

Dimension of the GL_N skein module of the mapping torus

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Abstract. We calculate the dimensions of the GL_N skein module of the mapping torus M_γ , where $\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. We collect the results into a generating function over N .

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1 Introduction

The G -skein module of a closed, oriented 3-manifold M , denoted by $Sk_G(M)$ is a vector space formed as the span of framed labelled graphs in M , modulo local *skein relations*. The labels, and the skein relations, are modelled on the category $Rep_q(G)$ of finite dimensional modules of the quantum group associated to the reductive algebraic group G . It was conjectured by Witten, and then proved in [4], that the skein module is finite dimensional for generic values of the quantum parameter q .

To date, few skein module dimensions are known and it is an important question to compute more examples. The case $G = GL_1 = \mathbb{C}^\times$ is known by [11]. In the case $G = SL_2$, the product manifolds $M = \Sigma_g \times S^1$, where Σ_g is a genus g surface, and the mapping tori $M_\gamma = T^2 \times_\gamma S^1$ for $\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ are known thanks to [3] and [8], respectively. Moving beyond $\mathbb{C}^\times$ and SL_2 , the only known dimensions are for $G = SL_N, GL_N$ and for the 3-torus $M = T^3$ [5, 6].

In this paper we determine the dimension of the GL_N -skein module of the mapping torus $M_\gamma = T^2 \times_\gamma S^1$, for any $\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, and for all $N \geq 1$. We collect the dimensions over all N together into a single generating function, which we call the *skein partition function*.

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Definition 1.1. The **skein partition function** of a closed oriented 3-manifold M is the generating function,

$$\mathcal{Z}_M(t) = 1 + \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \dim \text{Sk}_{\text{GL}_N}(M) \cdot t^N. \quad (1.1)$$

Our main result is Theorem 3.7, where we provide a closed product formula for $\mathcal{Z}_{M_\gamma}(t)$ of the form $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - t^k)^{-c_k(\gamma)}$, where the $c_k(\gamma)$ are non-negative integers depending on γ and are given in Figure 1.

This extended abstract summarizes the results in [1], and more complete proofs and details can be found there.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 GL_N skein theory

Throughout the paper, $\mathcal{K}$ denotes the field $\mathbb{C}(q)$. Let us denote the quantum integers and quantum factorials by

$$[N] = \frac{q^N - q^{-N}}{q - q^{-1}}, \quad [N]! = [N] \cdot [N-1] \cdots [1].$$

Skein modules were originally introduced by [10], [13]. Skein theory can be developed for arbitrary ribbon categories. One can recover the following definitions, when considering the ribbon category $\text{Rep}_q(\text{GL}_N)$. For a discussion of the general theory, we refer the interested reader to [14]. First, we introduce the notion of a GL_N -skein.

Definition 2.1. Let M be an oriented 3-manifold. We define a **basic GL_N -skein** in M to be an oriented, embedded ribbon graph, where the edges are either solid (black) or dashed (red) and where each vertex is one of the following $(N+1)$ -valent vertices



When we draw GL_N -skeins on the page without indicating a framing, we assume blackboard framing; that is, the framing vector is orthogonal to the "board." If you prefer to picture the skeins as ribbons, the framing vector points along the width of the ribbon.

Proposition/Definition 2.2. Let M be an oriented, compact 3-manifold. The GL_N -skein module $\text{Sk}_{\text{GL}_N}(M)$, is defined here as the $\mathcal{K}$ -module generated by the isotopy classes of basic GL_N -

skeins embedded in M , modulo the following skein relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{crossing} - \text{crossing} = (q - q^{-1}) \uparrow \uparrow, & q^{-N} \text{red crossing} = \uparrow \uparrow = q^N \text{red crossing}, \\
 & \text{red crossing} = q^2 \text{crossing}, & \text{crossing} = q^2 \text{red crossing}, & \uparrow \text{red} = q^N \uparrow, & \text{red} \uparrow = q^N \uparrow, \\
 & \bigcirc = [N] \emptyset, & \text{red } \bigcirc = \emptyset, & \text{spider} = \frac{q^{\binom{N}{2}}}{[N]!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} (-q)^{-\ell(\sigma)} \boxed{\sigma},
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

applied in embedded cylinders $D^2 \times I \hookrightarrow M$.

