

# A SIMPLE PROOF OF A RESULT OF FURUSHO

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ABSTRACT. In this short note we recover, using material of [1], a important result of Furusho [3], the Drinfeld pentagonal equation implies the hexagonal and the symmetry relations.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [1] we introduced new methods to study the Kashiwara-Vergne problem and we connected it to Drinfeld's theory of associators. We defined a differential on the Lie algebra of tangential derivations and calculated the second and third cohomological spaces in [1] Theorem 3.1. As a by product of this result we recover results of [3].

## 2. FREE LIE ALGEBRAS AND THEIR DERIVATIONS

**2.1. Free Lie algebras and derivations.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be a field of characteristic zero, and let  $\mathfrak{lie}_n = \mathfrak{lie}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be the degree completion of the graded free Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$  with generators  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of degree one. We shall denote by  $\mathfrak{der}_n$  the Lie algebra of derivations of  $\mathfrak{lie}_n$ . An element  $u \in \mathfrak{der}_n$  is completely determined by its values on generators,  $u(x_1), \dots, u(x_n) \in \mathfrak{lie}_n$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{der}_n$  carries a grading induced by the one of  $\mathfrak{lie}_n$ .

**Definition 1.** A derivation  $u \in \mathfrak{der}_n$  is called tangential if there exist  $a_i \in \mathfrak{lie}_n, i = 1, \dots, n$  such that  $u(x_i) = [x_i, a_i]$ .

Tangential derivations form a Lie subalgebra  $\mathfrak{tder}_n \subset \mathfrak{der}_n$ . Elements of  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  are in one-to-one correspondence with  $n$ -tuples of elements of  $\mathfrak{lie}_n$ ,  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , which verify the condition that  $a_k$  has no linear term in  $x_k$  for all  $k$ . By abuse of notations, we shall often write  $u = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  is a graded Lie algebra. For two elements of  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$ ,  $u = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $v = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , we have  $[u, v]_{\mathfrak{tder}_n} = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$  with

$$(1) \quad c_k = u(b_k) - v(a_k) + [a_k, b_k]_{\mathfrak{lie}_n}.$$

**Definition 2.** A derivation  $u = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathfrak{tder}_n$  is called special if  $u(x) = \sum_i [x_i, a_i] = 0$  for  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

We shall denote the space of special derivations by  $\mathfrak{sder}_n$ . It is obvious that  $\mathfrak{sder}_n \subset \mathfrak{tder}_n$  is a Lie subalgebra. Both  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  and  $\mathfrak{sder}_n$  integrate to proniportent groups denoted by  $TAut_n$  and  $SAut_n$ , respectively. In more detail,  $TAut_n$  consists of automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{lie}_n$  such that  $x_i \mapsto \text{Ad}_{g_i} x_i = g_i x_i g_i^{-1}$ , where  $g_i \in \exp(\mathfrak{lie}_n)$ . Similarly, elements of  $SAut_n$  are tangential automorphisms of  $\mathfrak{lie}_n$  with an extra property  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mapsto x$ .

The family of Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  is equipped with simplicial Lie homomorphisms  $\mathfrak{tder}_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{tder}_{n+1}$ . For instance, for  $u = (a, b) \in \mathfrak{tder}_2$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} u^{1,2} &= (a(x, y), b(x, y), 0), \\ u^{2,3} &= (0, a(y, z), b(y, z)), \\ u^{12,3} &= (a(x + y, z), a(x + y, z), b(x + y, z)), \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for other simplicial maps. These Lie homomorphisms integrate to group homomorphisms of  $TAut_n$  and  $SAut_n$ .

**2.2. Braid Lie algebra.** Consider  $t = (y, x) \in \mathfrak{sdet}_2$ . By composing various simplicial maps we obtain  $n(n-1)/2$  elements of  $t_{i,j} = t_{j,i} \in \mathfrak{tder}_n$  with non-vanishing components  $x_i$  at the  $j$ th place and  $x_j$  at the  $i$ th place.

Elements  $t_{i,j} \in \mathfrak{sdet}_n$  span a Lie subalgebra isomorphic to the quotient of the free Lie algebra with  $n(n-1)/2$  generators by the following relations,

$$(2) \quad [t_{i,j}, t_{k,l}] = 0$$

for  $k, l \neq i, j$ , and

$$(3) \quad [t_{i,j} + t_{i,k}, t_{j,k}] = 0$$

for all triples of distinct indices  $i, j, k$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{t}_n$  the Lie algebra defined by relations (2) and (3). This is the pure braid Lie algebra. Recall the following result: the element  $\sum_{i < j} t^{i,j}$  belongs to the center of  $\mathfrak{sdet}_n$ .

