

# Noncommutative Poisson Structures from Networks

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A noncommutative Poisson bracket on  $A$  induces an ordinary commutative Poisson bracket on the moduli space of representations  $\text{Rep}_n(A) := \text{Hom}(A, \text{Mat}_n)/\text{GL}_n$ :

$$\{\text{tr}(a), \text{tr}(b)\} := \text{tr}[a^\natural, b^\natural]$$

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**Note:** There is a “double Jacobi identity” and a “double quasi Jacobi identity”, but we do not write them here.

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If  $\{-, -\}$  satisfies some version of the Jacobi identity, then this will be a noncommutative Poisson structure, and induce an ordinary (commutative) Poisson structure on the spaces  $\text{Rep}_n(A)$ .

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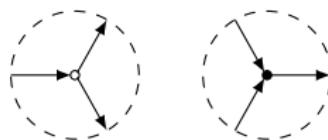
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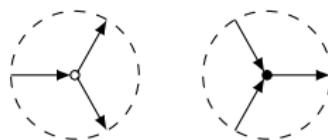
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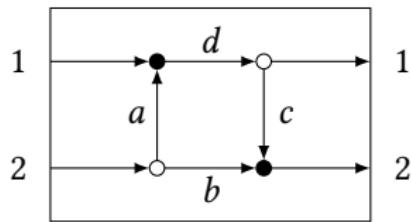


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Theorem [Gekhtman, Shapiro, Vainshtein]<sup>1</sup>

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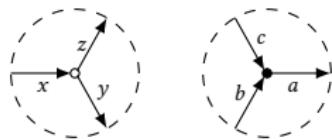
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# Noncommutative Networks

Let  $B$  be the boundary measurement matrix of a network (with entries in  $\mathcal{A}$ ).

## Theorem [Arthatamonov, N.O., Shapiro]<sup>1</sup>

The entries of  $B$  satisfy the  $R$ -matrix double bracket relations:

$$\{\{B, B\}\} = [R, B_L \otimes B_R]_\tau$$

Glue the left and right sides of the network together to get a cylinder. Then the Hamiltonians  $H_k = \text{tr}(B^k)$  are sums of loops which go around the cylinder  $k$  times.

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# Thank You!