When a weak bialgebra is a weak Hopf algebra

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1 Weak bialgebras and weak Hopf algebras

Minimal weak bialgebras

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$$\begin{split} &\Delta(ab) = \Delta(a)\Delta(b) \\ &\varepsilon(abc) = \varepsilon(ab_1)\varepsilon(b_2c) = \varepsilon(ab_2)\varepsilon(b_1c) \\ &\Delta^2(1) = (\Delta(1)\otimes 1)(1\otimes \Delta(1)) = (1\otimes \Delta(1))(\Delta(1)\otimes 1) \end{split}$$

for $a,b,c\in H$. Further, a k-linear map $S:H\longrightarrow H$ is called *antipode* if S satisfies the axioms

- **1** $S(h_1)h_2 = 1_1\varepsilon(h_2)$
- 2 $h_1S(h_2) = \varepsilon(1_1h)1_2$
- $(1) S(h_1)h_2S(h_3) = S(h)$

for any $h \in H$. If H has an antipode S, then H is a weak Hopf algebra.

Using the sumless Sweedler notation $\Delta(b) = b_1 \otimes b_2$.

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Look:

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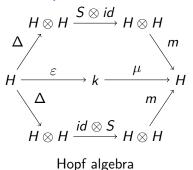
$$\varepsilon(gh) = \varepsilon(g1_{kG_1})\varepsilon(1_{kG_1}h) + \varepsilon(g1_{kG_2})\varepsilon(1_{kG_2}h) \neq \varepsilon(g)\varepsilon(h), \text{ for } g,h \in G_1 \cup G_2.$$

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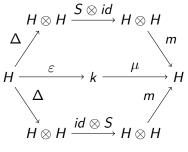
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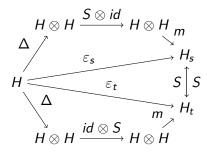
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A weak Hopf algebra H is a Hopf algebra iff $H_t = H_s = k1_H$ iff $\Delta(1_H) = 1_H \otimes 1_H$.



Examples

With the following quiver Q.



Path algebra of a quiver $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ where $Q_0 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Q_1 = \{g, f, h\}$.

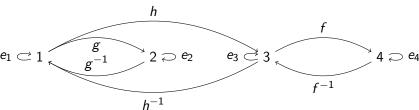
Algebra: $1_{kQ} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} e_i$, where e_i is the trivial path on i.

Coalgebra: $\Delta(x) = x \otimes x$, $\Delta(e_i) = e_i \otimes e_i$, $\varepsilon(x) = 1$ and $\varepsilon(e_i) = 1$

for all $x \in Q_1$.

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Groupoid algebra:

$$kG = \frac{kQ}{\langle gg^{-1} - e_2, \ g^{-1}g - e_1, \ ff^{-1} - e_4, f^{-1}f - e_3, hh^{-1} - e_3, h^{-1}h - e_1 \rangle}$$

as a quotient weak bialgebra.

Antipode:
$$S(x) = x^{-1}$$
 and $S(e_i) = e_i$

for all $x \in \{g, g^{-1}, f, f^{-1}, h, h^{-1}\}$ and $1 \le i \le 4$.

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for all $p, p', q, q' \in Q_1$, and $i, j, k, \ell \in Q_0$.

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For $a, b \in Q_{\ell}$, the coalgebra structure is given by

$$\Delta(x_{a,b}) = \sum_{c \in Q_{\ell}} x_{a,c} \otimes x_{c,b} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(x_{a,b}) = \delta_{a,b}.$$

Applications of weak Hopf algebras

- Weak Hopf algebras give a description of arbitrary finite index and finite depth \coprod_1 subfactors via a Galois correspondence.
- There is a closed connection between weak Hopf algebras and Von Neumann subfactors.
- Weak Hopf algebras play an important role in the theory of dynamical deformation of Hopf algebras.

Recall that $\Delta(1_H) = \sum 1_1 \otimes 1_2 \neq 1_H \otimes 1_H$ for a given weak bialgebra H.

Definition

A weak sub-bialgebra of H is called *minimal* if it has no proper weak sub-bialgebras, denoted by H_{min} .

Question: Is H_{min} possible a weak Hopf algebra?

Yes!

D. Nikshych showed that $H_{\min} = H_s H_t \cong H_s \otimes_{H_t \cap H_s} H_t$.

The following facts are important to help define the antipode of H_{\min} .

- Denote $\Delta(1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \otimes z_i$ (the shortest possible representation).
- H_t is generated by z_1, \dots, z_n and H_s is generated by w_1, \dots, w_n .
- H_s and H_t commute with each other.
- $\varepsilon_s|_{H_t}: H_t \longrightarrow H_s$ and $\varepsilon_t|_{H_s}: H_s \longrightarrow H_t$ are two anti-algebra maps.

