

# Kontsevich graphs act on Nambu–Poisson brackets.

## VI. Open problems

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### Abstract

Kontsevich’s graphs from deformation quantisation allow encoding multi-vectors whose coefficients are differential-polynomial in components of Poisson brackets on finite-dimensional affine manifolds. The calculus of Kontsevich graphs can be made dimension-specific for the class of Nambu–Poisson brackets given by Jacobian determinants. Using the Kontsevich–Nambu micro-graphs in dimensions  $d \geq 2$ , we explore the open problem of (non)triviality for Kontsevich’s tetrahedral graph cocycle action on the space of Nambu–Poisson brackets. We detect a conjecturally infinite new set of differential-polynomial identities for Jacobian determinants of arbitrary sizes  $d \times d$ .

## 1 Introduction

The Nambu-determinant Poisson bracket  $\{f, g\}_d$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d \ni \mathbf{x} = (x^1, \dots, x^d)$ ,

$$\{f, g\}_d(\mathbf{x}) = \varrho(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \det \left( \partial(f, g, a^1, \dots, a^{d-2}) / \partial(x^1, \dots, x^d) \right), \quad (1)$$

was introduced in [1]; its Casimirs  $a^i \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  satisfy  $\{f, a^i\}_d \equiv 0$ . Following [2], we study infinitesimal symmetries of the Jacobi identity, i.e. deformations of brackets which preserve their property to be Poisson (see [3–5] and references therein). By using ‘good’ cocycles in the graph complex, Kontsevich revealed in [2] a class of such symmetries; the tetrahedron  $\gamma_3$  is the smallest ‘good’ cocycle. The conjecture in [3] is that the  $\gamma_3$ -flow *restricts* to the Nambu subset of Poisson brackets on  $\mathbb{R}^{d \geq 3}$ . Recall the standard problem in deformation theory: is the  $\gamma_3$ -flow *nontrivial*, i.e. does the change of Poisson bivector not amount to a change of coordinates along a vector field  $\vec{X}_d^{\gamma_3}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ? Solution  $\vec{X}_{d=2}^{\gamma_3}$  was hinted in [2], the field  $\vec{X}_{d=3}^{\gamma_3}$  is known from [3], and  $\vec{X}_{d=4}^{\gamma_3}$  was found in [5]. In this note, we sum up the surprising properties of graphs that encode solutions  $\vec{X}_{d \geq 2}^{\gamma_3}(\varrho, \mathbf{a})$  for the  $\gamma_3$ -flow of Nambu–Poisson brackets.<sup>1</sup>

We know the solutions  $\vec{X}_{d \leq 4}^{\gamma_3}$  separately in each dimension  $d$ . There can be no universal formula of  $\vec{X}^{\gamma_3}$  – for all Poisson brackets in all dimensions – for the nontrivial graph cocycle  $\gamma_3$  of [2]; we do not know a universal formula of  $\vec{X}_d^{\gamma_3}$  – working in each  $d \geq 3$  – for Nambu brackets (1) in particular.<sup>2</sup> Studying the step  $d \mapsto d + 1$ , we saw in [6] that solution  $\vec{X}_{d=4}^{\gamma_3}$  is found *economically* by knowing (i) the combinatorics of formulas in  $\vec{X}_{d=2}^{\gamma_3}$  and  $\vec{X}_{d=3}^{\gamma_3}$  and (ii) the

<sup>1</sup> It remains an open problem to find an example of *nontrivial* graph cocycle action on a Poisson bracket, thus spreading it to a family of inequivalent structures not related by a coordinate change. Beyond the tetrahedron  $\gamma_3$ , there are countably many ‘good’ nontrivial graph cocycles:  $\gamma_5, \gamma_7, \dots$  (see [3, 4] and references therein); they stem from the Grothendieck–Teichmüller Lie algebra  $\text{grt}$ .

