

# An Alternating Analogue of $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ and Its Representations

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# History and Motivation

- Studying “subalgebra-algebra” pairs finds its roots in representation theory.
- Focus on “semicommutative” pairs  $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{U}$ :
  - $\mathcal{U}$  is an associative (non-commutative)  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra,
  - $\Gamma$  is an integral domain.
- Motivation for such pairs comes from the framework of *Harish-Chandra modules* (generalized weight modules) [DFO94]:
  - $\mathcal{U} = U(\mathfrak{g})$  for reductive  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,
  - $\Gamma = U(\mathfrak{h})$  for Cartan subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ .
- Our objects of interest were originally defined and studied by Futorny and Ovsienko in [FO10] and [FO14].

# Basic Definitions

## Definition 1

For a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , the *Universal enveloping algebra* of  $\mathfrak{g}$  denoted  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ , is the following quotient of the tensor algebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ :

$$U(\mathfrak{g}) = \frac{T(\mathfrak{g})}{(x \otimes y - y \otimes x - [x, y] \mid x, y \in \mathfrak{g})}$$

## Definition 2

A subalgebra  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  is *maximal commutative* if it is not contained in any other commutative subalgebra of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

# Galois Rings and Galois Orders

- We will follow the setting of Hartwig's from [Har17].
- Let  $\Lambda$  be a Noetherian closed domain,  $G$  a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(\Lambda)$ , and  $\mathcal{M}$  a separating submonoid of  $\text{Aut}(\Lambda)$  with respect to  $G$  such that  $G$  acts by conjugation on it.
- Let  $\Gamma := \Lambda^G$

## Definition 3

Given a commutative ring  $R$  and a submonoid  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \text{Aut}(R)$ , we define the *smash product* as follows:

$$R\#\mathcal{M} := \left\{ \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} a_{\mu}\mu \mid a_{\mu} \in R \text{ and finitely many } a_{\mu} \neq 0 \right\},$$

with component-wise addition, and multiplication defined by  $a_1\mu_1 \cdot a_2\mu_2 = (a_1\mu_1(a_2))\mu_1\mu_2$  and expanding linearly.

- Since  $G$  acts on  $\Lambda$ , its action naturally extends to an action on  $\text{Frac}(\Lambda)$ .
- As such,  $G$  acts on  $\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M}$ .
- We have the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Lambda & \hookrightarrow & \text{Frac}(\Lambda) & \hookrightarrow & \text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M} \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \Gamma & \hookrightarrow & \text{Frac}(\Gamma) & \hookrightarrow & (\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G
 \end{array}$$

- Note:  $\text{Frac}(\Lambda)/\text{Frac}(\Gamma)$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ .

#### Definition 4

For an element  $X \in (\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G$  of the form  $X = \sum a_\mu \mu$ , we define  $\text{supp}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) = \{\mu \mid a_\mu \neq 0\}$ .

### Definition 5 (Futorny-Ovsienko 2010)

A *Galois  $\Gamma$ -ring* is a subalgebra  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $(\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G$  containing  $\Gamma$  such that  $\text{Frac}(\Gamma)\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U} \text{Frac}(\Gamma) = (\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G$ .

We have the following criterion for Galois rings:

### Proposition 6 (Futorny-Ovsienko 2010)

Let  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq (\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  the the subring of  $(\text{Frac}(\Lambda)\#\mathcal{M})^G$  generated by  $\Gamma \cup \mathcal{X}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is a Galois  $\Gamma$ -ring iff  $\cup_{X \in \mathcal{X}} \text{supp}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$  generates  $\mathcal{M}$  as a monoid.

### Definition 7 (Futorny-Ovsienko 2010)

A *Galois  $\Gamma$ -order* is a Galois  $\Gamma$ -ring such that for any finite dimensional left (or right)  $\text{Frac}(\Gamma)$ -subspace  $W$  of  $(\text{Frac}(\Lambda) \# \mathcal{M})^G$ ,  $\mathcal{U} \cap W$  is a finite generated left (resp. right)  $\Gamma$ -module.

