

# Braidings in BV

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# Intro

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# Introduction

(Spacetime) noncommutativity and physical models have a long history of mutual interaction:

- open strings ending on branes give rise to a noncommutative geometry,  $[x^i, x^j] = i\theta^{ij}$

Seiberg–Witten '99

Noncommutative quantum field theories have been developed too:

- UV/IR mixing are a typical feature
- homotopical methods on the rise: braided QFTs

Dimitrijević–Ćirić et al.

- suitable for perturbative quantization (integration theory of noncommutative spaces is not known)

# End goal

Develop the homotopical framework (Batalin–Vilkovisky) with a coboundary structure

w/ Krutov and Weber

to overcome the case of a braided field theory with **triangular R-matrix**

[Nguyen–Schenkel–Szabo '21]

# Classical finite dim field theory

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A Batalin–Vilkovisky theory consists of:

- a (co)chain complex  $E$  with differential  $Q$ ;
- a bilinear symmetric form

$$\langle -, - \rangle : E \times E \mapsto \mathbb{K}[-1];$$

- $Q$  is self-adjoint w.r.t.  $\langle -, - \rangle$ .

Costello, Gwilliam '11

### $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ example:

$$E = \Lambda^0 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* \xrightarrow{d} \Lambda^1 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* \xrightarrow{d} \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* \xrightarrow{d} \Lambda^3 \mathfrak{su}(2)^*$$

with the obvious differential  $d := \epsilon_{ij}^k \tilde{e}^i \tilde{e}^j e_k$ ,  $\langle \tilde{e}^j, e_k \rangle_{\mathfrak{su}(2)} = \delta_k^j$ .

The cohomology is [Whitehead lemmas]:

$$\mathbf{H}^i(E) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}, & i = 0, 3, \\ \emptyset, & i = 1, 2. \end{cases}$$

The pairing is

$$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \int \alpha \wedge \beta.$$



# SDR to cohomology

A *special deformation retract* to cohomology is

$$\begin{array}{c} h \\ \circlearrowleft (E, Q) \xleftrightarrow[e]{\pi} (\mathbf{H}^\bullet(E), 0). \end{array}$$

with  $h^2 = 0$ ,  $h \circ e = 0 = \pi \circ h$ .

- $e, \pi$  are quasi-isomorphisms and  $\pi \circ e = \mathbb{1}$ ;
- $h$  is the homotopy inverse to  $Q$ :  $h \circ Q + Q \circ h = \mathbb{1} - e \circ \pi$ .

## SDR for $\mathfrak{su}(2)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \Lambda^0 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* & \xleftarrow{h} & \Lambda^1 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* & \xleftarrow{h} & \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* & \xleftarrow{h} & \Lambda^3 \mathfrak{su}(2)^* \\
 \int \star = \pi \downarrow \uparrow e & & 0 \downarrow \uparrow e & & 0 \downarrow \uparrow e & & \int = \pi \downarrow \uparrow e \\
 \mathbb{C} & & \emptyset & & \emptyset & & \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

with  $h := d^* \frac{1}{\Delta} (1 - e \circ \pi)$ .

Nguyen–Schenkel–Szabo '21

# Lift to the Symmetric algebra

Request from physics: **Physical observables** are rather in  $S^\bullet(E^*) := T^\bullet(E^*) / \langle x \otimes y - y \otimes x \rangle$ .

Firstly, the differential  $Q$  of the complex  $E$  is extended as a derivation on  $(S^\bullet(E^*), \otimes_S)$  (denoted with  $Q_S$ ). Then,

$$\circlearrowleft^H (S^\bullet(E^*), Q_S) \overset{\Pi}{\underset{\mathcal{E}}{\rightleftarrows}} (S^\bullet H^\bullet(E^*), 0).$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &\equiv \otimes_S \pi, \quad \mathcal{E} = \otimes_S e, \\ H^k &= \sum_{l+p=k-1} \mathbb{1}^{\otimes l}_S \otimes_S h \otimes_S (e \circ \pi)^{\otimes p}_S. \end{aligned}$$

Known also as *tensor trick*, *bar* construction.

