

# The space of Gaudin subalgebras

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# Kohno–Drinfeld Lie algebra

- $\mathfrak{t}_n$  Lie algebra generated by  $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$ ,  $i \neq j = 1, \dots, n$  subject to the “infinitesimal braid” relations

$$\begin{aligned} [t_{ij}, t_{kl}] &= 0, & i, j, k, l \text{ distinct,} \\ [t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] &= 0, & i, j, k \text{ distinct.} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathfrak{t}_n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{t}_n^i$  is a graded Lie algebra

The *configuration space* of  $n$  points on  $X$  is

$$\text{Conf}_n(X) = \{z \in X^n, z_i \neq z_j \text{ if } i \neq j\}.$$

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*Remark.* The transpositions  $s_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}S_n$  obey the Kohno–Drinfeld relations. The image of the commuting elements  $J_i$  in  $\mathbb{C}S_n$  are called Jucys–Murphy elements. Their spectrum in irreducible representations is simple.

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- For each representation  $\mathfrak{t}_n \rightarrow \text{End}(V)$  we get commuting operators acting on  $V$ . What is their common spectrum?

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- One definition is as the closure of the image of the crossratio map

$$M_{0,n+1} \rightarrow \prod_{i,j,k,l \text{ distinct}} \mathbb{P}^1.$$

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- The proof uses a modification of a description of the image of  $\bar{M}_{0,n+1}$  by explicit equations in  $\prod_{ijkl} \mathbb{P}^1$ , due to Gerritzen, Herrlich and van der Put.

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Key observation: the projection  $t_n^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  onto the coefficients of  $t_{ij}, t_{ik}, t_{jl}$  maps a Gaudin subalgebra onto a two-dimensional vector subspace.

## Logarithmic tangent bundle

Let  $D \subset X$  be a divisor in a variety  $X$ . A vector field on  $X$  is called *logarithmic* if its restriction to  $D$  is tangent to  $D$ .

Logarithmic vector fields are sections of a vector bundle  $T_X(-\log D)$ .

Let now  $X$  be  $\bar{M}_{0,n+1}$  and  $D$  the compactification divisor

$$D = \bar{M}_{0,n+1} \setminus M_{0,n+1}.$$

# The tautological bundle

## Theorem (AFV 2011)

Let  $G_n$  be the vector bundle on  $X = \bar{M}_{0,n}$  whose fibre at  $x$  is the corresponding Gaudin subalgebra  $G_n(x)$ . Then we have an exact sequence of vector bundles

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow G_n \rightarrow T_X(-\log D) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is the trivial bundle.

# The tautological vector bundle

- The subbundle  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is spanned by the central element

$$c = \sum_{i < j} t_{ij}$$

- The isomorphism  $T_X(-\log D) \rightarrow G_n/\mathcal{O}_X$  sends a logarithmic vector field  $v$  to  $\omega(v)$ , where  $\omega|_{M_{0,n+1}}$  is the  $t_n^1/\mathbb{C}c$ -valued 1-form

$$\omega = \sum_{i < j} t_{ij} \frac{dz_i - dz_j}{z_i - z_j}.$$

- $G_n$  is isomorphic to the sheaf of first order differential operators with logarithmic symbol, twisted by a line bundle with divisor class  $\sum_{S \subset \{1,2\}} [D_S]$  (the compactification divisor has irreducible components labeled by subsets  $S \subset \{1, \dots, n+1\}$ ).

## Representations, spectrum

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If  $\rho(c) = \alpha \text{Id}$  then the logarithmic cotangent bundle is replaced by another Poisson manifold, the  $\alpha$ -twisted logarithmic cotangent bundle.

## Coxeter arrangements

The Kohno–Drinfeld Lie algebra is the special case of a *holonomy Lie algebra*  $\mathfrak{t}_\Delta$  associated to a Coxeter systems (in fact any arrangements of hyperplanes).

A finite Coxeter group is a finite group generated by orthogonal reflections in a Euclidean space  $V$ . It is uniquely defined by the arrangement  $(H_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  of complexified reflection hyperplanes, defined by linear forms  $\alpha \in V^*$ .

## Holonomy Lie algebras and Gaudin hamiltonians

Kohno's holonomy Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{t}_\Delta$  associated to an arrangement  $\Delta$  is generated by  $t_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta$  with a relation

$$[t_\alpha, \sum_{\beta \in W \cap \Delta} t_\beta] = 0$$

for each  $\alpha \in W \subset V^*$  with  $\dim W = 2$ .

These relations ensure the commutativity of the Gaudin Hamiltonians

$$H(z, v) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta} \frac{\alpha(v)}{\alpha(z)} t_\alpha, \quad v \in V,$$

for fixed  $z \in V \setminus \cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_\alpha$ .

$G_\Delta(z) = \text{span}(H(z, v), v \in V)$ , abelian Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{t}_\Delta$  in the span of generators.

Assume  $V^* = \text{span}(\Delta)$ . Then  $\dim G_\Delta(z) = \dim V = r$ .

# Occurrences of Kohno relations

- $\Delta =$  positive roots of a simple Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  with root generators  $e_\alpha$  such that  $\langle e_{-\alpha}, e_\alpha \rangle = 1$ . Then

$$t_\alpha = e_\alpha e_{-\alpha} + e_{-\alpha} e_\alpha$$

obey the Kohno relations. The algebras  $G_\Delta(z) \in U\mathfrak{g}$  were studied by Vinberg.

