

# On confluence relation

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# Section 1:

## Confluence relation by Hirose and Sato

# Setup

Let  $z \neq 0, 1 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$$\mathcal{A}_z = \mathbb{Q}\langle e_0, e_z, e_1 \rangle$$

$\cup$

$$\mathcal{A}_z^1 = \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathcal{A}_z e_1 \oplus \mathcal{A}_z e_z$$

$\cup$

$$\mathcal{A}_z^0 = \mathbb{Q} \oplus \mathbb{Q}e_z \oplus \bigoplus_{a=0,z} \bigoplus_{b=1,z} e_a \mathcal{A}_z e_b$$

$\cup$

$$\mathcal{A}_z^{-1} = \mathbb{Q}\langle e_z \rangle \cdot \mathcal{A}_z^{-2}$$

$\cup$

$$\mathcal{A}_z^{-2} = \mathbb{Q} \oplus e_0 \mathcal{A}_z e_1 \oplus e_0 \mathcal{A}_z e_z$$

Put  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Q}\langle e_0, e_1 \rangle$  and set  $\mathcal{A}^i = \mathcal{A}_z^i \cap \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, 0$ ).

# Standard relations

**Const** :  $\mathcal{A}_z \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ : alg. hom. by  $e_a \mapsto \begin{cases} e_a & a = 0, 1, \\ 0 & a = z. \end{cases}$

$\partial_{z,\alpha} : \mathcal{A}_z \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_z$ : lin.map ( $\alpha \in \{0, z, 1\}$ ) defined by

$$\partial_{z,\alpha}(e_{a_n} \cdots e_{a_1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\delta_{\{a_i, a_{i+1}\}, \{z, \alpha\}} - \delta_{\{a_{i-1}, a_i\}, \{z, \alpha\}}) e_{a_n} \cdots \check{e}_{a_i} \cdots e_{a_1}$$

with  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_{n+1} = 1$ .

**$\mathcal{J}_{ST}$**  :=  $\{w \in \mathcal{A}_z^0 \mid \text{Const}(\partial_{z,\alpha_1} \cdots \partial_{z,\alpha_r} w) = 0$   
for  $r \geq 0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \{0, 1\}\}$ .

An element of  $\mathcal{J}_{ST}$  is called a **standard relation**.

# Iterated integral map

$L : \mathcal{A}_z^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\{\text{holomorphic functions on } z\}$

$$e_{a_n} \cdots e_{a_1} \mapsto \int_{0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n < 1} \frac{dt_n}{t_n - a_n} \wedge \cdots \wedge \frac{dt_1}{t_1 - a_1}$$

Proposition([HS]):

$$L(\mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

**Question:** How can we derive relations among MZV from  $\mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}}$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{A}_z^0 & \xrightarrow{L} & \{\text{hol. fcn. on } z\} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \mathcal{A}^0 & \xrightarrow{L} & \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

# Confluence relations

$\lambda : (\mathcal{A}_z^0, \sqcup) \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}^0, \sqcup)$ : alg.hom is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_z^0 &\xleftarrow[\simeq]{\sqcup} \mathcal{A}_z^{-2} \otimes (\mathcal{A}_z^0 \cap \mathbb{Q}\langle e_1, e_z \rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \tau_z} \mathcal{A}_z^{-2} \otimes (\mathcal{A}_z^0 \cap \mathbb{Q}\langle e_0, e_z \rangle) \xrightarrow{\sqcup} \\ \mathcal{A}_z^{-1} &\xleftarrow[\simeq]{\sqcup} \mathbb{Q}\langle e_z \rangle \otimes \mathcal{A}_z^{-2} \xrightarrow{\text{Const} \otimes \text{id}} \mathcal{A}_z^{-2} \xrightarrow{e_z=e_1} \mathcal{A}^0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau_z : (\mathcal{A}_z, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathcal{A}_z, \cdot)$  is anti-automor. st. 
$$\begin{cases} e_0 \mapsto e_z - e_1, \\ e_1 \mapsto e_z - e_0, \\ e_z \mapsto e_z. \end{cases}$$

Definition:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{CF}} := \lambda(\mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}})$$

An element of  $\mathcal{J}_{\text{CF}}$  is called a **confluence relation**.

