

Free and co-free constructions for Hopf categories

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Hopf algebras

Definition

Given a braided monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$, a **Hopf algebra** is a category enriched in $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$ with one object: for the object $* \in \mathcal{G}$ we have a comonoid $(H := \text{Hom}(*, *), \Delta, \epsilon)$. There are coalgebra map $m : H \otimes H \rightarrow H$. There is a unit map $j : I \rightarrow H$ and an anti comonoid map $S : H \rightarrow H$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned}m(H \otimes j) &= m(j \otimes H) = H \\m(H \otimes S)\Delta &= j\epsilon, m(S \otimes H)\Delta = j\epsilon\end{aligned}$$

Examples

- All groups are Hopf algebras over $\mathcal{V} = (\underline{\text{Set}}, \times, \{*\}, \sigma)$
- Group algebras kG for a group G and a field k

Hopf categories

Definition (following [3])

Given a braided monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$, a **Hopf category** is a category \mathcal{H} enriched in $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$: for the object $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ we have a comonoid $(\mathcal{H}_{x,y}, \Delta_{x,y}, \epsilon_{x,x})$. There are coalgebra map $m_{x,y,z} : \mathcal{H}_{x,y} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{y,z} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{x,z}$. There is a unit map $j_x : I \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{x,x}$ and an anti comonoid $S_{x,y} : \mathcal{H}_{x,y} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{y,x}$ such that:

$$m_{xyy}(\mathcal{H}_{xy} \otimes j_y) = m_{xxy}(j_x \otimes \mathcal{H}_{xy}) = \mathcal{H}_{xy}$$
$$m_{xyx}(\mathcal{H}_{xy} \otimes S_{xy})\Delta_{xy} = j_x \epsilon_{xy}, m_{yxy}(S_{xy} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{xy})\Delta_{xy} = j_y \epsilon_{xy}$$

Examples

- Collections of Hopf algebras: Given $(H_i)_{i \in I}$ Hopf algebras, set $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{G}) = I, \mathcal{H}(i, i) = H_i, \mathcal{H}(i, j) = 0$
- All groupoids are Hopf categories over $\mathcal{V} = (\underline{\text{Set}}, \times, \{*\}, \sigma)$

Why do we care about Hopf categories

Group : Hopf algebra = Groupoid : Hopf category

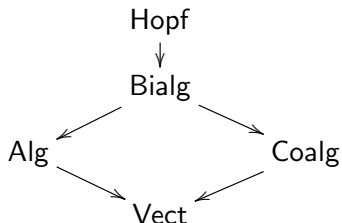
Theorem (Kellendonk-Lawson)

The partial action of a group G are in bijective correspondence with morphisms of groupoids $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow G$ that are star injective.

Is there a Hopf-version of this theorem?

If yes, it would be a good guess that it will involve Hopf category-esque structures!

Left and right adjoint in single object case



- Takeuchi [9] in the 70s: Any coalgebra can always be embedded universally into a Hopf algebra, the so called **Hopf envelope**.
- Manin [7] in the late 80s: Extended to bialgebras.
- Sweedler [8] in 1969: Explicit construction of cofree coalgebra and mention of cofree bialgebra/ cofree Hopf algebra.
- Agore [1] in 2011: explicit proof of right adjoint to $\text{Hopf} \rightarrow \text{Bialg}$.

A multi-object analogue

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{V}\text{Grph} & \xrightarrow{\dashv} & \mathcal{V}\text{Cat} & & \\ & \searrow \vdash & & \searrow \vdash & \\ & & \text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})\text{Grph} & \xrightarrow{\dashv} & \text{sHopf } \mathcal{V}\text{Cat} \xrightleftharpoons[\dashv]{\vdash} \text{Hopf } \mathcal{V}\text{Cat} \end{array}$$

We wanted to prove the existence of these adjoints or even explicitly construct them (extending work of Vasilakopoulou [10]).

The tool box

- *Abstract nonsense:*
locally presentable categories, does not provide insight!
- *SAFT:*

Theorem (The Special Adjoint Functor Theorem, [6])

If \mathcal{C} is a complete and a well-powered category with a cogenerating family, then a functor $G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ has a left adjoint if and only if it is limit preserving.

Dually, if \mathcal{C} is a cocomplete and co-well-powered category with a generator, then a functor $G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ has a right adjoint if and only if it is colimit preserving.

