

## RACKS AS MULTIPLICATIVE GRAPHS

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### *Abstract*

We interpret augmented racks as a certain kind of multiplicative graphs and show that this point of view is natural for defining rack homology. We also define the analogue of the group algebra for these objects; in particular, we see how discrete racks give rise to Hopf algebras and Lie algebras in the Loday-Pirashvili category  $\mathcal{LM}$ . Finally, we discuss the integration of Lie algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$  in the context of multiplicative graphs and augmented racks.

### 1. Introduction

Racks are self-distributive algebraic structures which arise in different contexts, such as knot theory or the structure theory of Hopf algebras. They have been invented several times under different names: *wracks* (which later morphed into *racks*), *distributive groupoids*, *automorphic sets*. A union of conjugacy classes in a group can be considered as a rack; there are many other interesting examples. A closely related algebraic structure is that of an *augmented rack* or a *crossed  $G$ -set*: this is a rack together with a morphism into a group (which is thought of as a rack with the operation of conjugation). We refer to [5] for an overview of the subject; we shall use the facts from that paper without explicit reference.

In the present note we interpret augmented racks as multiplicative, rather than self-distributive structures; we call these structures *group-like graphs*. This point of view provides a simple interpretation of rack spaces (and, hence, rack homology) and leads to the definition of an analogue of the group algebra for racks: it is a Hopf algebra in the Loday-Pirashvili category of linear maps. This algebra carries a filtration similar to the filtration by the powers of the augmentation ideal in a group algebra; the associated graded Hopf algebra is the universal enveloping algebra of a certain Lie algebra in the Loday-Pirashvili category, which can be described in terms of what we call the *graded coinvariant module* of the corresponding augmented rack. Note that Hopf dialgebras and Leibniz algebras are particular cases of Hopf algebras and Lie algebras in the Loday-Pirashvili category, see [10], so our constructions can be translated into the dialgebra language.

We also consider smooth group-like graphs and indicate how to set up a version of Lie theory for them. One can think of a Lie algebra in the Loday-Pirashvili category

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(in particular, a Leibniz algebra) as of an infinitesimal object corresponding to a group-like graph of a certain kind, namely, a *linear Lie graph*. Every such finite-dimensional Lie algebra can be integrated to a linear Lie graph; this is consistent with the formal integration procedure of [14]. Linear Lie graphs are in one-to-one correspondence with *linear augmented Lie racks*; the exponential map of a Lie algebra to the corresponding Lie group is an example of such rack. On the level of non-augmented racks, this integration procedure has been discussed in [9], where the connection between Leibniz algebras and racks was made for the first time.

Much of what we do is valid not only for group-like graphs, but for *multiplicative graphs*: if group-like graphs are thought of as being analogous to groups, the multiplicative graphs are analogous to semigroups (and are different from *shelves* of [2]). We give a concrete example of a multiplicative graph which is not group-like; it arises in knot theory when considering knots with double points. A by-product of our constructions is a functor that assigns a differential graded Lie algebra to a Lie algebra in the Loday-Pirashvili category (in particular, to a Leibniz algebra).

## 2. Multiplicative graphs and augmented racks

### 2.1. Multiplicative graphs

In this note, unless stated otherwise, by a “graph” we shall mean a directed graph, possibly with loops and multiple edges. Such a graph  $Q$  can be written as a pair of sets (vertices  $V$  and arrows  $A$ ) with a pair of maps from arrows to vertices (source  $s$  and target  $t$ ):

$$Q = (V \overset{s}{\leftarrow} A).$$

Recall that the *Cartesian product*  $Q_1 \square Q_2$  of two graphs  $Q_1 = (V_1 \leftarrow A_1)$  and  $Q_2 = (V_2 \leftarrow A_2)$  is a graph on the set of vertices  $V_1 \times V_2$ , the set of arrows

$$A_1 \times V_2 \sqcup V_1 \times A_2$$

and the source and target maps

$$s = s_1 \times \text{id} \sqcup \text{id} \times s_2$$

and

$$t = t_1 \times \text{id} \sqcup \text{id} \times t_2.$$

If  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are thought of as 1-dimensional cell complexes with directed 1-cells, the graph  $Q_1 \square Q_2$  is obtained from the 2-dimensional cell complex  $Q_1 \times Q_2$  by erasing the 2-cells. The Cartesian product of graphs is associative in the sense that there is a canonical isomorphism

$$(Q_1 \square Q_2) \square Q_3 \simeq Q_1 \square (Q_2 \square Q_3).$$

**Definition 2.1.** A *Cartesian-multiplicative* or, simply, *multiplicative* graph is a graph  $Q$  together with a morphism

$$\mu: Q \square Q \rightarrow Q,$$

which is associative in the sense that

$$\mu \circ (\mu \square \text{id}) = \mu \circ (\text{id} \square \mu).$$

The set of vertices of a multiplicative graph  $Q$  is a semigroup. Call  $Q$  *group-like* if this semigroup is, actually, a group.

As an algebraic structure, a group-like graph is equivalent to what is known as an *augmented rack*. Recall that an augmented rack  $X$  over a group  $G$  (also called a *crossed  $G$ -set*) is a  $G$ -set  $X$  together with a morphism (*augmentation map*) of  $G$ -sets  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$ , where  $G$  acts on itself by conjugation. Probably, the most basic example of an augmented rack is a union of an arbitrary set of conjugacy classes in a group  $G$ .

A group-like graph  $Q = (G \rightrightarrows A)$  gives rise to an augmented rack in the following fashion. The “multiplication”  $\mu$  gives a two-sided action of the group  $G$  of vertices of  $Q$  on the set  $A$  of arrows. Let  $X \subset A$  be the set of arrows whose source is 1. Then there is an action of  $G$  on  $X$  defined by

$$x^g = g^{-1} \cdot x \cdot g$$

and the target map  $t: X \rightarrow G$  is a morphism of  $G$ -actions where  $G$  acts on itself by conjugation. In other words,  $X$  is an augmented rack over  $G$ .

Conversely, given an augmented rack  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$  one constructs a group-like graph

$$(G \rightrightarrows G \times X)$$

by setting

$$s(g, x) = g, \quad t(g, x) = g\pi(x),$$

and

$$\mu((g_1, x_1), g_2) = (g_1g_2, x_1^{g_2}), \quad \mu(g_1, (g_2, x_2)) = (g_1g_2, x_2).$$

Group-like graphs form a category, whose morphisms are the morphisms of graphs that respect the multiplication; in particular, they are group homomorphisms on vertices. Augmented racks also form a category whose morphisms are the commutative squares of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f_X} & X' \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ G & \xrightarrow{f_G} & G', \end{array}$$

where  $f_G$  is a homomorphism and  $f_X(x)^{f_G(g)} = f_X(x^g)$ .

