

# The matrix base of the Moyal space and interesting results obtained with it

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# Introduction

- Classical field theories for fundamental interactions (electroweak, strong, gravitational) of **geometrical origin**
- Quantum field theory for standard model (electroweak+strong) is **renormalisable**
- **Gravity is not renormalisable**

## Renormalisation group interpretation

- space-time being smooth manifold  $\Rightarrow$  **gravity scaled away**
- weakness of gravity determines **Planck scale where geometry is something different**

promising approach: **noncommutative geometry**  
(unifies standard model with gravity [as classical field theories])

## Can we make sense of renormalisation in NCG?

First step: construct quantum field theories on simple noncommutative geometries, e.g. the **Moyal space**

### Moyal space

algebra of rapidly decaying functions over  $D$ -dimensional Euclidean space with  **$\star$ -product**

$$(a \star b)(x) = \int d^D y \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} a(x + \frac{1}{2} \Theta \cdot k) b(x + y) e^{iky}$$

where  $\Theta = -\Theta^T \in M_D(\mathbb{R})$

- $\star$ -product is associative, noncommutative, and most importantly: **non-local**
- construction of field theories with **non-local interaction**
- This non-locality has serious consequences for the **renormalisation** of the resulting quantum field theory

# The UV/IR-mixing problem and its solution

- *observation*: euclidean quantum field theories on Moyal space suffer from **UV/IR mixing** problem which destroys renormalisability if quadratic divergences are present

## Theorem

*The quantum field theory defined by the action*

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi \star (\Delta + \Omega^2 \tilde{x}^2 + \mu^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

with  $\tilde{x} = 2\Theta^{-1} \cdot x$ ,  $\phi$  – real, Euclidean metric  
is **perturbatively renormalisable to all orders** in  $\lambda$ .

The additional oscillator potential  $\Omega^2 \tilde{x}^2$

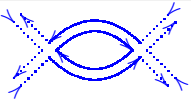
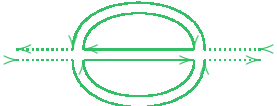
- implements **mixing between large and small distance scales**
- results from the renormalisation proof

# Intuitive renormalisation “proof”

## Langmann-Szabo duality

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \tilde{x} \longmapsto p \\ \phi(x) \longmapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\det \pi \Theta|}} \hat{\phi}(p) \end{array} \right\} + \text{Fourier transformation}$$

- leaves  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi)(x)$  and  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \phi)(x)$  invariant
- transforms  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \Delta \phi)(x)$  into  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \tilde{x}^2 \phi)(x)$

- with  also its **LS-dual** is divergent
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renormalisation requires  $\int d^4x (\phi \star \tilde{x}^2 \phi)(x)$  in initial action

# History of the renormalisation proof

- **exact renormalisation group equation in matrix base**

[H. Grosse, R.W. (2004)]

- simple interaction, complicated propagator
- power-counting from decay rate and ribbon graph topology

- **multi-scale analysis in matrix base**

[V. Rivasseau, F. Vignes-Tourneret, R.W. (2005)]

- rigorous bounds for the propagator (requires large  $\Omega$ )

- **multi-scale analysis in position space**

[R. Gurau, J. Magnen, V. Rivasseau, F. Vignes-Tourneret (2006)]

- simple propagator (Mehler kernel), oscillating vertex
- distinction between sum and difference of propagator ends

- **Schwinger parametric representation**

[R. Gurau, V. Rivasseau (2006)]

- reduction to Symanzik type hyperbolic polynomials

# The matrix base of the Moyal plane

- central observation (in 2D):

$$f_{00} := 2e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}(x_1^2+x_2^2)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{00} \star f_{00} = f_{00}$$

- left and right creation operators:

$$f_{mn}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_1 + ix_2)^{\star m}}{\sqrt{m!(2\theta)^m}} \star \left( 2e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}(x_1^2+x_2^2)} \right) \star \frac{(x_1 - ix_2)^{\star n}}{\sqrt{n!(2\theta)^n}}$$

$$f_{mn}(\rho, \varphi) = 2(-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{m!}{n!}} e^{i\varphi(n-m)} \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\theta}} \rho \right)^{n-m} e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\theta}} L_m^{n-m} \left( \frac{2}{\theta} \rho^2 \right)$$

- satisfies:  $(f_{mn} \star f_{kl})(x) = \delta_{nk} f_{ml}(x)$

$$\int d^2x f_{mn}(x) = \sqrt{\det(2\pi\Theta)} \delta_{mn}$$

- Fourier transformation has the same structure

# Extension to four dimensions

(non-vanishing components:  $\theta = \Theta_{12} = -\Theta_{21} = \Theta_{34} = -\Theta_{43}$ )

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{m_i, n_i \in \mathbb{N}} \phi_{m_2 n_2}^{m_1 n_1} \mathbf{b}_{m_2 n_2}^{m_1 n_1}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{b}_{m_2 n_2}^{m_1 n_1}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{m_1 n_1}(\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2) f_{m_2 n_2}(\mathbf{x}^3, \mathbf{x}^4)$$

non-local  $\star$ -product becomes simple *matrix product*

$$S[\phi] = \sqrt{\det(2\pi\Theta)} \sum_{m,n,k,l \in \mathbb{N}^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_{mn} \Delta_{mn;kl} \phi_{kl} + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi_{mn} \phi_{nk} \phi_{kl} \phi_{lm} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{mn;kl} = & \left( \mu^2 + \frac{2}{\theta} (1 + \Omega^2) (m_1 + n_1 + m_2 + n_2 + 2) \right) \delta_{n_1 k_1} \delta_{m_1 l_1} \delta_{n_2 k_2} \delta_{m_2 l_2} \\ & - \frac{2}{\theta} (1 - \Omega^2) \left( \sqrt{k_1 l_1} \delta_{n_1+1, k_1} \delta_{m_1+1, l_1} + \sqrt{m_1 n_1} \delta_{n_1-1, k_1} \delta_{m_1-1, l_1} \right) \delta_{n_2 k_2} \delta_{m_2 l_2} \\ & - \frac{2}{\theta} (1 - \Omega^2) \left( \sqrt{k_2 l_2} \delta_{n_2+1, k_2} \delta_{m_2+1, l_2} + \sqrt{m_2 n_2} \delta_{n_2-1, k_2} \delta_{m_2-1, l_2} \right) \delta_{n_1 k_1} \delta_{m_1 l_1} \end{aligned}$$

important:  $\Delta_{mn;kl} = 0$  unless  $m-l = n-k$

( $SO(2) \times SO(2)$  angular momentum conservation)



- $\Delta_{m,m+h;l+h,l} = \Delta_{ml}^{(h)}$  is band matrix (Jacobi matrix)
- diagonalisation of  $\Delta^{(h)}$  yields recursion relation for Meixner polynomials  $M_n(x; \beta, c) = {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, -x \\ \beta \end{matrix} \middle| 1-c\right)$

$$\Delta_{\substack{m_1 & m_1+h_1 & \dots & l_1+h_1 & l_1 \\ m_2 & m_2+h_2 & \dots & l_2+h_2 & l_2}}^{\infty} = \sum_{y_1, y_2=0}^{\infty} U_{m_1 y_1}^{(h_1)} U_{m_2 y_2}^{(h_2)} \left( \mu^2 + \frac{4\Omega}{\theta} (2y_1 + 2y_2 + h_1 + h_2 + 2) \right) U_{y_1 l_1}^{(h_1)} U_{y_2 l_2}^{(h_2)}$$

with

$$U_{ny}^{(h)} = \sqrt{\binom{h+n}{n} \binom{h+y}{y}} \left( \frac{1-\Omega}{1+\Omega} \right)^{n+y} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{\Omega}}{1+\Omega} \right)^{h+1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, -y \\ 1+h \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{4\Omega}{(1+\Omega)^2}\right)$$