# Results of Hirose and Sato

Theorem ([HS]):

- $L(\mathcal{J}_{\text{CF}}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
- Confluence relations imply the double shuffle relations.

Conjecture ([HS]):

Confluence relations might exhaust all the relations among MZVs.



# Section 2:

## Associator relation is equivalent to Confluence relation

# Review: Associator

Definition ([Drinfeld,'91] and [F,'10]):

An **associator** is a pair  $(\mu, \varphi)$  with  $\mu \in \mathbb{K}^\times$  ( $\mathbb{K}$ : a field of  $\text{ch} = 0$ ) and a series  $\varphi(f_0, f_1) \in \mathbb{K}\langle\langle f_0, f_1 \rangle\rangle = \widehat{U\mathfrak{f}_2}$  satisfying the following **associator relations**

- $\varphi \in \exp[\widehat{\mathfrak{f}_2}, \widehat{\mathfrak{f}_2}]$ ,
- $(\varphi|f_0f_1) = \frac{\mu^2}{24}$ ,
- $\varphi_{345}\varphi_{512}\varphi_{234}\varphi_{451}\varphi_{123} = 1$  in  $\widehat{U\mathfrak{B}_5}$ ,

where  $\mathfrak{B}_5$  is the Lie algebra generated by  $t_{ij}$  ( $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}/5$ ) with the relations

- $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$ ,  $t_{ii} = 0$ ,  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}/5} t_{ij} = 0$  ( $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}/5$ ),
- $[t_{ij}, t_{kl}] = 0$  for  $\{i, j\} \cap \{k, l\} = \emptyset$ .

# Main Theorem : Associator $\iff$ Confluence

Regard  $U\mathfrak{f}_2 = \mathbb{Q}\langle f_0, f_1 \rangle$  with the dual of  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Q}\langle e_0, e_1 \rangle$  by the pairing  $\langle e_i | f_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$  for  $i, j = 0, 1$ .

Theorem (by F)

*Let  $\varphi \in \exp[\hat{\mathfrak{f}}_2, \hat{\mathfrak{f}}_2]$ . Then it is an associator if and only if it satisfies the confluence relations, i.e.  $\langle l | \varphi \rangle = 0$  for any  $l \in \mathcal{J}_{CF}$ .*

Corollary (by F)

$GRT_1 = \{\varphi \in \exp[\hat{\mathfrak{f}}_2, \hat{\mathfrak{f}}_2] \mid \langle l | \varphi \rangle = 0 \text{ for } l \in \mathcal{J}_{CF} \text{ or } l = e_0 e_1\}$ .

# preparation: Bar construction

Let  $(A^\bullet = \bigoplus_{q=0}^{\infty} A^q, d)$  be DGA.

Its **reduced bar complex** is given by

$$\bar{B}^\bullet(A) := \bigoplus_{r=0}^{\infty} (\bar{A}^\bullet)^{\otimes r}$$

with  $\bar{A}^\bullet = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} \bar{A}^i$  where  $\bar{A}^0 = A^1/dA^0$  and  $\bar{A}^i = A^{i+1}$ .

It forms a **CDGHA** with the deconcatenation coproduct and the differential

$$d = d_{\text{int}} + d_{\text{ext}}$$

$$d_{\text{int}}[a_1 | \cdots | a_k] = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i [Ja_1 | \cdots | Ja_{i-1} | da_i | a_{i+1} | \cdots | a_k]$$

$$d_{\text{ext}}[a_1 | \cdots | a_k] = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} [Ja_1 | \cdots | Ja_{i-1} | Ja_i \cdot a_{i+1} | a_{i+2} | \cdots | a_k],$$

where  $Ja = (-1)^{p-1}a$  for  $a \in \bar{A}^p$ .

