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Quantum Field Theories

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# Talk overview

Brief motivation

$L_\infty$ -algebras of classical field theories

Braided  $L_\infty$ -algebra of  $\phi^3$  theory

Homological perturbation theory

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## Brief motivation

- ★ BV formalism is developed for gauge quantum field theories [Weinberg '96; Gomis et al '94]
- ★ BV formalism has natural structure encoded in  $L_\infty$ -algebra [Hohm, Zwiebach '17; Jurco et al. '18; Costello, Gwilliam '16, '21]
- ★ Amplitude program in quantum field theories (recursion relations) [Evang, Huang '15]
- ★ Double copy method connects gauge theories to quantum gravity [Berm et al '10; Borsten et al '21].
- ★ Consistent quantization of nonperturbative noncommutative field theories and resolving the issues of UV/IR mixing and existence of non-planar diagrams [Minwalla et al. '99; Balachandran et al. '06; Bu et al. '06 Fioere, Wess '07; Aschieri et al. '08]

# $L_\infty$ -algebras of classical field theories - mini dictionary

Classical field theory	→ $L_\infty$ -algebra $(V, \ell_n, \langle \_, \_ \rangle)$
Fields, ghosts and antifields	→ $V = \dots \oplus V_0 \oplus V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3 \oplus \dots$ $\dots \oplus \text{ghosts} \oplus \text{fields} \oplus \text{EoM} \oplus \text{Noether id} \oplus \dots$
Classical action $S$	→ $\mathcal{S}(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \langle A, \ell_n(A, \dots, A) \rangle$
Spacetime noncommutativity via Drinfel'd twist formalism	→ Braided $L_\infty$ -algebra $(V, \ell_n^*, \langle \_, \_ \rangle_\star)$
Polynomials in fields $\varphi^2$ e.g. $\varphi^3, \varphi^4$	→ Simmetised tensor algebra $\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2])$ $v_1 \odot_\star v_2 = (-1)^{ v_1  v_2 } R_\alpha(v_2) \odot_\star R^\alpha(v_1)$
Tensor product algebra	→ Extending algebraic structure to new $L_\infty$ -algebra $\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]) \otimes V$ where brackets and pairing respect: $\ell_2^{\text{ext}}(a_1 \otimes v_1, a_2 \otimes v_2) = \pm (a_1 \odot_\star R_\alpha(a_2)) \otimes \ell_2^*(R^\alpha(v_1), v_2)$ $\langle a_1 \otimes v_1, a_2 \otimes v_2 \rangle_\star = \pm (a_1 \odot_\star R_\alpha(a_2)) \cdot \langle R^\alpha(v_1), v_2 \rangle_\star$
Poisson structure	→ $\{ \_, \_ \}_\star : \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]) \otimes \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]) \rightarrow (\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]))[1]$

# $L_\infty$ -algebras of classical field theories - mini dictionary

Classical BV action  $S_{BV}$   $\rightarrow$  Braided BV action  $\mathcal{S}_{BV}^* \in \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2])$

Classical master equation  $\rightarrow$   $\{\mathcal{S}_{BV}^*, \mathcal{S}_{BV}^*\}_* = 0$

$$\{S_{BV}, S_{BV}\}_{PB} = 0$$

Solution as expansion in antifields:

$S_{BV} = S + (\text{antifield}) \cdot (\dots) + \dots$   $\rightarrow$  Solution as expansion in brackets via contracted coordinate functions  $\xi = \tau_k \otimes \tau^k \in \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]) \otimes V$ :  
 $\mathcal{S}_{BV}^* = \frac{1}{2} \langle\langle \xi, \ell_1^{*ext}(\xi) \rangle\rangle_* - \frac{1}{3!} \langle\langle \xi, \ell_2^{*ext}(\xi, \xi) \rangle\rangle_* + \dots$  where we identify  $\mathcal{S}_{BV}^* = \mathcal{S}_{(0)}^* + \mathcal{S}_{int}^*$

