# HOPF ALGEBRAS GENERATED BY A COALGEBRA

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Abstract. The concept of a free Hopf algebra generated by a coalgebra was introduced by Takeuchi to provide an example of a Hopf algebra with a non-bijective antipode. In general, this free Hopf algebra is not generated as an algebra by the coalgebra. In this paper, we construct a class of Hopf algebras, including  $SL_q(2)$ , which are generated as algebras by a coalgebra and which satisfy a useful universality condition.

### Introduction

The paper is presented in three parts. First, a class of Hopf algebras which are generated as algebras by a coalgebra is constructed. Next, the universality of this class of Hopf algebras is addressed. Finally, relevant examples to this discussion are considered, including  $SL_q(2)$ .

Most of the important preliminaries can be found in [1] and [2]. In particular, following [1], we will use the superscripts "op" and "cop" to refer to the opposite algebra and opposite coalgebra, respectively. We will also make use of the well-known fact that the tensor algebra of a coalgebra  $(C, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ , denoted  $(T(C), \bar{\mu}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\varepsilon})$ , is a bialgebra. For a reference, see [3].

### 1. The Construction

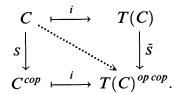
LEMMA 1.1. Suppose that  $(C, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a coalgebra,  $(B, \mu_B, \eta_B, \Delta_B, \varepsilon_B)$  is a bialgebra, and  $f : C \to B$  is a coalgebra map. Then, there exists a unique bialgebra map  $\overline{f} : T(C) \to B$  extending f.

**PROOF.** By the universality of T(C), we know that f induces a unique algebra map  $\overline{f}: T(C) \to B$ . It remains to show that  $\overline{f}$  is a coalgebra map, which requires  $\varepsilon_B \circ \overline{f} = \overline{\varepsilon}$  and  $\overline{f} \otimes \overline{f} \circ \overline{\Delta} = \Delta_B \circ \overline{f}$ . Identify C with its image in T(C),

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and we have  $(\varepsilon_B \circ \bar{f})(c) = \varepsilon_B(\bar{f}(c)) = \varepsilon_B(f(c)) = \varepsilon(c) = \bar{\varepsilon}(c)$  and  $(\Delta_B \circ \bar{f})(c) = \Delta_B(\bar{f}(c)) = \Delta_B(f(c)) = (f \otimes f)(\Delta(c)) = (\bar{f} \otimes \bar{f})(\Delta(c)) = (\bar{f} \otimes \bar{f})(\bar{\Delta}(c)) = (\bar{f} \otimes$ 

We now proceed with the construction. Let  $(C, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be a coalgebra, and let  $S: C \to C^{cop}$  be any coalgebra map. In other words, S is a coalgebra antimorphism on C. Then, by Lemma 1.1, S induces a bialgebra map  $\overline{S}: T(C) \to T(C)^{op \ cop}$ , and we have the commutative diagram



The effect is that S has been extended to  $\overline{S}$  in such a way that  $\overline{S}(xy) = \overline{S}(y)\overline{S}(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in T(C)$  and with the property that  $\overline{\varepsilon} \circ \overline{S} = \overline{\varepsilon}$  and  $\overline{S} \otimes \overline{S} \circ \overline{\Delta} = \overline{\Delta}^{op} \circ \overline{S}$ .

Next, let I = I(S) be the two-sided ideal of T(C) generated by elements of the form

$$\sum_{(x)} x' \bar{S}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x) 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{(x)} \bar{S}(x') x'' - \bar{\varepsilon}(x) 1 \quad \forall x \in i(C).$$

LEMMA 1.2. I is a coideal of T(C) such that  $\overline{S}(I) \subseteq I$ .

**PROOF.** First, we prove that I is a coideal of T(C). This requires that  $\overline{\Delta}(I) \subseteq I \otimes T(C) + T(C) \otimes I$  and  $\overline{\epsilon}(I) = 0$ . Note that  $(\overline{S} \otimes \overline{S}) \circ \overline{\Delta} = \overline{\Delta}^{op} \circ \overline{S} \Leftrightarrow (\overline{S} \otimes \overline{S}) \circ \overline{\Delta}^{op} = \overline{\Delta} \circ \overline{S}$ . It suffices to show the first coideal condition is true for the generators of I since  $\overline{\Delta}$  is an algebra morphism. We have

$$\bar{\Delta}\left(\sum_{(x)} x'\bar{S}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} \bar{\Delta}(x')\bar{\Delta}\circ\bar{S}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\bar{\Delta}(1)$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} \bar{\Delta}(x')\cdot\bar{S}\otimes\bar{S}\circ\bar{\Delta}^{op}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}\otimes\mathbf{1}$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} x'\otimes x''\cdot\bar{S}(x''')\otimes\bar{S}(x''') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}\otimes\mathbf{1}$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x''') \otimes x'' \overline{S}(x''') - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x''') \otimes [x'' \overline{S}(x''') - \overline{e}(x'') 1 + \overline{e}(x'') 1] - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x''') \otimes \underbrace{[x'' \overline{S}(x''') - \overline{e}(x'') 1]}_{eT(C) \otimes I} + \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x''') \otimes \overline{e}(x'') 1 - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1$$

$$\equiv \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x''') \otimes \overline{e}(x'') 1 - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1 \mod I \otimes T(C) + T(C) \otimes I$$