<sup>2</sup> To obtain the solution  $\vec{X}_{d=4}^{\gamma_3}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , in [5] we reduced the size of the problem circa 300 times w.r.t. the worst-case scenario in [4]. This reduction effort continued in [6] for steps  $d \mapsto d + 1$  in any dimension, given a solution  $\vec{X}_d^{\gamma_3}$  and some ‘invisible’ structures over  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , which we now tackle.

structures that encode identically vanishing<sup>3</sup> 1-vectors built of whole Nambu brackets over  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . These vanishing objects are tensor-valued invariants of  $GL(d)$ -action; we study their collective behaviour under  $d \mapsto d + 1$  and internal construction of individual invariants. For them, we discover a likely infinite set of new identities, differential-polynomial w.r.t. the Casimirs  $a^i$  in the Jacobian determinants and coefficients  $\varrho(\mathbf{x})$  of  $d$ -vectors. In this note we describe the procedure of (micro-)graph embeddings to obtain such identities and illustrate how they hold.

**Preliminaries.** Kontsevich's directed graphs from [2] encode polydifferential operators – in practice, multivectors – made of copies of Poisson bi-vectors  $P$  as building blocks: the subgraph of  $P$  is the wedge  $\leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow$ . By definition, each digraph  $\Gamma$  (possibly, in an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear combination) consists of the ordered set of  $m$  sinks (where operator's arguments are placed) and  $n$  internal vertices, the wedge tops; for each top, the pair of outgoing edges is ordered Left  $\prec$  Right. Label the ordered sinks by  $0, \dots, m-1$  and label the wedge tops by  $m, \dots, m+n-1$ . The encoding of  $\Gamma$  is the ordered list of  $n$  ordered pairs<sup>4</sup> ( $L \prec R$ ) of the arrowhead vertices for the two edges issued from the respective wedge top, i.e. from the arrowtail.<sup>5</sup> Each edge carries its own summation index ranging  $[1, \dots, \dim M^d]$  for the affine<sup>6</sup> Poisson manifold at hand. An edge decorated by index  $i$  encodes the derivative  $\partial/\partial x^i$  w.r.t. the affine coordinates  $x^1, \dots, x^d$  of a base point  $\mathbf{x} \in M^d$ . The formula<sup>7</sup> of polydifferential operator is the sum (over all indices running  $1, \dots, d$ ) of the product of vertices' content.

By the number  $d-2$  of its Casimirs  $a^k$ , the Nambu–Poisson bracket in Eq. (1) is specific to dimension  $d$ . Take a microscope and magnify each internal vertex of Kontsevich's graph; it telescopes to a brush: the Levi-Civita arrowtail vertex contains  $\varrho(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_d}$ , with  $\partial_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \partial_{i_d}$  on the wedge-ordered  $d$ -tuple of outgoing edges, and (still within the magnified zone) there are  $d-2$  terminal vertices with the Casimirs  $a^1, \dots, a^{d-2}$  of the respective copy of Nambu–Poisson bracket. By definition, a *Nambu micro-graph* over  $M^d$  is made of whole copies of Nambu–Poisson bracket (1) as building blocks.<sup>8</sup> A Nambu micro-graph over  $M^d$  consists of  $m$  sinks  $0, \dots, m-1$  and of  $n$  copies of bracket (1), which provide the Levi-Civita vertices (with  $\varrho(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \varepsilon^{\vec{i}}$ ) labelled  $m, \dots, m+n-1$  and the Casimir vertices,<sup>9</sup> namely:  $m+n, \dots, m+2n-1$  with  $a^1$ , then  $m+2n, \dots, m+3n-1$  with  $a^2$ , etc. Every Nambu micro-graph is now encoded by the ordered  $n$ -tuple of ordered lists (of length  $d$ ) of arrowhead vertices for the  $d$ -tuples of edges issued from the Levi-Civita arrowtail vertices.

**Example 1.** Over  $d = 3$ , we shall refer from Table 1 to the twelve *vanishing* (as formulas) 1-vector Nambu micro-graphs build over  $m = 1$  sink of  $n = 3$  tridents: the sink is 0, the Levi-Civita trident tops are 1, 2, 3, and the Casimir vertices 4, 5, 6 (with  $a^1$ ) are terminal; their encodings are given in [5, Lemma 2], typeset in boldface. Each encoding is the ordered list of  $n = 3$  ordered ( $d = 3$ )-tuples of arrowhead vertices for the triples of edges issued from the arrowtails 1, 2, 3.

