

2-Representations of affine type A Soergel bimodules: some observations and examples.

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- The **affine symmetric group** \widehat{S}_d is the Coxeter group of type \widehat{A}_{d-1} , generated by the simple transpositions s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{d-1} (**simple reflections**), subject to the relations

$$s_i^2 = e, \quad s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad \text{if } |i - j| > 1, \quad s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1},$$

where the indices have to be taken modulo d .

- The **(finite) symmetric group** $S_d \subset \widehat{S}_d$ is the subgroup generated by s_1, \dots, s_{d-1} (where the indices are no longer modulo d).

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where $S_d \subset \widehat{S}_d$ acts by permuting the x_i and fixing y , and s_0 fixes y and, furthermore, is determined by

$$s_0(x_d) := x_1 + y;$$

$$s_0(x_1) := x_d - y;$$

$$s_0(x_i) := x_i \quad (i \neq 1, n).$$

- This representation is also faithful.
- Modding out by $\langle y \rangle$ yields a non-faithful representation of \widehat{S}_d on V .

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The **affine Hecke algebra** \widehat{H}_d is the unital associative $\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ -algebra generated by t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{d-1} , subject to the relations

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- For $v = 1$, we get $t_i^2 = 1$ again.

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Theorem

As a $\mathbb{Z}[\nu, \nu^{-1}]$ -module, H is freely generated by the **standard basis**:

$$\{t_w \mid w \in W\}.$$

- H is a flat deformation of $\mathbb{Z}[W]$: $H|_{\nu=1} \cong \mathbb{Z}[W]$.

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The $h_{u,v,w}$ belong to $\mathbb{N}[v, v^{-1}]$. (**Positive integrality**)

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Evaluation representations

Definition

The *evaluation map* $\text{ev}: \widehat{H}_d \rightarrow H_d$ is the homomorphism of $\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$ -algebras determined by

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ev}(t_i) &:= t_i, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq d-1, \\ \text{ev}_a(t_0) &:= t_\rho t_1 t_\rho^{-1},\end{aligned}$$

where $\rho = s_{d-1} \cdots s_1$.

In terms of the Kazhdan–Lusztig generators, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ev}_a(b_i) &= b_i, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq d-1, \\ \text{ev}_a(b_0) &= t_\rho b_1 t_\rho^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Definition

The **evaluation representations** of \widehat{H}_d are the pull-backs of the irreducible representations of H_d through the evaluation map.

- By construction, evaluation representations are finite-dimensional and irreducible.

Lemma

Take $M_d := \text{span}\{m_1, \dots, m_{d-1}\}$ over $\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$.

- The following defines an H_d -action on M_d :

$$b_i m_j = \begin{cases} [2]m_i, & \text{if } j = i; \\ m_i, & \text{if } j = i \pm 1; \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

for $i, j = 1, \dots, d-1$. Here $[2] := v + v^{-1}$.

- $M_d^{\mathbb{C}(v)} := M_d \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]} \mathbb{C}(v)$ is irreducible.

Definition

Let M_d^{ev} be the evaluation representation of \widehat{H}_d obtained by pulling back M_d through $\text{ev}: \widehat{H}_d \rightarrow H_d$.

- In the next slides, we are going to show that M_d^{ev} can also be obtained as the irreducible quotient of a Graham-Lehrer cell module.

Definition (Graham-Lehrer cell module)

Let

$$\widehat{M}_d := \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]} \{m_i \mid i = 0, \dots, d-1\},$$

where the indices of the m_i have to be taken modulo d by convention, and define an action of \widehat{H}_d by

$$b_i m_j = \begin{cases} [2]m_i, & \text{if } j \equiv i \pmod{d}; \\ (-v)^d m_1, & \text{if } i-1 \equiv 0 \equiv j \pmod{d}; \\ (-v)^{-d} m_0, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \equiv j-1 \pmod{d}; \\ m_j, & \text{if } i \equiv j \pm 1 \pmod{d}, \text{ but none of the above;} \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma

\widehat{M}_d has a rank-one subrepresentation, generated by (recall $m_d := m_0$)

$$n_d := \sum_{k=1}^d (-q)^{-k} m_k,$$

and there is a natural isomorphism of \widehat{H}_d -representations

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{M}_d / \langle n_d \rangle &\xrightarrow{\cong} M_d^{\text{ev}} \\ m_i &\mapsto m_i \quad i = 1, \dots, d-1. \end{aligned}$$

(Affine) Soergel Bimodules

Definition

Define two polynomial algebras

$$R := \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d] \subset \widehat{R} := \mathbb{C}[y, x_1, \dots, x_d].$$

We define a \mathbb{Z} -grading on \widehat{R} (and R , of course) by

$$\deg(x_i) = \deg(y) = 2$$

and the \widehat{S}_d -action on \widehat{V} extends to an \widehat{S}_d -action on \widehat{R} by degree-preserving algebra-automorphisms, which restricts to an S_d -action on R , of course.

