

# Hopf algebras

Fix a field  $k$

An algebra (over  $k$ ) is a triple  $(A, \mu, \iota)$  where

- $A$  is a vector space over  $k$
- $\mu: A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  is associative, that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mu \otimes \text{id}} & A \otimes A \\ \text{id} \otimes \mu \downarrow & \Omega & \downarrow \mu \\ A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\mu} & A \end{array}$$

- $\iota: k \rightarrow A$  is a unit wrt to  $\mu$ , that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\iota \otimes \text{id}} & A \otimes A \xleftarrow{\text{id} \otimes \iota} & A \otimes k \\ & \searrow \cong & \downarrow \mu & \nearrow \cong \\ & & A & \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

Example:  $k$

Example:  $k[x]$ , the ring of polynomials with coefficients in  $k$ , is an algebra under the usual multiplication, and  $\iota: k \rightarrow k[x]$   
 $1 \mapsto 1$

Rem: If  $A, B$  are algebras,  $A \otimes B$  is also an algebra.

A coalgebra (over  $k$ ) is a triple  $(C, \Delta, \epsilon)$  where

- $C$  is a vector space over  $k$
- $\Delta: C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  is coassociative, that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C \otimes C \otimes C & \xleftarrow{\text{id} \otimes \Delta} & C \otimes C \\ \Delta \otimes \text{id} \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ C \otimes C & \xleftarrow{\Delta} & C \end{array}$$

- $\epsilon: C \rightarrow k$  is a counit wrt to  $\Delta$ , that is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k \otimes C & \xleftarrow{\text{id} \otimes \epsilon} & C \otimes C \xrightarrow{\epsilon \otimes \text{id}} & C \otimes k \\ & \searrow \cong & \uparrow \Delta & \nearrow \cong \\ & & C & \end{array} \quad \text{commutes}$$

Ex:  $k$

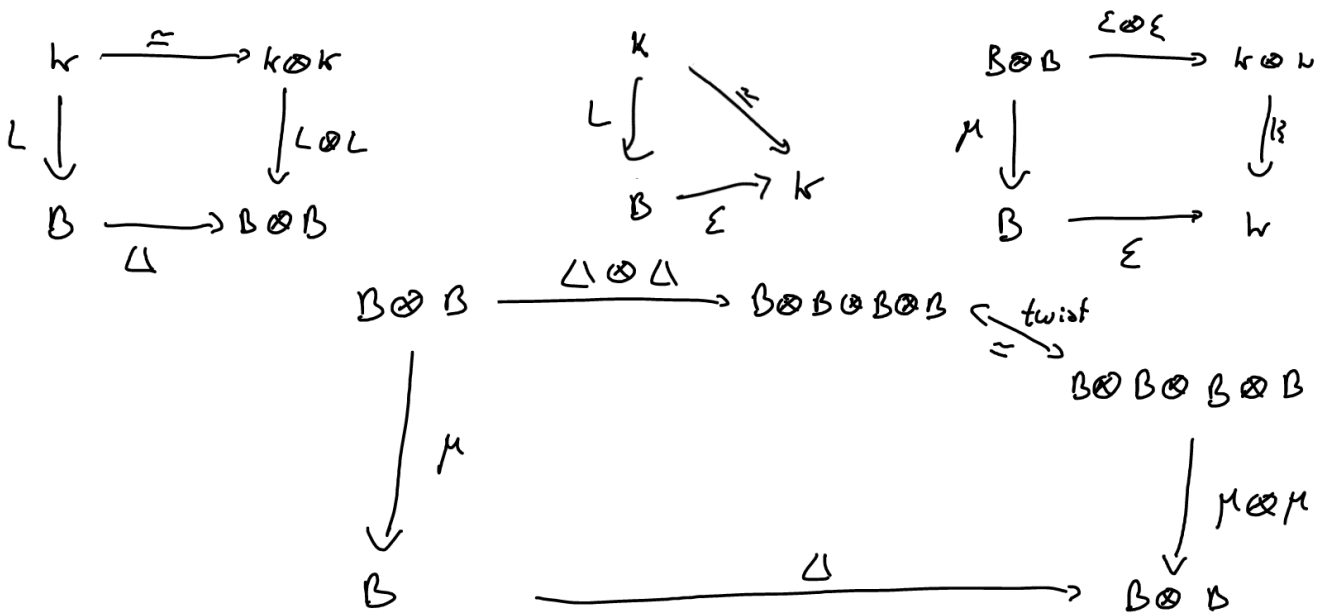
Ex:  $k[x]$  with  $\Delta(x^n) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} x^k \otimes x^{n-k} = \sum_{(B_1, B_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2} x^{|B_1|} \otimes x^{|B_2|}$

$\epsilon(x^n) = \delta_{n,0}$  is a coalgebra.

