

# Non associative renormalization group

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Algebraic, analytic, geometric structures  
emerging from quantum field theory  
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**Physics**  
renormalization  
in pQFT

Dyson '49  
renormalization factors  
(series built on  
counterterms)

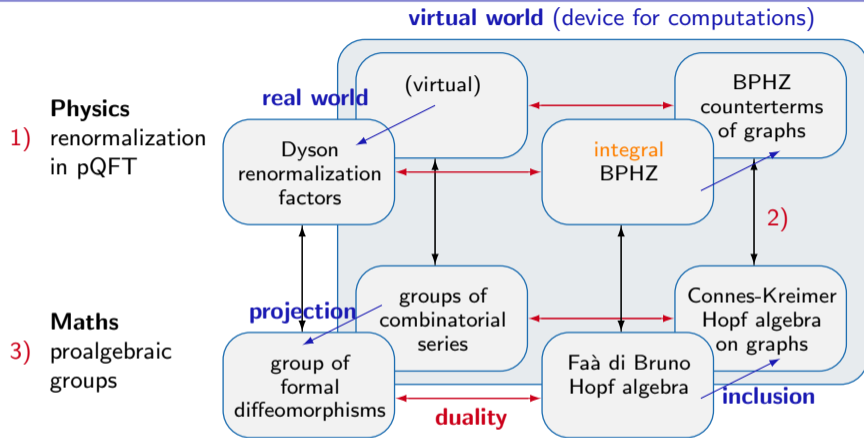
BPHZ '56 -'69  
recursion for  
counterterms on graphs

**Maths**  
proalgebraic  
groups

groups  
of combinatorial  
series

duality

Connes-Kreimer 2000  
Hopf algebra  
on graphs



**Pb:** **duality** holds iff amplitudes **commutative**, but in QED and QCD amplitudes are matrices.

4) Extend **duality** to **non-commutative** algebras.

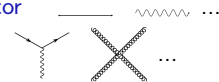
5) When **duality fails with groups**, extend to **loops** = **non-associative groups**.

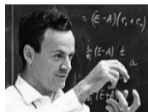
# 1) QFT: quantum corrections and virtual particles


- **Problems in QED** [1930's]: QM predictions on **electron mass** and **charge** need **corrections!**

- **Feynman graphs** [1948]:  $\mathcal{L}(\phi; \lambda) = \mathcal{L}_0(\phi) + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{int}(\phi)$ 

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}_0 \text{ gives free propagator} \\ \mathcal{L}_{int} \text{ gives vertices} \end{array} \right.$





⇒ Feynman graphs  $\Gamma$ , e.g. for  $\phi^3$ :  with **amplitude**  $a(\Gamma) =$  integral over internal points with Feynman rules.

- **Green functions:**

$$G^{(k)}(x_1, \dots, x_k; \lambda) = \text{diagram of a circle with k external lines} = \sum_{E(\Gamma)=k} a(\Gamma; x_1, \dots, x_k) \hbar^{L(\Gamma)} \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$

- **Formal series in  $\lambda$ :**  
 $A = \mathbb{C}, M_4(\mathbb{C}) \dots$   
 given by  $\mathcal{L}_0$

$$G^{(k)}(\lambda) = \sum_{n \geq 0} G_n^{(k)} \lambda^n \in A[\hbar][[\lambda]]$$

with

$$G_n^{(k)} = \sum_{\substack{V(\Gamma)=n \\ E(\Gamma)=k}} a(\Gamma) \hbar^{L(\Gamma)} \in A[\hbar]$$

## Renormalization

- Divergent graphs:**  $\text{p} \begin{array}{c} q \\ \circlearrowleft \\ p-q \end{array} \text{p} = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q^2 + m^2} \frac{1}{(p-q)^2 + m^2} \simeq \int_{|q|_{min}}^{\infty} d|q| \frac{1}{|q|} = \infty !$

**Counterterms**  $c(\Gamma) = -$  divergent part (scalar in  $A$ )

**Amplitudes**  $a^{ren}(\Gamma) = a(\Gamma) + c(\Gamma) + \text{subdivergencies} \implies \boxed{G^{ren}(\lambda) = \sum a^{ren}(\Gamma) \hbar^{L(\Gamma)} \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}}$

- Dyson formulas** [1949]: can collect  $c(\Gamma)$ 's in few series  $Z_i(\lambda)$  s.t.