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$$= \left[ \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x'') - \overline{e}(x) 1 + \overline{e}(x) 1 \right] \otimes 1 - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x'') - \overline{e}(x) 1 \right] \otimes 1 + \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1 - \overline{e}(x) 1 \otimes 1$$

 $\equiv 0 \mod I \otimes T(C) + T(C) \otimes I.$ 

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The proof uses the coassociative and counitary axioms and is similar for generators of the form  $\sum_{(x)} \overline{S}(x')x'' - \overline{\varepsilon}(x)1$ , and thus,  $\overline{\Delta}(I) \subseteq I \otimes T(C) + T(C) \otimes I$ . Using the fact that  $\overline{\varepsilon}$  is an algebra morphism, it is easy to show that the second coideal condition holds for the generators of I and so,  $\overline{\varepsilon}(I) = 0$ .

Lastly, since  $\overline{S}$  is an algebra antimorphism, it is enough to show that  $\overline{S}(I) \subseteq I$  for generators of I.

$$\overline{S}\left(\sum_{(x)} x'\overline{S}(x'') - \overline{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}\right) = \sum_{(x)} \overline{S}(\overline{S}(x''))\overline{S}(x') - \overline{\varepsilon}(x)\overline{S}(\mathbf{1})$$

$$= [\overline{\mu} \circ (\overline{S} \otimes id) \circ (\overline{S} \otimes \overline{S} \circ \overline{\Delta}^{op})](x) - \overline{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}$$

$$= [\overline{\mu} \circ (\overline{S} \otimes id) \circ (\overline{\Delta} \circ \overline{S})](x) - \overline{\varepsilon} \circ \overline{S}(x)\mathbf{1}$$

$$= \sum_{(\overline{S}(x))} \overline{S}(\overline{S}(x)')\overline{S}(x)'' - \overline{\varepsilon}(\overline{S}(x))\mathbf{1}$$

$$= \sum_{(y)} \overline{S}(y')y'' - \overline{\varepsilon}(y)\mathbf{1}, \quad \text{for } y = \overline{S}(x) \in i(C)$$

$$\equiv 0 \mod I.$$

Thus,  $\overline{S}\left(\sum_{(x)} x' \overline{S}(x'') - \overline{\varepsilon}(x) 1\right) \in I$ , and likewise for generators of the other form. Therefore,  $\overline{S}(I) \subseteq I$ .

We summarize the preceding results in the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.3. Let C be a coalgebra, and  $S: C \to C^{cop}$  be any coalgebra map. Then,  $\mathscr{H}(C,S) = T(C)/I(S)$  is a Hopf algebra with antipode  $\hat{S}$ , the unique bialgebra morphism  $\hat{S}: \mathscr{H}(C,S) \to \mathscr{H}(C,S)^{op \, cop}$  induced by  $\bar{S}$ .

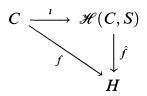
PROOF. As a consequence of Lemma 1.2, I(S) can be factored out of T(C), yielding a nontrivial quotient  $(\mathscr{H}(C,S),\hat{\mu},\hat{\eta},\hat{\Delta},\hat{\varepsilon})$  with the structure of a bialgebra. In fact, the induced  $\hat{S}$  is the antipode for  $\mathscr{H}(C,S)$ . Consider the intersection of the kernels of  $id * \hat{S} - \hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\varepsilon}$  and  $\hat{S} * id - \hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\varepsilon}$ . It is a subalgebra of  $\mathscr{H}(C,S)$  which contains i(C), and since i(C) generates  $\mathscr{H}(C,S)$  as an algebra, we have  $id * \hat{S} = \hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\varepsilon} = \hat{S} * id$ .

#### **2.** The Universality of $\mathscr{H}(C,S)$

A natural question to ask is: If we begin with a pair (C, S) and construct  $\mathscr{H}(C, S)$ , in what categorical sense is  $\mathscr{H}(C, S)$  free? The following result characterizes the universality of  $\mathscr{H}(C, S)$ .