The crossing relations come from R -matrices, the next relations from the ribbon structure, and the constants that the closed loops yield from computing quantum dimension. The last relation, in which $\ell(\sigma)$ denotes Coxeter length, captures the projection from the N^{th} exterior product of the defining representation to the determinant representation.

Remark 2.3. The GL_N -skein module defined here can easily be shown to be equivalent to: (a) the special case $\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep}_q(\text{GL}_N)$ of the general definition as in [14], and (b) the evident GL_N -modification of SL_N -webs from [12], and SL_N -spiders from [2].

Definition 2.4. Let Σ be an oriented, compact surface. The GL_N -skein category of Σ , denoted $\text{SkCat}_{\text{GL}_N}(\Sigma)$ is the $\mathcal{K}$ -linear category with

- objects: finite unions of oriented, framed points on Σ , colored by either “black solid” or “red dashed”. This data is also called a labelling of Σ .
- morphisms space: the $\mathcal{K}$ -vector space spanned by isotopy classes of GL_N -skeins in $M = \Sigma \times I$ compatible with the labelling of the source and target objects, modulo the skein relations (2.1) applied in embedded cylinders $D^2 \times I \hookrightarrow \Sigma \times I$.

The composition is defined by stacking in the I -direction.

Definition 2.5. The endomorphism algebra $\text{End}_{\text{SkCat}_{\text{GL}_N}(\Sigma)}(\emptyset)$ for the empty labeling $\emptyset$, is called the GL_N -skein algebra of Σ and is denoted by $\text{SkAlg}_{\text{GL}_N}(\Sigma)$.

2.2 Symmetric group conventions

For a permutation $w \in S_N$, we write $\lambda = 1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}$ to denote its cycle type, that is w is the product of $r_k = r_k(w)$ disjoint cycles of length k . When w or λ is fixed, we merely write r_k to lighten notation. We write $[w]$ or $[1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}]$ to denote the conjugacy class with representative w , and we denote by $\text{cl}(S_N)$ the set of conjugacy classes of S_N . When we need to choose a specific representative w of the class $[1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}]$, we will take for simplicity the *natural* one. That is, we write w as a product of $r = \sum_j r_j(w)$ disjoint cycles by writing the numbers $12 \dots N$ and inserting r pairs of parenthesis in the obvious way.

See Example 2.6 below. In (2.1), $\ell(w)$ denotes the Coxeter length of w . For w of cycle type k^r , its centraliser is isomorphic to the wreath product $Z_{S_{kr}}(w) \cong C_k \wr S_r$. For a general element w of cycle type $1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}$, its centraliser satisfies $Z_{S_N}(w) \cong \prod_{k=1}^N C_k \wr S_{r_k}$.

Example 2.6. The conjugacy class $[1^3 3^2]$ in S_9 has $r_1 = 3, r_3 = 2$ and $r_j = 0$ otherwise. We have not written the parts j^0 when $r_j = 0$. This conjugacy class has natural representative given by $w = (1)(2)(3)(4, 5, 6)(7, 8, 9)$. The centraliser of w in S_9 is isomorphic to $S_3 \times (C_3 \wr S_2)$, generated by $\{\underbrace{(1, 2), (2, 3)}_{S_3}, \underbrace{(4, 5, 6)}_{C_3}, \underbrace{(7, 8, 9)}_{C_3}, \underbrace{(4, 7)(5, 8)(6, 9)}_{S_2}\}$. In the notation of Theorem 3.3 below, $w_1 = (1)(2)(3)$ and $w_3 = (4, 5, 6)(7, 8, 9)$.

2.3 Mapping torus and $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

A standard reference for this section is [7, Section 2.2].