Proposition (Wang-Zhang-H)

The minimal weak bialgebra $H_{min} = H_sH_t \cong H_s \otimes_{H_t \cap H_s} H_t$ is a weak Hopf algebra. A k-linear map S given by

$$\begin{cases} S(w_i) = \varepsilon_t(w_i) \\ S(z_i) = \varepsilon_s(z_i) \end{cases}$$

and extended by $S(w_i z_j) = S(w_i)S(z_j)$ is an antipode for $1 \le i, j \le n$.

Remark: Böhm, Nill and Szlachänyi showed that if a weak bialgebra has an antipode, then it is unique.

Then for any weak bialgebra H, H_{\min} has a unique antipode S that is given in the previous Proposition.

Let $k = \bar{k}$ and char(k) = 0.

Proposition (Nikshych)

Every H_{min} is completely determined by: (B, A, g), where B is a f. dim semisimple algebra, $A \subseteq Z(B)$ is a com. subalgebra as follows. As an algebra,

$$H_{\min} = \langle B, B^{\mathsf{op}} \rangle \cong B \otimes_A B^{\mathsf{op}},$$

subject to $b\overline{c} = \overline{c}b, \overline{a} = a$ with $B^{op} = \{\overline{x} \mid x \in B\}$ for $a \in A$ and $b, c \in B$. As a coalgebra

$$\Delta(b\overline{c}) = \sum b(\overline{ge_1}) \otimes e_2\overline{c}, \quad \varepsilon(b\overline{c}) = Tr_{reg}(g^{-1}cb),$$

where $e = \sum e_1 \otimes e_2$ is the unique 2-sided separability element of B and Tr_{reg} is the trace of the regular representation of B and $g \in B$ is a unit s.t $\sum e_1 g e_2 = 1$, and the antipode is given by

$$S(b\overline{c})=g^{-1}cg\overline{b}.$$

① An element $e \in A \otimes A$ in an algebra A is called a *separability* element if

$$(a \otimes 1)e = e(1 \otimes a)$$

for all $a \in A$ and m(e) = 1, where m is the product in A.

- ② A separability element e is 2-sided if $e(a \otimes 1) = (1 \otimes a)e$; if such e exists, it is unique.
- An algebra A having a separable element is called separable
- A separable algebra over a field k is finite dimensional. If char(k) = 0, then A is separable if and only if it is semisimple. In this case, A has a 2-sided separability element.

e.g.
$$H_s = M_2(k)$$
 and $H_t = M_2(k)^{op}$

 $e = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2} e_{i,j} \otimes e_{j,i}$ is the 2-sided separability element in H_s and Tr_{reg} is the trace map.

For $n \neq 2 \in k$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} n & * \\ 0 & 2 - n \end{pmatrix},$$

then $\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j=1}^2 e_{i,j}ge_{j,i}=1$ and one can define non-isomorphic minimal weak Hopf algebras $H_{min}\cong M_4(k)$ for different g.

Question: how many possible minimal weak Hopf algebra structures can be defined on a semisimple algebra *B*?

Examples of minimal weak bialgebras

1 Groupoid algebra H = kG:

$$H_s = H_t = H_{\min} = \bigoplus_{x \in G_0} ke_x.$$

2 Path algebra H = kQ:

$$H_s = H_t = H_{\min} = \bigoplus_{x \in Q_0} ke_x$$
.

1 Hayashi face algebra $H = \mathfrak{H}(Q)$ with $|Q_0| = n$:

$$H_s = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n k \varepsilon_s(x_{i,i}), \ H_t = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n k \varepsilon_t(x_{i,i}).$$

Here $H_t \cap H_s = k1_H$ and $H_{\min} = \mathfrak{H}(Q_0) = H_s \otimes_k H_t$.

Recall that a direct sum of weak Hopf algebras is still a weak Hopf algebra. So we try to focus on the *indecomposable* weak Hopf algebra H, i.e., $H \neq H_1 \oplus H_2$ where H_1 and H_2 are weak Hopf algebras.

Definition

A weak Hopf algebra H is coconnected if and only if $H_s \cap H_t = k$.

Remark: A is indecomposable if $H_t \cap H_s \cap Z(H) = k1$. So H_{\min} is coconnected if and only if it is indecomposable due to

$$H_t \cap H_s \cap Z(H_{\min}) = H_s \cap H_t.$$

Commutative minimal weak Hopf algebras

Proposition (Wang-Zhang-H)

If a commutative H_{\min} is coconnected (indemcomposable), then $H_{\min} \cong \mathfrak{H}(Q_0)$ attached some arrowless quiver Q_0 .

Remark: If $|Q_0| = 1$, then $H = \mathfrak{H}(Q_0) = k1_H$.

Commutative minimal weak Hopf algebras

Theorem (Wang-Zhang-H)

A commutative H_{min} is isomorphic to a direct sum of some Hayashi face algebras $\mathfrak{H}(Q_0)$ attached some arrowless quivers.

Noncommutative minimal weak bialgebra

However, if H_{\min} is noncommutative, then it could be very complicated.

When is a weak bialgebra a weak Hopf algebra?

Now we know that every minimal weak bialgebra is a minimal weak Hopf algebra.

Question: When is a general weak bialgebra a weak Hopf algebra?