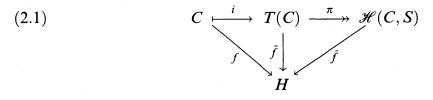
THEOREM 2.1. Given any pair (H, f), where H is a Hopf algebra and  $f: C \to H$  is a coalgebra map satisfying  $f \circ S = S_H \circ f$ , there is a unique Hopf

algebra morphism  $\hat{f} : \mathscr{H}(C, S) \to H$  such that  $\hat{f} \circ \iota = f$ . In other words, we have the commutative diagram



where  $i = \pi \circ i$ , with  $i: C \to T(C)$  denoting the canonical injection and  $\pi: T(C) \to \mathscr{H}(C, S)$  denoting the canonical surjection.

**PROOF.** We have to show that we can lift f to  $\mathscr{H}(C, S)$  in the following diagram:



Beginning with the left side of (2.1), we use Lemma 1.1 to lift f to a bialgebra map  $\overline{f}: T(C) \to H$ . The assumption  $f \circ S = S_H \circ f$  lifts to  $\overline{f} \circ \overline{S} = S_H \circ \overline{f}$ , where  $\overline{S}: T(C) \to T(C)^{op \, cop}$  is the previously constructed bialgebra map. Thus, f induces a bialgebra map  $\overline{f}: T(C) \to H$  satisfying  $\overline{f} \circ \overline{S} = S_H \circ \overline{f}$ .

Next, consider the right side of (2.1). We have reduced the problem to lifting the bialgebra map  $\overline{f}$  to a Hopf algebra map  $\hat{f} : \mathscr{H}(C, S) \to H$ . This requires that  $I(S) \subseteq \ker \overline{f}$  and  $\hat{f} \circ \overline{S} = S_H \circ \hat{f}$ . Clearly, the former condition will hold if and only if  $\overline{f}$  annihilates the generators of I(S). Identify C with its image in T(C), and we have

$$\bar{f}\left(\sum_{(x)} x'\bar{S}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}\right) = \sum_{(x)} \bar{f}(x')\bar{f} \circ \bar{S}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\bar{f}(1)$$

$$= \sum_{(x)} \bar{f}(x')S_H \circ \bar{f}(x'') - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)\mathbf{1}_H$$

$$= \sum_{(\bar{f}(x))} \bar{f}(x)'S_H(\bar{f}(x)'') - \varepsilon_H(\bar{f}(x))\mathbf{1}_H$$

$$= \sum_{(y)} y'S_H(y'') - \varepsilon_H(y)\mathbf{1}_H, \text{ for } y = \bar{f}(x) \in H$$

$$= 0$$

Similarly,  $\bar{f}\left(\sum_{(x)} \bar{S}(x')x'' - \bar{\varepsilon}(x)1\right) = 0$ , and so,  $I(S) \subseteq \ker \bar{f}$ . The latter condition is immediate. Hence,  $\bar{f}$  induces a Hopf algebra map  $\hat{f} : \mathscr{H}(C, S) \to H$ , and the theorem follows.

# 3. Examples of Hopf Algebras $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$

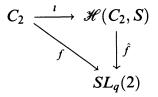
In this section, we present some examples, including  $SL_q(2)$ , obtained from our construction. The following definition is from [4].

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $C_n = C_n(C)$  be a coalgebra with basis  $\{x_{ij}\}_{1 \le i,j \le n}$  over C and structure maps defined by

$$\Delta(x_{ij}) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{ik} \otimes x_{kj}$$
 and  $\varepsilon(x_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}$ .

Following Takeuchi, we call  $C_n$  the  $n \times n$  matric coalgebra since it is isomorphic to  $M_n^*$ , the dual of the  $n \times n$  matrices with convolution product.

EXAMPLE 3.2. Consider the situation of Theorem 2.1 with  $C = C_2$  and  $H = SL_q(2)$ :



where f is the coalgebra map defined by  $f(x_{11}) = a$ ,  $f(x_{12}) = b$ ,  $f(x_{21}) = c$ ,  $f(x_{22}) = d$ , and  $S: C_2 \to C_2^{cop}$  is the coalgebra map defined by  $S(x_{11}) = x_{22}$ ,  $S(x_{12}) = -qx_{12}$ ,  $S(x_{21}) = -q^{-1}x_{21}$ ,  $S(x_{22}) = x_{11}$ . The hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 are easily seen to be satisfied. Thus, there is a Hopf algebra map  $\hat{f}$ :  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S) \to SL_q(2)$ , which we claim is a Hopf algebra isomorphism. Now,  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S) = T(C_2)/I(S)$  where  $T(C_2) \cong C\{x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22}\}$ , the free associative algebra on four generators. See [1] for the latter fact. In Kassel's notation, the generators of I(S) can be written in abridged matrix form as

