

The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic¹
Abstract Generalities

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Let K be a unital algebra over a field \mathbb{F} with $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$, and let $I \subset K$ be an "augmentation ideal"; so $K/I \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}$.

Definition. Say that K is **quadratic** if its associated graded $\text{gr } K = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} I^p/I^{p+1}$ is a quadratic algebra. Alternatively, let $A = q(K) = \langle V = I/I^2 \rangle / \langle R_2 = \ker(\bar{\mu}_2 : V \otimes V \rightarrow I^2/I^3) \rangle$ be the "quadratic approximation" to K (q is a lovely functor). Then K is quadratic iff the obvious $\mu : A \rightarrow \text{gr } K$ is an isomorphism. If G is a group, we say it is quadratic if its group ring is, with its augmentation ideal.

The Overall Strategy. Consider the "singularity tower" of (K, I) (here \odot means \otimes_K and \odot means (always) multiplication):

$$\dots \rightarrow I^{p+1} \xrightarrow{\mu_{p+1}} I^p \xrightarrow{\mu_p} I^{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K$$

We care as $\text{im}(\mu^p = \mu_1 \circ \dots \circ \mu_p) = I^p$, so $I^p/I^{p+1} = \text{im } \mu^p / \text{im } \mu^{p+1}$. Hence we ask:

- How injective is this tower?
- What's $I^p/\mu(I^{p+1})$?

Lemma. $I^p/\mu(I^{p+1}) \simeq (I/I^2)^{\otimes p} = V^{\otimes p}$; denote $\tau : I^p \rightarrow V^{\otimes p}$

Flow Chart.

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    graph TD
      A[Any (K, I)] -- Prop 1 --> B[2-local]
      B -- Prop 2 --> C[Quadratic]
      D["K = PB_n by Peter"] -- "Thm S by Peter" --> E["Hutchings' Criterion"]
      E --> F[2-injective]
  
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Proposition 1. The sequence $\mathfrak{R}_p := \bigoplus_{j=1}^{p-1} (I^{j-1} : \mathfrak{R}_2 : I^{p-j-1}) \xrightarrow{\partial} I^p \xrightarrow{\mu_p} I^{p-1}$ is exact, where $\mathfrak{R}_2 := \ker \mu : I^2 \rightarrow I$; so (K, I) is "2-local".

The Free Case. If J is an augmentation ideal in $K = F = \langle x_i \rangle$, define $\psi : F \rightarrow F$ by $x_i \mapsto x_i + \epsilon(x_i)$. Then $J_0 := \psi(J)$ is $\{w \in F : \deg w > 0\}$. For J_0 it is easy to check that $\mathfrak{R}_2 = 0$, and hence the same is true for every J .

The General Case. If $K = F/\langle M \rangle$ (where M is a vector space of "moves") and $I \subset K$, then $I = J/\langle M \rangle$ where $J \subset F$. Then $I^p = J^p / \sum J^{j-1} \langle M \rangle : J^{p-j}$ and we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J^p & \xrightarrow{\mu_F} & J^{p-1} \\ \text{onto } \downarrow \pi_p & & \downarrow \pi_{p-1} \text{ onto} \\ I^p = J^p / \sum J^{j-1} \langle M \rangle : J & \xrightarrow{\mu} & I^{p-1} = J^{p-1} / \sum J^{j-1} \langle M \rangle : J \end{array}$$

So $\ker(\mu) = \pi_p(\mu_F^{-1}(\ker \pi_{p-1})) = \pi_p(\sum \mu_F^{-1}(J^{j-1} \langle M \rangle : J)) = \sum \pi_p(J^{j-1} \langle M \rangle : J) = \sum I^j : \mathfrak{R}_2 : I^{p-j} = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \mathfrak{R}_{p,j}$.

\mathfrak{R}_2 is simpler than may seem! It's an "augmentation bimodule" ($I\mathfrak{R}_2 = 0 = \mathfrak{R}_2 I$ thus $xr = \epsilon(x)r = r\epsilon(x) = rx$ for $x \in K$ and $r \in \mathfrak{R}_2$), and hence $\mathfrak{R}_2 = \pi_2(\mu_F^{-1}M)$.

\mathfrak{R}_p is simpler than may seem! In $\mathfrak{R}_{p,j} = I^{j-1} : \mathfrak{R}_2 : I^{p-j-1}$ the I factors may be replaced by $V = I/I^2$. Hence

$$\mathfrak{R}_p \simeq \bigoplus_{j=1}^{p-1} V^{\otimes j-1} \otimes \pi_2(\mu_F^{-1}M) \otimes V^{\otimes p-j-1}.$$

Why Care?

