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## The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic<sup>1</sup>

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"; meaning  $K/I = \mathbb{F}$ .  
**Definition.** Say that  $K$  is **quadratic** if its associated graded  $\text{gr } K = \bigoplus_{p \geq 0} I^p/I^{p+1}$  is a quadratic algebra. Alternatively, let  $A = (K/I) = V = I/I^2$ ,  $R_2 = \ker \mu_2 : V \otimes V \rightarrow I^2/I^3$  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.

**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]

**The Overall Strategy.** Consider the "singularity tower" of  $(K, I)$  (here "·" means  $\otimes_K$  and  $\mu$  is (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.**  $I^p/\mu(I^{p+1}) \simeq (I/I^2)^{\otimes p} = V^{\otimes p}$ .

**Flow Chart.** Any  $(K, I) \xrightarrow{\text{Prop 1}} 2\text{-local} \xrightarrow{\text{Prop 2}} \text{Quadratic}$

$K = \text{PtB}_n \xrightarrow{\text{Thm S by Peter}} \text{Hutchings Criterion} \rightarrow 2\text{-injective}$

**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  $K = F = \langle x_i \rangle$ , denote  $F = F/I = \mathbb{F}$  by  $\mathbb{F}$  and define  $\psi : F \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  by  $x_i \mapsto x_i + \mathbb{F}$ . Then  $J_0 := \psi(J)$  is  $\{w \in F : \text{deg } w > 0\}$ . For  $J_0$  it is easy to check that  $\mathfrak{R}_2 = \mathfrak{R}_p = 0$ , and hence the same is true for every  $J$ .

**The General Case.** If  $K = F/M$  and  $I \subset K$ , then  $I = J/M$  where  $J \subset F$ . Then  $I^p = J^p / \sum J^{j-k} J^{p-j}$  and we have

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

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

**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"

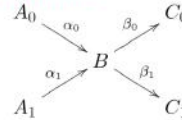
$$\dots \rightarrow \frac{K_{p+1}}{\ker \delta_{p+1}} \xrightarrow{\delta_{p+1}} \frac{K_p}{\ker \delta_p} \xrightarrow{\delta_p} \frac{K_{p-1}}{\ker \delta_{p-1}} \rightarrow \dots$$

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 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]).

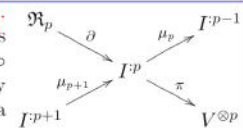


If the above diagram is Conway ( $\simeq$ ) exact, then its two diagonals have the same "2-injectivity defect". That is, if  $A_0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_0$  and  $A_1 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_1$  are exact, then  $\ker(\beta_1 \circ \alpha_0) / \ker \alpha_0 \simeq \ker(\beta_0 \circ \alpha_1)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

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

**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".



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

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.



## The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic, II

Examples and Interpretations

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**Example.**  $(\cup, \cap, \parallel)$  (goes back to [Koh])  $\mathfrak{R}_2(\text{PtB}_n)$  is generated by  $C_{kl}^{ij}$  and

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Example.



$K = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \diagup \diagdown \\ \diagdown \diagup \end{array} \right\rangle$  (goes back to [Koh])  
 $I = \langle \times = \diagdown \diagup = \diagup \diagdown \rangle$

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

Z: universal finite type invariant, the Kontsevich integral.

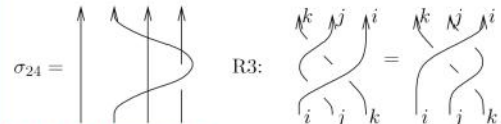
$PvB_n$  is the group

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



L. Kauffman [Kau, KL]

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



The Main Theorem [Lee].  $PvB_n$  is quadratic.

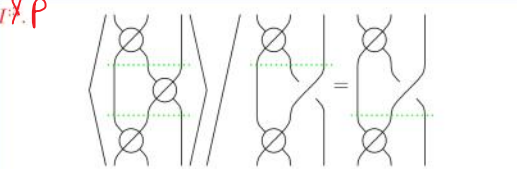
$A_n = q(PvB_n)$ .