**2.3. Cyclic words.** Let  $Ass_n^+ = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} Ass^k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be the graded free associative algebra (without unit) with generators  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Every element  $a \in Ass_n^+$  admits a unique decomposition of the form  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i a) x_i$ , where  $a_i \in Ass_n$  ( $Ass_n$  is a free associative algebra with unit).

We define the graded vector space  $cy_n$  as a quotient

$$cy_n = Ass_n^+ / \langle (ab - ba); a, b \in Ass_n \rangle.$$

Here  $\langle (ab - ba); a, b \in Ass_n \rangle$  is the subspace of  $Ass_n^+$  spanned by commutators. The multiplication map of  $Ass_n^+$  does not descend to  $cy_n$  which only has a structure of a graded vector space. We shall denote by  $\text{tr} : Ass_n^+ \rightarrow cy_n$  the natural projection. By definition, we have  $\text{tr}(ab) = \text{tr}(ba)$  for all  $a, b \in Ass_n$  imitating the defining property of trace. In general, graded components of  $cy_n$  are spanned by words of a given length modulo cyclic permutations.

**Example 1.** The space  $cy_1$  is isomorphic to the space of formal power series in one variable without constant term,  $cy_1 \cong xk[[x]]$ . This isomorphism is given by the following formula,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k x^k \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k \text{tr}(x^k).$$

**2.4. Divergence.** Let  $u = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathfrak{tder}_n$ . We define the divergence as

$$\text{div}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr}(x_i (\partial_i a_i)).$$

It is a 1-cocycle of  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  with values in  $cy_n$  (see Proposition 3.6 in [1]). Actually this

We define  $\mathfrak{krv}_n \subset \mathfrak{sdet}_n \subset \mathfrak{tder}_n$  as the Lie algebra of special derivation with vanishing divergence. Hence,  $u = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathfrak{krv}_n$  is a solution of two equations:

$\sum_{i=1}^n [x_i, a_i] = 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{tr}(x_i(\partial_i a_i)) = 0$ . We shall denote by  $KRV_n = \exp(\mathfrak{krv}_n)$  the corresponding prounipotent group.

In [1] we have defined a differential  $d : \mathfrak{tder}_n \rightarrow \mathfrak{tder}_{n+1}$  and computed some cohomology group. Recall the formula

$$(4) \quad d u = u^{2,3,\dots,n+1} - u^{12,\dots,n,n+1} + \dots + (-1)^n u^{1,2,\dots,n-1,n(n+1)} + (-1)^{n+1} u^{1,2,\dots,n}.$$

**Example 2.** For  $u \in \mathfrak{tder}_2$  we get  $d u = u^{2,3} - u^{12,3} + u^{1,23} - u^{1,2}$ . For  $u \in \mathfrak{tder}_3$  we obtain  $d u = u^{2,3,4} - u^{12,3,4} + u^{1,23,4} - u^{1,2,34} + u^{1,2,3}$ .

**2.5. General projection.** Let  $\mathfrak{krv}_n \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_n \subset \mathfrak{tder}_n$  the Lie algebra of special derivation with divergence 0. Let denote  $\widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_n$  the extended Lie algebra of special derivations  $u$ , such that it exists  $f \in \mathfrak{sk}[[x]]$  such that

$$\text{div}(u) = \text{tr}(f(x_1) + f(x_2) \dots + f(x_n) - f(x_1 + \dots + x_n)).$$

Such  $f$  are necessarily odd by [1] Proposition 4.1 and  $\mathfrak{krv}_n$  is an ideal of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_n$ .

Let's define  $\pi_n$  the map from  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_n$  to  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_{n-1}$  by

$$\pi_n(a_1, \dots, a_n)|_{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})} = (a_1 - a_n, a_2 - a_n, \dots, a_{n-1} - a_n)|_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

with  $x_n = -x_1 - \dots - x_{n-1}$ .