Rem: If  $C, D$  are coalgebras, then  $C \otimes D$  is also a coalgebra.

A bialgebra (over  $k$ ) is a 5-tuple  $(B, \mu, \iota, \Delta, \epsilon)$  s.t.

- ①.  $(B, \mu, \iota)$  is an algebra and  $(B, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is a coalgebra.
- ②.  $\Delta$  and  $\epsilon$  are algebra morphisms.
- ③.  $\mu$  and  $\iota$  are coalgebra morphisms.
- ④. The following diagrams commute

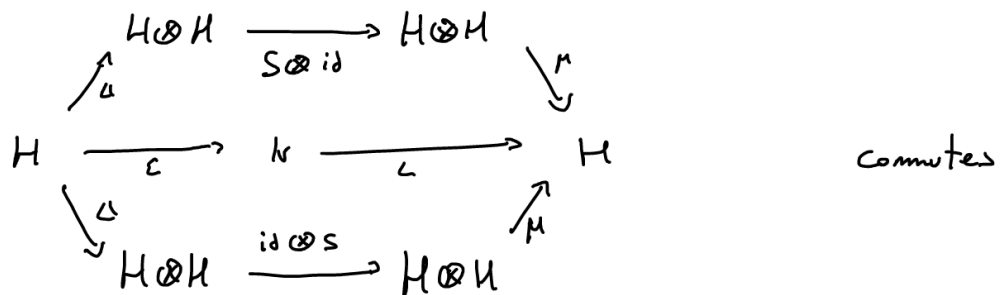


Example:  $k[X]$  with the structures given above is a bialgebra

Rem: Assuming ①, the properties ②, ③, and ④ are equivalent.

A Hopf algebra is a 6-tuple  $(H, \mu, \iota, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  such that

- $(H, \mu, \iota, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is a bialgebra
- $S: H \rightarrow H$  is a linear map such that



Intuition: A Hopf algebra is to a bialgebra as a group is to a monoid

Ex:  $k[X]$  is a Hopf algebra with  $S: p(x) \mapsto p(-x)$ .

## The character group of a bialgebra / The convolution algebra

Let  $A$  be an algebra and  $C$  a coalgebra.

If we have  $f, g \in \text{Hom}(C, A)$  then define  $f * g$  as the composition

$$C \xrightarrow{\Delta} C \otimes C \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} A \otimes A \xrightarrow{m} B$$

This defines a monoid with a unit  $\text{Lo}\varepsilon$ . (Also thought of as an algebra over  $k$ )

Indeed, if  $b \in C$ ,  $f * (\text{Lo}\varepsilon)(b) = \sum_{(b)} f(b_1) \varepsilon(b_2) \cdot 1$   
 $= f\left(\sum_{(b)} b_1 \cdot \varepsilon(b_2)\right) = f(b)$ .

Whenever  $B$  is a Hopf algebra,  $\text{id}_B \in \text{End}(B)$  is invertible and  $S = \text{id}_B^{\langle -1 \rangle}$

Furthermore, if  $\alpha: H \rightarrow A$  is an algebra hom between an algebra  $A$  and a Hopf

algebra, then  $(\alpha \circ S) * \alpha = \text{Lo}\varepsilon = \alpha * (\alpha \circ S)$  : let  $b \in H$ ,

$$\alpha \circ S * \alpha(b) = \sum_{(b)} \alpha(S(b_1)) \cdot \alpha(b_2) = \alpha\left(\sum_{(b)} S(b_1) b_2\right) = \alpha\left(\text{Lo}_H \varepsilon(b)\right) = \text{Lo}_A \varepsilon(b)$$

## The character group of a Hopf algebra

Let  $\text{Ch}(H) = \text{Alg}(H, k)$ . Then this is a group!

## The Takeuchi formula

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra, and suppose that for every  $h \in H$ ,

there is some  $N$  s.t.  $n \geq N \Rightarrow \mu^{\otimes n-1} \circ (\text{id}_H - \text{Lo}\varepsilon)^{\otimes n} \circ \Delta^{\otimes n-1}(h) = 0$ .

