

Homework exercises for Kyoto course:

1) Let  $M_0$  be a  $*$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  and  $M$  its weak closure. Show that there is a projection  $p \in M$  such that  $p \in M_0''$ ,  $m \mapsto mp$  is a weakly and strongly continuous isomorphism and  $Mp$  is a von Neumann algebra on  $p\mathcal{H}$ .

2) Show that  $L^\infty([0, 1])$  is equal to its own commutant (is “maximal abelian”) on  $L^2([0, 1])$ .

3) Use the ideas in the lecture to prove Goldman’s theorem—that a subfactor of index two is the fixed point algebra for an action of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

4) Show that the trace of any word on the  $e_i$ ’s is determined by the Temperley-Lieb relations and the Markov trace relation.

5) Calculate the Jones polynomial of a  $(2, n)$  torus link (i.e. the closure of  $\sigma_1^n \in B_2$ ).

6) Make the following links into closed braids:

