

# Stabilizer subgroups of universal compact quantum groups and the Connes embedding property

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## A NC probability space

Underlying algebra defined by generators and relations [Wang]:

$$A_o(n) = \langle u_{ij}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n \mid u_{ij} = u_{ij}^*, (u_{ij}) \text{ unitary} \rangle.$$

We have a coproduct which allows to convolve states:

$$\Delta : A_o(n) \rightarrow A_o(n) \otimes A_o(n), \quad u_{ij} \mapsto \sum_k u_{ik} \otimes u_{kj}.$$

In fact  $(A_o(n), \Delta)$  is a Woronowicz  $C^*$ -algebra  $\rightarrow$  unique bi-invariant state

$$h : A_o(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (h \otimes \text{id})\Delta = (\text{id} \otimes h)\Delta = 1h.$$

$u \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \otimes A_o(n)$  universal  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix with NC entries  
Haar distributed NC random orthogonal matrix

$\rightarrow$  joint moments of the entries  $u_{ij}$ ?  $n \rightarrow \infty$  asymptotics?

## Old and new results

Some known results about  $A_o(n)$  in NC probability:

- $\chi_1 = \sum u_{ij}$  is a semicircular variable with respect to  $h$  [Banica 1997];
- the elements  $(\sqrt{n} u_{ij})_{i,j \leq N}$  are asymptotically free and semi-circular with respect to  $h$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  [Banica-Collins 2007];
- computation of the spectral measure of  $u_{ij}$  with respect to  $h$  for  $n$  fixed [Banica-Collins-Zinn-Justin 2009];
- convergence of  $(\sqrt{n} u_{ij})_{i,j \leq N}$  *strongly* in distribution [Brannan 2014].

Main result [Brannan-Collins-V.]:

- The generators  $u_{ij}$  admit matricial microstates (if  $n \neq 3$ ).

One consequence:

- The (modified, microstate) free entropy dimension  $\delta_0(u_{ij})$  equals 1.

## Quantum groups

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Examples :

- $G$  compact group,  $A = C(G)$ ,  $\Delta(f) = ((x, y) \mapsto f(xy))$ , characterized by commutativity of  $A$  ;
- $\Gamma$  discrete group,  $A = C^*(\Gamma)$ ,  $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$  — but also  $A = C_{\text{red}}^*(\Gamma)$ , characterized by co-commutativity :  $\Sigma\Delta = \Delta$ .

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General theory :

- Haar state  $h \in C^*(\Gamma)^* \rightarrow$  GNS representation  $\lambda : C^*(\Gamma) \rightarrow B(\ell^2\Gamma)$ ,
- $C_{\text{red}}^*(\Gamma) = \lambda(C^*(\Gamma))$  is again a Woronowicz  $C^*$ -algebra,
- $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma) = C_{\text{red}}^*(\Gamma)''$  von Neumann algebra of  $\Gamma$ ,
- trivial representation / co-unit  $\epsilon : C_f^*(\Gamma) = C_f(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,
- f.-d. corepresentations  $v \in M_k(\mathbb{C}) \otimes C(\mathbb{G})$ , intertwiners  $T \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{G}}(v, w) \subset M_{l,k}(\mathbb{C})$ .

$\Gamma$  is called unimodular if  $h$  is a trace, amenable if  $\epsilon$  factors through  $\lambda$ .

## Back to the algebra $A_o(n)$

Recall Wang's algebra:

$$A_o(n) = \langle u_{ij}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n \mid u_{ij} = u_{ij}^*, (u_{ij}) \text{ unitary} \rangle.$$

Consider the discrete group  $FO_n = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{*n}$  and the compact group  $O_n$ . We have two interesting quotient maps:

$$\begin{aligned} A_o(n) &\rightarrow A_o(n)/I \simeq C^*(FO_n) && \text{with } I = \langle u_{ij}, i \neq j \rangle, \\ A_o(n) &\rightarrow A_o(n)/J \simeq C(O_n) && \text{with } J = \langle [u_{ij}, u_{kl}] \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We denote  $A_o(n) = C^*(\mathbb{F}O_n) = C(O_n^+)$  with dual quantum groups:  
 $\mathbb{F}O_n$ , the (discrete) “orthogonal free quantum group”;  
 $O_n^+$ , the (compact) “universal orthogonal quantum group”.

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$\mathbb{F}O_n$  shares many properties with usual free groups.

- $\mathbb{F}O_n$  is non amenable for  $n \geq 3$  [Banica 1997];
- $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}O_n)$  is a full and strongly solid factor [Vaes-V. 2005, Isono 2012];
- Rapid Decay [V. 2007], K-amenability [Voigt 2011], ...

As far as cocycles are concerned:

- the “path cocycle” on  $\mathbb{F}O_n$  is trivial and  $H_{(2)}^1(\mathbb{F}O_n) = 0$  [V. 2012];
- Haagerup’s Property [Brannan 2012]: existence of a proper cocycle;
- classif. of *central* generating functionals [Franz-Kula-Cipriani 2014];
- there is a proper cocycle living in the adjoint representation, which is *weakly* contained in  $\lambda$  [Fima-V. 2014].



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Main result of this talk, restated:

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}O_n)$  embeds in  $R^\omega$  (Connes' embedding property,  $n \geq 3$ ).

Strategy:

- $\mathbb{F}O_2$  is amenable, hence  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}O_2) \subset R^\omega \rightarrow$  induction over  $n$ .
- $O_n^+$  is generated by two copies of  $O_{n-1}^+$ .

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## Generating subgroups

$\mathbb{G}$  compact quantum group with *full* Woronowicz  $C^*$ -algebra  $C_f(\mathbb{G})$ .

**Closed subgroup**  $\mathbb{H} \subset \mathbb{G}$ : compact quantum group with surjective Hopf- $*$ -homomorphism  $\pi : C_f(\mathbb{G}) \twoheadrightarrow C_f(\mathbb{H})$ .

**Inner faithful**  $*$ -homomorphism  $f : C(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow B$ : for any factorization

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More generally, the subgroup  $\mathbb{H} \subset \mathbb{G}$  generated by  $\mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2$  is the *Hopf image* of  $(\pi_1 \otimes \pi_2) \circ \Delta$ .

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Restriction:  $v \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \otimes C_f(\mathbb{G})$  repr. of  $\mathbb{G} + (\mathbb{H}, \pi)$  closed subgroup  
 $\rightarrow (\text{id} \otimes \pi)(v)$ , restricted representation of  $\mathbb{H}$ .

### Proposition

$$\mathbb{G} = \langle \mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2 \rangle \iff \forall v, w \in \text{Rep}(\mathbb{G}) \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{G}}(v, w) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{H}_1}(v, w) \cap \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{H}_2}(v, w)$$

## Examples

$H_1, H_2 \subset G$  classical compact groups  $\rightarrow$  usual notions.

$\mathbb{G} = \Gamma^\wedge$  dual of discrete group  $\Gamma$

$\rightarrow \pi_i$  induced by surjective group morphisms  $\pi_i : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_i$ .

$\rightarrow \Gamma^\wedge = \langle \Gamma_1^\wedge, \Gamma_2^\wedge \rangle \iff \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_1 \times \Gamma_2$  faithful.

Some subgroups of  $O_n^+$ :

- $\rho : C(O_n^+) \rightarrow C(O_n), [u_{ij}, u_{kl}] \rightarrow 0$ .
- $\pi_i : C(O_n^+) \rightarrow C(O_{n-1,i}^+) \simeq C(O_{n-1}^+), u_{ij} \rightarrow 1$ .

Note that  $O_{n-1,i}^+ \subset O_n^+$  is the stabilizer of  $e_i \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

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### Theorem

For  $n \geq 4$  and  $i \neq j$  we have  $O_n^+ = \langle O_{n-1,i}^+, O_{n-1,j}^+ \rangle = \langle O_{n-1,i}^+, O_n \rangle$ .

## Brauer diagrams

$P_2(k, l)$ : set of partitions of  $k$  upper points and  $l$  lower points into pairs  
 $NC_2(k, l) \subset P_2(k, l)$ : pair partitions that can be represented by a planar diagram with noncrossing strings

Let  $H = \mathbb{C}^n$  and associate to  $p \in P(k, l)$  the linear map  $T_p : H^{\otimes k} \rightarrow H^{\otimes l}$ :

$$T_p(e_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_k}) = \sum_j \binom{i_1 \dots i_k}{p} e_{j_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{j_l},$$

where the middle symbol is 1 if all blocs in  $p$  join pairs of equal indices, and 0 if not.

Then:

- $\text{Hom}_{O_n}(u^{\otimes k}, u^{\otimes l}) = \text{Span}\{T_p \mid p \in P_2(k, l)\}$  [Brauer],
- $\text{Hom}_{O_n^+}(u^{\otimes k}, u^{\otimes l}) = \text{Span}\{T_p \mid p \in NC_2(k, l)\}$  [Banica].

