# Grothendieck–Teichmüller group and Poisson cohomologies

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Abstract. We study actions of the Grothendieck–Teichmüller group GRT on Poisson cohomologies of Poisson manifolds, and prove some "go" and "no-go" theorems associated with these actions.

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#### 1. Introduction

It is proven in [15, 17] that the Grothendieck–Teichmüller group,  $GRT_1$ , acts up to homotopy on the set,  $\{\pi\}$ , of Poisson structures (depending on a formal parameter  $\hbar$ ) on an arbitrary smooth manifold. Universal formulae for such an action can be represented as sums over Feynman graphs with weights given by integrals over compactified configuration spaces introduced in [11, 13].

Any Poisson structure makes the algebra of polyvector fields,  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \wedge)$ into a *Poisson complex*, more precisely, into a differential graded (dg, for short) associative algebra with the differential  $d_{\pi} = [\pi, ]_S$ , where  $[, ]_S$  is the Schouten bracket. The cohomology of this complex is sometimes denoted by  $H^{\bullet}(M, \pi)$  and is called the *Poisson cohomology* of  $(M, \pi)$ . The dg algebra  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \wedge, d_{\pi})$ is of special type — both operations  $\wedge$  and  $d_{\pi}$  respect the Schouten bracket in the sense of *dg Gerstenhaber algebra*. The main purpose of our paper is to study

- a class of universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures on  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  which are consistent with the Schouten bracket in the sense of strong homotopy *non-commutative* Gerstenhaber ( $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ , for short) algebras;
- universal actions of the group  $GRT_1$  on this class,

and then use these technical gadgets to give a constructive proof of the following

**Main Theorem.** Let  $\pi$  be a Poisson structure on M,  $\gamma$  an arbitrary element of  $GRT_1$ , and let  $\gamma(\pi)$  be the Poisson structure on M obtained from  $\pi$  by an action of  $\gamma$ . Then there exists a morphism,

$$F^{\gamma}: H^{\bullet}(M, \pi) \longrightarrow H^{\bullet}(M, \gamma(\pi)),$$
 (1.1)

of associative algebras.

The morphism (1.1) is, in general, highly non-trivial. In one of the simplest cases, when  $\pi$  is a linear Poisson structure on an affine manifold  $M = \mathbb{R}^d$  (which is equivalent to the structure of a Lie algebra on the dual vector space  $\mathfrak{g} := (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ ), the morphism  $F^{\gamma}$  becomes an algebra *automorphism* of the Chevalley–Eilenberg cohomology of the  $\mathfrak{g}$ -module  $\odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g} := \bigoplus_{n\geq 0} \odot^n \mathfrak{g}$ ,

$$H^{\bullet}(\mathbb{R}^d, \pi) = H^{\bullet}(\mathbb{R}^d, \gamma(\pi)) = H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, \odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g}),$$

and its restriction to  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g}) = (\odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}}$  coincides precisely with Kontsevich's generalization of the classical Duflo map (see Theorems 7 and 8 in §4.8 of [8]). Thus in this special case our main theorem extends Kontsevich's action of  $GRT_1$  on  $(\odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}}$  to the full cohomology  $H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, \odot^{\bullet}\mathfrak{g})$ , and also gives explicit formulae for that extension.

The existence of the *algebra* morphism (1.1) is far from obvious. We prove in this paper a kind of "no-go" theorem which says that there does *not* exist a *universal* (i.e. given by formulae applicable to any Poisson structure)  $Ass_{\infty}$ -morphism of dg associative algebras,

$$(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \wedge, d_{\pi}) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \wedge, d_{\gamma(\pi)}).$$

Hence the algebra morphism (1.1) can not be lifted to the level of the associated Poisson complexes in such a way that the wedge multiplication is respected in the strong homotopy sense.

Our main technical tool is the deformation theory of universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -structures on polyvector fields. This is governed by the mapping cone of a natural morphism of graph complexes introduced and studied by Thomas Willwacher in [17]. Using some of his results we show that there exists an exotic universal  $GRT_1$ -deformation of the standard the dg associative algebra  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M), \wedge, d_{\gamma(\pi)})$  into an  $\mathcal{Ass}_{\infty}$ -algebra,

$$\left(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \ \mu_{\bullet}^{\gamma} = \{\mu_{n}^{\gamma}\}_{n \ge 1}\right), \ \gamma \in GRT_{1},$$

whose differential  $\mu_1^{\gamma}$  is independent of  $\gamma$  and equals  $d_{\pi}$ , while the higher homotopy operations  $\mu_{n\geq 2}^{\gamma}$  are independent of  $\pi$  and are fully determined by  $\wedge$  and  $\gamma$ . This universal  $Ass_{\infty}$ - algebra structure on  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)$  is homotopy equivalent to  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M), \wedge, d_{\gamma(\pi)})$ , i.e. there exists a universal continuous  $Ass_{\infty}$  isomorphism,

$$\mathcal{F}^{\gamma}: \left(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \mu_{\bullet}^{\gamma}\right) \longrightarrow \left(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \wedge, d_{\gamma(\pi)}\right) \tag{1.2}$$

which on cohomology induces the map (1.1) and hence proves the main theorem.

The above mentioned deformation,  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)[[\hbar]], \mu_{\bullet}^{\gamma})$ , of the standard dg algebra structure on the space of polyvector fields on a Poisson manifold is of a special type — it respects the Schouten bracket. Omitting reference to a particular Poisson structure  $\pi$  on M, we can say that we study in this paper universal deformations of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure on polyvector fields

in the class of  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -algebras (rather than in the class of  $\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -algebras). The 2coloured operad  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  is a minimal resolution of the 2-coloured Koszul operad,  $nc\mathcal{G}$ , of non-commutative Gerstenhaber algebras, and, moreover, it admits a very natural geometric realization via configuration spaces of points in the pair,  $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , consisting of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and a line  $\mathbb{R}$  drawn in the plane [1]. We prove that, up to  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -isomorphisms there are only two universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -structures on polyvector fields, the one which comes from the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure, and the exotic one which was introduced in [1] in terms of a de Rham field theory on a certain operad of compactified configuration spaces.

**1.1. Some notation.** The set  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  is abbreviated to [n]; its group of automorphisms is denoted by  $\mathbb{S}_n$ . The cardinality of a finite set A is denoted by #A. If  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} V^i$  is a graded vector space, then V[k] stands for the graded vector space with  $V[k]^i := V^{i+k}$  and and  $s^k$  for the associated isomorphism  $V \to V[k]$ ; for  $v \in V^i$  we set |v| := i. For a pair of graded vector spaces  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , the symbol Hom<sub>i</sub>  $(V_1, V_2)$  stands for the space of homogeneous linear maps of degree i, and Hom $(V_1, V_2) := \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Hom}_i(V_1, V_2)$ ; for example,  $s^k \in \text{Hom}_{-k}(V, V[k])$ . For an operad  $\mathcal{P}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{P}\{k\}$  the unique operad which has the following property: for any graded vector space V there is a one-to-one correspondence between representations of  $\mathcal{P}\{k\}$  in V and representations of  $\mathcal{P}$  in V[-k]; in particular,  $\mathcal{E}nd_V\{k\} = \mathcal{E}nd_{V[k]}$ .

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### **2.** Compactified configuration spaces of points in the flag $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$

**2.1.**  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$ -algebras. For a finite set A let  $Conf_A(\mathbb{C})$  stand for the set of all injections,  $\{A \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$ . For  $\#A \ge 2$  the orbit space

$$C_A(\mathbb{C}) := \frac{\{A \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\}}{z \to \mathbb{R}^+ z + \mathbb{C}},$$

is naturally a real (2#A - 3)-dimensional manifold (if A = [n], we use the notations  $C_n(\mathbb{C})$ ). Its Fulton–MacPherson compactification,  $\overline{C}_A(\mathbb{C})$ , can be made into a compact smooth manifold with corners [7] (or into a compact semialgebraic manifold). Moreover, the collection

$$\overline{C}(\mathbb{C}) = \{\overline{C}_A(\mathbb{C})\}_{\#A \ge 2}$$

has a natural structure of a non-unital pseudo-operad in the category of oriented smooth manifolds with corners. The associated operad of chains,  $Chains(\overline{C}(\mathbb{C}))$ ,

contains a suboperad of fundamental chains,  $\mathcal{FChains}(\overline{C}(\mathbb{C}))$ , which is precisely the operad,  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty}\{1\}$ , of degree shifted  $L_{\infty}$ -algebras (see [12] for a review).

# **2.2.** OCHA versus strong homotopy non-commutative Gerstenhaber algebras. For arbitrary finite sets *A* and *B* consider the space of injections,

$$Conf_{A,B}(\mathbb{C}) := \{ A \sqcup B \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}, B \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C} \},\$$

and, for  $2#A + #B \ge 2$ , consider the quotient space,

$$C_{A,B}(\mathbb{C}) := \frac{Conf_{A,B}(\mathbb{C})}{z \to \mathbb{R}^+ z + \mathbb{R}},$$

by the affine group  $\mathbb{R}^+ \ltimes \mathbb{R}$ . As  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{H} \sqcup \mathbb{H}^-$ , where  $\mathbb{H}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{H}^-$ ) is the upper (resp., lower) half-plane, we can consider subspaces,

$$Conf_{A,B}(\mathbb{H}) := \{A \hookrightarrow \mathbb{H}, B \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \subset Conf_{A,B}(\mathbb{C})$$

and

$$C_{A,B}(\mathbb{H}) := \frac{Conf_{A,B}(\mathbb{H})}{z \to \mathbb{R}^+ z + \mathbb{R}} \subset C_{A,B}(\mathbb{C})$$



The Fulton-MacPherson compactification,  $\overline{C}_{A,B}(\mathbb{H})$ , of  $C_{A,B}(\mathbb{H})$  was introduced in [7]. The fundamental chain complex,  $\mathcal{FChains}(\overline{C}(\mathbb{H}))$ , of the disjoint union,

$$\overline{C}(\mathbb{H}) := \overline{C}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C}) \bigsqcup \overline{C}_{\bullet,\bullet}(\mathbb{H}),$$

is a dg quasi-free 2-coloured operad [5] generated by

(i) degree 3 - 2n corollas,

$$= \underbrace{\qquad}_{\sigma(1)\sigma(2)}, \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n, n \ge 2$$
(2.1)

representing  $\overline{C}_n(\mathbb{C})$ , and

(ii) degree 2 - 2n - m corollas,

$$\prod_{\substack{1 \ 2 \ n} \quad 1 \ 2 \ \bar{m}} = \prod_{\sigma(1) \ \sigma(2) \ \sigma(n) \quad 1 \ 2 \ \bar{m}}, \quad 2n+m \ge 2, \forall \ \sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n$$
(2.2)

representing  $\overline{C}_{n,m}(\mathbb{H})$ .