<sup>3</sup> Examples of this, not exhausting the full range, are given by formulas, differential-polynomial in the components of Poisson tensor, which equal minus themselves under a relabelling of summation indices. We stress the existence of other mechanisms for objects' vanishing.

<sup>4</sup> Swapping the order of two outgoing edges in a wedge reverses the sign in front of the graph.

<sup>5</sup> The sunflower [2, 4] is  $X^{73} = (0, 1; 1, 3; 1, 2) + 2 \cdot (0, 2; 1, 3; 1, 2)$ , here  $(m, n) = (1, 3)$ .

<sup>6</sup> The Poisson manifold is affine to make formulas, differential-polynomial in Poisson bracket's components and encoded by Kontsevich's graphs, independent of coordinate changes  $\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ .

<sup>7</sup> Unlike its formula, the Kontsevich graph, with a copy of Poisson bi-vector  $P = P^{ij} \partial_i \otimes \partial_j$  in each internal vertex, does not depend on the dimension  $d$ ; its topology and the ordering  $L \prec R$  of outgoing edges in every wedge encodes the operator's formula for every  $d \geq 2$ .

<sup>8</sup> Every Kontsevich's graph can be expanded to a sum of Nambu micro-graphs over given  $d \geq 3$  by working out the Leibniz rules for arrows which entered the internal vertices. Yet not every linear combination of Nambu micro-graphs over  $M^d$  is Kontsevich's, and not every digraph built over  $m$  sinks from suitably many Levi-Civita and Casimir vertices is Nambu.

<sup>9</sup> The label of a Casimir  $a^k$  differs by  $k \cdot n$  from the label of its 'parent' Levi-Civita vertex.

## 2 Vanishing micro-graphs and embedding: $d \hookrightarrow d + 1$

We now see two ways how, from a Nambu micro-graph over dimension  $d$ , we can construct (a linear combination of) Nambu micro-graph(s) over the next dimension  $d+1$ . Namely, equip every Levi-Civita vertex with one extra Casimir  $a^{d-1}$  in its new terminal vertex (to which the new, ordered *last* arrow is now sent from its ‘parent’ Levi-Civita vertex at the top of the  $(d+1)$ -brush).

**Descendants.** If, in dimension  $d$ , an external arrow – issued from another copy of Nambu–Poisson bivector – acted on a Casimir  $a^k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq d-2$ , within a subgraph of Nambu structure, then let the external arrow run – via Leibniz rule<sup>10</sup> – over its old target and the newly attached Casimir vertex with  $a^{d-1}$ . Every expansion of Leibniz rule thus yields a linear combination of  $(d+1)$ -dimensional Nambu micro-graph *descendants* of the originally taken  $d$ -dimensional Nambu micro-graph.

**Embedding.** After the new Casimirs  $a^{d-1}$  are attached, one per each Levi-Civita vertex, none of the old edges is re-directed and no Leibniz rules are worked out.<sup>11</sup> This yields the *embedding*  $\Gamma_d \hookrightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}$  of the original (micro) graph  $\Gamma$  from dimension  $d \geq 2$  to the Nambu micro-graph over dimension  $d+1$ .

Consider the formula of the object (e.g., 1-vector on  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ ) encoded by the Nambu micro-graph  $\widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}$  after embedding  $\Gamma_d$  as its subgraph. The new edge(s) to new Casimir(s) carry new indice(s). When *each* new index equals  $d+1$ , encoding  $\partial/\partial x^{d+1}(a^{d-1})$  in the new vertex, the old formula  $\phi(\Gamma_d)$  reappears:

$$\phi(\widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}) = \phi(\Gamma_d) \cdot (\partial a^{d-1} / \partial x^{d+1})^n + \langle \text{cross-terms} \rangle, \quad (2)$$

