

Title: Skein and cluster algebras of marked surfaces without punctures for sl_3

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- Σ : a marked surface  M : a set of marked points

- $\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{g}, \Sigma}$: the skein algebra of a ori. surface Σ associated with \mathfrak{g} .

↖ quotient alg. of tangles in $\Sigma \times [0, 1]$
skein rel. of \mathfrak{g}

- $\mathcal{A}_{S_2(\mathfrak{g}, \Sigma)}$: the quantum cluster algebra of Σ ass. with \mathfrak{g} .

↖ quiver (ideal triangulations) + mutations

↙ Laurent phenomenon (Berenstein-Zelevinsky '05)

- $\mathcal{U}_{S_2(\mathfrak{g}, \Sigma)}$: the upper quantum cluster alg. \dashrightarrow

↖ Laurent polynomials of cluster variables.

Theorem (Muller 2016, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$)

$$A_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma)} \subset \underbrace{\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma}[\bar{\sigma}]} \subset \mathcal{U}_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma)} \subset \text{Frac } \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma}$$

$A = \mathcal{U}$ if $\#M \geq 2$

Main Results (Ishibash - Y. '21, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$, $(\mathcal{A}p_4)$)

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3 \quad \#M \geq 2$$

$$(\mathcal{A}p_4) \quad \textcircled{1} \quad \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma}[\bar{\sigma}] \subset A_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma)} \subset \mathcal{U}_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma)} \subset \text{Frac } \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma}$$

"sticking trick"

"cutting trick"

② "elevation preserving web" in $\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma}$ has a positive Laurent expression in $\mathcal{U}_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma)}$ via the cutting trick

Remark If covering conjecture

$$\uparrow \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma} = \bigcap_E \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma} [(\Delta \setminus E)^{-1}] \downarrow \text{ is true.}$$

we have $\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma}[\bar{\sigma}] = \mathcal{U}_{S_2(\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma)}$

§ Comparison of cluster & skein algebras for $\mathcal{G} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$

• Σ : a marked surface

• $\text{Tang}(\Sigma) := \{ \text{tangle diagrams on } \Sigma \}$

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generic immersed arcs & loops γ in Σ ($\partial\gamma \in \mathcal{M}$)

with { over/under-passing information at crossing points.
"elevation" at marked points



multiplication of $T_1, T_2 \in \text{Tang}(\Sigma)$

$T_1 \cdot T_2$
↑ over (higher) ↑ under (lower)

• Skein algebra $\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma} := \mathbb{Z}[\vartheta^{\pm 1/2}] \text{Tang}(\Sigma) / \text{skein relations}$

Def. (skein relations for \mathfrak{sl}_2)

- the Kauffman bracket skein relation $\text{X} = \vartheta \text{) (} + \vartheta^{-1} \text{ ()}$ ← \mathfrak{sl}_2 -web

$\text{O} = (-\vartheta^2 - \vartheta^{-2}) \emptyset$

- Muller's boundary skein relation

$\vartheta^{-1/2} \text{V} = \text{V} = \vartheta^{1/2} \text{V}$

Thm (Muller '16) $\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma}$ is an Ore domain

$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] \subset \text{Frac } \mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_2, \Sigma}$

(∂ : the set of boundary webs)

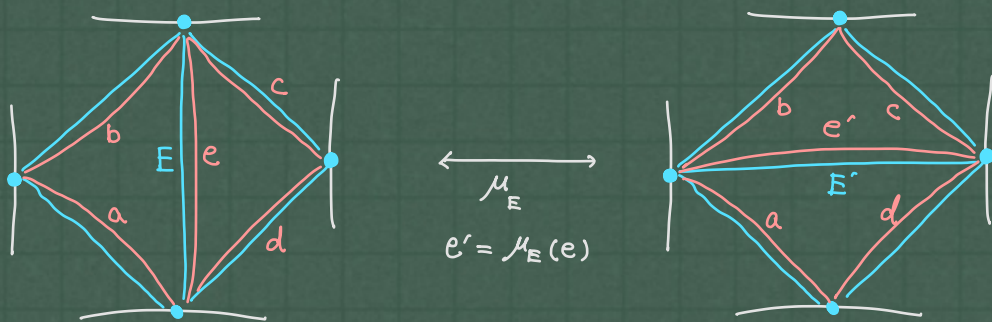
② the cluster alg. $\mathcal{A}_{S_2(\partial_2, \Sigma)}$ in $\text{Frac } \mathcal{S}_{\partial_2, \Sigma}$

