

# Universal Quantum Semigroupoids

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# What are weak Hopf algebras?

A weak Hopf algebra is a generalization of a Hopf algebra.

## Definition

- ① A bialgebra  $H$  is an algebra and a coalgebra such that  $\Delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  are multiplicative.
- ② A *weak bialgebra*  $H$  is an algebra and a coalgebra such that  $\Delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  satisfies some compatibilities (but  $\Delta(1) \neq 1 \otimes 1$  and  $\varepsilon$  is not multiplicative). If  $H$  has an antipode  $S$ , then  $H$  is a *weak Hopf algebra*.

# $kG \oplus kG$ is a weak Hopf algebra

$H = kG \oplus kG$  is a weak Hopf algebra. The coalgebra structure and the antipode are given by:

- $\Delta(g + h) = g \otimes g + h \otimes h$
- $\varepsilon(g + h) = \varepsilon(g) + \varepsilon(h)$
- $1_H = 1_{kG} + 1_{kG}$  (  $H$  has a “complicated” identity.)
- $S(g + h) = g^{-1} + h^{-1}$

Look:

$$\Delta(1_H) = 1_{kG} \otimes 1_{kG} + 1_{kG} \otimes 1_{kG} \neq 1_H \otimes 1_H = (1_{kG} + 1_{kG}) \otimes (1_{kG} + 1_{kG})$$

$$\varepsilon(gh) = \varepsilon(g1_{kG})\varepsilon(1_{kG}h) + \varepsilon(g1_{kG})\varepsilon(1_{kG}h) = 2\varepsilon(g)\varepsilon(h) \neq \varepsilon(g)\varepsilon(h),$$

for  $g, h \in G$ .

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$$\Delta(1_H) = 1_H \otimes 1_H \quad \xrightarrow{\text{weaker}} \quad \Delta(1_H) = 1_1 \otimes 1_2 \neq 1_H \otimes 1_H$$

$$\varepsilon(ab) = \varepsilon(a)\varepsilon(b) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{weaker}} \quad \varepsilon(ab) = \varepsilon(a1_1)\varepsilon(1_2b)$$

Write  $\Delta(1_H) = 1_1 \otimes 1_2$  using the sumless Sweedler notation.

$$H_s := \{\sum 1_1 \varepsilon(h1_2) \mid h \in H\} \leq H \quad H_t := \{\sum \varepsilon(1_1 h)1_2 \mid h \in H\}$$

A weak Hopf algebra  $H$  is a Hopf algebra iff  $H_t = H_s = k1_H$ .

# Examples

- ① Given a quiver  $Q$ , the path algebra  $kQ$  is a weak bialgebra.
- ② Given a groupoid (a small category with every morphism has inverse), its groupoid algebra is a weak Hopf algebra.

# Symmetries

- ① If  $A$  is an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded ( $A = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i$ ) and connected ( $A_0 = k$ ) algebra, then its classical (quantum) symmetries are semigroups (bialgebras).
- ② Q: What if  $A$  is not connected? i.e.,  $A_0$  has dimension bigger than 1. For example,  $A = kQ$  the path algebra.

# Universal quantum semigroupoids

Set up:  $A = A_0 \oplus A_1 \oplus \dots$  with  $\dim(A_0) > 1$  and  $\dim(A_i) < \infty$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

## Definition

A left *universal quantum semigroupoid* (UQSGd) of  $A$  is a weak bialgebra  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}^{\text{left}}(A)$  that left coacts on  $A$  linearly with  $A_0 \cong \mathcal{O}_t$  as left  $H$ -comodule algebras, so that for any weak bialgebra  $H$  that left coacts on  $A$  linearly with  $A_0 \cong H_t$  as left  $H$ -comodule algebras,  $\exists!$  a weak bialgebra map  $\pi : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow H$  that makes the diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\lambda^{\mathcal{O}}} & \mathcal{O} \otimes A \\ & \searrow \lambda^H & \downarrow \pi \otimes id \\ & & H \otimes A \end{array}$$

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## Proposition (HWWWW)

*Let  $kQ$  be a path algebra and let  $I \subseteq kQ$  be a graded ideal which is generated in degree 2 or greater. If  $\mathcal{O}^*(kQ/I)$  exists (where  $*$  means 'left', or 'right'), we have*

$$\mathcal{O}^*(kQ/I) \cong \mathfrak{H}(Q)/\mathcal{I},$$

*for some biideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathfrak{H}(Q)$ .*

# Thank You!

# Happy Birthday!

# Hayashi's face algebra attached to a quiver

For a finite quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1)$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}(Q)$  is a weak bialgebra. As a  $k$ -algebra,

$$\mathfrak{H}(Q) = \frac{k \langle x_{i,j}, x_{p,q} \mid i, j \in Q_0, p, q \in Q_1 \rangle}{(R)},$$

for indeterminates  $x_{i,j}$  and  $x_{p,q}$  with relations  $R$ , given by:

$$\begin{cases} x_{i,j} x_{k,\ell} = \delta_{i,k} \delta_{j,\ell} x_{i,j} \\ x_{s(p),s(q)} x_{p,q} = x_{p,q} = x_{p,q} x_{t(p),t(q)} \\ x_{p,q} x_{p',q'} = \delta_{t(p),s(p')} \delta_{t(q),s(q')} x_{p,q} x_{p',q'} \end{cases}$$

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

$$1_{\mathfrak{H}(Q)} = \sum_{i,j \in Q_0} x_{i,j}.$$

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

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