for  $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \phi_0 = \phi Z_3(\lambda)^{1/2} \\ \lambda_0 = \lambda Z_1(\lambda) Z_3(\lambda)^{-3/2} \end{array}}$  get  $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}^{ren}(\phi; \lambda) = \mathcal{L}(\phi_0; \lambda_0) \\ G^{ren}(\lambda) = G(\lambda_0(\lambda)) Z_3(\lambda)^{-1/2} \end{array}}$



**Renormalization factors:**  $Z(\lambda) = 1 + O(\lambda) \implies$  invertible series with product

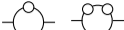
**Bare coupling:**  $\lambda_0(\lambda) = \lambda + O(\lambda^2) \implies$  formal diffeomorphism with substitution

- Ren. group** (perturbative) =  $\boxed{\text{bare coupling} \times \text{ren. factors}}$  contains  $(\lambda_0(\lambda), Z_i(\lambda))$

**Semidirect product**  $\boxed{(\lambda'_0, Z') \bullet (\lambda_0(\lambda), Z(\lambda)) = (\lambda'_0(\lambda_0(\lambda)), Z'(\lambda_0(\lambda)) Z(\lambda))}$

$\implies$  acts on  $G(\lambda)$  by Dyson's formula  $\boxed{G^{ren} = G \bullet (\lambda_0, Z)}$

## 2) Counterterms and Hopf algebras

- BPHZ formula** ['57-'69]: recurrence on 1PI divergent subgraphs 

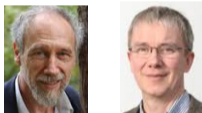
$$a^{ren}(\Gamma) = a(\Gamma) + c(\Gamma) + \sum_{(\gamma_i)} a(\Gamma_{/(\gamma_i)}) c(\gamma_1) \cdots c(\gamma_r)$$

$$c(\Gamma) = -\text{Taylor}^{div(\Gamma)} [a(\Gamma) + \sum_{(\gamma_i)} a(\Gamma_{/(\gamma_i)}) c(\gamma_1) \cdots c(\gamma_r)]$$

$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \subset \Gamma$   
1PI disjoint

- Hopf algebra on Feynman graphs:**

[Connes-Kreimer '98-2000]



$H_{CK} = \mathbb{C}[1PI \Gamma]$  free commutative product

$$\Delta(\Gamma) = \Gamma \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Gamma + \sum \Gamma_{/(\gamma_k)} \otimes \gamma_1 \cdots \gamma_r$$

$$S(\Gamma) = - \left[ \Gamma + \sum \Gamma_{/(\gamma_k)} S(\gamma_1) \cdots S(\gamma_r) \right]$$

Hopf algebra

multiplication  $m : H \otimes H \rightarrow H$   
unit  $u : \mathbb{K} \hookrightarrow H$

comultiplication  $\Delta : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$   
counit  $\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$   
antipode  $S : H \rightarrow H$

e.g.  $\Delta(\text{tadpole}) = \text{tadpole} \otimes 1 + 2 \text{tadpole} \otimes \text{circle} + \text{circle} \otimes (\text{circle})^2 + 1 \otimes \text{tadpole}$

amplitudes = algebra maps  $a, a^{ren} : H_{CK} \rightarrow A[\hbar]$  related to coproduct  $\Delta$

counterterms = algebra map  $c : H_{CK} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \subset A[\hbar]$  related to antipode  $S$

### 3) Groups of series with coefficients in a commutative algebra $A$

- **Proalgebraic group:**  
representable functor

$$G : Com \rightarrow Groups$$

$$A \mapsto G(A) = \text{Hom}_{Com}(H, A)$$

$H =$  coordinate ring of  $G$  gen. by  
coordinate functions  $x_n(g) := g(x_n)$

- **Duality:**  $H$  is a Hopf algebra with  $\Delta_H(x_n)(g, g') = x_n(gg')$   
 $G$  is the convolution group with  $gg' = m_A(g \otimes g')\Delta_H$

e.g.  $GL_n, SL_n, O_n \dots$

- **Formal diffeomorphisms:**

[Lagrange 1770, Faà di Bruno 1855]

$$\text{Diff}(A) = \left\{ a(\lambda) = \sum a_n \lambda^{n+1} \mid a_0 = 1, a_n \in A \right\}$$

$$(a \circ b)(\lambda) = a(b(\lambda))$$



- **Diffeomorphisms:**

[Connes-Kreimer 2000]:

$$\text{Diff}_{CK}(A) := \text{Hom}_{Com}(H_{CK}, A) = \left\{ a(\lambda) = \sum_{\Gamma} a_{\Gamma} \lambda^{\Gamma} \mid a_{\Gamma} \in A \right\}$$

$$(a \bullet b)(\lambda) = \sum_{\Gamma} \left( a_{\Gamma} + b_{\Gamma} + \sum_{\Gamma / (\gamma_k)} a_{\gamma_1} b_{\gamma_2} \dots b_{\gamma_r} \right) \lambda^{\Gamma}$$

“virtual” series!

