

Homotopy algebras and colour-kinematics duality

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Poincaré doesn't meddle with Lie

- We consider Yang–Mills (YM) theory

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^d x F^{a\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a, \quad F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g f_{bc}^a A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

- A_μ^a has two indices with a very different meaning: gauge index a (internal symmetry), Lorentz index μ (spacetime symmetry)
- Coleman–Mandula theorem says that is impossible to combine internal symmetries and spacetime symmetries in any but a trivial way

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What is the most general symmetry algebra \mathfrak{G} of a QFT that leaves its S matrix invariant?

Coleman–Mandula theorem (1967)

If we consider a theory with:

- \mathfrak{G} containing Poincaré algebra \mathfrak{p}
- finite number of particles with mass less than M , for every $M > 0$
- nontrivial S matrix that is an analytic function of s and t
- *other technical assumptions*

then $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{p} \oplus \mathfrak{g}$, with \mathfrak{g} a Lie algebra

Flash review of CK duality and double copy

- In general, we can write n-points L-loops YM amplitude as sums of trivalent graphs

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,L}^{\text{YM}} = \sum_i \int \prod_{l=1}^L d^d p_l \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{C_i N_i}{D_i}$$

- i ranges over all trivalent L -loops graphs
- C_i : colour factor, composed of gauge group structure constants
- N_i : kinematic factor, composed of Lorentz-invariant contractions of polarisations and momenta

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- Generalised gauge transformation

$$N_i \mapsto N_i + \Delta_i, \quad \sum_i \int \prod_{l=1}^L d^d p_l \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{C_i \Delta_i}{D_i} = 0$$

Bern–Carrasco–Johansson colour–kinematics duality (2008)

There is a choice of kinematic factors such that N_i s obey the same algebraic relations (e.g., Jacobi identity) of the correspondent C_i

- True at tree-level, conjectured for loop-level
- If true, it would allow us to compute gravity amplitudes from YM ones

Flash review of CK duality and double copy

Yang–Mills double copy

If **CK duality holds true**, replacing the colour factor with a copy of the kinematic factor in $\mathcal{A}_{n,L}^{\text{YM}}$ produces a $\mathcal{N} = 0$ supergravity amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,L}^{\text{YM}} = \sum_i \int \prod_{l=1}^L d^d p_l \frac{1}{s_i} \frac{\textcolor{red}{C}_i \textcolor{blue}{N}_i}{D_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{n,L}^{\mathcal{N}=0} = \sum_i \int \prod_{l=1}^L d^d p_l \frac{1}{s_i} \frac{\tilde{N}_i N_i}{D_i}$$

- All-loop statement, the problem is then to validate CK duality at loop level
- Until now, on-shell scattering amplitude approach: an off-shell Lagrangian realisation of colour-kinematics duality and double copy could solve the all-loop conundrum 📁 [Leron's talk](#)
- Homotopy algebras provide a natural setting for colour–kinematics factorisation and Lagrangian double copy

- Informally, homotopy algebras are generalizations of classical algebras (e.g., associative, Lie) where the respective structural identities (e.g., associativity, Jacobi identity) hold up to homotopies

Classical algebra	Homotopy algebra
Associative algebra	A_∞ -algebra
Associative commutative algebra	C_∞ -algebra
Lie algebra	L_∞ -algebra

- Homotopy structures are ubiquitous in Physics: while homotopy algebras emerged in the context of string field theory, they were later recognized as underlying structures of every Lagrangian field theory

BV formalism: motivations

- Batalin–Vilkovisky (BV) formalism is the bridge between (quantum) field theories and homotopy algebras
- To quantize a classical theory means to make sense of the path integral

$$\int_{\mathfrak{F}} \mu_{\mathfrak{F}}(\Phi) e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\Phi]}$$

- Standard approach: BRST formalism
- If the symmetries close off-shell, then BRST formalism is enough for quantization

- In the case of open symmetries, BRST complex is a complex only up to e.o.m.
- The BV quantisation is a sophisticated machinery, that allows us to gauge-fix and quantize these complicated field theories
- We extend the BRST complex, doubling the field content of the theory

$$\mathfrak{F}_{\text{BV}} = T^*[1]\mathfrak{F}_{\text{BRST}}$$

- Fields Φ^A are local coordinates on $\mathfrak{F}_{\text{BRST}}$, antifields Φ_A^+ are fibre coordinates. As a cotangent bundle, \mathfrak{F}_{BV} comes with a natural symplectic structure and Poisson brackets $\{-, -\}$

