

CHAPTER 2

Hopf Algebras, Algebraic, Formal, and Quantum Groups

6. Quantum Automorphism Groups

Lemma 2.6.1. *The category $\mathbb{K}\text{-Alg}$ of \mathbb{K} -algebras has arbitrary coproducts.*

PROOF. This is a well known fact from universal algebra. In fact all equationally defined algebraic categories are complete and cocomplete. We indicate the construction of the coproduct of a family $(A_i | i \in I)$ of \mathbb{K} -algebras.

Define $\coprod_{i \in I} A_i := T(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i)/L$ where T denotes the tensor algebra and where L is the two sided ideal in $T(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i)$ generated by the set

$$J := \{\iota j_k(x_k y_k) - \iota(j_k(x_k))\iota(j_k(y_k)), 1_{T(\bigoplus A_i)} - \iota j_k(1_{A_k}) | x_k, y_k \in A_k, k \in I\}.$$

Then one checks easily for a family of algebra homomorphisms $(f_k : A_k \rightarrow B | k \in I)$ that the following diagram gives the required universal property

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A_k & \xrightarrow{j_k} & \bigoplus A_i & \xrightarrow{\iota} & T(\bigoplus A_i) & \xrightarrow{\nu} & T(\bigoplus A_i)/L \\ & & & & \searrow f' & & \downarrow \bar{f} \\ & & & & & \searrow f & \\ & & & & & & B \\ & \searrow f_k & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

□

Corollary 2.6.2. *The category of bialgebras has finite coproducts.*

PROOF. The coproduct $\coprod B_i$ of bialgebras $(B_i | i \in I)$ in $\mathbb{K}\text{-Alg}$ is an algebra. For the diagonal and the counit we obtain the following commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_k & \xrightarrow{j_k} & \coprod B_i \\ \Delta_k \downarrow & & \downarrow \exists_1 \Delta \\ B_k \otimes B_k & \xrightarrow{j_k \otimes j_k} & \coprod B_i \otimes \coprod B_i \\ B_k & \xrightarrow{j_k} & \coprod B_i \\ \varepsilon_k \searrow & & \downarrow \exists_1 \varepsilon \\ & & \mathbb{K} \end{array}$$

since in both cases $\coprod B_i$ is a coproduct in $\mathbb{K}\text{-Alg}$. Then it is easy to show that these homomorphisms define a bialgebra structure on $\coprod B_i$ and that $\coprod B_i$ satisfies the universal property for bialgebras. □

Theorem 2.6.3. *Let B be a bialgebra. Then there exists a Hopf algebra $H(B)$ and a homomorphism of bialgebras $\iota : B \rightarrow H(B)$ such that for every Hopf algebra H and for every homomorphism of bialgebras $f : B \rightarrow H$ there is a unique*

homomorphism of Hopf algebras $g : H(B) \rightarrow H$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B & \xrightarrow{\iota} & H(B) \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow g \\ & & H \end{array}$$

commutes.

PROOF. Define a sequence of bialgebras $(B_i | i \in \mathbb{N})$ by

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &:= B, \\ B_{i+1} &:= B_i^{\text{opcop}}, i \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Let B' be the coproduct of the family $(B_i | i \in \mathbb{N})$ with injections $\iota_i : B_i \rightarrow B'$. Because B' is a coproduct of bialgebras there is a unique homomorphism of bialgebras $S' : B' \rightarrow B'^{\text{opcop}}$ such that the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_i & \xrightarrow{\iota_i} & B' \\ \text{id} \downarrow & & \downarrow S' \\ B_{i+1}^{\text{opcop}} & \xrightarrow{\iota_{i+1}} & B'^{\text{opcop}} \end{array}$$

commute.

Now let I be the two sided ideal in B' generated by

$$\{(S' * 1 - u\varepsilon)(x_i), (1 * S' - u\varepsilon)(x_i) | x_i \in \iota_i(B_i), i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

I is a coideal, i.e. $\varepsilon_{B'}(I) = 0$ and $\Delta_{B'}(I) \subseteq I \otimes B' + B' \otimes I$.

