

# Polylogs: prehistory and future directions

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# Outline

I: Prehistory: 1842 to 1990

II: Goncharov's Hodge Correlators

III: The Goldman–Turaev Lie Bialgebra

# The Dirichlet Unit Theorem (1842)

Suppose that  $F$  is a number field of degree  $r_1 + 2r_2$ , where:

- ▶  $r_1$  is the number of embeddings  $\nu : F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- ▶  $r_2$  is the number of complex conjugate pairs of complex (non-real) embeddings  $\nu : F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

## Theorem (Dirichlet)

*The group of units  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$  in the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_F$  is finitely generated of rank  $r_1 + r_2 - 1$ .*

# Dedekind's formula (1863) + Hecke & Landau, 20th C

- ▶ For  $F$  a number field, define the *regulator mapping*

$$\text{reg} : \mathcal{O}_F^\times \rightarrow [\mathbb{R}^{\text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{C})}]^{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})} \text{ by } u \mapsto (\log |\nu(u)|)_{\nu}.$$

Its image lies in the hyperplane  $\sum x_{\nu} = 0$  (of dimension  $r_1 + r_2 - 1$ ) as each unit has norm 1.

- ▶ One has the Dedekind zeta function  $\zeta_F(s)$ . It has a pole of order 1 at  $s = 1$ .
- ▶ Dedekind's theorem says that the kernel of  $\text{reg}$  is torsion and its image is a lattice in this hyperplane of covolume

$$R_F = \frac{w_F \sqrt{|d_F|}}{2^{r_1} (2\pi)^{r_2} h_F} \text{Res}_{s=1} \zeta_F(s)$$

where  $d_F$  is the discriminant of  $F$ ,  $h_F$  the order of the class group and  $w_F$  the order of the torsion in  $\mathcal{O}_F^\times$ . This is the *regulator* of  $F$ .

# Quillen (1972)

## Algebraic $K$ -theory:

- ▶  $K_0(R)$  is the Grothendieck group of finitely generated projective  $R$ -modules.
- ▶ For a commutative ring  $R$  (or an affine scheme  $\text{Spec } R$ ):

$$K_m(R) := \pi_m(\text{BGL}(R)^+) \quad \text{when } m > 0,$$

where  $\text{GL}(R) = \varinjlim_N \text{GL}_N(R)$ . The plus construction  $\text{BGL}(R) \rightarrow \text{BGL}(R)^+$  abelianizes  $\pi_1$ , and induces an isomorphism on homology.

- ▶ The determinant  $\det : \text{GL}(R) \rightarrow R^\times$  induces a surjection

$$K_1(R) \rightarrow R^\times$$

It is an isomorphism when  $R$  is a field.

- ▶ Quillen showed that the  $K$ -groups of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_F$  in a number field  $F$  are finitely generated.

$$K_0(\mathcal{O}_F) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus (\text{class group}), \quad K_1(\mathcal{O}_F) = \mathcal{O}_F^\times.$$

- ▶ He also showed that  $K_m(\mathcal{O}_F) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow K_m(F) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  is an isomorphism when  $m > 1$ .
- ▶ Standard topology implies that

$$K_\bullet(R) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow H_\bullet(\mathrm{GL}(R); \mathbb{Q})$$

is injective. So, to understand the “rational  $K$ -groups” of  $R$  we have to understand group homology of  $\mathrm{GL}(R)$  — equivalently, the stable rational homology of  $\mathrm{GL}_N(R)$ .

## Borel (1974, 1977)

- ▶ Borel computed the stable rational homology of  $SL_n(\mathcal{O}_K)$  and thus  $K_\bullet(\mathcal{O}_K) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . It vanishes in even positive degrees.
- ▶ When  $m > 1$ ,  $K_{2m-1}(\mathcal{O}_F)$  has rank

$$d_m = \begin{cases} r_1 + r_2 & m \text{ odd} \\ r_2 & m \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ He constructed a class  $\beta_m$  (the “Borel element”) in  $H^{2m-1}(SL(\mathbb{C}); \mathbb{R})$ . It gives a map  $K_{2m-1}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . It gives *higher regulator mappings*

$$\text{reg}_m : K_{2m-1}(\mathcal{O}_F) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_m} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{C})}$$

The kernel is finite; the image is a lattice (except when  $m = 1$ , when it lies in hyperplane).

## Theorem (Borel)

When  $m > 1$ , the covolume  $R_{F,m}$  of the regulator mapping

$$\text{reg}_m : K_{2m-1}(\mathcal{O}_F) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_m} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\text{Hom}(F, \mathbb{C})}$$

satisfies

$$\zeta_F(m) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}^\times} \frac{\pi^m d_{m+1}}{\sqrt{|d_F|}} R_{F,m}$$

where  $d_F$  is the discriminant of  $F$ .



## Bloch (1978–)

- ▶ Bloch contributed important ideas and tools for studying codimension 2 cycles. One of them was the dilogarithm.
- ▶ In particular he (and Wigner) introduced the single valued dilogarithm  $D_2 : \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$D_2(z) = -\operatorname{Im} \int_0^z \log(1-z) \frac{dz}{z} + \log|z| \operatorname{Arg}(1-z).$$

It is the volume of the ideal hyperbolic tetrahedron with vertices  $0, 1, z, \infty \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ , boundary of  $\mathcal{H}_3$ .

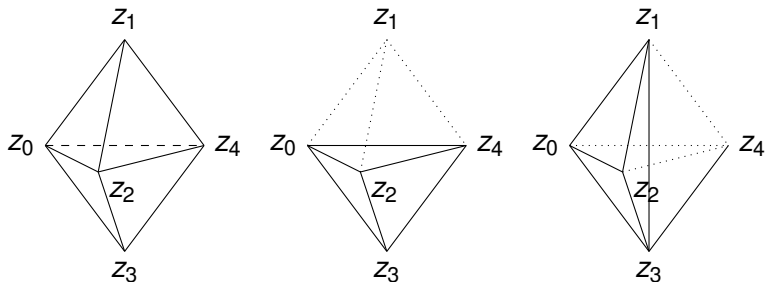
- ▶ It satisfies Abel's functional equation

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 (-1)^j D_2([z_0 : \cdots : \hat{z}_j : \cdots : z_4]) = 0.$$

- ▶ It is a 3-cocycle on  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

# Abel's equation for Bloch–Wigner dilogarithm

$$\begin{aligned}\langle z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \rangle &= \langle z_0, \widehat{z}_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \rangle + \langle z_0, z_1, z_2, \widehat{z}_3, z_4 \rangle \\ &= \langle \widehat{z}_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \rangle + \langle z_0, z_1, \widehat{z}_2, z_3, z_4 \rangle + \langle z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3, \widehat{z}_4 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



## Beilinson 1984

- ▶ Beilinson (and Gillet, independently) constructed Chern classes on  $K$ -theory, into Deligne–Beilinson cohomology:

$$c_m : K_j(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^{2m-j}(X, \mathbb{Z}(m)) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^{2m-j}(X, \mathbb{R}(m))$$

- ▶ When  $X$  is defined over a number field  $F$

$$H_{\mathcal{D}}^{\bullet}(X, \mathbb{R}(m)) = \left[ \bigoplus_{\nu: F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}} H_{\mathcal{D}}^{\bullet}(X_{\nu}(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{R}(m)) \right]^{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})}$$

In particular, when  $X = \text{Spec } F$ :

$$H_{\mathcal{D}}^1(\text{Spec } F, \mathbb{R}(m)) \cong \left[ \bigoplus_{\nu: F \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}/i^m\mathbb{R} \right]^{\text{Gal}(\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})} \cong \mathbb{R}^{d_m}.$$

- ▶ He showed that (up to a constant), Borel's regulators are Chern classes.

