

# CCRT: Categorical and Combinatorial Representation Theory.

From combinatorics of universal problems  
to usual applications.

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For this seminar, please have a look at Slide CCRT[n] & ff.

# Goal of this series of talks

The goal of these talks is threefold

- 1 Category theory aimed at “free formulas” and their combinatorics
- 2 How to construct free objects
  - 1 w.r.t. a functor with - at least - two combinatorial applications:
    - 1 the two routes to reach the free algebra
    - 2 alphabets interpolating between commutative and non commutative worlds
  - 2 without functor: sums, tensor and free products
  - 3 w.r.t. a diagram: limits
- 3 Representation theory: Categories of modules, semi-simplicity, isomorphism classes i.e. the framework of Kronecker coefficients.
- 4 MRS factorisation: A local system of coordinates for Hausdorff groups.

# CCRT[16] Higher order BTT (part 3).

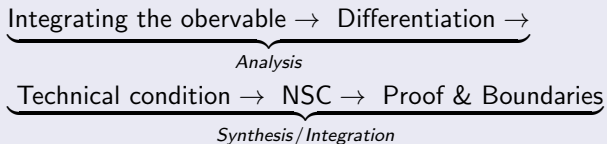
One-parameter groups and identities among series.

**Disclaimer.** – The contents of these notes are by no means intended to be a complete theory. Rather, they outline the start of a program of work which has still not been carried out.

- 1 Some first limiting processes
- 2 About topologies on series
- 3 The univariate case
- 4 The Hausdorff group
- 5 General and  $\text{III } \varphi$
- 6 The one-parameter group trick
- 7 Some concluding remarks

# Introduction

- 1 Today, we will use the same analysis/synthesis method as in CCRT[16] (part one) and use the information gathered to consider solutions of the BTT as paths drawn on closed subgroups on the Magnus group.
- 2 The mental process for the making of the BTT [9] on various subgroups will be the following



- 3 This method is not new, it is that of Archimedes (-287, -212) [1], Liu Hui (220-280) [18] and Cavalieri (1598-1647) [6]. Archimedes work was originally thought to be lost, but in 1906 was rediscovered in the celebrated Archimedes Palimpsest.

# Limiting processes and topologies/1

- 1 We have seen last time some limiting processes (like Riemann integral and Lebesgues  $y$ -axis sampling) which are not reducible to sequences, (we will return to this point later on).
- 2 In order to understand deeply and master our calculations with group-like series (of all sorts not only for the co-shuffle coproduct), we have to deal with closed subgroups of the Magnus group.
- 3 Let us first examine and analyse some simple limits of sequences of series.
- 4 We first address the following identity

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{n}\right)^n = e^z \quad (1)$$

Which can be considered within the formal realm (i.e. LHS, for each  $n$ , within  $\mathbb{C}\langle z \rangle = \mathbb{C}[z]$  and RHS within  $\mathbb{C}\langle\langle z \rangle\rangle = \mathbb{C}[[z]]$ ) or in  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$  with compact convergence.

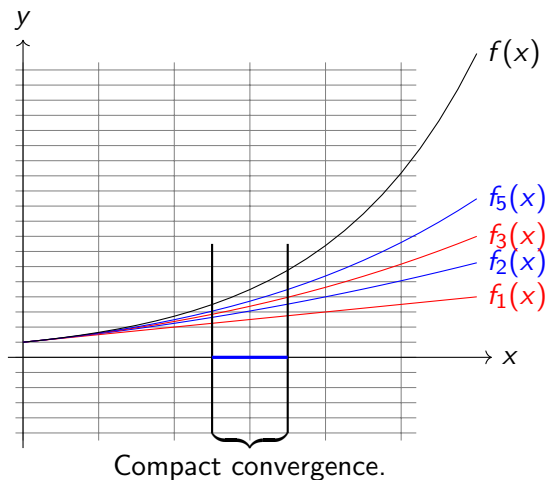


Figure: The one-parameter group  $f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}}$  as the limit of  $f_n(x) = (1 + x/(2n))^n$ .

## Limiting processes and topologies/2

- 5 In fact, a variant of (1)<sup>a</sup> was used by Montgomery and Zippin to solve Hilbert's fifth problem [29].
- 6 (Informal) definition:<sup>b</sup> A one-parameter group, is a correspondence  $G$  to some group such that

$$G(t_1 + t_2) = G(t_1)G(t_2)$$

- 7 In fact, we are interested in creating a new theory of
  - 1 Paths drawn on groups of series
  - 2 One-parameter groups on infinite-dimensional Lie groups of series and their combinatorics.
  - 3 We use an application to stuffle identity, introducing a "Holomorphic functional calculus" [15] in order to get and prove non-trivial identities within Hausdorff groups.