- In abstract generality, $\text{gr } K$ is a simplified version of K and if it is quadratic it is as simple as it may be without being silly.
- In some concrete (somewhat generalized) knot theoretic cases, A is a space of "universal Lie algebraic formulas" and the "primary approach" for proving (strong) quadraticity, constructing an appropriate homomorphism $Z : K \rightarrow \hat{A}$, becomes wonderful mathematics:

K	u-Knots and Braids	v-Knots	w-Knots
A	Metrized Lie algebras [BN1]	Lie bialgebras [Hav]	Finite dimensional Lie algebras [BN3]
Z	Associators [Dri, BND]	Etingof-Kazhdan quantization [EK, BN2]	Kashiwara-Vergne-Alekseev-Torossian [KV, AT]

2-Injectivity. A (one-sided infinite) sequence $\dots \rightarrow K_{p+1} \xrightarrow{\delta_{p+1}} K_p \xrightarrow{\delta_p} \dots \rightarrow K_0 = K$ is "injective" if for all $p > 0$, $\ker \delta_p = 0$. It is "2-injective" if its "1-reduction" $\dots \rightarrow \frac{K_{p+1}}{\ker \delta_{p+1}} \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}_{p+1}} \frac{K_p}{\ker \delta_p} \xrightarrow{\bar{\delta}_p} \frac{K_{p-1}}{\ker \delta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots$ is injective; i.e. if for all p , $\ker(\bar{\delta}_p \circ \bar{\delta}_{p+1}) = \ker \bar{\delta}_{p+1}$. A pair (K, I) is "2-injective" if its singularity tower is 2-injective.

Proposition 2. If (K, I) is 2-local and 2-injective, it is quadratic.

Proof. Staring at the 1-reduced sequence $\frac{I^{p+1}}{\ker \mu_{p+1}} \xrightarrow{\mu_{p+1}} \frac{I^p}{\ker \mu_p} \xrightarrow{\mu_p} \dots \rightarrow K$, get $\frac{I^p}{I^{p+1}} \simeq \frac{I^p/\ker \mu_p}{\mu(I^{p+1}/\ker \mu_{p+1})} \simeq \frac{I^p}{\mu(I^{p+1}) + \ker \mu_p}$. But $\frac{I^p}{\mu(I^{p+1})} \simeq (I/I^2)^{\otimes p}$, so the above is $(I/I^2)^{\otimes p} / \sum (I^{j-1} : \mathfrak{R}_2 : I^{p-j-1})$. But that's the degree p piece of $q(K)$.

The X Lemma (inspired by [Hut]).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A_0 & & \alpha_0 & & B & & \beta_0 & & C_0 \\ & \searrow & & \nearrow & & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & & & B & & & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ A_1 & & \alpha_1 & & B & & \beta_1 & & C_1 \end{array}$$

Michael Hutchings

If the above diagram is Conway (\simeq) exact, then its two diagonals have the same "2-injectivity defect". That is, if $A_0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_0$ and $A_1 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_1$ are exact, then $\ker(\beta_1 \circ \alpha_0) / \ker \alpha_0 \simeq \ker(\beta_0 \circ \alpha_1) / \ker \alpha_1$.

Proof. $\frac{\ker(\beta_1 \circ \alpha_0)}{\ker \alpha_0} \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker \beta_1 \cap \text{im } \alpha_0 = \ker \beta_0 \cap \text{im } \alpha_1 \xleftarrow{\sim} \frac{\ker(\beta_0 \circ \alpha_1)}{\ker \alpha_1}$.

The Hutchings Criterion [Hut]. The singularity tower of (K, I) is 2-injective iff on the right, $\ker(\pi \circ \partial) = \ker(\partial)$. That is, iff every "diagrammatic syzygy" is also a "topological syzygy".

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \partial & & I^{p-1} \\ & & \downarrow & & \mu_p \uparrow \\ & & I^p & & \\ \mu_{p+1} \uparrow & & & & \downarrow \pi \\ I^{p+1} & & & & V^{\otimes p} \end{array}$$

Conclusion. We need to know that (K, I) is "syzygy complete" — that every diagrammatic syzygy is also a topological syzygy, that $\ker(\pi \circ \partial) = \ker(\partial)$.

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still fishy.

