

From “combinatorial” monoids to bialgebras and Hopf algebras, functorially

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Theorem (Universal property of $\hat{\otimes}$)

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It is **representable** with coordinate ring $R[x_a: a \in M]$ (polynomial ring in the indeterminates x_a , $a \in M$).

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