Δ : an ideal triangulation of Σ

$\leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}_\Delta = \{ \text{simple arcs along } \Delta \} \subset \mathcal{S}_{\partial_2, \Sigma}$: a cluster
 \uparrow cluster variables

Δ' is obtained by a flip of Δ at E

$\leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}_\Delta$ is related to $\mathcal{C}_{\Delta'}$ by mutation
 "skein rel."



$$e e' = \delta ac + \delta^{-1} bd \quad : \text{Exchange relation}$$

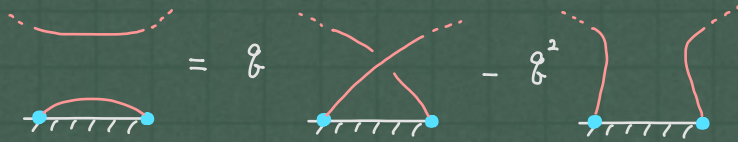
If $\forall x \in \mathcal{S}_{\partial_2, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}]$ is expressed as a polynomial of simple arcs and inverses of ∂ .
 \swarrow only have to $x = \text{simple loop}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{then,} & \mathcal{A}_{S_2(\partial_2, \Sigma)} & \subset \\ & \cup & \text{Frac } \mathcal{S}_{\partial_2, \Sigma} \\ & \mathcal{S}_{\partial_2, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] & \subset \end{array}$$

use "sticking trick"

① Cutting & sticking tricks

Lem (the sticking trick) $\mathcal{S}_{\text{arb}, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{S_2(\text{arb}, \Sigma)}$



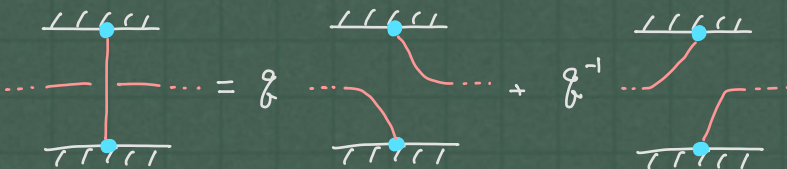
e.g. (an expansion of a simple loop γ)



$\mathcal{S}_{\text{arb}, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}]$

$\therefore \chi =$ a polynomial in simple arcs $\prod_{\substack{e_i \\ e_i \in \partial}} e_i^{n_i} \in \mathcal{A}_{S_2(\text{arb}, \Sigma)}$

Lem (the cutting trick) $\mathcal{S}_{\text{arb}, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{S_2(\text{arb}, \Sigma)}$




$\rightsquigarrow \chi =$ a Laurent polynomial in arcs along $\frac{\Delta}{\text{the cluster } \mathcal{C}_\Delta}$

if $\chi =$ or \Rightarrow coefficients in $\mathbb{Z}_{20}[q^{\pm 1/2}]$ (positivity)

§ Comparison of cluster & skein algebras for $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$

⊙ The \mathfrak{sl}_3 -skein algebra of Σ .

$$\text{Tang}(\Sigma) := \left\{ \text{knotted uni-trivalent graph on } \Sigma \right\}$$

with 

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathfrak{sl}_3, \Sigma} := \mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{q}^{\pm 1/2}] \text{Tang}(\Sigma) / \text{skein relations}$$

Def. (skein relations for \mathfrak{sl}_3)

- Kuperberg's A_2 -skein rel.

$$\text{Y-junction} = \mathfrak{q}^2 \text{Y-junction} + \mathfrak{q}^{-1} \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\text{Y-junction} = \mathfrak{q}^{-2} \text{Y-junction} + \mathfrak{q} \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\text{Square} = \text{Y-junction} + \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\text{Circle} = -(\mathfrak{q}^3 + \mathfrak{q}^{-3}) \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\text{Circle} = (\mathfrak{q}^6 + 1 + \mathfrak{q}^{-6}) \emptyset$$

- Frohman-Sikora's skein relation, (at $a=1$)