Generalized inverse in the convolution algebra

In a Hopf algebra H, id is the inverse of S in the conolution algebra $\operatorname{Hom}_k(H,k)$, i.e., $id*S=S*id=\varepsilon$.

Definition (Hayashi)

Let x^{\pm} and e^{\pm} be four elements of an algebra A. We say x^- is an (e^+,e^-) -generalized inverse of x^+ if

$$x^-x^+ = e^+, \quad x^+x^- = e^-$$

 $x^+x^-x^+ = x^+, \quad x^-x^+x^- = x^-.$

Generalized inverse in the convolution algebra

Remark: we have the following facts:

- If x^- is an (e^+, e^-) -generalized inverse of x^+ , then x^+ is an (e^-, e^+) -generalized inverse of x^- .
- 2 The (e^+, e^-) -generalized inverse is unique if exists.
- **3** For a weak Hopf algebra H, $S: H \longrightarrow H$ is an antipode if S is the $(\varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_t)$ -generalized inverse of id.

Denote H_0 the *coradical* coalgebra of a weak bialgebra H.

Theorem (Wang-Zhang-H)

Let H be a weak bialgebra. Suppose that the coradical H_0 is a weak sub-bialgebra of H. Then H_0 is a weak Hopf subalgebra if and only if H is a weak Hopf algebra.

Idea

 \Leftarrow : $S(H_0) \subseteq H_0$ and so $S|_{H_0}$ is the $(\varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_t)$ -generalized invese of id.

 \Longrightarrow : Let S_0 be the antipode of H_0 . Extending S_0 to be a map

 $g: H \longrightarrow H$. Then show that $g * (\varepsilon_t + \sum_{n \geq 1} (\varepsilon_t - id * g)^n)$ is the $(\varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_t)$ -generalized inverse of id.

Corollary (Wang-Zhang-H)

Let H be a weak bialgebra and suppose that B is a weak Hopf subalgebra. If H_0 is a weak sub-bialgebra of B, then H is a weak Hopf algebra.

Remark: Any f.dim sub-bialgebra of a Hopf algebra is a Hopf sub-algebra.

Theorem (Schauenburg, 2002)

Let H be a weak Hopf algebra, and B a f.dim weak sub-bialgebra of H. TFAE:

- B is a weak Hopf sub-algebra.
- ② The right H_s -module B is isomorphic to the H_t -module B obtained by restricting the left H_t -module B along ε_t .

Theorem (Wang-Zhang-H)

Let H be a pointed weak bialgebra. Then H is a weak Hopf algebra if and only if H_0 is a groupoid algebra.

As a consequence, we have

Proposition (Wang-Zhang-H)

If H is a cocommutative weak bialgebra over an algebraically closed field k, then H_0 is a groupoid algebra if and only if H is a weak Hopf algebra.

A path algebra kQ is a cocommutative and pointed weak bialgebra. As a consequence, we have

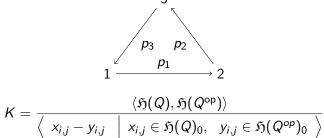
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- **1** A path algebra kQ of a quiver $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ with both $|Q_1|$ and $|Q_0|$ greater than one is not a weak Hopf algebra.
- ② The quotient kQ/I is a weak Hopf algebra if and only if kQ/I is a groupoid algebra, where I is a bi-ideal of kQ.

Hayashi face algebras

 $\mathfrak{H}(Q)$ is not a weak Hopf algebra structure in general. But it is possible to construct a weak Hopf algebra on a Hayashi face algebra $\mathfrak{H}(Q)$.

Example: Let Q be the quiver as below:



is a weak bialgebra, where $kQ^{\rm op}$ is the *opposite* algebra of kQ by reserving of all of the arrows in kQ.

We will show that

$$H = K/R$$

is a weak Hopf algebra, where

$$R = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} x_{p,q'} x_{p^*,q^*} - \delta_{q',q} x_{s(p),s(q)} \\ x_{q,p} x_{(q')^*,p^*} - \delta_{q',p} x_{s(q),s(p)} \\ x_{p^*,q^*} x_{p',q} - \delta_{p,p'} x_{t(p),t(q)} \\ x_{q^*,(p')^*} x_{q,p} - \delta_{p,p'} x_{t(q),t(p)} \end{array} \right| \quad p,q,p',q' \in Q_I \text{ for each } I \in \mathbb{N} \ \left\rangle$$

and with anitpode as below

$$\begin{cases} S(x_{p_{i},p_{j}}) = x_{p_{j}^{*},p_{i}^{*}} & \text{for} \quad i,j \in Q_{0} \\ S(x_{p_{j}^{*},p_{i}^{*}}) = x_{p_{i},p_{j}} & \text{for} \quad i,j \in Q_{0} \\ S(x_{i,j}) = x_{j,i} & \text{for} \quad i,j \in Q_{0}. \end{cases}$$

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- 2 Construct a weak Hopf algebra from a general weak bialgebra.
- Investigate the classification of finite-dimensional semisimple weak Hopf algebras.

Thank You!