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Balloons and Hoops and their Universal Finite–Type Invariant, BF Theory, and an Ultimate Alexander Invariant

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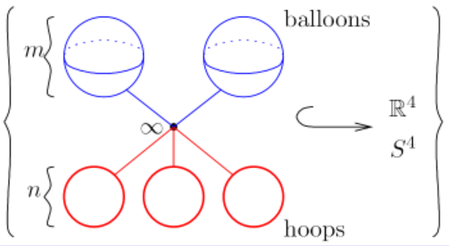
Abstract. Balloons are two-dimensional spheres. Hoops are one dimensional loops. Knotted Balloons and Hoops (KBH) in 4-space behave much like the first and second fundamental groups of a topological space - hoops can be composed like in π_1, balloons like in π_2, and hoops "act" on balloons as π_1 acts on π_2. We will observe that ordinary knots and tangles in 3-space map into KBH in 4-space and become amalgams of both balloons and hoops.
We give an ansatz for a tree and wheel (that is, free-Lie and cyclic word) -valued invariant Z of KBHs in terms of the said compositions and action and we explain its relationship with finite type invariants. We speculate that Z is a complete evaluation of the BF topological quantum field theory in 4D, though we are not sure what that means. We show that a certain "reduction and repackaging" of Z is an "ultimate Alexander invariant" that contains the Alexander polynomial (multivariable, if you wish), has extremely good composition properties, is evaluated in a topologically meaningful way, and is least-wasteful in a computational sense. If you believe in categorification, here's a wonderful playground.

$\mathcal{K}^{bh}(m,n)$.



Example.

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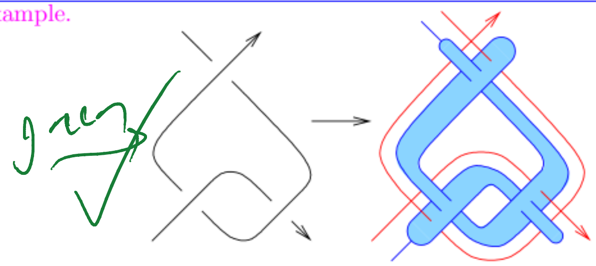
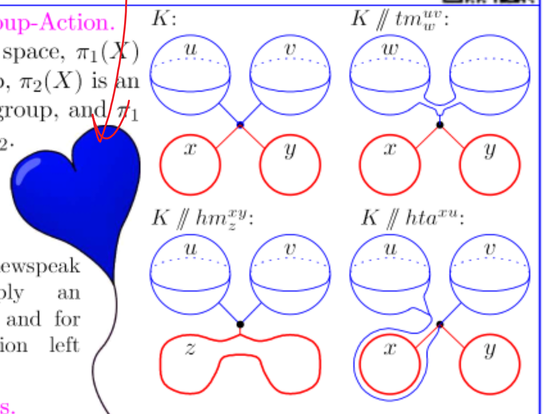


Meta-Group-Action. If X is a space, $\pi_1(X)$ is a group, $\pi_2(X)$ is an Abelian group, and π_1 acts on π_2.



("$/\!/$" is newspeak for "apply an operator" and for "composition left to right")

Properties.

- Associativities: $m_x^{xy} /\!/ m_x^{xz} = m_y^{yz} /\!/ m_x^{xy}$, for $m = tm, hm$.
- Action axiom t: $tm_w^{uv} /\!/ hta^{xw} = hta^{xu} /\!/ hta^{xv} /\!/ tm_w^{uv}$,
- Action axiom h: $hm_z^{xy} /\!/ hta^{zu} = hta^{xu} /\!/ hta^{yu} /\!/ hm_z^{xy}$.
- SD Product: $dm_c^{ab} := hta^{ba} /\!/ tm_c^{ab} /\!/ hm_c^{ab}$ is associative.

