

# THE HEISENBERG CATEGORY OF A CATEGORY

QUANTUM MECHANICS  $\rightsquigarrow$

INFINITE-DIMENSIONAL HEISENBERG ALGEBRA  $H_R$  ( $R$ -BASED FIELD  
CHAR  $R=0$ )

GENERATORS:  $a(n) \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a(0) = 1$

RELATIONS:  $[a(m), a(n)] = S_{n-m} m$

NB: WE CAN THINK OF  $H_R$  AS THE RING OF DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS  
ON  $R[x_1, x_2, \dots]$  VIA

$$a(n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}, \quad a(-n) = nx_n \quad \forall n > 0 \quad (+)$$

FOCK SPACE REPRESENTATION  $F_R$ :

$R[x_1, x_2, \dots]$  WITH  $H_R$  ACTING AS IN (+). IRREDUCIBLE, FAITHFUL

ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION OF  $H_R$ :

GENERATORS:  $p^{(n)}, q_r^{(n)} \quad n \geq 0$

RELATIONS:  $q_r^{(m)} p^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\min(m,n)} p^{(n-i)} q_r^{(m-i)}$

$$\text{e.g. } q_r^{(3)} p^{(2)} = p^{(2)} q_r^{(3)} + p^{(1)} q_r^{(2)} + q_r^{(1)}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^{(n)} z^n = \exp\left(\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{a(m)}{m} z^m\right)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} q_r^{(n)} z^n = \exp\left(\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{a(m)}{m} z^m\right)$$

$$p^{(n)} = a(n) \quad q_r^{(n)} = a(n)$$

IN THESE TERMS,  $F_R = H_R / \langle q_r^{(n)} \mid n \neq 0 \rangle$  LEFT IDEAL

HEISENBERG ALGEBRA  $H_M$  OF A LATTICE  $(M, x)$ :

$M$ : FREE ABELIAN GROUP OF FIN. RANK.

$x$ : BILINEAR FORM  $M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

$H_M$ : GENERATORS  $p_a^{(n)}, q_a^{(n)} \quad \forall a \in M, n \geq 0$

RELATIONS:  $\bullet p_a^{(0)} = q_a^{(0)} = 1$

$$\bullet p_{a+b}^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^n p_a^{(i)} p_b^{(n-i)} \quad \text{AND} \quad q_{a+b}^{(n)} = \sum_{i=0}^n q_a^{(i)} q_b^{(n-i)}$$

$$\bullet p_a^{(n)} p_b^{(m)} = p_b^{(m)} p_a^{(n)} \quad \text{AND} \quad q_a^{(n)} q_b^{(m)} = q_b^{(m)} q_a^{(n)}$$

$$\bullet \quad q_a^{(n)} p_b^{(m)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\min(n,m)} s^i(x(a,b)) p_b^{(m-i)} q_a^{(n-i)}$$

HERE  $s^i(r) = \frac{1}{i!} (r+i-1)(r+i-2)\dots r$   $\dim S^i \mathbb{P}^r \quad r > 0$

So if  $x(a,b) = 0$ ,  $q_a^{(n)}, p_b^{(m)}$  COMMUTE with  $q_b^{(m)}, p_a^{(n)}$

Thus  $H_R = H_Z$  with  $x(1,1) = 1$ .

### NARAJIMA-GROJSNOKSRI HEISENBERG ACTION (mid 90s):

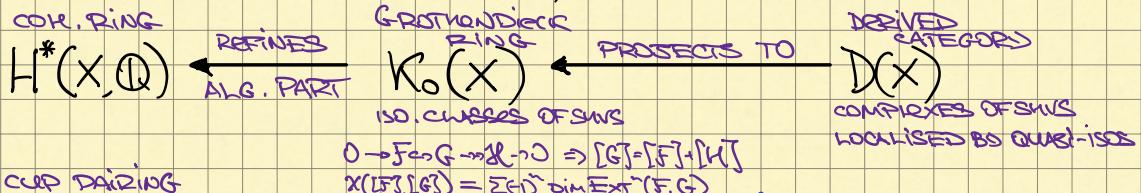
$X$  - SMOOTH PROJECTIVE SURFACE

$X^{[n]}$  - HILBERT SCHEME OF  $n$  POINTS ON  $X$  SMOOTH, RESIDES  $X^n/S_n$

### THEOREM (N, G, 90s):

$H_{H^*(X)}$  ACTS ON  $\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H^*(X^{[n]})$  IDENTIFYING IT WITH  $F_R H^*(X)$

