2-representation theory of Soergel bimodules

Or: Mind your groups

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Applications of 2-representations.

Representation theory (classical and modular), link homology, combinatorics

TQFTs, quantum physics, geometry.



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Frobenius ~1895++, Burnside ~1900++, Noether ~1928++. Representation theory is the \bigodot study of algebra actions

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with V being some vector space. (Called modules or representations.)

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Empirical fact. Most of the fun happens already for monoidal categories (one-object 2-categories); I will stick to this case for the rest of the talk, but what I am going to explain works for 2-categories.

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- ► It has finite-dimensional hom-spaces.
- ▶ Its Grothendieck group $[\mathcal{V}] = [\mathcal{V}]_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}$ is finite-dimensional.

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A finitary 2-representation of \mathscr{C} :

- A choice of a finitary category \mathcal{V} .
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Example.

Simple algebra objects in $\mathscr{V}ec$ are simple algebras. Example to Morita–Takeuchi equivalence these are just \mathbb{C} ; and $Mod_{\mathscr{V}ec}(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathcal{V}ec$. The above theorem is a vast generalization of this.

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- Let $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{R}ep(G)$ (G a finite group).
- ▶ \mathscr{C} is monoidal and finitary (and fiat). For any $M, N \in \mathscr{C}$, we have $M \otimes N \in \mathscr{C}$:

$$g(m \otimes n) = gm \otimes gn$$

for all $g \in G, m \in M, n \in N$. There is a trivial representation 1.

▶ The regular 2-representation $\mathcal{M}: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{E}nd(\mathscr{C})$:



- \blacktriangleright The decategorification is a $\mathbb N$ -representation, the regular representation.
- The associated algebra object is $A_{\mathscr{M}} = \mathbb{1} \in \mathscr{C}$.

- Let $K \subset G$ be a subgroup.
- ▶ $\mathcal{R}ep(K)$ is a 2-representation of $\mathscr{R}ep(G)$, with action

 $\mathcal{R}es^{G}_{K} \otimes _: \mathscr{R}ep(G) \to \mathscr{E}nd(\mathcal{R}ep(K))$

which is indeed a 2-action because $\mathcal{R}es^{\mathcal{G}}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is a \otimes -functor.

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Let ψ ∈ H²(K, C^{*}). Let V(K, ψ) be the category of projective K-modules with Schur multiplier ψ, *i.e.* vector spaces V with ρ: K → End(V) such that

 $\rho(g)\rho(h) = \psi(g,h)\rho(gh), \text{ for all } g,h \in K.$

• Note that
$$\mathcal{V}(K,1) = \mathcal{R}ep(K)$$
 and

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▶ $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{K}, \psi)$ is also a 2-representation of $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{R} ep(\mathcal{G})$:

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Theorem (folklore?).

Completeness. All 2-simples of $\Re ep(G)$ are of the form $\mathcal{V}(K, \psi)$.

Non-redundancy. We have $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{K},\psi) \cong \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{K}',\psi')$

the subgroups are conjugate or $\psi' = \psi^g$, where $\psi^g(k, l) = \psi(gkg^{-1}, glg^{-1})$.

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Clifford, Munn, Ponizovskiĩ, Green \sim **1942**++. Write $X \leq_L Y$ if Y is a direct summand of ZX for $Z \in \mathscr{C}$, *i.e.* $Y \subset_{\oplus} ZX$. $X \sim_L Y$ if

 $X \leq_L Y$ and $Y \leq_L X$. \sim_L partitions \mathscr{C} into left cells \mathcal{L} . Similarly for right \mathcal{R} , two-sided cells \mathcal{J} or 2-modules.

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As a free \mathbb{Z} -module:

$$A_0(W) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{J}} \mathbb{Z}\{a_w \mid w \in \mathcal{J}\}. \text{ vs. } H_v(W) = \mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]\{c_w \mid w \in W\}.$$

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	The multiplication tables (empty entries are 0 and $[2] = 1 + v^2$) in 1:												
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Theorem (Soergel–Elias–Williamson ~1990,2012).