Since $\varepsilon_{B'}$ and $\Delta_{B'}$ are homomorphisms of algebras it suffices to check this for the generating elements of I . Let $x \in B_i$ be given. Then we have $\varepsilon((1 * S')\iota_i(x)) = \varepsilon(\nabla(1 \otimes S')\Delta\iota_i(x)) = \nabla_{\mathbb{K}}(\varepsilon \otimes \varepsilon S')(\iota_i \otimes \iota_i)\Delta_i(x) = (\varepsilon\iota_i \otimes \varepsilon\iota_i)\Delta_i(x) = \varepsilon_i(x) = \varepsilon(u\varepsilon\iota_i(x))$. Symmetrically we have $\varepsilon((S' * 1)\iota_i(x)) = \varepsilon(u\varepsilon\iota_i(x))$. Furthermore we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta((1 * S')\iota_i(x)) \\ &= \Delta\nabla(1 \otimes S')\Delta\iota_i(x) \\ &= (\nabla \otimes \nabla)(1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1)(\Delta \otimes \Delta)(1 \otimes S')(\iota_i \otimes \iota_i)\Delta_i(x) \\ &= (\nabla \otimes \nabla)(1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1)(\Delta \otimes \tau(S' \otimes S')\Delta)(\iota_i \otimes \iota_i)\Delta_i(x) \\ &= \sum (\nabla \otimes \nabla)(1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1)(\iota_i(x_{(1)}) \otimes \iota_i(x_{(2)}) \otimes S'\iota_i(x_{(4)}) \otimes S'\iota_i(x_{(3)})) \\ &= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(4)}) \otimes \iota_i(x_{(2)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \\ &= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes (1 * S')\iota_i(x_{(2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta((1 * S' - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x)) \\
&= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes (1 * S')\iota_i(x_{(2)}) - \Delta u\varepsilon\iota_i(x) \\
&= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes ((1 * S') - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x_{(2)}) \\
&\quad + \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes u\varepsilon\iota_i(x_{(2)}) - \Delta u\varepsilon\iota_i(x) \\
&= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes (1 * S' - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x_{(2)}) \\
&\quad + \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(2)}) \otimes 1_{B'} - u\varepsilon\iota_i(x) \otimes 1_{B'} \\
&= \sum \iota_i(x_{(1)})S'\iota_i(x_{(3)}) \otimes (1 * S' - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x_{(2)}) \\
&\quad + (1 * S' - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x) \otimes 1_{B'} \\
&\in B' \otimes I + I \otimes B'.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus I is a coideal and a biideal of B' .

Now let $H(B) := B'/I$ and let $\nu : B' \rightarrow H(B)$ be the residue class homomorphism. We show that $H(B)$ is a bialgebra and ν is a homomorphism of bialgebras. $H(B)$ is an algebra and ν is a homomorphism of algebras since I is a two sided ideal. Since $I \subseteq \text{Ker}(\varepsilon)$ there is a unique factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B' & \xrightarrow{\nu} & B'/I \\
& \searrow \varepsilon' & \downarrow \varepsilon \\
& & \mathbb{K}
\end{array}$$

where $\varepsilon : B'/I \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ is a homomorphism of algebras. Since $\Delta(I) \subseteq B' \otimes I + I \otimes B' \subseteq \text{Ker}(\nu \otimes \nu : B' \otimes B' \rightarrow B'/I \otimes B'/I)$ and thus $I \subseteq \text{Ker}(\Delta(\nu \otimes \nu))$ we have a unique factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B' & \xrightarrow{\nu} & B'/I \\
\Delta_{B'} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta \\
B' \otimes B' & \xrightarrow{\nu \otimes \nu} & B'/I \otimes B'/I
\end{array}$$

by an algebra homomorphism $\Delta : B'/I \rightarrow B'/I \otimes B'/I$. Now it is easy to verify that B'/I becomes a bialgebra and ν a bialgebra homomorphism.

We show that the map $\nu S' : B' \rightarrow B'/I$ can be factorized through B'/I in the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B' & \xrightarrow{\nu} & B'/I \\
& \searrow \nu S' & \downarrow S \\
& & B'/I
\end{array}$$

This holds if $I \subseteq \text{Ker}(\nu S')$. Since $\text{Ker}(\nu) = I$ it suffices to show $S'(I) \subseteq I$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
S'((S' * 1)\iota_i(x)) &= \\
&= \nabla \tau(S'^2 \iota_i \otimes S' \iota_i) \Delta_i(x) \\
&= \nabla \tau(S' \otimes 1)(\iota_{i+1} \otimes \iota_{i+1}) \Delta_i(x) \\
&= \nabla(1 \otimes S')(\iota_{i+1} \otimes \iota_{i+1}) \tau \Delta_i(x) \\
&= \nabla(1 \otimes S')(\iota_{i+1} \otimes \iota_{i+1}) \Delta_{i+1}(x) \\
&= (1 * S')\iota_{i+1}(x)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$S'(u\varepsilon\iota_i(x)) = S'(1)\varepsilon_i(x) = S'(1)\varepsilon_{i+1}(x) = S'(u\varepsilon\iota_{i+1}(x))$$

hence we get

$$S'((S' * 1 - u\varepsilon)\iota_i(x)) = (1 * S' - u\varepsilon)\iota_{i+1}(x) \in I.$$

This shows $S'(I) \subseteq I$. So there is a unique homomorphism of bialgebras $S : H(B) \rightarrow H(B)^{opcop}$ such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B' & \xrightarrow{\nu} & H(B) \\
S' \downarrow & & \downarrow S \\
B'^{opcop} & \xrightarrow{\nu} & H(B)^{opcop}
\end{array}$$

commutes.

