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Actions of Hopf algebras on matrices

Let k be a field, usually \mathbb{C}

$H = (H, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, \zeta)$ is a Hopf algebra/ k
and A is an algebra/ k

Def: H acts on A if

① A is a (unital) left H -module

② for $h \in H, a, b \in A$, and $\Delta h = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$

$$h \cdot (ab) = m \circ (\Delta h \cdot (a \otimes b))$$

$$= \sum (h_1 \cdot a)(h_2 \cdot b)$$

Ex's ① $H = kG$ $\varepsilon(g) = 1$
Then for $g \in G, \Delta g = g \otimes g, g \cdot (ab) = (g \cdot a)(g \cdot b)$

Thus g acts as an automorphism

② $H = U(L)$, L Lie alg.

$x \in L$ is primitive if $\Delta x = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$

$x \cdot (ab) = (x \cdot a) \cdot b + a(x \cdot b)$, a derivation

③ $x \in H$ is skew-primitive if for some

$g \in G(H), \Delta x = x \otimes 1 + g \otimes x$.

then $x \cdot (ab) = (x \cdot a)b + (g \cdot a)(x \cdot b)$

a skew derivation

Ex: Taft algebras. Let $w \in k$ be a primitive n^k root of 1. Then

$$H_{n^2}(k) = \langle g, x \mid g^{n^2} = 1, x^n = 0, xg = wgx, g \in G(H), \Delta x = x \otimes 1 + g \otimes x, \varepsilon(x) = 0 \rangle$$

Def: H is pointed if all simple (minimal) subcoalgebras are 1-dim. (2)

When H is finite dim, this means that in H^* , $H^*/\text{rad}(H^*)$ is basic: a sum of fields.

$$H^*/\text{rad}(H^*)$$

Ex: Lusztig's small quantum group.

$$u_q(sl_2) = h \langle E, F, K \mid E^n = 0 = F^n, K^n = 1, KE = q^2 EK, KF = q^{-2} FK, \text{ and } EF - FE = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \rangle$$

$$\dim_h(u_q(sl_2)) = n^3 \text{ when } (q) = 2n.$$

E, F are skew-primitive.

Note $u_q(sl_2)$ contains 2 copies of Taft alg

Conjecture (Andruskiewitsch, Schneider). Any fin. dim pointed Hopf algebra is generated as an algebra by group-likes and skew-primitives

and group-like elements.

Angiono: True if G finite abelian.

[AS]: showed true for most cases of G , but needed very difficult classification.

Ex: Drinfeld double of Taft algebra.

$$D(H) = h \langle x, g \mid x^G = Gx, xg = gx, xg = \omega^{-1} g x, xG = \omega^{-1} G x, xG - Gx = G - g \rangle$$

There is a surjection

$$D(H) \rightarrow u_q(sl_2) \text{ as follows:}$$

set $\omega = q^{-2}$ and let:

$$G \otimes 1 \rightarrow K, \quad \varepsilon \otimes g \rightarrow k^{-1}, \quad \varepsilon \otimes x \rightarrow F$$
$$X \otimes 1 \rightarrow -(q - q^{-1}) E.$$

Notice that we must have $G \otimes g \rightarrow 1$.

M-Smith (1991). Determined all actions of $U(sl_2)$

on polynomials $k[\mathbb{Z}]$ in generic case
analog of actions of sl_2 (and $U(sl_2)$).

M-Schneider (2001). Determined all actions of

$H = T_{n^2}(\omega)$ on $A = k[u | u^n = \beta]$, some $\beta \in k$.

Question: what if A has two generators?

$$A = k\langle u, v | u^n = \alpha, v^n = \beta, vu = tuv \rangle$$

See that $A \cong M_n(k)$, for suitable t, α, β .

Recall that A is generated as an algebra
by two matrices. A nice example of generators
are the Sylvester matrices

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \varepsilon & \varepsilon^2 & 0 & \\ & \varepsilon^2 & 0 & \\ 0 & \ddots & \varepsilon^{n-1} & \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\varepsilon^n = 1$. See that $SC = \varepsilon CS$.

Thus a nice basis of $M_n(k)$ is $\{x_{ke} = C^k S^e\}$.

