

# Pattern Hopf algebras

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# Permutations - square diagrams

Permutation  $\pi$  on a set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  is a pair of orders on  $S$ .

$$132 = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & s_1 & \\ \hline & & s_3 \\ \hline s_2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \cdot & \\ \hline & & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Counting occurrences of a pattern

Permutation  $\pi$  on a set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  and  $I \subseteq S$ .

The **restriction** to  $I$  can be defined  $\pi|_I$  and is a permutation in  $I$ .

We can count occurrences! How many times does a particular diagram occur? If  $\pi = 132$  as above,

$$\pi|_{\{1,3\}} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \cdot & \\ \hline & & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & & \\ \hline \end{array} \Big|_{\{1,3\}} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

We write

$$\mathbf{p}_{12}(132) = 2, \quad \mathbf{p}_{123}(123456) = 20, \quad \mathbf{p}_{2413}(762341895) = 0.$$

# Permutation pattern algebra

## Proposition (Linear independence)

*The set  $\{\mathbf{p}_\pi \mid \pi \in \uplus_{n \geq 0} S_n\}$  is linearly independent - Triangularity argument*

## Proposition (Product formula)

*There are coefficients  $\binom{\sigma}{\pi, \tau}$  that count the number of quasi-shuffles of  $\sigma$  with permutations  $\pi, \tau$  such that:*

$$\mathbf{p}_\pi \cdot \mathbf{p}_\tau = \sum_{\sigma} \binom{\sigma}{\pi, \tau} \mathbf{p}_\sigma,$$

*where  $\sigma$  runs over equivalence classes of pairs of orders.*

Example **try it!**

$$\mathbf{p}_{12} \mathbf{p}_1 = 3 \mathbf{p}_{123} + \mathbf{p}_{312} + \mathbf{p}_{231} + 2 \mathbf{p}_{213} + 2 \mathbf{p}_{132}.$$

# Permutation pattern algebra

## Theorem (Vargas, 2014)

*The linear span of pattern functions  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$  form a Hopf algebra.  
The Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$  is free commutative. **what is free?**  
A free generator family is given by a family of Lyndon permutations.*

# Permutation pattern algebra - adding another ingredient

$$\pi \oplus \tau = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \tau \\ \hline \pi & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \pi \ominus \tau = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \pi & \\ \hline & \tau \\ \hline \end{array}$$

By *magic properties* of dualization, these give coproducts on  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$ , for instance:

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_\pi = \sum_{\pi = \tau_1 \oplus \tau_2} \mathbf{p}_{\tau_1} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{\tau_2},$$

so that we have a Hopf algebra

$$\mathbf{p}_\pi(\sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2) = \Delta \mathbf{p}_\pi(\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_2).$$

# Outline of the talk

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  - Permutations
  - Marked permutations

# Pattern algebra

What do we need to have a pattern Hopf algebra?

- ① Assignment  $S \mapsto h[S] = \{\text{structures over } S\} + \text{notion of relabelling}.$
- ② For any inclusion  $V \hookrightarrow W$ , a restriction map  $h[W] \rightarrow h[V].$
- ③ An associative *monoid* operation  $*$  with unit that is compatible with restrictions.
- ④ A unique element of size zero.

$1 + 2 = \text{combinatorial presheaf} \rightarrow \text{Algebra}.$

$1 + 2 + 3 = \text{monoid in combinatorial presheaves} \rightarrow \text{bialgebra}.$

$1 + 2 + 4 = \text{connected presheaf} \rightarrow \text{Filtered (read graded) connected algebra}.$

$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \rightarrow \text{Hopf algebra}.$



# A presheaf on graphs

- $\mathcal{G}[V] = \{ \text{graphs on the vertex set } V \}$ .
- Induced subgraphs  $\rightarrow$  restrictions.
- The disjoint union of graphs.
- The empty graph fortunately exists!

## Theorem (P - 2019+)

*If  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a connected commutative presheaf, then  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{h})$  is free. The free generators are the indecomposable objects with respect to the commutative product.*

# Simple example - binomial identities

Define  $\text{Set}[n] = \{*_n\}$  to have a unique element.

$$\mathbf{p}_{*_n}(*_m) = \binom{m}{n} \quad \binom{*_d}{*_a, *_b} = \binom{d}{a} \binom{a}{a+b-d}.$$

So we obtain the following binomial identity:

$$\mathbf{p}_{*_a}(*_c) \mathbf{p}_{*_b}(*_c) = \sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d}{a} \binom{a}{a+b-d} \mathbf{p}_{*_d}(*_c)$$

**Monoidal structure** - Disjoint union:  $*_n *_m = *_{n+m}$ .

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_{*_a} = \sum_{k=0}^a \mathbf{p}_{*_k} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{*_{a-k}}, \quad \mathcal{A}(\text{Set}) = \mathbb{R}\langle \mathbf{p}_{*_1} \rangle$$

# Hey, can you tell me what happens on words?

The question of analysing patterns on words is a very natural one.

$\text{Word}_{\mathcal{K}}[n] = \{ \text{words of size } n \text{ using an alphabet } \mathcal{K} \text{ characters} \}$

The resulting algebra is very similar to the **shuffle algebra** on the alphabet  $\mathcal{K}$ , and is also free.

# Unique factorisation theorem on permutations

Vargas used the  $\oplus$  product on permutations to obtain a unique factorisation theorem on permutations.

$$\pi = \tau_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \tau_k =$$

		$\tau_k$
	$\ddots$	
$\tau_1$		

The factorisation is **not** unique up to order of factors.

# Marked permutations

Presheaf of marked permutations.

$$\pi = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \odot & \\ \hline & & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad \sigma = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \cdot & \\ \hline & \odot \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Inflation of  $\pi * \sigma$  is

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# Freeness on marked permutations

## Theorem (P - 2020)

*The Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\text{MPer})$  is free generated by the Lyndon marked permutations.*

## Conjecture

*Any pattern algebra is free.*

# Hopf questions about pattern algebras - the applications slide

Hey, can you tell us more about the antipode of these Hopf algebras?  
Yes! Existence follows from the so called *Takeuchi formula*, but cancellation-free formulas have been found [P. Vargas 2022+].

What are the characters of this Hopf algebra?  
Are there any characters? Evaluation characters! We can recover the inversion polynomial on permutations.

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# Thank you