- The reflections  $s_\alpha$  of a finite Coxeter group obey the Kohno relations. More generally  $t_\alpha = k_\alpha s_\alpha$ ,  $k: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  invariant function.
- For  $\Delta = A_{n-1}, B_n$  there is a map  $t_\Delta \rightarrow (U\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n}$  and any Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Also for  $\Delta = D_n$  and  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$ .

# Gaudin subalgebras

Let  $(H_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a Coxeter arrangement of rank  $r = \dim V$ . Assume that  $\Delta$  spans  $V^*$ .

## Definition

- A *Gaudin subalgebra* is an  $r$ -dimensional abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{t}_\Delta$  contained in the span  $\mathfrak{t}_\Delta^1$  of generators.
- A *principal Gaudin subalgebra* is a Gaudin subalgebra in the closure of the family  $(G_\Delta(z))_{z \in P(V \setminus \cup_\alpha H_\alpha)}$  in the Grassmannian  $\text{Gr}(r, \mathfrak{t}_\Delta^1)$ .

## De Concini–Procesi compactification

The projectivized hyperplane complement  $M_\Delta = P(V \setminus \cup_\alpha H_\alpha)$  has a compactification  $\bar{M}_\Delta$  with normal crossing compactification divisor. It is a smooth projective variety.

### Proposition

The map  $i: M_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Gr}(r, \mathfrak{t}_\Delta^1)$   $z \mapsto G_\Delta(z)$  is an embedding and extends uniquely to a map

$$\bar{i}: \bar{M}_\Delta \rightarrow \text{Gr}(r, \mathfrak{t}_\Delta^1).$$

By definition  $\bar{i}(\bar{M}_\Delta)$  is the set of principal Gaudin subalgebras.

Remark: The proposition holds for any arrangement of hyperplanes. In general  $\bar{i}$  is not injective.

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The statements about the tautological bundle and the spectrum also hold in this case.

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- For  $B_2$ , Gaudin subalgebras form a  $\mathbb{P}^2 \subset \text{Gr}(2, 4)$ , and the two families are curves of degree 1 and 2.
- For  $B_3$  Gaudin subalgebras form a singular variety with eight non-singular irreducible components of dimension 2,2,2,2,2,1,1,1.

## General arrangements: maximality

An arrangement of hyperplanes  $H = \cup_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_{\alpha} \subset V$  is called fibre-type if either

$$H = \{0\} \subset V, \dim(V) = 1.$$

or

There is a linear projection  $V \setminus H \rightarrow V' \setminus H'$  onto a fibre-type arrangement, which is a fibre bundle with fibre  $\cong \mathbb{C} \setminus$  finitely many points.

### Theorem (Aguirre 2014)

Let  $\Delta \subset V$  span  $V$  and be fibre-type. Then the maximal dimension of abelian subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{t}_{\Delta}$  contained in  $\mathfrak{t}_{\Delta}^1$  is  $\dim(V)$ .

In the case of Coxeter systems this happens only for  $A_n, B_n, I_2(n)$ .

# Principal Gaudin subalgebras for general arrangements

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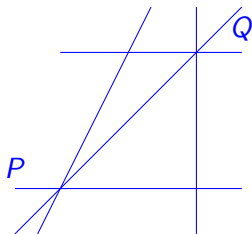
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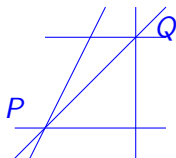
## A counterexample

- Let  $V$  be a three dimensional vector space with basis  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ ,  $\Delta = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_2, \beta_3\}$ , with  $\beta_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_3$ .



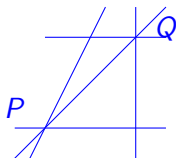
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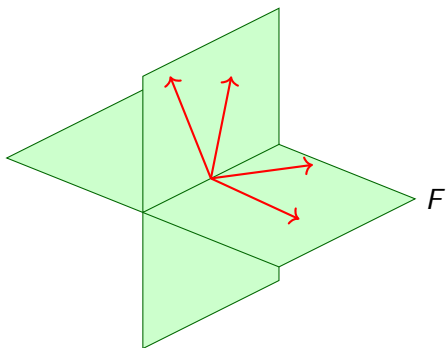
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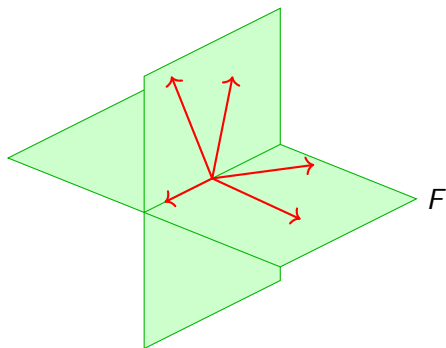
### Theorem (Aguirre)

$\bar{i}_\Delta$  is a closed embedding if and only if for every irreducible flat  $A$  and every subflat  $F \subset A$  of corank 1,  $\text{span}(F) \cap \text{span}(A \setminus F)$  is dense in  $F$ .

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Four vectors in generic position in  
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