Composing and covering of coalgebras.

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"Y ese color azul que sólo es permitido ver en los sueños." -Borges

The divided power Hopf algebra $\mathfrak{C}Sym$ is ordinarily presented as follows:

$$\mathbb{K}[x] := \operatorname{span}\{x^{(n)} : n \ge 0\}$$

with basis vectors $x^{(n)}$ satisfying

$$x^{(m)} \cdot x^{(n)} = \binom{m+n}{n} x^{(m+n)}$$

and

$$\Delta(x^{(n)}) = \sum_{i+j=n} x^{(i)} \otimes x^{(j)}.$$

Example:

$$x^{(2)} \cdot x^{(3)} = 10x^{(5)}$$

A Hopf algebra of binary trees [LR].



And grafting:



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The idea is that given two graded coalgebras we can combine them in a way reminiscent of operad composition. Let C and D be two graded coalgebras. We will form a new

coalgebra $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{D}$ on the vector space

$$\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{D} := \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} \mathcal{C}^{\otimes (n+1)} \otimes \mathcal{D}_n.$$
 (1)

The motivating example is when C and D are spaces of rooted trees. Then \circ may be interpreted as some rule for grafting n+1 trees from C onto the leaves of a tree in D_n .

Example

Suppose $C = D = \mathcal{Y}Sym$ and consider some $(c_0, \ldots, c_n) \times d \in (\mathcal{Y}, {n+1}) \times \mathcal{Y}_n$. Then defining \circ by grafting with color coding, e.g.,



gives a new flavor of tree: painted trees.

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Let \mathcal{D} be a graded bialgebra, and thus a Hopf algebra.

Definition

A covering coalgebra of \mathcal{D} is a graded coalgebra $\mathcal{E}, \Delta_{\mathcal{E}}$ together with a coalgebra map $f : \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{D}$ for which we have:

- ▶ \mathcal{E} is a graded module over \mathcal{D} . We denote the action by $\star : \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{D} \to \mathcal{E}$.
- ▶ The coalgebra map f is also a module map.
- ▶ The action and coproducts agree.

Examples

Our compositions of tree-like algebras serve as prime examples!



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A covering coalgebra turns out to give us a lot of extra free structure.

Theorem

A covering coalgebra has the structures of a one-sided Hopf algebra, a Hopf module and a comodule algebra.

Proof.

For the one-sided Hopf algebra, we define the product $m_{\mathcal{E}}: \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E}$ by $m_{\mathcal{E}} = \star \circ (1 \otimes f)$. The one-sided unit is $1_{\mathcal{E}}$. For the other two structures we need a coaction $\rho: \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{D}$. This coaction is defined by $\rho = (1 \otimes f) \circ \Delta_{\mathcal{E}}$

Here is an example of the coproduct in $\mathcal{Y}Sym \circ \mathcal{Y}Sym$:

Here is an example of the product in $\mathcal{Y}Sym \circ \mathcal{Y}Sym$:

Compositions

 $\mathfrak{C}Sym \circ \mathfrak{C}Sym$ is indexed by vertices of the cubes, represented by trees formed by grafting a forest of combs to the leaves of a comb (we paint the edges of the latter.)

There is a simple way to associate one of these trees with a composition.



We write the composition as the string $k_0k_1 \dots k_j$. The number k_i is just the number of leaves of the unpainted comb grafted to the i^{th} painted edge.

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Combs of combs

The coproduct is the usual splitting of trees:



Here is the product:

Geometry and combinatorics.

There are interesting combinatorial and geometric constructions which run in parallel to our algebraic composition of algebras.





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More polytopes.



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More work:

• primitives and coinvariants.

•Formulas for antipodes.

Questions and comments?