

On the volume conjecture for quantum $6j$ symbols

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Jones Polynomial

- ▶ Jones polynomial (1984)

$\leftarrow \mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$

$$t^{-1} V_{K_-}(t) - t V_{K_+}(t) = (t^{1/2} - t^{-1/2}) V_{K_0}$$



Cf. Alexander polynomial

$$\nabla_{K_+}(z) - \nabla_{K_-}(z) = z \nabla_{K_0}(z)$$

- ▶ HOMFLY-PT polynomial (1987)

$\leftarrow \mathcal{U}_q(sl_n)$

$$a^{-1} P_{K_-}(t) - a P_{K_+}(t) = (t^{1/2} - t^{-1/2}) P_{K_0}$$

- ▶ Kauffman polynomial (1987)

$\leftarrow \mathcal{U}_q(so_n), \mathcal{U}_q(sp_{2n})$

$$a^{-1} F_{|K_-|}(t) - a F_{|K_+|}(t) = (t^{1/2} - t^{-1/2}) (F_{|K_0|} - F_{|K_\infty|})$$

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Kashaev's conjecture

Let L be a knot and $K_N(L)$ be the quantum invariant introduced by Kashaev. Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log |K_N(L)| = \text{Vol}(S^3 \setminus L).$$



$$K_N(4_1) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |(q)_k|^2, \quad (q)_k = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 - q^j)$$

$$2.02988321\dots$$

$$K_N(5_2) = \sum_{k \leq l} \frac{q^{-k(l+1)/2} (q)_l^2}{(q^{-1})_k}$$

$$2.82812208\dots$$

$$K_N(6_1) = \sum_{k+l \leq m} \frac{q^{(m-k-l)(m-k+1)/2} |(q)_m|^2}{(q)_k (q^{-1})_l}$$

$$3.16396322\dots$$

$K_N(L)$ is equal to the colored Jones inv. $V_L^N(q)$ for N -dim. rep. of $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ at $q = \exp 2\pi\sqrt{-1}/N$. (H. Murakami-J.M.)^{6/22}

Generalizations of Kashaev's Conjecture

$$s_N = \exp(\pi\sqrt{-1}/N), \quad q_N = s_N^2.$$

Volume Conjecture. (H. Murakami-J.M.)

L : a knot

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log |V_L^N(q_N)| = \text{Vol}_{Gr}(S^3 \setminus L),$$

where Vol_{Gr} is Gromov's simplicial volume.

Complexified Volume Conjecture

(H.Murakami-J.M.-M.Okamoto-T.Takata-Y.Yokota)

L : hyperbolic knot

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log V_L^N(q_N) = \text{Vol}(S^3 \setminus L) + \sqrt{-1} \text{CS}(S^3 \setminus L).$$

Proof for the figure-eight knot (Ekholm)

K : figure-eight knot, $s_N = \exp(\pi\sqrt{-1}/N)$, $q_N = s_N^2$.

$$V_K^N(s_N) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^j (s_N^{N-k} - s_N^{-N+k})(s_N^{N+k} - s_N^{-N-k}) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^j 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi k}{N}.$$

Let $a_j = \prod_{k=1}^j 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi k}{N}$ and $a_{j_{\max}}$ be the max. term of a_j .

Since $a_{j_{\max}} \leq V_K^N(s_N) \leq N a_{j_{\max}}$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \log a_{j_{\max}}}{N} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \log V_K^N(s_N)}{N} \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \log(N a_{j_{\max}})}{N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \log(a_{j_{\max}})}{N}.$$

a_j is decreasing for small j 's, increasing for middle j 's and then decreasing for large j 's. It takes the maximal at $j = \frac{5N}{6}$. Since $a_0 = 1$, $a_{N-1} = N^2$, a_j is maximum at $j = \frac{5N}{6}$. Therefore

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi \log(a_{j_{\max}})}{N} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4\pi \sum_{k=1}^{5N/6} \log(2 \sin \pi k/N)}{N} =$$

$$4 \int_0^{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \log(2 \sin x) dx = -4 \Lambda \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} \right) = 2.02988321\dots$$

Volume potential function

► Dilogarithm function

Analytic continuation of

$$\text{Li}_2(x) = - \int_0^x \frac{\log(1-u)}{u} du = x + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{3^2} + \dots \quad (0 < x < 1).$$

It is a multi-valued function and its branches are

$$\text{li}_2(z) = \text{Li}_2(z) + 2k\pi\sqrt{-1}\log z + 4l\pi^2 \quad (k, l \in \mathbb{Z})$$

► Volume potential function $U(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

The function obtained by replacing $(q)_k$ in $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ -invariant by $\text{Li}_2(x)$ ($x = q_N^k$).

► Saddle points of the volume potential function

Points satisfying $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots$).