Do I still need to put R_2 in?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow I : I \xrightarrow{\mu_2} I^2 \rightarrow 0 & \ker \mu_2 = & \\ \downarrow \text{onto?} & \downarrow \pi_2 & \downarrow \pi_1 & \pi_2(\mu_2^{-1}(I^3)) \\ 0 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow \frac{I}{I^2} \otimes \frac{I}{I^2} \xrightarrow{\mu_2} \frac{I^2}{I^3} \rightarrow 0 & & \end{array}$$

seems to need that

$$0 \rightarrow R_2 \xrightarrow{\nu} \frac{I}{I^2} \otimes \frac{I}{I^2} \xrightarrow{M_2} \frac{I^2}{I^3} \rightarrow 0$$

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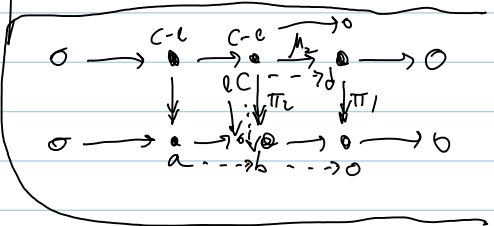
Seems to need that $I: I \rightarrow I^2 \rightarrow I/I^3$ is 2-injective; ~~that is, that~~ it ~~clerk~~ is not recycled.

Looking at the long exact seq corresponding to R_2 above in homology, to see that R_2 surjects on R_2

I need to know that $M_2(\ker \pi_2) = \ker \pi_1$

clear as $M_2(I^2:I) = I^3$ ✓

to also know that $R_2 \xrightarrow{\cong} R_2$, we need $M_2|_{\ker \pi_2} \hookrightarrow \ker \pi_1$ meaning $0 = \ker M_2 \wedge \ker \pi_2$



$$= R_2 \wedge I \cdot I \cdot I.$$

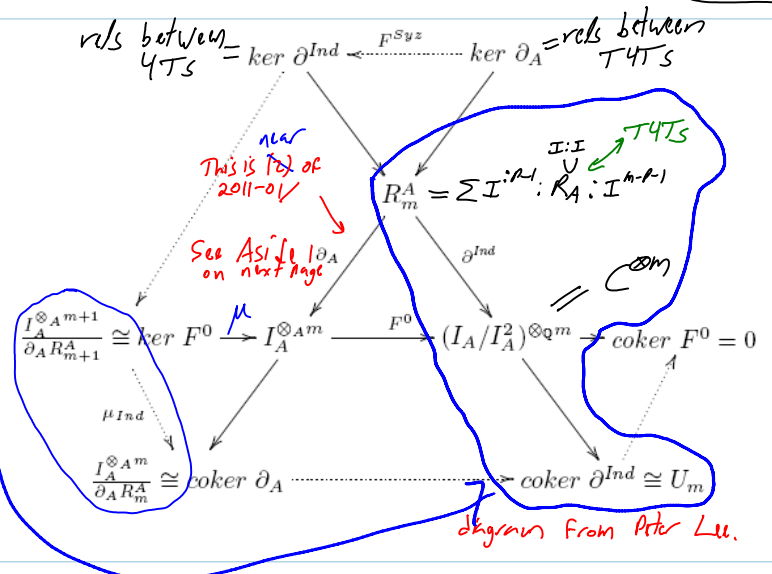
Claim. Under $\pi: I: P \rightarrow V^{\otimes P}$, $R_{P,i} \mapsto R_{P,i}$

Namely, $\ker(I: I \rightarrow I^2)$

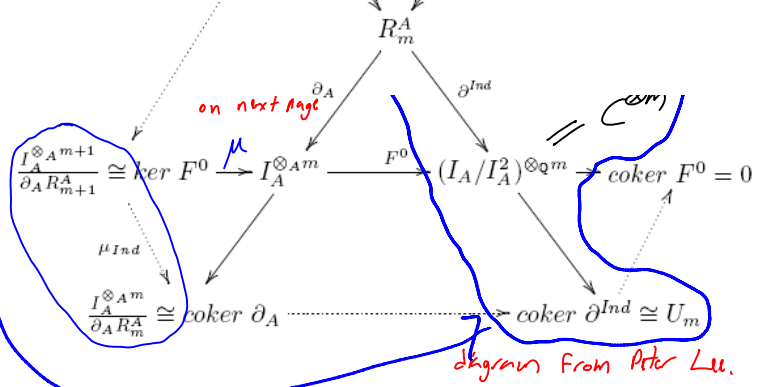
$$\pi(I^m: R_2: I^n) = V^{\otimes m} \otimes R_2 \otimes V^{\otimes n} \cong \ker(V \otimes V \rightarrow I^2/I^3)$$

Put in!

The claim is the Peter-statement that $\text{Coker } \partial^{Ind} = U_m$; it does not follow merely from the hexagon.



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The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic, II
 Examples and Interpretations

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Example.