The preceding construction that allows to pass from a group-like graph to a rack and vice versa is functorial:

**Theorem 2.2.** *The category of group-like graphs is equivalent to the category of augmented racks.*

There are variations on the definition of a multiplicative graph. One may also consider usual graphs, that is, undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges. These lead to a very particular class of racks. Namely, in this context, for a group-like graph  $Q$  with the group of vertices  $G$ , the set of edges  $X$  one of whose ends is the unit of  $G$  is a subset of  $G$  which is (a) invariant under conjugation; (b) contains together with each  $g \in G$  its inverse.<sup>1</sup> Conversely, for each union  $X$  of non-trivial conjugacy

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<sup>1</sup>This means that the rack  $X$  has a good involution, see [11].

classes in  $G$  satisfying (b) there exists a group-like graph whose set of vertices is  $G$  and whose set of edges that connect to the unit is  $X$ .

Another variation consists in considering  $k$ -graphs<sup>2</sup> instead of graphs, that is, pairs of sets with  $k + 1$  maps between them, for any  $k \geq -1$ . One defines the Cartesian product of  $k$ -graphs in the same fashion. For instance, when  $k = 0$ , with this definition each group-like 0-graph is of the form  $(G \leftarrow G \times X)$  where  $X$  is a  $G$ -set and the map is the projection onto the first factor. A group-like 0-graph can be considered as a group-like 1-graph whose only arrows are loops.

As the referee points out, one is tempted to compare the concept of a group-like graph with that of a category; more precisely, an internal category in the category of groups, see [7]. Both kinds of structures are directed graphs whose vertices form a group; however, the arrows in a group-like graph cannot be composed as morphisms. While an internal category in the category of groups (in other words, a crossed module of groups) is an example of an augmented rack, it is an example of a very special kind. In turn, an augmented rack is a particular example of a crossed module of racks [3].

**2.2. Racks without augmentation and their associated groups**

Historically, augmented racks are secondary objects as compared to racks. A rack (without an augmentation) is a set  $X$  with a binary operation  $X \times X \rightarrow X$ , written as

$$(x, y) \rightarrow x^y$$

satisfying the identity

$$(x^y)^z = (x^z)^{(y^z)}$$

and such that for every  $y, z \in X$  there exists a unique  $x \in X$  with

$$x^y = z.$$

This definition axiomatized the properties of conjugation in a group: if  $X$  is a union of conjugacy classes in a group, the rack structure on  $X$  is given by

$$x^y = y^{-1}xy.$$

The rack structure on a group  $G$  given by conjugation is called the *conjugation rack of  $G$* .

In an augmented rack  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$ , the set  $X$  naturally has the structure of a rack with the operation defined as

$$x^y = x^{\pi(y)}.$$

Conversely, each rack  $X$  defines the *associated group  $G_X$*  with the presentation

$$\langle \tau_{x_1}, \tau_{x_2}, \dots \mid \tau_{x_i} \tau_{x_j} = \tau_{x_j} \tau_{(x_i^{x_j})} \rangle,$$

where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ . The group  $G_X$  acts on  $X$  and the tautological map  $\tau: X \rightarrow G_X$  which sends  $x \in X$  to the corresponding generator  $\tau_x$  of  $G_X$  is  $G_X$ -equivariant; that is, to say, defines an augmented rack. The functor  $X \rightarrow G_X$  is left adjoint to the functor of taking the conjugation rack of a group.

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<sup>2</sup>This terminology is somewhat arbitrary.

**Proposition 2.3.** *The group-like graph corresponding to the augmented rack  $X \rightarrow G_X$  is path-connected.*

*Proof.* By construction,  $X$  can be identified with the set of edges of the graph that emanate from  $1 \in G_X$ ; in particular, each generator  $\tau_x \in G_X$  is connected to 1 by the edge  $x$ . Also, the inverse of a generator  $\tau_x^{-1}$  is connected to 1 by the edge  $\tau_x^{-1} \cdot x$ . Now, if  $w \in G_X$  is connected to 1 by a sequence of edges  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , then  $w\tau_x$  is also connected to 1, by the sequence of edges  $a_1, \dots, a_n, w \cdot x$ , and  $w\tau_x^{-1}$  – by the sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_n, w\tau_x^{-1} \cdot x$ . □

Note that the only property of the rack  $X \rightarrow G_X$  that we used in the above proof is that the image of  $X$  in  $G_X$  generates the whole group  $G_X$ . A similar argument gives the following statement:

**Proposition 2.4.** *For an augmented rack  $X \rightarrow G$ , let  $H$  be the subgroup of  $G$  generated by the image of  $X$ . Then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ ; it is the group of vertices of the connected component of the unit in the group-like graph of  $X \rightarrow G$ .*

As we shall see later, the connectivity of a group-like graph is reflected in the properties of the bialgebras associated with it.

### 3. The associated spaces

#### 3.1. The cubical complexes $EQ$ and $BQ$

Let  $Q_1$  be the graph with two vertices and one arrow connecting them; set

$$Q_n = Q_1 \square \dots \square Q_1$$

( $n$  factors). A  $k$ -face of  $Q_n$  is a subgraph of  $Q_n$  isomorphic to  $Q_k$ , obtained by replacing  $n - k$  of the copies of  $Q_1$  in the product above by one of its vertices.

For a graph  $Q$ , we shall refer to the morphisms  $Q_n \rightarrow Q$  as the  $n$ -cubes of  $Q$ . The restriction of an  $n$ -cube to one of the  $k$ -faces of  $Q_n$  is a  $k$ -face of the  $n$ -cube. Each arrow  $a$  of  $Q$  gives rise to a canonical map  $a: Q_1 \rightarrow Q$ . In a multiplicative  $Q$ , a *product  $n$ -cube* is an  $n$ -cube of the form

$$Q_n = Q_1 \square \dots \square Q_1 \xrightarrow{a_1 \square \dots \square a_n} Q \square \dots \square Q \xrightarrow{\mu_n} Q,$$

where  $a_i$  are arrows of  $Q$  and the last map is the multiplication of  $n$  factors in  $Q$ ; we shall denote such  $n$ -cube by  $a_1 \square \dots \square a_n$ . A *product square* is a product 2-cube.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The  $k$ -faces of a product  $n$ -cube are product  $k$ -cubes.*

*Proof.* If  $Q_0$  is the graph consisting of one vertex and no arrows, we have  $Q_0 \square Q_1 = Q_1$ . An  $(n - 1)$ -face of an  $n$ -cube is obtained by replacing a copy of  $Q_1$  in the product by a  $Q_0$  which can be grouped with the copy of  $Q_1$  that precedes or follows it; this establishes the lemma. □

For a multiplicative graph  $Q = (G \rightrightarrows A)$  let  $EQ$  be the cubical complex<sup>3</sup> whose  $n$ -dimensional faces correspond to the product  $n$ -cubes of  $Q$  and the face maps – to

<sup>3</sup>By a “cubical complex” we mean a geometric realization of a precubical set.

the inclusions of the  $(n - 1)$ -faces into  $Q_n$ . The semigroup  $G$  of vertices of  $Q$  acts on the product  $n$ -cubes by

$$(g, a_1 \square \cdots \square a_n) \mapsto (g \cdot a_1) \square \cdots \square a_n,$$

for  $g \in G$  acting on  $A$  the left via  $\mu$ . This action is compatible with the face maps and, hence, descends to an action of  $G$  on  $EQ$ . We shall denote the orbit space of this action by  $BQ$ .