Definition 2.7. The **mapping torus** of the diffeomorphism γ of the torus T^2 is defined as

$$M_\gamma := T^2 \times I / (x, 0) \sim (\gamma(x), 1).$$

Note that up to homeomorphism, M_γ depends only on the representative in the mapping class group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, and that moreover $M_\gamma, M_{\gamma'}$, for $\gamma, \gamma' \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ are orientation-preserving diffeomorphic if and only if γ and γ' are conjugate in $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

The group $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ can be generated by the matrices $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. With respect to these generators, $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ has corresponding presentation

$$\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle S, T \mid S^4 = \mathrm{Id}, (ST)^3 = S^2 \rangle.$$

For $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we say that γ is **hyperbolic** if $|\mathrm{tr}(\gamma)| > 2$. If γ is not hyperbolic then it is conjugate in $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ to one of the following: $\pm \mathrm{Id}, \pm TS, \pm (TS)^{-1}, \pm S, \pm T^m$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. See Figure 1 for an overview of our results for all possible conjugacy classes of $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Note that above we have written Id for Id_2 and from now on, if not specified, $\mathrm{Id} = \mathrm{Id}_2$.

2.4 Skein module of the mapping torus via Hochschild homology

Because $\mathrm{SkAlg}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(T^2) = \mathrm{End}_{\mathrm{SkCat}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(T^2)}(\emptyset)$, the skein algebra (considered as category with one object) embeds into the skein category $\mathrm{SkCat}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(T^2)$. In [6], it was shown that this inclusion induces a Morita equivalence. We have isomorphisms,

$$\mathrm{Sk}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(M_\gamma) \cong \mathrm{HH}_0^\gamma(\mathrm{SkAlg}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(T^2)), \quad \mathrm{SkAlg}_{\mathrm{GL}_N}(T^2) \cong (A_N)^{S_N}, \quad (2.2)$$

where the first follows from the Morita invariance of Hochschild homology, and the second was proved in [5]. A_N denotes the algebra, also known as the quantum torus, defined as follows.

Let $\bullet$ denote the dot product on $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus N}$. Let ω be the nondegenerate skew pairing on $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$ given by

$$\omega(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}') = (j_1, \dots, j_N) \bullet (\ell'_1, \dots, \ell'_N) - (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_N) \bullet (j'_1, \dots, j'_N),$$

for $\mathbf{u} = (j_1, \ell_1, \dots, j_N, \ell_N)$, $\mathbf{u}' = (j'_1, \ell'_1, \dots, j'_N, \ell'_N)$ in $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$.

Definition 2.8. Let $A_N = \mathcal{K}_\omega[(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}]$ denote the twisted group algebra, whose underlying vector space is the $\mathcal{K}$ -span of $m_{\mathbf{u}}$, for $\mathbf{u} \in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$, and with multiplication

$$m_{\mathbf{u}} m_{\mathbf{v}} = q^{\frac{1}{2}\omega(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})} m_{\mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}}.$$

The group S_N acts diagonally on $m_{\mathbf{u}} \in A_N$ by permuting the j_i 's and ℓ_i 's simultaneously in $\mathbf{u} = (j_1, \ell_1, \dots, j_N, \ell_N)$, i.e., $w(m_{\mathbf{u}}) = m_{w(\mathbf{u})}$ for $w \in S_N$. Note that ω is S_N -invariant. For $w \in S_N$, $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ one can define their conjoint action on A_N by multiplication by the tensor product $w \otimes \gamma$ on $\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus N} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}^{\oplus 2} \simeq (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$.

Because S_N acts on A_N , we can form the smash product algebra $A_N \# S_N$. When N is clear from context, to lighten notation we merely write A for A_N .

