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Talk Title: Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials, geometry and categorification

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Please summarize the lecture in 5 or fewer sentences: Define Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials and discuss their appearance in representation and geometry. Illustrate their role in commutative geometry (Soergel) and noncommutative (KL, Soergel), and in the concept of categorification.

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Catharina Stroppel: "Kazhdan–Lusztig polynomials, geometry and categorification."

Classical problem: \( \mathfrak{g} \) semisimple, reducible complex Lie algebra

\( \mathfrak{u} \) parabolic

\( \mathfrak{l} \) Levi

Example: \( \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) \)

\( V \) is irreducible \( \mathfrak{l} \)-module

\( \mathfrak{u}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathfrak{u}(\mathfrak{p})} V = \Delta(V) \)

generalized Verma module

Structure?

Special case: \( \rho = \mathfrak{c} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \right) \)

\( \mathfrak{u}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes_{\mathfrak{u}(\mathfrak{p})} C_{\lambda} = \text{ordinary Verma module} \)

Usual approach: \( \rightarrow \) geometry (\( D \)-modules/perv. sheaves)

Problem: No classification of \( V \)'s! Annihilators are

And composition factors might have infinite multiplicative

or infinitely many (\( \rightarrow \) examples of Stafford)

Do new (categorification) techniques help?

Now: \(( W, S )\) Coxeter group

In this talk, \( W = S_n \)

\[ \mathbb{Z}[W] \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(W, S) \text{ Hecke algebra over } \mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}] \]
generators: $H_{s_i}, s_i \in S$

relations: $H_{s_i}H_{s_j} = H_{s_j}H_{s_i}$ for $|i-j| > 1$

$H_{s_i}H_{s_{i+1}}H_{s_i} = H_{s_{i+1}}H_{s_i}H_{s_{i+1}}$

$H_{s_i}^2 = 1 + (q^{-1} - q)H_{s_i}$ (in particular $H_x$ def. $\forall x \in \omega$)

Have nontrivial involution $\psi: H_{s_i} \rightarrow H_{s_i}^{-1}$

$q \rightarrow q^{-1}$

Theorem (Kazhdan-Lusztig '79):

$\forall x \in \omega, \exists! H_x$ s.t. $\psi(H_x) = H_{\bar{x}}$

$H_x \in H_x + \sum_{y \prec x} q^{-1} \mathbb{Z}[q]H_y$

KL-basis elements, KL-polynomials $p_{x,y}(q)$

$\text{ex: } H_e = 1$

$H_{s_i} = H_{s_i} + q$

Facts, no closed formula (except of small cases)

extends to KL-basis of induced modules

$W^f = \mathcal{X}(\omega) \otimes_{\mathcal{B}(\omega_f)} \mathfrak{S}_n$

Explicit formulas for $\omega_f = S_i \times S_{n-i}$ (sgn)

Standard basis \(\omega_f \otimes (W/W_f)\) short \(\frac{\epsilon}{n-ivs}\) \(\psi\) \(w \mapsto w(\underbrace{\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots}_{n-i})\)
KL-basis $\leftrightarrow$ cup diagram associated with the sequence with
max. # of anticlockwise cups

\[ N_x \leftrightarrow N_x \]

\[ \text{eq. } N_y \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \]

\[ P_{x,y}(q) = \begin{cases} q^c, & \text{c # clockwise cups} \\ 0, & \text{if } N_y, N_x \text{ not oriented} \end{cases} \]

$\rightarrow$ basic fact why Khovanov homology

Interpretation in terms of commutative geometry (Saergel)

\[ W \hookrightarrow V = \mathbb{C}^n \]

\[ S = S(V^x), \quad x \in W \rightarrow \text{coherent sheaf on } V_x V \]

\[ = \text{regular functions on } \{ (x, v) \mid v \in V^{P_x} = S^x \} \]

\[ S_i \sim B_{s_i} := S \otimes_{S^{x_i}} S \quad (\text{filter by } S, S^{x_i}) \]

Theorem (Saergel)

\[ K_0 \left( \text{add. (tensor) category generated by } B_{x_i} \text{'s, and closed under sums} \right) = \mathcal{H} \]

\[ \text{and summands } \]

\[ \text{indecomposable bimod. } B_x \leftrightarrow H_x \]

\[ S^x \leftrightarrow H_x \]

Q: Is there a commutative version for $N^p$?

Connections to DT? Fukaya?

Noncommutative: $A = \text{End}_S \left( \bigoplus_{x \in W} B_x \otimes_S S/m \right)$
Known $A$-modules: $(q, gl_n), BGG$

$A = \text{End}^\bullet \left( \bigoplus \text{(simple perverse sheaves on } GL(n, \mathbb{C})/B) \right)$

Theorem (KL, Serngel)

$K_0(A\text{-gmod.}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}$ as a $\mathcal{H}$-module

indee. proj. object $\longleftrightarrow \Pi_x$

Verma modules $\longleftrightarrow s_i \Pi_x$

simple objects $\longleftrightarrow$ dual KL $\Pi_x^*$ basis

**Question:** Can we understand arbitrary $\mathcal{H}$-modules?

- How to describe irreducible modules?

(KL defined integral version (cell modules) of irreducible modules)

Say $y \leq x$ if $B_y$ occurs as a summand in $F B_x$

where $F =$ product of $B_{s_i} \text{'s}$

$x \sim y \iff x \leq y, y \leq x$

$\mathcal{H}_{\leq x}$ = Span $\left\{ \Pi_y \mid y \leq x \right\}$

Given $x \sim x, \mathcal{H}_{\leq x}$ is simple $\mathcal{H}$-module

**Theorem (Mazorchuk, S.)**

Take $x \in \mathcal{W}$. Take Serre subcategory generated by $L(y), y \leq x$ and quotient by Serre subcat. gen. by $L(y), y < x$
Remark: Resulting category doesn't depend on choice of $x$.

- Using 2-category theory:
  - Again, simple modules have KL-bases/dual KL-bases
  - corresponding to proj./simple

Explicit description of these categories?
- Known: (Khovanov–L., and, BK, BS) equivalent to blocks of cycl. Hecke algebra

- Special case: Simple modules labelled by partitions with 2-rows

Observation: $\text{GK dim} \leftrightarrow \text{Lusztig's function} \leftrightarrow \text{dimension of a Springer fibre}$

Example: ❁ irred. representation appears as a submod.
in $N^p$, where $\omega = S_2 \times S_2 \subset S_4$

Consider the Springer fibre attached to nilpotent $\left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \ast & \ast \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
\{ (x, \omega) \mid x \in \mathbb{C} \} \\
\{ F_1 \leq \ldots \leq F_n \} \times F_\omega \subseteq F_{i-1} \end{array}$$

$$\pi \downarrow \quad \pi^{-1}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \{ \text{nilpotent elements in } \mathfrak{g} \} \ni x$$

Springer fibre has components: $\pi^{-1}(x) = \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \cap \text{Hirze surface}$

$$x^{-1}(F_i)$$

$categorification$ of irred. modules $= H$-mod, where

$$H = \bigoplus_{(\mathfrak{g}_i, \mathfrak{g}_j)} H^*(\mathfrak{g}_i \cap \mathfrak{g}_j)$$

with a convolution product/Flarc homology product
Simplctic Khovanov homology

Solution of original problem:

Interpret gen. Verma's as standard objects in a category with

\[ K_0 = \mathcal{W}(\omega) \otimes \mathfrak{g}(\omega_p) \text{ ind. modules} \]

(joint with Mazorchuk.)

(rough structure of generalized Verma modules)