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<sup>a</sup>In fact, the construction of one-parameter groups as limits of this kind.

<sup>b</sup>Informal, means here "at the level of general idea".

Every path drawn on the group is a solution of  
$$y'(t) = m(t)y(t)$$

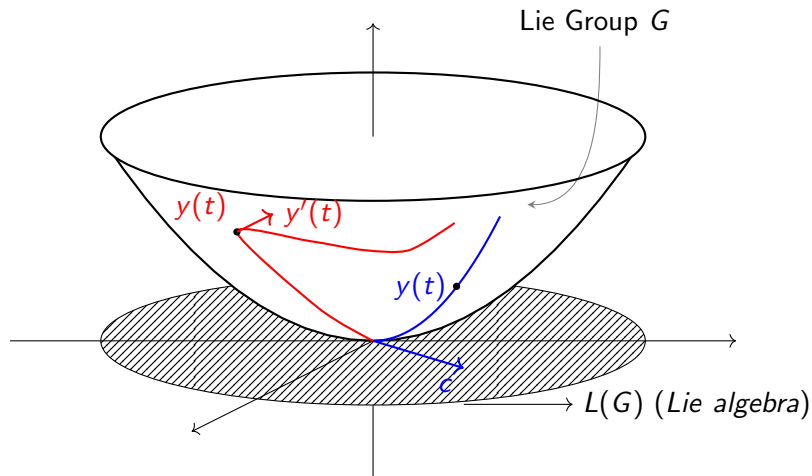


Figure: For one-parameter groups  $y'(t)y(t)^{-1} = c$  is constant.



# An identity in the stuffle algebra/1

- 8 We begin by an application on the Hausdorff group of a particular bialgebra. Here, with  $Y = \{y_i\}_{i \geq 1}$

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_{\sqcup} = \underbrace{(\mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle, \text{conc}, 1_{Y^*}, \Delta_{\sqcup}, \epsilon)}_{\text{algebra part}} \quad (2)$$

and we first establish an identity within the stuffle algebra, taking “stars of the plane” as arguments.

$$\left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i y_i\right)^* \sqcup \left(\sum_{j \geq 1} \beta_j y_j\right)^* = \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i y_i + \sum_{j \geq 1} \beta_j y_j + \sum_{i, j \geq 1} \alpha_i \beta_j y_{i+j}\right)^* \quad (3)$$

As the alphabet is infinite, we use here homogeneous series of degree one as  $\sum_{i \geq 1} \alpha_i y_i$ . These sums are not necessarily finite (they are, in general, a series) but can be so. Series like this form the vector space  $\mathbb{C}^Y$  (called by Pr. Schützenberger “the plane of letters”), noted, in our works,  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}.Y}$  as it is the completion of  $\mathbb{C}.Y = \mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle$  for some topology.

## An identity in the stuffle algebra/2: Generalities

- 9 In fact, identity (3) describes completely the composition of characters (i.e. the composition within  $\Xi(\mathcal{B})$ ). In fact  $\mathcal{B}_{\sqcup}$  (see its elements in eq. 2) is a conc-bialgebra and conc-characters are exactly “stars of the plane” i.e., for generic  $\mathcal{X}$ , of the form  $(\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \alpha_x x)^*$ .
- 10 We recall that  $\Delta_{\sqcup}(y_n) = y_n \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes y_n + \sum_{\substack{p,q \geq 1 \\ p+q=n}} y_p \otimes y_q$ .
- 11 In fact this comultiplication is a particular case of  $\Delta_{\text{III } \varphi}$  comultiplications which read, for each letter  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  (see [13]),

$$\Delta_{\text{III } \varphi}(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x + \sum_{y,z \in \mathcal{X}} \gamma_x^{y,z} y \otimes z \quad (4)$$

where the tensor  $\gamma_x^{y,z}$  is locally finite in  $x$ .