- The above condition is very technical and difficult to show.
- In 2017, Hartwig showed the following condition implies the above condition:

### Definition 8 (Hartwig 2017)

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a Galois  $\Gamma$ -ring such that  $X(\Gamma) \subseteq \Gamma$  for every  $X \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is a principal Galois  $\Gamma$ -order

- Note:  $\Gamma$  is maximal commutative in any Galois  $\Gamma$ -order.



- *Galois rings* and *Galois orders* form a collection of algebras that contains many important examples:
  - *Generalized Weyl algebras* (Bavula, Rosenberg '9\*),
  - Universal enveloping algebra of  $\mathfrak{gl}_n$ ,
  - Shifted Yangians and Finite  $W$ -algebras.
- They help us to study Gelfand-Tsetlin modules.

### Definition 9

A  $\mathcal{U}$ -module  $V$  is a *Gelfand-Tsetlin* module (with respect to  $\Gamma$ ) if  $\dim(\Gamma.v) < \infty$  for all  $v \in V$ .

The major results in [FO14] give:

- 1 The existence of “generic” simple Gelfand-Tsetlin modules over Galois rings.
- 2 A “rough” classification of simple Gelfand-Tsetlin modules over Galois orders.

## A Simple Example

- Let  $\Lambda = \mathbb{C}[x]$ ,  $\delta \in \text{Aut}(\Lambda)$  such that  $\delta(x) = x - 1$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \delta \rangle_{\text{grp}} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $G$  the trivial group.
- $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  such that  $f(0) \neq 0$
- Define  $X, Y \in \text{Frac}(\Lambda) \# \mathcal{M}$  such that

$$X := \delta \frac{f(x)}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad Y := \delta^{-1}.$$

- Let  $\mathcal{U}_f = \mathbb{C}\langle \Lambda, X, Y \rangle_{\text{alg}}$ .
- Then  $\mathcal{U}_f$  is a Galois  $\Lambda$ -ring by the Galois ring criterion because  $\text{supp}_{\mathcal{M}} X \cup \text{supp}_{\mathcal{M}} Y = \{\delta, \delta^{-1}\}$  which generate  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Is  $\mathcal{U}_f$  a Galois  $\Lambda$ -order?

- Let  $C := C_{\mathcal{U}_f}(\Lambda) = \{u \in \mathcal{U}_f \mid fu = uf \ \forall f \in \Lambda\}$ , the centralizer of  $\Lambda$  in  $\mathcal{U}_f$ .
- Since  $YX = \frac{f(x)}{x} \in C \setminus \Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda$  is not maximal commutative in  $\mathcal{U}_f$ .
- Since  $\Lambda$  is not maximal commutative,  $\mathcal{U}_f$  is not a Galois  $\Lambda$ -order.
- However,  $C$  is maximal commutative.

### Question 2.1

Is  $\mathcal{U}_f$  a Galois  $C$ -order?

## Describing $C$

- The following lemmas help us to describe  $C$ .

### Lemma 10

For any  $f(x)$  such that  $f(0) \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x-1} \in C$ .

### Lemma 11

For any  $f(x)$  such that  $f(0) \neq 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{x+k} \in C$ .

### Lemma 12

For any  $f(x)$  such that  $f(0) \neq 0$  and  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\frac{1}{x-k} \in C$ .

**Proposition 13 (J\* 2019)**

If  $f(x)$  is a polynomial such that  $f(0) \neq 0$ , then

$$C = \mathbb{C}[x] \left[ \frac{1}{x+k} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right].$$

**Theorem 14 (J\* 2019)**

If  $f(x)$  is a polynomial such that  $f(0) \neq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{U}_f$  is a (co-)principal Galois  $C$ -order.

# Set-Up

- We recall that  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ -modules can be represented by Gelfand-Tsetlin patterns.