The differential in  $\mathcal{FChains}(\overline{C}(\mathbb{H}))$  is given on the generators by [7, 5]

$$\partial \qquad = -\sum_{\substack{A \subseteq [n] \\ \#A \ge 2}} \qquad = -\sum_{\substack{A \subseteq [n] \\ \#A \ge 2}} \qquad (2.4)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{k,l,[n]=I_1\sqcup I_2\\2\#I_1+m\geq l+1\\2\#I_2+l\geq 2}} (-1)^{k+l(n-k-l)} \underbrace{I_1}_{I_1} \underbrace{I_2}_{I_2} \underbrace{I_1+I_2}_{I_2} \underbrace{I_2}_{k+l+l} m$$

Representations of  $(\mathcal{F}Chains(\overline{C}(\mathbb{H})), \partial)$  in a pair of dg vector spaces  $(A, \mathfrak{g})$  were called in [5] *open-closed homotopy algebras* or OCHAs for short. Such a representation,  $\rho$ , is uniquely determined by its values on the generators,

$$\nu_n := \rho\left(\underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{n-1}, n\right) \in \operatorname{Hom}(\mathfrak{g}^{\odot n}, \mathfrak{g})[3-2n], \quad n \ge 2,$$
  
$$\mu_{n,m} := \rho\left(\underbrace{1}_{1}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{1}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{2}, \underbrace{1}_{n}, \underbrace{1}_{n},$$

which satisfy quadratic relations given by the above formulae for the differential  $\partial$  and give us, therefore, the following list of algebraic structures in  $(A, \mathfrak{g})$ :

- (i) an  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty}\{1\}$ -algebra structure,  $\nu_{\bullet} = \{\nu_n : \odot^n \mathfrak{g} \to \mathfrak{g}[3-2n]\}_{n \ge 1}$ , in  $\mathfrak{g}$ ;
- (ii) an A<sub>∞</sub>-algebra structure, μ<sub>•</sub> = {μ<sub>0,m</sub> : ⊗<sup>m</sup>A → A[2 m]}<sub>m≥1</sub>, in A; if [, ]<sub>G</sub> stands for the standard Gerstenhaber bracket on the Hochschild cochains C(A, A) = ∏<sub>n≥0</sub> Hom(A<sup>⊗n</sup>, A)[1 n]), then μ<sub>•</sub> defines a differential on C(A, A), d<sub>μ</sub> := [μ<sub>•</sub>, ]<sub>G</sub>;
- (iii) an  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty}$ -morphism, F, from the  $L_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(\mathfrak{g}, \nu)$  to the dg Lie algebra  $(C(A, A), [, ]_G, d_{\mu}).$

If  $\rho$  is an arbitrary representation of  $(\mathcal{FChains}(\overline{C}(\mathbb{H})), \partial)$  and  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}$  is an arbitrary Maurer–Cartan element<sup>1</sup>,

$$\sum_{n\geq 0}\frac{1}{n!}\nu_n(\gamma^{\otimes n})=0, \quad |\gamma|=2,$$

of the associated  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty}$ -algebra ( $\mathfrak{g}, \nu_{\bullet}$ ), then the maps

$$\mu_m: \bigotimes^m A \longrightarrow A[[\hbar]][2-m], \ m \ge 0, x_1 \otimes \dots x_m \longrightarrow \sum_{n \ge 1} \frac{\hbar^n}{n!} \mu_{n,m}(\gamma^{\otimes n} \otimes x_1 \otimes \dots x_m)$$

make the topological (with respect to the adic topology) vector space  $A[[\hbar]]$  into a topological, *non-flat* (in general)  $\mathcal{A}_{\infty}$ -algebra (here  $\hbar$  is a formal parameter, and  $A[[\hbar] := A \otimes \mathbb{K}[[\hbar]]$ ). Non-flatness originates from the generators (2.2) with  $m = 0, n \ge 1$ , which correspond to the boundary strata in  $\overline{C}(\mathbb{H})$  that are given by groups of points in the upper half plane collapsing to a point on the real line. It is clear how to get rid of such strata — one should allow configurations of points everywhere in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and hence consider the Fulton–MacPherson compactifications [1] of the configuration spaces  $C_{A,B}(\mathbb{C})$  rather than  $C_{A,B}(\mathbb{H})$ . The disjoint union

$$\overline{CF}(\mathbb{C}) := \overline{C}_{\bullet}(\mathbb{C}) \bigsqcup \overline{C}_{\bullet,\bullet}(\mathbb{C}),$$

has a natural structure of a dg quasi-free 2-coloured operad in the category of compact manifolds with corners. This operad is free in the category of sets. The suboperad,

$$nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} := \mathcal{F}Chains(CF(\mathbb{C})),$$

of the associated chain operad  $Chains(\overline{CF}(\mathbb{C}))$  generated by fundamental chains is free in the category of graded vector spaces and is canonically isomorphic as a dg operad to the quotient operad

$$nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} := \mathcal{F}Chains(\overline{C}(\mathbb{H}))/I,$$

where *I* is the (differential) ideal generated by corollas (2.2) with  $m = 0, n \ge 1$ . The notation  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  stems from the fact [1, 4] that this operad is a minimal resolution of a 2-coloured quadratic operad which governs the type of algebras introduced in [3] under the name of *Leibniz pairs*. Let us compare this quadratic operad with the operad,  $\mathcal{G}$ , of Gerstenhaber algebras. The latter is a 1-coloured quadratic operad generated by commutative associative product in degree 0,  $\mathcal{I}_{1,2} = \mathcal{I}_{2,1}$  and Lie bracket of degree -1,  $\mathcal{I}_{2,2} = \mathcal{I}_{2,1}$ , satisfying the compatibility condition

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array}$$
 (2.5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We tacitly assume here that the  $L_{\infty}$ -algebra  $(X_c, v_{\bullet})$  is appropriately filtered so that the MC equation makes sense. In our applications below  $v_{n\geq 3} = 0$  so that one has no problems with convergence of the infinite sum.

This condition satisfies the distributive law so that the 1-coloured operad  $\mathcal{G}$  is Koszul. In fact, this condition makes sense even if we assume that the associative product is *not* commutative so that one might attempt to define an operad of *non-commutative* Gerstenhaber algebras as a 1-coloured operad generated by associative non-commutative product product of degree 0,  $\begin{array}{c} & & \\ & &$ 

$$\downarrow \bigcirc 2 \neq \downarrow \bigcirc 1, \qquad \downarrow \frown 2 = \downarrow \frown 1.$$

The 2-coloured operad generated by binary operations  $4 \neq 2$ ,  $4 \neq 2$ , 4

Jacobi relations for the Lie brackets,

and the compatibility relations (2.6) was introduced in [3] (with slightly different grading conventions which in two colours are irrelevant) under the name of the

operad of Leibniz pairs. However algebras over the operad of Leibniz pairs have nothing to do with pairs of Leibniz algebras. We prefer to call this quadratic operad the 2-coloured operad of noncommutative Gerstenhaber algebras ( $nc\mathcal{G}$  for short) as this name specifies its structure non-ambiguously; this is the only natural way to generalize the notion of Gerstenhaber algebras to the case of a non-commutative product while keeping the Koszulness property. Moreover, any Gerstenhaber algebra is automatically an algebra over  $nc\mathcal{G}$ . In particular, for any smooth manifold Mthe associated space of polyvector fields,  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M)$  equipped with the Schouten bracket  $[, ]_S$  and the wedge product  $\wedge$  is an  $nc\mathcal{G}$ -algebra. It was proven in [15] that ( $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $[, ]_S, \wedge$ ) is rigid as a  $\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  algebra. It follows from Willwacher's proof [17] of the Furusho theorem that ( $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $[, ]_S, \wedge$ ) admits a unique (up to homotopy and rescalings) universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  deformation whose explicit structure is described in [1] (see also (4.3) below for its explicit graph representation).

**2.3.** Configuration space model for the 4-coloured operad of morphisms of  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -algebras. A geometric model for the 4-coloured operad of morphisms of OCHA algebras was given in [12]. The same ideas work for the operad,  $\mathcal{M}or(nc\mathcal{G})_{\infty}$ , of morphisms of  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -algebras provided one replaces everywhere in §6 of [12] the upper-plane  $\mathbb{H}$  with the full complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## 3. T. Willwacher's theorems

**3.1. Universal deformations of the Schouten bracket.** The deformation complex of the graded Lie algebra  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), [, ]_S)$  is the graded Lie algebra,

$$\operatorname{CoDer}\left(\underbrace{\odot^{\bullet}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2])}_{\overset{\text{standard coalgebra}}{\operatorname{structure}}}\right) = \prod_{n \ge 0} \operatorname{Hom}(\odot^n \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d))[2-2n]$$

of coderivations of the graded-cocommutative coalgebra  $\odot^{\bullet}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2])$  equipped with the differential,  $\delta$ , given by

$$\delta(D) := [\,,\,]_S \circ D - (-1)^{|D|} D \circ [\,,\,]_S, \ \forall \ D \in \operatorname{CoDer}\left(\odot^{\bullet}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2])\right).$$

Here  $\circ$  stands for the composition of coderivations. There is a universal (i.e. independent of the dimension *d*) version of this deformation complex, GC<sub>2</sub>, which was introduced by Kontsevich in [6] and studied in detail in [17]. In this subsection we recall some ideas, results and notations of [17] which we later use to prove our main theorem.