[GPV] Goussarov-Polyak-Viro

$I = \langle \text{v-braids with one } \bowtie \rangle / (\bowtie = \times)$   
 $a_{24} = \langle \text{HH} \rangle$   
 $V = I/I^2 = \langle \text{v-braids with one } \bowtie \rangle / (\bowtie = \times)$   
 $= \langle a_{ij} \rangle_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n}$   
 $A_n = TV / \langle [a_{ij}, a_{ik}] + [a_{ij}, a_{jk}] + [a_{ik}, a_{jk}], c_{kl}^{ij} = [a_{ij}, a_{kl}] \rangle$   
 $y_{ijk} = \langle \text{HH} \rangle$

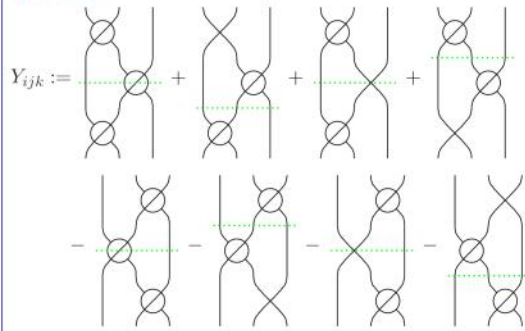
$I \times P$



Figuring out  $\mathfrak{R}_2$  and  $R_2$ .

$\ker \mu = \pi_2(\mu_F^{-1}(M))$   
 $J: \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\mu_F} J \supset M$   
 $\pi_2 \downarrow \quad \downarrow \pi_1$   
 $I: \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\mu} I = J/M$   
 is in principle computable, and then  $R_2$  follows as  $V^{\otimes 2} = (I/I^2)^{\otimes 2} = I^2/\mu_3(I^3)$ .

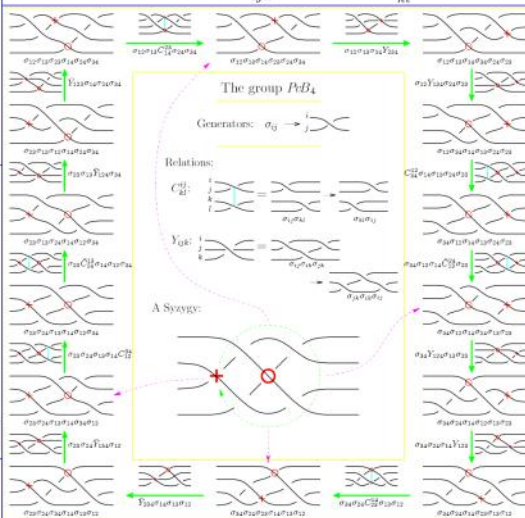
$\mathfrak{R}_2(PvB_n)$  is generated by  $C_{kl}^{ij}$  and



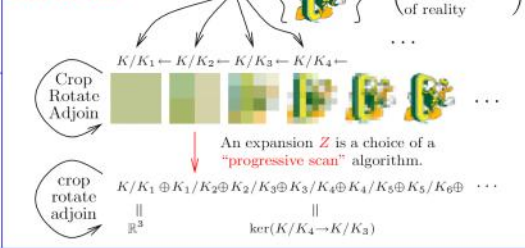
Syzygy Completeness, for  $PvB_n$ , means:

$\mathfrak{R}_p = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{p-1} \mathfrak{R}_{p,j} \xrightarrow{\partial} I^p \xrightarrow{\pi} V^{\otimes p}$   
 $\{\bar{\sigma}_{12} : Y_{345} : \sigma_{67}\bar{\sigma}_{89} : \dots\} \rightarrow \{\bar{\sigma}_{12} : Y_{345} : \sigma_{67}\bar{\sigma}_{89} : \dots\}$

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.



## Footnotes

1. Following a homonymous paper and thesis by Peter Lee [Lee]. All serious work here is his and was extremely patiently explained by him to DBN. Page design by the latter.

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