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- **The general context:**

\mathcal{C} = a category whose objects are endowed with various algebraic structures (S).

\mathcal{D} = a category such that there exists a **forgetful functor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$.

Examples:

$$F : Gr \rightarrow Set, \quad F : Lie \rightarrow Vec, \quad F : Hopf \rightarrow CoAlg$$

$$F : Hopf \rightarrow Alg, \quad F : Alg \rightarrow Vec, \dots$$

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• **The unified product $H \ltimes S$: the group level**

Let H be a group, $(S, 1_S)$ a pointed set and four maps

$$\star : S \times S \rightarrow S, \quad f : S \times S \rightarrow H$$

$$\triangleright : S \times H \rightarrow H, \quad \triangleleft : S \times H \rightarrow S$$

satisfying axioms such that $H \ltimes S := H \times S$ with the multiplication

$$(h_1, s_1) \cdot (h_2, s_2) := (h_1(s_1 \triangleright h_2)f(s_1 \triangleleft h_2, s_2), (s_1 \triangleleft h_2) \star s_2)$$

is a group on $H \ltimes S$ with $(1_H, 1_S)$ as a unit.

Remark

Let $H \leq E$ be a subgroup of E . Then there exists a map $\pi : E \rightarrow H$ such that

$$\pi(h) = h, \quad \pi(hx) = h\pi(x)$$

for all $h \in H$ and $x \in E$.

Remark

We define:

$$S := \{x \in E \mid \pi(x) = 1_H\}$$

and the well defined maps $\star, f, \triangleright, \triangleleft$ given by:

$$s_1 \star s_2 := \pi(s_1 s_2)^{-1} s_1 s_2, \quad f(s_1, s_2) := \pi(s_1 s_2)$$

$$s \triangleright h := \pi(sh), \quad s \triangleleft h := \pi(sh)^{-1} sh$$

for all $s, s_1, s_2 \in S$ and $h \in H$. Then

$$\varphi : H \rtimes S \rightarrow E, \quad \varphi(h, s) := hs$$

for all $h \in H$ and $s \in S$ is an **isomorphism** of groups with $\varphi^{-1}(x) = (\pi(x), \pi(x)^{-1} x)$.

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Let $H \subseteq E$ be a system of representatives for the right cosets of the subgroup A in the group (E, \cdot) such that $1_E \in H$.

Then the multiplication map

$$k[A] \otimes k[H] \rightarrow k[E], \quad a \otimes h \mapsto a \cdot h$$

is bijective, i.e. the Hopf algebra $k[E]$ **factorizes** through the Hopf subalgebra $k[A]$ and the subcoalgebra $k[H]$.

We have to restrict the (H-C) extending structures problem as follows:

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We shall give a complete answer below.

Definition

Let A be a bialgebra. An **extending datum** of A is a system $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ where: $(H, \Delta_H, \varepsilon_H)$ is a coalgebra, $(H, 1_H, \cdot)$ is an unitary, not necessarily associative k -algebra, $\triangleleft : H \otimes A \rightarrow H$, $\triangleright : H \otimes A \rightarrow A$, $f : H \otimes H \rightarrow A$ are morphisms of coalgebras s.t.

$$\Delta_H(1_H) = 1_H \otimes 1_H, \quad h \triangleright 1_A = \varepsilon_H(h)1_A$$

$$1_H \triangleright a = a, \quad 1_H \triangleleft a = \varepsilon_A(a)1_H, \quad h \triangleleft 1_A = h$$

$$f(h, 1_H) = f(1_H, h) = \varepsilon_H(h)1_A$$

Let $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ be an extending datum of A and $A \rtimes_{\Omega(A)} H = A \rtimes H := A \otimes H$ with the multiplication:

$$(a \rtimes h) \bullet (c \rtimes g) := a(h_{(1)} \triangleright c_{(1)}) f(h_{(2)} \triangleleft c_{(2)}, g_{(1)}) \rtimes (h_{(3)} \triangleleft c_{(3)}) \cdot g_{(2)}$$

Definition

$A \rtimes H$ is called the **unified product** of A and $\Omega(A)$ if $A \rtimes H$ is a bialgebra with the unit $1_A \rtimes 1_H$ and the coalgebra structure given by the tensor product of coalgebras. In this case $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ is called a **bialgebra extending structure** of A . A bialgebra extending structure $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ is called a **Hopf algebra extending structure** of A if $A \rtimes H$ has an antipode.