Given a product  $k$ -cube  $a = a_1 \square \cdots \square a_k$  and a product  $m$ -cube  $b = b_1 \square \cdots \square b_m$ , one defines the product  $(k + m)$ -cube  $a \square b$  as  $a_1 \square \cdots \square a_k \square b_1 \square \cdots \square b_m$ . This operation on product cubes is compatible with the face maps so that there is an associative product

$$EQ \times EQ \rightarrow EQ$$

given by  $(a, b) \mapsto a \square b$ .

For group-like graphs, the product cubes are easy to describe:

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $Q = (G \bowtie A)$  be a group-like graph which gives rise to a rack  $X$ . Product  $n$ -cubes in  $Q$  are in one-to-one correspondence with  $(n + 1)$ -tuples of the form  $(g, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  with  $g \in G$  and  $x_i \in X$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that  $A = G \times X$ . We shall see that each product  $n$ -cube can be uniquely written as

$$(g, x_1) \square (1, x_2) \square \cdots \square (1, x_n),$$

with  $g \in G$  and  $x_i \in X$ .

Let us first consider product squares. The product square  $(g_1, x_1) \square (g_2, x_2)$  is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g_1 g_2 \pi(x_2) & \xrightarrow{x_1^{g_2 \pi(x_2)}} & g_1 \pi(x_1) g_2 \pi(x_2) \\ \uparrow x_2 & & \uparrow x_2 \\ g_1 g_2 & \xrightarrow{x_1^{g_2}} & g_1 \pi(x_1) g_2. \end{array}$$

Here the corners of the square are vertices of  $Q$ , the arrows are labelled by the elements of  $X$  rather than  $G \times X$  since the corresponding element of  $G$  is indicated at the source of the arrow. Now, assume that we are given arbitrary  $h = g_1 g_2$ ,  $z_1 = x_1^{g_2}$  and  $z_2 = x_2$ . Then, the above product square is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h \pi(z_2) & \xrightarrow{z_1^{\pi(z_2)}} & h \pi(z_1) \pi(z_2) \\ \uparrow z_2 & & \uparrow z_2 \\ h & \xrightarrow{z_1} & h \pi(z_1), \end{array}$$

and this establishes the lemma for product squares.

The case of the  $n$ -cubes with  $n > 2$  now follows by induction from the associativity of the  $\square$  operation. □

In the notation of Lemma 3.2, the action of  $G$  on  $EQ$  is of the form

$$(g, (g', x_1, \dots, x_n)) \mapsto (gg', x_1, \dots, x_n);$$

in particular, it is free and  $EQ$  is a covering space of  $BQ$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $Q$  be a group-like graph which gives rise to a rack  $X$ . The space  $BQ$  coincides with the rack space of  $X$ .*

The proof is immediate and follows from the definition of the rack space [6] and the description of the product squares given in the proof of Lemma 3.2.

**3.2. The spaces  $EQ$  and  $BQ$  via the James reduced product**

The cubical complex  $EQ$  can be defined in terms of generators and relations. Consider  $Q$  as a topological space (one-dimensional simplicial or cubical complex) with a two-sided continuous  $G$ -action; the group  $G$  is then the 0-skeleton of  $Q$ . Write  $F(Q)$  for the free monoid generated by the points of  $Q$  whose identity is the vertex corresponding to  $1 \in G$ . The monoid  $F(Q)$  carries the natural topology induced by the topology on  $Q$ ; it is known as the *James reduced product* of  $Q$ , see [8].

Consider the following set of equivalence relations on  $F(Q)$ :

$$g * x \sim g \cdot x, \quad x * g \sim x \cdot g, \tag{1}$$

for each  $g \in G, x \in Q$ , where  $*$  is the product in  $F(Q)$  and  $\cdot$  denotes the  $G$ -action on  $Q$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** *For a group-like graph  $Q$ , the monoid  $EQ$  is the quotient of  $F(Q)$  by the above equivalence relations.*

*Proof.* Denote the congruences (1) by  $R$ . The space  $F(Q)/R$  has the natural structure of a cubical complex. Indeed,  $F(Q)$  is the union of cells of the form  $q_1 * \dots * q_m$  where each  $q_i$  is either a fixed element of  $G$  or varies over a fixed arrow in  $A$ . The congruences  $R$  respect this cell subdivision of  $F(Q)$ ; each cell in  $F(Q)/R$  can be written as  $a_1 * \dots * a_m$  with  $a_i \in A$  and  $m \geq 0$  (in particular, the product may be empty; this gives the unique 0-cell). Moreover, modulo  $R$ , each of the cells of positive dimension can be uniquely written as  $g * x_1 * \dots * x_n$  where the  $x_i$  are edges emanating from 1 and  $n \geq 1$ .

The space  $EQ$  contains a copy of  $Q$  so that there is a unique continuous surjective homomorphism of  $F(Q)$  to  $EQ$  which descends to a map

$$F(Q)/R \rightarrow EQ$$

that maps  $a_1 * \dots * a_n$  to  $a_1 \square \dots \square a_n$ . The preimage of a cell  $(g, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is precisely the cell  $g * x_1 * \dots * x_n$ , so that this homomorphism is, actually, an isomorphism. □

*Remark 3.5.* This construction of the rack space makes sense in a somewhat more general context. Let  $Y$  be a topological space and  $G \subset Y$  a subset with the group structure such that there is a left<sup>4</sup> action of  $G$  on  $Y$  extending the left multiplication

<sup>4</sup>The same construction works for right and for two-sided actions.

on  $G$ . Denote by  $E(Y, G)$  the quotient of the free monoid  $F(Y)$  by the relations

$$g * x \sim g \cdot x,$$

for all  $g \in G, x \in Y$ . There is a left action of  $G$  on  $E(Y, G)$  and we can define  $B(Y, G)$  as the quotient space of  $E(Y, G)$  by this action. For instance, given a left  $G$ -set  $X$ , one can take  $Y = G \sqcup X$ . A possibly more interesting example is a Cayley graph for  $G$  or, indeed, a graph determined by an arbitrary subset  $S \subseteq G$ : we set  $Y$  to be the graph whose vertices are elements of  $G$  and whose edges are pairs  $(g, gs)$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $s \in S$ . Note that the 1-skeleton of  $E(Y, G)$  in this case is a multiplicative graph into which the Cayley graph is embedded.

