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Categorification of Hall algebras

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I - General formalism

\mathcal{A} exact or abelian category

$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$ groupoid of objects in \mathcal{A} .

→ category with the same objects as \mathcal{A} but we keep only isomorphisms among morphisms.

$\mathcal{A}^{(n)}$ category of exact sequences in \mathcal{A}

objects : $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{a} E \xrightarrow{b} M \rightarrow 0$ (pairs of morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{a} & E \\ & \xleftarrow{b} & \rightarrow \\ E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & M \end{array}$$

morphisms $0 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{a} E \xrightarrow{b} M \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & f & \downarrow & g & \downarrow & h & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & N' & \xrightarrow{a'} & E' & \xrightarrow{b'} & M' \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(n)}$ groupoid of exact sequences.

Natural correspondence :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \nearrow & \mathcal{A}^{(n)} & \searrow & \\ (M, N) & \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} & \phi & \mathcal{A} & E \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(n)} & \\ \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} & \downarrow \tilde{p} & \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \\ \end{array}$$

The fiber of \tilde{g} over (M, N) is

$$\frac{\text{Ext}^1(M, N)}{\text{Hom}(M, N)}.$$

fiber product of groupoids

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z} \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{X} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{X} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow G \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{Y} \end{array}$$

(tells you also how
to define the fiber
product of stacks)

$\mathbb{Z} \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{X}$ is the groupoid with objects triple

(z, x, f) $z \in \text{object of } \mathbb{Z}$

$x \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{X})$

$f \in \text{Isom}(F(z), G(x))$

and a morphism of triples $(z, x, f) \xrightarrow{g} (z', x', f')$
is a pair $(g_z, g_x) \in \text{Isom}(z, z') \times \text{Isom}(x, x')$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(g_z) & \xrightarrow{f'} & F(z') \\ f \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow f' \\ G(x) & \xrightarrow{G(g_x)} & G(x') \end{array}$$

examples $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ object
 $\mathcal{X}_y \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
 \downarrow $\downarrow G$
 $y \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$\mathcal{X}_y = \left\{ (x, f) \mid y \xrightarrow[f]{\sim} G(x) \right\} + \text{morphisms.}$

e.g. if $\mathcal{X} = pt/H$, $\mathcal{Y} = pt/G$, $H \rightarrow G$
group morphism

then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & pt/H \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ pt & \xrightarrow{\quad} & pt/G \end{array}$$

$$ob(*) = G$$

$$g, g' \in G.$$

$$Hom(g, g') = \left\{ h \in H, hg = g' \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow * = G/H$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} * & \xrightarrow{g} & * & \xleftarrow{h} & * \\ & \searrow g' & \downarrow & \uparrow & \\ & & * & & \end{array}$$

Very often (if not always), we can upgrade everything to stacks:

$\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}}$ stack of objects in \mathcal{A}

$\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}^{\text{in}}}$ stack of short exact sequences.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}^{(1)}} & \\ q \swarrow & & \searrow p \\ \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}} \times \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}} & & \mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{A}} \end{array}$$

The complexity of the geometry of q is directly related to the homological dimension of \mathcal{A} .

examples to have in mind ① $\mathbb{Q} = (\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{S})$ quiver

$\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(k)$ representations of a quiver over a field k .

$= \bigsqcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{I}}} \frac{E_d}{G_d}$ stack quotient, or sometimes groupoid.
but never set-theoretic quotient.

$$E_d = \bigoplus_{i \not\sim j \in \mathcal{S}} \text{Hom}(k^{d_i}, k^{d_j})$$

$$G_d = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} GL_{d_i}$$

or maybe $\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep}_{\text{TT}_{\mathbb{Q}}}(k)$ $\text{TT}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ = preprojective algebra of \mathbb{Q}

or maybe $\mathcal{A} = \text{Rep}_{\text{Jac}(\mathbb{Q}, w)}(k)$, (\mathbb{Q}, w) quiver with potential and $\text{Jac}(\mathbb{Q}, w)$ its Jacobi algebra.

or $\mathcal{A} = \text{Coh}(C)$ for C smooth projective curve

or $\mathcal{A} = \text{Higgs}(C)$

or $\mathcal{A} = \text{Coh}_c(\text{Tot}(\omega_C \oplus G_C))$.

or $\mathcal{A} = \text{Coh}_c(S)$, S quasiprojective 2-CY surface
(except for $S = T^*C$, C sm. pr. curve, this is very far from being developed)

We need to associate to the stacks/groupoids \mathcal{Y} under consideration a space $F(\mathcal{Y})$ s.t we can define a pull-back q^* and a push-forward p_* .

