

MANY LIVES OF  
KASHIWARA - VERGNE  
EQUATIONS

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"THE CAMPBELL - HAUSDORFF  
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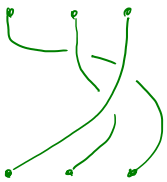
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MICHÈLE VERGNE

Inventiones math. 47

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# Braids & Associators



$$\phi\phi\phi = \phi\phi$$

Duflo Theorem

$$Z(\mathfrak{u}_g) \cong (S_g)^{\mathfrak{g}}$$

KZ equation

$$d + \sum t_{ij} d \log(z_{ij})$$

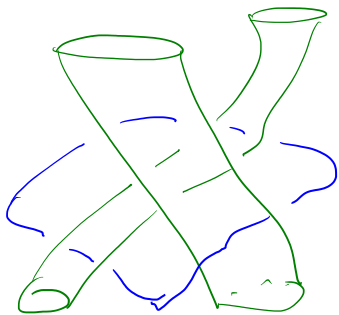
KVI:  $\log(e^X e^Y) = \dots$

MZVs

$$f(n_1, \dots, n_d)$$

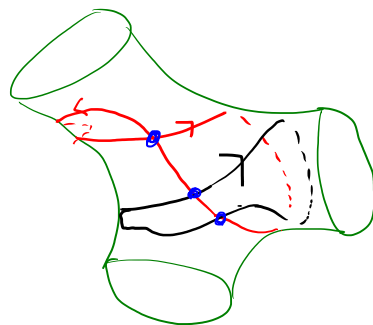
KVII:  $\text{Tr}_g \text{ad}_g^? = \text{Tr}_g \text{ad}_g^{??}$

4D topology



Goldman-Turaev

$$[\cdot, \cdot], \delta$$



BV

$$\Delta^2 = 0$$

# KASHIWARA - VERGE PROBLEM

FIND  $F, G \in \mathbb{L}(x, y)$

free Lie, generators  $x, y$

such that

• KV I:

$$(1 - e^{-\text{ad}_x}) F + (e^{\text{ad}_y} - 1) G = x + y - \underbrace{\log(e^y e^x)}_{\text{BCH series}}$$

BCH series

• KV II:

$\forall \mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie algebra}, \dim \mathfrak{g} < +\infty$

$$\text{Tr}_{\mathfrak{g}} [\text{ad}_x \circ \partial_x F + \text{ad}_y \circ \partial_y G] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\mathfrak{g}} \left[ \frac{\text{ad}_x}{e^{\text{ad}_x} - 1} + \frac{\text{ad}_y}{e^{\text{ad}_y} - 1} - \frac{\text{ad}_z}{e^{\text{ad}_z} - 1} - 1 \right]$$

Here:  $z = \log(e^x e^y), \partial_x F(w) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} F(x + tw, y) \right|_{t=0}$

# KV I

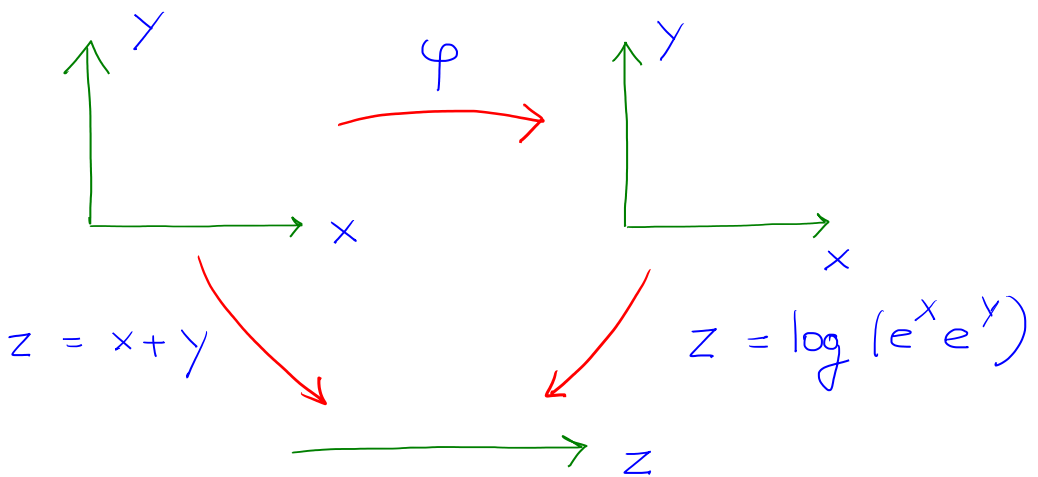
FACT : KVI equation



$\exists \varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}(x, y))$  s.t.