Theorem

$A \ltimes H$ is an unified product **if and only if** $\Delta_H : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$, $\varepsilon_H : H \rightarrow k$ are k -algebra maps, (H, \triangleleft) is a right A -module coalgebra and the following compatibilities hold:

$$(BE1) \quad (g \cdot h) \cdot l = (g \triangleleft f(h_{(1)}, l_{(1)})) \cdot (h_{(2)} \cdot l_{(2)})$$

$$(BE2) \quad g \triangleright (ab) = (g_{(1)} \triangleright a_{(1)}) [(g_{(2)} \triangleleft a_{(2)}) \triangleright b]$$

$$(BE3) \quad (g \cdot h) \triangleleft a = [g \triangleleft (h_{(1)} \triangleright a_{(1)})] \cdot (h_{(2)} \triangleleft a_{(2)})$$

$$(BE4) \quad [g_{(1)} \triangleright (h_{(1)} \triangleright a_{(1)})] f(g_{(2)} \triangleleft (h_{(2)} \triangleright a_{(2)}), h_{(3)} \triangleleft a_{(3)}) = f(g_{(1)}, h_{(1)}) [(g_{(2)} \cdot h_{(2)}) \triangleright a]$$

$$(BE5) \quad (g_{(1)} \triangleright f(h_{(1)}, l_{(1)})) f(g_{(2)} \triangleleft f(h_{(2)}, l_{(2)}), h_{(3)} \cdot l_{(3)}) = f(g_{(1)}, h_{(1)}) f(g_{(2)} \cdot h_{(2)}, l)$$

$$(BE6) \quad g_{(1)} \triangleleft a_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)} \triangleright a_{(2)} = g_{(2)} \triangleleft a_{(2)} \otimes g_{(1)} \triangleright a_{(1)}$$

$$(BE7) \quad g_{(1)} \cdot h_{(1)} \otimes f(g_{(2)}, h_{(2)}) = g_{(2)} \cdot h_{(2)} \otimes f(g_{(1)}, h_{(1)})$$



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Then $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ is a bialgebra extending structure of A if and only if H is a bialgebra and $(A, H, \triangleleft, \triangleright)$ is a **matched pair of bialgebras**.

In this case, the associated unified product $A \ltimes H = A \bowtie H$ is the **bicrossed product of bialgebras**.

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Then $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ is a bialgebra extending structure of A if and only if H is an usual bialgebra and:

- (a) The *twisted module condition* and the *cocycle condition* hold (**Blatter, Cohen, Montgomery**);
- (b) $g \triangleright (ab) = (g_{(1)} \triangleright a)(g_{(2)} \triangleright b)$
- (c) $g_{(1)} \otimes g_{(2)} \triangleright a = g_{(2)} \otimes g_{(1)} \triangleright a$
- (d) $g_{(1)}h_{(1)} \otimes f(g_{(2)}, h_{(2)}) = g_{(2)}h_{(2)} \otimes f(g_{(1)}, h_{(1)})$

In this case, the associated unified product $A \rtimes H = A \#_f H$ is the **crossed product of two bialgebras**. Next talk!