# Polylogarithms and Chern classes

- ▶ In several contexts, the first Chern class is log. For example

$$c_1 : K_1(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^1(\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}(1)) \cong \mathbb{R}$$

is  $\log | \cdot |$  as  $K_1(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^\times$ .

- ▶ The formula in Čech cohomology for the first Chern class of a complex line bundle uses the logarithm and its multivaluedness.
- ▶ The Bloch–Wigner dilogarithm  $D_2$  defines 3-cocycle on  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . It represents  $c_2 : K_3(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^1(\mathrm{Spec} \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}(2)) \cong \mathbb{R}$ .
- ▶ Beilinson and Deligne showed that the second Chern class

$$c_2 : K_2(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^2(X; \mathbb{Z}(2)) \cong H^1(X; \mathbb{C}^\times)$$

where  $X$  is a complex curve, can be defined using the dilog and its multivaluedness.

## Ideas that were floating around in the mid 1980s

- ▶ The  $m$ -logarithm should be related to various incarnations of the  $m$ th Chern class on algebraic  $K$ -theory.
- ▶ As such, it should satisfy a  $(2m + 1)$ -term functional equation that will make (a single valued version of it) into a  $(2m - 1)$ -cocycle on  $GL_m(\mathbb{C})$ .
- ▶ With the correct normalizations, this should represent the Borel class.
- ▶ Nobody (...) could make this work for the trilogy.
- ▶ This led to the idea of Grassmann polylogs — origins in the work of Gelfand and MacPherson.

## Grassmann polylogs: first steps

- ▶ Denote the “coordinate simplex” in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  by  $\Delta_N$ . It is the union of  $N + 1$  copies of  $\mathbb{P}^{N-1}$ . Each face intersects the other faces in its coordinate simplex.
- ▶ Let  $G_q^p$  be the subset of  $G(q, \mathbb{P}^{p+q})$  consisting of those  $L \subset \mathbb{P}^{p+q}$  that do not intersect the  $p - 1$  stratum of  $\Delta_{p+q}$ :

$$G_q^p = \{(v_0, \dots, v_{p+q}) \in \mathbb{C}^p : \text{each } p \times p \text{ minor} \neq 0\} / \text{GL}_p.$$

- ▶ The map  $G_q^p \rightarrow Y_q^p$  is a trivial  $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{p+q}$  torsor, where

$$Y_q^p := \{(x_0, \dots, x_{p+q}) \in \mathbb{P}^{p-1} : \text{each } p \text{ span } \mathbb{P}^{p-1}\} / \text{PGL}_p.$$

- ▶  $G_0^p = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^p$ ,  $G_1^2 = Y_1^2 \times (\mathbb{C}^\times)^3$ ,  $Y_1^2 = \mathbb{C} - \{0, 1\} = \mathcal{M}_{0,4}$ ,
- ▶  $G_2^2 = Y_2^2 \times (\mathbb{C}^\times)^4$ , where

$$Y_2^2 = (\mathbb{C} - \{0, \infty\})^2 - \text{diagonal} = \mathcal{M}_{0,5}.$$

# The Grassmann complex

- ▶ Intersecting with the  $p + q + 1$  coordinate hyperplanes defines “face maps”  $A_j : G_q^p \rightarrow G_{q-1}^p, j = 0, \dots, p + q$ . These lie over face maps  $Y_q^p \rightarrow Y_{q-1}^p$ .
- ▶ Example: The face maps  $A_j : Y_2^2 \rightarrow Y_1^2$  are:

$$A_j : (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \mapsto [x_0 : \dots : \widehat{x}_j : \dots : x_4]$$
$$A_j(y, x, 1, 0, \infty) = \begin{cases} x & j = 0 \\ y & j = 1 \\ y/x & j = 2 \\ (1 - y)/(1 - x) & j = 3 \\ x(1 - y)/y(1 - x) & j = 4 \end{cases}$$

These are the functions that occur in the functional equation of the dilogarithm.

This leads to the *Grassmann complex*  $G_{\bullet}^p$ :

$$\{G_q^p : 0 \leq q \leq p\} + \text{face maps } A_j : G_q^p \rightarrow G_{q-1}^p.$$

Example:

$$G_{\bullet}^2 = \left[ G_2^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{A_0} \\ \xrightarrow{A_1} \\ \xrightarrow{A_2} \\ \xrightarrow{A_3} \\ \xrightarrow{A_4} \end{array} G_1^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{A_0} \\ \xrightarrow{A_1} \\ \xrightarrow{A_2} \\ \xrightarrow{A_3} \end{array} G_0^2 \right]$$

Set

$$\text{vol}_p := \frac{dx_1}{x_1} \wedge \frac{dx_2}{x_2} \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{dx_p}{x_p} \in \Omega^p(G_0^p).$$

Basic fact:

$$A^* \text{vol}_p := \sum_{j=0}^{p+1} (-1)^j A_j^* \text{vol}_p = 0 \text{ in } \Omega^p(G_1^p).$$



# Grassmann polylogs

- ▶  $W_{2m}\tilde{\Omega}^k(X)$  consists of logarithmic  $p$ -forms on  $X$  with coefficients that are (closed) iterated integrals of length  $\leq m - k$  of logarithmic 1-forms.
- ▶  $\text{vol}_p \in W_{2p}\Omega^p(G_0^p)$ ,  $\log(1 - x) dx/x \in W_4\tilde{\Omega}(G_1^2)$ .
- ▶ Double complex  $(W_{2p}\tilde{\Omega}^\bullet(G_\bullet^p), d, A^*)$ . Set  $D = d \pm A^*$ .
- ▶  $D \text{vol}_p = A^* \text{vol}_p = 0$ . Is it exact?
- ▶ A *Grassmann  $p$ -logarithm* is an element  $Z_p$  of this complex satisfying  $DZ_p = \text{vol}_p$ . Existence was established for  $p \leq 3$ .
- ▶ If exists, get  $\mathcal{L}_p \in W_{2p}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(G_{p-1}^p)$  that satisfies the  $(2p + 1)$  term functional equation  $A^*\mathcal{L}_p = 0$ .
- ▶ Hope is that  $Z_p$  represents

$$c_p : K_m(X) \rightarrow H_{\mathcal{D}}^{2p-m}(X, \mathbb{Z}(p))$$

## Example: the dilogarithm

The  $p = 2$  Grassmann complex is:

$$G_{\bullet}^2 = \left[ G_2^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{A_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{A_4} \end{array} G_1^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{A_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{A_3} \end{array} G_0^2 \right]$$