## A lemma of linear algebra

Denote  $TC_2(k, l) \subset P_2(k, l)$  the subset of diagrams where crossings are allowed only with lines that are connected to an upper point. Then:

### Lemma

$$\text{Hom}_{O_{n-1,i}^+}(1, u^{\otimes k}) = \text{Span}\{T_p(e_i \otimes \cdots \otimes e_i) \mid s \leq k, p \in TC_2(s, k)\}$$

Put  $\xi_s = e_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes e_1 \otimes e_2 + e_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes e_2 \otimes e_1 + \cdots + e_2 \otimes e_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes e_1 \in H^{\otimes s}$ .

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We have  $\text{Hom}_{O_{n-1,i}^+}(1, u^{\otimes k}) \cap \text{Hom}_{O_{n-1,j}^+}(1, u^{\otimes k}) = \text{Hom}_{O_n^+}(1, u^{\otimes k})$   
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If  $n \geq 4$ , the linear independence property of the previous lemma is true for any  $k$ . As a result  $O_n^+ = \langle O_{n-1,i}^+, O_{n-1,j}^+ \rangle$ .

Moreover we have strong numerical evidence of:

### Conjecture

The same is true for  $n = 3$ .

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# Connes' embedding property

Let  $R^\omega$  be an ultrapower of the hyperfinite  $II_1$  factor.

For  $A$  unital  $C^*$ -algebra, define

$$CEP(A) = \{ \tau : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ tracial state} \mid \pi_\tau(A)'' \hookrightarrow R^\omega \text{ tracially} \},$$

where  $\pi_\tau$  is the GNS representation.

For  $\Gamma$  *unimodular* discrete quantum group:  $CEP(\Gamma) = CEP(C_f^*(\Gamma))$ .

We say that  $\Gamma$  is **hyperlinear** if  $h \in CEP(\Gamma)$ , i.e. if its von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma)$  embeds tracially in  $R^\omega$ .

## Proposition

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Denote  $h_i = h_{\mathbb{H}_i} \circ \pi_i : C_f(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $h = h_{\mathbb{G}} : C_f(\mathbb{G}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

### Proposition

We have  $\mathbb{G} = \langle \mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2 \rangle$  iff  $h = \lim (h_1 * h_2)^{*n}$  pointwise.

### Corollary

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# Hyperlinearity of $\mathbb{F}O_n$

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Recall that  $\mathbb{F}O_n = \hat{O}_n^+$  and  $O_n^+ = \langle O_{n-1,i}^+, O_{n-1,j}^+ \rangle$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

Moreover  $\mathbb{F}O_2$  is hyperlinear because it is amenable.

→  $\mathbb{F}O_n$  hyperlinear for all  $n$  if  $O_3^+ = \langle O_{2,i}^+, O_{2,j}^+ \rangle$ .

Bypass to avoid the use of the conjecture at  $n = 3$ :

## Lemma (after A. Chirvasitu)

We have  $O_4^+ = \langle O_2^+ \hat{*} O_2^+, O_4 \rangle$ .

Altogether:

## Theorem

$\mathbb{F}O_n$  is hyperlinear for all  $n \neq 3$ .

## Free entropy dimension

Denote by  $\delta_0$  Voiculescu's modified free entropy dimension.

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### Theorem (V. 2012)

*We have  $\beta_1^{(2)}(\mathbb{F}O_n) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .*

Since  $\mathbb{F}O_n$  is infinite we have  $\beta_0^{(2)}(\mathbb{F}O_n) = 0$  [Kyed] and finally

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# Microstates

Connes' embedding property is equivalent to the existence of matricial microstates for the generators  $u_{ij}$ . More precisely, for every  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and matrices  $a_{ij} \in M_k(\mathbb{C})_{sa}$  such that

$$|\mathrm{tr}(a_{i_1 j_1} \cdots a_{i_q j_q}) - h(u_{i_1 j_1} \cdots u_{i_q j_q})| \leq \epsilon$$

for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}^q$ ,  $q \leq p$ .

Using the stabilizer subgroups one can write down an explicit construction:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{explicit microstate} & \implies & \text{explicit microstate} \\ \text{for } O_2^+ = SU_{-1}(2) & & \text{for } \{u_{ij}\} \subset O_n^+ \end{array}$$

Questions : construct "natural" microstates / a "natural" asymptotic random matrix model for  $O_n^+$  ?