- *Explicit constructions* generalizing work of Takeuchi [9] and Manin [7]

\mathcal{V} -Graphs

Definition ([10])

Let X be a set and \mathcal{V} an arbitrary category and A a family of objects $A_{x,y}$ in \mathcal{V} indexed by $x, y \in X$. We call $A = (A_{x,y})_{x,y \in X}$ a \mathcal{V} -**graph**.

Let A be a graph over X and B a graph over Y . We define a **morphism of \mathcal{V} -graphs** $\bar{f} : A \rightarrow B$ to be a family of functions:

$$\begin{cases} f : X \rightarrow Y & \text{a morphism in Set} \\ (f_{x,y} : A_{x,y} \rightarrow B_{f_x, f_y})_{x,y \in X} & \text{a family of morphisms in } \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$$

\mathcal{V} -graphs and morphisms of \mathcal{V} -graphs form the category $\mathcal{V} - \text{Grph}$.

\mathcal{V} -categories

Definition ([10])

Given a monoidal category \mathcal{V} we define a \mathcal{V} -**category** to be a \mathcal{V} -graph with a global multiplication and unit. That is a family of morphisms in \mathcal{V}

$$m_{xyz} : A_{xy} \otimes A_{yz} \rightarrow A_{xz} \quad j_x : I \rightarrow A_{xx},$$

satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_{xy} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & A_{xy} \otimes I \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes j_y} A_{xy} \otimes A_{yy} \\
 \cong \downarrow & \searrow \text{id} & \downarrow m_{xyy} \\
 I \otimes A_{xy} & \xrightarrow{j_x \otimes \text{id}} & A_{xx} \otimes A_{xy} \xrightarrow{m_{xxy}} A_{xy}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A_{xy} \otimes A_{yz} \otimes A_{zw} & \xrightarrow{m_{xyz} \otimes \text{id}} & A_{xz} \otimes A_{zw} \\
 \text{id} \otimes m_{yzw} \downarrow & & \downarrow m_{xzw} \\
 A_{xy} \otimes A_{yw} & \xrightarrow{m_{xyw}} & A_{xw},
 \end{array}$$

where I denotes the monoidal unit of \mathcal{V} . A \mathcal{V} -**functor** is a \mathcal{V} -graph morphism that preserves multiplication and unit.

\mathcal{V} -categories and \mathcal{V} -functors form a the category $\mathcal{V} - \text{Cat}$

(semi-)Hopf \mathcal{V} -categories

Definition ([3])

A **semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -category** is a $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$ -category.

A **Hopf \mathcal{V} -category** is a $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$ -category together with an antipode.

The results

We were able to give sufficient conditions for the existence of all these adjoints!

Particularly we were able to explicitly construct a free Hopf \mathcal{V} -category of a semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -category.

Let's see how this is done!

Recall: Free monoids

Given any set X , can we find a universal monoid $X \subseteq M(X)$?

For any monoid N and maps $X \rightarrow N$ we have a unique homomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & N \\ \downarrow \subseteq & \nearrow \exists! & \\ M(X) & & \end{array}$$

Yes! We use words in the alphabet X and concatenation of words.

$$\begin{aligned} M(X) &= \{\epsilon, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_1x_1, x_1x_2, x_2x_1, \dots, x_1^3, \dots\} \\ &= \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} X^k, \end{aligned}$$

with $X^0 = \epsilon$ the empty word, $X^1 = X$ and $X^{k+1} = X^k \times X$.

Free \mathcal{V} -category over a \mathcal{V} -graph

For a cocomplete symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$ such that colimits commute with \otimes :

Given any \mathcal{V} -graph A can we find a universal \mathcal{V} -category $A \rightarrow L(A)$?

For any \mathcal{V} -category L' and maps $A \rightarrow L'$ we have a unique homo:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & L' \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ L(A) & & \end{array}$$

We use the same "word" approach, but must now respect target and source of every arrow!

Let A be a \mathcal{V} -graph. We define

$$(LA)_{xy} := \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \coprod_{i=0}^n \bigotimes A_{x_i, y_i}, \quad x_0 = x, y_i = x_{i+1}, y_n = y, x \neq y$$

$$(LA)_{xx} := I \amalg \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \coprod_{i=0}^n \bigotimes A_{x_i, y_i}, \quad x_0 = x, y_i = x_{i+1}, y_n = x.$$

Let $\epsilon_x : I \hookrightarrow LA_{xx}$ be the inclusion of I into the coproduct. Since we have concatenations for every two sequences, we get maps:

$$\bigotimes_{i=0}^n A_{x_i, x_{i+1}} \otimes \bigotimes_{i=n+1}^m A_{x_i, x_{i+1}} \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i=0}^m A_{x_i, x_{i+1}} \hookrightarrow (LA)_{xz}$$

that we can lift to a multiplication:

$$m_{xyz} : (LA)_{xy} \otimes (LA)_{yz} \rightarrow (LA)_{xz}.$$

Recall: Free groups

Given a set X can we find a universal group $X \rightarrow G(X)$?