The double complex is:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} W_4 \tilde{O}(G_2^2) & \xrightarrow{d} & W_4 \tilde{\Omega}^1(G_2^2) & & \\ A^* \uparrow & & A^* \uparrow & & \\ W_4 \tilde{O}(G_1^2) & \xrightarrow{d} & W_4 \tilde{\Omega}^1(G_1^2) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^2(G_1^2) \\ & & A^* \uparrow & & A^* \uparrow \\ & & W_4 \tilde{\Omega}^1(G_0^2) & \xrightarrow{d} & \Omega^2(G_0^2) \end{array}$$

## Zagier's conjecture (1990 - $\epsilon$ )

Suppose that  $m > 1$  and that  $F$  is a number field. For a certain single valued version  $D_m$  of the classical  $m$ -logarithm, there are elements

$$y_1, \dots, y_{d_m-1} \in \mathbb{Q}[F - \{0, 1\}]$$

such that

$$\zeta_F(m) \sim_{\mathbb{Q}^\times} \frac{\pi^{m d_{m+1}}}{\sqrt{|d_F|}} \det P$$

where  $P$  is the  $d_m \times d_m$  matrix whose entries are the values of  $D_m$  at representatives of the images of the  $y_k$  under the  $r_2$  complex places (when  $m$  is odd) or all places (when  $m$  is even). Alternatively,

$$\det P \sim_{\mathbb{Q}^\times} R_{F,m}.$$

He proved this when  $m = 2$ .

# Goncharov and the trilogarithm (1990)

- ▶ Remarkably, Goncharov succeeded in expressing the Grassmann trilog in terms of the classical trilogarithm.
- ▶ He used this to prove Zagier's conjecture for  $\zeta_F(3)$ .
- ▶ There was virtually no major progress until 2018 when Goncharov and Rudenko proved Zagier's conjecture for  $\zeta_F(4)$  using some work of Gangl.
- ▶ I do not claim to understand this work.

## The future . . .

*And finally, in an attempt to unify the entire subject into a coherent whole, difficulties of a different order are encountered, and some central unifying principle has still to be discovered.*

Leonard Lewin, 1981.

- ▶ This comment was prescient and still applies.
- ▶ It appears that Goncharov and Rudenko introduce two new tools:
  - ▶ Cluster algebras (of which I am ignorant)
  - ▶ motivic correlators (which I am trying to understand)
- ▶ I will give an introduction to the Hodge manifestation of motivic correlators.

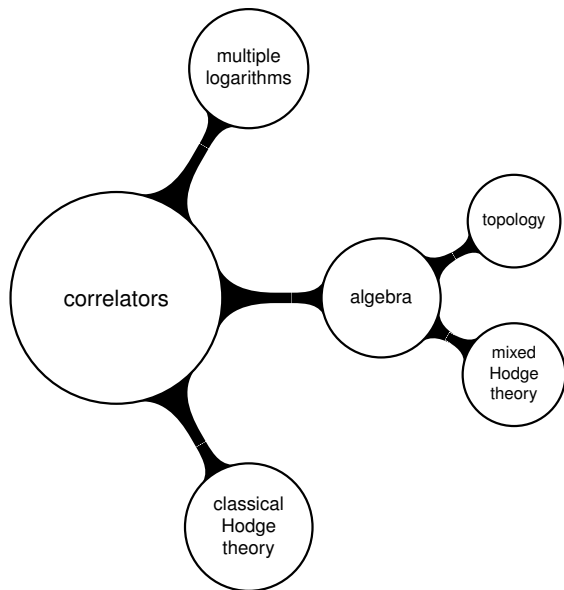
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# The landscape



## Guided tour & plan

Goncharov's Crelle paper is 138 journal pages. Need a guide:

- ▶ currents (introduction/review)
- ▶ planar trivalent trees
- ▶ recipe for Hodge correlators
- ▶ related algebra
- ▶ selected results of Goncharov

Two more items I believe are relevant:

- ▶ topology: the Goldman (Turaev) Lie (bi)algebra
- ▶ Hodge theory



# Currents

A  $k$ -current  $T$  on an  $n$  manifold  $M$  is a continuous function on the space of  $n - k$  forms on  $M$  that are compactly supported in some coordinate patch. One defines  $bT$  (its boundary) by

$$\langle bT, \psi \rangle := \langle T, d\psi \rangle.$$

Every locally  $L^1$   $k$ -form  $\omega$  on  $M$  gives a  $k$ -current  $[\omega]$ :

$$[\omega] : \phi \rightarrow \int_M \omega \wedge \phi.$$

When  $\omega$  is smooth,  $[d\omega] = d[\omega] := (-1)^{k+1} b[\omega]$ . This is not true when  $\omega$  is locally  $L^1$  but not smooth.

Integration over a codimension  $q$  closed submanifold (or subvariety)  $Z$  also gives a current, denoted  $\delta_Z$ :

$$\langle \delta_Z, \psi \rangle = \int_Z \psi.$$

For a  $k$ -current  $T$  on a complex manifold, we can define  $\partial T$  and  $\bar{\partial} T$  by:

$$\langle \partial T, \psi \rangle := (-1)^{k+1} \langle T, \partial \psi \rangle \text{ and } \langle \bar{\partial} T, \psi \rangle := (-1)^{k+1} \langle T, \bar{\partial} \psi \rangle$$

We have  $dT = \partial T + \bar{\partial} T$ .

When  $M = \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\partial\bar{\partial}[\log |z|^2] = -2\pi i \delta_{[0]}.$$

That is, for all smooth, compactly supported functions  $h$  on  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\langle \partial\bar{\partial}[\log |z|^2], h \rangle = -2\pi i h(0).$$

Note that if  $f$  is a smooth function on  $\mathbb{C}$ , then

$$\partial\bar{\partial}f = \frac{1}{4}\Delta f dz \wedge d\bar{z} = \frac{1}{2i}\Delta f dx \wedge dy, \quad z = x + iy.$$

So we get the classical formula of distributions

$$\Delta[\log |z|] = 2\pi\delta_0.$$

Here is a proof so that you can see how to work with currents:

$$\langle \partial \bar{\partial} \log |z|^2, h \rangle = \langle \bar{\partial} \log |z|^2, \partial h \rangle$$

$h$  is smooth with compact support,  $\bar{\partial}[\log |z|^2]$  is a 1-current

Here is a proof so that you can see how to work with currents:

$$\langle \partial \bar{\partial} \log |z|^2, h \rangle = -\langle \log |z|^2, \bar{\partial} \partial h \rangle$$