(goes back to [Koh])
 $K = \langle \text{strand crossings} \rangle$
 $I = \langle \text{crossings} = \text{negative crossings} \rangle$

$(K/I^{p+1})^* = (\text{invariants of type } p) =: \mathcal{V}_p$
 $(I^p/I^{p+1})^* = \mathcal{V}_p/\mathcal{V}_{p-1} \quad V = \langle t^{ij} | t^{ij} = t^{ji} \rangle = \langle \text{HH} \rangle$
 $\ker \bar{\mu}_2 = \langle [t^{ij}, t^{kl}] = 0 = [t^{ij}, t^{ik} + t^{jk}] \rangle = \langle \text{4T relations} \rangle$
 $A = q(K) = (\text{horizontal chord diagrams mod 4T}) = \langle \text{4T} \rangle$

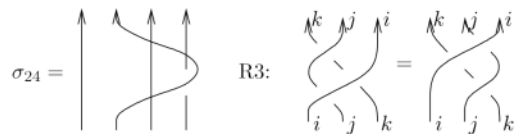
Z: universal finite type invariant, the Kontsevich integral.

PvB_n is the group

$\langle \sigma_{ij} : 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n \rangle / \begin{cases} \sigma_{ij}\sigma_{ik}\sigma_{jk} = \sigma_{jk}\sigma_{ik}\sigma_{ij} \\ \sigma_{ij}\sigma_{kl} = \sigma_{kl}\sigma_{ij} \end{cases}$



of "pure virtual braids" ("braids when you look", "blunder braids"):



The Main Theorem [Lee]. PvB_n is quadratic.

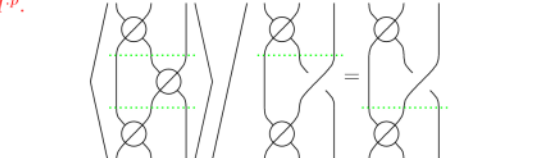
$A_n = q(PvB_n)$.



$I = \langle \text{v-braids with one } \bowtie \rangle$ with $\bowtie = \bar{\sigma}_{ij} = \sigma_{ij} - 1 = \text{crossing} - \text{negative crossing}$, the "semi-virtual crossing".
 $V = I/I^2 = \langle \text{v-braids with one } \bowtie \rangle / (\bowtie = \text{negative crossing}) = \langle a_{ij} \rangle_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n}$
 $a_{24} =$

$A_n = TV / \langle [a_{ij}, a_{ik}] + [a_{ij}, a_{jk}] + [a_{ik}, a_{jk}], c_{kl}^{ij} = [a_{ij}, a_{kl}] \rangle$
 $y_{ijk} =$

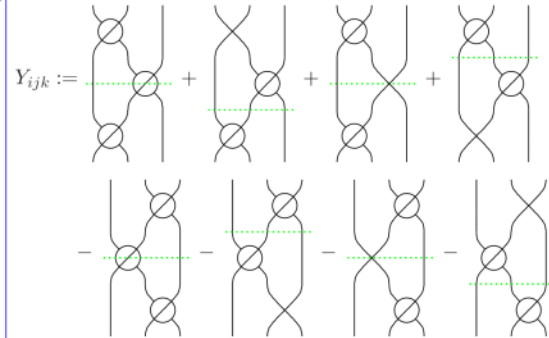
I^p .



James Gillespie's Sightline #2 (1984) is a syzygy, and (arguably) Toronto's largest sculpture. Find it next to University of Toronto's Hart House.



$\mathfrak{R}_2(PvB_n)$ is generated as a vector space by C_{kl}^{ij} and

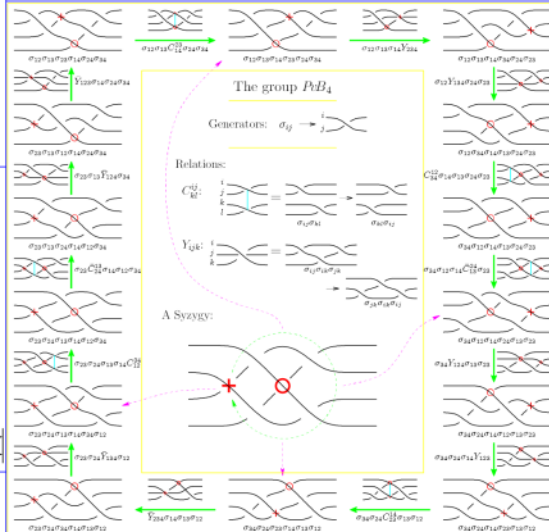


Syzygy Completeness, for PvB_n , means:

$\mathfrak{R}_p = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{p-1} \mathfrak{R}_{p,j} \xrightarrow{\partial} I^p \xrightarrow{\pi} V^{\otimes p}$

$\{\bar{\sigma}_{12} : Y_{345} : \dots\} \rightarrow \{\bar{\sigma}_{12} : Y_{345} : \dots\} \rightarrow \{a_{12}y_{345}a_{89} \dots\}$

Is every relation between the y_{ijk} 's and the c_{kl}^{ij} 's also a relation between the Y_{ijk} 's and the C_{kl}^{ij} 's?



Just for fun.