“ $\lambda^{\Gamma}$ ” symbol

- **Virtual  $\rightarrow$  Real:** projection

$$\text{Diff}_{CK}(A) \rightarrow \text{Diff}(A), \lambda^{\Gamma} \mapsto \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$

- **In QFT:** need integral counterterms for

$$Z_k(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{E(\Gamma)=k} \frac{c_k(\Gamma)}{\text{sym}(\Gamma)} \lambda^{V(\Gamma)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Integral BPHZ!

## 4) Extension to non-commutative coefficients

- Renormalization ruled by **functors**  $\text{Diff}$  and  $\text{Diff}_{\text{CK}}$ : **same procedure** for all QFTs! *All?*
- **Fermions** and **gauge bosons**: need **non commutative** algebra  $A[\hbar]$  (at least  $M_4(\mathbb{C})$ ), but **the functors**  $\text{Diff}, \text{Diff}_{\text{CK}} : \text{Com} \rightarrow \text{Groups}$  **do not apply to  $\mathcal{A}$ s!**
- QED given by a **commutative** Hopf algebra via matrix coefficients [Van Suijlekom 2007] but **not functorial** in  $A$  (i.e.  $\bullet \neq$  convolution of  $\Delta_{\text{CK}}$ )!
- QED also given by **non-commutative FdB Hopf algebra** [Brouder-F-Krattenthaler 2006]:



$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}} &= \mathbb{K}\langle x_n \mid n \geq 1 \rangle \quad (x_0 = 1) \\ \Delta_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}}(x_n) &= \sum_{m+k_0+\dots+k_m=n} x_m \otimes x_{k_0} \cdots x_{k_m} \end{aligned}$$



- **Can we extend**  $\text{Diff}$  **to a functor** on **associative** (non-commutative) algebras?

**Not for free!** If  $H$  and  $A$  are **non-commutative**, the convolution product

$$a * b = m_A (a \otimes b) \Delta_H \quad \text{in} \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}s}(H, A)$$

**is not well defined** because  $m_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  **is not an algebra morphism!** (old problem)



# Groups of series with coefficients in a non-commutative algebra $A$

- Idea:** in  $\mathcal{A}s$  replace the **tensor algebra**  $A \otimes B$  with product  $(a \otimes b) \cdot (a' \otimes b') = aa' \otimes bb'$

by **free product**  $A \amalg B = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \left[ \underbrace{A \otimes B \otimes A \otimes \dots}_n \oplus \underbrace{B \otimes A \otimes B \otimes \dots}_n \right]$  with  $(a \otimes b) \cdot (a' \otimes b') = a \otimes b \otimes a' \otimes b'$

Then  $m_A : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  lifts to a **folding map**  $\mu_A : A \amalg A \rightarrow A$  which is an **algebra map**!

- Cogroup in  $\mathcal{A}s$**  [Kan 1958, Eckmann-Hilton 1962] = associative algebra  $H$  with

comultiplication	$\Delta^H : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	coass.
counit	$\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$	+ prop
antipode	$S : H \rightarrow H$	+ prop



$\implies$  proalgebraic group  $G(A) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}s}(H, A)$  with  $a * b = \mu_A(a \amalg b) \Delta^H$

- Group of invertible series:**

[Brouder-F-Krattenthaler 2006]

$$\text{Inv}(A)$$

$\iff$

$$H = \mathbb{K}\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle$$

$$\Delta^H(x_n) = \sum x_m \otimes x_{n-m}$$

**Non-commutative symmetric functions**

$\implies$  **good model** for **renormalization factors**  $Z(\lambda)$  in QFT!

## 5) When groups fail: use loops!

- **Problem:** if  $A$  is **not commutative**,

the composition in  $\text{Diff}(A)$  is **not associative**:  $\left((a \circ b) \circ c - a \circ (b \circ c)\right)(\lambda) = (a_1 b_1 c_1 - a_1 c_1 b_1) \lambda^4 + \dots \neq 0$

- **Loop** [Moufang 1935] = set  $Q$  with

	multiplication	$a \cdot b$	(not nec. assoc.)
	unit	$1$	+ prop.
	left and right divisions	$a \backslash b \quad a / b$	+ prop.
$\Rightarrow$	left and right inverse of $a$	$1 / a \quad a \backslash 1$	+ prop.