# Step 1: Moduli spaces

$$\mathcal{M}_{0,4} := \text{Conf}_4(\mathbb{P}^1)/\text{PGL}(2) \simeq \{z \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid z \neq 0, 1, \infty\}$$

$$(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \leftrightarrow (0, z, 1, \infty)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{0,5} := \text{Conf}_5(\mathbb{P}^1)/\text{PGL}(2) \simeq \{(z, w) \in (\mathbb{P}^1)^2 \mid z, w \neq 0, 1, \infty, z \neq w\}$$

$$(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5) \leftrightarrow (0, w, z, 1, \infty)$$

$$\mathcal{X}(z) := \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, z, \infty\} = \{w \in \mathbb{P}^1 \mid w \neq 0, z, 1, \infty\}$$

$$\mathcal{B} := H^0 \bar{B} \left( \Omega_{\text{DR}}^\bullet(\mathcal{M}_{0,5}) \right) \simeq U\mathfrak{P}_5^*$$

$$\mathcal{A} \simeq H^0 \bar{B} \left( \Omega_{\text{DR}}^\bullet(\mathcal{M}_{0,4}) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_z \simeq H^0 \bar{B} \left( \Omega_{\text{DR}}^\bullet(\mathcal{X}(z)) \right)$$

$\text{pr}_2 : \mathcal{M}_{0,5} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{0,4}$ : univ family with the fiber  $\mathcal{X}(z)$  at  $z$

$$\text{dec}_2 : \mathcal{B} \simeq \mathcal{A}_z \otimes \mathcal{A} \quad j_2 : \mathcal{A}_z \hookrightarrow \mathcal{B}$$

## Step 2: Upgrade Hirose-Sato's techniques

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathcal{B}^1 & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{B} & , & \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\text{Const}}} \mathcal{A} & , & \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\partial}_{z,\alpha}} \mathcal{B} \quad (\alpha = 0, 1) \\
 \uparrow j_2 & & \uparrow j_2 & & \uparrow j_2 & & \parallel & & \uparrow j_2 & & \uparrow j_2 \\
 \mathcal{A}_z^1 & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_z & & \mathcal{A}_z \xrightarrow{\text{Const}} \mathcal{A} & & & & \mathcal{A}_z \xrightarrow{\partial_{z,\alpha}} \mathcal{A}_z
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}} = \{w \in \mathcal{A}_z^0 \mid \text{Const}(\partial_{z,\alpha_1} \cdots \partial_{z,\alpha_r} w) = 0 \text{ for } r \geq 0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{\text{ST}} := \{w \in \mathcal{B}^1 \mid \widetilde{\text{Const}}(\tilde{\partial}_{z,\alpha_1} \cdots \tilde{\partial}_{z,\alpha_r} w) = 0 \text{ for } r \geq 0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \{0, 1\}\}.$$

### Lemma

- $\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{\text{ST}} \cap j_2(\mathcal{A}_z^0) = j_2(\mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}})$ .
- For any  $l \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{\text{ST}}$  and series  $\varphi$ ,  $\langle l | \varphi_{351} \rangle = 0$ .

## Step 3: Associator $\implies$ Confluence

Key Formula:

For any  $l \in \mathcal{A}_z^0$  and group-like series  $\varphi \in \mathbb{Q}\langle\langle f_0, f_1 \rangle\rangle$ ,

$$\langle \lambda(l) \mid \varphi \rangle = \langle j_2(l) \mid \varphi_{243}^{-1} \varphi_{215} \varphi_{534} \rangle$$

If  $\varphi$  is an associator,

$$= \langle j_2(l) \mid \varphi_{351} \varphi_{124} \rangle$$

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If  $l \in \mathcal{J}_{\text{ST}}$ , then  $j_2(l) \in \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{\text{ST}}$ . By  $\langle \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{\text{ST}} \mid \varphi_{351} \rangle = \mathbf{0}$ ,  
 $= \mathbf{0}$ .

## Step 4: Confluence $\implies$ Associator

Assume that  $\varphi$  satisfies the confluence relation.

Then by key formula, for any  $l \in \mathcal{J}_{ST}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= \langle j_2(l) | \varphi_{243}^{-1} \varphi_{215} \varphi_{534} \rangle = \langle j_2(l) | \varphi_{342} \varphi_{215} \varphi_{534} \rangle \\ &= \langle j_2(l) | \diamond \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\diamond := \varphi_{153} \varphi_{342} \varphi_{215} \varphi_{534} \varphi_{421}$ .

While we have  $\text{pr}_3(\diamond) = \text{pr}_4(\diamond) = \mathbf{1}$ .

By

$$\mathcal{J}_{ST}^\perp \cap \ker \text{pr}_3 \cap \ker \text{pr}_4 = \mathbf{1},$$

we have

$$\diamond = \mathbf{1}.$$