- 12 For these conc-bialgebras, we have in general

$$\left( \sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \alpha_y y \right)^* \text{III } \varphi \left( \sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} \beta_z z \right)^* = \left( \sum_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \alpha_y y + \sum_{z \in \mathcal{X}} \beta_z z + \sum_{x,y,z \in \mathcal{X}} \alpha_y \beta_z \gamma_x^{y,z} x \right)^*$$

## An identity in the stuffle algebra/3: Generalities

- 13 One proof of (5) rests on the fact that the algebra is generated by  $\mathcal{X}$  and, then, we have just, knowing the form of the LHS-RHS, to test equality on letters. Let us recall some definitions and properties ( $\mathbf{k}$  is a commutative ring)
  - 1 Let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mu, 1_{\mathcal{B}}, \Delta, \epsilon)$  be a bialgebra.
  - 2 We call  $\Xi(\mathcal{B})$  the set of characters of  $(\mathcal{B}, \mu, 1_{\mathcal{B}})$  (with values in  $\mathbf{k}$ )
  - 3 When  $\mathcal{C}$  is another  $\mathbf{k}$ -algebra, we will note  $\Xi(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{C})$ , the set of characters of  $\mathcal{B}$  with values in  $\mathcal{C}$ .<sup>a</sup>
- 14 One can show that, if  $\mathcal{C}$  is commutative, characters compose through convolution. Indeed, the dual  $\mathcal{B}^{\vee}$  (now  $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{k}$ ) is an algebra under  ${}^t\Delta$  (which will be noted  $\circledast$ ) and  $\Xi(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{B}^{\vee}$  is closed under  $\circledast$ .

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<sup>a</sup>This set is none other than the Hom-set of the algebras, i.e. we have truly

$$\Xi(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{C}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{k}\text{-AAU}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C})$$

but the point of view is completely different.

## Some exercise about these generalities

15 Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be a commutative ring and  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}, \mu, 1_{\mathcal{B}}, \Delta, \epsilon)$  be a  $\mathbf{k}$ -bialgebra. As  $\Delta : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B}$ , we have  ${}^t\Delta : (\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B})^{\vee} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{\vee}$

16 (Q1) Explain the arrow

$$\text{can} : \mathcal{B}^{\vee} \otimes \mathcal{B}^{\vee} \rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \otimes \mathcal{B})^{\vee} \quad (6)$$

and prove that  ${}^t\Delta \circ \text{can}$  is a law of  $\mathbf{k}$  – **AAU** in  $\mathcal{B}^{\vee}$  (we will note this law  $\circledast$ ).

17 (Q2) i) Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $\mathbf{k}$  – **CAAU**, prove that  $\Xi(\mathcal{B})$  is a submonoid of  $(\mathcal{B}^{\vee}, \circledast, \epsilon)$ .  
ii) Extend these results to  $\Xi(\mathcal{B}; \mathcal{C})$  (where  $\mathcal{C}$  is an object of  $\mathbf{k}$  – **CAAU**).

18 (Q3) i) For  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ , compute  $(2ty_1 + t^2y_2)^*$  under the form of an exponential.  
ii) Recall that “Stars of the plane” are conc-characters and prove that, for  $t \neq 0$ ,  $(y_1^*, (2ty_1 + t^2y_2)^*, y_3^*)$  are algebraically independent over  $(\mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle, \uplus, 1_{Y^*})$  within  $(\mathbb{C}\langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle, \uplus, 1_{Y^*})$ .  
iii) More generally, prove that, if  $Q_i \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle}$  are  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linearly independent, then  $(Q_i^*)_{i \in I}$  are algebraically independent.

## Exercise (cont'd)

- 19 Before proving the (very hard) question (iii) of exercise 18 above let us give a bit of a categorical motivation.
- 20  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space, in fact a  $\mathbb{C}$  – **CAAU** (and hence all derived substructures: monoid and the like). Then, if one has a correspondence (a set-theoretical map)

$$\Phi_{set} : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\Omega) \quad (7)$$

(be it for “inputs” or everything else, arbitrary) one can extend it to  $\mathbb{C}\langle\mathcal{X}\rangle$  as we do for  $\alpha_{z_0}^z$ ,  $\Theta$ , .... One gets at once an extension

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{C}\text{-AAU}} : \mathbb{C}\langle\mathcal{X}\rangle \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(\Omega) \quad (8)$$

- 21 The question will be addressed next time will be to extend (8) to (certain) series.
- 22 On the RHS of (8), we have a space with a topology (apparently, the only reasonable one, see [16]). On the LHS, there are several topologies.

# An algebraic one-parameter group for stuffles/1

- 23 (Holomorphic functional calculus [15]) Let  $S \in \mathbb{C}_+ \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$  (sometimes called "a proper series") and  $T = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n z^n \in \mathbb{C}[[z]]$ , we first remark that  $(a_n S^{\sqcup n})_{n \geq 0}$  is "summable" (see definition below, equation (9) and use the weight).

