

THE COLORED JONES POLYNOMIAL AND THE A-POLYNOMIAL FOR TWIST KNOTS

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ABSTRACT. We show that for a twist knot, the A-polynomial can be obtained from recurrences for the summand in Masbaum's formula of the colored Jones polynomial. Our result supports the *AJ conjecture* due to S.Garoufalidis.

1. INTRODUCTION

The colored Jones polynomial is a one variable polynomial invariant of a knot colored with irreducible finite dimensional representation of $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ [14]. The original Jones polynomial [6] corresponds to the colored Jones polynomial of a knot colored with the irreducible 2-dimensional representation. On the other hand, in [1], D.Cooper, M.Culler, H.Gillet, D.D.Long, and P.R.Shalen introduced a two variable polynomial invariant $A_K(l, m)$ of a knot K , called the *A-polynomial*, by using the representations of the fundamental group of the complement of the knot into $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$. In this paper, we prove that for a twist knot, the *A-polynomial* can be obtained from the colored Jones polynomial.

Recently, C.Frohman, R.Gelca, W.Lofaro [2] introduced the peripheral ideal of a knot, and the noncommutative *A-ideal* of a knot as a generalization of the *A-polynomial*, via Kauffman bracket skein theory. A nontrivial element in the peripheral ideal of a knot induces a recursive relation of the Kauffman bracket polynomial of the knot, which essentially equals to the colored Jones polynomial of the knot. It is not yet proved that for a knot except for the $(2, 2p+1)$ -torus knot and the figure eight knot, the peripheral ideal is nontrivial.

Afterwards, in [4], S.Garoufalidis and T.T.Q.Le proved that the colored Jones polynomial of a knot satisfies a nontrivial recursive relation. Moreover, in [3], Garoufalidis defined the recursion ideal, which is identified with the set of recursive relations of the colored Jones polynomial, and defined the noncommutative *A-polynomial* $A_q(K)$ of a knot K called *A_q-polynomial*, as a generator of the ideal. Let us denote by $J_K(n)$ the n -colored Jones polynomial associated with irreducible n -dimensional representation of $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$. We consider two operators E and Q acting on $J_K(n)$ by $EJ_K(n) = J_K(n+1)$ and $QJ_K(n) = q^n J_K(n)$. The element $A_q(K)$ is of the form $A_q(K)(E, Q) = \sum_k a_k E^k$ with a_k in $\mathbb{Z}[q, Q]$. Then, Garoufalidis conjectured

Conjecture 1.1 (*The AJ conjecture*). *For every knot K in S^3 , $A_K(l, m) = \varepsilon A_q(K)(l, m^2)$, where ε is the evaluation map at $q = 1$.*

Furthermore, he showed that the conjecture holds for the trefoil knot and the figure eight knot, by using the mathematica package `qZeil.m` developed by Paul and Riese [12] [11], to find a recursive relation of the colored Jones polynomial.

We focus on twist knots, for which we have the formula of the colored Jones polynomial obtained by G.Masbaum in [8] and the formula of the *A-polynomial* obtained by J.Hoste and P.D.Shanahan in [5]. The purpose of this paper is to prove that for a twist knot, the *A-polynomial* can be obtained from recursive relations of the summand in Masbaum's formula of the colored Jones polynomial. Our result supports the *AJ conjecture* for a twist knot.

Moreover, using the mathematica package `qMultisum.m` developed by Reise [13], we observe that the A -polynomial for the knots 5_2 and 6_1 can be obtained from a recursive relation of the colored Jones polynomial. We will also discuss a relation between our result and ‘Volume conjecture’ due to R.M.Kashaev, H. Murakami and J. Murakami ([7],[10]).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall Masbaum’s formula of the colored Jones polynomial for a twist knot and state Main theorem (Theorem 2.2). In Section 3, we prove Theorem 2.2. In Section 4, we relate our result to the AJ conjecture and give a result about recursive relations of the Jones polynomials for the knots 5_2 and 6_1 .

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2. MAIN THEOREM

We start with the review of the definition of the A -polynomial of a knot K in S^3 (see [1]). Let M_K be the complement of K and $R(M_K)$ the set of all representations of $\pi_1(M_K)$ into $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$. The set $R(M_K)$ is an affine algebraic variety. Noting that $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ acts on representations by conjugation, we restrict our attention to the subset R_U of $R(M_K)$ consisting of a representation ρ satisfying that $\rho(\mu)$ and $\rho(\lambda)$ are upper triangular matrices for the meridian μ and the preferred longitude λ of K . We can define a projection ξ from R_U to \mathbb{C}^2 by $\xi(\rho) = (l, m)$ for $\rho \in R(M_K)$ with

$$\rho(\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} m & * \\ 0 & m^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \rho(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} l & * \\ 0 & l^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The Zariski closure of $\xi(R_U)$ has a structure of an algebraic variety in \mathbb{C}^2 and each of its irreducible complex-dimension-one components is a curve, which is defined by a polynomial with integer coefficients in l and m . The A -polynomial is the product of those defining polynomials. We note that the A -polynomial of K has a factor $l - 1$, which corresponds to abelian representations. So, we denote by $A_K(l, m)$ the A -polynomial divided by $l - 1$.