# Homological perturbation

The deformation retract can be deformed by a *small perturbation*  $\delta_Q$  ( $\implies \exists (Q \circ \delta_Q)^{-1}$ ),

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## Seeking a deformation for $S^\bullet(\wedge^\bullet \mathfrak{su}(2)^*)$

The obvious wedge product is inconsistent. Idea: work with  $\wedge^\bullet(\mathfrak{su}(2)^*) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  with  $\mathfrak{g}$  a Lie algebra instead! Then a deformation to  $Q = d^* \otimes \mathbb{1}$  is

$$\delta_Q = \mathbb{1} \otimes [-, -]_{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

A particularly important outcome of the *homological perturbation lemma* is the differential on the cohomology:

$$D' = \Pi \circ \delta_Q \circ \mathcal{E} + \Pi \circ \delta_Q \circ (H \circ \delta_Q) \circ \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{O}((H \circ \delta_Q)^2) \quad (1)$$

It gives rise to tree level Feynman diagram on the physics' side!

# Action functional

If  $Q$  is compatible with  $((-, -))$ , then on contracted functions  $\varphi \in S^\bullet(E^*) \otimes E[-1]$

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**Free BV field theory of  $\Lambda\mathfrak{su}(2) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$**

Assuming  $\mathfrak{g}$  has an invariant pairing,

$$((\omega, d\omega))$$

Flat connections, like Chern–Simons

Jurčo–Raspollini–Saemann–Wolf '18



# S-matrix for $\mathfrak{su}(2) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$

w/ L. Ravas, Master's Thesis, and J. Pulmann



**The BV theory  $(S^\bullet(\wedge \mathfrak{su}(2)^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})^*, Q_S, ((, )))$   
admits only the cubic vertices.**

**Proof:** The symmetrizer of the cohomology of  $\mathfrak{su}(2)^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  gives:

$$S^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}[0] \oplus \mathfrak{g}[-3]).$$

Since degree  $-1$  and  $-2$  are not present, only some of the contributions to  $D'$  can be non-zero: if  $m_{n+2}$  is

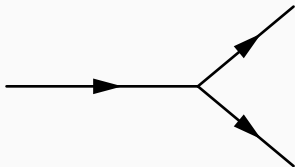
$$D'^{(n)} = \Pi \circ \underbrace{\delta_Q \circ (H \circ \delta_Q)^{\otimes n}}_{m_{n+2}} \circ \mathcal{E} \quad (2)$$

then only  $m_2, m_5, m_8 \dots$  are non-zero. Moreover, actually only  $S^{d-1}(\mathfrak{g}[0]) \otimes \Lambda \mathfrak{g}[-3]$  and  $S^d(\mathfrak{g}[0])$  embed in the complex.

$H$  behaves like a weighted derivation. So we can follow what happens on the generators of  $S^\bullet(E^*)$ . In the diagrams they are intended as outputs of  $\delta_Q$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 (\wedge^0 \mathfrak{su}_2^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})^* & \xrightarrow[\leftarrow]{h} & (\wedge^1 \mathfrak{su}_2^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})^* & \xrightarrow[\leftarrow]{h} & (\wedge^2 \mathfrak{su}_2^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})^* & \xrightarrow[\leftarrow]{h} & (\wedge^3 \mathfrak{su}_2^* \otimes \mathfrak{g})^* \\
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 \mathbb{C} \otimes \emptyset & & \emptyset \otimes \emptyset & & \emptyset \otimes \emptyset & & \mathbb{C} \otimes \emptyset
 \end{array}$$

$h$  on the green cochain is zero;  $\delta_Q$  is degree preserving and then on the coalgebra 1-form  $\pi$  is zero. Hence all  $m_{2+i}$  with  $i > 0$  are null! The only surviving tree diagram is the 3-pt.