- closed formula for propagator  $G^{(h)} = (\Delta^{(h)})^{-1}$  thanks to

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(h+x)!}{x!h!} a^x {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -m, -x \\ 1+h \end{matrix} \middle| b\right) {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -l, -x \\ 1+h \end{matrix} \middle| b\right) \\ = \frac{(1-(1-b)a)^{m+l}}{(1-a)^{h+m+l+1}} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -m, -l \\ 1+h \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{ab^2}{(1-(1-b)a)^2}\right), \quad a < 1$$

# The propagator

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{\substack{m_1 & m_1+h_1 & l_1+h_1 & l_1 \\ m_2 & m_2+h_2 & l_2+h_2 & l_2}} &= \frac{\theta}{8\Omega} \sum_{u_1=0}^{\min(m_1, l_1)} \sum_{u_2=0}^{\min(m_2, l_2)} \int_0^1 dt \frac{t^{\frac{\mu^2\theta}{8\Omega} + \alpha} (1-t)^\beta}{\left(1 - \frac{(1-\Omega)^2 t}{(1+\Omega)^2}\right)^{2+2\alpha+\beta}} \\
 &\times \left(\frac{1-\Omega}{1+\Omega}\right)^\beta \left(\frac{4\Omega}{(1+\Omega)^2}\right)^{2+2\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{\sqrt{m_i! l_i! (m_i+h_i)! (l_i+h_i)!}}{(m_i-u_i)! (l_i-u_i)! (h_i+u_i)! u_i!} \\
 &= \frac{\theta}{2(1+\Omega)^2} \sum_{u_1=0}^{\min(m_1, l_1)} \sum_{u_2=0}^{\min(m_2, l_2)} {}_2F_1\left(1+\beta, \frac{\mu^2\theta}{8\Omega} - \alpha \mid \frac{(1-\Omega)^2}{(1+\Omega)^2}\right) \\
 &\times \left(\frac{1-\Omega}{1+\Omega}\right)^\beta B\left(1+\frac{\mu^2\theta}{8\Omega} + \alpha, 1+\beta\right) \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{\sqrt{m_i! l_i! (m_i+h_i)! (l_i+h_i)!}}{(m_i-u_i)! (l_i-u_i)! (h_i+u_i)! u_i!}
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 (h_i + 2u_i) \geq 0$        $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^2 (m_i + l_i - 2u_i) \geq 0$

- all matrix elements  $G_{mn;kl}$  **non-negative**, all sums **finite**

- $G_{\substack{m & m & m & m \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0}}^{(\mu=0)} = \frac{\theta}{2(1+\Omega)^2(m+1)} {}_2F_1\left(1, -m \mid \frac{(1-\Omega)^2}{(1+\Omega)^2}\right) \sim \frac{\theta/8}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{\pi}(m+1)+\Omega^2(m+1)^2}}$

$$G_{\substack{m_1 & m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_2 & m_2 & 0 & 0}}^{(\mu=0)} = \frac{\theta}{2(1+\Omega)^2(m_1+m_2+1)} \left(\frac{1-\Omega}{1+\Omega}\right)^{m_1+m_2}$$

# Ribbon graphs

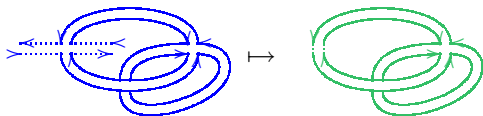
Feynman graphs are **ribbon graphs** with  $V$  vertices and



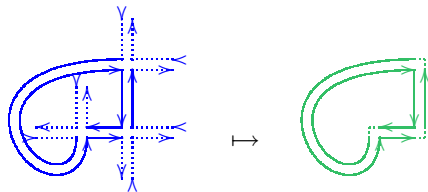
and

$I$  edges  $\begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{n} \\ \xleftarrow{m} \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{k} \\ \xleftarrow{l} \end{matrix} = G_{mn;kl}$  and  $N$  external legs

- leads to  $F$  faces,  $B$  of them with external legs
- ribbon graph can be drawn on **Riemann surface** of genus  $g = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(F - I + V)$  with  $B$  holes



$$\begin{array}{ll} F = 1 & g = 1 \\ I = 3 & B = 1 \\ V = 2 & N = 2 \end{array}$$