Nextly, we recall Masbaum’s formula of the colored Jones polynomial for a twist knot. Some notations are fixed.

$$\begin{aligned} \{n\} &= s^n - s^{-n}, \quad s^2 = q, \\ \{n\}! &= \{n\}\{n-1\} \cdots \{1\}, \quad (q)_n = (1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^n). \end{aligned}$$

Let $J_K(n)$ be the colored Jones polynomial of a 0-framing knot K colored with the n -dimensional irreducible representation of $sl_2(\mathbb{C})$, where $J_K(n)$ is normalized by $J_{\bigcirc}(n) = 1$ for the trivial knot \bigcirc . ($J'_K(n)$ in [8] is equal to $J_K(n)$ in this paper.)

Let K_p be the twist knot drawn in figure 1. In [8], Masbaum obtained the following formula for the colored Jones polynomial of the twist knot K_p .

Theorem 2.1. [8] *The colored Jones polynomial of the twist knot K_p is given by*

$$(1) \quad J_{K_p}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{C}_{K_p}(k) \frac{\{n-k\}\{n-k+1\} \cdots \{n+k\}}{\{n\}},$$

where

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{C}_{K_p}(k) = (-1)^{k+1} s^{k(k+3)/2} \sum_{l=0}^k (-1)^l q^{l(l+1)p} \{2l+1\} \frac{\{k\}!}{\{k+l+1\}!\{k-l\}!}.$$

We make use of the rearranged Masbaum's formula ([4])

$$J_{K_p}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k (-1)^{k+1} q^{k(k+3)/2} q^{nk} \frac{(q^{-1})_{n+k} (q^{-1})_{n-1}}{(q^{-1})_n (q^{-1})_{n-k-1}} \\ \times (-1)^l q^{l(l+1)p+l(l-1)/2} (q^{2l+1} - 1) \frac{(q)_k}{(q)_{k+l+1} (q)_{k-l}}.$$

Let us put

$$F(n, k, l) \\ = (-1)^{k+1} q^{k(k+3)/2} q^{nk} \frac{(q^{-1})_{n+k} (q^{-1})_{n-1}}{(q^{-1})_n (q^{-1})_{n-k-1}} (-1)^l q^{l(l+1)p+l(l-1)/2} (q^{2l+1} - 1) \frac{(q)_k}{(q)_{k+l+1} (q)_{k-l}}.$$

Then, it easily follows that

$$(3) \quad f_0(q, q^n, q^k, q^l) := \frac{F(n+1, k, l)}{F(n, k, l)} = q^k \frac{(1 - q^{-n-k-1})(1 - q^{-n})}{(1 - q^{-n-1})(1 - q^{-n+k})}, \\ (4) \quad f_1(q, q^n, q^k, q^l) := \frac{F(n, k+1, l)}{F(n, k, l)} = -q^{k+n+2} \frac{(1 - q^{-n-k-1})(1 - q^{-n+k+1})(1 - q^k)}{(1 - q^{k+l+2})(1 - q^{k-l+1})}, \\ (5) \quad f_2(q, q^n, q^k, q^l) := \frac{F(n, k, l+1)}{F(n, k, l)} = -q^{(2p+1)l+2p} \frac{(q^{2(l+1)+1} - 1)(1 - q^{k-l})}{(q^{2l+1} - 1)(1 - q^{k+l+2})}.$$

We obtain the following result.

Theorem 2.2. *From the three equations*

$$f_0(1, m^2, x, y) = l, \quad f_1(1, m^2, x, y) = 1, \quad f_2(1, m^2, x, y) = 1,$$

we can obtain

$$x = \frac{lm^2 + 1}{m^2 + l}, \quad (y + 1)(1 - x)y^p h_p(m, x) = 0,$$

where $h_p(m, x)$ is an element in $\mathbb{Z}[m^{\pm 1}, x]$ and satisfies that if we put

$$B_{K_p}(l, m) := \begin{cases} (m^2 + l)^{2p-1} (m^2)^p h_p(m, \frac{lm^2+1}{m^2+l}), & p > 0, \\ (m^2 + l)^{2|p|} (m^2)^{|p|} h_p(m, \frac{lm^2+1}{m^2+l}), & p \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

then, $B_{K_p}(l, m) = A_{K_p}(l, m)$.

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.2

Let K_p be the twist knot pictured in Figure 1. To prove Theorem 2.2, we use the following formula for the A -polynomial of the twist knot K_p due to Hoste and Shanahan in [5].

