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*Remarkable closed formula in Temperley-Lieb algebra.*

With the aim of computing the Kauffman bracket skein module of the connected sum of two solid tori, we prove the following in Temperley-Lieb algebra. Consider a positive pure braid  $w_k = \sigma_{k-1}\sigma_{k-2}\cdots\sigma_2\sigma_1^2\sigma_2\cdots\sigma_{k-2}\sigma_{k-1}$  and project it onto Temperley-Lieb algebra by taking  $\sigma_i = AId + A^{-1}e_i$ . We write  $w_k$  in the classical (Catalan) basis of  $TL_k$  and obtain the following formula for the coefficients of  $E$  or its any partial permutation (notation is explained below):

$$A^{2k-2j_s-4}(A^{2i_1} - A^{-2i_1})(A^{2(i_2-j_1-1)} + A^{-2(i_2-j_1-1)})\cdots(A^{2(i_s-j_{s-1}-1)} + A^{-2(i_s-j_{s-1}-1)}).$$

Let  $w_k = \sum_{C \in Cat} C(A)C$  where the sum is taken over all classical Catalan basis elements and  $C(A)$  is a Laurent polynomial coefficient. Then  $C(A) = 0$  if  $C$  written in  $TL_k$  generators (in a minimal form) has some letter appearing twice. Otherwise let  $E_{i,j} = e_i e_{i+1} \dots e_j$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq k-1$ . Define  $E = E_{i_1, j_1} E_{i_2, j_2} \dots E_{i_s, j_s}$  where  $j_{t-1} \leq i_t - 2$ . Our formula is useful in studying the effect of handle slidings on the KBSM of connected sums of arbitrary 3-manifolds. (Received August 14, 2020)