$[\log |z|^2]$  is a 0-current

Here is a proof so that you can see how to work with currents:

$$\langle \partial \bar{\partial} \log |z|^2, h \rangle = \langle \log |z|^2, \partial \bar{\partial} h \rangle$$

as  $\bar{\partial} \partial = -\partial \bar{\partial}$

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$$\begin{aligned}\langle \partial\bar{\partial} \log |z|^2, h \rangle &= \langle \log |z|^2, \partial\bar{\partial} h \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{C}} \log |z|^2 \partial\bar{\partial} h\end{aligned}$$

the definition — the integrand is  $L^1$

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by absolute continuity of the Lebesgue integral



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via Stokes as  $\log |z|^2 \partial\bar{\partial} h = d(\log |z|^2 \bar{\partial} h + h \frac{dz}{z})$

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as  $\epsilon^2 \log \epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and as  $h$  continuous

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the definition of  $\delta_{[0]}$

Suppose that  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface and that  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_g, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_g$  are harmonic representatives of a symplectic basis of  $H^1(X)$ . Choose any 2-form (or 2-current)  $\mu$  with  $\int_X \mu = 1$ . Then, in  $H^2(X \times X)$ , we have the formula

$$[\Delta] = [\mu] \times \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \times [\mu] - \sum_{j=1}^g ([\phi_j] \times [\psi_j] - [\psi_j] \times [\phi_j]).$$

Harmonic theory implies that there is a 0-current  $G_\mu$  such that

$$\bar{\partial} \partial G_\mu = \delta_\Delta - \mu \times \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{1} \times \mu + \sum_{j=1}^g (\phi_j \times \psi_j - \psi_j \times \phi_j).$$

It is symmetric and uniquely determined, up to a constant, by  $\mu$ .

## Example

When  $\mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mu = \delta_{[\infty]}$

$$G_{[\infty]}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \log |x - y|^2 \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

as

$$\bar{\partial} \partial \log |x - y|^2 = 2\pi i (\delta_{\Delta_{\mathbb{P}^1}} - \delta_{[\infty]} \times 1 - 1 \times \delta_{[\infty]}).$$

In general,  $G_\mu(x, y) - \log |x - y|^2 / 2\pi i$  is smooth near the diagonal.

# Choices of $\mu$ and normalization

Three natural choices of  $\mu$  are:

- ▶ a current  $\delta_{[a]}$  for some  $a \in X$  — works for all  $g \geq 0$ ;
- ▶ the *Arakelov volume form* — pulled back from the flat metric on  $\text{Jac } X$  along  $X \rightarrow \text{Jac } X$  — works for all  $g \geq 1$ ;
- ▶ the volume form of the hyperbolic metric on  $X$  — works for  $g \geq 2$ .

To fix  $G_\mu$ , Goncharov chooses a point  $x_0 \in X$  (not  $a$ ) and a non-zero tangent vector  $\vec{v} \in T_{x_0}X$ . Then take a holomorphic arc  $t : (\mathbb{D}, 0) \rightarrow (X, x_0)$  with  $\partial/\partial t = \vec{v}$ . One insists that the restriction of  $2\pi i G - \log |t|^2$  to  $t \mapsto (x(t), x_0)$  is smooth.

Example:  $G_{[\infty]}$  above satisfies this when  $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\vec{v} = \partial/\partial z$ .

## Set up

For the rest of this talk,  $X$  is a compact Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 0$  and  $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  is a finite subset. Set

$$X' = X - S \text{ and } S_0 := S - \{s_0\} = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}.$$

We will assume that  $X'$  is *hyperbolic*:

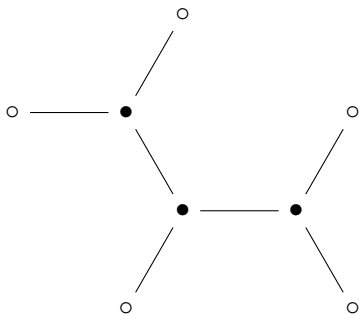
$$\chi(X') = 2 - 2g - n - 1 < 0.$$

The space of complex valued harmonic forms on  $X$  is

$$\mathcal{H} = \Omega^1(X) \oplus \overline{\Omega^1(X)}.$$

# Planar trivalent trees

- ▶  $m$  internal vertices
- ▶  $m + 2$  leaves (external vertices)
- ▶  $2m + 1$  edges



$$m = 3$$

Note that the exterior vertices are cyclically ordered.



# Cyclic words

Our alphabet is  $\mathcal{H} \cup S_0$ . A word of length  $r$  in this alphabet is an expression

$$v_1 \dots v_r, \quad v_j \in \mathcal{H} \cup S_0.$$

Let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation on these words generated by

$$v_1 \dots v_r \sim v_r v_1 \dots v_{r-1}.$$

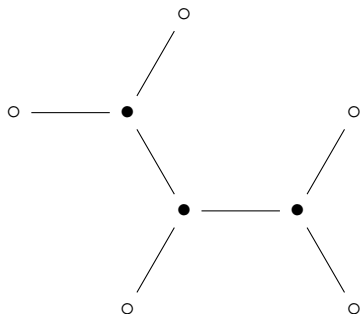
A cyclic word of length  $r$  is an equivalence class. We'll denote it by

$$c(v_1 v_2 \dots v_r).$$

**Example:**  $w = c(\omega' s_3 s_1 \omega' s_2)$ , where  $\omega'$  and  $\omega'' \in \mathcal{H}$ .

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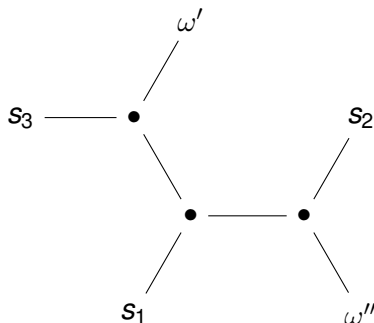
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## One more definition

For 0-currents  $G_0, \dots, G_r$  on  $M$  define  $\varphi_{r+1}(G_0, \dots, G_r)$  by

$$\frac{1}{(r+1)!} \sum_{k=0}^r (-1)^k \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_{r+1}} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) G_{\sigma(0)} \partial G_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \cdots \wedge \partial G_{\sigma(k)} \wedge \bar{\partial} G_{\sigma(k+1)} \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{\partial} G_{\sigma(r)}.$$

It is a current of degree  $r$  on  $M$  and alternating in its arguments.