- We extend Q_{BRST} and S_{BRST} to Q_{BV} and S_{BV} , requiring

$$Q_{\text{BV}}|_{\mathfrak{g}_{\text{BRST}}} = Q_{\text{BRST}}, \quad Q_{\text{BV}} = \{S_{\text{BV}}, -\}$$

$$Q_{\text{BV}}S_{\text{BV}} = \{S_{\text{BV}}, S_{\text{BV}}\} = 0$$

the latter is known as *BV master equation*

- The differential algebra of the BV formalism dualizes to a codifferential coalgebra, that can be equivalently described as an L_∞ -algebra

BV formalism: gauge-fixing and quantization

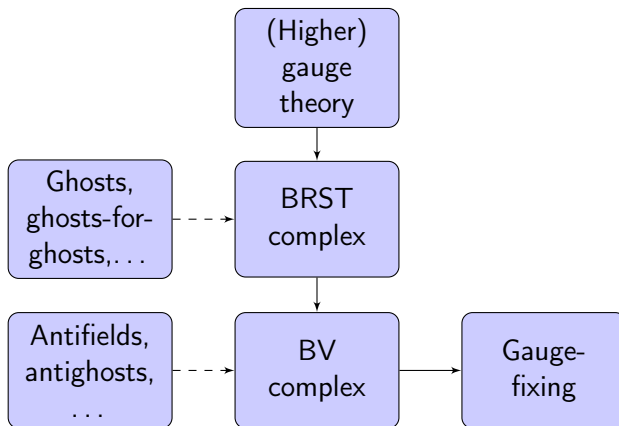
- Before quantization: imposing gauge-fixing in the BV formalism
- Gauge-fixing S_{BV} means evaluating it on an appropriate Lagrangian submanifold of \mathfrak{F}_{BV}
- We eliminate the antifields by introducing a gauge-fixing fermion Ψ :

$$\Phi_A^+ = \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi^A} \Psi$$

- Gauge-independence of the expectation values for observables: BV quantum master equation

$$\{S_{\text{BV}}^{\hbar}, S_{\text{BV}}^{\hbar}\} - 2i\hbar \Delta_{\text{BV}} S_{\text{BV}}^{\hbar} = 0$$

BV formalism: summary



The dual picture: L_∞ -algebras

- BRST and BV formalism introduce a differential Q on the graded commutative algebra of polynomial functions of fields, $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathfrak{F}[1])$
- This is an instance of an abstract geometrical construction, Q -vector spaces
- In the simplest case, we have an ordinary vector space \mathfrak{g} with basis e^a , and the most general degree 1 differential acting on $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathfrak{g}[1])$ is

$$Q\xi^a = -\frac{1}{2}f_{bc}^a \xi^b \xi^c,$$

where the coordinate functions ξ^a are basis for \mathfrak{g}^*

- Requiring $Q^2 = 0$ is equivalent to require Jacobi identity for f_{bc}^a , i.e. that f_{bc}^a are the structure constant of a Lie algebra with bracket $[e_b, e_c] = f_{bc}^a e_a$

The dual picture: L_∞ -algebras

- The differential algebra picture and the Lie algebra picture are easy to relate, introducing contracted coordinate functions

$$a = \xi^a \otimes e_a \in (\mathfrak{g}[1])^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}$$

$$Qa = (Q\xi^a) \otimes e_a = -\frac{1}{2} f_{bc}^a \xi^b \xi^c \otimes e_a = -\frac{1}{2} \xi^b \xi^c \otimes [e_b, e_c] = -\frac{1}{2} [a, a]$$

- More general vector fields: we consider now the graded vector space \mathfrak{F}_{BV}

$$a = \Phi^I \otimes e_I + \Phi_I^+ \otimes e^I \in (\mathfrak{F}_{BV}[1])^* \otimes \mathfrak{F}_{BV}$$

$$Qa = - \sum_i \frac{1}{i!} \mu_i(a, \dots, a)$$

- The multibrackets are multilinear, graded antisymmetric maps, called *higher products*

$$Qa = - \sum_i \frac{1}{i!} \mu_i(a, \dots, a)$$

- Requiring $Q^2 = 0$ is equivalent to require that $(\mathfrak{F}_{BV}, \mu_i)$ is an L_∞ -algebra
- An L_∞ -algebra is a graded vector space equipped with higher products, that satisfy a generalization of Jacobi identity
- Underlying every Lagrangian field theory is an L_∞ -algebra that encodes the whole classical theory (symmetries, fields, equations of motion, Noether identities. . .)