$n$  being the number of Levi-Civita vertices. The cross-terms are those where at least one new  $\partial/\partial x^{d+1}$  acts on the content of old vertices from the subgraph  $\Gamma_d$ . We discover a curious property of Jacobian determinants in brackets (1): the vanishing  $\phi(\Gamma_d) = 0$  is preserved by the embedding  $\Gamma_d \hookrightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}$ , so  $\phi(\widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}) = 0$ ; all the cross-terms cancel out! Exploring the open problem – is the tetrahedral graph cocycle action on the space of Poisson brackets *nontrivial*? – we study the vanishing mechanism(s) and the work of (micro-)graph embeddings.<sup>12</sup>

The tetrahedral flow  $\dot{P} = Q^{\gamma_3}(P^{\otimes 4})$  needs 1-vectors  $\vec{X}^{\gamma_3}(P^{\otimes 3})$  to be trivialised (if, indeed,  $Q^{\gamma_3}$  is a Poisson coboundary  $[[P, \vec{X}^{\gamma_3}]]$ ); to find  $\vec{X}_{d \geq 2}^{\gamma_3}$  for the Nambu class, we use micro-graphs on  $m = 1$  sink and  $n = 3$  copies of bracket (1) over  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . To make the task for  $d+1$  smaller, in [5] and [6] we learned to use the descendants of ‘sunflower’ graph from 2D (see footnote 5 on p. 2), adjoining the set of  $(d+1)$ -descendants of *vanishing* 1-vector Nambu micro-graphs, which were invisible in lower dimension  $d$ . Specifically for  $d = 3 \hookrightarrow d+1 = 4$ , consider sunflower’s twelve vanishing descendants: see Example 1 on p. 2 and Table 1.<sup>13</sup> Of them, Nos. 38 and 41 are *zero*: they have a symmetry  $g \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$  that acts on the vertices and edges (thus relabelling the summation indices) and makes  $\Gamma = -\Gamma$  w.r.t. the wedge ordering  $L \prec M \prec R$  of edges in the tridents, so  $\phi(\Gamma) = -\phi(\Gamma) = 0$ . The other ten descendants have no symmetry with such effect; being nonzero, they vanish in another way.

<sup>10</sup> These Leibniz rules work independently one from another for each incoming edge.

<sup>11</sup> See [6, Example 3] for an illustration:  $\Gamma_{d=3} \hookrightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}_{d=4}$ ; similar is Definition 5 and Propositions 4,5 in the paper [I.] (arXiv:2409.18875 [q-alg]) or Definition 3 and Example 2 in [III.], which is arXiv:2409.15932 [q-alg].

<sup>12</sup> **Example.** For  $d = 4$  and  $(m, n) = (0, 2)$ , the only vanishing (as formula) Hamiltonian is  $H_{d=4}^{(9)} = [1, 2, 3, 5; 3, 4, 5, 6]$  from [III., Lemma 16]: here 1,2 are Levi-Civita vertices, 3,4 are Casimirs  $a^1$ , and 5,6 are  $a^2$ ; its embedding still vanishes,  $\phi(\widehat{H}_{d=5}^{(9)}) = 0$ .

<sup>13</sup> **Legend** (to Table 1). Row 1 (R1) contains the indices (in a list of 48) of vanishing 3D micro-graph descendants  $\Gamma \in \text{Van}_{d=3}(\text{sunflower})$  from 2D. • Micro-graphs with a nontrivial automorphism group are labelled by **aut**. • Micro-graphs which equal minus themselves under some automorphism are labelled by **zero**. • Row 2 (R2) contains the number of 4D-descendants of each micro-graph  $\Gamma \in \text{Van}_{d=3}(\text{sunflower})$ . • Row 3 (R3) contains the number of vanishing 4D-descendants of each micro-graph  $\Gamma \in \text{Van}_{d=3}(\text{sunflower})$ . • Row 4 (R4) states the nature of vanishing 4D-descendants for each micro-graph  $\Gamma \in \text{Van}_{d=3}(\text{sunflower})$ ; the embedding map is denoted by **e**, the contra-embedding **c** then amounts to  $a^1 \rightleftharpoons a^2$ .

