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# History

- (1939) Heinz Hopf works on homology of sphere groups
- (1969) Moss Sweedler writes seminal book "Hopf Algebras"
- (1986) Vladimir Drinfeld gives ICM address on quantum groups
- (1992) Susan Montgomery writes "Hopf Algebras and Their Actions on Rings"

## Goal

To understand the actions of Hopf algebras on other algebras

Notation:  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \mathbb{C} \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / (x_j x_i - x_i x_j)$

## Quantum Polynomial Ring

Let  $Q = (q_{ij})$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix of roots of unity where  $q_{ii} = 1 = q_{ji} q_{ij}$ .

$\mathbb{C}_Q[x_1, \dots, x_n] = \mathbb{C} \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle / (x_j x_i - q_{ij} x_i x_j)$  is called a **quantum polynomial ring**.

Example:  $\mathbb{C}_{-1}[u, v] = \mathbb{C} \langle u, v \rangle / (uv + vu)$

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Giving the representation on the vector space  $\mathbb{C}_{-1}[u, v]$

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# Semidirect Product

Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be groups where  $G'$  acts on  $G$  by automorphisms. Then one can define the semidirect product group,  $G \rtimes G'$ . The action can be extended to the group algebras,  $\mathbb{C}G$  and  $\mathbb{C}G'$ . This will give the group algebra

$$\mathbb{C}(G \rtimes G') = \mathbb{C}G \# \mathbb{C}G'$$

with product  $g'g = (g' \cdot g)g'$ .

## Smash Product Algebra

If  $H$  is a Hopf algebra and  $A$  an  $H$ -module algebra, then  $A \# H$  is the smash product algebra defined as  $A \otimes H$  as a vector space and with product

$$ha = \sum_i (g_i \cdot a)k_i$$

where  $a \in A$ ,  $h \in H$  and  $\Delta(h) = \sum_i g_i \otimes k_i$ .

# Smash Product Algebra

## "Group-like" and "Lie-like"

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra, define  $G(H) = \{h \in H \mid \Delta(h) = h \otimes h\}$  and  $P(H) = \{h \in H \mid \Delta(h) = h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h\}$ .

$G(H)$  is the set of grouplike elements of  $H$  and forms a group under the product.

$P(H)$  is the set of primitive elements of  $H$  and forms a Lie algebra under the commutator bracket.

## Cartier-Kostant-Milnor-Moore Theorem

Let  $H$  be a cocommutative Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$ , then

$$H \cong \mathcal{U}(P(H)) \# \mathbb{C}G(H)$$

as Hopf algebras.

As a corollary, any finite-dimensional Hopf algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  is isomorphic to a group algebra.



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# Research Directions

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