- Let $\mathfrak{L} := \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{L}_k$ be a \mathbb{Z} -graded vector space. Elements of \mathfrak{L}_k are said to be homogeneous and of degree k , and we shall denote the degree of a homogeneous element $\ell \in \mathfrak{L}$ by $|\ell| \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- Suppose there is a differential $\mu_1 : \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ of degree 1. This allows us to consider the chain complex

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{\mu_1} \mathfrak{L}_{-1} \xrightarrow{\mu_1} \mathfrak{L}_0 \xrightarrow{\mu_1} \mathfrak{L}_1 \xrightarrow{\mu_1} \cdots$$

- We equip this complex with products $\mu_i : \mathfrak{L} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}$ of degree $2 - i$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$, which are i -linear, graded antisymmetric and subject to the *homotopy Jacobi identity*

$$\sum_{i_1+i_2=i} \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sh}(i_1; i)} \pm \mu_{i_2+1}(\mu_{i_1}(\ell_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(i_1)}), \ell_{\sigma(i_1+1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(i)}) = 0$$

- The first three identities are:

$$\mu_1(\mu_1(\ell_1)) = 0 ,$$

$$\mu_1(\mu_2(\ell_1, \ell_2)) = \mu_2(\mu_1(\ell_1), \ell_2) \pm \mu_2(\ell_1, \mu_1(\ell_2)) ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_2(\mu_2(\ell_1, \ell_2), \ell_3) \pm \mu_2(\mu_2(\ell_2, \ell_3), \ell_1) \pm \mu_2(\mu_2(\ell_3, \ell_1), \ell_2) &= \\ = \mu_1(\mu_3(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3)) + \mu_3(\mu_1(\ell_1), \ell_2, \ell_3) + \\ \pm \mu_3(\ell_1, \mu_1(\ell_2), \ell_3) \pm \mu_3(\ell_1, \ell_2, \mu_1(\ell_3)) \end{aligned}$$

- We call (\mathfrak{L}, μ_i) an L_∞ -algebra

A_∞ - and C_∞ -algebras

- A graded vector space \mathfrak{A} , with degree 2 – i i -linear higher products $m_i : \mathfrak{A} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$, subject to the *homotopy associativity relations*

$$m_1(m_1(\ell_1)) = 0 ,$$

$$m_1(m_2(\ell_1, \ell_2)) = m_2(m_1(\ell_1), \ell_2) \pm m_2(\ell_1, m_1(\ell_2)) ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_1(m_3(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3)) + m_3(m_1(\ell_1), \ell_2, \ell_3) + \pm m_3(\ell_1, m_1(\ell_2), \ell_3) + \\ \pm m_3(\ell_1, \ell_2, m_1(\ell_3)) = m_2(m_2(\ell_1, \ell_2), \ell_3) + m_2(\ell_1, m_2(\ell_2, \ell_3)) \\ \dots \end{aligned}$$

We call (\mathfrak{A}, m_i) an A_∞ -algebra

- If in addition m_i satisfy *homotopy commutativity relations*

$$m_2(\ell_1, \ell_2) = \pm m_2(\ell_2, \ell_1)$$

$$m_3(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) \pm m_3(\ell_1, \ell_3, \ell_2) \pm m_3(\ell_3, \ell_1, \ell_2) = 0$$

...

(\mathfrak{A}, m_i) is a C_∞ -algebra

Morphisms of L_∞ -algebras

A morphism of L_∞ -algebras is a collection ϕ of i -linear totally graded antisymmetric maps $\phi_i : \mathfrak{L} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{L}'$ of degree $1 - i$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j+k=i} \sum_{\sigma \in \bar{\text{Sh}}(j;i)} (\pm 1) \times \phi_{k+1}(\mu_j(\ell_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(j)}), \ell_{\sigma(j+1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{k_1+\dots+k_j=i} \sum_{\sigma \in \bar{\text{Sh}}(k_1, \dots, k_{j-1}; i)} (\pm 1) \times \\ & \quad \times \mu'_j(\phi_{k_1}(\ell_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(k_1)}), \dots, \phi_{k_j}(\ell_{\sigma(k_1+\dots+k_{j-1}+1)}, \dots, \ell_{\sigma(i)})) \end{aligned}$$