BV Laplacian  $\Delta_{BV}$  appears in quantum master equation  $\rightarrow$  Braided BV Laplacian nontrivially defined via pairing of field  $\varphi$  and corresponding antifield

$$\frac{1}{2} \{S_{BV}, S_{BV}\} = i\hbar \Delta_{BV} S_{BV} \quad \varphi^+: \Delta_{BV}(\varphi \odot_* \varphi^+) = \pm \langle \varphi, \varphi^+ \rangle_*$$

## Braided $L_\infty$ -algebra of $\phi^3$ theory

- ★ Massive real scalar field in 4D Minkowski spacetime and cubic interaction  $\phi^3$
- ★ The underlying graded vector space is  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ , where
$$V_1 = V_2 = \Omega^0(\mathbb{R}^{1,3})$$
- ★  $V_1$  is the space of fields  $\phi$ ,  $V_2$  is the space of antifields/EoM  $\phi^+$
- ★ There are just the first two brackets

$$\ell_1^*(\phi) = \ell_1(\phi) = -(\square + m^2)\phi \quad \& \quad \ell_2^*(\phi_1, \phi_2) = -\lambda\phi_1 \star \phi_2$$

- ★ Equipping the structure with the cyclic pairing

$$\langle \phi, \phi^+ \rangle_\star = \int d^4x \phi \star \phi^+$$

- ★ Braided MC action is:

$$\begin{aligned} S_\star(\phi) &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi, \ell_1(\phi) \rangle_\star - \frac{1}{3!} \langle \phi, \ell_2(\phi, \phi) \rangle_\star \\ &= \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi (-\square - m^2) \phi - \frac{\lambda}{3!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right). \end{aligned}$$

- ★ At the classical level, this action is the same as in the usual  $\phi_\star^3$  theory!

## Braided $L_\infty$ -algebra of $\phi^3$ theory

- ★ Define contracted coordinate functions  $\xi \in \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2]) \otimes V$

$$\xi = \int_k (\mathbf{e}_k \otimes \mathbf{e}^k + \mathbf{e}^k \otimes \mathbf{e}_k),$$

- ★ Define and calculate the interaction action

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^* = -\frac{1}{6} \langle\langle \xi, \ell_2^* \text{ext}(\xi, \xi) \rangle\rangle_* = \int_k V(k_1, k_2, k_3) \mathbf{e}_1^k \odot_* \mathbf{e}_2^k \odot_* \mathbf{e}_3^k,$$

- ★ We naturally chose plane waves as basis vectors in momentum space,

$$\mathbf{e}^k(x) = e^{ik \cdot x} \text{ and } \mathbf{e}_k(x) = e^{-ik \cdot x}$$

- ★ The twist we use is the Moyal-Weyl twist  $\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \otimes \partial_\nu}$

- ★ Vertex has a simple form implying regular momentum conservation law:

$$V(k_1, k_2, k_3) = -\frac{\lambda}{3!} e^{\frac{i}{2} \sum_{a < b} k_i \cdot \theta k_j} (2\pi)^4 \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)$$

- ★ The twist we can also use is the  $\rho$ -Minkowski twist  $\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2} (\partial_z \otimes \partial_\varphi - \partial_\varphi \otimes \partial_z)}$

## Homological perturbation theory

- ★  $\ell_1$  acts as differential creating cochain complex  $(V, \ell_1)$  that can be related to cochain complex of its cohomology  $(H^\bullet(V), 0)$  via maps: contracting homotopy (in our case it is the propagator)  $h : V \rightarrow V$  of degree  $-1$ , inclusion  $i : H^\bullet(V) \rightarrow V$  and projection  $p : V \rightarrow H^\bullet(V)$
- ★ Strong deformation retract is defined when aforementioned maps fulfill certain conditions
- ★ Homological perturbation lemma states that strong deformation retract is stable i.e. deformation  $\ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_1 + \delta$  deforms other maps  $(\tilde{i}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{h})$  such that strong deformation retracts conditions hold
- ★ Correlation functions in momentum space are then:

$$\tilde{G}_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P((\delta H)^m (e_1^p \odot_\star \dots \odot_\star e_n^p))$$

