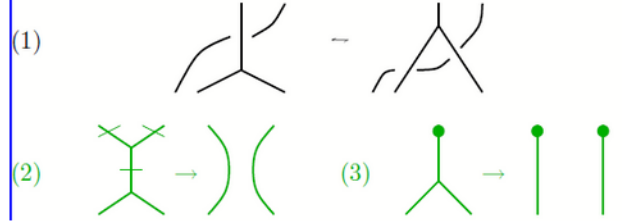
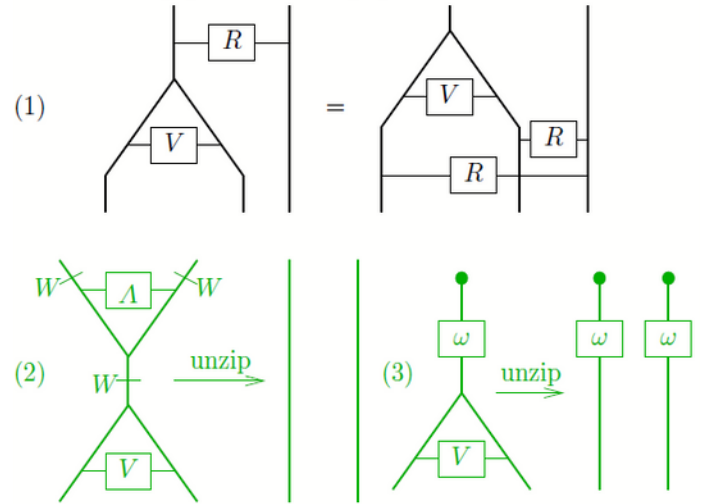


**Knot-Theoretic statement.** There exists a homomorphic expansion  $Z$  for trivalent w-tangles. In particular,  $Z$  should respect  $R4$  and **intertwine annulus and disk unzips**:



**Diagrammatic statement.** Let  $R = \exp \uparrow \in \mathcal{A}^w(\uparrow)$ . There exist  $\omega \in \mathcal{A}^w(\uparrow)$  and  $V \in \mathcal{A}^w(\uparrow)$  so that



**Alekseev-Torossian statement.** There is an element  $F \in \text{TAut}_2$  with

$$F(x + y) = \log e^x e^y$$

and  $j(F) \in \text{im } \tilde{\delta} \subset \text{tr}_2$ , where for  $a \in \text{tr}_1$ ,  $\tilde{\delta}(a) := a(x) + a(y) - a(\log e^x e^y)$ .



**Free Lie statement (Kashiwara-Vergne).** There exist convergent Lie series  $F$  and  $G$  so that with  $z = \log e^x e^y$

$$x + y - \log e^y e^x = (1 - e^{-\text{ad } x})F + (e^{\text{ad } y} - 1)G$$

$$\text{tr}(\text{ad } x) \partial_x F + \text{tr}(\text{ad } y) \partial_y G = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \frac{\text{ad } x}{e^{\text{ad } x} - 1} + \frac{\text{ad } y}{e^{\text{ad } y} - 1} - \frac{\text{ad } z}{e^{\text{ad } z} - 1} - 1 \right)$$

**Wheels and Trees.** With  $\mathcal{P}$  for Primitives,

$$0 \longrightarrow \langle \text{wheels} \rangle \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^w(\uparrow_n) \xrightarrow[\downarrow]{u} \langle \text{trees} \rangle \longrightarrow 0,$$

with  $\begin{matrix} 2 \\ | \\ 1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ | \\ 2 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{(u,l)} \left( \begin{matrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{matrix} \right)$ .



So  $\text{proj } \mathcal{K}^w(\uparrow_n) \cong \mathcal{U}(\langle \text{trees} \rangle \times \langle \text{wheels} \rangle)$ . trees atop a wheel and a little prince.