Then 
$$S = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{\otimes k-1} \circ (\text{id}_H - \text{Lo}\varepsilon)^{\otimes k} \circ \Delta^{\otimes k-1}$$

Proof: On  $\text{End}(H)$ , we have the following formula

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} \mu^{\otimes -1} = \text{Lo} \\ \Delta^{\otimes -1} = \varepsilon \end{matrix}}$$

$$(\text{Lo}\varepsilon + f)^{\langle -1 \rangle} = \text{Lo}\varepsilon - f + f^{*2} - f^{*3} + \dots$$

whenever the RHS is a finite sum. For  $f = \text{id}_H - \text{Lo}\varepsilon$  this is

precisely the assumption given, thus  $\text{id}_H^{\langle -1 \rangle} = S = \text{Lo}\varepsilon - f + f^{*2} - \dots$

Obs: If  $H = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} H_n$  is a filtered <sup>connected</sup> Hopf algebra, that is

•  $\mu(H_n \otimes H_m) \subseteq H_{n+m}$ ,

•  $\Delta(H_n) \subseteq \bigcup_{k+j=n} H_k \otimes H_j$ , •  $H_0$  is 1-dim

•  $L \circ \varepsilon|_{H_0} = id_{H_0}$ ;

Then for  $b \in H_N$  we have that  $n \geq N+1 \Rightarrow \mu^{o_{n-1}} \circ (L \circ \varepsilon - id_H) \circ \Delta^{o_{n-1}} = 0$

It follows that we can apply Takeuchi's formula for filtered Hopf algebras.

Example To compute the antipode of  $k[x]$ , we use Takeuchi's formula.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(x^n) &= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{o_{k-1}} \circ (id_{k[x]} - L \circ \varepsilon)^{\otimes k} \circ \Delta^{o_{k-1}}(x^n) \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{o_{k-1}} \circ (id_{k[x]} - L \circ \varepsilon)^{\otimes k} \left( \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \models [n]} x^{|\alpha_1|} \otimes \dots \otimes x^{|\alpha_k|} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{o_{k-1}} \left( \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \models [n]} x^{|\alpha_1|} \otimes \dots \otimes x^{|\alpha_k|} \right) = x^n \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \left| \left\{ \text{Set } \sigma \text{ of } [n] \text{ with size } k \right\} \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

Sign-reversing involutions (a proof from C. Benedetti, B. Sagan)

Define  $L: \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \text{set} \\ \text{Compositions of } n \end{smallmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \text{Compositions of } n \right\}$

$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } l \text{ be smallest index such that either } |\alpha_l| \geq 2 \\ \text{or } \alpha_l = \{a\} \text{ with } a < \min \alpha_{l+1}. \\ \cdot \text{ In the first case, define } L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = (\dots, \alpha_{l-1}, \alpha_l \cup \alpha_{l+1}, \dots) \\ \cdot \text{ " " 2nd " " , } L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = (\dots, \alpha_{l-1}, \{ \min \alpha_l \}, \alpha_l - \{ \min \}, \dots) \\ \cdot \text{ If no such } l \text{ exists, } L(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \end{array} \right.$

Rem:  $L^2 = id$

Then the "contribution" of each  $\alpha$  in  $(*)$  is either canceled by  $L(\alpha)$  or  $\alpha$  is a fixed point of  $L$ . (Only fixed point is  $\alpha = (\{1\}, \{2\}, \dots, \{n\})$ )

Thus  $(*) = x^n \cdot (-1)^n$ .

# The permutation pattern Hopf algebra.

A permutation of size  $n \geq 0$  is an ordering of the numbers  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .

Example:  $132, 1, 7142365, \emptyset$  of size  $3, 1, 7$  and  $0$  respectively.

We can consider "subpermutations" by dropping some numbers, and relabelling the remaining ones preserving the order

Example:  $132 \leq 7\overset{\cdot}{1}4\overset{\cdot}{2}36\overset{\cdot}{5}$

We can count in this way how many times a small permutation  $\pi$  fits inside a big permutation  $\tau$ :  $P_\pi(\tau) = \#\{\text{patterns } \pi \text{ in } \tau\}$ .

Example:  $P_{132}(7142365) = 6$

Cover number: we define  $\binom{\tau}{\pi_1, \pi_2} = \#\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{covers of } \tau \text{ with two} \\ \text{not-necessarily disjoint} \\ \text{subsequences of type } \pi_1 \text{ and } \pi_2 \end{array} \right\}$

Example:  $12, 21$  can cover  $312$  in two ways, and  $4123$  in three ways

$$\begin{array}{l} 12 \rightarrow \dots \\ 21 \rightarrow \dots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \binom{312}{12, 21} = 2 \quad / \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \quad \binom{4123}{12, 21} = 3$$

Product formula:  $P_{\pi_1}(\tau) \cdot P_{\pi_2}(\tau) = \sum_{\tau'} P_{\tau'}(\tau) \binom{\tau'}{\pi_1, \pi_2} = \sum_{\tau'} P_{\tau'}(\tau)$

$\Rightarrow \text{span} \{ P_\pi \mid \pi \text{ permutation} \} = \mathcal{P}(\text{per})$  is an algebra with the pointwise product.