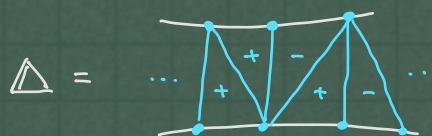
$$\mathfrak{q}^{-1} \text{Y-junction} = \text{Y-junction} = \mathfrak{q} \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\mathfrak{q}^{-1/2} \text{Y-junction} = \text{Y-junction} = \mathfrak{q}^{1/2} \text{Y-junction}$$

$$\text{Square} = \text{Y-junction}$$

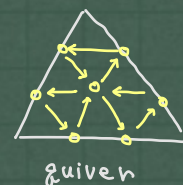
⑩ clusters associated with Δ

$$\mathcal{C}_\Delta = \bigcup_{\substack{T: \text{triangle} \\ \varepsilon \in \{+, -\}}} \mathcal{C}_{\varepsilon T}$$



$$\mathcal{C}_{\varepsilon T} = \{ \text{triangles with red arrows} \}$$

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given

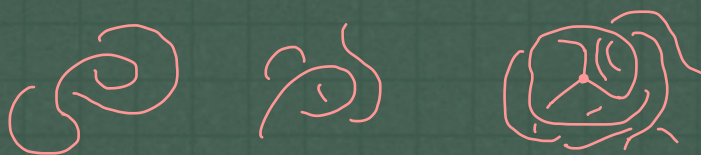
$\mathcal{A}_{S_2(\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma)}$

Remark \exists clusters do not come from Δ

⑩ Expansion of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma}[\partial^-]$ into $\mathcal{A}_{S_2(\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma)}$

Thm (Frohman-Sikora '20)

$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma}$ is generated by descending knots, arcs, and triads.



Thm (Ishibashi - Y.)

$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma}[\partial^-]$ is generated by simple arcs & simple triads

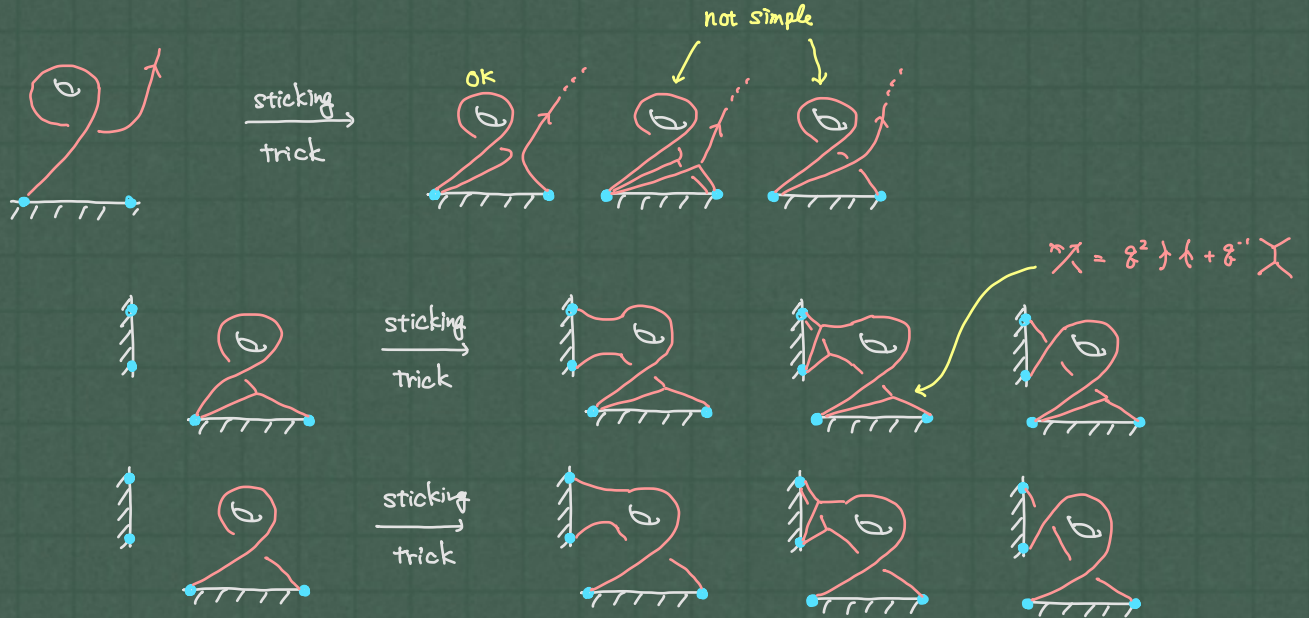
i.e. $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma}[\partial^-] \subset \mathcal{A}_{S_2(\mathcal{A}_3, \Sigma)}$

cluster variables

Lem (sticking trick)

$$= q^6 \text{ (diagram 1)} - q^5 \text{ (diagram 2)} + q^2 \text{ (diagram 3)}$$

(Sketch of proof of Thm)