If ϕ_1 is invertible, then ϕ is called an *isomorphism*. If ϕ_1 induces an isomorphism of cohomology rings $H_{\mu_1}^\bullet(\mathfrak{L}) \cong H_{\mu_1}^\bullet(\mathfrak{L}')$, then ϕ is called a *quasi-isomorphism*

We say that \mathfrak{L} is a *cyclic* L_∞ -algebra if it is endowed with a non-degenerate bilinear graded symmetric pairing $\langle -, - \rangle : \mathfrak{L} \times \mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of degree k which is cyclic in the sense of

$$\langle \ell_1, \mu_i(\ell_2, \dots, \ell_{i+1}) \rangle = \pm \langle \ell_{i+1}, \mu_i(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_i) \rangle$$

Example

- Vector space: $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$
- Higher products: $\mu_i = 0$ for $i \neq 2$, $\mu_2(\ell_1, \ell_2) = [\ell_1, \ell_2]$
- Cyclic structure: $\langle \ell_1, \ell_2 \rangle = \text{Tr}(\ell_1^\dagger \ell_2)$

- Given an L_∞ -algebra (\mathfrak{L}, m_i) , we call an element of degree 1, $a \in \mathfrak{L}_1$, a *gauge potential*
- We define the *curvature* of a by

$$f = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{i!} \mu_i(a, \dots, a) \in \mathfrak{L}_2.$$

- The curvature f obeys the *Bianchi identity*

$$\sum_{i \geq 0} \pm \frac{1}{i!} \mu_{i+1}(f, a, \dots, a) = 0$$

Maurer–Cartan (MC) homotopy theory

- a is a MC element if it satisfies the MC equation $f = 0$
- The MC equation is variational whenever $(\mathfrak{L}, \mu_i, \langle -, - \rangle)$ is a cyclic L_∞ -algebra. The MC action is given by

$$S = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{(i+1)!} \langle a, \mu_i(a, \dots, a) \rangle$$

- Infinitesimal gauge transformations are mediated by degree 0 elements $c_0 \in \mathfrak{L}_0$

$$\delta_{c_0} a = \sum_{i \geq 0} \frac{1}{i!} \mu_{i+1}(a, \dots, a, c_0)$$

- The gauge parameters $c_0 \in \mathfrak{L}_0$ may enjoy gauge freedom themselves which is mediated by *next-to-lowest* gauge parameters $c_{-1} \in \mathfrak{L}_{-1}$ of degree -1 , and so on

Yang–Mills theory in the BV formalism

- Extend YM action with antifields (A^+, c^+) and trivial pairs $(b, \bar{c}^+, b^+, \bar{c})$

$$S_{\text{BV}}^{\text{YM}} = \int_{\mathbb{M}^d} d^d x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + A_\mu^{+a} (\nabla^\mu c)^a + \frac{g}{2} f_{bc}^a c^{+a} c^b c^c + b^a \bar{c}^{+a} \right\}$$

- We can formulate YM theory as the Maurer–Cartan homotopy theory associated to a cyclic L_∞ -algebra $(\mathfrak{L}, \mu_i, \langle -, - \rangle)$

$$S_{\text{MC}}[a] = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{(i+1)!} \langle a, \mu_i(a, \dots, a) \rangle$$

Yang–Mills theory in the BV formalism

Chain complex (μ_1)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \Omega^1(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{A_\mu^a} & \xrightarrow{\delta_\nu^\mu \square - \partial_\nu \partial^\mu} & \Omega^1(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{A_\mu^{+a}} & \\
 & \nearrow^{-\partial_\mu} & & \searrow^{-\partial^\mu} & \\
 \underbrace{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{c^a}}_{\mathcal{L}_0} & & \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{b^a} & & \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{b^{+a}} \\
 & & \searrow^{-1} \quad \nearrow^1 & & \\
 \underbrace{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\bar{c}^{+a}}}_{\mathcal{L}_1} & & \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{\bar{c}^a} & & \underbrace{\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{M}^d) \otimes \mathfrak{g}^{c^{+a}}}_{\mathcal{L}_3}
 \end{array}$$