# Braided QFT with $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$

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## BV data for $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$

Cochain complex is  $\Lambda^\bullet \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  with differential

$$d_{\wedge_q} = \frac{q^2}{1+q^4} \left( \frac{1}{c} v_{-2} L_{X_2} + \frac{q^3}{(1+q^2)c} v_0 L_{X_0} + \frac{q^2}{c} v_2 L_{X_{-2}} \right)$$

Krutov–Pandžić '24

and pairing  $\langle -, - \rangle : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{K}[-1]$  so  $E^* \cong E[1]$ :

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \int x \wedge y.$$

Our definition for the symmetric tensors is

$$S(E^*) \equiv T(E^*) / \langle x \otimes y - \tilde{\sigma}_{\mathcal{R}}(x \otimes y) \rangle \quad (3)$$

where  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mathcal{R}} : E_1^* \otimes E_2^* \rightarrow E_2^* \otimes E_1^*$  is the normalised braiding.

$S^\bullet(E^*)$  is a complex with differential  $d_S$ , obtained extending  $d_{\wedge_q}^*$  by Leibniz property:

$$\begin{cases} d_S(e) = d_{\wedge_q}^* e \\ d_S(e \otimes f) = d_{\wedge_q}^*(e)f + (\text{id} \otimes d_{\wedge_q}^*)(e \otimes f) \\ d_S(e \otimes f \otimes g) = d_{\wedge_q}^* e \otimes f \otimes g + (\text{id} \otimes d_{\wedge_q}^* \otimes \text{id})(e \otimes f \otimes g) \\ \quad + (\text{id} \otimes \text{id} \otimes d_{\wedge_q}^*)(e \otimes f \otimes g) \end{cases}$$

and noticing that

$$\ker S^k := \bigcap_{m+n=k-2} T^m \otimes \Lambda^2 \otimes T^n,$$

is respected by  $d_S$ .

## Some preliminary results

- There is a strong deformation retract

$$\overset{H}{\circlearrowleft} (S^\bullet(E^*), d_S) \overset{\Pi}{\underset{\mathcal{E}}{\rightleftarrows}} (S^\bullet(\mathbf{H}^\bullet(E^*)), 0). \quad (4)$$

This follows from the fact that  $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mathcal{R}}$  is a natural transformation (and that  $\Pi$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  are algebra maps).

- On contracted functions  $\varphi \in S^\bullet(E^*) \otimes E[-1]$ , one can define a pairing that leaves the first input untouched

$$((-,-)) : E[-1] \otimes E[-1] \rightarrow \mathbb{K}[-3], \quad ((-, -)) := \langle -, - \rangle[-2].$$

# Some preliminary results

- We showed the **compatibility with the differential**

$$((\varphi, d_{\otimes} \varphi')) = ((d_{\otimes} \varphi, \varphi')), \quad d_{\otimes} := \text{id} \otimes d_{\wedge_q}^*$$

because  $e, e' \in E[-1]$ ,  $((e, d_{\wedge_q}^* e')) = ((d_{\wedge_q}^* e, e'))$ .

- We suggested the action functional for the *free field theory*,

$$\mathcal{S}_q(\varphi) = ((\varphi, d_S \varphi)) \in S(E^*)^{(0)}. \quad (5)$$



# Odd Poisson bracket

On the symmetric algebra we have not yet identified a Poisson/BV bracket.

We think we have

$$\{x, y\} := (x, y) \mathbb{1}_S, \quad (6)$$

that satisfies Jacobi up to hexagonators.

# Summary

With Krutov and Weber we are attempting to arrange the BV/homotopical framework for (finite dim.) field theory with a coboundary structure.

- ✓ Focus is on a concrete example,  $\Lambda \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ ;
- ✓ Deformation retract and a functional  $\mathcal{S}_q$  are at hand;
- × Odd Poisson bracket is still missing ( $\rightsquigarrow$  is  $\mathcal{S}_q$  a Hamiltonian for it?)
- × Interacting theory?

*ευχαριστω* for your attention!