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The Pure Virtual Braid Group is Quadratic¹

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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 $\text{gr } K = \bigoplus_{p=0}^{\infty} I^p/I^{p+1}$ 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.

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

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]

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

$\langle \sigma_{ij} : 1 \leq i < j \leq n \rangle / \langle \sigma_{ij}\sigma_{ik}\sigma_{jk} = \sigma_{jk}\sigma_{ik}\sigma_{ij}, \sigma_{ij}\sigma_{kl} = \sigma_{kl}\sigma_{ij} \rangle$  L. Kauffman

The Main Theorem [Lee]. PvB_n is quadratic.

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

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

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

Flow Chart. 

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 , $\ker(\bar{\delta}_p \circ \delta_{p+1}) = \ker \delta_{p+1}$. 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 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 $Q(K)$.

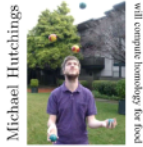
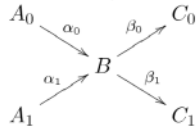
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The X Lemma (inspired by [Hut]).

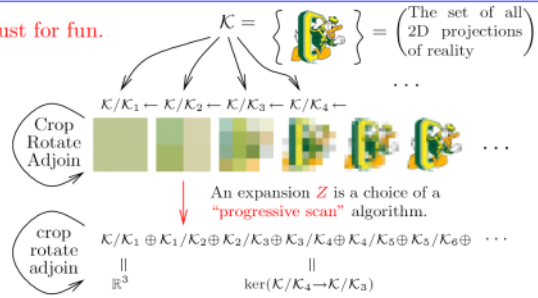


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If the above diagram is Conway (\approx) exact, then its two diagonals have the same "2-injectivity defect". That is, if $A_0 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_0$ and $A_1 \rightarrow B \rightarrow C_1$ are exact, then $\ker(\beta_1 \circ \alpha_0) / \ker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

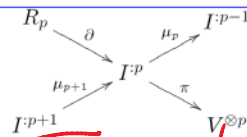
Proof. $\frac{\ker(\beta_1 \circ \alpha_0)}{\ker \alpha_0} \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\ker \beta_1 \cap \text{im } \alpha_0}{\alpha_0} \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker \beta_1 \cap \text{im } \alpha_1$
 $= \ker \beta_0 \cap \text{im } \alpha_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \frac{\ker(\beta_0 \circ \alpha_1)}{\ker \alpha_1}$

Just for fun.



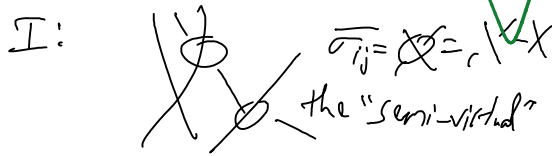
The Hutchings Criterion [Hut].

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" lifts to a "topological syzygy".



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Add a box for $A_{\bar{n}} = \mathbb{Q}\langle \mathcal{M}_n \rangle$



$\sqrt{I}/I^2 : \langle \text{v-brands w/out } \sigma_i \rangle / X = \dots$
 $= \left| \begin{array}{ccc} | & | & | \\ \hline & \hline & \hline & \hline \end{array} \right\rangle = \langle a_{ij} \rangle_{i \neq j}$

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A box for I^p , like Peter's.

A box for R_2 :