Yang–Mills theory in the BV formalism

- Other non-vanishing higher products

$$\begin{aligned}[\mu_2(A, c)]^a &= g f_{bc}^a c^b c^c, \quad [\mu_2(A, c)]_\mu^a = -g f_{bc}^a A_\mu^b c^c \\[\mu_2(A^+, c)]_\mu^a &= -g f_{bc}^a A_\mu^{+b} c^c, \quad [\mu_2(c, c^+)]^a = g f_{bc}^a c^b c^{+c} \\[\mu_2(A, A)]_\mu^a &= -3! \kappa f_{bc}^a \partial^\nu (A_\nu^b A_\mu^c) \\[\mu_2(A, A^+)]^a &= 2g f_{bc}^a \left(\partial^\nu (A_\nu^b A_\mu^c) + 2A^{b\nu} \partial_{[\nu} A_{\mu]}^c \right) \\[\mu_3(A, A, A)]_\mu^a &= 3! g^2 f_{ed}^b f_{bc}^a A^{\nu c} A_\nu^d A_\mu^e\end{aligned}$$

- Cyclic structure

$$\begin{aligned}\langle A, A^+ \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{M}^d} d^d x A_\mu^a A^{+a\mu}, & \langle b, b^+ \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{M}^d} d^d x b^a b^{+a}, \\ \langle c, c^+ \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{M}^d} d^d x c^a c^{+a}, & \langle \bar{c}, \bar{c}^+ \rangle &= - \int_{\mathbb{M}^d} d^d x \bar{c}^a \bar{c}^{+a}\end{aligned}$$

Yang–Mills theory in the BV formalism

- Gauge-fixing: gauge-fixing fermion

$$\Psi = - \int d^d x \, \bar{c}_a (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a + \frac{\xi}{2} b^a) .$$

with ξ real parameter

- Gauge-fixed action

$$S_{\text{YM}}^{\text{gf}} = \int d^d x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{a\mu\nu} F^{a\mu\nu} - \bar{c}_a \partial^\mu (\nabla_\mu c)^a + \frac{\xi}{2} b_a b^a + b_a \partial^\mu A_\mu^a \right\}$$

$$S_{\text{YM}}^{\text{gf}} = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_{a\mu} \square A^{a\mu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 - \bar{c}_a \square c^a + \frac{\xi}{2} b_a b^a + b_a \partial^\mu A_\mu^a \right\} + S_{\text{YM}}^{\text{int}}$$

Structural theorems for L_∞ -algebras

Definitions

We call an L_∞ -algebra

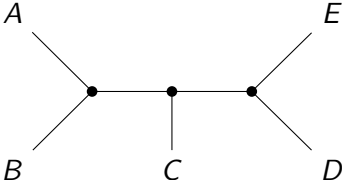
- *minimal*, if $\mu_1 = 0$
- *strict*, if $\mu_i = 0$ for $i > 2$, i.e. if it is a differential graded Lie algebra

Theorems

- *Minimal model theorem*. Every (cyclic) L_∞ -algebra is quasi-isomorphic to a minimal (cyclic) L_∞ -algebra
- *Strictification theorem*. Every (cyclic) L_∞ -algebra is quasi-isomorphic to a strict (cyclic) L_∞ -algebra


Analogous definitions and results apply to (cyclic) A_∞ - and C_∞ -algebras

- Every perturbative Lagrangian field theory is equivalent to a theory with only cubic interactions (*strictification*)

$$f_{ab}{}^f f_{fcg} f_{de}{}^g A^a B^b C^c D^d E^e \iff$$


- A quintic interaction term $f_{ab}{}^f f_{fcg} f_{de}{}^g A^a B^b C^c D^d E^e$ can be strictified inserting auxiliary fields, and it is equivalent to

$$\bar{G}_{1a} G_1^a + \bar{G}_{2a} G_2^a + f_{ab}{}^f A^a B^b \bar{G}_{1f} + f_{fcg} G_1^f C^c G_2^g + f_{de}{}^g \bar{G}_{2g} D^d E^e$$

- Yang–Mills action can be cast in a cubic, CK-dual form  [Leron's talk](#)
- Consider the associated strict L_∞ -algebra \mathfrak{L}^{st} : it factorize into the gauge algebra \mathfrak{g} and a strict C_∞ -algebra \mathfrak{C}^{st}

$$\mathfrak{L}^{\text{st}} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{C}^{\text{st}}$$