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Action of g on A replaced by
a grading of A by $\langle g \rangle$, as $kG \cong (kG)^*$

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Theorem (2001) (Bakhturin, Seligal, Zaicev)

Let G be a finite abelian group,
and assume that $M_n(F)$ is graded by G .

$$\text{Then } M_n(F) \cong \underbrace{M_k(F)}_{\text{A}} \otimes \underbrace{M_{\frac{n}{k}}(F)}_{\text{B}}$$

where

① B has an elementary grading:

That is, write $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_t\}$.

$$\text{Then } B_g = \text{span}_k \langle E_{ij} \mid g_i^{-1} g_j = g \rangle$$

for example, $G = \mathbb{Z}_t$ gives a grading
on B . Say $\mathbb{Z}_t = \langle a \rangle = \{1, a, \dots, a^{t-1}\}$

$$\text{Then } B_a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{a^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ etc.}$$

② $A = M_k(F)$ has a fine grading.

This means $\dim A_g = 1$, all $g \in G$.

The support of G on A
is a subgroup of order k^2 .

$$\text{ex: } A = M_2(F), \quad G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\text{say } G = \{e, a, b, c \mid a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e\}, \quad \text{and } G \text{ abelian}$$

$$A_e = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_b = k \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_c = k \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_a = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{Note } c^2 = -c, \text{ but OK for spaces: } A_c^2 = A_c.$$

See book
by
Elduque &
Kochetov

For a fine grading to exist, need that $\textcircled{5}$
G is "square"; that is,

$$G = \mathbb{Z}_{n_1}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}^2 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}^2$$

Another simplification:

Theorem (Masuoka): If H acts on $M_n(k)$,
Then the action is inner, that is,
There is a (linear) function $u: H \rightarrow M_n(k)$
such that for $a \in M_n(k)$,

$$h \cdot a = \sum u(h_i) a u(h_i)^{-1}$$

(recall the antipode s of H is a kind of inverse).

For our case,
 $g \in G(H) \Rightarrow g \cdot a = u(g) a u(g)^{-1}$

$$\times \text{skew-primitive} \Rightarrow x \cdot a = u(x) a - u(g) a u(g)^{-1} \cdot u(x)$$

Lemma: replace $u(x)$ by $u'(x) = u(x) - \lambda u(g)$

Thus may assume:

$$u(g) = 1_A \Rightarrow u(x)^n = \alpha \cdot 1_A \Rightarrow u(x)u(g) = \omega u(g)u(x).$$

Lemma: If the action of g is
not faithful, then $x \cdot A = 0$.

use the special basis $\{x_{k\ell}\}$.

Theorem (Balturin-M): Determine all
actions of $T_g(\omega)$ on $M_3(\mathbb{C})$,
Also actions of $T_g(\omega) \otimes u_g(\mathbb{C}_2)$ on $M_2(\mathbb{C})$

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ex: In previous work of H-Schneider on $A = \text{def}[u \mid u^n = \alpha]$, showed that action of $D(T_{n^2}(\omega))$ determines action of $u_q(sl_2)$; all $u_q(sl_2)$ actions come from $D(T_{n^2}(\omega))$.

new ex: This is false for 2-generator A.

There is an action of $D(T_4(\omega))$ on

$M_2(F)$ via:

$$u(g) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, u(G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$u(x) = -\frac{1}{2}u(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note $gG^{-1} \neq 1 \Leftrightarrow$ can't have a $u_q(sl_2)$ action.

ex: Actions of $T_n(F)$ on $M_3(F)$.

write $u(g) = Q$ and $u(x) = P$.

3 cases for Q:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad Q_1 = (I, \omega I_2), \quad P_1 = E_{13}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad Q_2 = (I, \omega^2 I_2), \quad P_2 = E_{31}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad Q_3 = (I, \omega, \omega^2), \quad P_{3,i}, \quad i=1, \dots, 6,$$

see $P_{3i} = E_{12}$, or E_{23} , or E_{21} , or

$$E_{12} + E_{23}, E_{12} + E_{13}, E_{23} + E_{31}$$

or an infinite family of P's:

$$P_{3,r} = E_{12} + E_{23} + rE_{31}, \quad \text{any } r \in F^*$$

These actions are all inequivalent.