**3.3. The action of  $\pi_1 BQ$  on  $\pi_n EQ$**

The fundamental group of any topological monoid (or, indeed, of any space with a unital multiplication) is abelian. More generally, let  $E$  be a topological monoid and  $G \subset E$  be a subgroup acting on  $E$  by left translations with the quotient space  $B$ . Assume that  $p: E \rightarrow B$  is a covering. Then,  $\pi_1 E$  lies in the centre of  $\pi_1 B$ ; in particular, for a group-like graph  $Q$  the subgroup  $\pi_1 EQ$  lies in the centre of  $\pi_1 BQ$ .

The proof is a standard exercise in topology. Let  $p(1)$  be the basepoint in  $B$ ; for a curve  $\gamma$  starting at  $p(1)$  write  $\bar{\gamma}$  for its lifting to  $E$  with  $\bar{\gamma}(0) = 1$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta: [0, 1] \rightarrow B$  be two closed paths starting and ending at  $p(1)$  and assume that  $\bar{\alpha}$  is closed in  $E$ . Denote by  $\bar{\alpha}_\tau$  and  $\bar{\beta}_\tau$  the reparametrizations of  $\bar{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\beta}$ , respectively, which are constant outside of the interval  $[\tau, \tau + 1/2]$ . Note that the pointwise product curves  $\bar{\alpha}_{\tau_1} \bar{\beta}_{\tau_2}$  are fixed-end homotopic in  $E$  for all  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, 1/2]$ ; since  $\bar{\alpha}$  is closed, their projections to  $B$  define closed loops in  $B$ . Now, writing  $\circ$  for the concatenation of loops in  $B$  we see that

$$\overline{\alpha \circ \beta} = \bar{\alpha}_0 \bar{\beta}_{1/2},$$

while

$$\overline{\beta \circ \alpha} = \bar{\beta}_0 \bar{\alpha}_{1/2} \sim \bar{\beta}_{1/2} \bar{\alpha}_0 = \bar{\alpha}_0 \bar{\beta}_{1/2},$$

which means that  $\alpha \circ \beta$  equals  $\beta \circ \alpha$  as an element of  $\pi_1 B$ .

A very similar argument shows that  $\pi_1 B$  acts trivially on  $\pi_n E$  for all  $n$ . Since for  $n > 1$  the groups  $\pi_n E$  coincide with  $\pi_n B$ , we see that the rack space  $BQ$  is always homotopy simple, the fact that was first proved in [6].

**4. Examples**

**4.1. Path graphs**

Probably, the simplest non-trivial example of a multiplicative graph is the graph of pairs of elements in a (semi)group. For a semigroup  $G$ , let  $A = G \times G$  with the maps  $s$  and  $t$  being the projections onto the first and on the second factors respectively, and the two-sided action of  $G$  being the action of the diagonal in  $G \times G$  by multiplication. When  $G$  is a group, the corresponding augmented rack is the identity map  $G \rightarrow G$  (and the non-augmented rack is the conjugation rack of  $G$ ).

An extension of this example is the graph whose arrows are sequences of  $n$  elements in  $G$ , with  $s$  and  $t$  being the first and the last element of the sequence. When  $G$  is a topological semigroup, one can consider the graph whose edges are directed paths



on  $G$ ; again, with  $s$  and  $t$  being the beginning and the end of the path. If  $G$  is a Lie group, it makes sense to consider the group-like graph  $LG$  whose arrows are directed segments of geodesics in  $G$ , parametrized by length. An important feature of this graph is that the maps

$$s, t: LG \rightarrow G$$

are vector bundles such that the action of  $G$  on  $LG$  is linear on the fibres. Indeed, each geodesic  $\gamma$  starting at  $g \in G$  is determined by a tangent vector in  $T_gG$  whose direction coincides with that of  $\gamma$  and whose length gives the length of  $\gamma$ , and, therefore, the fibre of  $s$  over  $g \in G$  can be identified with  $T_gG$ ; the same argument goes for the map  $t$ . This is the most basic example of a *linear Lie graph*, see Section 6.1.

**4.2. Multiplicative cubical complexes and simplicial monoids**

For any cubical complex with an associative cubical multiplication on it, the 1-skeleton is a multiplicative graph. Each multiplicative graph  $Q$  can be obtained in such a way, being the 1-skeleton of the cubical complex  $EQ$ . Here, as before, a cubical complex is a geometric realization of a precubical set  $X$  (a “cubical set without degenerations”) and a cubical multiplication is a geometric realization of an associative map  $X \times X \rightarrow X$ . Recall that the  $n$ -cubes of the product of two precubical sets  $X$  and  $Y$  are pairs of cubes of  $X$  and  $Y$  whose dimensions sum up to  $n$ .

Also, the 1-skeleton of a simplicial monoid is a multiplicative graph whose vertices are the 0-simplices, whose edges are the 1-simplices and whose source and target maps are the face maps. The monoid of 0-simplices can be identified with the monoid of the degenerate 1-simplices, and, therefore, acts on the 1-simplices by multiplication; since the face maps are homomorphisms, this gives a multiplicative graph. When the monoid of 0-simplices is, actually, a group, its action respects the non-degeneracy of 1-simplices. In particular, in this case, one obtains a multiplicative graph whose vertices are the 0-simplices of the simplicial monoid and whose arrows are the non-degenerate 1-simplices.

**4.3. Knot racks as multiplicative graphs**

One of the most useful examples of racks is the rack associated with a framed knot. In terms of multiplicative graphs, this construction has the following form.

Let  $K$  be a parametrized framed knot in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Choose a basepoint in the exterior of  $K$  and let  $A$  be the set of all homotopy classes of smooth loops in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which start at the basepoint and cross the knot  $K$  exactly once with the positive sign (this means that at the crossing point the tangent vector to the loop, the tangent vector to the knot and the framing vector form a positive basis in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ). Each  $a \in A$  gives rise to two elements of the knot group  $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 - K)$  as follows. Represent  $a$  by a curve  $\gamma$  and define  $s(a)$  as the class of the loop obtained by moving  $\gamma$  at the crossing point off the knot in the direction opposite to the framing; similarly,  $t(a)$  is obtained by shifting  $\gamma$  off  $K$  along the framing. These maps are evidently well-defined. Moreover, there is a two-sided action of  $\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 - K)$  on  $A$  by pre- and post-composing the loops which cross the knot once with the loops that never cross the knot. Therefore  $(\pi_1(\mathbb{R}^3 - K) \bowtie A)$  is a group-like graph.

It is quite clear that this construction indeed is equivalent to the usual knot rack. Indeed, if  $s(a)$  is trivial, a loop  $\gamma$  representing  $a$  bounds a disk in the exterior of  $K$ .

This disk can be squeezed, without moving the crossing point of  $\gamma$  with  $K$ , to an interval connecting the basepoint with a point on the knot; this is how the knot rack is normally defined.

The space  $EQ$  for a knot rack also has a natural definition in terms of the curves which cross the knot. Namely, the set of homotopy classes of loops that intersect the knot  $n$  times, each of them positively, coincides with the set of product  $n$ -cubes in the corresponding group-like graph. Indeed, each loop that crosses the knot  $n$  times is a concatenation of  $n$  loops that hit the knot exactly once. Such a decomposition is not unique; however, the product cube made of these  $n$  loops is well-defined.