Product on  $\mathcal{P}(\text{per})$  Given two permutations  $\bar{\pi} = \pi_1 \dots \pi_n$ , define  $\bar{\tau} = \tau_1 \dots \tau_m$

$\bar{\pi} \oplus \bar{\tau} = \pi_1 \dots \pi_n (\tau_1 + n) \dots (\tau_m + n)$  of size  $n+m$ . This is associative

Then define the coproduct  $\Delta P_\pi = \sum_{\pi = \pi_1 \oplus \pi_2} P_{\pi_1} \otimes P_{\pi_2}$

Obs: Any permutation  $\pi$  has a unique factorization  $\pi = \pi_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_j$  into  $\oplus$ -indecomposable permutations. Thus, we have in this case

$$\Delta^{|\alpha|-1} (P_\pi) = \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \models [|\alpha|]} P_{\pi_{\alpha_1}} \otimes \dots \otimes P_{\pi_{\alpha_r}}$$

interred set composition

Where  $\pi_{\alpha_i} = \pi_a \oplus \pi_{a+1} \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_{b-1} \oplus \pi_b$  whenever  $\alpha_i = \{a, a+1, \dots, b-1, b\}$

# The Takeuchi formula on $\mathcal{P}(\text{Per})$

Because  $\mathcal{P}(\text{Per})$  is a filtered connected Hopf algebra, Takeuchi's formula holds. Thus, we have that if  $\pi = \pi_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_j$  is the  $\oplus$ -factorization

$$S(P_\pi) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{\circ k-1} (\text{id}_H - L \circ E)^{\otimes k} \circ \Delta^{\circ k-1} (P_\pi)$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \sum_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \models [j] \text{ interval set composition}} P_{\pi_{\alpha_1}} \dots P_{\pi_{\alpha_k}}$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \sum_{\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \models [j] \text{ interval set composition}} \sum_{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{(A_1, \dots, A_j) \text{ sub segs of } \mathcal{V} \text{ of type } \pi_1, \dots, \pi_j, \text{ resp. that are } \alpha\text{-interlaced}} P_{\mathcal{V}}$$

$\alpha$ -interlaced means that this is in fact a cover contributing to the product  $P_{\pi_{\alpha_1}} \dots P_{\pi_{\alpha_k}}$

$$= \sum_{\mathcal{V}} P_{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{\substack{\alpha \models [j] \text{ interval set composition} \\ (A_1, \dots, A_j) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-interlaced}}} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)} \quad (**)$$

Claim:  $\sum_{\substack{\alpha \models [j] \text{ interval set composition} \\ (A_1, \dots, A_j) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-interlaced}}} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)} = (-1)^j$ , whenever  $(A_1, \dots, A_j)$  is not  $\alpha$ -interlaced for any  $\alpha$ , except if  $\alpha = \{11, \dots, jj\}$ .  
 $= 0$ , otherwise.

Proof: The first part is clear, since the sum on the right has only one term

For the remaining, define  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\pi} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\pi}(A_1, \dots, A_j) = \{ \alpha \models [j] \text{ interval set compositions} \mid (A_1, \dots, A_j) \text{ is } \alpha\text{-interlaced} \}$

Prop 1:  $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{V}}^{\pi}$  is an ideal of the poset of set compositions.



$$\text{Thus, } S(P_{132}) = 2P_{21} + 2P_{231} + P_{213} + 2P_{312} + 3P_{321}$$

On the other hand, we can observe that this is the expected value, as

$$\Delta P_{132} = P_\emptyset \otimes P_{132} + P_1 \otimes P_{21} + P_{132} \otimes P_\emptyset \quad \text{so}$$

$$0 = \underbrace{S(P_\emptyset)}_{=1} \cdot P_{132} + \underbrace{S(P_1)}_{=-P_1} \cdot P_{21} + S(P_{132}) \cdot \underbrace{P_\emptyset}_{=1}$$

$$\Rightarrow S(P_{132}) = -P_{132} + P_1 P_{21}$$

thus, the only quasi-shuffle that does not contribute to  $S(P_{132})$  is precisely the interlaced one.

Obs: Note that  $\mathcal{S}(\text{Per})$  is commutative, therefore  $S^2 = \text{id}$ .

This means that there is massive cancellation to get

$$S\left(\sum_{\substack{\nabla \text{ non-interlacing} \\ \text{q-s of } \pi_1, \dots, \pi_n}} P_\pi\right) = P_{\pi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \pi_n}$$


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