Theorem 3.1. (Hoste-Shanahan [5]) *For $p \neq -1, 0, 1, 2$, $A_{K_p}(l, m)$ is given recursively by*

$$(6) \quad A_{K_p}(l, m) = \begin{cases} cA_{K_{p-1}}(l, m) - dA_{K_{p-2}}(l, m), & p > 0, \\ cA_{K_{p+1}}(l, m) - dA_{K_{p+2}}(l, m), & p < 0, \end{cases}$$

where

$$c = -l + l^2 + 2lm^2 + m^4 + 2lm^4 + l^2m^4 + 2lm^6 + m^8 - lm^8, \\ d = m^4(l + m^2)^4,$$

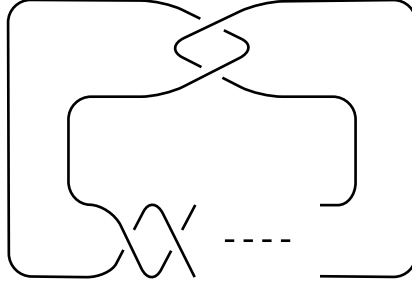


Figure 1

and with initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{K_2}(l, m) &= -l^2 + l^3 + 2l^2m^2 + lm^4 + 2l^2m^4 - lm^6 - l^2m^8 \\
&\quad + 2lm^{10} + l^2m^{10} + 2lm^{12} + m^{14} - lm^{14}, \\
A_{K_1}(l, m) &= l + m^6, \\
A_{K_0}(l, m) &= 1, \\
A_{K_{-1}}(l, m) &= -l + lm^2 + m^4 + 2lm^4 + l^2m^4 + lm^6 - lm^8.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we give a proof of Theorem 2.2.

Proof of Theorem 2.2 From the first equation

$$f_0(1, m^2, x, y) = x \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{xm^2})}{(1 - \frac{x}{m^2})} = l,$$

we get

$$x = \frac{lm^2 + 1}{m^2 + l}.$$

Moreover, the second equation

$$f_1(1, m^2, x, y) = -xm^2 \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{xm^2})(1 - \frac{x}{m^2})(1 - x)}{(1 - xy)(1 - \frac{x}{y})} = 1$$

gives

$$(7) \quad y^2 + 1 = \frac{y}{m^2}(m^4 - xm^4 + x^2m^2 + m^2 + 1 - x).$$

It is clear that the claim for $p = 0$ holds. We consider the case $p > 0$. The third equation

$$f_2(1, m^2, x, y) = -y^{2p+1} \frac{(1 - \frac{x}{y})}{(1 - xy)} = 1$$

implies that

$$(8) \quad y^{2p+1} + 1 - y^{2p}x - xy = 0,$$

which can be changed to

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= (y + 1)(y^{2p} - y^{2p-1} + y^{2p-2} - \dots + 1 - xy(y^{2p-2} - y^{2p-3} + \dots + 1)) \\
&= (y + 1)\{(y^2 + 1 - (1 + x)y)(y^{2(p-1)} + y^{2(p-2)} + \dots + y^2 + 1)\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$-(1-x)(y^{2(p-1)} + y^{2(p-2)} + \dots + y^2)\}.$$

From the equation (7), we can get

$$(9) \quad (y+1)(1-x)H_p(m, x, y) = 0,$$

where $H_0(m, x, y) = 1$ and for $p \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & H_p(m, x, y) \\ &= \frac{y}{m^2}(m^4 - xm^2 + 1)(y^{2(p-1)} + y^{2(p-2)} + \dots + y^2 + 1) - (y^{2(p-1)} + y^{2(p-2)} + \dots + y^2). \end{aligned}$$

To prove the theorem for $p > 0$, we need

Lemma 3.2. *We have $H_p(m, x, y) = y^p h_p(m, x)$, where for $p \geq 2$, $h_p(m, x)$ is given recursively by*

$$(10) \quad h_p(m, x) = \frac{a}{m^2} h_{p-1}(m, x) - h_{p-2}(m, x)$$

with $a = m^4 - xm^4 + x^2m^2 + m^2 + 1 - x$, $h_0(m, x) = 1$, $h_1(m, x) = \frac{b}{m^2}$, and $b = m^4 - xm^2 + 1$.

Proof of lemma 3.2 We show by induction on p . When $p = 1$, it follows that $H_1(m, x, y) = \frac{y}{m^2}(m^4 - xm^2 + 1) = y h_1(m, x)$. In the case $p = 2$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(m, x, y) &= H_1(m, x, y) + \frac{yb}{m^2}y^2 - y^2 \\ &= y h_1(m, x) + y^3 h_1(m, x) - y^2 \\ &= y(h_1(m, x)(y^2 + 1) - y) \\ &= y\left(\frac{ay}{m^2} h_1(m, x) - y\right) \\ &= y^2\left(\frac{a}{m^2} h_1(m, x) - 1\right) \\ &= y^2\left(\frac{a}{m^2} h_1(m, x) - h_0(m, x)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the equation (7) in the fourth equality. Suppose that it holds for $p \leq n$. By hypothesis of induction and the definition of $H_p(m, x, y)$, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_{n+1}(m, x, y) &= H_n(m, x, y) + \frac{yb}{m^2}y^{2n} - y^{2n} \\ &= y^n h_n(m, x, y) + y^2\left(\frac{yb}{m^2}y^{2(n-1)} - y^{2(n-1)}\right) \\ &= y^n h_n(m, x, y) + y^2(H_n(m, x, y) - H_{n-1}(m, x, y)) \\ &= y^n h_n(m, x, y) + y^2(y^n(h_n(m, x, y) - y^{n-1}h_{n-1}(m, x, y))) \\ &= y^n((y^2 + 1)h_n(m, x, y) - y h_{n-1}(m, x, y)) \\ &= y^n\left(\frac{a}{m^2}y h_n(m, x, y) - y h_{n-1}(m, x, y)\right) \\ &= y^{n+1}\left(\frac{a}{m^2}h_n(m, x, y) - h_{n-1}(m, x, y)\right). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

