## Facts and Dreams About v-Knots and Etingof-Kazhdan, 1

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Abstract. I will describe, to the best of my understanding, the relationship between virtual knots and the Etingof-Kazhdan quantization of Lie bialgebras, and explain why, IMHO, both topologists and algebraists should care. I am not happy yet about the state of my understanding of the subject but I

haven't lost hope of achieving happiness, one day. Abstract Generalities. (K, I): an algebra and an



"augmentation ideal" in it.  $\hat{K} := \lim_{n \to \infty} K/I^m$  the "I-adic completion".  $\operatorname{gr}_I K := \widehat{\bigoplus} I^m / I^{m+1}$  has a product  $\mu$ , especially,  $\mu_{11}: (C = I/I^2)^{\otimes 2} \to I^2/I^3$ . The "quadratic experience"  $^2/I^3$ . The "quadratic approximation"  $\mathcal{A}_I(K) :=$ 

 $\widehat{FC}/\langle \ker \mu_{11} \rangle$  of K surjects using  $\mu$  on  $\operatorname{gr} K$ . The Prized Object. A "homomorphic A-expansion": a homomorphic filterred  $Z: K \to A$  inducing the identity on Z: universal finite type invariant, the Kontsevich integral.

 $I/I^2 = C$ . Dror's Dream. All interesting graded objects and equations,

 $(K/I^{m+1})^* = (\text{invariants of type } m) =: \mathcal{V}_m$ 

 $(I^m/I^{m+1})^* = \mathcal{V}_m/\mathcal{V}_{m-1}$   $C = \langle t^{ij} | t^{ij} = t^{ji} \rangle = \langle | \longrightarrow \rangle$  $\ker \mu_{11} = \langle [t^{ij}, t^{kl}] = 0 = [t^{ij}, t^{ik} + t^{jk}] \rangle = \langle 4T \text{ relations} \rangle$ 

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \text{horizontal chord dia-} \\ \text{grams mod } 4T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4T \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why Prized? Sizes K and shows it "as big" as A; reduces "topological" questions to quadratic algebra questions; gives especially those around quantum groups, arise this way. life and meaning to questions in graded algebra; universalizes Example 2. For  $K = \mathbb{Q}PvB_n$ . Lee shows that a non-those more than "universal enveloping algebras" and allows homomorphic Z exists. We don't know a homomorphic one for richer quotients.

K objects  $\psi_3$ of kind 3  $K_3$ 

- Has kinds, objects, operations, and maybe constants. A11
- Must have "the free structure over some generators". still works!
- · We always allow formal linear combinations

Scenaral Algebraic Structures (soot)

Foot: Really, we meen 'a functor from /
some fixed structure multi-category to V
the multi-category of sets."