Then, $p_* q^*: F(\mathcal{M}_{ct}) \times F(\mathcal{M}_{ct}) \longrightarrow F(\mathcal{M}_{ct})$

gives an associative multiplication on $F(\mathcal{M}_{ct})$.

What can be F ? (and it is \mathbb{F}_q -linear)

* If $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ is a finite field, we can consider

$$\text{Fun}_c(\mathcal{M}_{ct}(\mathbb{F}_q), \mathbb{C})$$

\hookrightarrow
finite support

- * We can consider H^* cohomology
- * We can consider K-theory
- * If the stack under consideration has more structure, for example a "d-critical structure", one can consider the vanishing cycle cohomology.

Actually, the simplest situation is the one with Rep $_{\mathbb{Q}}^{(1)}$ and cohomology of the moduli spaces.

1D - CoHA of a quiver

$\mathcal{Q} = (\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{S})$ quiver

[Kontsevich-Solomon],
"additive formal group law"

$$\mathcal{M}_d = \bigsqcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} E_d / G_d$$

$$\text{CoHA}(\mathcal{Q}) := H^*(\mathcal{M}_d) = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^I} H^*(E_d / G_d)$$

$$= H_{G_d}^*(E_d)$$

$$= H_{G_d}^*(pt)$$

$$= \mathbb{C} [x_{i,j} : \begin{matrix} i \in \mathcal{I} \\ 1 \leq j \leq d_i \end{matrix}]^{\mathfrak{S}_d}$$

$$\mathfrak{S}_d = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathfrak{S}_{d_i} \quad \text{product of symmetric groups}$$

product: This is a shuffle algebra product.

Simpler situation

$$H = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\mathfrak{S}_n}$$

How to build a graded multiplication on H ?

$$g \in \mathbb{C}(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_m \rightarrow x_m) \cdot g(x_m \rightarrow x_m) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!m!} \text{Sym} \left(f(x_m \rightarrow x_m) g(x_m \rightarrow x_m) \prod_{k=1}^n \prod_{l=1}^m g(x_{nk} \rightarrow x_{ml}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

g -weighted shuffle product.

This is the kind of multiplication we obtain on

$$\text{CoHA}(\mathbb{Q}), \quad f \in \text{CoHA}(\mathbb{Q})[d]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x_{ij}) g(y_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{1}{d! e!} \text{Sym} \left(f(x_{ij}) g(y_{ij}) \frac{\prod_{\substack{u \in I \\ k=1}} \prod_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq u}} \frac{(y_{vl} - x_{uk})^{d_{uv}}}{(y_{ul} - x_{uk})^{e_{uv}}}}{\prod_{\substack{u \in I \\ k=1}} \prod_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq u}} \prod_{\substack{l=1 \\ l \neq u}} (y_{vl} - x_{uk})} \right) \\ & d_{uv} = \#\{u \rightarrow v \in \mathbb{Q}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Recent developments: Vertex $\overset{(co)}{\text{algebra}}$ structure on $\text{CoHA}(\mathbb{Q})$ + compatibility avec algèbre structure

Explanation of the computation of the product for $Q = \bullet$
 (computation using basic facts on equivariant cohomology)

$G \curvearrowright X$

reductive group

$H_G^*(X)$ is a $H_G^*(\text{pt})$ -module, using

the map $p^*: H_G^*(\text{pt}) \rightarrow H_G^*(X)$; $p: X \rightarrow \text{pt}$ G -equivariant.