It is well known that derivation of degree one in  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_n$  are linear combination of  $t_{i,j} \in \mathfrak{krv}_n$ . We get for example  $\pi_n(t_{i,j}) = t_{i,j}$  for  $i, j \neq n$  and

$$\pi_n(t_{i,n}) = - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} t_{k,i} \in \mathfrak{krv}_{n-1}.$$

**Lemma 1.** The map  $\pi_n$  is a Lie map from  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_n$  to  $\widehat{\mathfrak{sder}}_{n-1}$  and  $\pi_n(\widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_n) \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_{n-1}$ .

*Proof :* The Lie property is left to the reader. Actually  $\pi_n$  is not a Lie map on  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$ . Let's verify that  $\pi_n$  restricted to  $\widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_n$  is valued to  $\widehat{\mathfrak{krv}}_{n-1}$ .

The first equation (special derivation) is easy because

$$[x_1, a_1 - a_n] + \dots + [x_{n-1}, a_{n-1} - a_n] = [x_1, a_1] + \dots + [x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}] + [x_n, a_n] = 0.$$

Let's now consider the divergence equation and  $\text{deg}(u) > 1$ . Indeed, if  $\text{deg}(u) = 1$  then  $u$  is a linear combinaison of  $t_{i,j}$  and clearly  $\pi_n(t_{i,j}) \in \mathfrak{krv}_{n-1}$ .

Suppose

$$\text{div}(a_1, \dots, a_n)|_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \text{tr}\left(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) - f(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)\right).$$

Let  $a \in \mathfrak{lie}_n$  with  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i(a)x_i$ , then at  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1})$  we get

$$a(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\partial_i a - \partial_n a)x_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\partial'_i a)x_i.$$

We deduce the corresponding relation after substitution  $x_n \mapsto -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1}$ ,

$$\partial'_i a = (\partial_i a - \partial_n a)|_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1})}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(5) \quad & x_1 \partial_1'(a_1 - a_n) + \dots + x_{n-1} \partial_{n-1}'(a_{n-1} - a_n) = x_1(\partial_1 a_1 - \partial_n a_1) + \dots + x_{n-1}(\partial_{n-1} a_{n-1} - \partial_n a_{n-1}) \\
& + x_1(-\partial_1 a_n + \partial_n a_n) + \dots + x_{n-1}(-\partial_{n-1} a_n + \partial_n a_n) \\
& = x_1 \partial_1 a_1 + \dots + x_{n-1} \partial_{n-1} a_{n-1} - x_1 \partial_n a_1 - \dots - x_{n-1} \partial_n a_{n-1} - x_n \partial_n a_n \\
& \quad - x_1 \partial_1 a_n - \dots - x_{n-1} \partial_{n-1} a_n
\end{aligned}$$

Use the relation  $[x_1, a_1] + \dots + [x_n, a_n] = 0$ , we get

$$0 = \partial_n([x_1, a_1] + \dots + [x_n, a_n]) = x_1 \partial_n(a_1) + \dots + x_n \partial_n(a_n) - a_n.$$

By (5) and  $\text{tr}(x_1 \partial_1 a_n + \dots + x_{n-1} \partial_{n-1} a_n) = \text{tr}(a_n - x_n \partial_n(a_n))$  and after evaluating at  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, -x_1 - x_2 \dots - x_{n-1})$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(6) \quad & \text{div}(\pi_n(u)) = \text{tr}(x_1 \partial_1 a_1 + \dots + x_{n-1} \partial_{n-1} a_n) - 2\text{tr}(a_n) = \\
& \text{tr}\left(f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)\right) = \text{tr}\left(f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_1 + \dots + x_{n-1})\right)
\end{aligned}$$

because  $f$  is odd and  $\text{deg}(a_n) > 1$ .  $\blacksquare$

Our maps extend to formal groups  $KRV_n$ . In particular the kernel of  $\pi_3$  is a sub-group of  $KRV_3$ . Set  $KRV_3^* = \ker(\pi_3)$ . Any Drinfeld associator lives in  $KRV_3^*$  because  $\pi_3(\Phi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3})) = \Phi(t_{1,2}, -t_{1,2}) = 1$ .

**2.6. Symmetries of order  $n+1$  in  $\mathfrak{kv}_n$ .** Let  $u \in \mathfrak{kv}_n$  and define

$$S_{n+1}(u) = \pi_{n+1}(u^{2,3,\dots,n+1}).$$

For  $u \in \widehat{\mathfrak{kv}_n}$  the previous computation ensures that  $S_{n+1}(u) \in \widehat{\mathfrak{kv}_n}$  with the same  $f$  in the divergence's formula.