so that  $a \cdot x = b$  and  $y \cdot a = b$  have unique solutions  $x = a \backslash b, y = b / a \in Q$

- **Associative loops** = groups

$$1/a = a \backslash 1 = a^{-1} \quad a \backslash b = a^{-1} \cdot b \quad a/b = a \cdot b^{-1}$$

- **Smallest non-associative smooth loop:**  $\mathbb{S}^7 = \{\text{unit octonions}\}$  ( $\Rightarrow$  2-qbits, Hopf fibration)

- **Thm.** [Sabinin 1977, 1981, 1986] On a manifold  $M$  with affine connection: parallel transport along small geodesics gives a local smooth loop structure. Flat connection  $\Rightarrow$  global loop.

- **Infinitesimal spaces:** given by Sabinin algebras (and Malt'sev algebras for Moufang loops). Differential calculus developed on smooth loops.

# Loops of series with coefficients in a non-commutative algebra $A$

- **Coloop** in  $\mathcal{A}s =$  algebra  $H$  with

[F-Shestakov 2019]

comultiplication	$\Delta^{\text{II}} : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	(not nec. coass.)
counit	$\varepsilon : H \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$	+ prop
codivisions	$\delta_l, \delta_r : H \rightarrow H \amalg H$	+ prop
$\Rightarrow$ antipodes	$S_l, S_r : H \rightarrow H$	+ prop



$\Rightarrow$  proalgebraic **loop**

$$Q(A) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}s}(H, A)$$

with

$$a * b = \mu_A(a \amalg b) \Delta^{\text{II}}_H$$

- **Loop of formal diffeomorphisms:**

[F-Shestakov 2019]

$$\text{Diff}(A)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$H = \mathbb{K}\langle x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle \quad \Delta^{\text{II}}(x_n) = \Delta_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}}(x_n)$$

$$\delta_r(x_n) = \text{non-commutative Lagrange}$$

$$\delta_l(x_n) = \text{new explicit formula (very complicated)}$$

- **Thm.** In  $\text{Diff}(A)$  inverse is unique and  $a/b(\lambda) = a \circ b^{-1}(\lambda)$  (while  $a \setminus b(\lambda) \neq a^{-1} \circ b(\lambda)!$ )

$\Rightarrow$  **Dyson renormalization formulas make sense!** cf. **Birkhoff dec.**  $G = G^{\text{ren}} \bullet (\lambda_0, Z)^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow$  **good model** for **charge renormalization**  $\lambda_0(\lambda)$  in QFT!

### Conclusion:

- In pQFT, renormalization group (RG) acts as a **functor** (via Hopf alg.): **same procedure** for any **scalar QFT**.
- RG action can be **extended as a functor to non-scalar QFTs**, **if forget associativity** (modify flow equations). Possible because Diff is a **non-associative loop with extra properties** for which **the RG action makes sense**.

### Perspectives:

- Proalgebraic groups and loops exist on **associative, alternative, non-associative algebras** (in particular **unitary matrices**): explore **applications in maths and physics**.
- **Unitary loops on octonions** are used to generalise gauge groups [Loginov 2003, Ootsuka-Tanaka-Loginov 2005]: explore the **compatibility with non-associative RG**.
- Develop **software** to compute with **free product** instead of tensor product.
- Compute a BPHZ **integral formula** for counterterms (PhD project: if you know candidates let me know).
- Explore **non-associative RG** in Wilson's approach: replace usual flow of ODE by **flow in smooth loops** (cf. [Lev Sabinin 1999]).

**Thank you for the attention!**

## Free product is necessary!

In the loop  $\text{Diff}(A)$ , we have  $1/a = a \setminus 1 =: a^{-1}$  and also  $a/b = a \circ b^{-1}$  but

$$a \setminus b \neq a^{-1} \circ b !$$

In the series  $a \setminus b$ , the coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} (a \setminus b)_3 &= b_3 - (2a_1b_2 + a_1b_1^2) + (5a_1^2b_1 + a_1b_1a_1 - 3a_2b_1) \\ &\quad - (5a_1^3 - 2a_1a_2 - 3a_2a_1 + a_3) \end{aligned}$$

contains the term  $a_1b_1a_1$  which can not be represented in the form

$$x(a) \otimes y(b) \in H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}} \otimes H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{nc}},$$

while it can be represented as

$$x_1(a) \otimes y_1(b) \otimes x_1(a) \in H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{II}} \amalg H_{\text{FdB}}^{\text{II}}.$$

This **justifies the need to replace  $\otimes$  by  $\amalg$**  in the coproduct and in the codivisions!