Let us go back to the proof of the theorem. From Lemma 3.2, it is clear that $h_p(m, x)$ is in $\mathbb{Z}[m^{\pm 1}, x]$. We put

$$(11) \quad B_{K_p}(l, m) := (m^2 + l)^{2p-1} (m^2)^p h_p(m, \frac{lm^2 + 1}{m^2 + l}),$$

and then, it is easy to see that $B_{K_p}(l, m)$ satisfies the recursive relation

$$(12) \quad B_{K_p}(l, m) = a(m^2 + l)^2 B_{K_{p-1}}(l, m) - m^4 (m^2 + l)^4 B_{K_{p-2}}(l, m).$$

By comparing it with the recursive relation (6) of $A_{K_p}(l, m)$ by Hoste and Shanahan, and by noting that $a(m^2 + l)^2 = -l + l^2 + 2lm^2 + m^4 + 2lm^4 + l^2m^4 + 2lm^6 + m^8 - lm^8 = c$ and $d = m^4(m^2 + l)^4$, it is shown that $B_{K_p}(l, m) = A_{K_p}(l, m)$ for $p \geq 0$. In a similar way to the case $p \geq 0$, we can prove the theorem in the case $p < 0$. \square

4. OBSERVATIONS

We start with reviewing Wilf-Zeilberger's algorithm. For more details, we refer to [4] and [3]. A discrete function $F(n, \mathbf{k})$ is called proper q -hypergeometric if it is one of the form

$$F(n, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{\prod_s (A_s; q)_{a_s n + \mathbf{b}_s \cdot \mathbf{k} + c_s}}{\prod_t (B_t; q)_{u_t n + \mathbf{v}_t \cdot \mathbf{k} + w_t}} q^{A(n, \mathbf{k})} \xi^{\mathbf{k}},$$

where $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$, $A_s, B_t \in \mathbb{Q}(q)$, a_s, u_t are integers, $\mathbf{b}_s, \mathbf{k}_s$ are vectors of r integers, $A(n, \mathbf{k})$ is a quadratic form, c_s, w_t are variables and ξ is an r vector of elements in $\mathbb{Q}(q)$, and for $k \geq 0$,

$$(A, q)_k := \begin{cases} (1 - A)(1 - Aq) \cdots (1 - Aq^{k-1}) & \text{if } k > 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } k = 0. \end{cases}$$

In [4], Garoufalidis and Le proved that the colored Jones polynomial $J_K(n)$ can be written as a multisum

$$J_K(n) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}}^{\infty} F(n, k_1, \dots, k_r)$$

of a proper q -hypergeometric function $F(n, k_1, \dots, k_r)$, where only finitely many terms in the right hand side are nonzero. Consider the operators E, E_i, Q and Q_j , ($1 \leq i, j \leq r$) acting on a discrete function $f : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}]$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (Ef)(n, k_1, \dots, k_r) &= f(n + 1, k_1, \dots, k_r), \\ (E_i f)(n, k_1, \dots, k_r) &= f(n, k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}, k_i + 1, k_{i+1}, \dots, k_r), \\ (Qf)(n, k_1, \dots, k_r) &= q^n f(n, k_1, \dots, k_r), \\ (Q_j f)(n, k_1, \dots, k_r) &= q^{k_j} f(n, k_1, \dots, k_r). \end{aligned}$$

Then, they satisfy the relations

$$\begin{aligned} QQ_i &= Q_i Q, Q_i Q_j = Q_j Q_i, EE_i = E_i E, E_i E_j = E_j E_i, \\ Q_i E &= E Q_i, Q_i E_j = E_j Q_i \text{ for } i \neq j, EQ = qQE, E_i Q_i = qQ_i E_i, \end{aligned}$$

which are denoted by (Rel_q) . The q -Weyl algebra \mathcal{A} is defined to be a noncommutative algebra with presentation

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}[q^{\pm}] \langle Q, Q_1, \dots, Q_r, E, E_1, \dots, E_r \rangle}{(Rel_q)}.$$

Wilf and Zeilberger proved that

Theorem 4.1. [15] *Every proper q -hypergeometric function $F(n, \mathbf{k})$ satisfies a \mathbf{k} -free recurrence*

$$(13) \quad \sum_{i, \mathbf{j} \in S} \sigma_{i, \mathbf{j}}(q^n) F(n + i, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{j}) = 0,$$

where S is a finite set, $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_r)$, $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_r)$, and $\sigma_{i, \mathbf{j}}(q^n)$ are polynomials in q^n with coefficients in $\mathbb{Q}(q)$.