**Table 1.** Vanishing 4D-descendants of 3D micro-graphs  $\text{Van}_{d=3}(\text{sunflower})$ .

R1:	10 aut	13	20	21	24 aut	25	29	32 aut	33 aut	37	38 zero	41 zero	Total
R2:	8	2	4	4	8	8	4	8	8	8	16	32	118
R3:	2	2	4	4	8	2	4	2	2	8	2	12	54
R4:	e,c	e,c	e,c + 2	e,c + 2	e,c + 6	e,c	e,c + 2	e,c	e,c	e,c + 6	e,c	e,c + 10	e,c <b>vanish</b>

**Case**  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma) \neq \{1\}$ . Four nonzero micro-graphs in Table 1 still have nontrivial symmetry groups (Nos. 10, 24, 32, 33). We detect<sup>14</sup> that for each of them, its formula splits into mutually cancelling disjoint pairs of terms; these pairs are marked by exactly those Casimirs which are effectively moved by at least one element  $g \neq 1$  from  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ . In brief, automorphisms highlight the key factors.

**Case**  $\text{Aut}(\Gamma) = \{1\}$ . For the six remaining nonzero vanishing descendants of the sunflower, the identity  $\phi(\Gamma) = 0$  is still due to the cancellation of disjoint pairs of terms, without accumulation of longer linear combinations; yet no vertices are marked by the effective action of a symmetry. To reveal this mechanism in full is a standing problem; the impact of topology (in  $\Gamma$ ) on arithmetic (in  $\phi(\Gamma)$ ) will make possible the study of  $d \gtrsim 5$ , so far costly.

We argue that these two mechanisms of  $\phi(\Gamma_d) = 0$  for (non)zero (micro-)graphs persist under  $\Gamma_d \hookrightarrow \widehat{\Gamma}_{d+1}$ . For zero  $\Gamma \cong g(\Gamma) = -\Gamma$  the extension of  $g$  after new Casimirs are adjoined is verbatim. For nonzero  $\Gamma_d$ , disjoint pairs of terms cancelled out as the summation indices ran, independently one from another, up to  $d$ . Yet the adjoining of new Casimirs and new summation index in every Levi-Civita symbol  $\varepsilon^{i_1 \dots i_{d+1}}$  does not alter the (grouping of) previously existing factors and terms, only lifting the summation limit to  $d + 1$ . The cancellations work as before, now on a larger set of indices and a longer range of each index.<sup>15</sup>

Let us compare the set  $\text{Van}_{d=4}$  of vanishing 4D-descendants<sup>16</sup> of the ‘sunflower’ in 2D with, on the other hand, the set of vanishing 4D-descendants of the twelve (from Table 1) *vanishing* 3D-descendants  $\Gamma \in \text{Van}_{d=3}$  of the ‘sunflower’.

**Proposition 1.**  $\text{Van}_{d=4} = 4D\text{-descendants}(\text{Van}_{d=3})$ .

This means that in  $d + 1 = 4$ , we do not seek for the vanishing 1-vectors anywhere *else*; there appear no new (starting to work) mechanisms of  $\phi(\Gamma_{d+1}) = 0$  w.r.t.  $\phi(\Gamma_d) = 0$ . This is important (see [6]): we reduce the intractable problem in dimension  $d + 1$  before trying to solve it; e.g.,  $d = 5$  is beyond the power of Håbrók computing cluster at hand.

**Open problems**, specific to Kontsevich’s graph cocycle flows on the (sub)spaces of Nambu–Poisson brackets (1) on  $\mathbb{R}^{d \geq 3}$ , are in particular these:

- If  $\dot{P} = Q_{d+1}^{\gamma_3}(P^{\otimes 4})$  is trivial,  $Q_{d+1}^{\gamma_3} = \llbracket P, \vec{X}_{d+1}^{\gamma_3}(P^{\otimes 3}) \rrbracket$ , then is  $\vec{X}_{d+1}^{\gamma_3}$  found over linear combinations of the ‘sunflower’ descendants from 2D?
- If yes, is  $\vec{X}_{d+1}^{\gamma_3}$  found over the union of  $(d + 1)$ -descendants for the underlying solution  $\vec{X}_d^{\gamma_3}$  and vanishing 1-vector micro-graphs over  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ?
- Do these indispensable (cf. [6]) vanishing micro-graphs stem *only* from the underlying vanishing set in  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  through their descendants?
- What is the group-theoretic and topological mechanism of vanishing for Nambu micro-graphs and their linear combinations?