- ★ Deformation can be chosen to be  $\delta = i\hbar\Delta_{\text{BV}}$  for free theory or  $\delta = \{\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}^*, \_ \} + i\hbar\Delta_{\text{BV}}$  for interacting theory



## Results: Correlation functions in $\phi^3$ theory

- ★ Propagator in free theory is the same as in regular theory

$$G_2^*(p_1, p_2)^{(0)} = i \hbar \Delta_{\text{BVH}}(e^{p_1} \odot_* e^{p_2}) = (i \hbar) \frac{(2\pi)^4 \delta(p_1 + p_2)}{p_1^2 - m^2}$$

- ★ In MW case, two point function at 1-loop have no NC contributions, no nonplanar diagrams and no UV/IR mixing and is the same as in regular theory

Consistent with [Oeckel '00]

- ★ In MW case, the final result for the connected 3-point function is:

$$G_3^*(p_1, p_2, p_3)^{(1)}|_{\text{connected}} = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} e^{\frac{i}{2} p_3 \cdot \theta p_2} \times$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} 108 \times \quad \begin{array}{c} p_2 \quad p_1 \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ | \\ p_3 \end{array} \quad + 72 \times \quad \begin{array}{c} p_2 \quad p_1 \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ | \\ p_3 \end{array} \quad + 108 \times \quad \begin{array}{c} p_2 \quad p_1 \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ | \\ p_3 \end{array} \end{array} \right)$$

- ★ NC contribution appears as a phase factor in external momenta. No UV/IR mixing! Consistent with [Oeckel '00]

## Results: Schwinger-Dayson equations

- ★ Schwinger-Dyson equations are EoM corresponding to Green's functions
- ★ SD equations were analyzed in the commutative QFT and from the perspective of homotopy algebras [K. Konosu '23; K. Konosu and J. Totsuka-Yoshinaka '24; K. Konosu and Y. Okawa '24]
- ★ In this approach, SD equations are coming from the Homological perturbation lemma in the recursion of the form:

$$\tilde{P} = \tilde{P}\delta H$$

- ★  $\tilde{P}$  is deformed projection map  $P$ , an extension of map  $p$ . When acting on  $\text{Sym}_{\mathcal{R}}(V[2])$  it generates all  $n$ -point functions  $G_n$
- ★ Acting on the symmetrized product of basis elements, it recursively relates different correlation functions  $G_k^*$ :

$$\tilde{G}_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \tilde{P}\delta H(e_1^p \odot_{\star} \dots \odot_{\star} e_n^p)$$

## Results: Braided Wick theorem

- ★ In free theory and using MW twist, where  $\delta = i\hbar\Delta_{BV}$ , SD equation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_{2n}^{\star 0}(p_1, \dots, p_{2n}) &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^n e^{i p_\beta \cdot \theta (p_{\alpha+1} + \dots + p_{\beta-1})} \phi_{\alpha} \underbrace{\phi_{\beta}} \\ &\cdot \tilde{G}_{2n-2}^{\star 0}(p_1, \dots, \hat{p}_\alpha, \dots, \hat{p}_\beta, \dots, p_{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

- ★ The solution of SD equation in free theory is the general expression for the braided Wick there:

$$\tilde{G}_{2n}^{\star 0}(p_1, \dots, p_{2n}) = \frac{1}{n! 2^n} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{2n}} e^{-\frac{i}{2} \sum_{i < j} p_i \cdot \theta p_j} \prod_{k=1}^n \phi_{\sigma(2k-1)} \underbrace{\phi_{\sigma(2k)}} ,$$

- ★ Braided Wick theorem for 4-point function reads:

$$\tilde{G}_4^{\star}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)^{(0)} = \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_2}_{\quad} \underbrace{\phi_3 \phi_4}_{\quad} + \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_4}_{\quad} \underbrace{\phi_2 \phi_3}_{\quad} + e^{i k_3 \cdot \theta k_2} \underbrace{\phi_1 \phi_3}_{\quad} \underbrace{\phi_2 \phi_4}_{\quad}$$