THE CONSTRUCTION IS VERY GEOMETRIC, SUGGESTING IT SHOULD LIFT TO:



### KRUG'S SYMMETRIC QUOTIENT STACK ACTION (2015):

#### THEOREM (HAIMAN, BRIDGELAND-RING-REID ~2000):

$X$  - SMOOTH PROJECTIVE SURFACE.

$$D(X^{[n]}) \cong D^{S_n}(X^n) \cong D(S^n X) \quad S^n X := [X^n / S_n]$$

SYMMETRIC  
QUOTIENT  
STACK

S<sub>n</sub>-EQUIVARIANT  
DERIVED CAT.

#### THEOREM (KRUG, 2015):

$X$  - SMOOTH PROPER VARIETIES

$$H_{K_0(X)} \text{ ACTS ON } \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} K_0(S^n X)$$

KRUG'S ACTION IS CONSTRUCTED ON THE LEVEL OF DERIVED CATEGORIES, HOWEVER THERE IT IS ONLY A WEAK ACTION.

The Heisenberg relations only hold up to an isomorphism of functors.

## CATEGORIFICATION (AN OVERVIEW)

ALGEBRA  $A \rightsquigarrow$  MONOIDAL (ADDITIVE, ABELIAN, TRIAG) CATEGORY  $\mathcal{A}$   
with  $K_0(\mathcal{A}) \cong A$

"GENERATING OBJECTS OF A CATEGORIZED ELEMENTS OF  $A$ , MONOIDAL STRUCTURE"

CATEGORIZES THE PRODUCT, AND MORPHISMS OF  $A$  ENCODE  
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GENERATORS IN  $A$ "

$A$ -MODULE  $M \rightsquigarrow$  CATEGORIES  $\mathcal{M}$  AND A MONOIDAL FUNCTOR  
 $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$  SUCH THAT  $K_0(\mathcal{M}) \cong M$  IN  $A\text{-MOD}$ .

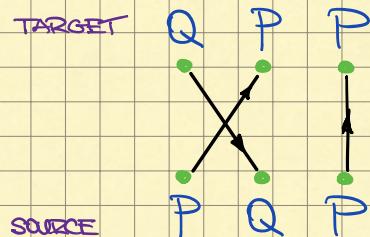
KHOVANOV'S CATEGORIFICATION OF  $H_k$  (2010):

DEFINE ADDITIVE,  $k$ -LINEAR MONOIDAL CATEGORIES  $\mathcal{H}_k$  BY:

$\mathcal{O}_k$  &  $\mathcal{H}_k$ : FINITE WORDS ON SYMBOLS  $P$  AND  $Q$  + DIRECT SUMS

MONOIDAL STRUCTURE: PRODUCT  $\otimes$  IS CONCATENATION  
IDENTITY  $1$  IS THE EMPTY WORD.

MORPHISMS: ORIENTED PLANAR DIAGRAMS, E.G.



UPWARDS ORIENTED AT  $P$  ENDPOINTS

DOWNTOWARDS ORIENTED AT  $Q$  ENDPOINTS

CONSIDERED UP TO ISOTOPS AND FOLLOWING RELATIONS:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \textcircled{1} \quad \text{Diagram: } Q \xrightarrow{\text{crossing}} Q = b_{QQ} \\
 \textcircled{2} \quad \text{Diagram: } Q \xrightarrow{\text{crossing}} Q = b_{QQ} \\
 \textcircled{3} \quad \text{Diagram: } P \xrightarrow{\text{crossing}} Q = b_{PQ} \\
 \textcircled{4} \quad \text{Diagram: } Q \xrightarrow{\text{crossing}} P = b_{QP} \\
 \textcircled{5} \quad \text{Diagram: } Q \xrightarrow{\text{circle}} Q = b_1 \\
 \textcircled{6} \quad \text{Diagram: } Q \xrightarrow{\text{circle}} Q = 0
 \end{array}$$

COMPOSITION: VERTICAL CONCATENATION

EXAMPLE: RELATIONS ③ - ⑥ ENSURE THAT

$$PQ \oplus 1$$

AND

$$QP$$

ARE MUTUALLY INVERSE ISOMORPHISMS. THUS IN  $K_0(\mathcal{H}_R)$  WE HAVE

$$[Q][P] = [P][Q] + 1 \quad \text{THE HEISENBERG RELATION}$$

OTOH, RELATIONS ① - ② GIVE ACTION OF  $S_n$  ON  $P^n$  AND  $Q^n$ .