In [6], and then in [8] for the twisted version, the authors employ the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{HH}_0^\gamma(A^{S_N}) \cong \mathrm{HH}_0^\gamma(A \# S_N) \cong \bigoplus_{[w] \in \mathrm{cl}(S_N)} \mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})_{Z_{S_N}(w)}, \quad (2.3)$$

where the right hand side is defined as follows. Given $w \in S_N$ and $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, the action of $w \otimes \gamma$ allows us to define the A -bimodule $A_{w\gamma}$ having the same underlying space A , on which A acts on the left in the usual way, and on the right *twisted* by $w \otimes \gamma$. The zeroth Hochschild homology of A with coefficients in the twisted bimodule $A_{w\gamma}$ is then given by

$$\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma}) = A_{w\gamma} / N_{w,\gamma}, \quad (2.4)$$

where we quotient by the *subspace of twisted commutators*

$$N_{w,\gamma} := \mathcal{K}\{m_{\mathbf{u}} m_{\mathbf{v}} - m_{\mathbf{v}} m_{w \otimes \gamma(\mathbf{u})} \mid \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}\}. \quad (2.5)$$

The sum in (2.3) is over conjugacy classes and the subscript $Z_{S_N}(w)$ indicates that we take coinvariants with respect to the centraliser. Implicit in the statement is the independence of choice of representative of $[w]$.

Notation 2.9. For $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $w \in S_N$, and $\mathbf{v} \in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$, we perform the same rescaling of generators of $\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})$ as in [6]:

$$\tilde{m}_{\mathbf{v}} := q^{\frac{1}{2}\omega((\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)^{-1}\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})} m_{\mathbf{v}},$$

which is well defined even when $\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma$ is not invertible because we quotient by $N_{w, \gamma}$, see [6] for a proof, or its modification in [8].

After rescaling, the twisted commutator relations (2.5) are proportional to $\tilde{m}_{\mathbf{u}} - \tilde{m}_{\mathbf{u} + (\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)\mathbf{v}}$, hence as vector spaces we have the isomorphism

$$\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma}) \cong \mathcal{K}[\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\mathrm{tors}}], \quad (2.6)$$

first introduced in [6] and then extended in [8]. This allows us to focus on the exponent vectors $\in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$ and use tools from linear algebra and finitely generated abelian groups. Observe that any $\sigma \in Z_{S_N}(w)$ commutes with $\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma$, so the quotient $\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\mathrm{tors}}$ carries an action of $Z_{S_N}(w)$. Further, since the skew pairing ω is S_N -invariant we have that for all $\sigma \in Z_{S_N}(w)$, $\sigma(\tilde{m}_{\mathbf{u}}) = \tilde{m}_{\sigma(\mathbf{u})}$ in $\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{\gamma w})$. This allows us to reduce the computation of coinvariants to one of orbit-counting.

3 Dimension of the skein module

In this section, we compute the dimension of $\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})_{Z_{S_N}(w)}$ for $w \in S_N$. In order to do so, we will first use equation (2.6) and compute the image of $\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma$ in $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}$, and consequently its cokernel. Then, we will study the action of $Z_{S_N}(w)$ on $\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\mathrm{tors}}$, starting with the case that $w = (1 \cdots k)$ is a single k -cycle. In this case, it reduces to understanding $\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_2 - \gamma^k)_{\mathrm{tors}}$ with γ acting by multiplication. Finally, by counting the number of orbits of the action by $Z_{S_N}(w)$ for any w , we will give an explicit formula for the dimension of $\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})_{Z_{S_N}(w)}$.

The first step is to compute the image of $\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma$ via column reduction. We find we need only compute the image of the 2×2 matrices $\mathrm{Id} - \gamma^k$ for appropriate k .

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\gamma \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and $w \in S_N$ have cycle type $1^{r_1}2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}$. We have an isomorphism of abelian groups,*

$$\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma) \cong \bigoplus_{k=1}^N (\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id} - \gamma^k))^{\oplus r_k}.$$

Consequently combining equation (2.6) with taking torsion and linearizing, we have:

$$\mathrm{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma}) \cong \mathcal{K}[\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\mathrm{tors}}] \cong \mathcal{K}\left[\bigoplus_{k=1}^N ((\mathrm{coker}(\mathrm{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\mathrm{tors}})^{\oplus r_k})\right].$$

