

The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic! Dror Bar-Natan and Peter Lee in Oregon, August 2011
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Let K be an algebra over a field \mathbb{F} with $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 0$, and let $I \subset K$ be an "augmentation ideal"; meaning $K/I = \mathbb{F}$.

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 $A = Q(K) = \langle V = I/I^2 \rangle / \langle \ker(\bar{\mu}_2 : V \otimes V \rightarrow I^2/I^3) \rangle$ 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.

Just for fun. $\mathcal{K} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Cup} \\ \text{Rotate} \\ \text{Adjoin} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{The set of all} \\ \text{2D projections} \\ \text{of reality} \end{array} \right\}$

$\mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_3 \leftarrow \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_4 \leftarrow \dots$

An expansion Z is a choice of a "progressive scan" algorithm.

$\mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_1 \oplus \mathcal{K}_1/\mathcal{K}_2 \oplus \mathcal{K}_2/\mathcal{K}_3 \oplus \mathcal{K}_3/\mathcal{K}_4 \oplus \mathcal{K}_4/\mathcal{K}_5 \oplus \mathcal{K}_5/\mathcal{K}_6 \oplus \dots$

$\mathbb{R}^3 \quad \parallel \quad \ker(\mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_4 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_3)$

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:

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

beautiful

$K = \langle \text{braids} \rangle$ $I = \langle \text{relations} \rangle$

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

$(I^p/I^{p+1})^* = \mathcal{V}_p/\mathcal{V}_{p-1}$ $C = \langle t^{ij} | t^{ij} = t^{ji} \rangle = \langle \text{relations} \rangle$

$\ker \bar{\mu}_2 = \langle [t^{ij}, t^{kl}] = 0 = [t^{ij}, t^{jk} + t^{jk}] \rangle = \langle \text{4T relations} \rangle$

$A = (\text{horizontal chord diagrams mod 4T}) = \langle \text{relations} \rangle / 4T$

PvB_n is the group of "pure virtual braids" ("braids when you look", "blunder braids"):

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

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Z : universal finite type invariant, the Kontsevich integral.

The Main Theorem [Lee]. PvB_n is quadratic.

Flow Chart: Any (K, I) $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 2}}$ 2-local $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 1}}$ Quadratic

$K = PvB_n$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 4 by Peter}}$ Syzygy complete $\xrightarrow{\text{Thm 3}}$ 2-injective

2-Local. The pair (K, I) is "2-local" if the sequence $R_p := \bigoplus_{j=1}^{p-1} (I^{j-1} : R_2 : I^{p-j-1}) \xrightarrow{\partial} I^p \xrightarrow{\mu_p} I^{p-1}$ is exact, where $R_2 := \ker(\mu_2 : I^2 \rightarrow I)$.

2-Injectivity. A (one-sided infinite) sequence $\dots \rightarrow K_{p+1} \xrightarrow{\delta_{p+1}} K_p \xrightarrow{\delta_p} K_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K_0 = K$ is "injective" if for all p , $\ker \delta_p = 0$. It is "2-injective" if its "1-reduction" $\dots \rightarrow \frac{K_{p+1}}{\ker \delta_{p+1}} \xrightarrow{\delta_{p+1}} \frac{K_p}{\ker \delta_p} \xrightarrow{\delta_p} \frac{K_{p-1}}{\ker \delta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K$ is injective; i.e. if for all p , $\ker(\delta_p \circ \delta_{p+1}) = \ker \delta_{p+1}$. A pair (K, I) is "2-injective" if $\dots \rightarrow I^{p+1} \xrightarrow{\mu_{p+1}} I^p \xrightarrow{\mu_p} I^{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K$ is 2-injective, where " \rightarrow " denotes \otimes_K and μ is (always) multiplication. We care as $\text{im}(\mu^p = \mu_1 \circ \dots \circ \mu_p) = I^p$, so $I^p/I^{p+1} = \text{im } \mu^p / \text{im } \mu^{p+1}$.

Theorem 1. 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 $\frac{I^{p+1}}{I^p} \simeq \frac{I^p / \ker \mu_p}{I^p / \ker \mu_{p+1}} \simeq \frac{I^p}{\mu(I^{p+1}/\ker \mu_{p+1})} \simeq \frac{I^p}{\mu(I^{p+1}) + \ker \mu_p}$. But trivially $\frac{I^p}{\mu(I^{p+1})} \simeq (I/I^2)^{\otimes p}$, so the above is $(I/I^2)^{\otimes p} / \sum (I^{j-1} : R_2 : I^{p-j-1})$. But that's the degree p piece of $Q(K)$.

A: overall strategy

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(":" = " \otimes_K ", μ is (always) multiplication)

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{I}^{p+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^p \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K$$

1. What's $\mathcal{I}^p / \mu(\mathcal{I}^{p+1})$?

2. How injective is it?

Lemma $\mathcal{I}^p / \mu(\mathcal{I}^{p+1}) \cong (\mathcal{I} / \mathcal{I}^2)^{\otimes p} = \mathcal{V}^{\otimes p}$.