<sup>14</sup> This claim is verified by brute force calculation, see [6, Example 5] for graph No. 10 in Table 1.

<sup>15</sup> **Example.** Taking micro-graph No. 10 from Table 1 in  $d = 3$ , one easily upgrades  $\phi(\Gamma_{d=3}) = 0$  to  $\phi(\widehat{\Gamma}_{d=4}) = 0$  by three new factors.

<sup>16</sup> There are 324 4D-descendants of the ‘sunflower’; 54 of them vanish (see [5]).

## A Resilience of the graph calculus in the dimensional shift $d \mapsto d + 1$ . Examples

In a series of examples we examine the mechanism behind vanishing graphs – graphs whose formulas obtained via the graph calculus are equal to zero. We detect a partial answer behind the vanishing mechanism for a certain class of graphs; and we observe a consistent pattern in how the components of the graph formulas cancel out.

**Example 2** (Embedding of 3D graph into 4D). We take the graph built of 3D Nambu–Poisson structures given by the encoding  $e = (0, 2, 4; 1, 3, 5; 1, 2, 6)$  and embed it into 4D (that is, we apply the embedding map to  $e$ ):  $\text{embedding}(e) = (0, 2, 4, \mathbf{7}; 1, 3, 5, \mathbf{8}; 1, 2, 6, \mathbf{9})$ , where the new Casimirs  $a^2 \in \{7, 8, 9\}$  which appear in the 4D Nambu–Poisson structure are in bold font. Recall that each tuple (separated by a semi-colon) in the encoding  $e$  corresponds to the outgoing arrows of each Nambu–Poisson structure. In  $\text{embedding}(e)$  the arrows from the graph built of 3D Nambu–Poisson structures (the first three vertex numbers in each tuple of the encoding  $e$ ) remain as they were, with the only difference being that each structure has an outgoing edge to the new Casimir acquired in the dimensional step 3D $\rightarrow$ 4D (the last vertex number in each tuple). ■

It is *a priori* not obvious that the embeddings of vanishing (micro-)graphs will again vanish due to the vanishing of their sub-structures. Indeed, the assembly of formulas using the graph calculus implies the creation of a new family of cross-terms.

**Example 3.** Let us take the formula of the 3D vanishing sunflower micro-graph  $g$  with index 10 in Table 1 given by the encoding  $e_g$ , and embed it into 4D:  $e_g = (0, 1, 4; 1, 6, 5; 4, 5, 6)$ ,  $\text{embedding}(e_g) = (0, 1, 4, \mathbf{7}; 1, 6, 5, \mathbf{8}; 4, 5, 6, \mathbf{9})$ , with the index of the new Casimir  $a^2$  in bold. We write the inert sum of the formula of  $g$  in 3D:

$$\phi(g) = \sum_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 i_3} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{i_2 j_1} a_{i_3 k_1} a_{j_3 k_2} a_{j_2 k_3} \partial_{i_1}(),$$

and the inert sum of the embedding of  $g$  into 4D:

$$\phi(\text{embedding}(g)) = \sum_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=4} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} \varrho^2 \varrho_{i_2 j_1} a_{i_3 k_1}^1 a_{j_3 k_2}^1 a_{j_2 k_3}^1 \mathbf{a}_{i_4}^2 \mathbf{a}_{j_4}^2 \mathbf{a}_{k_4}^2 \partial_{i_1}(),$$

where the terms concerning the new Casimir  $a^2$  and dimension 4D are in bold. That is, each Nambu–Poisson structure which composes the graph  $\text{embedding}(g)$  in 4D has four outgoing edges (instead of three, as in 3D). Therefore, the indices in the inert sum which correspond to the outgoing edges of the Nambu–Poisson structures will run over  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , which will create cross-terms in such a way that we lose track of the formula of the 3D vanishing micro-graph  $g$ . That is, the 3D formula is reproduced and multiplied by the terms in bold with  $i_4, j_4, k_4 = 4$ . But there appear many other terms, when the indices are permuted over  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . ■

The approach we take – to investigate why the embeddings of 3D vanishing sunflower micro-graphs vanish – is to understand why they themselves vanish in 3D.

**Example 4.** Let us look at the above example of the 3D vanishing sunflower micro-graph  $g$  with index 10 in Table 1 with a non-trivial automorphism group, where we show in bold the Casimirs on which there acts the non-trivial automorphism group:

$$\phi(g) = \sum_{\substack{i_1, i_2, i_3 \\ j_1, j_2, j_3, \\ k_1, k_2, k_3=1}}^{d=3} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 i_3} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{i_2 j_1} a_{i_3 k_1} \mathbf{a}_{j_3 k_2} \mathbf{a}_{j_2 k_3} \partial_{i_1}().$$

We plug in a certain permutation of the  $\vec{i}$  terms into the inert sum,  $\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3)$ , that is  $i_1 = 1, i_2 = 2, i_3 = 3$ :

- $\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3)$ :  $\sum_{j,k} \varepsilon^{123} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{2j_1} a_{3k_1} a_{j_3 k_2} a_{j_2 k_3} \partial_1()$ . We now plug in two consecutive permutations of the  $\vec{j}$  terms:

- $(\vec{i}, \vec{j}) = (\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{j} = (1, 2, 3))$ :

$$\sum_k \varepsilon^{123} \varepsilon^{123} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{21} a_{3k_1} \mathbf{a}_{3k_2} \mathbf{a}_{2k_3} \partial_1() = \sum_k \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{21} a_{3k_1} \mathbf{a}_{3k_2} \mathbf{a}_{2k_3} \partial_1(),$$

- $(\vec{i}, \vec{j}) = (\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{j} = (1, 3, 2))$ :

$$\sum_k \varepsilon^{123} \varepsilon^{132} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{21} a_{3k_1} \mathbf{a}_{2k_2} \mathbf{a}_{3k_3} \partial_1() = \sum_k -\varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{21} a_{3k_1} \mathbf{a}_{2k_2} \mathbf{a}_{3k_3} \partial_1().$$

Here, we can see without expanding the sum any further, that the inert sums of  $(\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{j} = (1, 2, 3))$  and  $(\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{j} = (1, 3, 2))$  will cancel out due to the Casimirs in bold on which the non-trivial automorphism group acts. Indeed, for a given permutation  $\vec{i}$  the set of permutations  $\vec{j}$  is partitioned into three odd-even pairs, which differ by one transposition, hence by the  $+/-$  sign. These pairs of terms cancel out for every particular value of the permutation  $\vec{k}$ .

We find that the other  $(\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3), \vec{j})$  terms cancel in the same way for any  $\vec{j}$ , meaning that all terms with  $\vec{i} = (1, 2, 3)$  vanish on their own. There is no cross-cancellation with other  $\vec{i}$  terms, that is:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(g) &= \sum_{\vec{i}=(1,2,3), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} + \sum_{\vec{i}=(1,3,2), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} + \sum_{\vec{i}=(2,1,3), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} + \sum_{\vec{i}=(2,3,1), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} + \sum_{\vec{i}=(3,2,1), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} + \sum_{\vec{i}=(3,1,2), \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In this example, we showed how the non-trivial automorphism group of the micro-graph acting on the Casimirs induced the formula of the micro-graph to vanish.  $\blacksquare$

Let us again look at the same graph as in Example 4:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(g) &= \sum_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=3} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 i_3} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3} \varrho^2 \varrho_{i_2 j_1} a_{i_3 k_1} a_{j_3 k_2} a_{j_2 k_3} \partial_{i_1}(), \\ \phi(\text{embedding}(g)) &= \sum_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}}^{d=4} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4} \varepsilon^{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} \varrho^2 \varrho_{i_2 j_1} a_{i_3 k_1}^1 a_{j_3 k_2}^1 a_{j_2 k_3}^1 \mathbf{a}_{i_4}^2 \mathbf{a}_{j_4}^2 \mathbf{a}_{k_4}^2 \partial_{i_1}(). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the cancellation structure is preserved under the embedding.

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