**Some A-T Notions.**  $\mathfrak{a}_n$  is the vector space with basis  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,  $\text{lie}_n = \text{lie}(\mathfrak{a}_n)$  is the free Lie algebra,  $\text{Ass}_n = \mathcal{U}(\text{lie}_n)$  is the free associative algebra “of words”,  $\text{tr} : \text{Ass}_n^+ \rightarrow \text{tr}_n = \text{Ass}_n^+ / (x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m} = x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_m} x_{i_1})$  is the “trace” into “cyclic words”,  $\text{der}_n = \text{der}(\text{lie}_n)$  are all the derivations, and

$$\text{tder}_n = \{ D \in \text{der}_n : \forall i \exists a_i \text{ s.t. } D(x_i) = [x_i, a_i] \}$$

are “tangential derivations”, so  $D \leftrightarrow (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is a vector space isomorphism  $\mathfrak{a}_n \oplus \text{tder}_n \cong \bigoplus_n \text{lie}_n$ . Finally,  $\text{div} : \text{tder}_n \rightarrow \text{tr}_n$  is  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \sum_k \text{tr}(x_k (\partial_k a_k))$ , where for  $a \in \text{Ass}_n^+$ ,  $\partial_k a \in \text{Ass}_n$  is determined by  $a = \sum_k (\partial_k a) x_k$ , and  $j : \text{TAut}_n = \exp(\text{tder}_n) \rightarrow \text{tr}_n$  is  $j(e^D) = \frac{e^D - 1}{D} \cdot \text{div } D$ .

**Theorem.** Everything matches.  $\langle \text{trees} \rangle$  is  $\mathfrak{a}_n \oplus \text{tder}_n$  as Lie algebras,  $\langle \text{wheels} \rangle$  is  $\text{tr}_n$  as  $\langle \text{trees} \rangle / \text{tder}_n$ -modules,  $\text{div } D = \iota^{-1}(u - l)(D)$ , and  $e^{uD} e^{-lD} = e^{jD}$ .

**Differential Operators.** Interpret  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  as tangential differential operators on  $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$ :

- $\varphi \in \mathfrak{g}^*$  becomes a multiplication operator.
- $x \in \mathfrak{g}$  becomes a tangential derivation, in the direction of the action of  $\text{ad } x$ :  $(x\varphi)(y) := \varphi([x, y])$ .

Trees become vector fields and  $uD \mapsto lD$  is  $D \mapsto D^*$ . So  $\text{div } D$  is  $D - D^*$  and  $jD = \log(e^D(e^D)^*) = \int_0^1 dt e^{tD} \text{div } D$ .

**Algebraic statement.** With  $I_{\mathfrak{g}} := \mathfrak{g}^* \rtimes \mathfrak{g}$ , with  $c : \hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}}) \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}}) / \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g}) = \hat{S}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  the obvious projection, with  $S$  the antipode of  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}})$ , with  $W$  the automorphism of  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}})$  induced by flipping the sign of  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ , with  $r \in \mathfrak{g}^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  the identity element and with  $R = e^r \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}}) \otimes \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$  there exist  $\omega \in \hat{S}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$  and  $V \in \hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}})^{\otimes 2}$  so that

- (1)  $V(\Delta \otimes 1)(R) = R^{13} R^{23} V$  in  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(I_{\mathfrak{g}})^{\otimes 2} \otimes \hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$
- (2)  $V \cdot SWV = 1$
- (3)  $(c \otimes c)(V \Delta(\omega)) = \omega \otimes \omega$

**Unitary statement.** There exists  $\omega \in \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})^G$  and an (infinite order) tangential differential operator  $V$  defined on  $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g}_x \times \mathfrak{g}_y)$  so that

- (1)  $V e^{x+y} = \widehat{e^x e^y} V$  (allowing  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathfrak{g})$ -valued functions)
- (2)  $V V^* = I$
- (3)  $V \omega_{x+y} = \omega_x \omega_y$

**Convolutions statement (Kashiwara-Vergne).** 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, let  $j : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Jacobian of the exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$ , and let  $\Phi : \text{Fun}(G) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})$  be given by  $\Phi(f)(x) := j^{1/2}(x) f(\exp x)$ . Then if  $f, g \in \text{Fun}(G)$  are Ad-invariant and supported near the identity, then

$$\Phi(f) \star \Phi(g) = \Phi(f \star g).$$



**The Orbit Method.** By Fourier analysis, the characters of  $(\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{g})^G, \star)$  correspond to coadjoint orbits in  $\mathfrak{g}^*$ . By averaging representation matrices and using Schur's lemma to replace intertwiners by scalars, to every irreducible representation of  $G$  we can assign a character of  $(\text{Fun}(G)^G, \star)$ .