Now we show that $H(B)$ is a Hopf algebra with antipode S . By Proposition 2.1.3 it suffices to test on generators of $H(B)$ hence on images $\nu\iota_i(x)$ of elements $x \in B_i$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 * S)\nu\iota_i(x) &= \nabla(\nu \otimes S\nu)\Delta\iota_i(x) = \nabla(\nu \otimes \nu)(1 \otimes S')\Delta\iota_i(x) = \\
&= \nu(1 * S')\iota_i(x) = \nu u\varepsilon\iota_i(x) = u\varepsilon\nu\iota_i(x).
\end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 2.1.3 S is an antipode for $H(B)$.

We prove now that $H(B)$ together with $\iota := \nu\iota_0 : B \rightarrow H(B)$ is a free Hopf algebra over B . Let H be a Hopf algebra and let $f : B \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of bialgebras. We will show that there is a unique homomorphism $\bar{f} : H(B) \rightarrow H$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
B & \xrightarrow{\iota} & H(B) \\
& \searrow f & \downarrow \bar{f} \\
& & H
\end{array}$$

commutes.

We define a family of homomorphisms of bialgebras $f_i : B_i \rightarrow H$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
f_0 &:= f, \\
f_{i+1} &:= S_H f_i, i \in \mathbb{N}.
\end{aligned}$$

We have in particular $f_i = S_H^i f$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus there is a unique homomorphism of bialgebras $f' : B' = \coprod B_i \rightarrow H$ such that $f' \iota_i = f_i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

We show that $f'(I) = 0$. Let $x \in B_i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'((1 * S') \iota_i(x)) &= f'(\nabla(1 \otimes S')(\iota_i \otimes \iota_i) \Delta_i(x)) \\
 &= \sum f' \iota_i(x_{(1)}) f' S' \iota_i(x_{(2)}) \\
 &= \sum f' \iota_i(x_{(1)}) f' \iota_{i+1}(x_{(2)}) \\
 &= \sum f_i(x_{(1)}) f_{i+1}(x_{(2)}) \\
 &= \sum f_i(x_{(1)}) S f_i(x_{(2)}) \\
 &= (1 * S) f_i(x) = u \varepsilon f_i(x) = u \varepsilon_i(x) \\
 &= f'(u \varepsilon \iota_i(x)).
 \end{aligned}$$

This together with the symmetric statement gives $f'(I) = 0$. Hence there is a unique factorization through a homomorphism of algebras $\bar{f} : H(B) \rightarrow H$ such that $f' = \bar{f} \nu$.

The homomorphism $\bar{f} : H(B) \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism of bialgebras since the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 B' & \xrightarrow{f'} & H \\
 \downarrow \Delta & \searrow \nu & \downarrow \Delta' & \searrow \bar{f} & \downarrow \Delta_H \\
 B' \otimes B' & \xrightarrow{\nu \otimes \nu} & B'/I \otimes B'/I & \xrightarrow{\bar{f} \otimes \bar{f}} & H \otimes H \\
 & \searrow f' \otimes f' & & & \\
 & & & &
 \end{array}$$

commutes with the possible exception of the right hand square $\Delta' \bar{f}$ and $(\bar{f} \otimes \bar{f}) \Delta'$. But ν is surjective so also the last square commutes. Similarly we get $\varepsilon_H \bar{f} = \varepsilon_{H(B)}$. Thus \bar{f} is a homomorphism of bialgebras and hence a homomorphism of Hopf algebras. \square

Remark 2.6.4. In chapter 1 we have constructed universal bialgebras $M(A)$ with coaction $\delta : A \rightarrow M(A) \otimes A$ for certain algebras A (see 1.3.12). This induces a homomorphism of algebras

$$\delta' : A \rightarrow H(M(A)) \otimes A$$

such that A is a comodule-algebra over the Hopf algebra $H(M(A))$. If H is a Hopf algebra and A is an H -comodule algebra by $\partial : A \rightarrow H \otimes A$ then there is a unique homomorphism of bialgebras $f : M(A) \rightarrow H$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\delta} & M(A) \otimes A \\
 \searrow \partial & & \downarrow f \otimes 1 \\
 & & H \otimes A
 \end{array}$$

commutes. Since the $f : M(A) \rightarrow H$ factorizes uniquely through $\bar{f} : H(M(A)) \rightarrow H$ we get a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & H(M(A)) \otimes A \\ & \searrow \vartheta & \downarrow \bar{f} \otimes 1 \\ & & H \otimes A \end{array}$$

with a unique homomorphism of Hopf algebras $\bar{f} : H(M(A)) \rightarrow H$.

This proof depends only on the existence of a universal algebra $M(A)$ for the algebra A . Hence we have

Corollary 2.6.5. *Let \mathcal{X} be a quantum space with universal quantum space (and quantum monoid) $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$. Then there is a unique (up to isomorphism) quantum group $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}))$ acting universally on \mathcal{X} .*

This quantum group $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}))$ can be considered as the “quantum subgroup of invertible elements” of $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})$ or the quantum group of “quantum automorphisms” of \mathcal{X} .