Putting

$$P = P(E, Q, E_1, \dots, E_r) = \sum_{i, \mathbf{j} \in S} \sigma_{i, \mathbf{j}}(Q) E^i E^{\mathbf{j}},$$

where $E^{\mathbf{j}} = E_1^{j_1} \dots E_r^{j_r}$, the recurrence (13) can be written in operator notation as $PF = 0$.

Moreover, they showed that any \mathbf{k} -free recurrence can be transformed to

$$P = P(E, Q, 1, \dots, 1) + \sum_{i=1}^r (E_i - 1) R_i(E, Q, E_1, \dots, E_r).$$

Applying it to $F(n, k_1, \dots, k_r)$ and summing over $\mathbf{k} \geq \mathbf{0}$ give us

$$P(E, Q, 1, \dots, 1) J_K(n) = error(n),$$

where $error(n)$ is a sum of a multisum of proper q -hypergeometric function with $r-1$ variables. So, repeating the process, we arrive at a homogeneous recursive relation of $J_K(n)$

$$P_1(E, Q) P(E, Q, 1, \dots, 1) J_K(n) = 0,$$

where $P_1(E, Q)$ is a polynomial in E with coefficients in $\mathbb{Q}(q)[Q]$.

On the other hand, from the fact that $F(n, k_1, \dots, k_r)$ is proper q -hypergeometric, we can write $EF/F = A/B$ and $E_i F/F = A_i/B_i$ for polynomials $A, B, A_i, B_i \in \mathbb{Q}(q)[q^n, q^{k_1}, \dots, q^{k_r}]$. Then, putting $Q = q^n$ and $Q_i = q^{k_i}$, it follows that $(BE - A)F = 0$, $(B_i E_i - A_i)F = 0$ and that $BE - A$, $B_i E_i - A_i$ generate the annihilation ideal of F in \mathcal{A} . From these generators, the Wilf-Zeilberger's algorithm finds a \mathbf{k} -free recurrence of $F(n, \mathbf{k})$ and then a recursive relation of the sum of $\sum_{\mathbf{k}} F(n, \mathbf{k})$.

Now, we apply the above algorithm to $J_{K_p}(n)$. From the equations (3), (4) and (5), setting

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (1 - q^{-n-1})(1 - q^{-n+k}), & A &= q^k (1 - q^{-n-k-1})(1 - q^{-n}), \\ B_1 &= (1 - q^{k+l+2})(1 - q^{k-l+1}), & A_1 &= -q^{k+n+2} (1 - q^{-n-k-1})(1 - q^{-n+k+1})(1 - q^k), \\ B_2 &= (q^{2l+1} - 1)(1 - q^{k+l+2}), & A_2 &= q^{(2p+1)l+2p} (q^{2(l+1)+1} - 1)(1 - q^{k-l}), \end{aligned}$$

we have $(BE - A)F = 0$, $(B_i E_i - A_i)F = 0$ for $i = 1, 2$, with $Q = q^n$, $Q_1 = q^k$ and $Q_2 = q^l$. Identifying Q with m^2 , E with l , Q_1 with x , Q_2 with y , from the definition of f_i for $i = 0, 1, 2$ in Section 2, we observe that $\varepsilon(BE - A)$ corresponds to $f_0(1, m^2, x, y) - l$ and that $\varepsilon(B_i E_i - A_i)$ with $E_i = 1$ corresponds to $f_i(1, m^2, x, y) - 1$ for $i = 1, 2$, where ε is the evaluation map at $q = 1$ defined in [3]. So, our result may support the AJ conjecture.

Nextly, we will present the usage of the mathematica package `qMultiSum.m` with the above theoretical background, which is developed by A. Riese [13], to obtain inhomogeneous recurrences of the colored Jones polynomial of the knots 5_2 and 6_1 . We will also relate them to the A -polynomial.

The formula in [8] allows us to write

$$(14) \quad J_{5_2}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k (-1)^{k+1} q^{(3k^2+5k)/2} q^{nk} \frac{(q^{-1})_{n+k} (q^{-1})_{n-1}}{(q^{-1})_n (q^{-1})_{n-k-1}} q^{-l(k+1)} \frac{(q^{-1})_k}{(q^{-1})_l (q^{-1})_{k-l}}.$$

We denote the summand by $F(n, k, l)$. Then, the mathematica program soft `qMultiSum.m` computes the \mathbf{k} -free recurrence of $F(n, k, l)$