## Definition

A family of series  $(S_i)_{i \in I}$  in  $\mathbf{k} \langle\langle \mathcal{X} \rangle\rangle$  is said *summable* if, for all  $w \in \mathcal{X}^*$ , the map  $i \mapsto \langle S_i | w \rangle$  is finitely supported. In this case the sum of the family is defined by

$$\sum_{i \in I} (S_i) := \sum_{w \in \mathcal{X}^*} \sum_{i \in I} \langle S_i | w \rangle w \quad (9)$$

- 24 For  $T \in \mathbb{C}[[z]]$  and  $S \in \mathbb{C}_+ \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$ , we note

$$T_{\sqcup} (S) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \langle T | z^n \rangle S^{\sqcup n} \quad (10)$$

# An algebraic one-parameter group for stuffles/2

25 For  $S \in \mathbb{C}_+ \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$ , we have

$\log_{\sqcup} (1_{Y^*} + S) \exp_{\sqcup} (S) - 1_{Y^*}$  belong to  $\mathbb{C}_+ \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$  and (11)

$\exp_{\sqcup} (\log_{\sqcup} (1_{Y^*} + S)) = 1_{Y^*} + S \quad \log_{\sqcup} (\exp_{\sqcup} (S)) = S$  (12)

26 (Commutation and polynomial type coefficients) For  $S, T \in \mathbb{C}_+ \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$  and  $P(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ , we have

$$\exp_{\sqcup} (S + T) = \exp_{\sqcup} (S) \sqcup \exp_{\sqcup} (T) \text{ and} \quad (13)$$

$$\exp_{\sqcup} (P(z).S) \in \mathbb{C}[z] \langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle ; \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} (\exp_{\sqcup} (P(z).S)) = (P'(z).S) \sqcup \exp_{\sqcup} (P(z).S) \quad (15)$$

# An algebraic one-parameter group for stuffles/3

27 Now, we code “the plane” by Umbral calculus.

28 Let  $x$  be an auxiliary letter, The map

$$\pi_Y^{Umbra} : \sum_{n \geq 1} \alpha_n x^n \mapsto \sum_{n \geq 1} \alpha_n y_n \quad (16)$$

from  $\mathbb{C}_+[[x]]$  to  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \cdot Y$  is linear and bijective. We will call  $\pi_x^{Umbra}$  its inverse.

29 For  $S, T \in \mathbb{C}_+[[x]]$ , one can show that

$$(\pi_Y^{Umbra}(S))^* \boxplus (\pi_Y^{Umbra}(T))^* = (\pi_Y^{Umbra}((1+S)(1+T)-1))^* \quad (17)$$

30 Therefore, for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $T \in \mathbb{C}_+[[x]]$ , one sets

$$G(z) = (\pi_Y^{Umbra}(e^{z \cdot T} - 1))^* \quad (18)$$



# An algebraic one-parameter group for stuffles/4

- 31 From (17), (15) and (3) one gets, for  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$G(z_1 + z_2) = G(z_1) \sqcup G(z_2) ; G(0) = 1_{Y^*} \quad (19)$$

(then  $G$  can truly be called a “stuffle one parameter group”).

- 32 We check that

$$\frac{d}{dz}(G(z)) = (\pi_Y^{Umbra}(T)) \sqcup G(z) \quad (20)$$

and deduce that

$$G(z) = e^{\underset{\sqcup}{z \cdot \pi_Y^{Umbra}(T)}} \quad (21)$$

- 33 What precedes shows us that, for each  $P = \sum_{i \geq 1} \langle P | y_i \rangle y_i \in \widehat{\mathbb{C} \cdot Y}$

$$\log_{\sqcup}(P^*) = \pi_Y^{Umbra}(\log(1 + \pi_x^{Umbra}(P))) \quad (22)$$

# An algebraic one-parameter group for stuffles/5

34 In particular, using (22), we show that

$$(ty_k)^* = \exp_{\pm 1} \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} t^n y_{nk}}{n} \right) \quad (23)$$