Proof. By the independence of conjugacy class representative, we may choose the natural representative w as in Section 2.2. Then the matrix $\text{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma$ is a diagonal block matrix,

$$\text{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma = \text{diag}(Q_{1,r_1}, Q_{2,r_2}, \dots, Q_{n,r_n}),$$

consisting of blocks Q_{k,r_k} defined by

$$Q_{k,r_k} := \text{diag}(\underbrace{P_k, P_k, \dots, P_k}_{r_k \text{ times}}), \quad P_k := \text{Id}_{2k} - (1 \cdots k) \otimes \gamma, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad (3.1)$$

and $P_1 = \text{Id} - \gamma$. Hence, we have isomorphisms

$$\text{coker}(\text{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\text{tors}} \cong \bigoplus_{k=1}^N \text{coker}(Q_{k,r_k})_{\text{tors}} \cong \bigoplus_{k=1}^N \text{coker}(P_k)_{\text{tors}}^{\oplus r_k}. \quad (3.2)$$

We note that, for $1 < k \leq N$,

$$P_k = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id} & & & & -\gamma \\ -\gamma & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \text{Id} & \\ & & & -\gamma & \text{Id} \end{pmatrix} \cong_{\text{col}} \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id} & & & & \\ -\gamma & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \text{Id} & \\ & & & -\gamma & \text{Id} - \gamma^k \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.3)$$

where the equivalence is obtained by elementary column operations. This yields isomorphisms $\text{coker}(P_k) \cong \text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)$ and $\text{coker}(P_k)_{\text{tors}} \cong \text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$, with $P_k \in \text{End}((\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus k})$, $\text{Id} - \gamma^k \in \text{End}(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})$. □

Notation 3.2. We define $c_k(\gamma)$ to be the number of orbits of $Z_{S_k}((1 \cdots k))$ acting on $\text{coker}(\text{Id}_{2k} - (1 \cdots k) \otimes \gamma)_{\text{tors}}$. When γ is fixed, to lighten notation we will often write c_k for $c_k(\gamma)$.

Theorem 3.3. Let $w \in S_N$ have cycle type $1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}$ and $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. Then

$$\dim(\text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})_{Z_{S_N}(w)}) = \prod_{k=1}^N \binom{c_k(\gamma) + r_k - 1}{r_k}.$$

Proof. Since the space of coinvariants is defined by

$$\text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})_{Z_{S_N}(w)} = \text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma}) / \mathcal{K}\{\tilde{m}_{\mathbf{v}} - \tilde{m}_{\sigma(\mathbf{v})} \mid \sigma \in Z_{S_N}(w), \mathbf{v} \in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus N}\}$$

its dimension is the number of orbits of the action of $Z_{S_N}(w)$ on $\text{coker}(\text{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\text{tors}}$. Let w be the natural representative of $[1^{r_1} 2^{r_2} \dots N^{r_N}]$ and $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be fixed. Let w_k denote the product of all the disjoint cycles of w of length k , viewed as element of $S_{k r_k}$; thus w_k has cycle type k^{r_k} . The centraliser of w in S_n satisfies $Z_{S_N}(w) \cong \prod_{k=1}^N Z_{S_{k r_k}}(w_k)$. Note that the centraliser $Z_{S_N}(w)$ only permutes entries from the cycles of w that have the same lengths. Therefore by (3.2) the set of orbits, denoted $\text{coker}(\text{Id}_{2N} - w \otimes \gamma)_{\text{tors}} / Z_{S_N}(w)$, is in bijection with the Cartesian product of orbits $\prod_{k=1}^N \left(\text{coker}(Q_{k, r_k})_{\text{tors}} / Z_{S_{k r_k}}(w_k) \right)$. Recall that in this notation $c_k = \#(\text{coker}(P_k)_{\text{tors}} / C_k)$. Thus, after a standard stars and bars counting argument, one finds that the total number of orbits is equal to $\binom{c_k + r_k - 1}{r_k}$. $\square$

As a result of Theorem 3.3, it suffices to study the action of $Z_{S_k}((1 \dots k)) = \langle (1 \dots k) \rangle \cong C_k$ on $\text{coker}(P_k)_{\text{tors}}$. We carry out this analysis below.