**3.2.** Operad  $\mathcal{G}ra$ . To define Kontsevich's dg Lie algebra  $GC_2$  it is easiest to start by defining a certain operad of graphs. For arbitrary integers  $n \ge 1$  and  $l \ge 0$  let  $G_{n,l}$ stand for the set of graphs { $\Gamma$ } with *n* vertices and *l* edges such that (i) the vertices of  $\Gamma$  are labelled by elements of  $[n] := \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , (ii) the set of edges,  $E(\Gamma)$ , is totally ordered up to an even permutation (that is, *oriented*); it has at most two different orientations. For  $\Gamma \in G_{n,l}$  we denote by  $\Gamma_{opp}$  the oppositely oriented graph. Let  $\mathbb{K}\langle G_{n,l}\rangle$  be the vector space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  spanned by isomorphism classes,  $[\Gamma]$ , of elements of  $G_{n,l}$  modulo the relation<sup>2</sup>  $\Gamma_{opp} = -\Gamma$ , and consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $\mathbb{S}_n$ -module,

$$\mathcal{G}ra(n) := \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{K} \langle \mathsf{G}_{n,l} \rangle[l].$$

For example,  $\stackrel{1}{\bullet} \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow}$  is a degree -1 element in  $\mathcal{G}ra(2)$ . The S-module,  $\mathcal{G}ra := \{\mathcal{G}ra(n)\}_{n\geq 1}$ , is naturally an operad with the operadic compositions given by

$$\circ_{i}: \quad \mathcal{G}ra(n) \otimes \mathcal{G}ra(m) \longrightarrow \qquad \mathcal{G}ra(m+n-1) \\ \Gamma_{1} \otimes \Gamma_{2} \longrightarrow \qquad \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathsf{G}_{\Gamma_{1},\Gamma_{2}}^{i}} (-1)^{\sigma_{\Gamma}} \Gamma$$
(3.1)

where  $G_{\Gamma_1,\Gamma_2}^i$  is the subset of  $G_{n+m-1,\#E(\Gamma_1)+\#E(\Gamma_2)}$  consisting of graphs,  $\Gamma$ , satisfying the condition: the full subgraph of  $\Gamma$  spanned by the vertices labeled by the set  $\{i, i + 1, \ldots, i + m - 1\}$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma_2$  and the quotient graph,  $\Gamma/\Gamma_2$ , obtained by contracting that subgraph to a single vertex, is isomorphic to  $\Gamma_1$  (see §2 in [17] or §7 in [12] for examples). The sign  $(-1)^{\sigma_{\Gamma}}$  is determined by the equality  $\wedge_{e \in E(\Gamma)} e = (-1)^{\sigma_{\Gamma}} (\wedge_{e' \in E(\Gamma_1)} e') \wedge (\wedge_{e'' \in E(\Gamma_2)} e'')$  where the edge products over the sets  $E(\Gamma_1)$  and  $E(\Gamma_1)$  are taken in accordance with the given orientations. The unique element in  $G_{1,0}$  serves as the unit element in the operad  $\mathcal{G}ra$ .

**3.3.** A canonical representation of  $\mathcal{G}ra$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The operad  $\mathcal{G}ra$  has a natural representation in the vector space  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2]$  for any dimension d,

$$\rho: \quad \mathcal{G}ra(n) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}(n) = \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes n}, \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d))$$

$$\Gamma \quad \longrightarrow \qquad \Phi_{\Gamma}$$
(3.2)

given by the formula,

$$\Phi_{\Gamma}(\gamma_1,\ldots,\gamma_n)$$
  
:=  $\mu\left(\prod_{e\in E(\Gamma)} \Delta_e\left(\gamma_1(x_{(1)},\psi_{(1)})\otimes\gamma_2(x_{(2)},\psi_{(2)})\otimes\ldots\otimes\gamma_n(x_{(n)},\psi_{(n)})\right)\right)$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Abusing notations we identify from now an equivalence class  $[\Gamma]$  with any of its representative  $\Gamma$ .

where, for an edge e connecting vertices labeled by integers i and j,

$$\Delta_e = \sum_{a=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(i)}^a} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_{(j)a}} + \frac{\partial}{\psi_{(i)a}} \otimes \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{(j)}^a}$$

and  $\mu$  is the multiplication map,

$$\mu: \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes n} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \gamma_1 \otimes \gamma_2 \otimes \ldots \otimes \gamma_n & \longrightarrow & \gamma_1 \wedge \gamma_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge \gamma_n. \end{array}$$

Here we used a coordinate identification,  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d) = C^{\infty}(x^1, \dots, x^d)[\psi_1, \dots, \psi_d]$ , where  $C^{\infty}(x^1, \dots, x^d)$  is the ring of smooth functions of coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^d$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $\psi_a$  are formal variables of degree one symbolizing  $\partial/\partial x^a$ .

**3.4. Kontsevich graph complex.** There is a morphism of operads [18]

$$\mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}ra$$

given on the generators of the operad of Gerstenhaber algebras by

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & & & & \\ & & & \\ 1 & 2 & & & \\ \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ \end{array}$$
 (3.4)

The latter map also gives us a canonical morphism of operads

$$i: \mathcal{L}ie\{1\} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}ra.$$

The *full Kontsevich graph complex*  $fGC_2$  is, by definition, the deformation complex controlling deformations of the morphism *i*,

$$\mathsf{fGC}_2 := \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\} \to \mathcal{G}ra)$$

There are several explicit constructions of deformation complexes of (pr)operadic morphisms given, for example, in [14]. To construct  $Def(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}ra)$  one has to replace  $\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}$  by its the minimal resolution,  $\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty}$ , which is a quasi-free dg operad generated by the S-module

$$E = \{E(n) := \mathbf{1}_n [2n - 3]\}.$$

Then, as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded vector space,

$$\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\} \to \mathcal{G}ra) \equiv \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra) := \prod_{n \ge 0} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}_n}(E(n), Gra(n))[-1]$$
$$= \prod_{n \ge 0} Gra(n)^{\mathbb{S}_n}[2-2n],$$

i.e. an element of fGC<sub>2</sub> can be understood as an  $S_n$ -symmetrization a of graph from  $G_{n,l}$  to which we assign the degree 2n - l - 2, for example

$$1 2 + 2 1 =: \bullet - \bullet$$

is a degree 1 element in  $fGC_2$ . As labelling of vertices of elements from  $fGC_2$  by integers is symmetrized, we often represent such elements as a single graph with vertices *unlabelled*, e.g.



One should not forget, however, that such a graph is in reality a symmetrization sum of some labelled graph from  $G_{n,l}$ .

The Lie algebra structure in  $fGC_2 = Def(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}ra)$  is completely determined by the differential on  $\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty}$  [14]. It is an elementary exercise to see that the Lie brackets in  $fGC_2$  can expressed in terms of operadic composition in  $\mathcal{G}ra$  as follows,

$$[\Gamma, \Gamma'] := Sym(\Gamma \circ_1 \Gamma' - (-1)^{|\Gamma||\Gamma'|} \Gamma \circ_1 \Gamma),$$

where Sym stands for the symmetrization of vertex labels. The usefulness of this Lie algebra structure on  $fGC_2 := Def(Lie\{1\}_{\infty} \rightarrow Gra)$  stems from the fact [14] that the set of its Maurer-Cartan elements is in one-to-one correspondence with morphisms of operads  $Lie\{1\}_{\infty} \rightarrow Gra$ . It is easy to check that the element  $\bullet - \bullet$  is Maurer-Cartan,

$$\bullet - \bullet, \bullet - \bullet] = 0.$$

It corresponds precisely to the morphism (3.4). This element makes  $fGC_2$  into a complex with the differential

$$\delta_{\bullet\bullet\bullet} := [\bullet - \bullet, ].$$

This dg Lie algebra contains a dg Lie subalgebra,  $GC_2$ , spanned by connected graphs with at least trivalent vertices and no tadpoles; this subalgebra is precisely the original (odd) *Kontsevich graph complex* [6, 17]. One of the main theorems of [17] asserts an isomorphism of Lie algebras,

$$H^0(\mathrm{GC}_2, \delta_{\bullet \bullet}) \simeq \mathfrak{grt}_1,$$

where  $\mathfrak{grt}_1$  stands for the Grothendieck–Teichmüller Lie algebra and  $H^0$  for cohomology in degree zero.

Note that the canonical representation (3.2) induces a morphism of dg Lie algebras,

$$\rho^{ind} : \mathsf{fGC}_2 = \mathsf{Def}\left(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra\right) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}\left(\mathcal{L}ie\{1\}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}\right)$$
$$= \mathsf{CoDer}\left(\odot^{\bullet}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2])\right).$$

The image of this map consists of coderivations of the coalgebra  $\odot^{\bullet}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[2]$  which are *universal* i.e. make sense in any dimension. In particular,  $\rho(\bullet - \bullet)$  is precisely the Schouten bracket in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Therefore, one can say that the graph complex fGC<sub>2</sub> (or GC<sub>2</sub>) describes *universal* deformations of the Schouten bracket. T. Willwacher's theorem gives us universal homotopy actions of the Grothendieck–Teichmüller group  $GRT_1 = \exp(\mathfrak{grt}_1)$  on  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$  automorphisms of the Schouten bracket.

**3.5.** T. Willwacher's twisted operad  $f \mathcal{G}raphs^{\circlearrowright}$ . For any operad  $\mathcal{P}$  and morphism of operads,  $\mathcal{L}ie\{k\}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{P}$ , there is an associated operad  $Tw(\mathcal{P})$  whose representations,  $\rho^{tw} : Tw(\mathcal{P}) \to \mathcal{E}nd_V$ , can be obtained from representations,  $\rho : \mathcal{P} \to \mathcal{E}nd_V$ , of  $\mathcal{P}$  by "twisting"  $\rho$  by Maurer–Cartan elements of the associated (via the map  $\mathcal{L}ie\{k\}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{P}$ )  $\mathcal{L}ie\{k\}_{\infty}$  structure on V. Omitting general construction (see [17] for its details), we shall describe explicitly the dg operad  $f \mathcal{G}raphs^{\circlearrowright} := Tw(\mathcal{G}ra)$  obtained from  $\mathcal{G}ra$  by twisting the morphism (3.4). For arbitrary integers  $m \ge 1, n \ge 0$  and  $l \ge 0$  we denote by  $G_{m,n;l}$  a set of graphs  $\{\Gamma\}$  with m white vertices, n black vertices are and l edges such that (i) the white vertices of  $\Gamma$  are labelled by elements of  $[\overline{n}] = \{\overline{1}, \ldots, \overline{n}\}$ , (iii) and the set of edges,  $E(\Gamma)$ , is totally ordered up to an even permutation. The set of black (respectively, white) vertices of  $\Gamma$  will be denoted by  $V_{\bullet}(\Gamma)$  (resp.  $V_{\circ}(\Gamma)$ ).

Let  $\mathbb{K}\langle G_{m,n;l} \rangle$  be the vector space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  spanned by isomorphism classes, [ $\Gamma$ ], of elements of  $G_{m,n;l}$  modulo the relation  $\Gamma_{opp} = -\Gamma$ , and consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $\mathbb{S}_m$ -module,

$$f \mathcal{G}raphs^{(l)}(m) := \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{K} \langle \mathsf{G}_{m,n;l} \rangle^{\mathbb{S}_n} [l-2n],$$

where invariants are taken with respect to the permutations of  $[\bar{n}]$ -labellings of black vertices. For example,  $\overset{1}{\circ}$ —• is a degree 1 element in  $f Graphs^{(i)}(1)$  and  $\overset{1}{\circ}$   $\overset{2}{\circ}$  is a degree 0 element in  $f Graphs^{(i)}(2)$ . The operadic composition,  $\Gamma \circ_i \Gamma'$ , in

$$fGraphs^{\circlearrowleft} = \{fGraphs^{\circlearrowright}(m)\}$$

is defined by substitution of the graph  $\Gamma' \in \mathbb{K}\langle G_{m',n';l} \rangle^{\mathbb{S}_{n'}}$  into the *i*-th white vertex v of  $\Gamma \in \mathbb{K}\langle G_{m,n;l} \rangle^{\mathbb{S}_n}$ , reconnecting all edges of  $\Gamma$  incident to v in all possible ways to vertices of  $\Gamma'$  (in a full analogy to the case of  $\mathcal{G}ra$ ), and finally symmetrizing over labellings of the n + n' black vertices. Consider linear maps,

$$\delta_{\bullet\bullet} \Gamma := -(-1)^{|\Gamma|} Sym \left( \Gamma \circ_{\overline{1}} \bullet - \bullet \right)$$

and

$$\delta_{\circ \bullet} \Gamma := Sym\left( \stackrel{1}{\circ} \bullet \circ_1 \Gamma - (-1)^{|\Gamma|} \sum_{v \in V(\circ)} \Gamma \circ_v \stackrel{1}{\circ} \bullet \right)$$

where Sym stands for the symmetrization of black vertex labellings. Note that in this case  $\delta^2_{\bullet\bullet} \neq 0$  and  $\delta^2_{\bullet\bullet} \neq 0$  in general, but their sum  $\delta_{\bullet\bullet} + \delta_{\bullet\bullet}$  makes  $f Graphs^{\bigcirc}$  into an operad of *complexes* [17].

The dg suboperad of  $f Graphs^{\circ}$  consisting of graphs  $\Gamma$  which have no connected component consisting solely of black vertices is denoted in [17] by  $Graphs^{\circ}$ . The inclusions of the suboperads of graphs without tadpoles, f Graphs and Graphs, into  $f Graphs^{\circ}$  and, respectively,  $Graphs^{\circ}$ , are quasi-isomorphisms. [17] Hence we may without loss of generality replace the operads  $f Graphs^{\circ}$  and  $Graphs^{\circ}$  by these suboperads f Graphs and Graphs.

There is a morphism of dg operads [19]

$$\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}ss \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}raphs$$

where the first arrow is a natural projection and the second map is given on the generators of the operad Ass by

$$\downarrow \qquad \rightarrow \quad \stackrel{1}{\circ} \quad \stackrel{2}{\circ} \quad \stackrel{2}{\circ}$$

The standard construction [14] gives us a dg Lie algebra,  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss \to \mathcal{G}raphs)$ , whose elements,  $\Gamma$ , are linear combinations of graphs from  $\mathbb{K}\langle \mathsf{G}_{m,n;l}\rangle^{\mathbb{S}_n}$ ,  $m, n, l \ge 0$ , equipped with a total order on the set of white vertices of  $\Gamma$  (so that in pictures we can depict vertices of such graphs as lying on a line) and with degree 2n + m - l - 1. The differential on  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$  is a sum,

$$\delta = \delta_{\circ\circ} + \delta_{\bullet\bullet} + \delta_{\bullet\bullet}, \qquad (3.5)$$

where

$$\delta_{\circ\circ}\,\Gamma := \left( (\stackrel{1}{\circ}\stackrel{2}{\circ})\circ_{1}\Gamma + (\stackrel{1}{\circ}\stackrel{2}{\circ})\circ_{2}\Gamma \right) \,-\, (-1)^{|\Gamma|}\sum_{v\in V(\circ)}\Gamma\circ_{v}(\stackrel{1}{\circ}\stackrel{2}{\circ})$$

The first cohomology group of this deformation complex was computed in appendix E of [17],

$$H^{i} \left( \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs) \right) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{grt}_{1} \oplus \mathbb{R}[-1] & \text{for } i = 1, \\ \mathbb{R}[\mathbb{S}_{2}] & \text{for } i = 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } i \leq -1, \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

where the summand  $\mathbb{R}[-1]$  in  $H^1(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs))$  is generated by the following graph

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_3} (-1)^{\sigma} \bigvee_{\sigma(1) \ \sigma(2) \ \sigma(3)}^{\bullet} \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs).$$
(3.7)

and  $H^0$  (Def( $Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs$ )) is generated by  $\frac{1}{0}$ .

**Lemma 3.5.1.**  $H^1(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow f\mathcal{G}raphs)) = \mathfrak{grt}_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}[-1].$ 

*Proof.* As a complex  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs)$  is isomorphic to the tensor product of complexes

$$\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs) \otimes \odot^{\bullet \geq 0}(\mathsf{GC}_2[-2])$$

so that

$$\begin{split} H^{1}\left(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)\right) &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} H^{i}\left(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs)\right) \\ &\otimes H^{-i-1}(\odot^{\bullet \geq 0}\mathsf{GC}_{2}) \\ &= H^{1}\left(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs)\right), \end{split}$$

because  $H^{\leq -1}(\text{GC}_2) = 0$  and  $H^{\leq -1}((\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs)) = 0$  according to Thomas Willwacher [17, 19].

Note that in general the inclusion map of complexes,

$$\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs),$$

induces an injection on cohomology,

$$H^i$$
 (Def( $Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs$ ))  $\hookrightarrow H^i$  (Def( $Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs$ ))

since  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs)$  is direct summand of  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs)$ .

**3.6.** A mapping cone of the Willwacher map. It was proven in [17] that there is a degree 1 morphism of complexes,

$$\mathfrak{W}: (\mathsf{GC}_2, \delta_{\bullet\bullet}) \longrightarrow (\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs), \delta).$$

which induces an *injection* on cohomology [17, 19]

$$[\mathfrak{W}]: H^i(\mathrm{GC}_2) \longrightarrow H^i(\mathrm{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)).$$

The map  $\mathfrak{W}$  sends a graph  $\gamma \in GC_2$  (with, say, *n* black vertices) to a linear combination of graphs with *n* black vertices and one white vertex,

$$\mathfrak{W}(\gamma) := \frac{1}{\#V(\gamma)!} \sum_{v \in V(\gamma)} \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \bullet \\ 1 \end{array} =: \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \bullet \\ 1 \end{array}$$
(3.8)

where  $\bigvee_{1}^{\gamma} v$  stands for the graph obtained by attaching  $\downarrow$  to the vertex v of  $\gamma$ ; the set of edges of  $\mathfrak{W}(\gamma)$  is ordered by putting the new edge after the edges of  $\gamma$ . Let MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ) be the mapping cone of the map  $\mathfrak{W}$ , that is, the direct sum (without the standard degree shift as the map  $\mathfrak{W}$  has degree +1)

$$MaC(\mathfrak{W}) = Def(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \rightarrow f\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus GC_2$$

equipped with the differential

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d: & \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \mathsf{GC}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \mathsf{GC}_2 \\ & & (\Gamma, \gamma) & \longrightarrow & (\delta\Gamma + \mathfrak{V}(\gamma), \delta_{\bullet \bullet} \gamma). \end{array}$$

There is a natural representation [17] of the Lie algebra  $GC_2$  on the vector space  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs)$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \circ : & \operatorname{GC}_2 \times \operatorname{Def}(\operatorname{\mathcal{A}ss}_{\infty} \to f \operatorname{\mathcal{G}raphs}) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Def}(\operatorname{\mathcal{A}ss}_{\infty} \to f \operatorname{\mathcal{G}raphs}) \\ & (\gamma, \Gamma) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma \cdot \gamma := \sum_{v \in V_{black}(\Gamma)} \Gamma \circ_v \gamma \end{array}$$

given by substitution of the graph  $\gamma$  into black vertices of the graph  $\Gamma$ . This action can be used to make MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ) into a Lie algebra with the brackets,

$$[(\Gamma_1, \gamma_1), (\Gamma_2, \gamma_2)] := \left( [\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2] + \Gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 - (-1)^{|\Gamma_2||\gamma_1|} \Gamma_2 \cdot \gamma_1, [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \right).$$
(3.9)

The differential d respects these brackets so that

$$(\mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}), [, ], d) \tag{3.10}$$

is a differential graded Lie algebra. For future reference we need the following Lemma 3.6.1.  $H^1(MaC(\mathfrak{W}), d) = \mathbb{R}[-1].$ 

Proof. There is a short exact sequence of dg Lie algebras,

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}) \xrightarrow{\beta} \mathsf{GC}_{2} \longrightarrow 0$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha: & \operatorname{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs) & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \operatorname{GC}_2 \\ & \Gamma & \longrightarrow & (\Gamma, 0) \end{array}$$

and

are the natural maps. We have, therefore, a piece of the associated long exact sequence of cohomology groups,

$$\begin{split} H^{i}(\mathsf{GC}_{2}) &\stackrel{[\mathfrak{W}]}{\to} H^{i+1}(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)) \stackrel{[\alpha]}{\to} H^{i+1}(\mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W})) \\ &\stackrel{[\beta]}{\to} H^{i+1}(\mathsf{GC}_{2}) \stackrel{[\mathfrak{W}]}{\to} H^{i+2}(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)) \end{split}$$

As the map  $[\mathfrak{W}]$  is injective, we obtain

$$H^{i+1}(\mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W})) = \frac{H^{i+1}(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs))}{[\mathfrak{W}](H^{i}(\mathsf{GC}_{2}))}.$$

Since  $H^0(GC_2) = \mathfrak{grt}_1$  and  $H^1(\mathsf{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)) = \mathfrak{grt}_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}[-1]$  the claim follows.  $\Box$ 

# Universal ncG<sub>∞</sub> deformations of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure in T<sub>poly</sub>(ℝ<sup>d</sup>)

**4.1. Two-coloured version of**  $\mathcal{G}ra$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}ra = {\mathcal{G}ra(n)}_{n\geq 1}$  be the operad defined in §3.2; from now one we assume that vertices of graphs from  $\mathcal{G}ra$  are coloured in black. For arbitrary integers  $m \geq 1$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and  $l \geq 0$  we denote by  $G'_{m,n;l}$  the set of tadpoles-free graphs  $\{\Gamma\}$  with m white vertices, n black vertices and l edges, such that

- (i) the set of white vertices,  $V_{\circ}(\Gamma)$ , of  $\Gamma$  is equipped with a total order (so that in our pictures white vertices will depicted as lying on a line),
- (ii) there is a bijection  $V_{\circ}(\Gamma) \rightarrow [m]$  (which does not, in general, respect total orders),
- (iii) there is a bijection from the set,  $V_{\bullet}(\Gamma)$ , of black vertices of  $\Gamma$  to the set  $[\bar{n}] = \{\bar{1}, \ldots, \bar{n}\},\$
- (iv) the black vertices of  $\Gamma$  are at least trivalent,
- (v) the set of edges,  $E(\Gamma)$ , is equipped with an orientation, i.e. it is totally ordered up to an even permutation.

Note that graphs from  $G'_{m,n;l}$  can have connected components consisting of graphs with solely black vertices. Let  $\mathbb{K}\langle G'_{m,n;l}\rangle$  be the vector space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  spanned by isomorphism classes,  $[\Gamma]$ , of elements of  $G_{m,n;l}$  modulo the relation  $\Gamma_{opp} = -\Gamma$ , where the graph  $\Gamma_{opp}$  is identical to  $\Gamma$  except that it has the opposite orientation. Consider the following collection of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules,

$$\mathcal{G}ra^{\circ\bullet} := \left\{ \bigoplus_{N=m+n} \operatorname{Ind}_{\mathbb{S}_N}^{\mathbb{S}_m \times \mathbb{S}_{\bar{n}}} \left\{ \mathcal{G}ra(m,n) := \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{K} \langle \mathsf{G}'_{m,n;l} \rangle [l] \right\}_{m \ge 1, n \ge 0}, \{ \mathcal{G}ra(n) \}_{n \ge 1} \right\}.$$

It has a structure of a 2-coloured operad with compositions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \circ_i: & \mathcal{G}ra(m_1, n_1) \otimes \mathcal{G}ra(m_2, n_2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}ra(m_1 + m_2 - 1, n_1 + n_2), & i \in [m_1] \\ \circ_i: & \mathcal{G}ra(m, n_1) \otimes \mathcal{G}ra(n_2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}ra(m, n_1 + n_2 - 1), & i \in [n_1] \\ \circ_i: & \mathcal{G}ra(n_1) \otimes \mathcal{G}ra(n_2) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}ra(n_1 + n_2 - 1), & i \in [n_1], \end{array}$$

given by graph substitutions as in the case of Gra.

Proposition 4.1.1. There is a morphism of operads

$$f: nc\mathcal{G} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \circ}$$

given on generators as follows,

*Proof.* We have to check that the map f respects relations (2.7), (2.8) and (2.6). For example,

Analogously one checks all other relations.

**Theorem 4.1.2.** The deformation complex,  $Def(n c \mathcal{G}_{\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet})$ , of the morphism

$$f_o: nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \xrightarrow{proj} nc\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$$

is isomorphic as a dg Lie algebra to  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$ .

*Proof.* As a graded vector space  $\mathsf{Def}(n c \mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G} r a^{\circ \bullet})$  is identical to the space of homomorphisms,  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}}(E, \mathcal{G} r a^{\circ \bullet})[-1]$ , of S-modules, where  $E = \{E(N)\}$  is the S-module of generators of  $n c \mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ . The latter S-module splits as a direct sum,

$$E(N) = E_1(N) \oplus E_2(N),$$

where  $E_1(N)$  is spanned as a vector space by corollas (2.1) and hence is given by

$$E_1(N) = sgn_N[2n-3]$$

where  $sgn_N$  is the one-dimensional sign representation of  $\mathbb{S}_N$ . The  $\mathbb{S}_N$ -module  $E_2(N)$  is spanned by corollas (2.2) and hence equals

$$E_2(N) = \bigoplus_{\substack{N=m+n\\m\geq 1,n\geq 0}} \operatorname{Ind}_{\mathbb{S}_N}^{\mathbb{S}_m \times \mathbb{S}_n} \mathbb{K}[\mathbb{S}_m] \otimes sgn_n[2n+m-2].$$

Therefore, we have an isomorphism of graded vector spaces

$$\mathsf{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ\bullet}) = \prod_{N} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}} \left( E_{2}(N), \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ\bullet}(N) \right) [-1]$$
$$\oplus \prod_{N} \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbb{S}} \left( E_{1}(N), \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ\bullet}(N) \right) [-1]$$
$$= \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \mathsf{GC}_{2}$$
$$= \mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W})$$

One reads the Lie algebra structure in  $\text{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet})$  from the differential (2.3) and (2.4) and easily concludes that it is given precisely by the Lie bracket [, ]

given in (3.9). Next, there is a 1-1 correspondence between Maurer–Cartan elements,  $\Gamma$ ,

$$[\Gamma, \Gamma] = 0,$$

and morphisms of operads  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$  (cf. [14]). The morphism  $f_0$  is represented by the following Maurer–Cartan element,

$$\Gamma_0 = \left(\circ \circ + \stackrel{\bullet}{\circ}, \bullet - \bullet\right) \tag{4.2}$$

so that the differential in  $\text{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet})$  is given by  $[\Gamma_0, ]$  and hence coincides precisely with the differential d in MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ). The theorem is proven.  $\Box$ 

**4.2.** A canonical representations of  $\mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$  in polyvector fields and an exotic  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structure. There is a representation of the two-coloured operad  $\mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$  in the two-coloured endomorphism operad,  $\mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d),\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}$ , of two copies of the space  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  given by formulae which are completely analogous to (3.2). Hence there is an induced of morphism of dg Lie algebras

$$\mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}) = \mathsf{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ\bullet}) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d),\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}).$$

The dg Lie algebra  $\operatorname{Def}(nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \to \mathcal{E}nv_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d),\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)})$  describes  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  deformation of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure on  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The dg Lie algebra MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ) controls, therefore, *universal* deformations of this structure, i.e the ones which make sense in any dimension d.

In particular any Maurer-Cartan element,

$$d\,\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}[\Gamma,\Gamma] = 0$$

in the dg Lie algebra MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ) gives us a universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -structure in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Such a structure can be viewed as a deformation of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure (corresponding to the graph (4.2)) as the above equation can be rewritten as

$$[\Gamma_0 + \Gamma, \Gamma_0 + \Gamma] = 0.$$

The dg Lie algebra  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$  is naturally filtered by the number of black and white vertices. We assume from now on that  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$  is completed with respect to this filtration. Then there is a well-defined action of degree zero elements, g, of  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$  on the set of Maurer–Cartan elements,

$$\check{\mathsf{A}} \longrightarrow \Gamma^g := e^{ad_g} \check{\mathsf{A}} - \frac{e^{ad_g} - 1}{ad_g} dg.$$

The orbits of this action are  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -isomorphism classes of universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structures on polyvector fields.

