

**COMBINATORICS OF FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS, WINTER 2018,  
ASSIGNMENT 4**

DUE FRIDAY MARCH 16 IN CLASS

PART A

Do any two out of the following three problems for part A.

- (1) Give the combinatorial invariant charge ( $Q$ ) for  $\phi^4$  theory and  $\phi^3$  theory (where  $\phi^k$  theory is the scalar field theory with a  $k$ -valent vertex).
- (2) Suppose that  $\circ$  is a pre-Lie product. Define  $[a, b] = a \circ b - b \circ a$ . Prove that  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  satisfies the Jacobi identity, that is

$$[a, [b, c]] + [b, [c, a]] + [c, [a, b]] = 0$$

- (3) Let  $\circ$  be graph insertion as discussed in class. Calculate

$$\text{X} \circ (\text{X} \circ \text{X})$$

PART B

Do all questions from part B.

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the Connes-Kreimer Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Define  $Z : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  by  $Z(f) = \delta_{\bullet, f}$  for any forest  $f$  and extended linearly, where  $\delta$  is the Kronecker delta. Also extend  $Z$  to  $\mathcal{H}[[x]]$  by acting on coefficients. Prove the following things:
  - (a)  $Z(ab) = Z(a)\epsilon(b) + \epsilon(a)Z(b)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{H}[x]$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $T(x) = xB_+(f(T(x)))$  is Hopf where is  $f(z)$  a formal power series with  $f(0) = 1$ . Let  $A = \mathbb{Q}[t_1, t_2, \dots]$ . Then

$$(Z \otimes \text{Id}) \circ \Delta(T(x)) \in A[[x]].$$

- (c) With hypotheses as in the previous part let  $L : \mathcal{H}[[x]] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}[[x]]$  be defined by  $L(a) = xB_+(f'(T(x))a)$ . Then

$$(Z \otimes \text{Id}) \circ \Delta(T(x)) = Z(T(x)) + L((Z \otimes \text{Id}) \circ \Delta(T(x)))$$

- (d) If  $T(x) = xB_+(f(T(x)))$  is Hopf, with notation as in the previous parts, then  $(\text{Id} - L)^{-1}(1) \in A[[x]]$ .

- (2) The *renormalization group equation* explains how change in  $x$  and change in  $L$  relate for a Green function:

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial L} + \beta(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \gamma(x) \right) G(x, L) = 0$$

For the particular  $G(x, L)$  of the original chord diagram expansion,  $\gamma = g_1$  and  $\beta = 2xg_1$ .

- (a) Expanding  $G(x, L) = 1 - \sum_{i \geq 1} g_i(x)L^i$ , rewrite the renormalization group equation as a system of differential equations for the  $g_i(x)$ .

- (b) Let  $c_n$  be the number of rooted connected chord diagrams. A classic recurrence for  $c_n$  is

$$c_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (2k-1)c_k c_{n-k}$$

Rewrite this as a differential equation for the generating function  $C(x) = \sum c_n x^n$  and compare this differential equation to the differential equations of the previous part.