

Categorification of $\mathbb{Z}[S_n]$

What are we categorifying?

We want to categorify the regular representation of $\mathbb{Z}[S_n]$.

So, a categorification of $(\mathbb{Z}[S_n], \alpha, \mathbb{Z}[S_n])$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{K}[B] & \xrightarrow{[Fi]} & \mathcal{K}(B) \\
 \downarrow \varphi & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} & \mathcal{B}^{(M)}[S_n]
 \end{array}
 \quad + \quad \sum_i F_i \mathcal{K}_j = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{K}_i^{c_{ij}}$$

Where?

We take our category \mathcal{B} to be a block of the category \mathcal{O} of $\mathfrak{sl}_n = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}^-$ with $\mathfrak{h}^+ = \mathfrak{n}^+ \oplus \mathfrak{h}$ the Borel algebra, \mathfrak{n}^+ = strict upper triangular matrices, \mathfrak{n}^- = strict lower triangular matrices.

\mathfrak{h} = Cartan subalgebra
 \hookrightarrow standard diagonal matrices

For a weight $\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^*$, we have a vector v_λ of the weight space. The category \mathcal{O} is spanned by Verma modules

$$M(\lambda) = U(\mathfrak{sl}_n) \otimes_{U(\mathfrak{h})} \mathbb{C} v_\lambda$$

in the sense that any $M \in \mathcal{O}$ has a filtration of $\hookrightarrow M_1 \hookrightarrow M_2 \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow M_n = M$ with $M_i/M_{i-1} \cong M(\lambda)$

Furthermore, we saw that O has enough projectives so we note:

$L(\lambda)$ the simple quotient of $M(\lambda)$ and $P(\lambda)$ its principal module.

$$P(\lambda) \longrightarrow M(\lambda) \longrightarrow L(\lambda) \longrightarrow 0.$$

All simple modules of M are isomorphic to one of $L(\lambda)$. Furthermore,

$$\text{Hom}(P(\lambda), L(\mu)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \lambda = \mu \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

The dot action and central characters

Note $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha > 0} \alpha$, the half-sum of positive roots.

The dot action \cdot of S_n is

$$w \cdot \lambda = w(\lambda + \rho) - \rho.$$

We denote orbits of the dot action by $\check{\lambda} / S_n$.

Consider $Z(\check{\lambda} / S_n)$ the center of $U(\check{\lambda} / S_n)$.

On $M(\lambda)$ for $z \in Z(\check{\lambda} / S_n)$ and $h \in \check{\mathfrak{h}}$ with maximal vector v^+

$$h \cdot z \cdot v^+ = z \cdot h \cdot v^+ = z \cdot \chi(h) v^+ = \chi(h) z \cdot v^+$$

the $z \cdot v^+ = \sum_{z \in Z(\check{\lambda} / S_n)} \chi_\lambda(z) v^+$ become the weight space M_λ has dimension 1.

$\chi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with kernel a maximal ideal of $Z(\mathfrak{g})$
 is the central character of χ :

We saw that blocks of \mathcal{O} divided with the central character because $\chi_\lambda = \chi_\mu$ if λ and μ have the same orbit under the dot action and that then

$$\mathcal{O} = \bigoplus_{\nu \in \mathfrak{h}^+ / S_n} \mathcal{O}_\nu$$

All the blocks do not communicate $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^i(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}') = 0$
 $\forall i, \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{O}_\nu, \mathcal{U}' \in \mathcal{O}_{\nu'}$
 ν and ν' not in same orbit.

$\mathcal{O}_\nu: \mathfrak{h}$ compatible with \mathfrak{q}_ν
 $[U, L(\lambda)] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda \text{ not in } \mathcal{O}_\nu \end{cases}$

Regular blocks

An \bullet -orbit ν is generic if $w \cdot \lambda - 1$ is non integral $w \neq 1$.
 \mathcal{O}_ν is then simply $n!$ \mathbb{C} -vect. spaces.