Infinitesimal homotopy non-trivial  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  deformations of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure on polyvector fields are classified by the cohomology group  $H^1(MaC(\mathfrak{W}))$ . Lemma 3.6.1 says that there exists at most one homotopy nontrivial universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  deformation of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure on polyvector fields. The associated Maurer–Cartan element in MaC(\mathfrak{W}) was given explicitly in [1] in term of periods over the compactified configuration spaces  $\overline{C}_{\bullet,\bullet}(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$$\Gamma_0 + \Gamma = \left( \sum_{m \ge 1, n \ge 0} \sum_{\Gamma \in G''_{m,n;2n+m-2}} \int_{\overline{C}_{m,n}(\mathbb{C})} \Omega_{\Gamma} \Gamma, \bullet \bullet \right)$$
(4.3)

where

- $G''_{m,n;2n+m-2}$  is the set of equivalence classes of graphs from  $G'_{m,n;2n+m-2}$  which are linearly independent in the space  $\mathbb{K}\langle G'_{m,n;2n+m-2} \rangle$  and have no tadpoles;
- $\Omega_{\Gamma} := \bigwedge_{e \in Edges(\Gamma)} \pi_e^*(\omega)$ ,
- for an edge  $e \in Edges(\Gamma)$  beginning at a vertex (of any colour) labelled by *i* and ending at a vertex (of any colour) labelled by *j*,  $p_e$  is the natural surjection

$$\pi_e: \begin{array}{ccc} C_{n,m}(\mathbb{C}) & \longrightarrow & C_2(\mathbb{C}) = S^1 \\ (z_1, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_j, \dots, z_{n+m}) & \longrightarrow & \frac{z_i - z_j}{|z_i - z_j|}. \end{array}$$

• The 1-form  $\omega := \frac{1}{2\pi} dArg(z_i - z_j)$  is the standard homogenous volume form on  $S^1$  normalized so that  $\int_{S^1} \omega = 1$ .

The lowest (in total number of vertices) term in  $\Gamma$  is given by the graph (3.7) whose weight is equal to 1/24. Hence Lemma 3.6.1 and [1] imply the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.1.** Up to  $n c \mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  isomorphisms, there are only two different universal  $n c \mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structures on polyvector fields, the standard Gerstenhaber one corresponding to the Maurer–Cartan element (4.2) and the exotic one given by (4.3).

## 5. No-Go Theorem

**5.1.** A class of universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures on Poisson manifolds. For any degree 2 element  $\hbar\pi$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[[\hbar]]$  the operad  $f \mathcal{G}raphs$  admits a canonical representation

$$\rho^{\pi}: fGraphs \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[[\hbar]]}^{cont}$$

of graded operads, which sends a graph  $\Gamma$  from Graphs with, say, *m* white vertices and *n* black vertices into a continuous (in the  $\hbar$ -adic topology) operator  $\rho(\Gamma) \in$ Hom $(\otimes^m \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[[\hbar]]$  which is constructed exactly as in the formula (3.2) except that black vertices are decorated by the element  $\hbar\pi$ . (From now on we take our operad f Graphs to be completed with respect to the filtration by the number of black vertices; hence we need to use a degree zero formal parameter  $\hbar$  to ensure convergence of operators  $\rho(\Gamma)$  in the  $\hbar$ -adic topology.) The representation  $\rho^{\pi}$ is a representation of dg operads if  $\pi$  is Poisson and we equip the space of polyvector fields with the Poisson-Lichnerowitz differential.

The Lie algebra  $GC_2$  acts (on the right) on the operad fGraphs,

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R: & f \mathcal{G}raphs \times \mathsf{GC}_2 & \longrightarrow & f \mathcal{G}raphs \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ \end{array}$$

by operadic derivations, where  $\Gamma \cdot \gamma$  is obtained from  $\Gamma$  by inserting  $\gamma$  into black vertices [17]. Let  $I'_{\bullet\bullet}$  be the operadic ideal in *fGraphs* generated by graphs of the form  $\Gamma \cdot \bullet \bullet$ . There is natural projection map of operads,

$$f \mathcal{G}raphs \longrightarrow f \mathcal{G}raphs' := f \mathcal{G}raphs/I'_{\bullet\bullet},$$

and, for  $\pi$  being a (graded) Poisson structure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , that is, for  $\pi$  satisfying  $[\pi, \pi]_S = 0$ , the canonical representation  $\rho^{\pi}$  factors through this projection,

$$\rho^{\pi}: fGraphs \longrightarrow fGraphs' \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$

The induced representation  $f \mathcal{G}raphs' \to \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}$  we denote by the same letter  $\rho^{\pi}$ . It induces in turn a map of Lie algebras,

$$\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs') \\ \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)}) = \mathsf{CoDer}(\otimes^{\bullet \ge 1}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[1])$$

where

$$\mathsf{CoDer}(\otimes^{\bullet \ge 1}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[1]) = \prod_{m \ge 1} \mathsf{Hom}(\otimes^m \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), \mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d))[1-m]$$

is the Gerstenhaber Lie algebra of coderivations of the tensor coalgebra  $\otimes^{\bullet \geq 1}(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[1])$ . Hence any Maurer–Cartan element  $\Gamma$ ,

$$[\Gamma, \Gamma] = 0,$$

in the Lie algebra  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs')$  induces, for any fixed Poisson structure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , a universal  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  algebra structure on  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Moreover, two such universal  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structures,  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , are universally  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  isomorphic if and only if there exists a degree zero element  $h \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs')$  such that

$$\Gamma_2 = e^{\mathrm{ad}_h} \Gamma_1$$

where  $ad_h$  stands for the adjoint action. Note that, due to the filtrations of the Lie algebra  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs')$  by the numbers of white and black vertices, there is no convergence problem in taking the exponent of  $ad_h$ .

It is easy to see that

$$\Gamma_0 = \dots + \dots$$

is a Maurer-Cartan element in  $\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to f \mathcal{G}raphs')$  (but *not* in  $\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to f \mathcal{G}raphs)!$ ), and the associated  $Ass_{\infty}$  structure in  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), \pi)$  is the standard structure of a Poisson complex, that is, a wedge product  $\land$  (corresponding to the graph  $\circ\circ$ ) and the differential  $d_{\pi} = [\hbar\pi, ]_{S}$  (corresponding to the graph  $\circ\bullet$ ). Hence  $\Gamma_0$  makes  $\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to f \mathcal{G}raphs')$  into a complex with the differential  $d := [\Gamma_0, ]$ . It is clear that the natural projection of Lie algebras

$$p: \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs')$$

is compatible with the differentials.

Let  $\gamma$  be a degree zero cycle in the graph complex GC<sub>2</sub>, representing some cohomology class from  $\mathfrak{grt}_1$ . Then

$$\Gamma_0^{\gamma} := \Gamma_0 \cdot e^{\gamma} = \dots + \dots + \stackrel{\gamma}{\stackrel{\circ}{\bullet}} + \frac{1}{2!} \stackrel{\gamma \cdot \gamma}{\stackrel{\circ}{\bullet}} + \dots$$

is again a Maurer-Cartan element in  $\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to f \mathcal{G}raphs')$ . The associated  $Ass_{\infty}$  structure in  $(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d), \pi)$  consists of the standard wedge product  $\wedge$  (corresponding to the graph  $_{\circ\circ}$ ) and the differential  $d_{g(\pi)} = [g(\hbar\pi), ]_{s}$ , where  $g = \exp(\gamma)$  is the element of the group  $GRT_1$  corresponding to  $\gamma$ . The element in the difference  $\Gamma_0^{\gamma} - \Gamma_0$  with lowest number of vertices is

It defines a cycle in both complexes  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$  and  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$ . It is shown in [17] that  $\overset{\gamma}{\stackrel{\circ}{\ominus}}$  is *not* a coboundary in  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$ , it therefore defines a non-trivial cohomology class in  $H^1(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs))$ .

**5.1.1. Lemma.** For any  $[\gamma] \in \mathfrak{grt}_1$  an associated cycle  $\overset{\gamma}{\bullet}$  is not a coboundary in  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs')$ , that is, it defines a non-trivial cohomology class in  $H^1(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs'))$ . In fact the natural map

$$[p]: H^1(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)) \longrightarrow H^1(\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs'))$$

is an injection.

Let us first prove the following corollary to this lemma, and then the lemma itself.

**5.1.2.** No-go theorem. For any  $[\gamma] \in \mathfrak{grt}_1$ , the Maurer–Cartan elements  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_0^{\gamma}$  are not gauge equivalent in the Lie algebra  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs')$ . Equivalently, the universal  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structures in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)[[\hbar]]$  corresponding to these elements are not universally  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  isomorphic.

*Proof.* Comparing the terms with the same number of black and white vertices in the equation

$$\Gamma_0^{\gamma} = e^{\mathrm{ad}_h} \Gamma_0,$$

we immediately see that

$$\oint_{0}^{\gamma} = [h', \circ \circ + \circ \bullet] = -dh'$$

for some summand h' in h. This contradicts Lemma 5.1.1.

To prove Lemma 5.1.1 we need the following

**5.1.3. Lemma.** For any  $[\gamma] \in \mathfrak{grt}_1$ , an associated cycle  $\overset{\gamma}{\bullet}$  in the complex  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{Ass}_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$  is cohomologous to an element  $\gamma_w$  which has no black vertices.