We have reduced computing $\text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})$ to a computation involving 2×2 matrices. To compute the invariants with respect to $Z_{S_N}(w)$ we need to see how this action interacts with the reduction. This is achieved in Lemma 3.4. Taking $w = (1 \dots k)$, we regard $\mathcal{K}[\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}]$ as a module for $Z_{S_k}(w)$ via the surjective group homomorphism given by $w \mapsto \bar{\gamma}$ where we have written $\bar{\gamma}$ for its coset in $\langle \gamma \rangle / \langle \gamma^k \rangle$ and where γ , and hence $\bar{\gamma}$, acts on $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$ by multiplication.

Lemma 3.4. *For $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $w = (1 \dots k) \in S_k$, the natural action of $\langle \gamma \rangle$ on $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)$ yields that the isomorphism*

$$\text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma}) \cong \mathcal{K}[\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}],$$

of Lemma (3.1) intertwines the natural $Z_{S_k}(w)$ action on the left hand side with the $Z_{S_k}(w)$ action on the right hand side as constructed above.

Proof. Starting with Notation 2.9, for $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, we let $\tilde{m}_i^{\mathbf{v}} := \tilde{m}_{\mathbf{v}_i}$, with $\mathbf{v}_i \in (\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})^{\oplus k}$ having all components being 0 except in the i^{th} component (that is the $(2i-1)^{\text{st}}$ and $2i^{\text{th}}$ coordinates), where it is equal to $\mathbf{v}$, i.e., $\mathbf{v}_i = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, j, \ell, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)$ if $\mathbf{v} = (j, \ell)$.

From the reduction (3.3), we know that $\text{HH}_0(A, A_{w\gamma})$ is spanned by monomials $\tilde{m}_k^{\mathbf{v}}$, with k fixed as above, and $\mathbf{v}$ ranging over $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, quotiented by the subspace $\mathcal{K}\{\tilde{m}_k^{\mathbf{v}} - \tilde{m}_k^{\gamma^k \mathbf{v}} \mid \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Now for $(1 \dots k)^{k-r} \in Z_{S_k}((1 \dots k)) = \langle (1 \dots k) \rangle \subset S_k$, with $0 \leq r < k$, we obtain

$$(1 \dots k)^{k-r}(\tilde{m}_k^{\mathbf{v}}) = \tilde{m}_{k-r}^{\mathbf{v}}.$$

Since we already had, from the cokernel relations (2.5), that $\tilde{m}_{k-r}^{\mathbf{v}} = \tilde{m}_{k-r+1}^{\gamma^{\mathbf{v}}} = \dots = \tilde{m}_k^{\gamma^r \mathbf{v}}$, we now have that the action of the centraliser agrees with

$$(1 \dots k)^{k-r}(\tilde{m}_k^{\mathbf{v}}) = \tilde{m}_k^{\gamma^r \mathbf{v}}, \quad 0 \leq r < k. \quad (3.4)$$

□

Lemma 3.5. *If $\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) \neq 0$, then for $1 \leq p < k$, the number of fixed points of γ^p on $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$ is*

$$\# \text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)^{\gamma^p}_{\text{tors}} = |\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^d)|.$$

with $d = \gcd(k, p)$ or $d = \gcd(k, p, m)$ in the case γ has finite order m .

Proof. We consider γ of infinite order, respectively finite order m . Let $\bar{\gamma}^p$ denote the elements of the finite cyclic group $\langle \gamma \rangle / \langle \gamma^k \rangle = \langle \bar{\gamma} \rangle$. Note the order of $\bar{\gamma}$ is k , respectively $m / \gcd(k, m)$.

We have an equality of the cyclic subgroups $\langle \bar{\gamma}^p \rangle = \langle \bar{\gamma}^d \rangle$ exactly when $\gcd(k, p) = \gcd(k, d)$, (respectively $\gcd(k, p, m) = \gcd(k, d, m)$); and note that any fixed point of $\bar{\gamma}^p$ will also be a fixed point of $\bar{\gamma}^{rp}$ for $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus we may assume that $p = d$, which divides k (respectively divides m and k).