We should also note that, just as in the case of usual knot racks, here framed knots in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be replaced by  $n - 2$ -dimensional framed submanifolds of an  $n$ -manifold, or even by  $n - k$ -dimensional submanifolds with  $k > 2$ . In this latter case, the fundamental group of the knot exterior should be replaced by its  $k - 1$ st homotopy group. Probably, the most basic example of a graph defined by a codimension two subset is the group-like graph associated with the complement of an  $n$ -point set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Its vertices are the elements of the free group on  $n$  generators  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and the arrows are in one-to-one correspondence with pairs of elements of the form  $(ab, ax_k b)$  for some  $x_k$ . The rack that corresponds to such a graph is the union of the conjugacy classes of the generators in the free group.

#### 4.4. String links with double points

An interesting example of a multiplicative graph which is not group-like is provided by string links with one double point.

Given  $n > 0$ , denote by  $L_n$  the monoid of isotopy classes of string links on  $n$  strands and let  $L_n^\bullet$  be the set of isotopy classes of string links with one transversal double point (see [4] for the definitions). A string link with a double point can be composed with a usual string link on either side and this gives two commuting actions

$$L_n \times L_n^\bullet \rightarrow L_n^\bullet$$

and

$$L_n^\bullet \times L_n \rightarrow L_n^\bullet.$$

There are also two maps  $L_n^\bullet \rightarrow L_n$  given by the positive and the negative resolution of the double point according to the Vassiliev skein relation; these two maps are compatible with the actions of  $L_n$  on  $L_n^\bullet$ . This means that  $\mathcal{L}_n := (L_n \rightrightarrows L_n^\bullet)$  is a multiplicative graph.

The corresponding space  $E\mathcal{L}_n$  has been mentioned in the literature; namely, it was constructed by Matveev and Polyak in [13, page 229].

The graph  $\mathcal{L}_n$  has a group-like subgraph which consists of pure braids with one double point. Two pure braids involved in the resolution of a double point differ by an insertion of a generator: if the positive resolution can be written as  $ab$ , the negative is of the form  $aA_{ij}b$ , where  $i$  and  $j$  are the numbers of the strands which cross at the double point.<sup>5</sup> The corresponding rack is the union of the conjugacy classes of the generators in the pure braid group.

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<sup>5</sup>There is a freedom of choosing the sign in the Vassiliev skein relation for string links which involves the relative order in each pair of strands; this is the same as choosing between a generator and its inverse for each  $i, j$ .

### 5. Hopf algebras associated with multiplicative graphs

Any group  $G$  gives rise to two Hopf algebras. One is the group algebra  $\mathbf{k}[G]$ ; it carries the filtration by the powers of the augmentation ideal  $I(G)$ . The associated graded Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  is the universal enveloping algebra of the graded Lie algebra coming from the lower central series of  $G$ . In this section we construct the analogs of both Hopf algebras for group-like graphs.

#### 5.1. The Loday-Pirashvili category

Let us review some notions from [10]. The *Loday-Pirashvili category*  $\mathcal{LM}$  over a given field  $\mathbf{k}$  (which we assume to be of characteristic zero) has, as objects, pairs of vector spaces

$$(U \xrightarrow{f} V)$$

over  $\mathbf{k}$  together with a linear map between them. The morphisms are the commutative squares of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{h_1} & U' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\ V & \xrightarrow{h_0} & V'. \end{array}$$

The category  $\mathcal{LM}$  is a tensor category with the tensor product<sup>6</sup>

$$(U \xrightarrow{f} V) \otimes (U' \xrightarrow{f'} V') = (U \otimes V' + V \otimes U' \xrightarrow{f \otimes \text{Id} + \text{Id} \otimes f'} V \otimes V').$$

The natural explanation for this tensor product comes from considering  $\mathcal{LM}$  as the category of 1-jets of differential graded vector spaces, that is, the quotient of the category of (non-negatively graded) chain complexes over  $\mathbf{k}$  by the subcategory of the chain complexes with trivial components in degrees 0 and 1.

One may speak of Lie algebras and Hopf algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$ ; the Milnor-Moore and the Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt theorems are then valid in  $\mathcal{LM}$ . An algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  is a pair

$$(\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{H}),$$

with  $\mathcal{H}$  an algebra,  $\mathcal{A}$  an  $\mathcal{H}$ -bimodule and  $f$  a bimodule map. A bialgebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  has, in addition, a compatible dual structure, namely a coproduct  $\Delta_0: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$  which makes  $\mathcal{H}$  into a bialgebra, and the two-sided coaction

$$\Delta_1: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{H} + \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{A},$$

which is an  $\mathcal{H}$ -bimodule map satisfying

$$\Delta_0 \circ f = (f \otimes \text{Id} + \text{Id} \otimes f) \circ \Delta_1.$$

A bialgebra is a Hopf algebra if it has an antipode; we shall state the properties satisfied by the antipode in Section 5.3. Hopf algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$  are related to Yetter-Drinfel'd modules, see [12].

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<sup>6</sup>Hereafter we denote by “+” the direct sum of vector spaces.

A Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  is a pair

$$(M \xrightarrow{f} \mathfrak{g}),$$

where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a Lie algebra,  $M$  is a right<sup>7</sup> module over  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $f$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module morphism. In this situation, there exists a bracket on  $M$  that gives it the structure of a Leibniz algebra:

$$[x, y] = [x, f(y)],$$

where the bracket on the right-hand side denotes the right action of  $\mathfrak{g}$  on  $M$ . Each Leibniz algebra  $L$  can be obtained this way by taking the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  to be the maximal antisymmetric quotient of  $L$  and the map  $f$  to be the corresponding quotient map. We refer to [10] for more details.

If  $M$ , considered as a Leibniz algebra, is, actually, a Lie algebra on which  $\mathfrak{g}$  acts by derivations, the Lie algebra  $(M, \mathfrak{g})$  is a *differential crossed module*. Differential crossed modules can be identified with the differential graded Lie algebras whose only non-zero terms are in degrees 0 and 1.

## 5.2. Lie algebras in $\mathcal{LM}$ and differential graded Lie algebras

There is one important observation that we should make even though it will not be used in what follows: the Lie algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$  are related to the differential graded Lie algebras in the same way as the multiplicative graphs are related to the products on cubical complexes.

Namely, given a differential graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_*$ :

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{g}_1 \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{g}_0,$$

the map  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{g}_0$  together with the restriction of the bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}_*$  to the maps  $\mathfrak{g}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{g}_0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \otimes \mathfrak{g}_0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_0$  is a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ .

Conversely, given a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = (\mathfrak{g}_1 \xrightarrow{d} \mathfrak{g}_0)$  in  $\mathcal{LM}$  with the Lie bracket denoted by  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ , consider the free Lie algebra on the vector space  $\mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1$ . It is a differential graded Lie algebra with the differential induced by  $d$ ; we denote its Lie bracket by  $\llbracket \cdot, \cdot \rrbracket$ . Let  $E\mathfrak{g}$  be the quotient of this free differential graded Lie algebra by the relations

$$\llbracket x, y \rrbracket = [x, y],$$

where either  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ , or  $x \in \mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $y \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** *The differential graded Lie algebra  $E\mathfrak{g}$ , considered modulo terms of degree two and higher, coincides with  $\mathfrak{g}$  as a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ .*

The proof is immediate. Observe that the functor  $\mathfrak{g} \mapsto E\mathfrak{g}$  from  $\mathcal{LM}$  to DGLA is the left adjoint to the functor of reduction modulo terms of degree 2 and higher.

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<sup>7</sup>We take right, rather than left, modules so as to have the same conventions as [10].

**5.3. The multiplicative graph algebra**

Let  $Q = (G \rightleftarrows A)$  be a multiplicative graph. Write  $\mathbf{k}[A]$  for the  $\mathbf{k}$ -vector space spanned by  $A$  and consider the linear map

$$\phi: \mathbf{k}[A] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G]$$

to the semigroup algebra of  $G$  defined by

$$\phi(a) = t(a) - s(a),$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Then  $(\mathbf{k}[A] \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbf{k}[G])$  is an algebra in the Loday-Pirashvili category  $\mathcal{LM}$ ; the two-sided action of  $\mathbf{k}[G]$  on  $\mathbf{k}[A]$  is the linear extension of the two-sided action of  $G$  on  $A$ .

Recall that the algebra  $\mathbf{k}[G]$  carries a coproduct, which we denote by  $\Delta_0$ :

$$\Delta_0(g) = g \otimes g,$$

for all  $g \in G$ . Define the two-sided coaction  $\Delta_1$  by setting

$$\Delta_1(a) = a \otimes t(a) + s(a) \otimes a,$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Note that  $\phi$  sends  $\Delta_1$  to  $\Delta_0$ ; moreover,  $\Delta_1$  is a  $\mathbf{k}[G]$ -bimodule map. Indeed, for  $a \in A$  and  $g \in G$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1(a \cdot g) &= a \cdot g \otimes t(a \cdot g) + s(a \cdot g) \otimes a \cdot g \\ &= a \cdot g \otimes t(a)g + s(a)g \otimes a \cdot g = \Delta_1(a) \cdot \Delta_0(g). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $\Delta_1(g \cdot a) = \Delta_0(g) \cdot \Delta_1(a)$ . As a consequence, we have

**Lemma 5.2.**  $(\mathbf{k}[A] \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbf{k}[G])$  is a bialgebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ .

When  $G$  is a group, we can define the involution  $S_1: \mathbf{k}[A] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[A]$  as

$$a \mapsto -s(a)^{-1} \cdot a \cdot t(a)^{-1},$$

for each  $a \in A$ . It maps under  $\phi$  to the antipode  $S_0: \mathbf{k}[G] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G]$  that sends each group element  $g$  to  $g^{-1}$ . In order to check that  $S_1$  gives rise to an antipode in  $\mathcal{LM}$  we need to verify that for any  $a \in A$

$$\mu \circ (S \otimes \text{Id})_1 \circ \Delta_1 = \mu \circ (\text{Id} \otimes S)_1 \circ \Delta_1 = 0. \tag{2}$$

Here  $\mu$  is the product,  $(S \otimes \text{Id})_1$  stands for

$$S_1 \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbf{k}[G]} + S_0 \otimes \text{Id}_{\mathbf{k}[A]}$$

and  $(\text{Id} \otimes S)_1$  for

$$\text{Id}_{\mathbf{k}[A]} \otimes S_0 + \text{Id}_{\mathbf{k}[G]} \otimes S_1,$$

respectively. Substituting these expressions into (2), we obtain

$$(-s(a)^{-1} \cdot a \cdot t(a)^{-1}) t(a) + s(a)^{-1} \cdot a = 0$$

and

$$a \cdot t(a)^{-1} + s(a) \cdot (-s(a)^{-1} \cdot a \cdot t(a)^{-1}) = 0.$$

We have proved

**Proposition 5.3.** *When  $Q$  is group-like,  $(\mathbf{k}[A] \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathbf{k}[G])$  is a Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ .*

Note that, in general, this Hopf algebra is not cocommutative.

**5.4. The augmentation filtration and the associated Hopf algebra**

Write  $I(G)$  for the augmentation ideal in  $\mathbf{k}[G]$  and let  $I^n(A) \subset \mathbf{k}[A]$  be the subspace

$$\langle v_1 \cdot a \cdot v_2 \mid a \in A, v_1 \in I^k(G), v_2 \in I^{n-k}(G), k \leq n \rangle.$$

The image of  $I^n(A)$  under  $\phi$  lies in  $I^{n+1}(G)$ .

**Lemma 5.4.** *If  $Q$  is group-like and path-connected,  $\phi(I^n(A)) = I^{n+1}(G)$ .*

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\phi(A) = I(G)$ .

The augmentation ideal  $I(G)$  is additively generated by the elements of the form  $g - 1$  with  $g \in G$ . Since  $Q$  is path-connected, for any  $g \in G$  there is a path  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , with  $a_i \in A$  connecting 1 and  $g$ , although not necessarily according to the directions of the  $a_i$ . Let  $e_i = 1$  if  $a_i$  is directed along the path and  $e_i = -1$  otherwise. Then

$$\phi\left(\sum e_i a_i\right) = g - 1,$$

which shows that  $\phi(A)$  coincides with  $I(G)$ . □

*Remark 5.5.* For a not necessarily path-connected  $Q$ , the vertices of the connected component that contains the unit in  $G$  form a normal subgroup  $G_0$ . Let  $I(G, G_0)$  be the kernel of the homomorphism  $\mathbf{k}[G] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G/G_0]$  induced by the quotient map. Then  $\phi(I^n(A))$  can be explicitly identified as  $I^{n+1}(G, G_0)$ .

From now on we shall assume that  $Q$  is group-like and path-connected.

The maps  $\Delta_1$  and  $S_1$  respect the filtration by the  $I^n(A)$  so there is a graded Hopf algebra  $(\mathcal{D}(Q) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \mathcal{D}(G))$  associated with it. The map  $\phi_*$ , induced by  $\phi$ , raises the degree by one.