*Proof.* Let us represent the total differential  $\delta$  in  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs)$  as a sum of two differentials (see (3.5))

$$\delta = \delta_{\circ\circ} + \delta'$$

The cohomology of the complex  $(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs), \delta')$  (which contains elements of the form  $\stackrel{\gamma}{\bullet}$  and is a *direct* summand of the full complex  $(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs), \delta')$  was computed in [9] (see also Proposition 5 in [17]). We need from that computation only the following fact: any  $\delta'$ -cocycle in  $\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs)$  which contains at least one black vertex is  $\delta'$ -exact. As

we conclude that  $\delta' \stackrel{\gamma}{\bullet} = 0$  and hence  $\stackrel{\gamma}{\bullet} = -\delta'\gamma_{\circ}$  for some degree zero graph  $\gamma_{\circ}$  in Def( $Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs$ ); in fact, it is easy to see that  $\gamma_{\circ}$  is  $\gamma$  with every black vertex labelled by, say, 1 made white (remember that  $\gamma$  is symmetrized over numerical labellings of vertices so that nothing depends on the choice of a particular label in this construction of  $\gamma_{\circ}$ ). We can, therefore, write,

$$\oint_{0}^{\gamma} = -(\delta_{\circ\circ} + \delta')\gamma_{\circ} + \delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ}.$$

If  $\delta_{\circ\circ} \gamma_{\circ}$  contains black vertices, then again

$$\delta \, \delta_{\circ \circ} \, \gamma_{\circ} = \delta'(\delta_{\circ \circ} \, \gamma_{\circ}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta_{\circ \circ} \, \gamma_{\circ} = -\delta' \, \gamma_{\circ \circ}$$

and hence

$$\int_{0}^{\gamma} = -\delta(\gamma_{0} + \gamma_{\circ\circ}) + \delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ\circ}.$$

Continuing this process we finally obtain an equality

$$\int_{0}^{\gamma} = -\delta(\gamma_{0} + \gamma_{\circ\circ} + \ldots + \gamma_{\circ\ldots\circ}^{max}) + \delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ\ldots\circ}$$
(5.1)

where  $\gamma_w := \delta_{\circ\circ} \gamma_{\circ\ldots\circ}^{max}$  has no black vertices.

Proof of Lemma 5.1.1. Since

$$H^1(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow f\mathcal{G}raphs)) = H^1(\text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}raphs))$$

and since  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow Graphs')$  is a direct summand of  $Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs')$ , it is enough to study the natural projection map

$$p: \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs) \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs').$$

Consider the following *direct* summands, C and C', of both complexes of the form

Ker  $d \bigcap$  {Subspace of graphs with no black vertices}

As the ideal used to construct the quotient operad Graphs' out of Graphs consists of graphs with at least two black vertices, we conclude that the map p sends C isomorphically to C'. Then Lemma 5.1.3 (and its obvious analogue for the graph (3.7)) implies the required result.

**5.2.** Quotient mapping cone. Let  $I_{\bullet\bullet}$  be the ideal in the operad  $\mathcal{G}ra$  generated by the graph  $\frac{1}{2}$ , let  $\mathcal{G}ra' := \mathcal{G}ra/I_{\bullet\bullet}$ , and let

$$\operatorname{GC}_2' := \operatorname{Def}\left(\operatorname{\mathcal{L}ie}\{1\}_{\infty} \xrightarrow{0} \operatorname{\mathcal{G}ra}'\right)$$

be the deformation complex of the zero map (this is just a Lie algebra). There is an induced Willwacher map

$$\mathfrak{W}': \mathsf{GC}'_2 \longrightarrow \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_\infty \rightarrow \mathcal{G}raphs')$$

and hence an associated Lie algebra structure on the quotient mapping cone,

 $\mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}') := \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}raphs') \oplus \mathsf{GC}'_2.$ 

There is a natural surjection of Lie algebras,

$$S: \mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}) \longrightarrow \mathsf{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}'). \tag{5.2}$$

For future reference we make an evident observation that our class of universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures on polyvector fields can be identified with a class of Maurer–Cartan elements of the quotient mapping cone MaC( $\mathfrak{W}'$ ) which have the form ( $\Gamma$ , 0) for some  $\Gamma \in \mathsf{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}raphs')$ .

## 6. Proof of the main theorem

**6.1.**  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  isomorphisms of  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  algebras. As the two-coloured operad  $\mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$  has a canonical representation in the space of polyvector fields  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , any morphism of operads

$$F: nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}ra^{\circ \bullet}$$

induces a universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structure in  $\mathcal{T}_{poly}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . On the other hand, we proved in the previous section that there is a one-to-one correspondence between such morphisms F and degree 1 elements,

$$\breve{\mathsf{A}} = (\Gamma, \gamma)$$

in the Lie algebra  $MaC(\mathfrak{W}) = Def(Ass_{\infty} \rightarrow fGraphs) \oplus GC_2$  satisfying the Maurer-Cartan condition

$$[\check{\mathsf{A}},\check{\mathsf{A}}] = ([\Gamma,\Gamma] + 2\Gamma \circ \gamma, [\gamma,\gamma]) = 0.$$

Two universal  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structures corresponding to Maurer–Cartan elements  $\check{A}$  and  $\check{A}'$  are  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$ -isomorphic if and only if the Maurer–Cartan elements  $\check{A}$  and  $\check{A}'$  are gauge equivalent, that is,

$$\check{\mathsf{A}}' = e^{\operatorname{ad}_{\mathsf{H}}}\check{\mathsf{A}} \tag{6.1}$$

for some degree zero element H = (H, h) in MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ).

**6.2.**  $nc\mathcal{G}_{\infty}$  structures versus  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structures on (affine) Poisson manifolds. Let us denote by  $\mathcal{MC}$  the set of all Maurer–Cartan elements in the Lie algebra  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$ . By Theorem 4.2.1, any element  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{MC}$  is gauge equivalent either to (4.2) or to (4.3). Both these Maurer–Cartan elements belong to the subset  $\mathcal{MC}_{\mathcal{A}ss} \subset \mathcal{MC}$  consisting of elements of the form  $(\Gamma, \bullet \bullet)$  for some  $\Gamma \in Def(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$ . As projection (5.2) sends such and element into a Maurer–Cartan element in  $MaC(\mathfrak{W}')$  of the form  $(\Gamma, 0)$ , the subset  $\mathcal{MC}_{\mathcal{A}ss} \subset \mathcal{MC}$  gives us universal  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structures on polyvector fields. We are interested now in the gauge transformations of the set  $\mathcal{MC}$  which preserve the subset  $\mathcal{MC}_{\mathcal{A}ss}$ , as such transformations can sometimes induce (via the surjection (5.2))  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  isomorphisms

of our class of universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures on polyvector fields. It is clear that the gauge transformation (6.1) associated to a degree zero element

$$\mathsf{H} = (H \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs), \ h \in \mathsf{GC}_2)$$

preserves the subset  $\mathcal{MC}_{Ass} \subset \mathcal{MC}$  if and only if  $\delta_{\bullet\bullet} h = 0$ , i.e. if h is a cycle in the Kontsevich graph complex. In this case one has

$$e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathsf{H}}}(\Gamma, \bullet \bullet) = \left(e^{\mathrm{ad}_{(H \circ e^{h})}}(\Gamma \circ (e^{-h})) + \dots, \bullet \bullet\right)$$

where  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{(a \circ e^h)}}$  is computed with respect to the Lie bracket in  $\mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs)$ and, for an element  $A \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to \mathcal{G}raphs)$  and an element  $\gamma \in \mathsf{GC}_2$  we set

$$A \circ (e^{\gamma}) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\dots ((A \circ \underbrace{\gamma) \circ \gamma}_{n}) \dots \circ \gamma) \in \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f\mathcal{G}raphs)$$

It is clear from these formulae that gauge transformations of the set  $\mathcal{MC}_{Ass}$  associated with degree zero elements in MaC( $\mathfrak{W}$ ) of the form

$$H = (H, 0)$$

will induce — via the projection(5.2)) —  $Ass_{\infty}$  isomorphisms of  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures associated to elements of  $\mathcal{MC}_{Ass}$ .

**6.3.** A naive action of  $GRT_1$  on  $\mathcal{MC}_{\mathcal{A}ss}$ . For any  $[\gamma] \in \mathfrak{grt}_1$  an associated degree zero element  $H_{\gamma} = (0, \gamma) \in MaC(\mathfrak{W})$  gives us a gauge transformation of  $\mathcal{MC}$  which preserves the subset  $\mathcal{MC}_{\mathcal{A}ss}$ . For example, in the case of the standard Gerstenhaber algebra structure (4.2) one has

$$\check{\mathsf{A}}_{0}^{\gamma} := e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathsf{H}_{\gamma}}}\check{\mathsf{A}}_{0} = \left(\circ\circ\,+\stackrel{\circ}{\circ}, \bullet - \bullet\right) \tag{6.2}$$

where  $g = \exp(-\gamma) \in GRT_1$ . The associated (via the projection (5.2))  $Ass_{\infty}$  structure on polyvector fields is precisely the standard differential Gerstenhaber algebra structure in which the differential is twisted by the action of g on the Poisson structure (see Main Theorem in the introduction).

To construct a less naive action of  $GRT_1$  on  $\mathcal{MC}_{Ass}$  we need some technical preparations.

**6.4.** Splitting of the Lie algebra  $MaC(\mathfrak{W})$ . The natural epimorphism of differential Lie algebras,

$$MaC(\mathfrak{W}) \longrightarrow GC_2$$
,

has a section in the category of *non*-differential Lie algebras given explicitly in the following proposition.

**Proposition 6.4.1.** There is a morphism of Lie algebras  $s : GC_2 \rightarrow MaC(\mathfrak{W})$  given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} s: & \operatorname{GC}_2 & \longrightarrow & \operatorname{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f \, \mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \operatorname{GC}_2 \\ & \gamma & \longrightarrow & (\gamma_{\circ}, \gamma) \end{array}$$

where

$$\gamma_{\circ} := \sum_{v \in V(\gamma)} \gamma_{v \to \circ}$$

and  $\gamma_{v \to \circ}$  stands for the graph  $\gamma$  whose (black) vertex v is made white .

