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*A counterexample to the Poincare-Birkhoff-Witt theorem*

I will give a counterexample to the Poincare-Birkhoff-Witt theorem in characteristic  $p$  (but don't get too excited - in a tensor category that has no realization in vector spaces). Namely, let  $\text{Ver}_p$  be the Verlinde category over a field  $k$  of characteristic  $p \geq 5$  (the semisimplification of  $\text{Rep}(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, k)$ ), and let  $V$  be the object of  $\text{Ver}_p$  corresponding to the 2-dimensional indecomposable representation of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{FLie}_{\leq p}(V)$  be the free Lie algebra of  $V$  truncated above degree  $p$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}$  fails the PBW theorem; in fact, it is not a Lie subalgebra of any associative algebra. To correct this, we need to add a new axiom to the usual Lie operad axioms in the definition of a Lie algebra. This is already familiar for Lie algebras in characteristic 2, where we need to add the condition that  $[x, x] = 0$ , and for Lie superalgebras in characteristic 3, where we need to add the condition that  $[[x, x], x] = 0$  for odd  $x$ . Likewise, in characteristic  $p \geq 5$  we need a new axiom which is homogeneous of degree  $p$  in a single entry  $x$ ; I call it the  $p$ -Jacobi identity. I will write down this axiom and sketch a proof that together with the Lie operad axioms it suffices for the PBW theorem in  $\text{Ver}_p$  (I expect that it is so in any symmetric tensor category). For this, I will develop a theory of Koszul duality in symmetric tensor categories.