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- ▶ (4) \mathscr{C} categorifies H with $[C_w] = c_w$.

Examples in type A_1 ; polynomial ring.

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Examples in type A_1 ; coinvariant algebra.

 $C_1 = \mathbb{C}[x]/x^2$ and $C_s = \mathbb{C}[x]/x^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}[x]/x^2$. (Positively graded, but non-semisimple.)

 $A_1 = \mathbb{C}$ and $A_s = \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{C}$. (Degree zero part.)

Theorem (June 2019 on arXiv).

For any finite Coxeter group W and any $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{J}$ of W, there is an injection

 $\Theta \colon \big(\left\{\text{2-simples of }\mathscr{A}_{\mathcal{H}}\right\} / \cong \big) \hookrightarrow \big(\left\{\text{graded 2-simples of }\mathscr{S} \text{ with apex } \mathcal{J}\right\} / \cong \big)$

- We conjecture Θ to be a bijection.
- We have proved the conjecture for all \mathcal{H} which contain the longest element of a parabolic subgroup of W.
- ▶ If true, the conjecture implies that there are finitely many equivalence classes of 2-simples of *S*.
- \blacktriangleright For almost all *W*, we would get a complete classification of the 2-simples.

2-representation theory in a nutshell



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There is still much to do...

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Figure: The Coster graphs of finite type. Providence processing and an experimental processing of the second secon

Examples

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Cute facts

 $G = S_1$, S_4 and S_6 , their subgroups (up to conjugacy), Schur multipliers and ranks of their 2-simples.



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Example: Hecke algebras as non-semisimple fusion rings (Lusztig ~1984).



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Algebra object 1. $A_1 = 1$:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c|c} \mu & \parallel & \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ \hline \mathbb{1} & \parallel & \mathbb{1} \end{array}$$

Two modules $M_1 = \mathbb{1}$ and $M_2 = -\mathbb{1}$, so $\mathcal{M}od_{\mathscr{R}ep(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})}(\mathbb{1}) \cong \mathscr{R}ep(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$.

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Both are 2-representation of $\mathscr{R}ep(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ since *e.g.*

$$-1 \otimes (1 \oplus -1) \cong -1 \oplus 1 \cong 1 \oplus -1.$$

 $G = S_3$, S_4 and S_5 , their subgroups (up to conjugacy), Schur multipliers and ranks of their 2-simples.

$\Re \exp(S_3)$								$\mathfrak{stop}(S_4)$									
		κ	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z} \mid \mathbb{Z}/3$	$\mathbb{SZ} \mid S_3$	к	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$	² S ₃	D_4	A4	<i>S</i> ₄	
		#	1	1	1	1	#	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
		H^2	1	1	1	1	H^2	1	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	
		rk	1	2	3	3	rk	1	2	3	4	4, 1	3	5,2	4,3	5,3	
	$[\pi_{ep}(S_{5})]$																
к	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	\mathbb{Z}	/3ℤ	$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$	$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$	$\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$	S_3	$\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$	D_4	D_5	A4	D_6	GA(1,5) S ₄	A_5	S ₅
#	1	2		1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
H^2	1	1		1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	1	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	1	$\mathbb{Z}/2$	\mathbb{Z} $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$	$\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
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Example. \mathbb{N} , $\operatorname{Aut}(\{1, 2, 3\}) = S_3 \subset T_3 = \operatorname{End}(\{1, 2, 3\})$, groups, groupoids, categories, any \cdot closed subsets of matrices, "anything you will ever meet", *etc.*

The cell orders and equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} x \leq_L y \Leftrightarrow \exists z \colon zx = y, \quad x \sim_L y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_L y) \land (y \leq_L x), \\ x \leq_R y \Leftrightarrow \exists z' \colon xz' = y, \quad x \sim_R y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_R y) \land (y \leq_R x), \\ x \leq_{LR} y \Leftrightarrow \exists z, z' \colon zxz' = y, \quad x \sim_{LR} y \Leftrightarrow (x \leq_{LR} y) \land (y \leq_{LR} x). \end{aligned}$$

Left, right and two-sided cells: Equivalence classes.