$$\begin{aligned} & -q^{4+7n} (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n) (q^5 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^3 - q^{2n}) F(-5 + n, k, l) \\ & + q^{1+3n} (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n)^2 (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^3 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) (q^4 - q^n - q^{1+n}) F(-4 + n, -1 + k, -1 + l) \\ & - q^{9+2n} (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n)^2 (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^3 - q^{2n}) (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-4 + n, -1 + k, l) \\ & - q^{5+6n} (1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4) (q - q^n) (q^4 - q^n)^2 (q + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^3 - q^{2n}) F(-4 + n, k, l) \\ & + (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n) (q^3 - q^n)^3 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^3 - q^{2n}) (q^7 - q^{2n}) (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-3 + n, -2 + k, -2 + l) \\ & + q^{2+2n} (q - q^n) (q^3 - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^3 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) (q^5 + q^6 + q^{2n} - q^{1+n} - 2q^{2+n} - 2q^{3+n} - q^{4+n}) F(-3 + n, -1 + k, -1 + l) \\ & - q^{5+n} (q - q^n) (q^3 - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^3 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) (q^6 + q^{2n} + q^{1+2n}) F(-3 + n, -1 + k, l) \\ & - q^{6+5n} (1 + q^2) (1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4) (q - q^n) (q^3 - q^n)^2 (q + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-3 + n, k, l) \\ & - q (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n)^3 (q^3 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) \\ & \times (q - q^{2n}) (q^3 - q^{2n}) (q^7 - q^{2n}) (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-2 + n, -2 + k, -2 + l) \\ & + q^{4+n} (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^7 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) (q^5 + q^{2n} - q^{1+n} - 2q^{2+n} - 2q^{3+n} - q^{4+n} + q^{1+2n}) F(-2 + n, -1 + k, -1 + l) \\ & - q^{3+2n} (q - q^n) (q^2 - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^7 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) (q^4 + q^5 + q^{2n}) F(-2 + n, -1 + k, l) \\ & - q^{7+4n} (1 + q^2) (1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4) (q^2 - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q^2 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-2 + n, k, l) \\ & - q^{6+n} (q - q^n)^2 (q + q^2 - q^n) (q^3 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^7 - q^{2n}) (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-1 + n, -1 + k, -1 + l) \\ & - q^{5+3n} (q - q^n)^2 (q^3 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q - q^{2n}) (q^7 - q^{2n}) \\ & \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-1 + n, -1 + k, l) \\ & - q^{8+3n} (1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4) (q - q^n)^2 (q^4 - q^n) (q + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q^7 - q^{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(-1 + n, k, l) \\
& + q^{9+2n} (q^3 - q^n) (q^4 - q^n) (-1 + q^n) (q^3 + q^n) (q^4 + q^n) (q^7 - q^{2n}) \\
& \times (q^9 - q^{2n}) F(n, k, l) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, it can be converted into the inhomogeneous recursive relation of the colored Jones polynomial of the knot 5_2

$$\begin{aligned}
& q^{9+7n} J_{5_2}(n) \\
& + \frac{(-1 + q^{1+n})^2 (1 + q^{1+n})}{(-1 + q^n) (-1 + q^{3+n}) (1 + q^{3+n})} \times \\
& q^{5+2n} (1 - q^{1+n} - q^{1+2n} + q^{2+2n} + q^{3+2n} - q^{6+2n} + q^{2+3n} + q^{7+3n} + q^{5+4n} + q^{6+4n} + 2q^{7+4n} \\
& - q^{8+4n} - q^{9+4n} - q^{8+5n} + q^{9+6n} + q^{10+6n}) J_{5_2}(1 + n) \\
& + \frac{(-1 + q^{2+n})^2 (1 + q^{2+n}) (-1 + q^{1+2n})}{(-1 + q^n) (-1 + q^{3+n}) (1 + q^{3+n}) (-1 + q^{7+2n})} \times \\
& q (-1 + 2q^{2+n} + q^{2+2n} - q^{4+2n} + q^{6+2n} + q^{7+2n} - q^{4+3n} + q^{5+3n} + 3q^{6+3n} + 2q^{7+3n} - q^{8+3n} \\
& - 2q^{9+3n} + q^{6+4n} - 2q^{8+4n} - 2q^{9+4n} + q^{11+4n} - q^{13+4n} - q^{8+5n} + 3q^{10+5n} + 3q^{11+5n} \\
& - 3q^{13+5n} - 2q^{14+5n} + q^{15+5n} + q^{10+6n} + q^{11+6n} - q^{13+6n} + 2q^{15+6n} + q^{16+6n} + q^{14+7n} \\
& + 3q^{15+7n} + 2q^{16+7n} - q^{17+7n} - q^{18+7n} - q^{17+8n} - q^{18+8n} + q^{20+9n}) J_{5_2}(2 + n) \\
& - \frac{(-1 + q^{1+n}) (1 + q^{1+n}) (-1 + q^{3+n}) (-1 + q^{1+2n})}{(1 + q^n) (-1 + q^{4+n}) (1 + q^{4+n}) (-1 + q^{7+2n})} \times \\
& (-1 + q^{2+n} + q^{3+n} - q^{4+2n} - 3q^{5+2n} - 2q^{6+2n} + q^{7+2n} + q^{8+2n} - q^{5+3n} - q^{6+3n} + q^{8+3n} \\
& - 2q^{10+3n} - q^{11+3n} + q^{8+4n} - 3q^{10+4n} - 3q^{11+4n} + 3q^{13+4n} + 2q^{14+4n} - q^{15+4n} - q^{11+5n} \\
& + 2q^{13+5n} + 2q^{14+5n} - q^{16+5n} + q^{18+5n} + q^{14+6n} - q^{15+6n} - 3q^{16+6n} - 2q^{17+6n} + q^{18+6n} \\
& + 2q^{19+6n} - q^{17+7n} + q^{19+7n} - q^{21+7n} - q^{22+7n} - 2q^{22+8n} + q^{25+9n}) J_{5_2}(3 + n) \\
& + \frac{(-1 + q^{1+n}) (1 + q^{1+n}) (-1 + q^{4+n}) (-1 + q^{1+2n}) (-1 + q^{3+2n})}{(-1 + q^n) (-1 + q^{3+n}) (1 + q^{3+n}) (-1 + q^{7+2n}) (-1 + q^{9+2n})} \times \\
& q^{1+n} (1 + q - q^{4+n} + q^{6+2n} + q^{7+2n} + 2q^{8+2n} - q^{9+2n} - q^{10+2n} + q^{8+3n} + q^{13+3n} \\
& - q^{12+4n} + q^{13+4n} + q^{14+4n} - q^{17+4n} - q^{17+5n} + q^{21+6n}) J_{5_2}(4 + n) \\
& + \frac{(-1 + q^{1+n}) (1 + q^{1+n}) (-1 + q^{2+n}) (1 + q^{2+n}) (-1 + q^{5+n}) (-1 + q^{1+2n}) (-1 + q^{3+2n})}{(-1 + q^n) (-1 + q^{3+n}) (1 + q^{3+n}) (-1 + q^{4+n}) (1 + q^{4+n}) (-1 + q^{7+2n}) (-1 + q^{9+2n})} \times \\
& q^{4+2n} J_{5_2}(5 + n) = G(n),
\end{aligned}$$