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and, for $i = 0$, we have

$$\widehat{R}^{s_0} = \mathbb{C}[y, x_1 + x_d, x_1(x_d - y), x_2, \dots, x_{d-1}].$$

Note that $(x_1 + y)x_d = x_1(x_d - y) + y(x_1 + x_d)$.

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For any $i = 0, \dots, d - 1$, there is a degree-preserving isomorphism of graded R^{s_i} -modules

$$R \cong R^{s_i} \oplus R^{s_i} \langle -2 \rangle.$$

Proof. The isomorphism is obtained by splitting any $f \in \widehat{R}$ into its s_i -symmetric part and its s_i -antisymmetric part. Concretely, for any $i = 1, \dots, d - 1$,

$$f = \frac{1}{2}(f + s_i(f)) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{f - s_i(f)}{x_i - x_{i+1}} \right) (x_i - x_{i+1}),$$

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- $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$ is **linear** and **additive** but **not abelian**, e.g. the kernel of

$$\widehat{B}_i\langle -1 \rangle = \widehat{R} \otimes_{\widehat{R}^{s_i}} \widehat{R} \xrightarrow{a \otimes b \mapsto ab} \widehat{R}$$

is isomorphic to \widehat{R} as a right \widehat{R} -module but the left \widehat{R} -action is twisted by s_i , so it does not belong to $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$.

Theorem (Soergel)

$\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$ is **Krull-Schmidt**. For every $w \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$, there is an **indecomposable** bimodule $\widehat{B}_w \in \widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$, **unique** up to degree-preserving isomorphism, such that

- (1) $\widehat{B}_w \subseteq^{\oplus} \widehat{BS}(\underline{w})$ with multiplicity one, for any rex \underline{w} of w ;
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- \mathcal{S}_d categorifies the Hecke algebra H_d , such that the indecomposables B_w correspond to the Kazhdan-Lusztig basis elements b_w , for $w \in \mathcal{S}_d$.

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with differential given by

$$1 \mapsto (x_i - x_{i+1}) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes (x_i - x_{i+1}).$$

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Theorem (M–Miemietz–Vaz)

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where $\rho = s_{d-1} \cdots s_1$.

- To prove this theorem, one needs to define $\mathcal{E}v$ on morphisms as well, which requires an extension of the usual **Soergel calculus** and 40 pages of diagrammatic calculations.

Evaluation Birepresentations

Linear additive birepresentations of linear additive monoidal categories

Definition

Let \mathcal{A} be a linear additive Krull-Schmidt monoidal category. A **linear additive birepresentation** \mathbf{M} of \mathcal{A} is a linear additive Krull-Schmidt category \mathcal{M} together with a linear monoidal functor

$$\mathbf{M}: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{END}(\mathcal{M}).$$

By definition, the **rank** of \mathbf{M} is equal to the rank of $[\mathcal{M}]_{\oplus}$, which is an linear representation of $[\mathcal{A}]_{\oplus}$.

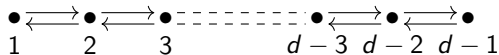
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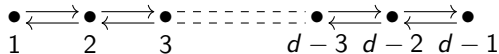
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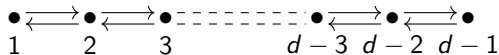


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we have $e_i A e_i \cong D = \mathbb{C}[x]/\langle x^2 \rangle$ (dual numbers).

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The Graham-Lehrer cell birepresentation of $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$

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The categorified projection

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There is a **linear** morphism of linear additive birepresentations of $\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_d$

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$$\widehat{A}e_0 \mapsto [Ae_{d-1}\langle 1 \rangle \rightarrow Ae_{d-2}\langle 2 \rangle \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Ae_1\langle d \rangle]$$

Moreover, Φ extends to a morphism of triangulated birepresentations

$$\widehat{\Phi}: K^b(\widehat{\mathbf{M}}_d) \rightarrow K^b(\mathbf{M}_d),$$

which is essentially surjective, faithful and **epimorphic** (*not full!*).

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