## Example 15

Let  $(\lambda_{21}, \lambda_{22})$  be a  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  weight. Then the following is a Gelfand-Tsetlin pattern  $L(\lambda_{21}, \lambda_{22})$ :

$$\begin{array}{cc} \boxed{\lambda_{21}} & \boxed{\lambda_{22}} \\ & \boxed{\lambda_{11}} \end{array}$$

where  $\lambda_{21} \geq \lambda_{11} \geq \lambda_{22}$ .

- $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  acts on these patterns via rational functions in the entries  $\lambda_{ij}$  and integral shifts.

- In 2010, Futorny and Ovsienko gave a realization of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  as a Galois order with  $\Lambda = \mathbb{C}[x_{ki} \mid 1 \leq i \leq k \leq n]$ ,  $G = S_1 \times S_2 \times \cdots \times S_n$ , and  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \delta^{j\ell} \mid 1 \leq \ell \leq j \leq n-1 \rangle_{\text{grp}}$  where  $\delta^{j\ell}(x_{ki}) = x_{ki} - \delta_{jk}\delta_{i\ell}$ .
- We will use  $U_n$  to denote the image of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  under the embedding  $\varphi: U(\mathfrak{gl}_n) \hookrightarrow (\text{Frac}(\Lambda) \# \mathcal{M})^G$  defined as follows:

$$\varphi(E_k^\pm) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\delta^{ki})^{\pm 1} a_{ki}^\pm \quad \text{with} \quad a_{ki}^\pm = \mp \frac{\prod_{j=i}^{k\pm 1} x_{k\pm 1, j} - x_{ki}}{\prod_{j \neq i} x_{kj} - x_{ki}},$$

$$\varphi(E_{kk}) = \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{ki} + i - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (x_{(k-1)i} + i - 1).$$

## Example 16

For  $n = 2$ ,  $U_2$  is contained in

$$(\mathbb{C}(x_{11}, x_{21}, x_{22}) \# \langle \delta^{11} \rangle_{\text{grp}})^{S_1 \times S_2}$$

where  $\delta^{11}$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}(x_{11}, x_{21}, x_{22})$  defined by

$$\delta^{11}(x_{ij}) = x_{ij} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{1j}.$$

with generators:

$$\varphi(E_1^+) = -\delta^{11}(x_{21} - x_{11})(x_{22} - x_{11}),$$

$$\varphi(E_1^-) = (\delta^{11})^{-1},$$

$$\varphi(E_{11}) = x_{11},$$

$$\varphi(E_{22}) = x_{21} + x_{22} - x_{11} + 1.$$



- What happens when we change the **symmetric groups** to **alternating groups**?
- Recall that  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^{A_n} = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^{S_n}[\mathcal{V}]$ .

### Definition 17 (J\* 2019)

The *alternating analogue* of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ , denoted  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ , is defined as the subalgebra of  $(\text{Frac}(\Lambda) \# \mathcal{M})^{A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n}$  generated by  $U_n \cup \{\mathcal{V}_2, \mathcal{V}_3, \dots, \mathcal{V}_n\}$  where:

$$\mathcal{V}_k = \mathcal{V}_k(x_{k1}, \dots, x_{kk}) = \prod_{i < j} (x_{ki} - x_{kj}) \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

- The following proposition lists some basic properties of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ .

### Proposition 18 (J\* 2019)

- (i)  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n) \cong U_n \subset \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  is a Galois ring,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{V}_n$  is central in  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ ,
- (iv)  $Z(\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)) \cong \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{A_n}$ ,
- (v) there is a chain of subalgebras  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_1) \subset \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2) \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ ,
- (vi)  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  is the minimal extension of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  with properties (iv) and (v).

# The case $n = 2$

## Proposition 19 (J\* 2019)

$\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  is isomorphic to the following extension of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ :

$$\frac{U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)[T]}{(T^2 - (-c_{21}^2 + 2c_{22} + 1))}$$

where  $c_{2i}$  are the so-called Gelfand invariants for  $\mathfrak{gl}_2$  with

$$c_{21} = E_{11} + E_{22} \quad \text{and} \quad c_{22} = E_{11}^2 + E_{22}^2 + E_{21}E_{12} + E_{12}E_{21}.$$

### Theorem 20 (J\*, 2019)

$\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  is a Galois order.

