

On certain L -functions for deformations of knot group representations

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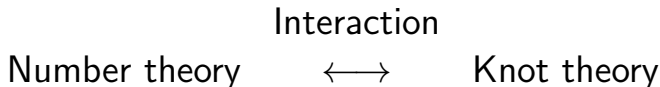
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cf. [Hillman-Matei-Morishita], [Kadokami-Mizusawa], [Sugiyama], [Ueki].

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Mazur proposed a number of problems related in his famous article

[Ma] B. Mazur, *The theme of p -adic variation*,
Mathematics: frontiers and perspectives, American
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In this talk, I will report
some results which solve Mazur's problem.

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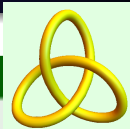
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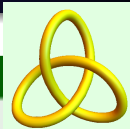
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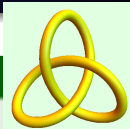
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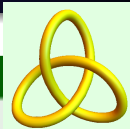
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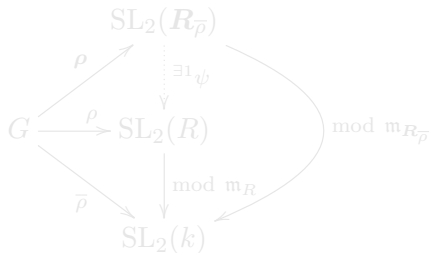
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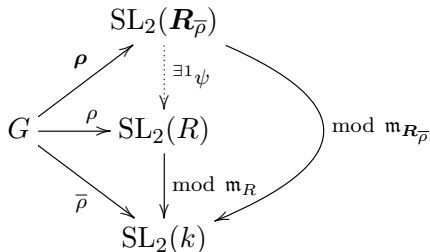


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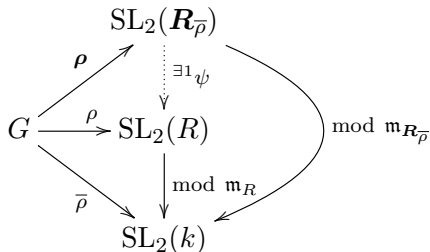


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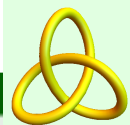
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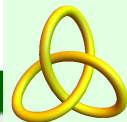
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$$H_1(\rho_2) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{19}, \quad L_K(\rho_2) \doteq x - \beta.$$

Thank you for your attention!