

# GSV trick for L6a1

We want to see whether we can use [GSV, eq. (5.5)] to compute unreduced KR homology for the two-component link L6a1. **For its linking number I find either 1 or 3 (depending on the "version"), but with these values the GSV formula does not work; so we simply set lk=2 below.** Our results for its n=2 and n=3 KR invariants are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lk} &= 2; \text{KR2} = \text{Expand}[(t^4 q^2 + t^4 + t^3 q^2 + t^2 q^6 + q^{10} + q^8) / (q^{12})]; \\ \text{KR3} &= \text{Expand}[(t^4 q^6 + 2 t^4 q^4 + 2 t^4 q^2 + t^4 + t^3 q^4 + \\ &\quad t^3 q^2 + t^2 q^{10} + t^2 q^8 + q^{14} + q^{12} + q^{10}) / (q^{18})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{q^8} + \frac{1}{q^6} + \frac{1}{q^4} + \frac{t^2}{q^{10}} + \frac{t^2}{q^8} + \frac{t^3}{q^{16}} + \frac{t^3}{q^{14}} + \frac{t^4}{q^{18}} + \frac{2 t^4}{q^{16}} + \frac{2 t^4}{q^{14}} + \frac{t^4}{q^{12}}$$

Thus the "universal" terms  $U_i := \sum_{Q,s,r \in \mathbb{Z}} D_{Q,s,r} q^{iQ+s} t^r$  for  $i=2,3$  on the right-hand side of [GSV, eq. (5.5)] are given by (where we leave the parameter  $a:=\alpha$  undetermined for now):

$$\begin{aligned} U2 &= \text{Expand}[(q-1/q) (q^{4 \text{lk}} \text{KR2} - t^a (q+1/q)^2)] \\ &= -q^3 + q^7 - q t^2 + q^3 t^2 - \frac{t^3}{q^3} + \frac{t^3}{q} - \frac{t^4}{q^5} + \frac{t^4}{q} + \frac{t^a}{q^3} + \frac{t^a}{q} - q t^a - q^3 t^a \\ U3 &= \text{Expand}[\text{Simplify}[(q-1/q) (q^{6 \text{lk}} \text{KR3} - t^a ((q^3 - q^{-3})) / (q-1/q))^2]] \\ &= -q^3 + q^9 - q t^2 + q^5 t^2 - \frac{t^3}{q^5} + \frac{t^3}{q} - \frac{t^4}{q^7} - \frac{t^4}{q^5} + \frac{t^4}{q} + q t^4 + \frac{t^a}{q^5} + \frac{t^a}{q^3} + \frac{t^a}{q} - q t^a - q^3 t^a - q^5 t^a \end{aligned}$$

Now we can try to use [GSV, eq. (5.5)] to reproduce our n=3 KR invariant (note that the two components involved are just two unknots by themselves). It works:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KR3} &= \text{Expand}[\text{Simplify}[q^{(-6 \text{lk})} (t^a \text{Simplify}[(q^3 - q^{-3}) / (q-1/q)]^2 + U3 / (q-1/q))] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now try to determine the constants  $D_{Q,s,r}$  from  $U2$  and  $U3$  above. If we set  $a=\alpha=4$ , then  $U2$  and  $U3$  have the same number of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} U2 /. \{a \rightarrow 4\} &= -q^3 + q^7 - q t^2 + q^3 t^2 - \frac{t^3}{q^3} + \frac{t^3}{q} - \frac{t^4}{q^5} + \frac{t^4}{q^3} + \frac{2 t^4}{q} - q t^4 - q^3 t^4 \\ U3 /. \{a \rightarrow 4\} &= -q^3 + q^9 - q t^2 + q^5 t^2 - \frac{t^3}{q^5} + \frac{t^3}{q} - \frac{t^4}{q^7} + \frac{t^4}{q^3} + \frac{2 t^4}{q} - q^3 t^4 - q^5 t^4 \end{aligned}$$

From this we can read off the constants  $D_{Q,s,r}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{UU}[n_] &:= -q^{(3)} + q^{(2n+3)} - q^{(1)} t^{(2)} + q^{(2n-1)} t^{(2)} - \\ &\quad q^{(-2n+1)} t^{(3)} + q^{(-1)} t^{(3)} - q^{(-2n-1)} t^{(4)} + q^{(-3)} t^{(4)} + 2 q^{(-1)} t^{(4)} - \\ &\quad q^{(2n-3)} t^{(4)} - q^{(2n-1)} t^{(4)}; \{\text{UU}[3] - U3, \text{UU}[2] - U2\} /. \{a \rightarrow 4\} \\ &= \{0, 0\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we use [GSV, eq. (5.5)] with  $a=\alpha=0$  to define a candidate for the KR invariants for arbitrary n:

$$\text{KR}[n_] := \text{Expand}[\text{FullSimplify}[\text{Expand}[\text{Simplify}[(q^{(-2n \text{lk})} (t^a \text{Simplify}[(q^n - q^{-n}) / (q-1/q)]^2 + \text{UU}[n] / (q-1/q))] /. \{a \rightarrow 4\}]]]]$$

Check that we have not made a mistake so far:

$$\{\mathbf{KR}[2] - \mathbf{KR}2, \mathbf{KR}[3] - \mathbf{KR}3\}$$

$$\{0, 0\}$$

Our result for the n=4 invariant is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{FullSimplify}[ \\ & \quad (\mathbf{q}^{(-2n)} \mathbf{k}) (\mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{Simplify}[(\mathbf{q}^{\mathbf{n}} - \mathbf{q}^{(-n)}) / (\mathbf{q} - 1 / \mathbf{q})]^2 + \mathbf{UU}[\mathbf{n}] / (\mathbf{q} - 1 / \mathbf{q})) /. \{\mathbf{a} \rightarrow 4\}] \\ & \quad \frac{1}{(-1 + \mathbf{q}^2)^2} \mathbf{q}^{-2-6n} (\mathbf{q}^2 \mathbf{t}^3 (\mathbf{q}^2 - \mathbf{q}^4 + \mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{q}^{4n} (\mathbf{q}^6 (-1 + \mathbf{q}^2) + \mathbf{q}^2 (-1 + \mathbf{q}^2) \mathbf{t}^2 + \mathbf{t}^4) - \\ & \quad \mathbf{q}^{2n} (\mathbf{q}^8 + \mathbf{t}^4 - \mathbf{q}^4 \mathbf{t}^2 (1 + \mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{q}^2 \mathbf{t}^3 (1 + \mathbf{t}) + \mathbf{q}^6 (-1 + \mathbf{t}^2))) \end{aligned}$$