

Day 2 - u, v, w: combinatorics and low algebra  
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The Finite Type Story. With  $\mathcal{X} := \times - \times$  set  $V_m := \{V: wK \rightarrow Q: V(\mathcal{X}^{>m}) = 0\}$ .

arrow diagrams  $\rightarrow \bigoplus (V_m) \rightarrow 0$

$\mathcal{A}^w := D/\bar{R}$  (filtered)  $wK$

$(gr Z) \circ \pi = I$

Knot-Theoretic statement (simplified). There exists a homomorphic expansion  $Z$  for trivalent w-tangles. In particular,  $Z$  should respect R4.

Diagrammatic statement (simplified). Let  $R = \exp \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}^w(\{1\})$ . There exist  $V \in \mathcal{A}^w(\{1\})$  so that

Algebraic statement (simplified). With  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}$  with  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  the identity element and with  $R = e^\gamma \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  there exist  $V \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes 2}$  so that  $V(\Delta \otimes 1)(R) = R^{12} R^{23} V$  in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$

Unitary statement (simplified). There exists a unitary tangential differential operator  $V$  defined on  $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g})$  so that  $V e^{x+y} = e^x e^y V$  (allowing  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ -valued functions)

Group-Algebra statement (simplified). For every  $\phi, \psi \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})^G$  (with small support), the following holds in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ :

$$\iint_{\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}} \phi(x) \psi(y) e^{x+y} = \iint_{\mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g}} \phi(x) \psi(y) e^x e^y.$$

(shhh, this is Duflo)

Convolutions statement (Kashiwara-Vergne, simplified). Convolutions of invariant functions on a Lie group agree with convolutions of invariant functions on its Lie algebra. More accurately, let  $G$  be a finite dimensional Lie group and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be its Lie algebra, and let  $\Phi: \text{Fun}(G) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$  be given by  $\Phi(f)(x) := f(\exp x)$ . Then if  $f, g \in \text{Fun}(G)$  are Ad-invariant and supported near the identity, then  $\Phi(f) * \Phi(g) = \Phi(f * g)$ .

Unitary  $\iff$  Algebraic. Interpret  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$  as tangential differential operators on  $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$ :  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  becomes a multiplication operator, and  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  becomes a tangential derivation, in the direction of the action of  $\text{ad}_x$ :  $(x\varphi)(y) := \varphi([x, y])$ .

Unitary  $\implies$  Group-Algebra.  $\iint e^{x+y} \phi(x) \psi(y) = \langle V1, V e^{x+y} \phi(x) \psi(y) \rangle = \langle e^x e^y V \phi(x) \psi(y) \rangle = \langle 1, e^x e^y V \phi(x) \psi(y) \rangle = \iint e^x e^y \phi(x) \psi(y)$ .

Convolutions and Group Algebras (ignoring all Jacobians). If  $G$  is finite,  $A$  is an algebra,  $\tau: G \rightarrow A$  is multiplicative then  $(\text{Fun}(G), *) \cong (A, \cdot)$  via  $L: f \mapsto \sum f(a)\tau(a)$ . For  $\text{Lie}(G, \mathfrak{g})$ :

$$(\mathfrak{g}, +) \ni x \xrightarrow{\tau_0 = \exp} e^x \in \hat{S}(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g}) \xrightarrow{\hat{L}_0} \hat{S}(\mathfrak{g})$$

$$\downarrow \exp \quad \downarrow \exp \quad \downarrow \tau_1 \quad \downarrow \tau_1 \quad \downarrow \tau_1 \quad \downarrow \tau_1$$

$$(G, \cdot) \ni e^x \xrightarrow{\tau_1} e^x \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \text{Fun}(G) \xrightarrow{\hat{L}_1} \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$$

with  $L_0 \psi = \int \psi(x) e^x dx \in \hat{S}(\mathfrak{g})$  and  $L_1 \Phi^{-1} \psi = \int \psi(x) e^x \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ . Given  $\psi_1 \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$  compare  $\Phi^{-1}(\psi_1) * \Phi^{-1}(\psi_2)$  and  $\Phi^{-1}(\psi_1 * \psi_2)$  in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$ : (shhh,  $L_{0,1}$  are "Laplace transforms")

\* in  $G: \iint \psi_1(x) \psi_2(y) e^x e^y \quad * \text{ in } \mathfrak{g}: \iint \psi_1(x) \psi_2(y) e^{x+y}$

The Bracket-Rise Theorem.  $\mathcal{A}^w$  is isomorphic to  $\overline{STU}, \overline{AS}$ , and  $\overline{THX}$  relations

Corollaries. (1) Related to Lie algebras! (2) Only wheels and isolated arrows persist.

