Introduction

This paper contains the computation of the motive of the irreducible $SL_3(k)$ -character variety of torus knots for any algebraically closed field k of zero characteristic. The calculation is based on the methods introduced in the paper [1].

The notations used in this paper are the following:

- R_3^{irr} is the irreducible $SL_3(k)$ -representation variety of torus knots, that is, the variety of irreducible representations $\rho: \Gamma \to SL_3(k)$ where $\Gamma = \Gamma_{n,m}$ is the fundamental group of the complement of the (n,m)-torus knot (see section 3 of [1]).
- $\mathfrak{M}_3^{\text{irr}} = R_3^{\text{irr}} /\!\!/ \operatorname{SL}_3(k)$ is the irreducible $\operatorname{SL}_3(k)$ -character variety of torus knots, that is, the moduli space of representations (see section 3 of [1]).
- $\kappa = (\epsilon, \epsilon)$ is a configuration of eigenvalues, that is a collection of possible eigenvalues for the matrices A and B of a torus knot representation $\rho = (A, B)$ (see section 3 of [1]).
- τ is the type of a semi-simple filtration of a torus knot representation (see section 2.1 of [1]).
- ξ is the shape of the type τ , that is the collection of dimensions and multiplicities of each isotypic component (see section 2.1 of [1]).
- σ_A are the collections of eigenvalues of A for each isotypic component of a torus knot representation $\rho = (A, B)$ (see section 7.1 of [1]).
- σ_B are the collections of eigenvalues of B for each isotypic component of a torus knot representation $\rho = (A, B)$ (see section 7.1 of [1]).
- \mathcal{M}_{τ} is the space parametrizing possible completions of a semi-simple representation to a general representation of type τ (see section 4 of [1])
- \mathcal{G}_{τ} is the gauge group acting on $\mathcal{M}_{\tau} \times \mathrm{SL}_{3}(k)$ that identifies isomorphic completions (see section 4 of [1]).
- $\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{irr}}$ is the variety of possible semi-simplifications of a representation of type τ (see section 4 of [1]).
- $R(\tau)$ is the variety of representations of type τ .
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau)$ is the multiplicity of the type τ , that is the number of isomorphic components $R(\tau')$ of types τ' with the same shape as τ but whose eigenvalues are given by a permutation of the ones of τ that preserves their multiplicity (see section 5 of [1]).
- $C_{\pi,\pi'}$ are the number of isomorphic components given by configurations of eigenvalues with the same structure of repeated eigenvalues (see Section 6 of [1]). Here, π,π' are two partitions of 3 that determine the number of repeated eigenvalues of the matrices A and B of a representation $\rho = (A,B)$. If $\pi = \{1^{e_1},\ldots,3^{e_3}\}$ and $\pi' = \{1^{e'_1},\ldots,3^{e'_3}\}$ we have the following characterization in terms of multinomial numbers (Theorem 6.8 of [1])

$$C_{\pi,\pi'} = \frac{3}{nm} \binom{n}{e_1,\ldots,e_3} \binom{m}{e'_1,\ldots,e'_3}.$$

Combinatorial formulas for the motives $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}], [\mathcal{G}_{\tau}]$ and $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}]$ are described in section 5 of [1] in terms of the structure of the type τ .

The structure of the paper is as follows. Each section describes the count of the motive $[\mathfrak{M}_{\kappa}]$ for a possible configuration of eigenvalues κ . For that purpose, we analyze all the types τ compatible with κ and compute the motives $[R(\tau)]$. A configuration of eigenvalues κ not appearing as a section of the paper means that $R_{\kappa}^{\text{irr}} = \emptyset$ (see Remark 3.5 and Proposition 8.1 of [1]). In the final section of this paper, we summarize the results for each configuration κ and we provide the final result depending on the combinatorial coefficients $C_{\pi,\pi'}$.

Warning: The script generating this paper is only valid for rank ≤ 4 . The result for higher rank may not be correct.

1

1. Configuration $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ and $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_1), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_3,\epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{fir}}] = q 2$. $[R(\tau)] = q^8 q^7 2q^6 q^5 + q^4 + 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = 1.$
- $[R(\tau)] = q^6 + 2q^5 + 2q^4 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 1.$
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 + 2\,q^7 + q^6 q^5 2\,q^4 q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_1), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_3,\epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 q$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2 q$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = q 2$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^9 2q^8 q^7 + q^6 + 2q^5 + q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_1), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_3, \epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 q$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3 q$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^7 + q^6 q^4 q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 6$.

$$\xi = ((1,1),(2,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3).$$

- $\bullet \ [\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 q.$
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2 q$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = q 2.$
- $[R(\tau)] = q^9 2q^8 q^7 + q^6 + 2q^5 + q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_1), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_3, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$. $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $\left[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}\right] = 1.$
- $\bullet \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 q^6 q^5 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_1), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_3, \epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2 q$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3 q$. $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 q^6 q^5 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 6$.

Total count of $\kappa = ((\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2), (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3))$

$$\begin{split} [R_\kappa^{\rm red}] &= 6\,q^9 + 3\,q^8 + 3\,q^7 + 3\,q^6 + 3\,q^5 + 3\,q^4 - 3\,q^3, \\ [R_\kappa^{\rm irr}] &= q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3, \\ [R_\kappa] &= q^{10} + 3\,q^9 + 5\,q^8 + 5\,q^7 + 3\,q^6 + q^5, \\ [\mathfrak{M}_\kappa] &= q^2 - 3\,q + 3. \end{split}$$

2. Configuration $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$ and $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_2,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_1).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{fir}}] = q 2$. $[R(\tau)] = q^8 q^7 2q^6 q^5 + q^4 + 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = 1.$
- $[R(\tau)] = q^6 + 2q^5 + 2q^4 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_2,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_1).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{irr}}] = q 2$. $[R(\tau)] = q^9 2q^8 q^7 + q^6 + 2q^5 + q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^8 + 2q^7 + q^6 q^5 2q^4 q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_1).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q 1.$
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^7 + q^6 q^4 q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 6$.

$$\xi = ((1,1),(2,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2).$$

- $\bullet \ [\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q 1.$
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = q 2$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^9 2q^8 q^7 + q^6 + 2q^5 + q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_2, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_1).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$. $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $\left[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}\right] = 1.$
- $\bullet \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 q^6 q^5 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 3$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_1).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$. $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$. $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.

- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 q^6 q^5 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 6$.

Total count of $\kappa = ((\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2))$

$$\begin{split} [R_\kappa^{\rm red}] &= 6\,q^9 + 3\,q^8 + 3\,q^7 + 3\,q^6 + 3\,q^5 + 3\,q^4 - 3\,q^3, \\ [R_\kappa^{\rm irr}] &= q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3, \\ [R_\kappa] &= q^{10} + 3\,q^9 + 5\,q^8 + 5\,q^7 + 3\,q^6 + q^5, \\ [\mathfrak{M}_\kappa] &= q^2 - 3\,q + 3. \end{split}$$

3. Configuration $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$ and $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3)$

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{fir}}] = q 2.$ $[R(\tau)] = q^8 q^7 2q^6 q^5 + q^4 + 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 9$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ [R(\tau)] = q^6 + 2\,q^5 + 2\,q^4 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 6$.

$$\xi = ((2,1),(1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = q 2$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^{10} q^9 3q^8 + 3q^6 + 3q^5 q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 9$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $\bullet \ \ [R(\tau)] = q^8 + 2\,q^7 + q^6 q^5 2\,q^4 q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 18$.

$$\xi = ((1,1),(2,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = q^2 1$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\mathrm{irr}}] = q 2$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^{10} q^9 3q^8 + 3q^6 + 3q^5 q^4 2q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 9$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2$.
- $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.
- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{irr}] = 1$.
- $[R(\tau)] = q^8 q^6 q^5 + q^3$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 18$.

$$\xi = ((1,1), (1,1), (1,1)), \quad \sigma_A = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), \quad \sigma_B = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3).$$

- $[\mathcal{M}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^2 q$. $[\mathcal{G}_{\tau}] = (q-1)^3$.

- $[\mathfrak{M}_{\tau}^{\text{irr}}] = 1$. $[R(\tau)] = q^9 q^7 q^6 + q^4$
- $m_{\kappa}(\tau) = 36$.

Total count of $\kappa = ((\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3), (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3))$

$$\begin{split} [R_{\kappa}^{\mathrm{red}}] &= 18\,q^{10} + 18\,q^9 - 9\,q^8 - 9\,q^7 + 6\,q^6 + 21\,q^5 + 3\,q^4 - 12\,q^3, \\ [R_{\kappa}^{\mathrm{irr}}] &= q^{12} + 4\,q^{11} - 10\,q^{10} - 8\,q^9 + 17\,q^8 + 13\,q^7 - 5\,q^6 - 21\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 12\,q^3, \\ [R_{\kappa}] &= q^{12} + 4\,q^{11} + 8\,q^{10} + 10\,q^9 + 8\,q^8 + 4\,q^7 + q^6, \\ [\mathfrak{M}_{\kappa}] &= q^4 + 4\,q^3 - 9\,q^2 - 3\,q + 12. \end{split}$$

Summary

$$[R^{\text{irr}}_{(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2),(\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2,\varepsilon_3)}] = q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3.$$

$$[R^{\text{irr}}_{(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3),(\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2)}] = q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3.$$

$$[R^{\text{irr}}_{(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2,\epsilon_3),(\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2,\varepsilon_3)}] = q^{12} + 4\,q^{11} - 10\,q^{10} - 8\,q^9 + 17\,q^8 + 13\,q^7 - 5\,q^6 - 21\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 12\,q^3.$$

Final result representations.

$$\begin{split} [R_3^{\mathrm{irr}}] &= (q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3)C_{(1,2),(1,1,1)} + (q^{10} - 3\,q^9 + 2\,q^8 + 2\,q^7 - 2\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 3\,q^3)C_{(1,1,1),(1,2)} + (q^{12} + 4\,q^{11} - 10\,q^{10} - 8\,q^9 + 17\,q^8 + 13\,q^7 - 5\,q^6 - 21\,q^5 - 3\,q^4 + 12\,q^3)C_{(1,1,1),(1,1,1)}. \end{split}$$

Final result characters.

$$[\mathfrak{M}_3^{\mathrm{irr}}] = (q^2 - 3\,q + 3)C_{(1,2),(1,1,1)} + (q^2 - 3\,q + 3)C_{(1,1,1),(1,2)} + (q^4 + 4\,q^3 - 9\,q^2 - 3\,q + 12)C_{(1,1,1),(1,1,1)}.$$

References

[1] Á. González-Prieto and V. Muñoz, Motive of the $SL_4(\mathbb{C})$ -character variety of torus knots, arXiv