Quantum Group Actions and Hopf Algebras

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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 Montogomery writes “Hopf Algebras and Their Actions on Rings”

Goal

To understand the actions of Hopf algebras on other algebras

Quantum Plane

Notation: $\mathbb{C}[v_1, \ldots, v_n] = \mathbb{C}\langle v_1, \ldots, v_n \mid v_j v_i - v_i v_j \rangle$

Quantum Polynomial Ring

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

$$q_{ii} = 1 = q_{ji} q_{ij}.$$

A **quantum polynomial ring** is

$$\mathbb{C}_Q[v_1, \ldots, v_n] = \mathbb{C}\langle v_1, \ldots, v_n \mid v_j v_i - q_{ij} v_i v_j \rangle.$$

Example: $\mathbb{C}_{-1}[v_1, v_2] = \mathbb{C}\langle v_1, v_2 \mid v_1 v_2 + v_2 v_1 \rangle$

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We want an algebra that synthesizes group actions and actions by Lie algebras.

Hopf algebras combine the notions of Algebras with products and Coalgebras with coproducts.

We are looking for actions of Hopf algebras. In particular on non-commutative algebras like Quantum Polynomial Rings.

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Let τ be the 'flip' over the tensor product, so $\tau(u \otimes v) = v \otimes u$. Note that $\tau \circ \triangle(x) \neq \triangle(x)$, so H is non-cocommutative.

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We can express this action on the generators v_1, v_2 as

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Common philosophy: A **quantum group** is a Hopf alg H with a bijective antipode, and some invertible $R \in H \otimes H$ witnessing how close H is to being cocommutative and satisfying:

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$$(2)\ \triangle \otimes id(R) = R_{1,3}R_{2,3}$$

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where $R = \sum R_{(1)} \otimes R_{(2)}$ and

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Hence, R is a solution to the quantum Yang-Baxter equation, and so is often called a **universal R-matrix**.

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In words, H **acts on** A iff you can multiply in H and then act on A or act on A consecutively, $\forall h, h' \in H, \forall a \in A$

$$(hh')(a) = h(h'(a)), \quad 1_H(a) = a.$$

And A is an H-**module alg** iff H acts on A and $\forall h \in H, \forall a, a' \in A$

$$h(aa') = \sum h_{(1)}(a) \cdot h_{(1)}(a), \quad h(1_A) = \varepsilon(h)1_A$$

where $\triangle(h) = \sum h_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)}$.
This generalizes the notion of acting by automorphisms.

Semidirect Product

Let G and G' be groups where G' acts on G by automorphisms, giving the semidirect product group, $G \rtimes G'$.
The action can be extended to the group algebras:

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

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

Smash Product Algebra

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

$$(a' \otimes h)(a \otimes h') = \sum_i a' h_{(1)}(a) \otimes h_{(2)} h'$$

where $a, a' \in A$, $h, h' \in H$ and $\triangle(h) = \sum h_{(1)} \otimes h_{(2)}$.

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"Group-like" and "Lie-like"

For Hopf alg H, define

$$G(H) = \{h \in H \mid \triangle(h) = h \otimes h\} = \text{grouplike elements}$$

which forms a group, and define

$$P(H) = \{h \in H \mid \triangle(h) = h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h\} = \text{primitive elements}$$

which forms a Lie alg.

Cartier-Kostant-Milnor-Moore Theorem

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

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

Cor: Any cocomm, finite-dim'l Hopf alg over $\mathbb{C}$ is iso to a grp alg.

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