## General: $\rho$ -Minkowski noncommutativity

- ★ In Cartesian and polar coordinates  $\rho$ -Minkowski twist is:

$$\mathcal{F} = e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}(\partial_z \otimes (x\partial_y - y\partial_x) - (x\partial_y - y\partial_x) \otimes \partial_z)} = e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}(\partial_z \otimes \partial_\varphi - \partial_\varphi \otimes \partial_z)}$$

- ★ In Cartesian coordinates it describes space-time noncommutativity of Lie algebra type, in polar coordinate of MW type:

$$[\hat{z}, \hat{x}] = -i\theta\hat{y}, \quad [\hat{z}, \hat{y}] = +i\theta\hat{x}; \quad \left[\hat{z}, e^{i\hat{\varphi}}\right] = i\theta e^{i\hat{\varphi}}$$

- ★ Standard noncommutative quantization, based on  $\star$ -product approach, was done in  $\phi^4$  case [M. D. Ćirić et al '18]
- ★ The phenomenon of UV/IR mixing appears and the model contains nonplanar diagrams. Conservation of momenta is deformed.

## Preliminar results: $\rho$ -Minkowski braiding of $\phi^3$ theory

- ★ Instead of MW twist, we applied  $\rho$ -Minkowski twist to our plane waves  $e^k$  and produced the following vertex:

$$V(k_1, k_2, k_3) = -\frac{\lambda}{3!} e^{\theta \sum_{a < b} (k_{bz} (k_{ay} \partial_{k_{ax}} - k_{ax} \partial_{k_{ay}}) - k_{az} (k_{by} \partial_{k_{bx}} - k_{bx} \partial_{k_{by}}))} \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta^*(k_1 +_\star k_2 +_\star k_3)$$

- ★ Deformed momentum conservation law appears!

$$\delta^*(k_1 +_\star k_2 +_\star k_3) = \int_x e^{-ik_1 x} \star e^{-ik_2 x} \star e^{-ik_3 x}$$

- ★ Two point function at one loop level contains a nonplanar diagram leading to UV/IR mixing!

## Preliminary results: $\rho$ -Minkowski braiding of $\phi^3$ theory

- ★ Since Cartesian coordinates don't respect the symmetry of our twist, we can change the basis:  $(x, y) \rightarrow (\rho, \varphi)$
- ★ Functions that solve EoM and can be used as basis vectors for the space of (anti)fields are of the form:

$$e_{E, k_z, l, \alpha}(t, r, z, \varphi) = \sqrt{\alpha} J_l(\alpha r) \cdot e^{il\varphi} \cdot e^{-iEt} \cdot e^{ik_z z}, \quad \text{EoM} : \alpha^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2$$

- ★ Calculations so far suggest that there are no traces of nonplanar diagrams and UV/IR mixing in this basis!
- ★ Since noncommutativity in this basis is of MW form, it can be expected that results are analogous to MW case.
- ★ How can this be?! We have to understand the results better. *Work in progress...*

# Outlook

- ★ Well established algebraic techniques were applied in details in  $\phi^3$  theory using Moyal-Wayle twist
- ★ Some further algebraic techniques were developed
- ★  $\rho$ -Minkowski twist in  $\phi^3$  theory is currently under investigation with very interesting preliminary results that should be clarified
- ★ Future work will be dedicated to the analysis of non-Abelian gauge theories
- ★ Aiming for construction of amplitudes needed for double copy approach

## Results: Schwinger-Dyson equations, an example

★ In the interacting  $\phi^3$  theory, using MW twist and deformation of form

$\delta = \{\mathcal{S}_{int}^*, \_ \} + i\hbar\Delta_{BV}$ , SD equation in case of  $n = 2$  yields:

$$p_1 \text{ --- } \bullet \text{ --- } p_2 = p_1 \text{ --- } p_2 + \frac{3}{2} \times p_1 \text{ --- } \bigcirc \bullet \text{ --- } p_2 + \frac{3}{2} \times p_1 \text{ --- } \bullet \bigcirc \text{ --- } p_2$$