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Proposition

Let A be a Hopf algebra and $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ a bialgebra extending structure of A s.t. there exists an antimorphism of coalgebras $S_H : H \rightarrow H$ such that

$$h_{(1)} \cdot S_H(h_{(2)}) = S_H(h_{(1)}) \cdot h_{(2)} = \varepsilon_H(h)1_H$$

Then $A \rtimes H$ is a Hopf algebra with the antipode

$$S(a \rtimes g) := \left(S_A[f(S_H(g_{(2)}), g_{(3)})] \rtimes S_H(g_{(1)}) \right) \bullet (S_A(a) \rtimes 1_H)$$

Theorem

Let $A \subseteq E$ be an extension of Hopf algebras, H a subcoalgebra of E such that $1_E \in H$. The following are equivalent:

- 1 E factorizes through A and H , i.e. the multiplication map $A \otimes H \rightarrow E$ is bijective.
- 2 There exists an isomorphism of Hopf algebras

$$E \cong A \rtimes H$$

for some bialgebra extending structure $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ of A .

- **The classification of unified products**

Definition

A morphism of coalgebras $u : H \rightarrow A$ is called a *coalgebra lazy 1-cocyle* if $u(1_H) = 1_A$ and the following compatibility holds:

$$h_{(1)} \otimes u(h_{(2)}) = h_{(2)} \otimes u(h_{(1)})$$

We denote by $H_{l,c}^1(H, A)$ the **group** (with respect to the convolution product) of all coalgebra lazy 1-cocyles of H with coefficients in A .

Theorem

Let $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ and $\Omega'(A) = (H, \triangleleft', \triangleright', f')$ be two Hopf algebra extending structures of a Hopf algebra A .

Then there exists $\varphi : A \rtimes' H \rightarrow A \rtimes H$ a left A -module, a right H -comodule and a Hopf algebra map **if and only if** $\triangleleft' = \triangleleft$ and there exists a coalgebra lazy 1-cocycle $u \in H_{l,c}^1(H, A)$ such that:

$$h \triangleright' c = u(h_{(1)})(h_{(2)} \triangleright c_{(1)}) S_A(u(h_{(3)} \triangleleft c_{(2)})) \quad (1)$$

$$f'(h, g) = u(h_{(1)})(h_{(2)} \triangleright u(g_{(1)})) f(h_{(3)} \triangleleft u(g_{(2)}), g_{(3)}) \quad (2)$$

$$S_A(u(h_{(4)} \cdot' g_{(4)})) \quad (3)$$

$$h \cdot' g = (h \triangleleft u(g_{(1)})) \cdot g_{(2)} \quad (4)$$

In this case φ is given by $\varphi(a \rtimes h) = au(h_{(1)}) \rtimes' h_{(2)}$.

Remark

If $\varphi : A \bowtie H \rightarrow A \bowtie' H$ is a left A -module, a right H -comodule and Hopf algebra morphism between two unified products then the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i_A} & A \bowtie H & \xrightarrow{\pi_H} & H \\
 \text{\scriptsize } Id_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } Id_H \\
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 \end{array}$$

is commutative and φ is an **isomorphism**.

Let A be a Hopf algebra, H a coalgebra with a fixed group-like element $1_H \in H$ and $\triangleleft : H \otimes A \rightarrow H$ a morphism of coalgebras.

Let $\mathcal{ES}(A, H, \triangleleft)$ be the set of all triples $(\cdot, \triangleright, f)$ such that $((H, 1_X, \cdot), \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ is a Hopf algebra extending structure of A .

Definition

Two elements $(\cdot, \triangleright, f), (\cdot', \triangleright', f')$ of $\mathcal{ES}(A, H, \triangleleft)$ are called **cohomologous** and we denote this by $(\cdot, \triangleright, f) \approx (\cdot', \triangleright', f')$ if there exists a coalgebra lazy 1-cocycle $u \in H_{l,c}^1(H, A)$ such that the compatibility conditions (1) - (4) are fulfilled.

Remark

\approx is an equivalence relation on the set $\mathcal{E}S(A, H, \triangleleft)$.

We denote by $H_{l,c}^2(H, A, \triangleleft)$ the quotient set $\mathcal{E}S(A, H, \triangleleft) / \approx$.