Examples:

$$\varphi_1(G_0) = G_0$$

and

$$\varphi_2(G_0, G_1) = \frac{1}{2} (G_0 \bar{\partial} G_1 - G_0 \partial G_1 - G_1 \bar{\partial} G_0 + G_1 \partial G_0)$$

# Useful formulas

If  $f$  is a rational function on  $X$  (not just a curve), then

$$d\left[\frac{df}{f}\right] = \bar{\partial}\left[\frac{df}{f}\right] = 2\pi i \delta_{[\text{div } f]}, \quad \partial\left[\frac{df}{f}\right] = 0.$$

$$\partial\bar{\partial}[\log |f|^2] = -2\pi i \delta_{[\text{div } f]}$$

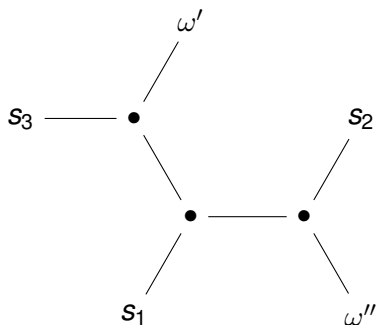
$$\partial[\log |f|^2] = \left[\frac{df}{f}\right], \quad \bar{\partial}[\log |f|^2] = \left[\frac{d\bar{f}}{\bar{f}}\right]$$

**Example:** if  $f_0, f_1 \in \mathbb{C}(X)^\times$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi_2(\log |f_0|^2, \log |f_1|^2) \\ &= \left( \log |f_0| \frac{d\bar{f}_1}{\bar{f}_1} - \log |f_0| \frac{df_1}{f_1} - \log |f_1| \frac{d\bar{f}_0}{\bar{f}_0} + \log |f_1| \frac{df_0}{f_0} \right) \end{aligned}$$

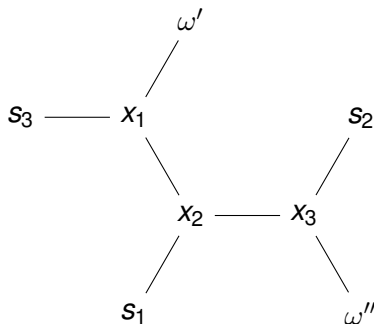
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Consider the  $\mathbf{w}$  decorated planar tree



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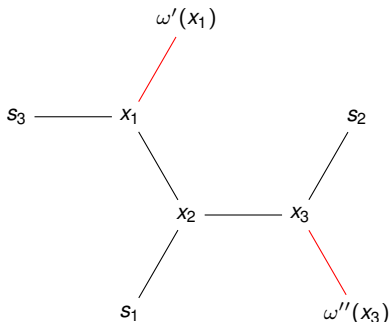
Take a copy of  $X$  for each internal vertex:



$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in X^3$$

## The recipe II

Associate  $G(x_j, x_k)$  to the edge joining  $x_j$  and  $x_k$ , and  $G(x_j, s_k)$  the edge that joins  $x_j$  to  $s_k$ :



Define

$$\Omega_T(\mathbf{w}) = \pm \varphi_5(G(s_3, x_1), G(x_1, x_2), G(x_2, x_3), G(x_2, s_1), G(x_3, s_2)) \wedge \omega'(x_1) \wedge \omega''(x_3).$$

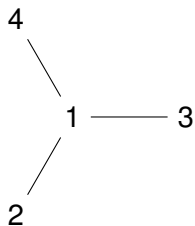
Terms correspond to an ordered list of edges.



# How to compute the sign

In fact

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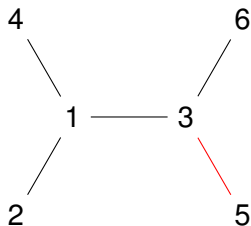


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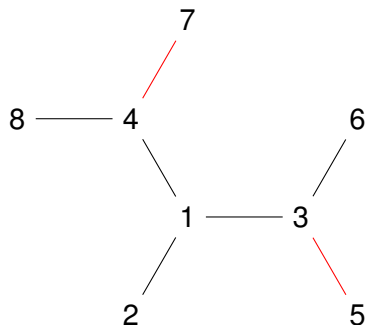


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$$\begin{aligned} \text{or}_T &= e_{12} \wedge e_{13} \wedge e_{14} \wedge e_{35} \wedge e_{36} \wedge e_{47} \wedge e_{48} \\ &= -e_{48} \wedge e_{14} \wedge e_{13} \wedge e_{12} \wedge e_{36} \wedge e_{47} \wedge e_{35} \end{aligned}$$

## The recipe III

Here  $\Omega_T(\mathbf{w})$  is a 6-current on  $X^3$  that depends on the “variables”  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . One obtains a function of  $(s_1, s_2, s_3)$  by integrating it over  $X^3$ .

In general, for each  $\mathbf{w}$  decorated (planar trivalent) graph  $T$  a current  $\Omega_T(\mathbf{w})$  on  $X^m$ , where  $m$  is  $\ell(\mathbf{w}) - 2$ . Define the *correlator* associated to  $\mathbf{w}$  (and  $\mu$ ) by

$$\text{Cor}_\mu(\mathbf{w}) := \sum_{T \vdash \mathbf{w}} \int_{X^m} \Omega_T(\mathbf{w})$$

where the sum ranges over all trivalent planar trees  $T$  decorated by  $\mathbf{w}$ . It is a complex number or a function of  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  depending on your point of view.

## Examples

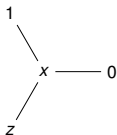
Take  $X = \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $\mu = \delta_{[\infty]}$ . Then  $2\pi i G_\mu(x, y) = \log |x - y|^2$ .

**The logarithm:**  $S = \{0, z, \infty\}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = c(1 z)$  and the  $\mathbf{w}$  decorated  $T$  is



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**The dilogarithm:**  $S = \{\infty, 0, 1, z\}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = c(0 1 z)$  and the  $\mathbf{w}$  decorated  $T$  is



$$\begin{aligned} 3!(2\pi i)^3 \int_{x \in \mathbb{P}^1} \Omega_T(\mathbf{w}) &= \varphi_3(\log |x|^2, \log |x - 1|^2, \log |x - z|^2) \\ &= (\text{coefficient}) D_2(z). \end{aligned}$$

## Algebra: preparation

Recall  $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_n\}$ ,  $X' = X - S$  and  $S_0 = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ . We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_2(X) \rightarrow H_0(S) \rightarrow H_1(X') \rightarrow H_1(X) \rightarrow 0$$

Denote the class of a small (positive) loop about  $s_j$  by  $\mathbf{e}_j$ . Then

$$H_0(S)/H_2(S) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^n \mathbb{k}\mathbf{e}_k / \mathbb{k}(\mathbf{e}_0 + \dots + \mathbf{e}_n), \quad \mathbb{k} = \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}.$$

Set

$$E_0 = \bigoplus_{k=1}^n \mathbb{k}\mathbf{e}_k$$

Then  $E_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} H_0(S)/H_2(S)$  is an iso. Define a symmetric bilinear form on  $E_0$  by declaring  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$  to be orthonormal. The intersection pairing defines a symplectic form on  $H_1(X)$ .

## Algebra: setup

Suppose that  $V = H \oplus E$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$  vector space ( $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ ), where  $H$  has a symplectic inner product and  $E$  has a non-degenerate symmetric inner product. Give  $H$  weight  $-1$  and  $E$  weight  $-2$ .

**Example:**  $V = \text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W H_1(X') = H_1(X) \oplus E_0$ .

Fix an orthonormal basis  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$  of  $E$ . Denote the dual space by  $V^\vee = H^\vee \oplus E^\vee$ . Denote the dual basis of  $E^\vee$  by  $\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n$ .