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose  $u = (a, b) \in \mathfrak{tder}_2$ , then  $du \in \mathfrak{kv}_3$ , if and only if  $u = cr + v$ , with  $r = (y, 0)$  and  $v \in \widehat{\mathfrak{kv}_2}$ .*

*Proof:* Indeed  $f(x, y) = u(x + y) = [x, a] + [y, b]$  verifies  $\delta f = (du)(x + y + z) = 0$ , so by [1] Theorem 3.1,  $f = 0$  if  $\text{deg}(u) > 1$ , else  $u = c(y, 0) + \alpha t$  with  $t = (y, x)$ . Now put  $g(x, y) = \text{div}(u)$ , then  $\delta(g) = \text{div}(du) = 0$  and  $g = \delta(h)$  by [1], Theorem 2.1.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 3.** *The map  $S_{n+1}$  is a Lie map of order  $n+1$ .*

*Proof:* It's an easy verification. Our map is a transformation corresponding to the companion matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & -1 \\
& & \vdots & & \\
0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & -1
\end{pmatrix}$$

$\blacksquare$

## 3. FURUSHO'S RESULT

We now recover Furusho's result [3] as consequence of [1] Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{lie}_2$  a solution of the Drinfeld's pentagonal equation. Then  $\varphi$  is in  $\mathfrak{grt}_1$ .*

*Proof :* Recall that  $\varphi$  solves the tangential pentagone equation if

$$\varphi(t_{2,3}, t_{3,4}) + \varphi(t_{1,2} + t_{1,3}, t_{4,2} + t_{4,3}) + \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) = \varphi(t_{1,3} + t_{2,3}, t_{3,4}) + \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3} + t_{2,4}).$$

Let's consider  $\phi = \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) \in \mathfrak{kv}_3$ . Then

$$(7) \quad d\phi = \varphi(t_{2,3}, t_{3,4}) + \varphi(t_{1,2} + t_{1,3}, t_{4,2} + t_{4,3}) + \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) \\ - \varphi(t_{1,3} + t_{2,3}, t_{3,4}) - \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3} + t_{2,4}) = 0$$

by the pentagonal equation with  $d$  the differential define on  $\mathfrak{tder}_n$  [1]. Then by Lemmal  $\pi_4$  is a Lie map, we get

$$\pi_4(d\phi) = \varphi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) + \varphi(t_{2,3}, t_{1,2}),$$

because as element of  $\mathfrak{t}_3 \subset \mathfrak{sder}_3$  (modulo  $c = t_{1,2} + t_{1,3} + t_{2,3}$  a central element in  $\mathfrak{sder}_3$ )  $\pi_4(t_{3,4}) = -t_{1,3} - t_{2,3} = t_{1,2}$ ,  $\pi_4(t_{4,2} + t_{4,3}) = -t_{3,2} = t_{1,3} + t_{1,2}$ ,  $\pi_4(t_{3,4}) = -t_{1,3} - t_{2,3}$  and  $\pi_4(t_{2,3} + t_{2,4}) = t_{2,3} - t_{2,1} - t_{2,3} = -t_{1,2}$ . So  $\varphi$  is antisymmetric and  $\phi^{1,2,3} + \phi^{3,2,1} = 0$ .

By [1] Theorem 3.1, there exists a unique  $f \in \mathfrak{tder}_2$  such that  $df = \phi$ , because  $\phi$  has no terms of degree less than 2. We have  $(df)^{3,2,1} = -d(f^{2,1})$ , because  $df = f^{2,3} - f^{12,3} + f^{1,23} - f^{1,2}$ . So by uniqueness we get  $f = f^{2,1}$ . The hexagonal equation is then perfectly automatic :

$$(8) \quad (df)^{1,2,3} + (df)^{2,3,1} + (df)^{3,1,2} = \psi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) + \psi(t_{2,3}, t_{3,1}) + \psi(t_{3,1}, t_{1,2}) = 0.$$