For any group H and maps $X \rightarrow H$ we have a unique homomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & H \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ G(X) & & \end{array}$$

Use words in the alphabet $Y = X \cup X^{-1}$ and concatenation of words modulo

$$G(X) = M(Y) / \simeq,$$

where $xx^{-1} \simeq \epsilon$, $x^{-1}x \simeq \epsilon$ for any $x \in X$ and we extend this relation to words.

Takeuchi's Hopf envelope

For a (countably) cocomplete symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$:

Given any comonoid $C \in \mathcal{V}$ can we find a universal Hopf algebra $C \rightarrow H(C)$?

For any Hopf algebra H' and maps $C \rightarrow H'$ we have a unique homo:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \longrightarrow & H' \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ H(C) & & \end{array}$$

We want to reconstruct the construction of a free group, but since antipodes do not generally satisfy $S^2 = \text{Id}_H$. There for we need \mathbb{N} -indexed copies of the comonoid C .

$$V_0 = C \quad V_{i+1} = V_i^{\text{cop}}$$
$$V = \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V_i$$

We can build the tensor algebra $T(V)$ over the coalgebra V , which has a bialgebra structure (Δ, ϵ) . The anti coalgebra maps $S_i : V_i \rightarrow V_{i+1}$ given by the identity can be lifted to an anti coalgebra map $T(S) : T(V) \rightarrow T(V)^{cop,op}$, by reversing the order via the symmetric braiding σ .

We consider the maps

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &:= m(T(S) \otimes T(V))\Delta : T(V) \rightarrow T(V) \otimes T(V) \rightarrow T(V) \\
 g &:= m(T(V) \otimes T(S))\Delta : T(V) \rightarrow T(V) \otimes T(V) \rightarrow T(V) \\
 \eta\epsilon &: T(V) \rightarrow I \rightarrow T(V)
 \end{aligned}$$

and build the consecutive coequalizers (since these maps commute)

$$T(V) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\eta\epsilon} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} T(V) \xrightarrow{\pi} H(C)'$$

$$H(C)' \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\eta}\epsilon} \\ \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} \end{array} H(C)' \longrightarrow H(C)$$

$H(C)$ is a Hopf algebra and the map $C \rightarrow V \rightarrow T(V) \rightarrow H(C)$ satisfies the diagram. Given any coalgebra map $h : C \rightarrow H'$ where $(H', m', \eta', \Delta', \epsilon', S')$ we can consider maps

$$h_i : S'^i \circ h : V_i \rightarrow H'$$

and lift them to a coalgebra map $V \rightarrow H'$. This induces a bialgebra map $h : T(V) \rightarrow H'$. Since h coequalizes both $f, \eta\epsilon$ and $g, \eta\epsilon$ we get a unique map $\bar{h} : H(C) \rightarrow H'$

Free Hopf \mathcal{V} -category over a Comon(\mathcal{V})-graph

For a cocomplete symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$ such that colimits commute with \otimes :

Given any Comon(\mathcal{V})-graph A can we find a universal Hopf \mathcal{V} -category $A \rightarrow H(A)$?

For any Hopf \mathcal{V} -category H' and maps $A \rightarrow H'$ we have a unique homo:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & H' \\ \subseteq \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ H(A) & & \end{array}$$

We follow the Takeuchi approach:

$$A_{xy}^i = A_{xy} \quad A_{xy}^{i,op} = A_{xy}^{cop}$$
$$A'_{xy} = \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (A_{xy}^i \amalg A_{yx}^{i,op})$$

We can build the free \mathcal{V} -category $L(A')$, which is a semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -category via $(m_{xyz}, j_x, \Delta_{xy}, \epsilon_{xy})$. Further have anti comonoid maps $s_{xy} : A'_{xy} \rightarrow A'_{yx}$ that we lifted from the identities $A'_{xy} \rightarrow A'^{i,op}_{xy}$ and $A'^{i,op}_{yx} \rightarrow A'^{i+1}_{yx}$. These we can lift to a homomorphism of semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -categories $S : L(A') \rightarrow L(A')^{op,cop}$ by defining

$$S_{xy}(A'_{x,x_1} \otimes A'_{x_1,x_2} \otimes \dots \otimes A'_{x_n,y}) := s_{x_n,y}(A'_{x_n,y}) \otimes \dots \otimes s_{x_1,x_2}(A'_{x_1,x_2}) \otimes s_{x,x_1}(A'_{x,x_1})$$