**Example:**  $V^\vee = \text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W H^1(X') = H^1(X) \oplus E_0^\vee$ . The residue map gives an isomorphism

$$\text{Res} : \text{Gr}_2^W H^1(X') \xrightarrow{\cong} \tilde{H}_0(S) = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \mathbf{s}_k : \sum_k a_k = 0 \right\}.$$

The dual orthonormal basis on  $E_0^\vee$  is  $\{\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n\}$ .

**Remark:** Our alphabet is  $\mathcal{H} \cup S_0 \cong H^1(X) \cup S_0$ .

## Special derivations

Let  $TV$  be the tensor algebra on  $V$ . It is the universal enveloping algebra of the free Lie algebra  $\mathbb{L}(V)$ . Both are graded by weight. There are canonical graded isomorphisms

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^{\wedge} \cong T(H_1(X) \oplus E_0) = TV.$$

Define  $\mathbf{e}_0 \in \mathrm{Gr}_{-2}^W TV$  by

$$\mathbf{e}_0 + \mathbf{e}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{e}_n + \sum_{j=1}^g [\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{q}_j] = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_g, \mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_g$  is a symplectic basis of  $H_1(X)$ .

A derivation  $\delta$  of  $TV$  is called *special* if  $\delta(\mathbf{e}_0) = 0$  and there are  $\mathbf{u}_k \in TV$  such that  $\delta(\mathbf{e}_k) = [\mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{u}_k]$  when  $k \neq 0$ . A derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathbb{L}(V)$  is *special* if each  $\mathbf{u}_j \in \mathbb{L}(V)$ .



# Cyclic words

The *cyclic quotient* of an associative  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra  $A$  is

$$\mathcal{C}(A) = A / \langle uv - vu : u, v \in A \rangle.$$

Elements of  $\mathcal{C}(TV)$  are cyclic words in the alphabet  $\{\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{q}_j, \mathbf{e}_k : 1 \leq j \leq g, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . It is a Lie algebra with graded bracket (after a shift by 2):

$$\{ , \}_0 : \text{Gr}_{2-j}^W \mathcal{C}(TV) \otimes \text{Gr}_{2-k}^W \mathcal{C}(TV) \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{2-j-k}^W \mathcal{C}(TV)$$

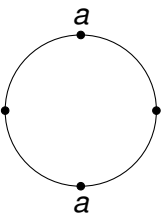
There is also a *surjective* Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\Phi_0 : \mathcal{C}(TV) \rightarrow \text{SDer } TV.$$

Its kernel is spanned by  $\mathbf{e}_j^m$  where  $j \neq 0$  and  $m \geq 0$ .

## Formula for the action

Suppose  $A = \mathbb{k}\langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ . We have operators  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a_j} : \mathcal{C}(A) \rightarrow A$  of weight  $+2$ . For example:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} : \text{circle with } a, b, c \text{ on it} \mapsto bac + cab$$


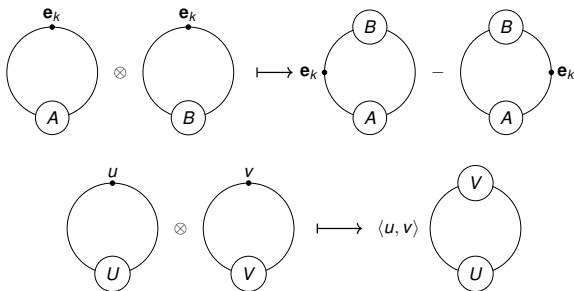
For  $F \in \mathcal{C}(TV)$ ,  $\Phi_0(F) \in \text{SDer}(TV)$  is defined by

$$\Phi_0(F) : \begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_j \mapsto -\partial F / \partial \mathbf{q}_j, \\ \mathbf{q}_j \mapsto \partial F / \partial \mathbf{p}_j, \\ \mathbf{e}_k \mapsto [\mathbf{e}_k, \partial F / \partial \mathbf{e}_k] \quad k \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

# Formula for the bracket

For  $F, G \in \mathcal{C}(TV)$

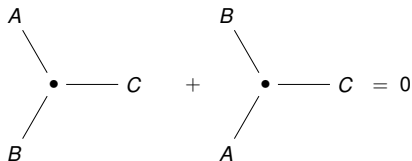
$$\{F, G\}_0 = c \left( \sum_{k \neq 0} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{e}_k}, \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{e}_k} \right] \mathbf{e}_k + \sum_{j=1}^g \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{q}_j} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{q}_j} \right) \right)$$



Here  $k \neq 0$ ,  $u, v \in H$  and  $A, B, U, V \in TV$ .

# The Lie algebra $\mathcal{L}(V)$

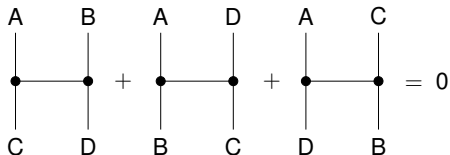
The Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  is defined to be the Lie algebra of  $V$ -decorated trivalent planar graphs modulo the AS-relation



The diagram illustrates the AS-relation. It consists of two trivalent vertices connected by a horizontal line labeled  $C$ . The left vertex has two other edges: one labeled  $A$  pointing up and left, and one labeled  $B$  pointing down and left. The right vertex has two other edges: one labeled  $B$  pointing up and right, and one labeled  $A$  pointing down and right. The two diagrams are separated by a plus sign, followed by an equals sign and a zero.

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \diagdown \\ \bullet \\ \diagup \\ B \end{array} \text{---} C + \begin{array}{c} B \\ \diagdown \\ \bullet \\ \diagup \\ A \end{array} \text{---} C = 0$$

and the IHX-relation



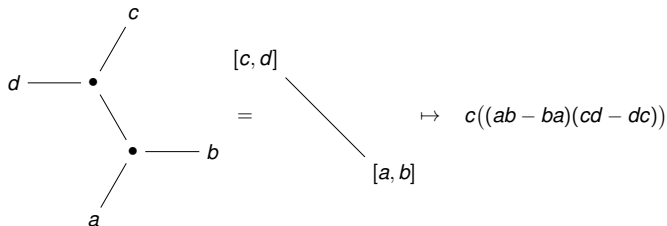
The diagram illustrates the IHX-relation. It consists of three diagrams, each with two vertices connected by a horizontal line. The first diagram has edges labeled  $A$  (top left),  $B$  (top right),  $C$  (bottom left), and  $D$  (bottom right). The second diagram has edges labeled  $A$  (top left),  $D$  (top right),  $B$  (bottom left), and  $C$  (bottom right). The third diagram has edges labeled  $A$  (top left),  $C$  (top right),  $D$  (bottom left), and  $B$  (bottom right). The three diagrams are separated by plus signs, followed by an equals sign and a zero.