**Lemma 5.6.**  *$(\mathcal{D}(Q) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \mathcal{D}(G))$  is an irreducible cocommutative Hopf algebra.*

*Proof.* We have

$$\Delta_1(a) = a \otimes s(a) + s(a) \otimes a + a \otimes \phi(a).$$

The “non-cocommutative part” of  $\Delta_1$

$$\Delta'_1 : a \mapsto a \otimes \phi(a)$$

vanishes on the associated graded level since  $\phi_*$  raises the degree by one. Indeed, for any  $u \in \mathbf{k}[A]$  and any  $g \in G$  we have

$$\Delta'_1(g \cdot u) = (g \otimes g) \cdot \Delta'_1(u),$$

and hence,

$$\Delta'_1((g - 1) \cdot u) = ((g - 1) \otimes (g - 1) + 1 \otimes (g - 1) + (g - 1) \otimes 1) \cdot \Delta'_1(u).$$

The same kind of equality holds for  $\Delta'_1(u \cdot (g - 1))$ . Moreover,  $\Delta'_1(a) \in A \otimes I(G)$  for any  $a \in A$ . These formulae show that  $\Delta'_1$  increases the filtration index by one and, therefore, induces the zero map on  $\mathcal{D}(Q)$ . This implies that the coproduct in the bialgebra  $(\mathcal{D}(Q) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(G))$  is cocommutative. The irreducibility follows from the irreducibility of  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ . □

Since  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  satisfies the conditions of the Milnor-Moore Theorem,  $(\mathcal{D}(Q) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \mathcal{D}(G))$  also does (see [10]); therefore, it is the universal enveloping algebra of a certain Lie algebra  $(M \rightarrow \mathfrak{g})$  in  $\mathcal{LM}$ :

$$(\mathcal{D}(Q) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \mathcal{D}(G)) \simeq (U(\mathfrak{g}) \otimes M \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})).$$

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G)$  is the graded Lie algebra of the successive quotients of the lower central series of  $G$ , tensored with  $\mathbf{k}$ . As for  $M$ , it can be understood in terms of the *graded coinvariant module* of the augmented rack corresponding to  $Q$ .

**5.5. The coinvariant module of an augmented rack**

Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$  be an augmented rack. The vector space  $\mathbf{k}[X]$  spanned by  $X$  has a decreasing filtration by the subspaces

$$I^n(X) = \langle x^{(g_1-1)\cdots(g_n-1)} \mid x \in X, g_i \in G \rangle,$$

where we use the exponential notation for the linear extension of the action of  $G$  to an action of  $\mathbf{k}[G]$  on  $\mathbf{k}[X]$ . We should warn that this notation might be not entirely intuitive; for instance,  $x^{(g-1)} = x^g - x$ . However, we want to keep clear the distinction between the  $G$ -action on  $X$  and the two  $G$ -actions in a group-like graph. When  $n = 0$ , we set  $I^0(X) = \mathbf{k}[X]$ .

Set, for  $n > 0$

$$\mathcal{P}^n(X) := I^n(X)/I^{n+1}(X);$$

in other words, the space  $\mathcal{P}^n(X)$  consists of the coinvariants of the  $G$ -action on  $I^n(X)$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{P}^0(X) = \mathbf{k}[X/G]$  is the vector space spanned by the orbits of the action of  $G$  on  $X$ . Write  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  for the graded vector space whose part of degree  $k$  is  $\mathcal{P}^k(X)$ .

It is clear from the definition that the space  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  is a graded module over  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ ; we call it the *coinvariant module*. Moreover, the map  $\pi$  induces a degree 1 map of graded  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ -modules  $\pi_*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(G)$ :

$$(x^{(g_1-1)\cdots(g_n-1)} \bmod I^{n+1}(X)) \mapsto ((\pi(x) - 1)^{(g_1-1)\cdots(g_n-1)} \bmod I^{n+2}(G)).$$

Indeed, for  $u \in I^k(G)$  and  $g \in G$  we have

$$u^g - u = g^{-1}(ug - gu) = g^{-1}(u(g - 1) - (g - 1)u) \in I^{k+1}(G)$$

so that  $\pi_*$  is well-defined. The image of  $\pi_*$  in  $\mathcal{D}(G)$  lies in the Lie algebra  $\text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G)$  of the primitive elements of  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ :  $\pi_*\mathcal{P}^0(X)$  consists of elements of degree one in  $\mathcal{D}(X)$ , which are primitive, and  $\pi_*\mathcal{P}^n(X)$  is spanned by the commutators with  $\pi_*\mathcal{P}^{n-1}(X)$ . This shows that  $(\mathcal{P}(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G))$  is a graded Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ .

**Proposition 5.7.** *The Hopf algebra  $(\mathcal{D}(Q) \xrightarrow{\phi_*} \mathcal{D}(G))$  is the universal enveloping algebra of the Lie algebra  $(\mathcal{P}(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G))$ , where  $X$  is the augmented rack corresponding to the group-like graph  $Q$ .*

*Proof.* The universal enveloping algebra of  $(\mathcal{P}(X) \xrightarrow{\pi_*} \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G))$  is the map

$$(\mathcal{D}(G) \otimes \mathcal{P}(X) \xrightarrow{\mu(\text{Id} \otimes \pi_*)} \mathcal{D}(G)),$$

where  $\mu$  is the product in  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ , with the following  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ -bimodule structure on

$\mathcal{D}(G) \otimes \mathcal{P}(X)$ :

$$w_1 \cdot (w_2 \otimes m) = (w_1 w_2) \otimes m, \tag{3}$$

$$(w \otimes m) \cdot a = (wa) \otimes m + w \otimes m^a, \tag{4}$$

for all  $w_1, w_2, w \in \mathcal{D}(G)$ ,  $m \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $a \in \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G)$  (see [10, page 271]).

Identify the vector space  $\mathbf{k}[A]$  with  $\mathbf{k}[G] \otimes \mathbf{k}[X]$  via  $(g, x) \mapsto g \otimes x$ . Under this identification,  $I^n(A)$  is sent to

$$\sum_{p+q=n} I^p(G) \otimes I^q(X),$$

namely,

$$(g_1 - 1) \cdots (g_p - 1) \cdot (g, x)^{(h_1-1) \cdots (h_q-1)} \mapsto (g_1 - 1) \cdots (g_p - 1) g \otimes x^{(h_1-1) \cdots (h_q-1)}.$$

Therefore, as a graded vector space,  $\mathcal{D}(Q)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{D}(G) \otimes \mathcal{P}(X)$ . Under this identification, the map  $\phi_*$  coincides with  $\mu(\text{Id} \otimes \pi_*)$ . Also, the  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ -bimodule structure is the same as that of the universal enveloping algebra of  $(\mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G))$ . This is clear for the left module structure (3). As for the right module structure, the action on the right by  $a \in \mathfrak{g}$  can be represented by a right action of  $h - 1$  with  $h \in G$ :

$$(u \otimes x)^{h-1} = (u \otimes x)^h - u \otimes x = u(h - 1) \otimes x^h + u \otimes x^{h-1},$$

with  $u \in I^m(A)$  and  $x \in I^n(X)$ . It is, actually, sufficient to consider  $a \in \text{Prim } \mathcal{D}(G)$  of degree one, since elements of this kind generate  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ ; that is, consider the above equality modulo  $I^{m+n+2}$ . Then, the right-hand side of the above formula is equivalent to

$$u(h - 1) \otimes x + u \otimes x^{h-1},$$

which in  $\mathcal{D}(Q)$  translates precisely into (4). □

**5.6. Edge-like elements in Hopf algebras and the Malcev completion**

Let  $(\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{H})$  be a Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ . Call an element  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  *edge-like* if

$$\Delta_1(a) = a \otimes t(a) + s(a) \otimes a,$$

where  $s(a)$  and  $t(a)$  are group-like elements of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let us denote the set of group-like elements of  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\mathcal{G}_0(\mathcal{H})$  and the set of edge-like elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{G}_1(\mathcal{A})$ . Assigning to an edge-like element  $a$  the corresponding group-like elements  $s(a)$  and  $t(a)$  we define two maps

$$s, t: \mathcal{G}_1(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_0(\mathcal{H}).$$