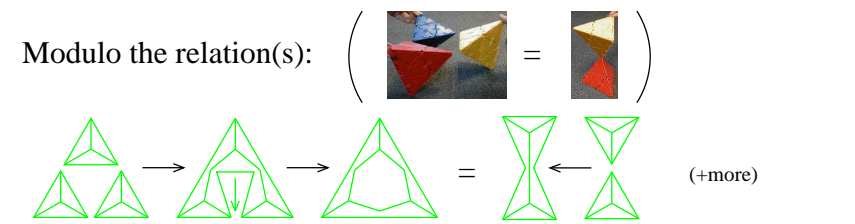
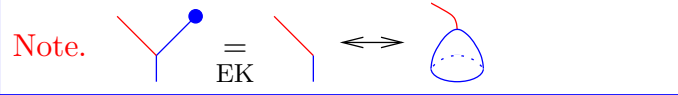
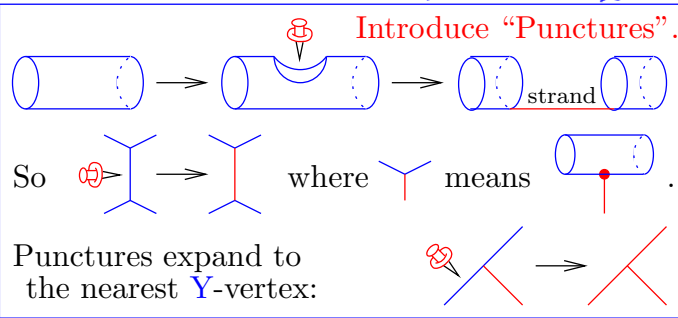
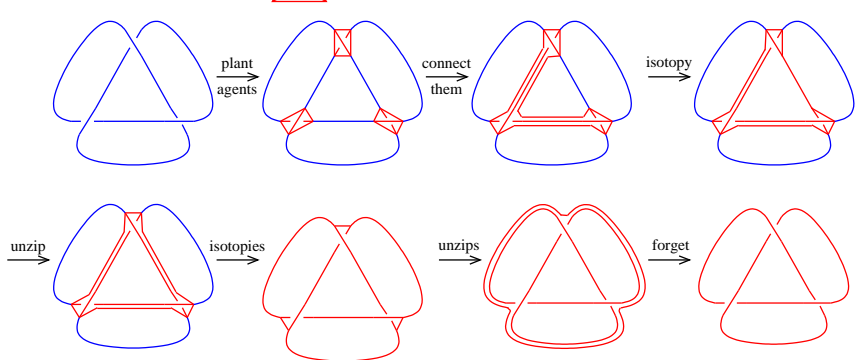


2. w-Knots, Alekseev-Torossian, and baby Etingof-Kazhdan, continued.

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Using moves, KTG is generated by ribbon twists and the tetrahedron

All strands here are green

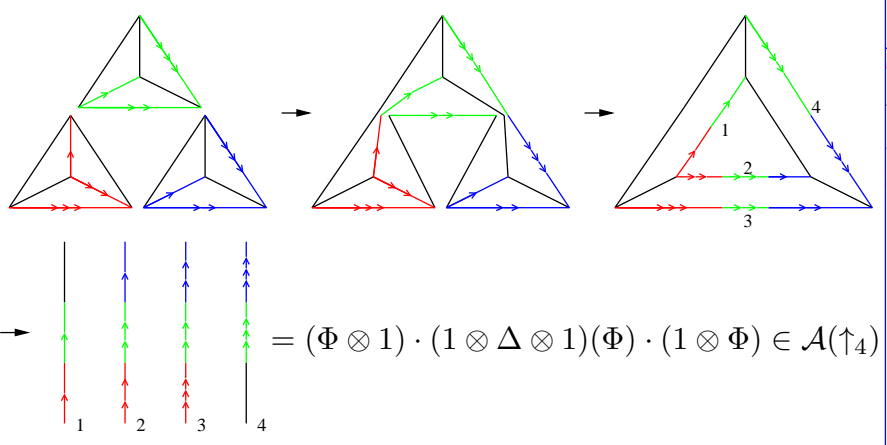
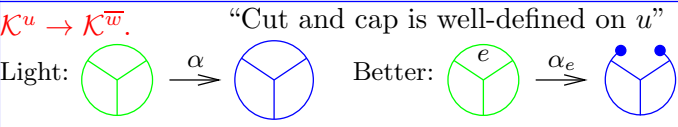
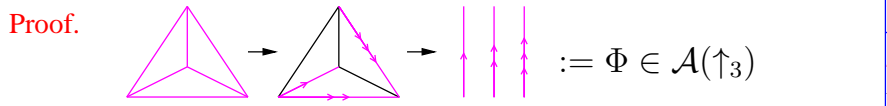
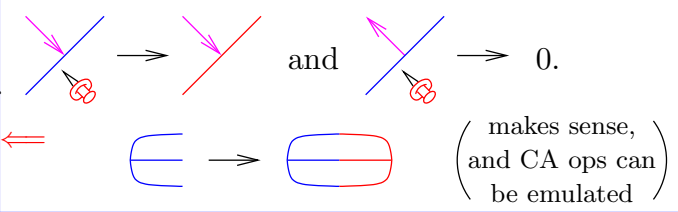