Indeed suppose  $f = (a, b)$  then

$$df = -(a^{1,2}, b^{1,2}, 0) - (a^{12,3}, a^{12,3}, b^{12,3}) + (0, a^{2,3}, b^{2,3}) + (a^{1,23}, b^{1,23}, b^{1,23}) \\ (df)^{3,1,2} = -(b^{3,1}, 0, a^{3,1}) - (a^{31,2}, b^{31,2}, a^{31,2}) + (a^{1,2}, b^{1,2}, 0) + (b^{3,12}, b^{3,12}, a^{3,12}) \\ (df)^{2,3,1} = -(0, a^{2,3}, b^{2,3}) - (b^{23,1}, a^{23,1}, a^{23,1}) + (b^{3,1}, 0, a^{3,1}) + (b^{2,31}, a^{2,31}, b^{2,31}),$$

and it's easy to verify the hexagon equation.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 4.** *Reciprocally suppose  $df$  solve the hexagone equation (8) then  $f = f^{2,1}$  if  $f$  is of degree at least 3.*

*Proof :* Take  $f = (a, b)$  and  $g = a - b^{2,1}$ . Then you get by hexagonal equation  $g^{12,3} + g^{13,2} - g^{1,23} = 0$  id.

$$g(x + y, z) - g(x, y + z) + g(x + z, y) = 0.$$

Put  $x = 0$  you get  $g$  antisymmetric. Put  $x = y$ , you get  $g(2x, z) = 2g(x, x + z)$ , then  $g(2^n x, z) = 2^n g(x, (2^n - 1)x + z)$  and by  $x \mapsto 2^{-n}x$  you get  $g(x, z) = 2^n g(2^{-n}x, (1 - 2^{-n})x + z)$ . Put  $n \mapsto \infty$ , you get  $g$  is degree one in  $x$  and by antisymmetry you get  $g(x, y) = [x, y]$ . If  $f$  is of degree at least 3,  $g = 0$  and  $f^{2,1} = f$ .  $\blacksquare$

## 4. SYMMETRIES OF ORDER 3

In this section we investigate some properties of our symmetries.

## 4.1. Symmetries and differential.

**Proposition 1.** For  $f \in \widehat{\mathfrak{kv}}_2$  and  $\phi \in \mathfrak{kv}_3$  we have

$$(9) \quad S_4(df) + d(S_3(f)) = (S_3f - f)^{2,3}$$

$$(10) \quad S_5(d\phi) + d(S_4(\phi)) = (S_4\phi + \phi)^{2,3,4}$$

*Proof :* We first prove (9). Take  $f = (a, b)$ , then  $df = f^{2,3} - f^{12,3} + f^{1,23} - f^{1,2}$ , i.e.

$$df = (0, a, b)_{y,z} - (a, a, b)_{x+y,z} + (a, b, b)_{x,y+z} - (a, b, 0)_{x,y}$$

and  $S_3(f) = (-b, a-b)_{y,-x-y}$ . For  $x + y + z + t = 0$  you get then

$$dS_3(f) = (0, -b, a-b)_{z,x+t} - (-b, -b, a-b)_{z,t} + (-b, a-b, a-b)_{y+z,t} - (-b, a-b, 0)_{y,z+t}.$$

By definition  $S_4(df) = \pi_4((df)^{2,3,4})$  so

$$S_4(df) = (-b, -b, a-b)_{z,t} - (-b, a-b, a-b)_{y+z,t} + (-b, a-b, 0)_{y,z+t} - (0, a, b)_{y,z}$$

you deduce

$$S_4(df) + d(S_3(f)) = (0, -b, a-b)_{z,x+t} - (0, a, b)_{y,z} = (S_3f - f)^{2,3}.$$

We prove now (10). Take  $\phi = (a, b, c)_{x,y,z}$ . Then  $S_4(\phi) = (-c, a-c, b-c)_{y,z,-x-y-z}$ , and

$$d\phi = (0, a, b, c)_{y,z,t} - (a, a, b, c)_{x+y,z,t} + (a, b, b, c)_{x,y+z,t} - (a, b, c, c)_{x,y,z+t} + (a, b, c, 0)_{x,y,z}.$$

For  $x + y + z + t + w = 0$  you get

$$dS_4(\phi) = (0, -c, a-c, b-c)_{z,t,x+w} - (-c, -c, a-c, b-c)_{z,t,w} + (-c, a-c, a-c, b-c)_{y+z,t,w} \\ - (-c, a-c, b-c, b-c)_{y,z+t,w} + (-c, a-c, b-c)_{y,z,w+t}$$

and

$$S_5(d\phi) = (-c, -c, a-c, b-c)_{z,t,w} - (-c, a-c, a-c, b-c)_{y+z,t,w} + (-c, a-c, b-c, b-c)_{y,z+t,w} \\ - (-c, a-c, b-c, 0)_{y,z,t+w} + (0, a, b, c)_{y,z,t}.$$