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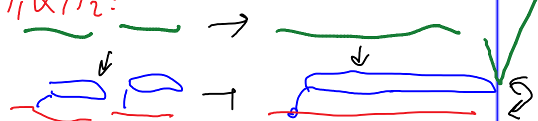


The Meta-Group-Action M. Let T be a set of "tail labels" ("balloon colours"), H a set of "head labels" ("hoop colours"), and let $\{h_x\}_{x\in H}$ be a set of formal symbols. Let $FL = FL(T)$ and $FA = FA(T)$ be the (graded) free Lie and free associative algebras on generators T and let $CW = CW(T)$ be the (graded) vector space of cyclic words on T, so there's $\mathrm{tr} : FA \to CW$, and both FA and CW are FL-modules. Let

$$M(T,H) := \{\mu = (\omega, \lambda = (\lambda_x)_{x\in H}) :\ \omega \in CW,\ \lambda_x \in FL\}$$

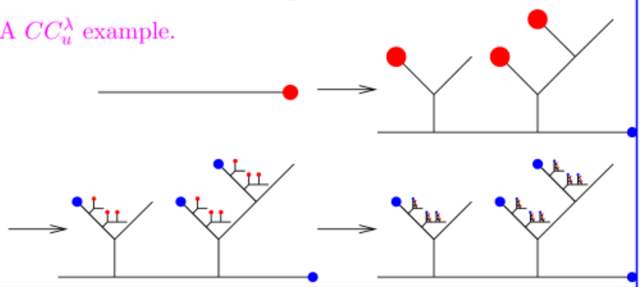
(e.g., $\mu = \ldots$).
With $\mu = (\omega, \lambda)$ define

$$tm_w^{uv} : \mu \mapsto \mu /\!/ (u, v \mapsto w),$$

$$hm_z^{xy} : \mu \mapsto \Big(\omega, \big(\ldots, \widehat{\lambda_x}, \widehat{\lambda_y}, \ldots, \mathrm{bch}(\lambda_x, \lambda_y)_z\big)\Big)$$

$$hta^{xu} : \mu \mapsto \underbrace{\mu \overset{\text{"stable apply"}}{\overbrace{/\!/\!/}} (u \mapsto e^{\mathrm{ad}\,\lambda_x}(\bar u)) /\!/ (\bar u \mapsto u)}_{\mu /\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_x}} + \underbrace{(J_u(\lambda_x), 0)}_{\text{the "}J\text{-spice"}}$$

A CC_u^λ example.



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- u-Knots inject into $\mathcal{K}^{bh}$ (likely u-tangles too).
- In fact, n-component v/w-tangles map into $\mathcal{K}^{bh}(n,n)$ and we have a conjectural understanding of $\mathcal{K}^{bh}$ in these terms.

B. Is div the only "meta-Lie-cocycle" on M^0?

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The Meta-Cocycle J. Set $J_u(\lambda) := J(1)$ where

$$J(0)=0, \qquad \lambda_s = \lambda /\!\!/ CC_u^{s\lambda},$$

$$\frac{dJ(s)}{ds} = (J(s) /\!\!/ \operatorname{der}(u \mapsto [\lambda_s, u])) + \operatorname{div}_u \lambda_s.$$

B

Explain div!

Claim.

$$CC_u^{\operatorname{bch}(\lambda_1,\lambda_2)} = CC_u^{\lambda_1} /\!\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_2 /\!\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_1}},$$

$$J_u(\operatorname{bch}(\lambda_1,\lambda_2)) = J_u(\lambda_1) /\!\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_2 /\!\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_1}} + J_u(\lambda_2 /\!\!/ CC_u^{\lambda_1}),$$

and hence tm, hm, and hta form a meta-group-action.

need an aside on how FL/CW parametrize formulas in f.d. Lie algebras.