$\mathcal{K}^w$ . Allow tubes and strands and tube-strand vertices as above, yet allow only "compact" knots — nothing runs to  $\infty$ .

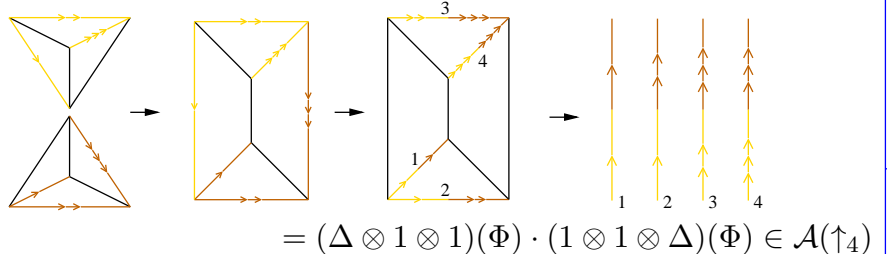
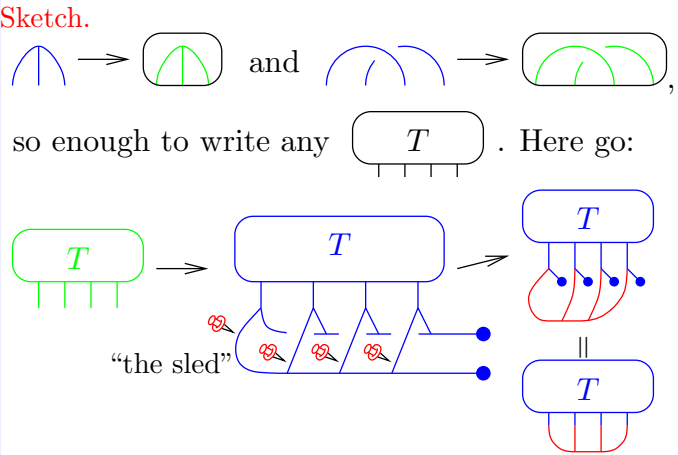
$\mathcal{K}^w \leftrightarrow \mathcal{K}^{\bar{w}}$  equivalence.  $\mathcal{K}^w$  has a homomorphic expansion iff  $\mathcal{K}^{\bar{w}}$  has a homomorphic expansion.

$\Rightarrow$  Puncture  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$ :

Claim. With  $\Phi := Z(\Delta)$ , the above relation becomes equivalent to the Drinfel'd's pentagon of the theory of quasi-Hopf algebras.



Theorem. The generators of  $\mathcal{K}^{\bar{w}}$  can be written in terms of the generators of  $\mathcal{K}^u$  (i.e., given  $\Phi$ , can write a formula for  $V$ ).



Theorem. The Alekseev-Torossian statement is equivalent to the knot-theoretic statement.

{Solkv}  $\rightarrow$  {Associators}: Trivial - a tetrahedron has 4 vertices.

Proof. Write  $V = e^c e^{uD}$  with  $c \in \text{tr}_2$ ,  $D \in \text{tder}_2$ , and  $\omega = e^b$  with  $b \in \text{tr}_1$ . Then (1)  $\Leftrightarrow e^{uD}(x+y)e^{-uD} = \log e^x e^y$ , (2)  $\Leftrightarrow I = e^c e^{uD}(e^{uD})^* e^c = e^{2c} e^{jD}$ , and (3)  $\Leftrightarrow e^c e^{uD} e^{b(x+y)} = e^{b(x)+b(y)} \Leftrightarrow e^c e^{b(\log e^x e^y)} = e^{b(x)+b(y)} \Leftrightarrow c = b(x) + b(y) - b(\log e^x e^y)$ .