When $\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) \neq 0$, $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) = \text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$ and $\text{Id} - \gamma^k$ and $\text{Id} - \gamma^d$ are both endomorphisms of $\mathbb{Z}^2$ with finite cokernel, i.e. whose images are of finite index. Let $L = \text{Im}(\text{Id} - \gamma^d) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ and $M = \text{Im}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$. Because d divides k we have an inclusion of lattices $M \subseteq L \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$. Observe $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) = \mathbb{Z}^2 / M$. We compute the index of these sublattices

$$[\mathbb{Z}^2 : L] = |\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^d)|, \quad [\mathbb{Z}^2 : M] = |\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)| = [\mathbb{Z}^2 : L][L : M].$$

The First Isomorphism Theorem applied to multiplication by $\text{Id} - \gamma^d$ shows the number of fixed points for γ^d , and in general for γ^p with $\gcd(k, p) = d$, (respectively $\gcd(k, p, m) = d$) is $|\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^d)|$, and the Lemma follows. □

Theorem 3.6. *Suppose that $\text{tr}(\gamma) \neq \pm 2$, and $\gamma^k \neq \text{Id}$. Then the following formula holds:*

$$c_k(\gamma) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{d|k} \phi\left(\frac{k}{d}\right) |\text{tr}(\gamma^d) - 2|. \quad (3.5)$$

where ϕ is the Euler's totient function.

The remaining special cases occur when γ is conjugate to a shear T^m , its negative $-T^m$, or when γ is of finite-order with $\gamma^k = \text{Id}$. In those cases, we have the following expressions,

$$c_k(\gamma) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \gamma^k = \text{Id}, \\ |m|k, & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is conjugate to } T^m \text{ for } m \neq 0, \\ |m|\frac{k}{2} + 1, & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is conjugate to } -T^m \text{ for } m \neq 0, \text{ and } k \text{ is even}, \\ 4, & \text{if } \gamma \text{ is conjugate to } -T^m \text{ and } k \text{ is odd}. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By Burnside's Lemma, the average number of fixed points of $\langle \gamma \rangle / \langle \gamma^k \rangle$ acting on $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$ is given by:

$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{p=1}^k \# \text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}^{\gamma^p} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{d|k} \phi\left(\frac{k}{d}\right) |\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^d)|.$$

The equation follows from Lemma 3.5 and the definition of ϕ . We note that the formula holds even in the case that γ has finite order m . In this case it still counts the average number of fixed points of a group of size $m / \gcd(k, m)$ repeated $k / \gcd(k, m)$ times then normalized appropriately. Note that for $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^d) = 2 - \text{tr}(\gamma^d)$.

Note that if $|\text{tr}(\gamma)| > 2$, $k > 0$ then $\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) \neq 0$. When γ is of finite order dividing k , the matrix $\text{Id} - \gamma^k$ is equal to the zero matrix. Hence, $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}}$ is trivial and there is only one orbit. We obtain

$$\dim \text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)\gamma}) = \dim \text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)\gamma})_{Z_{S_k}((1 \dots k))} = 1.$$

For the remaining cases it suffices to take γ equal to either T^m or $-T^m$. In the following, we use the notation from the proof of Lemma 3.4.

When $\gamma = T^m$, we have $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}} \cong \{\tilde{m}_k^{(i,0)} \mid 0 \leq i < |m|k\}$ as sets. Each $\tilde{m}_k^{(i,0)}$ is fixed by T , hence by equation (3.4) the action of the centraliser is trivial on $\text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)\gamma})$. Thus

$$c_k(T^m) = \dim \text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)T^m})_{Z_{S_k}((1 \dots k))} = \dim \text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)T^m}) = |m|k.$$

When $\gamma = -T^m$ and k is odd, we have $\det(\text{Id} - \gamma^k) = 4$, hence the formula (3.5) applies.