(3.1) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \bar{S} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} - \bar{\eta} \circ \bar{\varepsilon} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

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(3.2) 
$$\overline{S}\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} - \overline{\eta} \circ \overline{\varepsilon} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In addition,  $SL_q(2)$  is defined in [1] as the quotient of the free associative algebra  $C\{a, b, c, d\}$  by the two-sided ideal with generators given by

(3.3) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -qb \\ -q^{-1}c & a \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

(3.4) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} d & -qb \\ -q^{-1}c & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

in abridged matrix form. We will construct a two-sided inverse for  $\hat{f}$ . There exists an algebra map  $g: \mathbb{C}\{a, b, c, d\} \to \mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  defined by  $g(a) = x_{11}, g(b) = x_{12},$  $g(c) = x_{21}, \text{ and } g(d) = x_{22}.$  Notice that under g, expressions of the form (3.3) and (3.4) are mapped to (3.1) and (3.2), respectively, and these images are zero in  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$ . Thus, g induces a Hopf algebra map  $\hat{g}: SL_q(2) \to \mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  with  $\hat{f} \circ \hat{g} = id_{SL_q(2)}$  and  $\hat{g} \circ \hat{f} = id_{\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)}.$  Therefore,  $\hat{f}$  is an isomorphism of Hopf algebras, and we have the following result.

THEOREM 3.3. With the coalgebra map S of Example 3.2,  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  is isomorphic to  $SL_q(2)$ .

EXAMPLE 3.4. Now, we will turn our attention to a slightly different question involving  $C_2$ . Example 3.2 suggests a general situation in which we can ask: Are there other coalgebra maps  $S: C_2 \to C_2^{cop}$  which yield Hopf algebras  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  that are not isomorphic to  $SL_q(2)$ ? Since the dimension of  $C_2$  is small, we can use Mathematica to search for solutions. Any coalgebra map S: $C_2 \to C_2^{cop}$  must be of the form:

$$S(x_{11}) = a_{11}x_{11} + a_{12}x_{12} + a_{13}x_{21} + a_{14}x_{22}$$

$$S(x_{12}) = a_{21}x_{11} + a_{22}x_{12} + a_{23}x_{21} + a_{24}x_{22}$$

$$S(x_{21}) = a_{31}x_{11} + a_{32}x_{12} + a_{33}x_{21} + a_{34}x_{22}$$

$$S(x_{22}) = a_{41}x_{11} + a_{42}x_{12} + a_{43}x_{21} + a_{44}x_{22}$$

where  $a_{ij} \in C$  for  $1 \le i, j \le 4$ . Moreover, since  $S : C_2 \to C_2^{cop}$  is a coalgebra map, it must satisfy the abridged matrix relations:

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(3.5) 
$$S \otimes S \circ \Delta^{op} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \Delta \circ S \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

(3.6) 
$$\varepsilon \circ S\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The equations from (3.5) can be expanded out and written in terms of a basis for  $C_2 \otimes C_2$ , namely  $\{x_{ij} \otimes x_{kl}\}_{1 \le i, j, k, l \le 2}$  to yield 64 equations upon equating coefficients. From (3.6), there are 4 additional equations. We use Mathematica to solve the 68 equations in 16 unknowns  $a_{ij}$ ,  $1 \le i, j \le 4$ . In particular, this search found the coalgebra map S of Example 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 among the solutions. It can be expressed as

(3.7) 
$$S\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{22} & -qx_{12} \\ -q^{-1}x_{21} & x_{11} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In addition, there were several other families of solutions, including a simple one given in abridged matrix form by

(3.8) 
$$T\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & qx_{21} \\ q^{-1}x_{12} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notice that S is the quantum analogue to the inverse map and that T is the quantum analogue to the transpose map.

Moreover,  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  and  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, T)$  are not isomorphic. This can be seen by computing  $S^2$  and  $T^2$ . We have

(3.9) 
$$S^{2}\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S(x_{22}) & -qS(x_{12}) \\ -q^{-1}S(x_{21}) & S(x_{11}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & q^{2}x_{12} \\ q^{-2}x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

(3.10) 
$$T^2\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T(x_{11}) & qT(x_{21}) \\ q^{-1}T(x_{12}) & T(x_{22}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Equations (3.9) and (3.10) imply that S is of infinite order and T is of finite order, respectively. In addition,  $S^2$  and  $T^2$  do not have the same set of eigenvalues because  $T^2$  has only real eigenvalues, and  $S^2$  has some complex eigenvalues. This guarantees that  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, S)$  and  $\mathscr{H}(C_2, T)$  are not isomorphic because any isomorphism between them would have to preserve the eigenvalues for the antipodes and their powers. Example 3.4 shows that the construction of  $\mathscr{H}(C, S)$  depends on both C and S.

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