So you get

$$S_5(d\phi) + d(S_4(\phi)) = (0, -c, a-c, b-c)_{z,t,-y-z-t} + (0, a, b, c)_{y,z,t} = (\phi + S_4\phi)^{2,3,4}.$$

■

4.2.  $\Sigma_3$ -invariant action on associators. We have described on  $\widehat{\mathfrak{kv}}_2$ , a symmetry of order 2,  $f \mapsto f^{2,1}$  and a symmetry of order 3,  $f \mapsto S_3(f)$ . The group generated by those symmetries is of order 6, isomorphic to the permutations group  $\Sigma_3$ . Similar symmetries appear in Drinfeld's seminal work [2].

**Lemma 5.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{grt}_1$  has the two symmetries.*

*Proof :* Recall that we constructed a Lie map from  $\mathfrak{grt}_1$  into  $\widehat{\mathfrak{kv}}_2$  by

$$\psi \in \mathfrak{grt}_1 \mapsto \Psi = (\psi(-x-y, x), \psi(-x-y, y))$$

and we proved that  $d\Psi = \psi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3}) \in \mathfrak{kv}_3$ . We have  $\Psi = \Psi^{2,1}$  and

$$\pi_3(d\Psi) = \Psi - S_3(\Psi) = \pi_3(\psi(t_{1,2}, t_{2,3})) = 0$$

because  $\pi_3(t_{2,3}) = -t_{1,2}$ . So  $\Psi$  is  $S_3$ -invariant. ■

We investigate the action of  $\widehat{KRV}_2^{\Sigma_3}$  on associators of  $KRV_3$ . Let's put  $KRV_3^* = \ker(\pi_3)$ .

**Proposition 2.** *The group  $\widehat{KRV}_2^{S_3}$  acts almost freely and transitively on Pentagon solution in  $KRV_3^*$ . The group  $\widehat{KRV}_2^{\Sigma_3}$  acts almost freely and transitively on associators of  $KRV_3^*$ . Every Drinfeld's associator lives in  $KRV_3^*$ .*

*Proof :* Let's recall the Pentagonal equation for  $\Phi \in KRV_3$  :

$$(11) \quad \Phi^{2,3,4} \Phi^{1,23,4} \Phi^{1,2,3} = \Phi^{12,3,4} \Phi^{1,2,34}.$$

We know by Theorem 7.1 [1] that  $\widehat{KRV}_2$  acts almost freely and transitively on Pentagon solution in  $KRV_3$  and by Proposition 8.8 [1] that  $\widehat{KRV}_2^{S_2}$  acts almost freely and transitively on associators of  $KRV_3$ .

For  $\pi_3(\Phi) = 1$  then  $\pi_4(\Delta^{1,2}\Phi) = \pi_4(\Phi^{12,3,4}) = \Delta^{1,2}\pi_3(\Phi) = 1$ , because  $\pi_4 \circ \Delta^{1,2} = \Delta^{1,2} \circ \pi_3$ . Apply  $\pi_4$  to equation (11), you get  $S_4(\Phi)\Phi = 1$ .<sup>1</sup> For  $\Phi$  an associator  $\Phi^{3,2,1}\Phi = 1$ ,  $S_4(\Phi) = \Phi^{3,2,1}$  and  $S_4$  acts on associators as a symmetry of order 2.

Take  $g \in \widehat{KRV}_2$  and  $\Phi \in KRV_3^*$ . Then  $g \cdot \Phi = g^{2,3}g^{1,23}\Phi(g^{1,2}g^{12,3})^{-1}$  and  $\pi_3(g \cdot \Phi) = g^{-1}S_3(g)$ . So  $g \cdot \Phi \in KRV_3^*$  iff  $S_3(g) = g$ . We conclude  $\widehat{KRV}_2^{S_3}$  acts almost freely and transitively on Pentagon solution in  $KRV_3^*$ . ■

**Remark 1.** *Recall that any associator in  $KRV_3$  is solved by a Kashiwara-Vergne twist, that is  $\Phi_F = F^{1,23}F^{2,3}(F^{12,3}F^{1,2})^{-1}$ . Probably there is a matter to write down directly an  $\Sigma_3$  action on  $F$  as we did for the  $\Sigma_2$  action in [1] §8.*

<sup>1</sup>For the tangential version, you get  $S_4(\varphi) + \varphi = 0$

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