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ C \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} B \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ D \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} A \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ B \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} D \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ C \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} A \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ D \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} C \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ B \end{array} = 0$$

# The homomorphism $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(TV)$

Expanding  $V$ -labelled planar trivalent trees defines an injective Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(TV)$$



The PBW Theorem gives a coalgebra isomorphism:

$$TV = U\mathbb{L}(V) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} \text{Sym}^m \mathbb{L}(V).$$

“Cutting” an edge of a decorated tree defines a well-defined map  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V)) \rightarrow |\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{L}(V)|$ . It has an obvious inverse, so we have a Lie algebra isomorphism

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V)) \cong |\text{Sym}^2 \mathbb{L}(V)|.$$

The restriction of  $\mathcal{C}(TV) \rightarrow \text{SDer } \mathbb{L}(V)$  to  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V))$  is surjective and has kernel

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{e}_1^2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n^2\}.$$

## Correlators revisited

Recall that, after fixing a “volume form”  $\mu$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  a cyclic word in  $\mathcal{H} \cup S_0$ , we defined

$$\text{Cor}_\mu(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{T \vdash \mathbf{w}} \int_{X^{\ell(\mathbf{w})-2}} \Omega_T(\mathbf{w}) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The cyclic words  $\mathbf{w}$  are actually elements of  $\mathcal{C}(TV)^\vee$ . So

$$\text{Cor}_\mu(\mathbf{w}) \in \mathcal{C}(TV).$$

Summing over all cyclic words  $\mathbf{w}$  in the alphabet  $\{\phi_j, \psi_j, \mathbf{s}_k\}$  gives

$$\text{Cor}_\mu \in \mathcal{C}(TV)$$

and therefore a special derivation  $\delta_{X', \vec{v}} := \Phi_0(\text{Cor}_\mu) \in \text{SDer } TV$ .

The correlator  $\text{Cor}_\mu$  is purely imaginary and lies in  $F^{-1} \cap \overline{F}^{-1} \mathcal{C}(TV)$ . That is  $\text{Cor}_\mu \in i\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V))_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

### Theorem (Goncharov)

1.  $\text{Cor}_\mu \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{L}(V))$ , so that  $\delta_{X', \vec{v}} \in i\text{SDer } \mathbb{L}(V)_{\mathbb{R}}$ .
2. The derivation  $\delta_{X', \vec{v}}$  determines a MHS on the completed group algebra of  $\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$  via the map

$$\exp \delta_{X', \vec{v}} : \prod_{m \geq 0} \text{Gr}_{-m}^W \mathbb{R}\pi_1(X', \vec{v}) \rightarrow \prod_{m \geq 0} \text{Gr}_{-m}^W \mathbb{C}\pi_1(X', \vec{v}).$$

*Apparently, this is the canonical MHS.*



# Outline

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## Enter topology

These cyclic constructions in correlators comes from topology — specifically from the *Goldman Lie algebra* and the *Kawazumi–Kuno action* of it on  $\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$ . In topology, there is additional structure — the *Turaev cobracket* which does not (yet) appear in correlators.

- ▶ For a connected, oriented surface  $Y$ , set

$$\lambda(Y) = [S^1, Y] = \{\text{conjugacy classes in } \pi_1(Y, y)\}.$$

- ▶ For a commutative ring  $\mathbb{k}$  (e.g.,  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ ), set

$$\mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) = \text{free } \mathbb{k}\text{-module generated by } \lambda(Y).$$

- ▶ It is the cyclic quotient of the group algebra:

$$\mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{k}\pi_1(Y, x))$$

# The Goldman–Turaev Lie bialgebra

The *Goldman bracket* is a map

$$\{ , \} : \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) \otimes \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y)$$

that makes  $\mathbb{k}\lambda(Y)$  into a Lie algebra. The *Turaev cobracket* is a map

$$\delta_\xi : \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y) \otimes \mathbb{k}\lambda(Y)$$

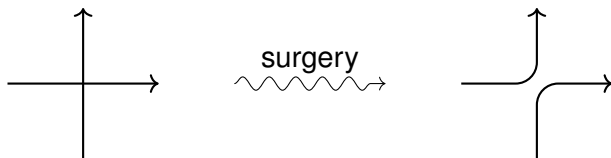
that depends on a framing  $\xi$  (a nowhere vanishing vector field) on  $X$ . Together they form a *Lie bialgebra*:

$$\delta_\xi\{u, v\} = u \cdot \delta_\xi(v) + \delta_\xi(u) \cdot v$$

where  $u \cdot (x \otimes y) = \{u, x\} \otimes y$  and  $(x \otimes y) \cdot v = x \otimes \{y, v\}$ .

## An elementary surgery

The bracket and cobracket are defined using elementary surgery: Each element of  $\lambda(Y)$  can be represented by an immersed circle with simple normal crossings. (So no triple points, etc). One can perform surgery at a double point:



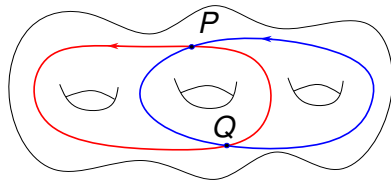
# The Goldman bracket

To define the Goldman bracket of  $\alpha, \beta \in \lambda(Y)$ , represent them by oriented, transversally intersecting, immersed circles. Their Goldman bracket is

$$\{\alpha, \beta\} = \sum_P \epsilon_P \alpha \#_P \beta$$

where  $P$  ranges over the points where  $\alpha$  intersects  $\beta$ ,  $\epsilon_P = \pm 1$  is the local intersection number at  $P$  and  $\alpha \#_P \beta$  is the loop obtained by simple surgery at  $P$ .

## An example

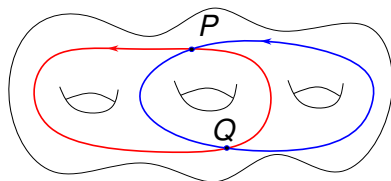


$$\epsilon_P = 1$$

$$\epsilon_Q = -1$$

$$\{\alpha, \beta\} = \epsilon_P \alpha \#_P \beta + \epsilon_Q \alpha \#_Q \beta$$

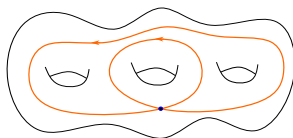
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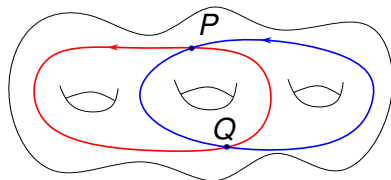
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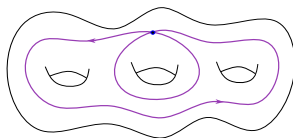
# An example



$$\epsilon_P = 1$$

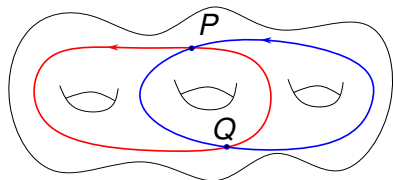
$$\epsilon_Q = -1$$

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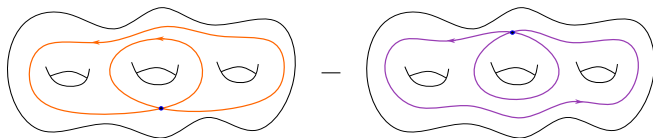
# An example



$$\epsilon_P = 1$$

$$\epsilon_Q = -1$$

$$\{\alpha, \beta\} = \epsilon_P \alpha \#_P \beta + \epsilon_Q \alpha \#_Q \beta = \alpha \#_P \beta - \alpha \#_Q \beta$$