These equations correspond to the glueing equation of the tetrahedral decomposition (Yokota).

Hyperbolic volume from the saddle point

K : hyperbolic knot,

U : Volume potential function of $V_K^N(q_N)$ (colored Jones)

► Hyperbolic volume

For some $x_1^{(0)}, x_2^{(0)}, \dots$ satisfying $\exp\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}\right) = 1$,

$$U(x_1^{(0)}, x_2^{(0)}, \dots) - \sum_i \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} \right|_{x_1=x_1^{(0)}, \dots} \log x_i^{(0)}$$

is the hyperbolic volume of the complement of K (Yokota, J. Cho).

► Optimistic calculation (H. Murakami, arXiv:math/0005289)

M : 3-manifold , $\tau_N(M)$: Witten-Reshetikhin-Turaev invariant

Check that $\tau_N(M) \rightarrow$ hyperbolic volume of M for M obtained by surgery along the figure-eight knot.

► Optimistic conjecture

$U_q(sl_2)$ invariant \rightarrow hyperbolic volume

$$q_N \longrightarrow q_N^2$$

Attention!

- ▶ The $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ -invariant grows exponentially **only** for Kashaev's invariant and its deformation.
- ▶ For other $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ -invariants, they does not grow exponentially.

Renovation by **Q. Chen-T. Yang** arXiv:1503.02547

- ▶ Replace $q_N = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/N)$ by q_N^2 .
- ▶ Various $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ -invariants grow exponentially and the growth rates are given by the hyperbolic volume of the corresponding geometric objects.

Including:

WRT invariant, Turaev-Viro inv. for 3-mfds,
Kirillov-Reshetikhin invariant for knotted graphs

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Quantum 6j symbol

The quantum 6j symbol is introduced to express

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} V_m \hookrightarrow \\ V_l \otimes V_k \hookrightarrow \\ V_i \otimes V_j \otimes V_k \end{array} \right) = \sum_n \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} i & j & l \\ m & k & n \end{array} \right\}_q \left(\begin{array}{c} V_m \hookrightarrow \\ V_i \otimes V_n \hookrightarrow \\ V_i \otimes V_j \otimes V_k \end{array} \right)$$

for representations of $\mathcal{U}_q(sl_2)$ by **Kirillov-Reshetikhin**.

$$\{k\} = \{q^{1/2} - q^{-1/2}\}, \quad \{k\)! = \{k\} \{k-1\} \dots \{1\},$$

$$W_1(e) = \frac{\{c+1\}}{\{1\}}, \quad W_2(f) = \frac{\{\frac{c_1+c_2+c_3}{2} + 1\}!}{\{1\} \{\frac{-c_1+c_2+c_3}{2}\}! \{\frac{c_1-c_2+c_3}{2}\}! \{\frac{c_1+c_2-c_3}{2}\}!},$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{array} \right\}_q^{RW} = \frac{\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{array} \right\}_q}{\sqrt{W_1(c_5) W_1(c_6)}} = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{array} \right)}{\sqrt{W_2(1,2,5) W_2(1,3,6) W_2(2,4,6) W_2(3,4,5)}},$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{array} \right) = \sum_{k=\max(B_1, \dots, B_4)}^{\min(A_1, \dots, A_3)} \frac{(-1)^k \{k+1\}!}{\{1\} \{A_1 - k\}! \dots \{A_3 - k\}! \{k - B_1\}! \dots \{k - B_4\}!}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} 2A_1 &= c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4, & 2B_1 &= c_1 + c_2 + c_5, \\ 2A_2 &= c_1 + c_4 + c_5 + c_6, & 2B_2 &= c_1 + c_3 + c_6, \\ 2A_3 &= c_2 + c_3 + c_5 + c_6, & 2B_3 &= c_2 + c_4 + c_6, \\ && 2B_4 &= c_3 + c_4 + c_5. \end{aligned}$$

Here we assume c_1, \dots, c_6 are admissible, i.e. $A_i, B_j, A_i - B_j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. 13/22

Turaev-Viro invariant

State sum on a tetrahedral decomposition

Let $s_N = \exp\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{N}\right)$, $[k] = \frac{s_N^k - s_N^{-k}}{s_N - s_N^{-1}}$, $[k]! = [k][k-1]\cdots[1]$,
 $I_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N-2\}$.

► Turaev-Viro invariant

Let M be a closed 3-manifold and let Δ be a tetrahedral decomposition of M . Let T, F, E be the set of tetrahedrons, faces, edges of Δ . Then

$$\text{TV}_N(M) = \sum_{\substack{\varphi : E \rightarrow I_N \\ \text{admissible}}} \prod_{e \in E} W_1(e) \prod_{f \in F} W_2(f)^{-1} \prod_{t \in T} W_3(t).$$

$\text{TV} \rightarrow$ potential fun. \rightarrow saddle pt. \rightarrow hyp. volume

► Quantum 6j symbol

quantum 6j symbol \rightarrow potential function \rightarrow saddle point \rightarrow hyperbolic volume of tetrahedron

(J. M.-M. Yano)

Chen-Yang's invariant and $q \rightarrow q^2$

Let $s_N = \exp(\pi\sqrt{-1}/N)$ and $q_N = s_N^2$.