We consider the maps

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &:= m_{xyx}(L(A')_{xy} \otimes S_{xy}) \Delta_{xy} : L(A')_{xy} \rightarrow L(A')_{xy} \otimes L(A')_{yx} \rightarrow L(A')_{xx} \\
 g &:= m_{xyx}(S_{xy} \otimes L(A')_{xy}) \Delta_{xy} : L(A')_{xy} \rightarrow L(A')_{yx} \otimes L(A')_{xy} \rightarrow L(A')_{yy} \\
 j_x \epsilon_{xy} &: L(A')_{xy} \rightarrow I \rightarrow L(A')_{xx} \\
 j_y \epsilon_{xy} &: L(A')_{xy} \rightarrow I \rightarrow L(A')_{yy}
 \end{aligned}$$

and build the coequalizer for every pair $x, y \in X$, to get a semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -category $H(A)$.

$H(A)$ is a Hopf \mathcal{V} -category and the map $A \rightarrow A' \rightarrow L(A') \rightarrow H(A)$ satisfies the diagram. Given any morphism of $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$ -graphs $h : A \rightarrow H'$ where $(H', m', \eta', \Delta', \epsilon', S')$ is a Hopf \mathcal{V} -category, we can consider maps:

$$h^i : S'^{2i} \circ h : A_{xy}^i \rightarrow H'$$

$$h^{i,op} : S'^{2i+1} \circ h : A_{xy}^{i,op} \rightarrow H'$$

and lift them to $L(A') \rightarrow H'$. This induces a homo of semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -categories and since it equalizes both $f, j_x \in_{xy}$ and $g, j_y \in_{xy}$ we get a unique map $\bar{h} : H(A) \rightarrow H'$

Recall: Free group over a monoid

Given a monoid $(M, +)$ can we find a universal group $M \rightarrow G$?

For any group H and monoid maps $M \rightarrow H$ we have a unique group homo:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & H \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ G & & \end{array}$$

We can solve this by forgetting about the monoid structure on M and consider the group $G(M)$. We now factor out the relations coming from the monoid M :

$$gh \simeq i \Leftrightarrow g + h = i \in M$$

$$g^{-1} \simeq -g$$

and reduce words by this relations.

Free Hopf \mathcal{V} -category over a semi-Hopf (\mathcal{V})-category

For a (countably) cocomplete symmetric monoidal category $(\mathcal{V}, \otimes, I, \sigma)$ such that colimits commute with \otimes :

Given any semi Hopf \mathcal{V} -category A can we find a universal Hopf \mathcal{V} -category $A \rightarrow H(A)$?

For any Hopf \mathcal{V} -category H' and homo of semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -categories $A \rightarrow H'$ we have a unique homo of Hopf \mathcal{V} -categories.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & H' \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! & \\ H(A) & & \end{array}$$

- We forget the category structure on A and build a $\text{Comon}(\mathcal{V})$ -graph with bigger comonoids A'_{xy} .
- We build a free category of this bigger graph resulting in a semi-Hopf \mathcal{V} -category, such that there is an anticomonoid map.
- We factor out a set of relations:
 - a) Compatibility of S with the multiplication m in A .
 - b) Compatibility of multiplication, unit in A and multiplication, unit in HA .
 - c) The antipode conditions.

The caotic dual picture





$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{V}\text{Grph} & \xrightarrow{\perp} & \text{Mon}(\mathcal{V})\text{Grph} & & \\ & \searrow \perp & & \searrow \perp & \\ & & \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} & \xrightarrow{\perp} & \text{sHopf } \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} \xrightleftharpoons[\perp]{\perp} \text{Hopf } \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} \end{array}$$

The caotic dual picture

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{V}\text{Grph} & \xrightarrow{-1} & \text{Mon}(\mathcal{V})\text{Grph} & & \\ & \searrow x & & \searrow x & \\ & & \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} & \xrightarrow{x} & \text{sHopf } \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} \xrightleftharpoons[x]{x} \text{Hopf } \mathcal{V}\text{opCat} \end{array}$$

Even (co)completeness fails for $\mathcal{V}\text{opCat}$. What are the right categories and duals to generalize the one-object result?

Thank you for your attention!
I am looking forward to your questions!

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