$H_{l,c}^2(H, A, \triangleleft)$ is for the classification of the unified products the counterpart of the second cohomology group for the classification of an extension of an abelian group by a group.

Let $\mathcal{C}(A, H, \triangleleft)$ be the category whose class of objects is the set $\mathcal{ES}(A, H, \triangleleft)$.

A morphism $\varphi : (\triangleright, f) \rightarrow (\triangleright', f')$ in $\mathcal{C}(A, H, \triangleleft)$ is a Hopf algebra morphism $\varphi : A \rtimes H \rightarrow A \rtimes' H$ that is a left A -module and a right H -comodule map.

Corollary

(Schreier theorem for unified products)

Let A be a Hopf algebra, H a coalgebra with a group-like element 1_H and $\triangleleft : H \otimes A \rightarrow H$ a morphism of coalgebras. There exists a bijection between the set of objects of the skeleton of the category $\mathcal{C}(A, H, \triangleleft)$ and the quotient set $H_{I, \mathcal{C}}^2(H, A, \triangleleft)$.

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Proposition

Let A be a bialgebra, $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ a bialgebra extending structure of A and the k -linear maps:

$$i_A : A \rightarrow A \rtimes H, i_A(a) = a \rtimes 1_H, \pi_A : A \rtimes H \rightarrow A, \pi_A(a \rtimes h) = \varepsilon_H(h)a$$

for all $a \in A, h \in H$. Then:

- 1 i_A is a biagebra map, π_A is a normal left A -module coalgebra morphism and $\pi_A \circ i_A = \text{Id}_A$.
- 2 π_A is a right A -module map if and only if \triangleright is the trivial action.
- 3 π_A is a bialgebra map if and only if \triangleright and f are the trivial maps, i.e. the unified product $A \rtimes H = A \# H$, the right version of the smash product of bialgebras.

Theorem

Let $i : A \rightarrow E$ be a Hopf algebra morphism such that there exists $\pi : E \rightarrow A$ a **normal** left A -module coalgebra morphism for which $\pi \circ i = \text{Id}_A$. Let $H := \{x \in E \mid \pi(x_{(1)}) \otimes x_{(2)} = 1_A \otimes x\}$. Then there exists a bialgebra extending structure $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ of A , given by:

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for all $h, g \in H, a \in A$ such that

$$\varphi : A \rtimes H \rightarrow E, \quad \varphi(a \rtimes h) = i(a)h$$

is an isomorphism of Hopf algebras.



Remark: Any Hopf algebra extending structure of a Hopf algebra A is constructed as in the above theorem.

Corollary

Let A and E be two Hopf algebras. The following are equivalent:

- 1 E is isomorphic to a unified product $A \ltimes H$.
- 2 Then there exists a morphism of Hopf algebras $i : A \rightarrow E$ which has a retraction $\pi : E \rightarrow A$ that is a **normal left A -module coalgebra morphism**.

Proposition

Let A be a Hopf algebra and $\Omega(A) = (H, \triangleleft, \triangleright, f)$ a bialgebra extending structure of A . The following are equivalent:

- (1) $i_A : A \rightarrow A \rtimes H$ is a split monomorphism in the category of bialgebras;
- (2) There exists $\gamma : H \rightarrow A$ a unitary coalgebra map such that

$$\begin{aligned} h \triangleright a &= \gamma(h_{(1)}) a_{(1)} \gamma^{-1}(h_{(2)} \triangleleft a_{(2)}) \\ f(h, g) &= \gamma(h_{(1)}) \gamma(g_{(1)}) \gamma^{-1}(h_{(2)} \cdot g_{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $h, g \in H$ and $a \in A$, where $\gamma^{-1} = S_A \circ \gamma$.

In this case, there exists an isomorphism of bialgebras $A \rtimes H \cong L * A$, where $L * A$ is the **Radford biproduct** for a bialgebra L in the braided category ${}^A_A\mathcal{YD}$ of Yetter-Drinfel'd modules.



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