$X = \text{pt}; T = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$; $H_T^*(\text{pt}) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$; $B = \text{GL}_n$; $H_G(\text{pt}) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^G$.

Theorem: ① $T \subset G$ maximal torus., $w = N_G(T)/T$ Cartan.

$$H_G^*(X) \simeq H_T^*(X)^w$$

② $X \curvearrowleft T$ torus

X^T fixed points

$X^T \hookrightarrow X$ inclusion of fixed points

pull-back in equivariant cohomology

$$i^*: H_T^*(X) \longrightarrow H_T^*(X^T) = H^*(X^T) \otimes H_T^*(\text{pt})$$

push-forward: $i_*: H_T^*(X^T) \longrightarrow H_T^*(X)$

become isomorphism in localized equivariant cohomology:

$$i^*: H_T^*(X) \otimes_{H_T^*(\text{pt})} \text{Frac}(H_T^*(\text{pt})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^*(X^T) \otimes \text{Frac} H_T^*(\text{pt}).$$

and $i^* i_* \in \text{End}_{H_T^*(\text{pt})} (H_T^*(X) \otimes_{H_T^*(\text{pt})} \text{Frac} H_T^*(\text{pt}))$ is multiplication by the equivariant

Euler class $e(X^T)$ of X^T the fixed point locus.

We have the tools to compute the multiplication of $\text{CohA}(\bullet)$.

If G is a group, $BG = pt$ with action of $G = pt/G$.

$$\mathcal{Q} = (\bullet, \phi)$$

$$d \in \mathbb{N}, d' + d'' = d$$

$$\mathcal{M}_d = BG_d \quad (\text{standard})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{d',d''}^{(1)} = BP_{d',d''}$$

$P_{d',d''} \subset GL_{d+d''}$ parabolic, stabilizer of
a d' -dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{C}^{d'+d''}$.

Correspondence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \coprod_{i_1 < \dots < i_d} B\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''} & \\
 \alpha \swarrow & i \downarrow & \searrow c \\
 B\mathbb{G}_m^d \times B\mathbb{G}_m^{d'} & P_{d',d''} \backslash GL_{d+d''} / \mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''} & B\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''} \\
 f \swarrow & \nearrow f & \searrow e \\
 B\mathbb{G}_m^{d'} \times B\mathbb{G}_m^{d''} & B P_{d',d''} & B\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''} \\
 g \swarrow & \nearrow p & \searrow d \\
 BGL_{d'} \times BGL_{d''} & BGL_{d+d''} &
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''} \subset P_{d',d''} \backslash GL_{d+d''}$
 $t \cdot (P_{d',d''} \cdot g) = P_{d',d''} \cdot gt^{-1}$
 $= P_{d',d''} t g t^{-1}$
 since $t \in P_{d',d''}$.

To understand $p_* q^*$ acting on cohomology,
it suffices to understand

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d^* p_* q^* \\
 &= e_* f^* q^* \\
 &= e_* \frac{1}{e(N_i)} i^* f^* q^* \\
 &\quad \rightsquigarrow \text{split the calculation on each component of } \coprod_{i_1 < \dots < i_d} B\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d''}.
 \end{aligned}$$

→ fixed points are given
 $F \subset \mathbb{C}^{d+d''}$

en $\mathbb{C}^{d+d''}$ base de $\mathbb{C}^{d+d''}$

$$F = \langle e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_d} \rangle$$

for $\{i_1 < \dots < i_d\} \subset \{1, \dots, d+d''\}$

On $B\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d'}$ corresponding to $i_1 < \dots < i_d$, $p \in \frac{\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d'}}{\mathbb{G}_{d,d}}$ corresponding

$$N_i \simeq T_p \frac{\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d'}}{\mathbb{G}_{d,d}}$$

fixed point.