where $G(n)$ is a sum of sums of proper q -hypergeometric function. Setting $q = 1$, and replacing $J_{5_2}(i + n)$ by l^i and q^n by m^2 , the denominators cancel, the left hand side is changed to

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 + m^2 l)^2 \times \\
& \{m^{14} + l(m^4 - m^6 + 2m^{10} + 2m^{12} - m^{14}) - l^2(-1 + 2m^2 + 2m^4 - m^8 + m^{10}) + l^3\},
\end{aligned}$$

and the second factor is equal to the A -polynomial of the knot 5_2 . So, this supports the AJ conjecture for the knot 5_2 .

Furthermore, the colored Jones polynomial of the knot 6_1 can be written

$$(15) \quad J_{6_1}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k q^{-k^2-k} q^{nk} \frac{(q^{-1})_{n+k} (q^{-1})_{n-1}}{(q^{-1})_n (q^{-1})_{n-k-1}} q^{l(k+1)} \frac{(q)_k}{(q)_l (q)_{k-l}}.$$

Using `qMultiSum.m` again, we can obtain the inhomogeneous recursive relation of $J_{6_1}(n)$

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{8+4n} J_{6_1}(n) \\ & - \frac{(-1+q^{1+n})^2 (1+q^{1+n})}{(-1+q^n)(-1+q^{3+n})(1+q^{3+n})} \times \\ & q^{5+2n} (1+q-2q^{2+n}-q^{3+n}-q^{1+2n}-q^{2+2n}+q^{3+2n}-q^{6+2n}-q^{7+2n}+q^{3+3n}-q^{5+3n} \\ & -q^{6+3n}-q^{7+3n}+q^{8+3n}-q^{4+4n}+q^{7+4n}+q^{8+4n}-q^{9+4n}-q^{9+5n}+q^{10+6n}) J_{6_1}(1+n) \\ & - \frac{(-1+q^{2+n})^2 (1+q^{2+n})(-1+q^{1+2n})}{(-1+q^n)(-1+q^{3+n})(1+q^{3+n})(-1+q^{7+2n})} \times \\ & q(-1+2q^{2+n}+q^{3+n}+q^{2+2n}+q^{3+2n}-q^{4+2n}-2q^{5+2n}+q^{6+2n}+q^{7+2n}-2q^{4+3n}-q^{5+3n} \\ & +2q^{6+3n}+3q^{7+3n}-2q^{9+3n}-q^{10+3n}-q^{5+4n}+q^{6+4n}+q^{7+4n}-2q^{8+4n}-5q^{9+4n}-3q^{10+4n} \\ & +q^{12+4n}-q^{13+4n}-2q^{8+5n}-3q^{9+5n}+3q^{11+5n}+q^{12+5n}-2q^{13+5n}-3q^{14+5n}+2q^{11+6n} \\ & +q^{12+6n}-2q^{13+6n}-2q^{14+6n}+2q^{16+6n}-q^{13+7n}+2q^{15+7n}+3q^{16+7n}-q^{18+7n} \\ & -2q^{18+8n}+q^{20+9n}) J_{6_1}(2+n) \\ & + \frac{(-1+q^{1+n})(1+q^{1+n})(-1+q^{3+n})(-1+q^{1+2n})}{(-1+q^n)(-1+q^{4+n})(1+q^{4+n})(-1+q^{7+2n})} \times \\ & (-1+2q^{3+n}+q^{3+2n}-2q^{5+2n}-3q^{6+2n}+q^{8+2n}-2q^{6+3n}-q^{7+3n}+2q^{8+3n}+2q^{9+3n} \\ & -2q^{11+3n}+2q^{8+4n}+3q^{9+4n}-3q^{11+4n}-q^{12+4n}+2q^{13+4n}+3q^{14+4n}+q^{10+5n}-q^{11+5n} \\ & -q^{12+5n}+2q^{13+5n}+5q^{14+5n}+3q^{15+5n}-q^{17+5n}+q^{18+5n}+2q^{14+6n}+q^{15+6n}-2q^{16+6n} \\ & -3q^{17+6n}+2q^{19+6n}+q^{20+6n}-q^{17+7n}-q^{18+7n}+q^{19+7n}+2q^{20+7n}-q^{21+7n}-q^{22+7n} \\ & -2q^{22+8n}-q^{23+8n}+q^{25+9n}) J_{6_1}(3+n) \\ & - \frac{(-1+q^{1+n})(1+q^{1+n})(-1+q^{4+n})(-1+q^{1+2n})(-1+q^{3+2n})}{(-1+q^n)(-1+q^{3+n})(1+q^{3+n})(-1+q^{7+2n})(-1+q^{9+2n})} \times \\ & q^{2+n} (1-q^{4+n}-q^{4+2n}+q^{7+2n}+q^{8+2n}-q^{9+2n}+q^{8+3n}-q^{10+3n}-q^{11+3n}-q^{12+3n} \\ & +q^{13+3n}-q^{11+4n}-q^{12+4n}+q^{13+4n}-q^{16+4n}-q^{17+4n}-2q^{17+5n}-q^{18+5n} \\ & +q^{20+6n}+q^{21+6n}) J_{6_1}(4+n) \\ & + \frac{(-1+q^{1+n})(1+q^{1+n})(-1+q^{2+n})(1+q^{2+n})(-1+q^{5+n})(-1+q^{1+2n})(-1+q^{3+2n})}{(-1+q^n)(-1+q^{3+n})(1+q^{3+n})(-1+q^{4+n})(1+q^{4+n})(-1+q^{7+2n})(-1+q^{9+2n})} \times \\ & q^{18+5n} J_{6_1}(5+n) = G'(n), \end{aligned}$$