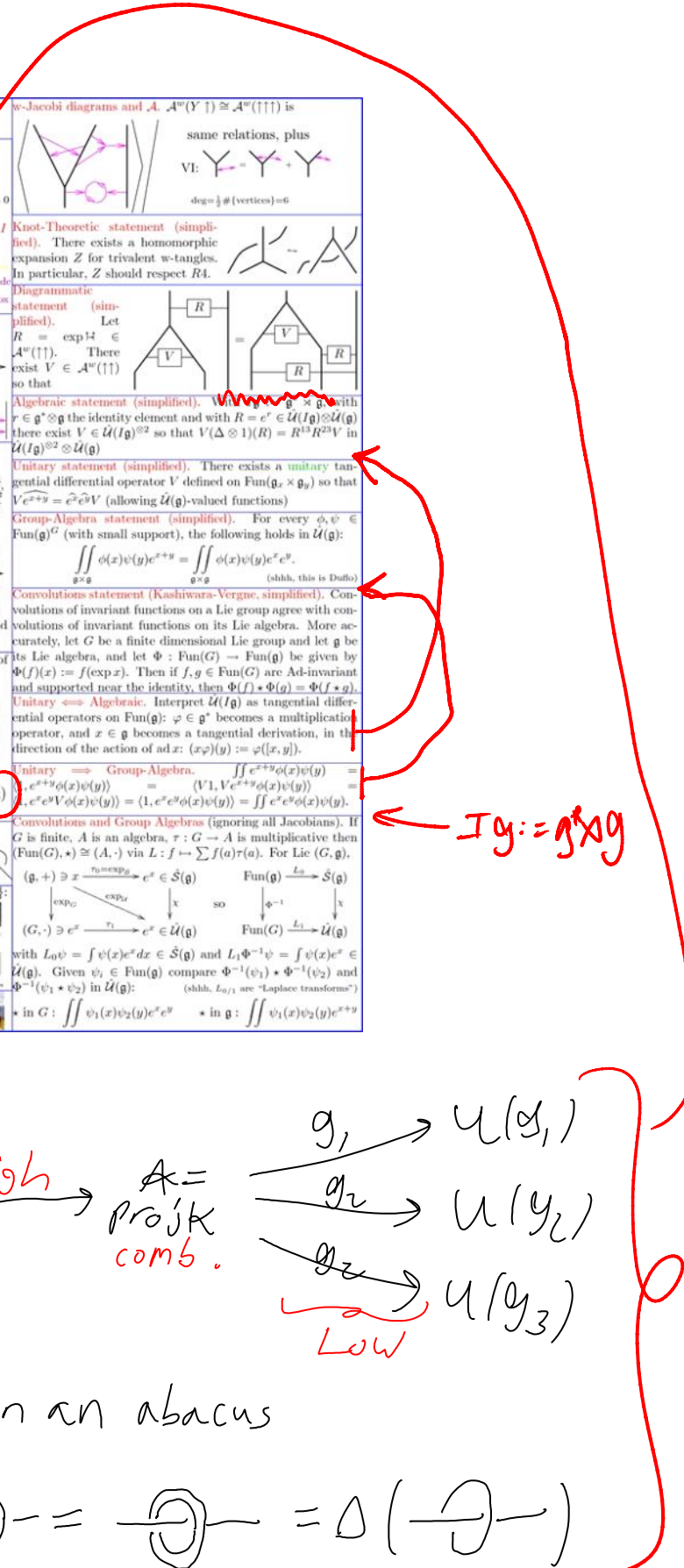
Low Algebra. With  $(x_i)$  and  $(\varphi^j)$  dual bases of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ , we have  $\mathcal{A}^w \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  via  $\sum_{i,j,k,l,m,n=1}^{\dim \mathfrak{g}} b_{ij}^k b_{kl}^m \varphi^i x_n x_m \varphi^j \in \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})$

Vertices: singular, R4

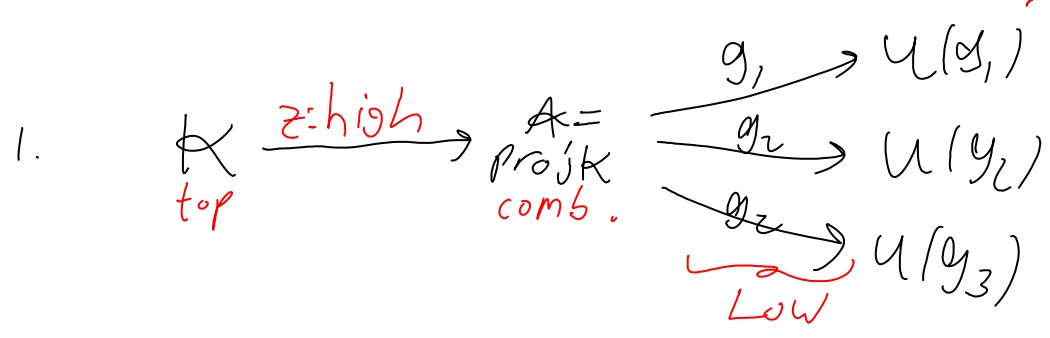
Top. to Comb.  $gr_m wTT := \{m - \text{cubes}\} / \{(m+1) - \text{cubes}\}$

forget topology

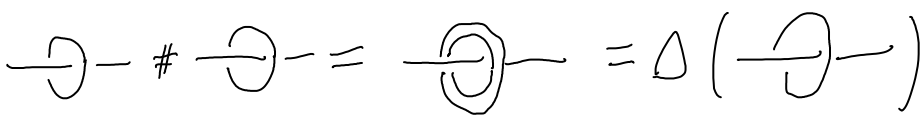
Kashiwara, Vergne, Alekseev, Turaev



$\mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g}) = \mathfrak{g} * \mathfrak{g}$



2.  $1+1=2$  on an abacus



$\xrightarrow{\text{the u-machine}}$  The Duflo isomorphism  $S(\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}} \cong \mathcal{U}(\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}}$