The weights of $\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d'}$ on this space are

$$\text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, d+d'\} \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_d\} = [1, d+d'] \setminus I \\ j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_d\} = I$$

$$\text{So } e(N_i)|_p = \prod_{i \in [1, d+d'] \setminus I} \prod_{j \in I} (x_i - x_j) \in H^*_{\mathbb{G}_m^{d+d'}}(\text{pt}) .$$

Altogether, we obtain the desired formula:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_d) * g(x_{d+1}, \dots, x_{d+d'}) = \sum_{I \cup J = \{1, \dots, d+d'\}} \prod_{i \in I} f(x_i) \prod_{j \in J} g(x_j) \frac{1}{\prod_{i \in I} \prod_{j \in J} (x_i - x_j)} .$$

Next simple situation:

$\mathcal{Q} = (\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{S})$ quiver and K -theory

$$KHA(\mathcal{Q}) = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{I}}} K(E_d/G_d)$$

\Downarrow

$$K^{G_d}(\text{pt})$$

\Downarrow

$$\mathbb{Z}[x_{i,k}^{\pm 1}, i \in \mathcal{I}, 1 \leq k \leq d_i] \otimes_d.$$

Product : "multiplicative formal group law".

$$f \in KHA(\mathcal{Q})[d], g \in KHA(\mathcal{Q})[e].$$

$$f(x_{i,k})g(y_{i,k}) = \frac{1}{d!e!} \text{Sym} \left(f(x_{i,k})g(y_{i,k}) \left| \begin{array}{c} \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \prod_{k=1}^{d_i} \prod_{l=1}^{e_i} (y_{i,l}/x_{i,k})^{\text{arr}} \\ \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \prod_{k=1}^{d_i} \prod_{l=1}^{e_i} y_{i,l}/x_{i,k} \end{array} \right. \right).$$

Tricky situation: elliptic cohomology

Guess what the formula is.

$$\text{Ell}(E_d/G_d) = \text{Ell}_{G_d}(\text{pt})$$

$$= (E^d)^{\otimes d}.$$

L, L' line bundles on $(E^d)^{\otimes d}, (E^{d'})^{\otimes d'}$

$$\left\{
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & F_{d,d}/P_{d,d} & \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 E_d/G_d \times E_{d'}/G_{d'} & & \bar{E}_{d+d'}/G_{d+d'} \\
 f, f' \text{ sections} & f \otimes f' \cdot \prod \mathcal{O}(-) & \text{section } l.b
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

Constructible functions on groupoid of \mathbb{F}_q -points

→ Constructible Hall algebra, as originally defined by Ringel for quivers.

\mathcal{A} is a finitary category

i.e. if M, N objects of \mathcal{A} , $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^*(M, N)$ is a finite set.

Then one can define an associative product on

$$H_{\mathcal{A}} = \bigoplus_{[M] \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{A})/\sim} \mathbb{C} \cdot [M] = \text{Fun}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{ob}(\mathcal{A})/\sim, \mathbb{C})$$

in the following way $=: \langle M, N \rangle_m$ "multiplicative Euler form".

$$[M] * [N] = \frac{|\text{Hom}(M, N)|}{|\text{Ext}^*(M, N)|} \sum_{[R] \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{A})/\sim} [\# \{N' \subset R \mid N' \cong N \text{ & } R/N' \cong M\}] [R]$$

To make the product have more pleasant properties.

Associativity: not hard to check.

One can build a comultiplication in the dual way:

$$\Delta([R]) = \sum_{[M], [N]} \overbrace{\langle M, N \rangle_m}^1 \frac{a_M a_N}{a_R} \cdot [M] \otimes [N]$$

Green's thm: If \mathcal{A} is hereditary ($\text{Ext}^i(-, -) = 0$ for $i \geq 2$) then $H_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a bialgebra:

$$\Delta^{\otimes m} = m \otimes m \circ \sigma_{23} \circ \underbrace{\Delta \otimes \Delta}_{\text{swap of } 2^{\text{nd}} \& 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ factors.}}$$

$Q = (I, \Sigma)$ quiver ; \mathbb{F}_q finite field

$$\mathcal{R} = \text{Rep}_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

$$H_{\mathcal{A}} =: H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}$$

Hall algebra of Q over \mathbb{F}_q -

Structure of H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q} ?

Ringel's theorem

Assume Q loop free (for simplicity)

$U_q(\mathfrak{n}^+)$ quantum unipotent enveloping algebra.