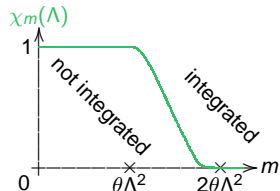


$$\begin{array}{ll} L = 2 & g = 0 \\ I = 3 & B = 2 \\ V = 3 & N = 6 \end{array}$$

# First proof: exact renormalisation group equations

QFT defined via **partition function**  $Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}[\phi] e^{-S[\phi] - \text{tr}(\phi J)}$

- Wilson's strategy: integration of field modes  $\phi_{mn}$  with indices  $\geq \theta\Lambda^2$  yields **effective action**  $L[\phi, \Lambda]$
- variation of cut-off function  $\chi(\Lambda)$  with  $\Lambda$  modifies effective action:



exact renormalisation group equation [Polchinski equation]

$$\Lambda \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \Lambda} = \sum_{m,n,k,l} \frac{1}{2} Q_{mn;kl}(\Lambda) \left( \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{mn}} \frac{\partial L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{kl}} - \frac{1}{V_{\Theta}} \frac{\partial^2 L[\phi, \Lambda]}{\partial \phi_{mn} \partial \phi_{kl}} \right)$$

with  $Q_{mn;kl}(\Lambda) = \Lambda \frac{\partial (G_{mn;kl} \chi_{mn;kl}(\Lambda))}{\partial \Lambda}$

$$V_{\Theta} = \sqrt{\det(2\pi\Theta)}$$

- renormalisation = proof that there exists a **regular solution** which depends on only a **finite number of initial data**

## Second proof: multi-scale analysis

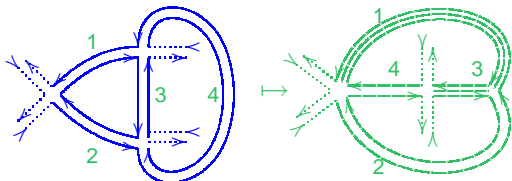
- propagator cut into **slices**:  $G_{mn;kl} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} G_{mn;kl}^i$   
estimations:

$$0 \leq G_{mn;kl}^i \leq K_1 M^{-i} e^{-c_1 M^{-i} (\|m\| + \|n\| + \|k\| + \|l\|)} \delta_{m-l, -(k-n)}$$

$$\sum_l \left( \max_{n(l), k(l)} G_{mn;kl}^i \right) \leq K_2 M^{-i} e^{-c_2 M^{-i} \|m\|}$$

- induces **scale attribution**  $i_\delta \in \mathbb{N}^+$  for each edge  $\delta$  of the graph

- $SO(2) \times SO(2)$   
symmetry  
implemented by  
**dual graphs**  
(vertices  $\Leftrightarrow$  faces)



- index-difference** (= angular momentum) conserved at propagators and vertices

## index assignment in dual graphs

- given external indices
- reference indices at each internal vertex
- index differences between opposite sides of propagators in the **complement of a maximal tree**

⇒  $\sum_{\text{index differences}} \rightarrow$  factor  $M^{-i}$  preserved

$\sum_{\text{reference indices}} \rightarrow$  factor  $M^{2i}$  from  $\sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}^2} e^{-M^{-i} \|m\|}$

- **power-counting degree of divergence** for dual subgraphs  
 $2 \#(\text{inner vertices}) - \#(\text{edges})$   
 $= 2(F - B) - I = 4 - 4g - 2V + I - 2B = (2 - \frac{N}{2}) - 2(2g + B - 1)$