When k is even, we have $\text{coker}(\text{Id} - \gamma^k)_{\text{tors}} \cong \{\tilde{m}_k^{(i,0)} \mid 0 \leq i < |m|k\}$. However, the action by the centraliser $Z_{S_k}((1 \dots k)) = \langle (12 \dots k) \rangle$ is non-trivial. Each $-T^m$ will send $\tilde{m}_k^{(i,0)}$ to $\tilde{m}_k^{(-i,0)}$, which is identified with $\tilde{m}_k^{(|m|k-i,0)}$ modulo the relations (2.5). Hence, the centraliser has two singleton orbits $\{\tilde{m}_k^{(0,0)}\}$ and $\{\tilde{m}_k^{(|m|\frac{k}{2},0)}\}$ and $|m|\frac{k}{2} - 1$ orbits of the form $\{\tilde{m}_k^{(i,0)}, \tilde{m}_k^{(|m|k-i,0)}\}$. In conclusion, for k even, we obtain $c_k(-T^m) = |m|\frac{k}{2} + 1$. $\square$

Theorem 3.7. *Let $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$. The skein partition function $\mathcal{Z}_{M_\gamma}(t)$ of the mapping torus M_γ admits an Euler product expansion,*

$$\mathcal{Z}_{M_\gamma}(t) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - t^k)^{-c_k(\gamma)},$$

where $c_k(\gamma)$ is a non-negative integer given in Theorem 3.6, and in particular is determined by $\text{tr}(\gamma)$ when $\text{tr}(\gamma) \neq 2$.

We omit the proof in the interest of space, noting it follows easily from Theorem 3.3.

Remark 3.8. We note that the trace $\text{tr}(\gamma^d)$ can be expressed via Chebyshev polynomials as a polynomial of degree d in $\text{tr}(\gamma)$. To illustrate this, we write out $c_k(\gamma)$ for some values of k , as a polynomial in $x := \text{tr}(\gamma)$ in the case when $\text{tr}(\gamma) > 2$. $c_1(x) = x - 2$, $c_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + x - 6)$, $c_3(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x^3 - x - 6)$, $c_4(x) = \frac{1}{4}(x^4 - 3x^2 + 2x - 8)$.

Example 3.9. The skein module dimensions for GL_N and the sequences c_k are given below, for some matrices γ .

γ	$c_k(\gamma)$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\dim \text{Sk}_{\text{GL}_N}(M_\gamma)$ for $N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	2, 7, 18, 52, 146, 463, 1442, 4732, ...	2, 10, 36, 142, 520, 1980, 7344, ...
T	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ...	1, 3, 6, 13, 24, 48, 86, 160, 282, ...
$-T$	4, 2, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4, 6, 4, 7, 4, 8, ...	4, 12, 32, 77, 172, 366, 744, 1460, ...
$-\text{Id}$	4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, ...	4, 11, 28, 63, 132, 264, 504, 928, ...

Remark 3.10. For $\gamma = T$, the dimension of the GL_N -skein module is the number of plane partitions of N . Its generating function was first presented by MacMahon in [9].

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$[\gamma]$	$\text{tr}(\gamma)$	$\text{ord}(\gamma)$	$\dim \text{HH}_0(A, A_{(1 \dots k)\gamma})$	$c_k(\gamma)$
$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or $S^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	0	4	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ 4 if $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ 2 if $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{4}$	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ 3 if $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ 2 if $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{4}$
$TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or $(TS)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	1	6	1 if $k \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{6}$ 4 if $k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ 3 if $k \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{6}$	1 if $k \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{6}$ 2 if $k \equiv \pm 2, 3 \pmod{6}$
$-TS = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ or $-(TS)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-1	3	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ 3 if $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ 3 if $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$
$\text{Id} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	2	1	1	1
$-\text{Id} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-2	2	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 4 if $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	1 if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 4 if $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$
$T^m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	2	∞	$ m k$	$ m k$
$-T^m = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -m \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	-2	∞	$ m k$ if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 4 if $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$	$ m \frac{k}{2} + 1$ if $k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ 4 if $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$
hyperbolic	$ \text{tr}(\gamma) > 2$	∞	$ \text{tr}(\gamma^k) - 2 $	$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{d k} \phi(\frac{k}{d}) \text{tr}(\gamma^d) - 2 $

Figure 1: Overview of the results for all possible conjugacy classes of $\gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

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