- \mathfrak{C}^{st} contains binary bracket m_2 of degree 0

$$m_2 : \text{field} \times \text{field} \rightarrow \text{antifield}$$

- Kinematic algebra: we want to define a new bracket of degree -1: extend \mathfrak{C}^{st} to a BV^\blacksquare -algebra

A graded vector space \mathfrak{B} , equipped with

- Hodge triple (d, h, \blacksquare)

$$\text{fields} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d} \\ \xleftarrow{h} \end{array} \text{antifields}$$

$$d^2 = 0, \quad h^2 = 0, \quad dh + hd = \blacksquare$$

- graded commutative product m_2 of degree 0
- a new product $\{-, -\}$ of degree -1

$$\{v_1, v_2\} = hm_2(v_1, v_2) - m_2(h(v_1), v_2) - (-1)^{|v_1|} m_2(v_1, h(v_2))$$

- and more technical stuff

A strictified gauge field theory with L_∞ -algebra \mathfrak{L}^{st} is manifestly CK-dual if and only if there is a factorisation $\mathfrak{L}^{\text{st}} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{C}^{\text{st}}$ such that \mathfrak{C}^{st} can be enhanced to a BV^\blacksquare -algebra.

Double copy

YM theory: $\mathcal{L}^{\text{st}} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{B}$. Naively: we want to replace \mathfrak{g} with a copy of \mathfrak{B}

- In the factorization $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{C}$, \mathfrak{g} can be thought as a BV^{\blacksquare} -algebra
- Tensor product between associative, commutative and Lie algebras

\otimes	Ass	Com	Lie
Ass	Ass	Ass	—
Com	Ass	Com	Lie
Lie	—	Lie	—

- For two compatible algebras $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$

$$m_2^{\mathfrak{A} \otimes \mathfrak{B}}(a_1 \otimes b_1, a_2 \otimes b_2) = m_2^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_1, a_2) \otimes m_2^{\mathfrak{B}}(b_1, b_2)$$

- BV^{\blacksquare} -algebras contain differential graded Lie algebras: we should be careful when we define tensor product!


- There is a notion of tensor product between two BV^\blacksquare -algebras

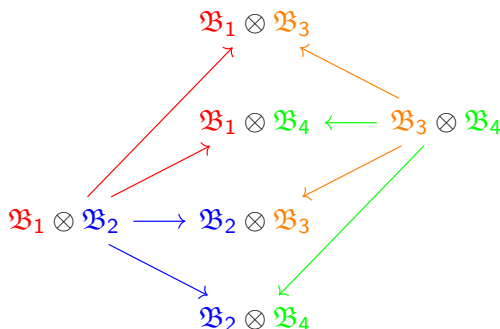
$$\mathfrak{L} \subset \mathfrak{B}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{B}_2$$

- Inspired by string theory: $\mathcal{H}_{\text{closed}} = \mathcal{H}_{\text{open}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{open}}$
- Section condition: states $|p, \dots\rangle \otimes |p, \dots\rangle$
- Level matching: $(b_0 - \tilde{b}_0)|\psi\rangle = 0, (L_0 - \tilde{L}_0)|\psi\rangle = 0$
- String theory: Hodge triple $d = Q_{\text{BRST}}, h = b_0, \blacksquare = L_0$

- Field theory: Hodge triple $d = m_1$, $h = [1]$, $\blacksquare = \square$
- Tensor product $\mathfrak{B}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{B}_2$: implementation of section condition and level matching
- Double copy is readily interpreted in terms of tensor product of BV^\blacksquare -algebras

Double copy

- A strictified field theory with L_∞ -algebra \mathfrak{L}^{st} is manifestly CK-dual if and only if it factorizes into a tensor product of BV^\blacksquare -algebras
- Given two BV^\blacksquare -algebras, tensor product combines them into a differential graded algebra: *syngamy*  [Leron's talk](#)



- Mathematical formulation of kinematic algebra, CK duality and double copy in terms of homotopy algebras
- Lagrangian incarnation of CK duality and double copy
- Casting an action into CK-dual form [👍 [Leron's talk](#)]: homotopy algebra interpretation
- Generalization to the non-strict case: $BV_{\infty}^{\blacksquare}$ -algebras
- Computational efficiency?
- Link to string theory

Thank you for listening!