## Limiting processes and topologies/3

- 35 Our first examples are taken in  $\mathbb{C}[[z]] = \mathbb{C}\langle\langle z \rangle\rangle$ .
- 36 First, we return to  $S^*$  ( $S$  is without constant term) and  $(1 + \frac{z}{n})^n$ .
- 37 In the first case, calling  $\omega(S)$  the minimal length of  $\text{supp}(S)$  (and still supposing  $\langle S|_{\mathcal{X}^*} \rangle = 0$ ) we have  $\omega(S^n) \geq n$  and then  $(S^n)_{n \geq 0}$  is summable.
- 38 In the second one, one has

$$(1 + \frac{z}{n})^n = 1 + z + \frac{(n)(n-1)}{n^2} z^2 + \dots = 1 + z + \frac{(n-1)}{n} z^2 + \dots \quad (24)$$

the series of differences  $T_n = (1 + \frac{z}{n+1})^{n+1} - (1 + \frac{z}{n})^n$  is NOT summable as  $T_n = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} z^2 + \dots$  and then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\omega(T^n) = 2$ . What happens in fact is that, for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (1 + \frac{z}{n})^n | z^N \rangle = \frac{1}{N!}$$

so that, even if the series of differences is not summable, the limit exists. This term-by-term topology (which is the product topology) is called “Treves Topology” in [10] (see [30] Ch10 Example III).

# A general theorem

## Theorem (GHED, D. Grinberg, HNM [11])

Let  $(\mathcal{B}, \cdot, 1_{\mathcal{B}}, \Delta, \epsilon)$  be a  $\mathbf{k}$ -bialgebra. As usual, let  $\Delta = \Delta_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $\epsilon = \epsilon_{\mathcal{B}}$  be its comultiplication and its counit.

Let  $\mathcal{B}_+ = \ker(\epsilon)$ . For each  $N \geq 0$ , let  $\mathcal{B}_+^N = \underbrace{\mathcal{B}_+ \cdot \mathcal{B}_+ \cdots \mathcal{B}_+}_{N \text{ times}}$ , where

$\mathcal{B}_+^0 = \mathcal{B}$ . Note that  $(\mathcal{B}_+^0, \mathcal{B}_+^1, \mathcal{B}_+^2, \dots)$  is called the standard decreasing filtration of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

For each  $N \geq -1$ , we define a  $\mathbf{k}$ -submodule  $\mathcal{B}_N^{\vee}$  of  $\mathcal{B}^{\vee}$  by

$$\mathcal{B}_N^{\vee} = (\mathcal{B}_+^{N+1})^{\perp} = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{B}^{\vee} \mid f(\mathcal{B}_+^{N+1}) = 0 \right\}. \quad (25)$$

Thus,  $(\mathcal{B}_{-1}^{\vee}, \mathcal{B}_0^{\vee}, \mathcal{B}_1^{\vee}, \dots)$  is an increasing filtration of  $\mathcal{B}_{\infty}^{\vee} := \bigcup_{N \geq -1} \mathcal{B}_N^{\vee}$  with  $\mathcal{B}_{-1}^{\vee} = 0$ .

## A general theorem cont'd

### Theorem (GHED, D. Grinberg, HNM [11])

Then:

- (a) We have  $\mathcal{B}_p^\vee \circledast \mathcal{B}_q^\vee \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{p+q}^\vee$  for any  $p, q \geq -1$  (where we set  $\mathcal{B}_{-2}^\vee = 0$ ). Hence,  $\mathcal{B}_\infty^\vee$  is a subalgebra of the convolution algebra  $\mathcal{B}^\vee$ .
- (b) Assume that  $\mathbf{k}$  is an integral domain. Then, the set  $\Xi(\mathcal{B})^\times$  of invertible characters (i.e., of invertible elements of the monoid  $\Xi(\mathcal{B})$ ) is left  $\mathcal{B}_\infty^\vee$ -linearly independent.

### Application to the stuffle algebra

- 39  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle, \uplus, 1_{Y^*}, \Delta_{\text{conc}}, \epsilon)$ . Then:
- 40  $(\mathcal{B}_+)^n = \mathbb{C}_{\geq n}\langle Y \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_n^\vee = \mathbb{C}_{\leq n}\langle\langle Y \rangle\rangle$  (polynomials)
- 41 We consider a family  $Q_i \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}\langle Y \rangle}$  which is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -linearly independent and will prove that then  $(Q_i^*)_{i \in I}$  are algebraically independent.

# Conclusion

- We have explained what are monoids of characters (with a perspective towards  $\mathcal{C}$ -valued characters where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a commutative algebra.
- For conc-bialgebras, we have the form of all characters: they are precisely “Kleene Stars of the Plane” and we can use combinatorics on words to compute non-trivial identities.
- Next time we will see more on topological settings and correspondences.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

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