where $G'(n)$ is a sum of sums of proper q -hypergeometric function. Setting $q = 1$, and replacing $J_{6_1}(i+n)$ by l^i and q^n by m^2 , the left hand side is changed to

$$\begin{aligned} & (1+m^2l)\{m^8+l(-2m^4+3m^6+3m^8+2m^{14}-m^{16}) \\ & +l^2(1-3m^2-m^4+3m^6+6m^8+3m^{10}-m^{12}-3m^{14}+m^{16}) \\ & +l^3(-1+m^2+m^4+3m^{10}+3m^{12}-2m^{14})+m^8l^4\}, \end{aligned}$$

and the second factor coincides with the A -polynomial of the knot 6_1 .

Finally, we discuss our result in terms of *Volume conjecture* due to Kashaev, H.Murakami and J.Murakami. (see [7],[10]). Let K be a hyperbolic knot in S^3 and M_K the complement of K . We write $\hat{J}_K(n)$ for $J_K(n)$ evaluated at $q = \exp \frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}}{n}$. Then, *Volume conjecture* is

Conjecture 4.2.

$$2\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\hat{J}_K(n)|}{n} = \text{Vol}(M_K),$$

where $\text{Vol}(M_K)$ is the hyperbolic volume of M_K .

From the formula of $J_{K_p}(n)$ given by Masbaum, we have

$$(16) \quad \hat{J}_{K_p}(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^k (-1)^{k+l} q^{k(k+3)/2} (q)_k (q^{-1})_k q^{l(l+1)p+l(l-1)/2} \frac{(q)_{2l+1}}{(q)_{2l}} \frac{(q)_k}{(q)_{k+l+1} (q)_{k-l}}.$$

Computing the optimistic limit [9] of $\hat{J}_K(n)$, it is conjectured that there exists a solution (x_0, y_0) to the two equations

$$(17) \quad f_1(1, 1, x, y) = 1, \quad f_2(1, 1, x, y) = 1$$

such that

$$\text{Vol}(M_K) = 3D(x_0) - D(x_0 y_0) - D\left(\frac{x_0}{y_0}\right),$$

where f_i is the same notation as in Section 2, and $D(z) = \text{Im}(\text{Li}_2(z)) + \log |z| \arg(1 - z)$ with $\text{Li}_2(z) = -\int_0^z \frac{\log(1-w)}{w} dw$. By using Mathematica 4 and Maple V, we can numerically see that for $p = -1, 2, -2$, this conjecture is true.

In [16], Y.Yokota introduced a way to construct an ideal triangulation of the complement M_K of K associated to Kashaev's R -matrices, and gave a sketch proof of *Volume conjecture*. Moreover, in [17], he explained a method to calculate the A -polynomial of K from the triangulation of ∂M_K in [16]. We hope to find a geometrical interpretation of our method to obtain the A -polynomial, comparing with Yokota's method.

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