### Proof idea.

We use the previous proposition,  $\mathcal{V}_2$  is central, and a theorem of Futorny and Ovsienko from [FO10].

## Larger $n$

- Unfortunately the following example shows that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  is not a Galois order for  $n \geq 3$ .

### Example 21

Let  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denote the commutator bracket. Then

$$\left( \varphi(E_2^+) + [\varphi(E_2^+), \nu_2] \right) \cdot \left( \varphi(E_2^-) - [\varphi(E_2^-), \nu_2] \right) = \delta^{21} a_{21}^+ \cdot (\delta^{21})^{-1} a_{21}^-,$$

an element centralizer of  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ .

For  $n = 2$ 

- The structure of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ -modules is related to  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ -modules in an interesting way.

**Proposition 22 (J\* 2019)**

*The finite-dimensional simple  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -modules are characterized by ordered pairs  $(\lambda_2, \varepsilon_2)$ , where  $\lambda_2 := (\lambda_{21}, \lambda_{22}) \in \mathbb{C}^2$  is a dominant integral weight for  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  and  $\varepsilon_2 \in \{1, -1\}$ .*

- We note that  $\mathcal{V}_2^2$  must act diagonally on any finite-dimensional  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -module  $V$ .
- $\text{Res}_{U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)}^{\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)} V$  is a direct sum of simple  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -modules and  $\mathcal{V}_2^2$  is a quadratic polynomial of Gelfand invariants in  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ .

### Example 23

Let  $V = V(0) \oplus V(0)$  where  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$  acts trivially. This means that  $\mathcal{V}_2^2$  must act as  $\text{Id}_V$ . We define the following action of  $\mathcal{V}_2$

$$\mathcal{V}_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $0 \neq \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . It is clear then that  $\mathcal{V}_2^2$  acts as the identity on  $V$ , but the subrepresentation  $W = \{(v_1, 0) \mid v_1 \in V(0)\}$  is not a direct summand of  $V$  as a  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$ -module.

Larger  $n$ 

## Theorem 24 (J\* 2019)

Every finite-dimensional simple module over  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ , on which  $\mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_{n-1}$  act diagonally, is of the form  $V(\lambda_n, \varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_{n-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_2)$  where  $\lambda_n = (\lambda_{n1}, \lambda_{n2}, \dots, \lambda_{nn})$  is a weight of  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ ,  $\varepsilon_j \in \{\pm 1\}^{r_{\lambda_n, j}}$ , with  $r_{\lambda_n, j}$  denoting the number of ways to fill the  $j$ -th row of Gelfand-Tsetlin pattern with fixed top row  $\lambda_n$ , and  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

## Proof idea.

Follows by induction on  $n$ , and the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_{n-1}) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_2) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\
 U(\mathfrak{gl}_n) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}} & \longrightarrow & U(\mathfrak{gl}_{n-1}) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}} & \longrightarrow & \dots & \longrightarrow & U(\mathfrak{gl}_2) - \underline{\text{Mod}}^{\text{f.d.}}
 \end{array}$$



# Current & Future Work

- I proved a general result similar to the construction seen in the simple example for turning Galois rings into Galois orders.
- I have a result on the regarding (generic) Gelfand-Tsetlin modules for  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$ .
- I proved that  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{gl}_n)$  satisfies the Gelfand-Kirillov Conjecture in settings where the alternating group satisfies Noether's Problem.
- I am working with my advisor Jonas Hartwig to give a realization of  $U(\mathfrak{so}_n)$  as a Galois order.
- We are also working to describe the so-called "standard Flag order" (defined in [Web19]) in the setting where  $G$  is a complex reflection group.

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Thank you. Questions?