparation]

The $D_{n+2}^{(1)}$ subfactor planar algebras



have the following presentation with a 2-box S, and an n-box T:



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$D_{n+2}^{(1)}$ relations continued

- S, T cap to zero,
- $S^2 = s + 2f^{(2)}$,
- T absorbs S (up to a scalar):



• T^2 is a diagram in jellyfish form with only S's, e.g., if n = 3,

$$T^2 = \underbrace{\overset{\star}{\underset{2/ \ \bigcirc}{3}}}_{2/ \ \bigcirc} - \underbrace{\overset{\star}{\underset{3}{3}}}_{3} \underbrace{\overset{\star}{\underset{3}{3}}}_{3}$$

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Open questions

Question [Izumi [Izu01], Evans-Gannon [EG10]]

Is there an infinite family of 3^G subfactors?

- (Haagerup) $\mathbb{Z}/3$ (\longrightarrow , \longrightarrow , \longrightarrow , \longrightarrow)

We can use jellyfish relations on generators at depth 4.

Question [Izumi, Evans-Gannon]

What about an infinite 2^{G1} family?

• (Izumi-Xu)
$$\mathbb{Z}/3$$
 (\cdots , \cdots , \cdots)

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Open questions 2

Question

Which finite spoke graphs Γ are principal graphs of subfactors?

- $\|\Gamma\|^2$ must be a cyclotomic integer by [CG94, ENO05]!
- If you translate one spoke, eventually not cyclotomic by [CMS10].

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Question [Bisch-Haagerup]

Is there an infinite family of 'fish' subfactors at index $3+\sqrt{5}\approx 5.28?$



• We'd like to use techniques similar to those for the $D_{n+2}^{(1)}$'s.

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Thank you for listening!

Slides available at:

http://www.math.toronto.edu/dpenneys

Preprints available at:

with Morrison - Constructing spokes - arXiv:1208.3637 with Bigelow - Spokes and jellyfish - arXiv:1208.1564

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