*Proof.* Denoting  $\varepsilon := |\gamma_1| |\gamma_2|$ , we have

$$\begin{split} s([\gamma_1, \gamma_2]) &= \left( \sum_{v \in V([\gamma_1, \gamma_2])} [\gamma_1, \gamma_2]_{v \to \circ} , [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{w \in V(\gamma_1)} \left( \sum_{v \in V(\gamma_2)} \gamma_1 \circ_w (\gamma_2)_{v \to \circ} + \sum_{v \in \{V(\gamma_1) \setminus w\}} (\gamma_1)_{v \to \circ} \circ_w \gamma_2 \right) \\ &- (-1)^{\varepsilon} (1 \leftrightarrow 2) , [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{\substack{w \in V(\gamma_1) \\ v \in V(\gamma_2)}} \gamma_1 \circ_w (\gamma_2)_{v \to \circ} - (-1)^{\varepsilon} \sum_{\substack{w \in V(\gamma_2) \\ v \in V(\gamma_1)}} \gamma_2 \circ_w (\gamma_1)_{v \to \circ} + (\gamma_1)_{\circ} \circ \gamma_2 \\ &- (-1)^{\varepsilon} (\gamma_2)_{\circ} \circ \gamma_1 , [\gamma_1, \gamma_2] \right) \\ &= ([(\gamma_1)_{\circ}, (\gamma_2)_{\circ}] + (\gamma_1)_{\circ} \circ \gamma_2 - (-1)^{\varepsilon} (\gamma_2)_{\circ} \circ \gamma_1 , [\gamma_1, \gamma_2]) \end{split}$$

$$= [s(\gamma_1), s(\gamma_2)].$$

# Corollary 6.4.2. There is an isomorphism of Lie algebras

$$\mathfrak{s}: \operatorname{MaC}(\mathfrak{W}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Def}(\operatorname{Ass}_{\infty} \to \operatorname{Graphs}) \oplus \operatorname{GC}_2$$
$$(a, \gamma) \longrightarrow (a - \gamma_{\circ}, \gamma).$$

and hence an isomorphism of gauge groups,

$$e^{\operatorname{MaC}(\mathfrak{W})^{0}} \simeq e^{\operatorname{Def}(\operatorname{Ass}_{\infty} \to f \operatorname{Graphs})^{0}} \times e^{\operatorname{GC}_{2}^{0}}.$$

Consider now an action of  $GRT_1$  on  $\Gamma_0 \in \mathcal{MC}_{Ass}$  via the morphism  $\mathfrak{s}$ ,

$$\begin{split} e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathfrak{s}(\gamma)}}\check{\mathsf{A}}_{0} &= \left(\circ\circ+\overset{\bullet}{\circ}+\left[\gamma_{\circ},\circ\circ+\overset{\bullet}{\circ}\right]+\gamma_{\circ}\circ\overset{\bullet}{\bullet}-\overset{\bullet}{\circ}\circ\gamma+\mathcal{O}(\gamma^{2})\ ,\ \overset{\bullet}{\bullet}-\overset{\bullet}{\circ}\right)\\ &= \left(\circ\circ+\overset{\bullet}{\circ}-\delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ}+\overset{\bullet}{\circ}-\overset{\bullet}{\circ}+\mathcal{O}(\gamma^{2})\ ,\ \overset{\bullet}{\bullet}-\overset{\bullet}{\bullet}\right)\\ &= \left(\circ\circ+\overset{\bullet}{\circ}-\delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ}+\mathcal{O}(\gamma^{2})\ ,\ \overset{\bullet}{\bullet}-\overset{\bullet}{\bullet}\right) \end{split}$$

As terms of the form  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\circ}$  cancel out, the  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structure on polyvector fields corresponding to  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathfrak{s}}(\gamma)}\check{\mathsf{A}}_0$  has the differential,  $\stackrel{\bullet}{\circ}$ , unchanged by the action of  $GRT_1$ at the price of adding higher homotopies to the standard wedge product. This rather unusual universal  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  structure is  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  isomorphic to the naive  $GRT_1$ deformation (6.2) since

$$e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathfrak{s}}(\gamma)}\breve{\mathsf{A}}_{0} = e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\mathfrak{s}}(\gamma)}e^{-\mathrm{ad}_{\mathsf{H}_{\gamma}}}\breve{\mathsf{A}}_{0}^{\gamma}$$

and  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{s}(\gamma)}e^{-\mathrm{ad}_{H_{\gamma}}}$  is of the form  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{H}}$  for some  $H = (H \in \mathrm{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \rightarrow f\mathcal{G}raphs), 0)$ . However this fact does not prove our Main Theorem as the multiplication operation in the  $\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty}$  algebra corresponding to  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{s}(\gamma)}\check{A}_{0}$  is given by the graph

$$\circ \circ - \delta_{\circ\circ} \gamma_{\circ} + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^2)$$

and hence is *not* equal to the standard wedge product. However it is now clear how to achieve a  $GRT_1$  deformation of the standard dg algebra structure on polyvector fields in such a way that the differential and the wedge product stay unchanged. In the notations of Lemma 5.1.3, consider a degree zero map, given by

$$\hat{\mathfrak{s}}: \ \mathsf{GC}_2 \longrightarrow \ \mathsf{Def}(\mathcal{A}ss_{\infty} \to f \,\mathcal{G}raphs) \oplus \mathsf{GC}_2 \gamma \longrightarrow (\gamma_{\circ} + \gamma_{\circ\circ} + \ldots + \gamma_{\circ\cdots\circ}^{max}, \gamma).$$

Then, for  $\gamma$  a cycle in GC<sub>2</sub> representing some cohomology class  $[\gamma] \in \mathfrak{grt}_1$ , we have

$$e^{ad_{\hat{s}(\gamma)}}\check{\mathsf{A}}_{0} = \left(\circ \circ + \overset{\bullet}{\circ} - \delta_{\circ\circ}\gamma_{\circ} + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^{2}) , \bullet - \bullet\right)$$
(6.3)

so that the first corrections to the standard wedge multiplication, ..., in polyvector fields is given by the following graph

$$\circ \circ - \delta_{\circ\circ} \gamma_{\circ\ldots\circ}^{max} + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^2)$$

As  $\gamma_{\circ\ldots\circ}^{max}$  has at least four white vertices, we conclude that the universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structure corresponding to  $e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\hat{s}}(\gamma)}\check{A}_0$  has operations  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  unchanged at the price of non-trivial higher homotopy operations  $\mu_{\bullet\geq4}\neq 0$ . We have

$$e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\hat{\mathfrak{s}}}(\gamma)}\breve{\mathsf{A}}_{0} = e^{\mathrm{ad}_{\hat{\mathfrak{s}}}(\gamma)}e^{-\mathrm{ad}_{\mathsf{H}\gamma}}\breve{\mathsf{A}}_{0}^{\gamma} = e^{-\mathrm{ad}_{(H,0)}}\breve{\mathsf{A}}_{0}^{\gamma}$$

for some  $H \in \text{Def}(Ass_{\infty} \to fGraphs)$ . Thus the universal  $Ass_{\infty}$  structures corresponding to Maurer–Cartan elements (6.2) and (6.3) are  $Ass_{\infty}$  isomorphic. This proves our Main Theorem for the case  $M = \mathbb{R}^d$ , the affine space.

6.4.1. Globalization to any Poisson manifold. Let M be a finite-dimensional smooth manifold. A torsion-free affine connection on M defines an isomorphism of sheaves of algebras between the sheaf of jets of functions,  $J^{\infty}C_{M}^{\infty}$ , and the completed symmetric bundle  $\hat{S}(T_{M}^{*})$  of the cotangent bundle. Similarly, the sheaf of jets of polyvector fields,  $J^{\infty}(S(T_{M}[-1]))$ , becomes isomorphic to the sheaf  $\mathfrak{T} := \hat{S}(T_{M}^{*} \oplus T_{M}[-1])$ . The canonical jet bundle connection defines, *via* this isomorphism, a Maurer-Cartan element  $B \in \Omega(M, \mathfrak{T})$  of the dg Lie algebra of differential forms on M with values in  $\mathfrak{T}$ . Taking jets (with respect to the affine connection) is a quasi-isomorphism

$$j: (\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M), \wedge, [\,,\,]_S) \hookrightarrow (\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}), d_{dR} + [B,\,]_S, \wedge, [\,,\,]_S)$$

of Gerstenhaber algebras. The space on the right was used, e.g., in [2], to globalize Kontsevich's formality morphism. The action of degree 0 cocycles of Kontsevich's graph complex  $GC_2$  by  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$ -derivations of the polyvector fields on affine  $\mathbb{R}^d$  defines (essentially, because of equivariance with respect to linear coordinate changes)  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$ -derivations of the dg Lie algebra  $(\Omega(M, \mathfrak{T}), d_{dR}, [, ]_S)$ . Let now  $\pi$  be a Poisson bivector on M. The jet  $j(\pi)$  is then a Maurer–Cartan element of  $\Omega(M, \mathfrak{T})$  and, because  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$  morphisms can be twisted by Maurer–Cartan elements, any degree 0 graph cocycle  $\gamma$  will define a  $\mathcal{L}ie_{\infty}$  morphism

$$e^{\gamma} : (\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}), d_{dR} + [j(\pi) + B, ]_S, [, ]_S)$$
  
$$\rightarrow (\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}), d_{dR} + [\gamma(j(\pi) + B), ]_S, [, ]_S).$$

Define  $\delta := d_{dR} + [B, ]_S$ . Because  $\gamma(j(\pi) + B) = j(\gamma(\pi)) + B$ , the  $\gamma$  on the right referring to the globalized automorphism of polyvector fields on M (see [2] for the arguments), the above is a morphism

$$(\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}),\delta+d_{i(\pi)},[,]_S)\to(\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}),\delta+d_{i(\nu(\pi))},[,]_S).$$

Our formula for the morphism of associative Poisson cohomology algebras defines a morphism of associative algebras

$$F^{\gamma}: H((\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}),\delta,\wedge),d_{j(\pi)}) \to H((\Omega(M,\mathfrak{T}),\delta,\wedge),d_{j(\gamma(\pi))}).$$

Since taking jets is a quasi-isomorphism of associative algebras,

$$(\mathcal{T}_{poly}(M), d_{\pi}, \wedge) \to (\Omega(M, \mathfrak{T}), \delta + d_{j(\pi)}, \wedge, ),$$

this shows that the morphism  $F^{\gamma}$  globalizes.

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