An orbit is integral if $\nu \in \mathfrak{h}^+$, subset of the positive weight lattice of \mathfrak{h}^+ .

$$\text{Stab}(x) = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x\}$$

\mathcal{O}_ν is then indecomposable.

Prop $\mathcal{O}_\nu \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\nu'}$ as categories if

$$\text{stab } \lambda = \text{stab } \lambda'$$

If $\text{stab } \nu = \emptyset$ then \mathcal{O}_ν is called regular block
 All regular blocks are equivalent

The block \mathcal{O}_0 containing the trivial module $L(0)$ of S_n . Under the (shifted) action, it has $n!$ simple modules $L(w), L(w \circ \sigma)$.

So $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{O}_0)$ is a vector space of rank $n!$.

We have two more basis of $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{O}_0)$, the Verma module $M(w)$ and $P(w)$.

Projective functors

Translations functors that we saw last week make possible the switch between blocks.

Translations through the i -th wall are functors

$$\mathcal{O}_i = \mathcal{O}_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_0 \quad \text{given by}$$

$\mathcal{O}_i: M(\lambda) \hookrightarrow P(\lambda_i)$. So $\mathcal{O}_i(w) = P(w \cdot s_i)$ are a generating set of projective endofunctors.

Because $P(w) \hookrightarrow M(w) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$.

We have that \mathcal{O}_i acts on the Grothendieck group

$$[\mathcal{O}_i][M(w)] = [\mathcal{O}_i(M(w))] = [P(w \cdot s_i)]$$

$$\text{Check for } \mathcal{O}_i M(\epsilon) = [P(s_i)] = M(w) + M(w \cdot s_i)$$

$$0 \rightarrow M(\epsilon) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{O}_i} P(s_i) \rightarrow M(s_i) \rightarrow 0$$

So we have an unique isomorphism.

$$P: \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{O}_0) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{S}_n]$$

$$[M(w)] \longmapsto w.$$

Put $C_w := \psi(P(w))$. $C_w, w \in W$ is a basis of $\mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{S}_n]$.

For \mathcal{O}_i is thus linked through ψ to $1 + s_i$.

indeed we have.

$$\mathcal{O}_i^2 \simeq \mathcal{O}_i \oplus \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$\mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_j \simeq \mathcal{O}_j \mathcal{O}_i \quad |i-j| > 1$$

$$\mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \mathcal{O}_i \oplus \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_i] [M(w)] &= [\mathcal{O}_i] [M(w) + M(w s_i)] \\ &= [M(w) + M(w s_i) + M(w s_i) + M(w s_i s_i)] \\ &= M(w) + M(w s_i) + M(w) + M(w s_i) \\ &= \mathcal{O}_i \oplus \mathcal{O}_i (M(w)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } |i-j| \geq 1 \quad [\mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_j] (M(w)) = \mathcal{O}_i M(w) + \mathcal{O}_i M(w s_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \mathcal{O}_i M(w) + M(w s_i) + M(w s_j) + M(w s_i s_j) \\ &\simeq \mathcal{O}_j \mathcal{O}_i M(w). \end{aligned} \quad = \sum_{i=1}^n |j-i|$$

and similarly for the last term

$$\mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \mathcal{O}_i \simeq \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_i$$

$$\mathcal{O}_j \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{i+1}$$

We thus have the first part of a categorification.

the $C_w := \varphi(\sqrt{2}(w))$ are a basis:

$$C_w C_{w'} = \sum_{w''} c_{ww''}^{w'} C_{w''} \quad c_{ww''}^{w'} \in \mathbb{Z}_{70}.$$

This comes from the decomposition of

$$\mathcal{O}_w = \bigoplus_{i_1} \mathcal{O}_{i_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{O}_{i_r} \quad w = i_1 \dots i_r$$

so it should work

then composite projective functors will decompose as a direct sum of $[\mathcal{O}_w]$ and

$$\mathcal{O}_w \mathcal{O}_{w'} = \bigoplus_{w''} \mathcal{O}_{w''} \quad c_{ww''}^{w'} \in \mathbb{Z}_{70}.$$

We then have a weak abelian categorification