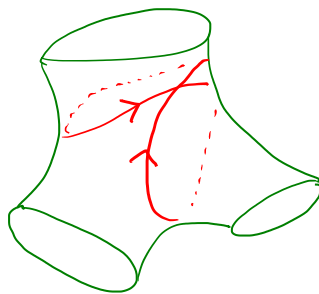
- $\varphi(\log(e^x e^y)) = x + y$
- $\varphi(x) \sim x$ ,  $\varphi(y) \sim y$

Non-commutative change of variables :



# Recall : Goldman bracket

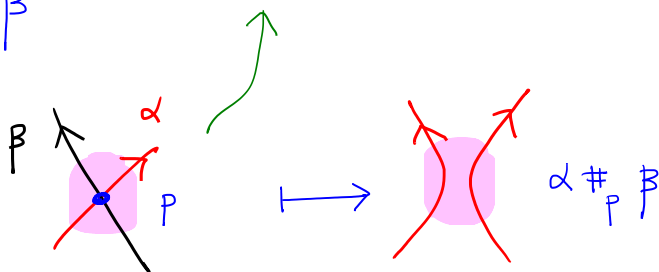
$\Sigma$  = sphere  
with 3 holes



$\mathcal{G}(\Sigma) = \mathbb{k} \langle \text{homotopy classes of oriented loops} \rangle$

$[\alpha, \beta]_{\text{Goldman}} =$

$$= \sum_{P \in \alpha \cap \beta} \varepsilon_P \alpha \#_P \beta$$



Remark :  $\pi_1(\Sigma) \cong \text{Free}(X, Y)$

$$\mathcal{G}(\Sigma) \cong \text{Cycl}(X, X^{-1}, Y, Y^{-1})$$

# Filtrations & associated graded

$$\pi_1(\Sigma) \supset [\pi_1(\Sigma), \pi_1(\Sigma)] \supset \dots$$

↓

$$\mathfrak{g}(\Sigma) \supset \mathfrak{g}^{(1)}(\Sigma) \supset \mathfrak{g}^{(2)}(\Sigma) \supset \dots$$

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Cycl(x, y) cyclic words in 2 letters

$[\cdot, \cdot]_{\text{gr}}$  = the graded version of Goldman bracket

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the Kirillov-Kostant-Souriau bracket

Example:

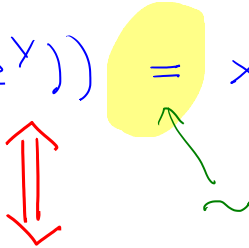
$$[\text{Cycl}(xy), x]_{\text{gr}} = xy - yx = [x, y]$$

Theorem  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \text{Massuyeau - Turaev} \\ \text{Kawazumi - Kuno} \\ \text{Naef} \\ \Leftarrow \text{AKKN} \end{array} \right]$

(i) KVI  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}(x, y))$

$$\varphi(x) \sim x, \quad \varphi(y) \sim y$$

$$\varphi(\log(e^x e^y)) = x + y$$



(ii)  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism

$$(\mathcal{G}(\Sigma), [\cdot, \cdot]_{\text{Goldman}}) \cong (\text{Cycl}(x, y), [\cdot, \cdot]_{\text{gr}})$$

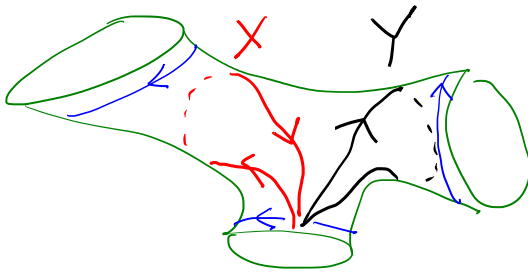


# Remark

$$\mathcal{Z} ( \mathcal{G}(\Sigma), [\cdot, \cdot]_{\text{Goldman}} )$$

$\cong$

$$\mathbb{R} \langle \text{Cycl}(X^n), \text{Cycl}(Y^n), \text{Cycl}(XY)^n \rangle$$



← boundary loops

$$\mathcal{Z} ( \text{Cycl}(x, y), [\cdot, \cdot]_{g^r} )$$

$\cong$

$$\mathbb{R} \langle \text{cycl}(x^n), \text{cycl}(y^n), \text{cycl}(x+y)^n \rangle$$

Key ingredient in the proof  $\Leftarrow$

Theorem [AKKN]

- $a, b \in \mathbb{L}(x, y)$
- $\text{cycl}(a^k) = \text{cycl}(b^k) \quad \forall k$
- $a = \alpha x + \beta y + \dots$   
 $(\alpha, \beta) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$$a \sim b$$