The two-sided action of  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  restricts to the action of the group  $\mathcal{G}_0(\mathcal{H})$  on  $\mathcal{G}_1(\mathcal{A})$ . We have:

**Lemma 5.8.** *The pair  $(\mathcal{G}_0(\mathcal{H}) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}_1(\mathcal{A}))$  is a group-like graph.*

Consider the group-like graph Hopf algebra  $\phi: \mathbf{k}[A] \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G]$ . Since  $\phi$  maps  $I^n(A)$  to  $I^{n+1}(G)$ , it descends to a map

$$\phi_n: \mathbf{k}[A]/I^n(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G]/I^{n+1}(G),$$

which is also a Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ . There is a canonical morphism of  $\phi_{n+1}$  onto  $\phi_n$



for each  $n$ ; the inverse limit of the  $\phi_i$  in  $\mathcal{LM}$  is a *complete* Hopf algebra

$$\phi^\wedge: \mathbf{k}[A]^\wedge \rightarrow \mathbf{k}[G]^\wedge,$$

whose edge-like elements form a group-like graph

$$\mathcal{G}_0(\mathbf{k}[G]^\wedge) \Leftarrow \mathcal{G}_1(\mathbf{k}[A]^\wedge)$$

that we call the *Malcev completion* of  $(G \Leftarrow A)$ . Here, a complete Hopf algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  is defined as usual: the tensor products in the definition of the comultiplication should be replaced by the completed tensor products. The definition of edge-like elements in a complete Hopf algebra also uses completed tensor products instead of the usual tensor products.

## 6. Linear Lie graphs and linear augmented racks

### 6.1. Lie theory

One can consider multiplicative graphs such that both  $G$  and  $A$  are smooth manifolds and  $s$  and  $t$  are submersions onto their image<sup>8</sup>. Our principal motivation here is to show how the Lie theory for multiplicative graphs is related to the Lie algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$ ; for these purposes it is sufficient to consider a narrower class of graphs.

**Definition 6.1.** A group-like graph  $(G \Leftarrow A)$  over a Lie group  $G$  is called a *linear Lie graph* if the source and target maps are vector bundles over their image, the two-sided action of  $G$  on  $A$  is linear on the fibres, and the fibres of  $s$  and  $t$  over  $1 \in G$  have the same origin  $e \in A$ .

**Definition 6.2.** An augmented rack  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$  is called a *linear augmented Lie rack* if  $X$  is a vector space,  $G$  is a Lie group,  $\pi$  is smooth with  $\pi(0) = 1$  and the action of  $G$  on  $X$  is linear.

A linear Lie graph clearly gives rise to a linear augmented Lie rack. The converse is also true. Indeed, the source map  $G \times X \rightarrow G$  is simply the projection onto the first factor. The target map sends  $(g, x)$  to  $g\pi(x)$ ; its fibre over  $h \in G$  is the subspace

$$\{(h\pi(x))^{-1}, x \mid x \in X\}.$$

If the point  $x \in X$  is taken to be the parameter for the fibre, the left action of  $G$  is trivial and the right action is the rack action; both are linear.

An example of a linear Lie graph was given in Section 4.1: the arrows of this graph are directed segments of geodesics on a Lie group, parametrised by length. The corresponding augmented rack is the exponential map of the Lie algebra to the Lie group.

In a linear augmented Lie rack, the map  $\pi: X \rightarrow G$  induces a  $G$ -equivariant<sup>9</sup> map

<sup>8</sup>This should be compared with the definition of a Lie groupoid.

<sup>9</sup>Here, in order to be consistent with the choice of the definition for the Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  one has to consider the *right* action of  $G$ ; accordingly, the adjoint representation should be the *right* adjoint representation.

of the tangent spaces

$$\pi_*: X = T_e X \rightarrow T_1 G = \mathfrak{g}.$$

Considering the infinitesimal part of the  $G$ -action, we see that  $\pi_*$  is a map of  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules and, hence defines a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ . Conversely, a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$ , that is, a homomorphism  $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(X)$  which covers the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{g}$  by means of a map

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{g},$$

for finite-dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$  can be integrated so as to produce a morphism  $F$  from a  $G$ -action on  $X$  to the adjoint representation of  $G$ . Then, the composition

$$X \xrightarrow{F} \mathfrak{g} \xrightarrow{\exp} G$$

defines a linear augmented Lie rack. In terms of racks without augmentation, this exact construction can be found in [9].

Therefore, a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  produces a linear Lie graph. This graph can be thought of as the global integration of the Lie algebra; in this picture, the formal integration (as described in [14]) may be thought of as standing halfway between a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  and the corresponding linear Lie graph.

An augmented rack similar to a linear augmented Lie rack arises from the completion of the graded coinvariant module of an augmented rack. The map of  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ -modules  $\pi_*: \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(G)$  described in Section 5.5 is a degree 1 map of graded vector spaces and can be extended to the map between the graded completions  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(X)}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(G)}$ . The image of  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(X)}$  lies in the subspace of primitive elements of  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(G)}$  and, therefore, the image of the composition

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}(X)} \xrightarrow{\overline{\pi}_*} \text{Prim } \overline{\mathcal{D}(G)} \xrightarrow{\exp} \overline{\mathcal{D}(G)}$$

lies in the group  $\mathcal{G}_0(\overline{\mathcal{D}(G)})$  of the group-like elements of the complete Hopf algebra  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(G)}$ . In particular, if  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{R}$ , the rack  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(X)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_0(\overline{\mathcal{D}(G)})$  is a linear augmented Lie rack.

*Remark 6.3.* There is a situation where a Lie algebra in  $\mathcal{LM}$  can be integrated to a “more non-linear” graph than a linear Lie graph. As mentioned in Section 5.1, differential crossed modules (or, which is the same, crossed modules of Lie algebras) are Lie algebras in  $\mathcal{LM}$ . A differential crossed module can be integrated to a *crossed module of Lie groups* (see [1]), which is an augmented rack that, in turn, gives rise to a group-like graph. The corresponding linear Lie graph can be recovered by taking the tangent spaces to the fibres of the source map of this graph.

### Note added in proof

When the present paper was in press, the author became aware of the paper “*The algebra of rack and quandle cohomology*” by F. Clauwens (J. Knot Theory Ramifications **20**, No. 11 (2011) 1487–1535) which contains the constructions of Section 3.

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