The β quotient. Let $R = \mathbb{Q}[\![\{c_u\}_{u\in T}]\!]$ and $L_\beta := R \otimes T$ with central R and with $[u,v] = c_u v - c_v u$ for $u,v \in T$. Then $FL \to L_\beta$ and $CW \to R$. Under this,

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$$\mu \to (\omega, \bar\lambda) \quad \text{with } \omega \in R, \quad \bar\lambda = \sum_{x\in H,\, u\in T} \lambda_{ux} u x,$$

$$\operatorname{bch}(u,v) \to \frac{c_u + c_v}{e^{c_u+c_v}-1}\left(\frac{e^{c_u}-1}{c_u}u + e^{c_u}\frac{e^{c_v}-1}{c_v}v\right),$$

if $\lambda = \sum \lambda_v v$ then with $c_\lambda := \sum \lambda_v c_v$,

$$u /\!\!/ CC_u^\lambda = \left(1 + c_u\lambda_u \frac{e^{c_\lambda}-1}{c_\lambda}\right)^{-1}\left(e^{c_\lambda}u - c_u \frac{e^{c_\lambda}-1}{c_\lambda}\sum_{v\neq u}\lambda_v v\right),$$

$\operatorname{div}_u \lambda = c_u \lambda_u$, and the ODE for J integrates to

$$J_u(\lambda) = \log\left(1 + \frac{e^{c_\lambda}-1}{c_\lambda}c_u\lambda_u\right),$$

so ζ is formula-computable to all orders! Can we simplify?

β Calculus. Let $\beta(H,T)$ be

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c|ccc} \omega & x & y & \cdots \\ \hline u & \alpha_{ux} & \alpha_{uy} & \cdot \\ v & \alpha_{vx} & \alpha_{vy} & \cdot \\ \vdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \;\middle|\; \begin{array}{l} \omega \text{ and the } \alpha_{ux}\text{'s are ratio-} \\ \text{nal functions in variables} \\ t_u, \text{ one for each } u \in T. \end{array} \right\},$$

$$tm^{uv}_w : \begin{array}{c|c} \omega & \cdots \\ \hline u & \alpha \\ v & \beta \\ \vdots & \gamma \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c|c} \omega & \cdots \\ \hline w & \alpha+\beta \\ \vdots & \gamma \end{array}, \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} \omega_1 & H_1 \\ \hline T_1 & \alpha_1 \end{array} \cup \begin{array}{c|c} \omega_2 & H_2 \\ \hline T_2 & \alpha_2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c|cc} \omega_1\omega_2 & H_1 & H_2 \\ \hline T_1 & \alpha_1 & 0 \\ T_2 & 0 & \alpha_2 \end{array},$$

$$hm^{xy}_z : \begin{array}{c|ccc} \omega & x & y & \cdots \\ \hline \vdots & \alpha & \beta & \gamma \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c|cc} \omega & z & \cdots \\ \hline \vdots & \alpha+\beta+\langle\alpha\rangle\beta & \gamma \end{array},$$

$$hta^{xu} : \begin{array}{c|cc} \omega & x & \cdots \\ \hline u & \alpha & \beta \\ \vdots & \gamma & \delta \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c|cc} \omega\epsilon & x & \cdots \\ \hline u & \alpha(1+\langle\gamma\rangle/\epsilon) & \beta(1+\langle\gamma\rangle/\epsilon) \\ \vdots & \gamma/\epsilon & \delta-\gamma\beta/\epsilon \end{array},$$

where $\epsilon := 1+\alpha$, $\langle\alpha\rangle := \sum_v \alpha_v$, and $\langle\gamma\rangle := \sum_{v\neq u}\gamma_v$, and let

$$R^+_{ux} := \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & x \\ \hline u & t_u - 1 \end{array} \qquad R^-_{ux} := \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & x \\ \hline u & t_u^{-1} - 1 \end{array}.$$

"God created the knots, all else in topology is the work of mortals."
Leopold Kronecker (modified)

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√A: Is this because CW is "the coinvariants of FL"?