WE SET  $P^{(n)}$  TO BE THE DIRECT SUMMAND OF  $[P^n]$  DEFINED BY THE SYMMETRISING IDEMPOTENT OF  $S_n$ , AND SIMILARLY FOR  $Q^{(n)}$ .

THEOREM (R, 2010): THESE DEFINE  $H_R : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{H}_R)$ .

CONJECTURE: THIS IS AN ISO

CAUTIS-LICATA (2010): CONSTRUCT SIMILAR CATEGORIFICATION FOR THE HEISENBERG ALGEBRA OF AN ADE ROOT LATTICE.

THE HEISENBERG CATEGORIES OF A CATEGORY: (GÖNGE-RÖPKESTEINER-L, '21).

A-SMOOTH AND PROPER DG-CATEGORIES "NON-COMMUTATIVE SMOOTH & PROPER VARIETIES"

E.G. THE DG ENHANCEMENT OF  $D^b_{\text{coh}}(X)$  FOR A SMOOTH & PROPER ALG. VARIETY X

- WE VIEW SUCH A AS THE ENHANCEMENT OF TRIANGULATED CATEGORIES  $D_c(A)$ , THE DERIVED CATEGORIES OF PERFECT A-MODULES.

THE REASON TO WORK WITH DG CATEGORIES:

$$S^*(D^b_{\text{coh}}(X)) \not\simeq D^b_{\text{coh}}(SX) \quad \text{BUT } A \text{ ENHANCES } D^b_{\text{coh}}(X)$$

H-INF. PERFECT  
A-MODULES

$$S^A \text{ ENHANCES } D^b_{\text{coh}}(SX)$$

- $D_c(A) \simeq D_c(H\text{Perf } A)$

REPLACING A BY HPERFA WE CAN ASSUME THAT

A ADMITS A HOMOTOPIC SERRE FUNCTOR:

QUASI-EQUIVALENCE  $S^A \rightarrow A$  + NATURAL QUASI-ISES  $\text{Hom}_A(a, b) \simeq \text{Hom}_A(b, Sa)^*$

## THEOREM (G-K-L, 2021):

There exist:

- A DG 2-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{H}_A$  "The Heisenberg category of  $A$ "  
HO(DG-CAT) ENRICHED
- A DG 2-CATEGORY  $\mathcal{F}_A$  "The CATEGORICAL Fock space"
- OBJECTS:  $S^n A$   $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 1-MORPHISMS: ENHANCED FUNCTORS  $S^n A \rightarrow S^m A$
- 2-MORPHISMS: ENHANCED NATURAL TRANSFORMATIONS
- A 2-FUNCTOR  $\Phi_A: \mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_A$  "FOCK SPACE REPRESENTATION"  
HOMOTOPIC LAX

such that

- $H_{K_0^{\text{num}}(A)} \hookrightarrow K_0(\mathcal{H}_A)$  " $\mathcal{H}_A$  CATEGORIZES  $H_{K_0^{\text{num}}(A)}$ "
- Conjecture: This is an ISOMORPHISM ( $\dagger$ )
- $F_{K_0^{\text{num}}(A)} \hookrightarrow K_0(\mathcal{F}_A)$  " $\mathcal{F}_A$  CATEGORIZES  $F_{K_0^{\text{num}}(A)}$ "

If ( $\dagger$ ) holds, then this is also an ISOMORPHISM.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF $\mathcal{H}_A$ :