► Chen-Yang's invariant

Extend TV-invariant for 3-manifolds with boundary by using ideal tetrahedrons and truncated tetrahedrons.

Conjecture (Q.Chen-T.Yang, arXiv:1503.02547)

Let M be a 3-manifold, N be a positive odd integer, $CY_N(M)$ be Chen-Yang's invariant, $\tau_N(M)$ be the WRT invariant, and $TV_N(M)$ be the Turaev-Viro invariant of M . Then we have

1. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left(CY_N(M) \Big|_{s_N \rightarrow s_N^2} \right) = \text{Vol}(M) + \sqrt{-1} \text{CS}(M)$
2. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4\pi}{N} \log \left(\tau_N(M) \Big|_{s_N \rightarrow s_N^2} \right) = \text{Vol}(M) + \sqrt{-1} \text{CS}(M)$
3. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left(TV_N(M) \Big|_{s_N \rightarrow s_N^2} \right) = \text{Vol}(M),$
since 2. and the fact that $TV_N(M) = |\tau_N(M)|^2$.

Volume conjecture for the quantum 6j symbol

Conjecture

T : hyperbolic tetrahedron with dihedral angles $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6$,

N : positive odd integer,

$a_i^{(N)}$: admissible sequences with $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} a_i^{(N)} = \pi - \theta_i$,
 $(1 \leq i \leq 6)$

Then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left| \begin{Bmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{Bmatrix}_{q_N^2}^{RW} \right| = \text{Vol}(T).$$

Theorem

The above conjecture is true if all the vertices are truncated, i.e. the sum of the three dihedral angles sharing a vertex is less than π .

Proof

Use the same idea for the proof for figure-eight knot. If the terms of the sum are all positive, then only the maximum term contributes to the limit.

Recall

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{matrix} \right\}_q^{RW} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{W_2(c_1, c_2, c_5) W_2(c_1, c_3, c_6) W_2(c_2, c_4, c_6) W_2(c_3, c_4, c_5)}},$$

$$W_2(f) = \frac{\left\{ \frac{c_1+c_2+c_3}{2} + 1 \right\}!}{\{1\} \left\{ \frac{-c_1+c_2+c_3}{2} \right\}! \left\{ \frac{c_1-c_2+c_3}{2} \right\}! \left\{ \frac{c_1+c_2-c_3}{2} \right\}!},$$

$$\left(\begin{matrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{matrix} \right) = \sum_{k=\max(B_1, \dots, B_4)}^{\min(A_1, \dots, A_3)} \frac{(-1)^k \{k+1\}!}{\{1\} \{A_1 - k\}! \dots \{A_3 - k\}! \{k - B_1\}! \dots \{k - B_4\}!},$$

where

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Now apply the above idea to $\begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{pmatrix}.$

Proof (sign)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=\max(B_1, \dots, B_4)}^{\min(A_1, \dots, A_3)} \alpha_k$$

where

$$\alpha_k = \frac{(-1)^k \{k+1\}!}{\{1\} \{A_1 - k\}! \dots \{A_3 - k\}! \{k - B_1\}! \dots \{k - B_4\}!},$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2A_1 &= a_1^{(N)} + a_2^{(N)} + a_3^{(N)} + a_4^{(N)}, & 2B_1 &= a_1^{(N)} + a_2^{(N)} + a_5^{(N)}, \\ 2A_2 &= a_1^{(N)} + a_4^{(N)} + a_5^{(N)} + a_6^{(N)}, & 2B_2 &= a_1^{(N)} + a_3^{(N)} + a_6^{(N)}, \\ 2A_3 &= a_2^{(N)} + a_3^{(N)} + a_5^{(N)} + a_6^{(N)}, & 2B_3 &= a_2^{(N)} + a_4^{(N)} + a_6^{(N)}, \\ && 2B_4 &= a_3^{(N)} + a_4^{(N)} + a_5^{(N)}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that

$$s_N = \exp \frac{\pi \sqrt{-1}}{N}, \quad \{j\} = s_N^{2j} - s_N^{-2j} = 2\sqrt{-1} \sin \frac{2j\pi}{N}, \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{Im}\{j\} > 0 & \text{if } 0 < j < \frac{N}{2}, \\ \operatorname{Im}\{j\} < 0 & \text{if } \frac{N}{2} < j < N. \end{cases}$$