Example (group-like). The unit 1 is always in the lowest cell -e.g. $1 \le_L y$ because we can take z = y. Invertible elements g are always in the lowest cell -e.g. $g \le_L y$ because we can take $z = yg^{-1}$.

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Example (the transformation semigroup T_3). Cells - left \mathcal{L} (columns), right \mathcal{R} (rows), two-sided \mathcal{J} (big rectangles), $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{R}$ (small rectangles).

\mathcal{J}_{lowest}	(123), (213), (132) (231), (312), (321)	2)	$\mathcal{H}\cong S_3$
\mathcal{J}_{middle}	(122), (221) (121), (212) (221), (112)	(133), (331) (313), (131) (113), (311)	(233), (322) (323), (232) (223), (332)	$\mathcal{H}\cong S_2$
$\mathcal{J}_{biggest}$	(111	.) (222) (333)	$\mathcal{H}\cong \mathcal{S}_1$

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Figure: The first ever "published" braid diagram. (Page 283 from Gauß' handwritten notes, volume seven, \leq 1830).

Tits \sim **1961**++**.** Gauß' braid group is the type *A* case of more general groups.



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Idea (Coxeter ~1934++).





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Type $A_3 \leftrightarrow \text{tetra}$ fact. The symmetries are given by exchanging flags. Type $B_3 \leftrightarrow \text{cube}/\text{octanedron} \leftrightarrow \text{very group} (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times 3$. Type $H_3 \leftrightarrow \text{dodecahedron/icosahedron} \leftrightarrow \text{exceptional Coxeter group}$. For I_8 we have a 4-gon:







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$$W = \langle s, t \mid s^2 = t^2 = 1, tsts = stst \rangle.$$

$$W = \{1, s, t, st, ts, sts, tst, w_0\}$$

$$H(W) = \mathbb{C}(v) \langle H_s, H_t \mid H_s^2 = (v^{-1} - v)H_s + 1, H_t^2 = (v^{-1} - v)H_t + 1, H_tH_sH_tH_s = H_sH_tH_sH_t \rangle$$

KL basis:

$$c_1 = 1, c_s = vH_s + v^2, c_t = vH_t + v^2, etc.$$

 $c_s^2 = (1 + v^2)c_s$. (Quasi-idempotent, but "positively graded".)


Example (SAGE). The Weyl group of type B_6 . Number of elements: 46080. Number of cells: 26, named 0 (lowest) to 25 (biggest).

Cell order:



Size of the cells and *a*-value:

cell	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
size	1	62	342	576	650	3150	350	1600	2432	3402	900	2025	14500	600	2025	900	3402	2432	1600	350	576	3150	650	342	62	1
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Graph:

$$1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6$$

Elements (shorthand $s_i = i$):



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Bigger friends.

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Killed in the limit $v \rightarrow 0$.

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 $a_d a_d = a_d$

Looks much simpler.

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	type		A		B = C	D	E ₆
WO	vorst case $A_0^{\mathcal{H}} \leadsto \mathscr{R} \operatorname{ep}(1)$				$\nleftrightarrow \mathscr{R}\mathrm{ep}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}^d)$	$A_0^{\mathcal{H}} \iff \mathscr{R} \operatorname{ep}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$	$\mathbf{A}^d) \mathbf{A}^{\mathcal{H}}_0 \leftrightsquigarrow \mathscr{R}\mathrm{ep}(S_3)$
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	type		E ₇		E ₈	F ₄	G ₂
	worst case		$\mathrm{A}_0^{\mathcal{H}} \leadsto \mathscr{R} \mathrm{ep}$	(<i>S</i> ₃)	$\mathrm{A}_0^{\mathcal{H}} \leadsto \mathscr{R}\mathrm{ep}(S_5)$	$A_0^{\mathcal{H}} \iff \mathscr{R} \operatorname{ep}(S_4)$	$\mathrm{A}_0^{\mathcal{H}} \leadsto \mathscr{SO}(3)_6$

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