$E_i \mapsto [S_i]$ induces an injective
algebra morphism

$$U_q(\mathfrak{n}^+) \xrightarrow{\phi} H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q}$$

S_i simple representation of Q

$$\dim S_i = i \in \mathbb{N}^I$$

$E_i, i \in I$: Chevalley generators.

$\mathcal{D}_\gamma(\mathbb{Z}^+)$ is the associative algebra generated by $E_i, i \in I$ subject to the Serre relations

$$\sum_{l=0}^{1-\alpha_{ij}} \binom{1-\alpha_{ij}}{l}_q E_i^l E_j E_i^{1-\alpha_{ij}-l} = 0$$

$i \neq j$

where $(\alpha_{ij}) = A$ is the Cartan matrix of Q :

$$\alpha_{ij} = 2\delta_{ij} - \#\{\alpha : i \rightarrow j\} - \#\{\alpha : j \rightarrow i\}.$$

ϕ surjective $\Leftrightarrow Q$ is of finite type

example: $Q = \bullet$

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{F}_q} \quad \text{Euler form: } \langle m, n \rangle_m = q^{mn}.$$

objects = integers

$$H_{Q, \mathbb{F}_q} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{C}[n]$$

$$[m]_q \cdot [n] = \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q \sqrt{q^{mn}} \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{pmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[m+n]_q!}{[m]_q! [n]_q!}$$

$$[m]_q! = \prod_{i=1}^m [i]_q!$$

$$[i]_q = \frac{q^{n-1}}{q-1}$$

symmetrized version of q -binomial coefficients.

Categorification of the quantum group $\mathcal{U}_v(\mathfrak{g}^+)$

(Lusztig)

Instead of functions on $M_Q(\mathbb{F}_q)$, consider perverse/
constructible sheaves on M_Q .

The base field can be \mathbb{C} or $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$.

$$d' + d'' = d, \quad d, d', d'' \in \mathbb{N}^I.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \xi & : & 0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow R \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 & \ni \\ & & & \downarrow & & \\ & & M_{d', d''} & \xrightarrow{c_1} & & \\ & q \downarrow & & & & \\ (M, N) & & M_{d'} \times M_{d''} & \xrightarrow{p} & M_d & \xrightarrow{R} \\ & & & & & \end{array}$$

Remind that q is smooth (of relative dimension $-\langle d', d'' \rangle$) & p is proper.

Define

$$\text{Ind}_{d', d''}^d : \mathcal{D}_c^b(M_{d'} \times M_{d''}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_c^b(M_d)$$

$$\mathcal{F} \longmapsto p_* q^*[-\langle d', d'' \rangle]$$

Takes semisimple complexes to semisimple complexes

Lusztig considers the category \mathcal{Q} of constructible complexes on $M = \bigsqcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}^+} M_d$, containing

- * $\bigoplus M_i$ for $i \in I$,
- * stable under shifts, direct summands
- * stable under $\text{Ind}_{d', d}^{d''}$.

$$\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{Q}$$

(semisimple) perverse sheaves contained in \mathcal{Q} .

$K_\oplus(\mathcal{Q})$ becomes an algebra, the product being induced by $\text{Ind}_{d', d}^{d''}$.

It is a $\mathbb{Z}[s^{\pm 1}]$ -algebra where s acts as shift [1].

Thm (Lusztig) The map

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(n^+) \longrightarrow K_\oplus(\mathcal{Q})$$

$$E_i \longmapsto \bigoplus M_i [\dim M_i]$$

is well defined and induces an isomorphism of algebras.

$\mathcal{V}_v^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{D}^+)$ is Lusztig integral form of $\mathcal{V}_v(\mathcal{D}^+)$.

In other words, \mathcal{Q} categorifies $\mathcal{V}_v^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathcal{D}^+)$.

- * If one works over $\overline{\mathbb{F}_q}$, there is an other way to decategorify the category \mathcal{Q} .
- * Over \mathbb{C} , one can consider the characteristic cycle of constructible sheaves.
But this is still a long story.