Since $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} a_i^{(N)} = \pi - \theta_i$ and $\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_5 \leq \pi, \dots$, we have $B_i > N/2$, $A_i < N$ and the terms of the denominator of α_k are all positive. Hence the range of k is contained in $N/2 < k < N$ and

$$\operatorname{sign} \frac{\{k+1\}!}{\sqrt{-1}^{k+1}} = (-1)^{(N+1)/2}.$$

Proof ($\alpha_{k_{\max}}$)

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=\max(B_1, \dots, B_4)}^{\min(A_1, \dots, A_3)} \alpha_k$$

where

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$$\{j\} = s_N^{2j} - s_N^{-2j} = 2\sqrt{-1} \sin \frac{2j\pi}{N}, \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{Im} \{j\} > 0 & \text{if } 0 < j < \frac{N}{2}, \\ \operatorname{Im} \{j\} < 0 & \text{if } \frac{N}{2} < j < N. \end{cases}$$

The terms of the denominator of α_k are all positive. Hence the range of k is contained in $N/2 < k < N$ and

$$\operatorname{sign} \frac{\{k+1\}!}{\sqrt{-1}^{k+1}} = (-1)^{(N+1)/2}, \quad \operatorname{sign} \alpha_k = (-1)^{(N+1)/2}.$$

Therefore

$$|\alpha_{k_{\max}}| \leq \left| \sum_k \alpha_k \right| \leq N |\alpha_{k_{\max}}|,$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left| \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{pmatrix} \right| = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log |\alpha_{k_{\max}}|.$$

Proof (k_{\max})

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=\max(B_1, \dots, B_4)}^{\min(A_1, \dots, A_3)} \alpha_k$$

where

$$\alpha_k = \frac{(-1)^k \{k+1\}!}{\{1\} \{A_1 - k\}! \dots \{A_3 - k\}! \{k - B_1\}! \dots \{k - B_4\}!},$$

$$\{j\} = s_N^{2j} - s_N^{-2j} = 2\sqrt{-1} \sin \frac{2j\pi}{N}, \quad \begin{cases} \operatorname{Im} \{j\} > 0 & \text{if } 0 < j < \frac{N}{2}, \\ \operatorname{Im} \{j\} < 0 & \text{if } \frac{N}{2} < j < N. \end{cases}$$

The ratio

$$\frac{\alpha_{k+1}}{\alpha_k} = - \frac{\{k+2\} \{A_1 - k\} \dots \{A_3 - k\}}{\{k+1 - B_1\} \dots \{k+1 - B_4\}}$$

is positive and bigger than 1 if k is small and less than 1 if k is big, and is monotonically decreasing between $\max(B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4)$ and $\min(A_1, A_2, A_3)$. Hence α_k has a maximum value at k_{\max} which satisfies $\frac{\alpha_{k_{\max}+1}}{\alpha_{k_{\max}}} \doteq 1$ and so

$$-\frac{\{k_{\max} + 2\} \{A_1 - k_{\max}\} \dots \{A_3 - k_{\max}\}}{\{k_{\max} + 1 - B_1\} \dots \{k_{\max} + 1 - B_4\}} \doteq 1.$$

Proof (hyperbolic volume)

Now consider about

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log \left| \begin{Bmatrix} a_1^{(N)} & a_2^{(N)} & a_5^{(N)} \\ a_4^{(N)} & a_3^{(N)} & a_6^{(N)} \end{Bmatrix}_{q_N^2}^{RW} \right|$$

where

$$\begin{Bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{Bmatrix}_{q_N^2}^{RW} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_5 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_6 \end{pmatrix}}{\sqrt{W_2(c_1, c_2, c_5) W_2(c_1, c_3, c_6) W_2(c_2, c_4, c_6) W_2(c_3, c_4, c_5)}},$$

$$W_2(f) = \frac{\{\frac{c_1+c_2+c_3}{2}+1\}!}{\{1\}\{\frac{-c_1+c_2+c_3}{2}\}!\{\frac{c_1-c_2+c_3}{2}\}!\{\frac{c_1+c_2-c_3}{2}\}!}.$$

By using sectional mensuration, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \log |\{k\}|! &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{j=1}^k \log \left| 2 \sin \frac{2\pi j}{N} \right| = \\ &\int_0^x |2 \sin t| dt = \Lambda(x) = \text{Im Li}_2(e^{2\sqrt{-1}x}), \end{aligned}$$

where $x = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$. So, replace $\{k\}!$ by Li_2 , then we get the volume formula for a truncated tetrahedron given by

A. Ushijima, A volume formula for generalised hyperbolic tetrahedra.

Non-Euclidean geometries, 249–265, Math. Appl. (N. Y.), **581**, Springer, New York, 2006.

A generalizations

► **Compact tetrahedron**

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