"no Jordan blocks in  
non-commutative calculus"

## KV II

Recall : divergence in commutative calculus

$$u = u_x \partial_x + u_y \partial_y$$

$$\operatorname{div}(u) = \partial_x u_x + \partial_y u_y$$

Fact :  $\operatorname{div}([u, v]_{\text{Lie}}) =$

$$= u(\operatorname{div}(v)) - v(\operatorname{div}(u))$$

$$\operatorname{div} : \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

is a Lie algebra 1-cycle

$$j(\varphi) := \log J(\varphi) \quad \text{log-Jacobian}$$

- $j(\varphi \circ \psi) = j(\varphi) \circ \psi + j(\psi)$
- $\left. \frac{d}{dt} j(\exp(tu)) \right|_{t=0} = \operatorname{div}(u)$

## Non-commutative divergence

$$u \in \text{Der}(\mathbb{L}(x, y))$$

$$u(x) = \partial_x u(x) \cdot x + \partial_y u(x) \cdot y$$

$$u(y) = \dots$$

Theorem:  $\text{div} : \text{Der}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \text{Cycl}(x, y)$

$$\text{div}(u) = \text{Cycl}(\partial_x u(x) + \partial_y u(y))$$

is a Lie algebra 1-cocycle

Example:

$$u(x) = [x, y] \quad \partial_x u(x) = -y$$

$$u(y) = [y, x] \quad \partial_y u(y) = -x$$

$$\text{div}(u) = -\text{cycl}(x + y)$$

Remark: there is also a

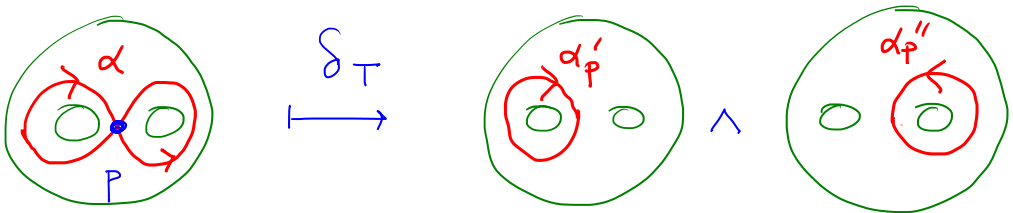
group cocycle  $j : \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \text{Cycl}(x, y)$

Theorem [Törossian, AA]

$$KV \underline{II} \leftarrow j(\varphi) \in \mathcal{Z}(\text{Cycl}(x, y), [\cdot, \cdot]_{gr})$$

Recall: Turaev cobacket

$$\delta_T : \mathcal{G}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \Lambda^2 \mathcal{G}(\Sigma)$$



$$\delta_T(\alpha) = \sum_{p \in \alpha \cap \alpha} \varepsilon_p \alpha'_p \wedge \alpha''_p$$

[needs a choice of framing on  $\Sigma$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{gr} : \text{Cycl}(x, y) \rightarrow \Lambda^2 \text{Cycl}(x, y)$$

[Schedler]

## Theorem [AKKN]

Let  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$  solution of KV I.

Then,

(i) KV II :  $j(\varphi) \in \mathcal{Z}(\text{Cycl}(X, Y), [\cdot, \cdot]_{gr})$



(ii)  $(\mathcal{G}(\Sigma), [\cdot, \cdot]_{\mathcal{G}}, \delta_{\mathcal{T}})$

$\cong \varphi$

$(\text{Cycl}(X, Y), [\cdot, \cdot]_{gr}, \delta_{gr})$

isomorphism  
of Lie  
bialgebras

REMARK: KV problems for  
higher genus surfaces



Moduli of  
flat connections



Representation  
Theory

# Application: topological characterization of $\text{div}$

- $\text{div} : \text{Der}(\mathbb{k} \text{ Free}(X^{\pm 1}, Y^{\pm 1})) \rightarrow \text{Cycl}(X^{\pm 1}, Y^{\pm 1})$

depends on choice of generators

dependence:  $\in H_1(\Sigma) \cong \mathbb{k} \times \oplus \mathbb{k} \gamma$

Compare to: uniqueness of Haar measures

- Theorem [AKKN]

For each framing  $f : T\Sigma \xrightarrow{\cong} \Sigma \times \mathbb{R}^2$

$\exists!$   $\text{div}^f$  s.t.

$$\delta_T^f = \text{div}^f \circ [\cdot, -]_{\text{Goldman}}$$

$$\uparrow \\ \text{Der}(\mathbb{k} \text{ Free}(X^{\pm 1}, Y^{\pm 1}))$$

MANY HAPPY

RETURNS !