# The Kawazumi–Kuno action

We will take  $Y = X' = X - S$ . There is a similarly defined Lie algebra homomorphism

$$\kappa_{\vec{v}} : \mathbb{k}\lambda(X', \vec{v}) \rightarrow \text{SDer } \mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$$

where here a derivation  $\delta$  of  $\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$  is *special* if there are  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in \mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$  such that  $\delta(\gamma_0) = 0$  and

$$\delta(\gamma_j) = [\gamma_j, \mu_j] := \gamma_j \mu_j - \mu_j \gamma_j \text{ when } j > 0.$$

Here  $\gamma_j$  is any path of the form



# Completions

Now suppose that  $\mathbb{k}$  is a field of characteristic 0.

- ▶ We can complete the group algebra  $\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})$  in the standard way:

$$\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^\wedge := \varprojlim_m \mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v}) / I^m$$

where  $I$  is the kernel of the augmentation  $\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v}) \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ .  
This has a natural topology — the  $I$ -adic topology.

- ▶ The corresponding completion of  $\mathbb{k}\lambda(X')$  is

$$\mathbb{k}\lambda(X')^\wedge := \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^\wedge).$$

Give this the quotient topology — also called the  $I$ -adic topology.

# The completed Goldman Lie algebra

Kawazumi–Kuno: the bracket and the KK-action are continuous and so induce continuous mappings

$$\{ \cdot, \cdot \} : \mathbb{k}\lambda(X')^\wedge \otimes \mathbb{k}\lambda(X')^\wedge \rightarrow \mathbb{k}\lambda(X')^\wedge$$

$$\kappa_{\vec{v}} : \mathbb{k}\lambda(X')^\wedge \rightarrow \text{SDer } \mathbb{k}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^\wedge.$$

## Theorem

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q}\lambda(X')^\wedge$  has a canonical mixed Hodge structure (MHS).
- ▶ It is a quotient of the canonical MHS on  $\mathbb{Q}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^\wedge$  and does not depend on the choice of  $s_0 \in S$  or  $\vec{v} \in TX_{s_0}$ .
- ▶ The Tate twist  $\mathbb{Q}\lambda(X')^\wedge(-1)$  is a Lie algebra in the category of pro-MHS.
- ▶ The action  $\mathbb{Q}\lambda(X')^\wedge(-1) \rightarrow \text{SDer } \mathbb{Q}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^\wedge$  is a morphism of pro-MHS.

# Hodge theory and splittings

Hodge theory gives natural isomorphisms of a MHS  $V$  with its associated weight graded  $\mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W V$ . There is a canonical isom






$$\mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathbb{Q}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^{\wedge} \cong T(\mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W H_1(X')) \cong T(H_1(X) \oplus E_0) = TV.$$

## Theorem

- ▶ The graded Lie algebra  $\mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathbb{Q}\lambda(X')^{\wedge}$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathcal{C}(T(H \oplus S_0), \{ , \}_0)$ .
- ▶ The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathbb{Q}\lambda(X')^{\wedge} & \xrightarrow{\kappa_{\vec{v}}} & \mathrm{SDer} \mathrm{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathbb{Q}\pi_1(X', \vec{v})^{\wedge} \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow \cong \\ \mathcal{C}(TV) & \xrightarrow{\Phi_0} & \mathrm{SDer} TV \end{array}$$

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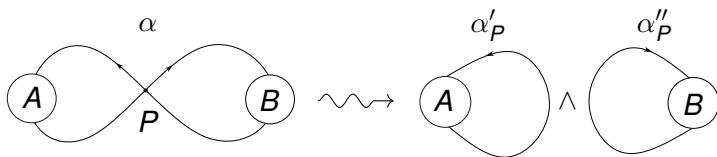
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# The Turaev cobracket

For convenience, we denote the element  $v \otimes w - w \otimes v$  of  $V^{\otimes 2}$  by  $v \wedge w$ . Suppose that  $\alpha$  is an immersed circle with simple normal crossings. The first step in defining the cobracket is to define for each double point  $P$  of  $\alpha$

$$\delta_P(\alpha) = \alpha'_P \wedge \alpha''_P$$

where





To define  $\delta_\xi(\alpha)$  represent  $\alpha$  by an immersed loop with simple normal crossings **and trivial winding number** with respect to the framing:

$$\text{rot}_\xi \alpha = 0.$$

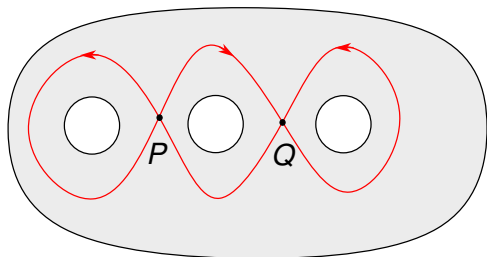
(Add some “back flips” as necessary.) The cobracket is defined by

$$\delta_\xi(\alpha) = \sum_{\text{double points } P} \epsilon_P \delta_P(\alpha)$$

where  $\epsilon_P = \pm 1$  is the local intersection number of the initial arcs of  $\alpha'_P$  and  $\alpha''_P$  (in that order).

# Sample cobracket

To compute the cobracket of

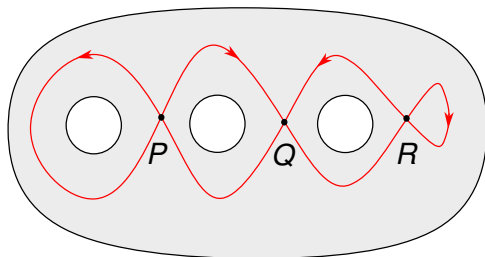


$$\xi = \partial/\partial x$$

$$\text{rot}_\xi \alpha = 1$$

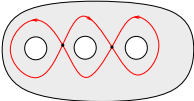
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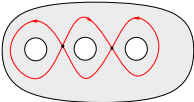
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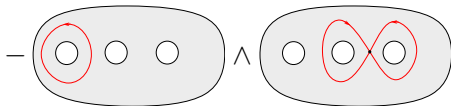


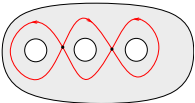
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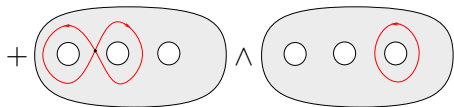
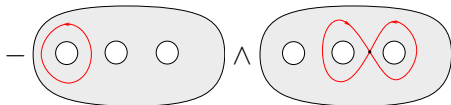
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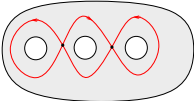
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