⊙ Positivity

Lem (Cutting trick)

$$= q^3 \text{ (diagram 1)} + \text{ (diagram 2)} + q^{-3} \text{ (diagram 3)}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \forall x \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{rel}, \Sigma}[\delta^{-1}]$$

$$\left(\prod_{e_i \in \Delta} e_i^{n_i} \right) x = \text{a polynomial in } \bigcup_{\Delta} (\mathcal{L}_{\Delta} \cup \mathcal{L}_{\Delta})$$

$$= q^{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ (diagram 1)} + q^{-\frac{3}{2}} \text{ (diagram 2)} \in \mathcal{L}_{\Delta} \cap \mathcal{L}_{\Delta}$$

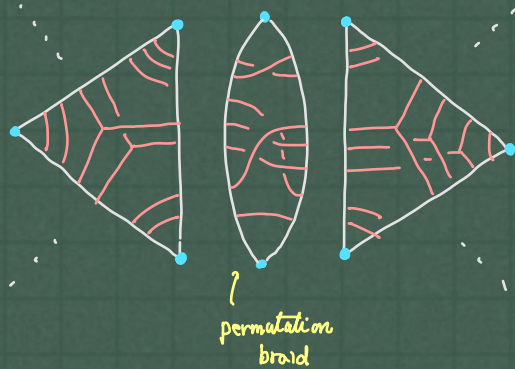
$$\therefore x = \text{a Laurent polynomial in } \mathcal{L}_{\Delta} \in \mathcal{U}_{S_q(\text{rel}, \Sigma)}$$

Thm (Ishibashi - Y.)

For an ideal triangulation Δ ,

"elevation preserving" sl_3 -webs w.r.t. Δ

have a positive Laurent expression in \mathcal{L}_Δ



e.g.



are elevation preserving

§ $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A}P_4$

① $\mathcal{A}P_4$ - webs

$$\begin{aligned} \text{X} &:= -[2] \text{X} + \text{X} \\ &= -[2] \text{X} + \text{X} \end{aligned}$$

② $\mathcal{A}P_4$ - skein rel.

- Kuperberg's skein rel.

$$\text{X} = v \text{X} + v^{-1} \text{X} - \frac{1}{[2]} \text{X}$$

$$\text{X} = v \text{X} + v^{-1} \text{X}$$

$$\text{X} = v^2 \text{X} + v^{-2} \text{X} + \text{X}$$

$$\text{X} = 0 \quad \text{X} = -[2] \quad \text{X} = 0$$

$$\text{X} = -\frac{[6][2]}{[3]} \quad \text{X} = \frac{[6][5]}{[3][2]}$$

- boundary skein rel.

[Ishibashi - Y. (in prep)]

$$v^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{X} = \text{X} = v^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{X}$$

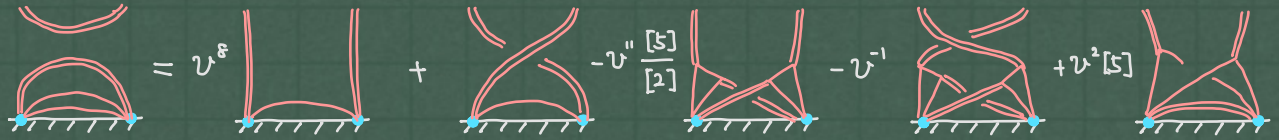
$$v^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{X} = \text{X} = v^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{X}$$

$$v^{-1} \text{X} = \text{X} = v \text{X}$$

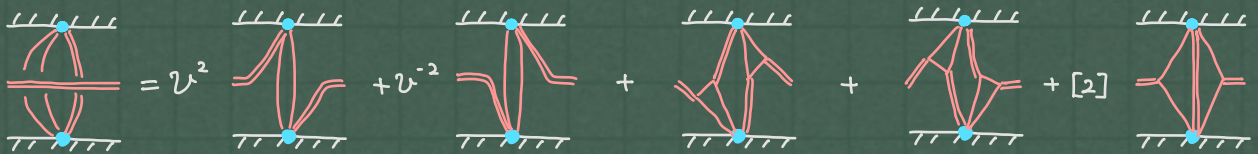
$$[2] \text{X} = \text{X}$$

$$\text{X} = \text{X}, \quad \text{X} = \text{X}$$

Lem (sticking trick) $\mathcal{S}_{\sigma_4, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{S_2(\sigma_4, \Sigma)}$



Lem (cutting trick) $\mathcal{S}_{\sigma_4, \Sigma}[\partial^{-1}] \xrightarrow{\text{pos. Lemma}} \mathcal{U}_{S_2(\sigma_4, \Sigma)}$



- the sticking/cutting tricks work in a similar way ...

[Ishibashi - Y. (in prep.)]