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The second diagram illustrates the associativity property. It shows a square with $A \otimes A \otimes A$ at the top-left, $A \otimes A$ at the top-right, $A \otimes A$ at the bottom-left, and A at the bottom-right. The top arrow is labeled $\mu \otimes \text{id}$, the bottom arrow is labeled μ , the left vertical arrow is labeled $\text{id} \otimes \mu$, and the right vertical arrow is labeled μ .

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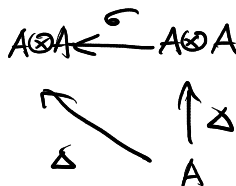
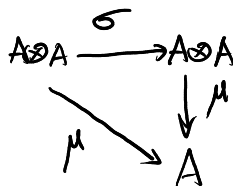
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An algebra homomorphism is an R -linear map $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ such that $\varphi \circ \mu_A = \mu_B \circ (\varphi \otimes \varphi)$ and $\varphi \circ \iota_A = \iota_B$. Naturally a coalgebra homomorphism is a map $\psi : A \rightarrow B$ such that $\Delta_B \circ \psi = (\psi \otimes \psi) \circ \Delta_A$ and $\varepsilon_B \circ \psi = \varepsilon_A$. A **coideal** I of a coalgebra A is a submodule such that $\Delta(I) \subseteq I \otimes A + A \otimes I$ and $\varepsilon(I) = 0$.

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Exercise: using the same argument, show that to achieve our goal, we must have $\varepsilon(I) = 0$.

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We sometimes call the Hopf algebras “**quantum groups**”, but usually the term refers to a Hopf algebra that is neither commutative nor cocommutative.

Some easy exercises to help you understand the formalism

- Show that given Condition 3, Condition 1 is equivalent to Condition 2 in the previous definition.
- A homomorphism of Hopf algebra is a map that is both an algebra and a coalgebra homomorphism. Show that it must commute with the antipode.
- If a Hopf algebra is commutative or cocommutative then the antipode map satisfies $S^2 = \text{id}$.
- A cocommutative *finite-dimensional* Hopf algebra over an algebraically closed field of char zero is the group algebra of some finite group [Hint: use the third exercise and the group algebra example in the next slide.]
- Prove that the vector space dual of a **finite-dimensional** Hopf algebra over some field k is a Hopf algebra. [Hint: pullback the structure maps of the original bialgebra; $(V \otimes V)^* = V^* \otimes V^*$.]

$$(V^*)^* \cong V$$

$$(V^0)^0 \neq V$$

$$\mu^* : A^* \rightarrow (A \otimes A)^* \cong A^* \otimes A^*$$

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The algebraic group is equipped with three morphisms:

$$\mu : G \times_k G \rightarrow G, i : G \rightarrow G, e : \operatorname{Spec} k \rightarrow G$$

corresponding to the group structure on the finite group has

$$\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G, \operatorname{inv} : G \rightarrow G, 1_G$$

(the “normal” group operations on finite groups).

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Exercise: Using relations of the three morphisms on the algebraic group G (or the usual group structure on a finite group), show that $(R, \Delta, \varepsilon, S)$ is a Hopf algebra.

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Clearly a universal enveloping algebra is unique up to isomorphism if it exists.

Lemma

There exists a universal enveloping algebra of any Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .

Construction: Let $T = k \oplus \mathfrak{g} \oplus (\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}) \oplus \dots$. Define $U(\mathfrak{g}) = T / \sim$ where the equivalence relation is given by $a \otimes b - b \otimes a = [a, b]$ for $a, b \in \mathfrak{g}$.

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nice Hopf algebra $= U(\mathfrak{g}) \rtimes G$
commutative

$$\Delta(f) = f \otimes f$$

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group-like

Exercise: On the universal enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{g} , let $\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$, $S(x) = -x$ and $\varepsilon(x) = 0$. Show that $U(\mathfrak{g})$ is a cocommutative Hopf algebra.

$$(\sigma \circ \Delta)(x) = \sigma(x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x) = 1 \otimes x + x \otimes 1 = \Delta(x)$$

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Drinfeld: when X is replaced by a Poisson-Lie group G , we deform the "dual" of $C^\infty(G)$.

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(left duals and right duals)

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Philosophy: Tannaka duality

Suppose we are working with a Hopf algebra A over some algebraically closed field k . On the category $A\text{-Mod}$ and we have a forgetful functor $\mathcal{F} : A\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_k$. Then $\text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong A$ as associative unital algebras. We can require more structures on this monoidal category to get stronger isomorphisms.

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(\dagger) \mathcal{F} is exact faithful $\implies \text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong A$ as bialgebras

Assuming (\dagger), we have

(*duals*)
 $A\text{-Mod}$ is rigid $\implies \text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong A$ as Hopf algebras

$A\text{-Mod}$ is rigid and symmetric $\implies \text{End}(\mathcal{F})$ is cocommutative

$A\text{-Mod}$ is rigid and braided \implies What structures on $\text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong A$?

The algebra $\text{End}(\mathcal{F}) \cong A$ has a **quasi-triangular structure** that satisfies the quantum Yang-Baxter equation! This structure is called the **universal R -matrix** of A and it measures the non-cocommutativity of the algebra.