OBJECTS:  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

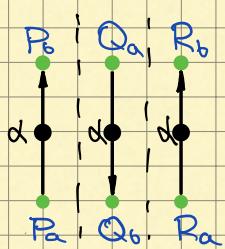
1-MORPHISMS: FREELY GENERATED BY

$$P_a: n \rightarrow n+1$$

$$Q_a: n+1 \rightarrow n \quad \forall a \in A, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

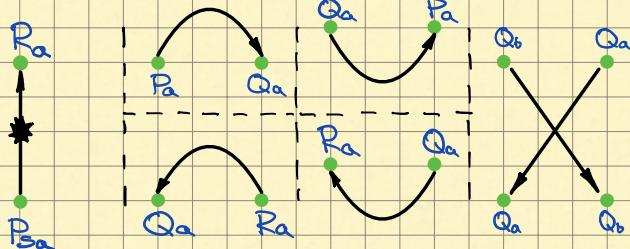
$$R_a: n \rightarrow n+1$$

2-MORPHISMS: PLANAR DIAGRAMS GENERATED BY



$$Hd \in \text{Hom}_A(a, b)$$

$$\text{DEG} = \text{DEG} d$$

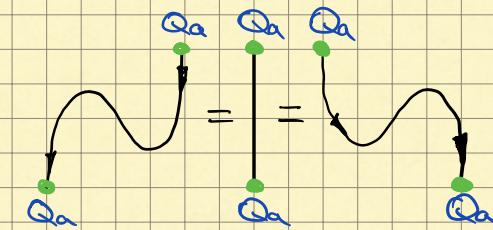
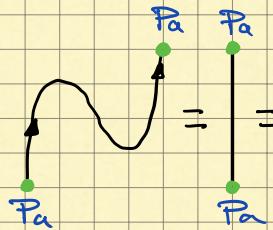


$$\forall a, b \in A$$

$$\text{DEG} = 0$$

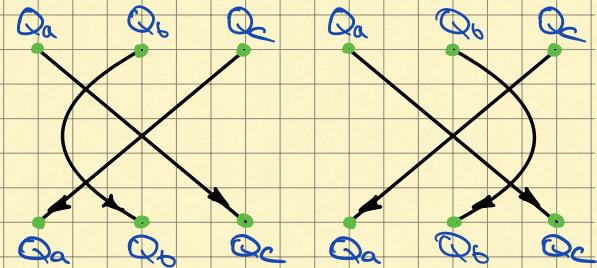
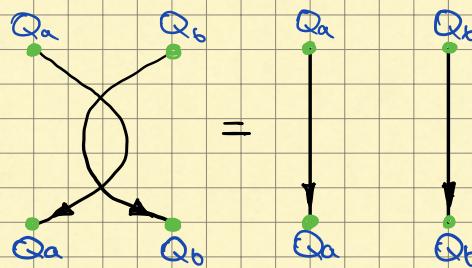
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RELATIONS:

(1) STRAIGHTENING / ADJUNCTION RELATIONS:

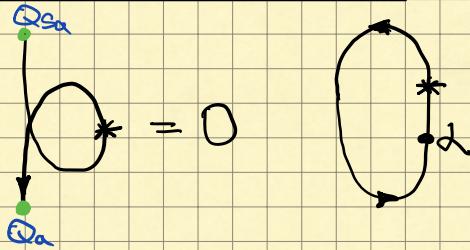


AND SAME FOR R\_a

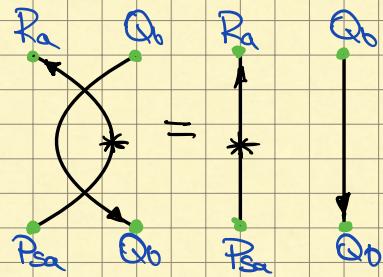
(2) SYMMETRIC GROUP RELATIONS:



(3) STAR-STRING RELATIONS:



$$= \text{Tr}(\lambda)$$



WE THEN TAKE PERFECT Hull AND DRINFELD QUOTIENT  $\Rightarrow$

TWO-SIDED IDEL GENERATED BY

$$\text{Cone}\left(P_{sa} \xrightarrow{\quad \dagger \quad} R_a\right)$$

$$\text{Cone}\left(P_b Q_a \oplus \text{Hom}_k(Q_b) \otimes_k 1 \xrightarrow{[\chi, \psi_2]} Q_a P_b\right).$$