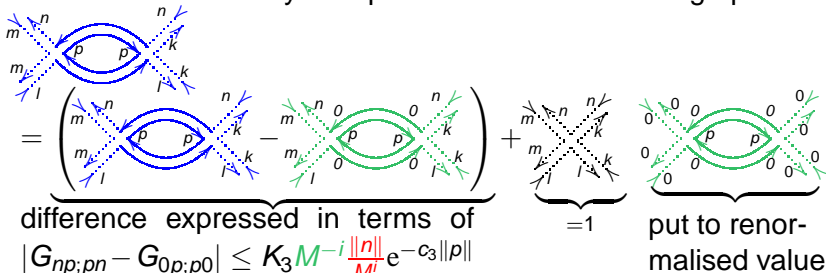
## Conclusion

All non-planar graphs and all planar graphs with  $\geq 4$  external legs are convergent

# Renormalisation

**Problem:** infinitely many planar 2- and 4-leg graphs diverge

**Solution:** discrete Taylor expansion about reference graphs:



- similar for all  $A_{mn;nk;kl;lm}^{planar}$ ,  $A_{mn;nm}^{planar}$  and  $A_{m^1+1, n^1+1; n^1, m^1}^{planar}$

Renormalisation of noncommutative  $\phi_4^4$ -model to all orders

by normalisation conditions for mass, field amplitude, coupling constant and **oscillator frequency**

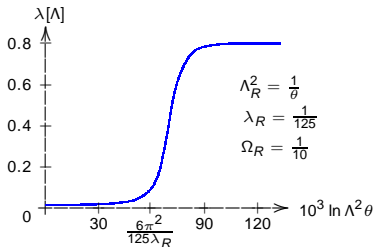
# The $\beta$ -function

one-loop calculation

$$\frac{\lambda[\Lambda]}{\Omega^2[\Lambda]} = \text{const}$$

$$\Omega^2[\Lambda] \leq 1$$

( $\lambda[\Lambda]$  diverges in commutative case)



- perturbation theory remains valid at all scales!
- **non-perturbative construction of the model seems possible!**

How does this work?

- four-point function renormalisation with usual sign
- $\exists$  **one-loop wavefunction renormalisation** which compensates four-point function renormalisation for  $\Omega \rightarrow 1$



# The self-dual model

- $\Omega = 1$  leads to **constant matrix indices** for each face
- **angular momentum  $\ell$  is zero**  
exponential decay in  $|\ell|$  for general case  
 $\Rightarrow$  self-dual model also captures general behaviour
- **powerful techniques from matrix models available**
  - exactly solvable complex scalar model  
[E. Langmann, R. Szabo, K. Zarembo, 2003]
  - renormalisation of  $\phi_6^3$  by relation to Kontsevich model  
[H. Grosse, H. Steinacker, 2006]

ingenious idea [M. Disertori, V. Rivasseau (2006)]

compute  $\beta$ -function for  $\Omega = 1$

$\rightarrow$  model is **asymptotically safe up to three loops**

(cancellations established by formidable graph calculation)

# Asymptotic safety to all orders

[M. Disertorti, R. Gurau, J. Magnen, V. Rivasseau (2006)]

## Theorem

$\Gamma^4(0, 0, 0, 0) = \lambda(1 - (\partial\Sigma)(0, 0))^2$  to all orders in  $\lambda$  (up to irr.)  
 where  $(\partial\Sigma)(0, 0) := \Sigma(1, 0) - \Sigma(0, 0)$  Taylor subtraction

Ward identity:

$$(a - b) \text{ (diagram with red loop)} = \text{diagram with blue lines } b - \text{diagram with green lines } a$$

Dyson equation

$$\text{diagram with 4 external lines } = \text{diagram with self-energy loop } + \text{diagram with tadpole } + \text{diagram with sunset diagram}$$

# Summary

- Renormalisation is **compatible** with noncommutative geometry
- We can renormalise models with **new types of degrees of freedom**, such as dynamical matrix models
- **Equivalence** of renormalisation schemes is confirmed
- Important tools (**multi-scale analysis**) are worked out
- **Rigorous construction** of noncommutative quantum field theories is promising
- **Other models**
  - 1) Gross-Neveu model [F. Vignes-Tourneret (2006)]
  - 2) induced Yang-Mills theory  
[A. de Goursac, J.-C. Wallet, R.W.; H. Grosse, M. Wohlgenannt (2007)]