

CCRT: Categorical and Combinatorial Representation Theory.

From combinatorics of universal problems
to usual applications.

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CIP seminar, Friday conversations:

For this seminar, please have a look at Slide CCRT[n] & ff.

Goal of this series of talks.

The goal of these talks is threefold

- 1 Category theory aimed at “free formulas” and their combinatorics
- 2 How to construct free objects
 - 1 w.r.t. a functor with - at least - two combinatorial applications:
 - 1 the two routes to reach the free algebra
 - 2 alphabets interpolating between commutative and non commutative worlds
 - 2 without functor: sums, tensor and free products
 - 3 w.r.t. a diagram: colimits
- 3 Representation theory.
- 4 MRS factorisation: A local system of coordinates for Hausdorff groups and fine tuning between analysis and algebra.
- 5 This scope is a continent and a long route, let us, today, walk part of the way together.

Disclaimers.

Disclaimer I.– The contents of these notes are by no means intended to be a complete theory. Rather, they outline the start of a program of work which has still not been carried out.

Disclaimer II.– Sometimes, absolute rigour is not followed^a. In its place, from time to time, we will seek to give the reader an intuitive feel for what the concepts of category theory are and how they relate to our ongoing research within CIP, CAP and CCRT.

^aAll is assumed to be subsequently clarified on request though.

Disclaimer III.– The reader will find repetitions and reprises from the preceding CCRT[n], they correspond to some points which were skipped or incompletely treated during preceding seminars.

Bits and pieces of representation theory

and how bialgebras arise

Wikipedia says

Representation theory is a branch of mathematics that studies abstract algebraic structures by representing their elements as linear transformations of vector spaces .../...

The success of representation theory has led to numerous generalizations. One of the most general is in category theory.

As our track is based on Combinatorial Physics and Experimental/Computational Mathematics, we will have a practical approach of the three main points of view

- Algebraic
- Geometric
- Combinatorial
- Categorical

Matters

- 1 Representation theory (or theories)
 - 1 Geometric point of view
 - 2 Combinatorial point of view (**Ram and Barcelo manifesto**)
 - 3 Categorical point of view
- 2 From groups to algebras
Here is a bit of rep. theory of the symmetric group, deformations, idempotents
- 3 Irreducible and indecomposable modules
- 4 Characters, central functions and shifts.
*Here are (some of) **Lasoux and Schützenberger's results***
- 5 Reductibility and invariant inner products
*Here stands **Joseph's result***
- 6 Commutative characters
*Here are time-ordered exponentials, iterated integrals, evolution equations and **Minh's results***
- 7 Lie groups Cartan theorem
*Here is **BTT***

CCRT[27] Colimits, equalizers and presentations.

Plan of this talk.

- 1 Review of what has been seen as regards “the art of universal problems”
 - 1 wrt a functor
 - 2 wrt a diagram
 - 3 for α -applications
- 2 equalizers and presentations
- 3 (D) and (LF) monoids
- 4 application to $S' = MS$ and Picard.
- 5 Concluding remarks

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With respect to a functor

- 1 Let \mathcal{C}_{left} , \mathcal{C}_{right} be two categories and $F : \mathcal{C}_{right} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{left}$ a (covariant) functor between them

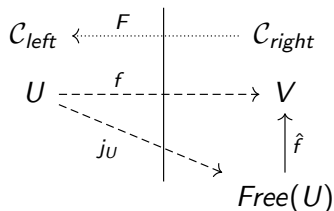


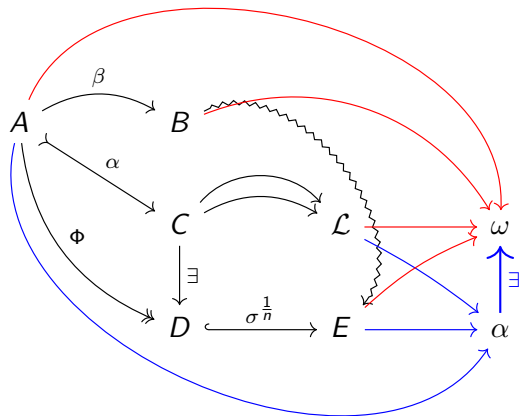
Figure: A solution of the universal problem w.r.t. the functor F is the datum, for each $U \in \mathcal{C}_{left}$, of a pair $(j_U, Free(U))$ (with $j_U \in Hom(U, F[Free(U)])$, $Free(U) \in \mathcal{C}_{right}$) such that, for all $f \in Hom(U, F[V])$ it exists a unique $\hat{f} \in Hom(Free(U), V)$ with $F[\hat{f}] \circ j_U = f$. Elements in $Hom(U, F[V])$ are called heteromorphisms their set is noted $Het_F(U, V)$.

$$(\forall f \in Hom(U, F[V])) (\exists! \hat{f} \in Hom(Free(U), V)) (F[\hat{f}] \circ j_U = f)$$

Colimit of a commutative diagram.

Covers: disjoint unions, direct sums, coproducts, pushouts and direct limits (inductive limits).

All here is stated within the same category \mathcal{C} .



Coproducts: A two-point arrowless diagram.

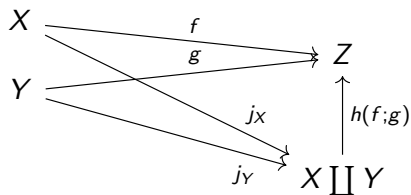


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \amalg Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \amalg Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Coproducts: Sets

- ① All here is stated within the same category **Set**.

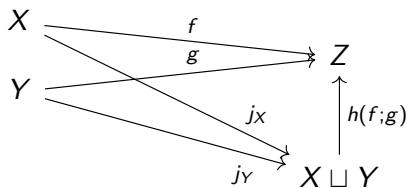


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \sqcup Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \sqcup Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Coproducts: Modules

- 2 All here is stated within the same category **k-Mod**.

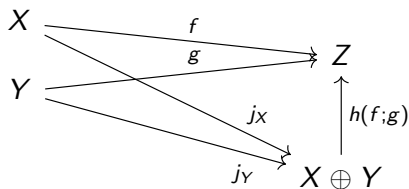


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \oplus Y)$ here $h(f; g) = f \oplus g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \oplus Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Coproducts: **k-CAAU**

- ③ All here is stated within the same category **k-CAAU**.

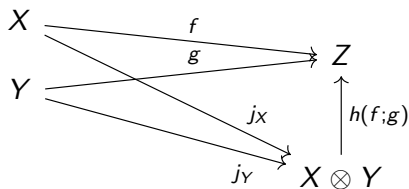


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \otimes Y)$ here $h(f;g) = f \otimes g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f;g) \in \text{Hom}(X \otimes Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f;g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f;g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Coproducts: Augmented $\mathbf{k-AAU}$

- ④ All here is stated within the same category of *Augmented $\mathbf{k-AAU}$* .

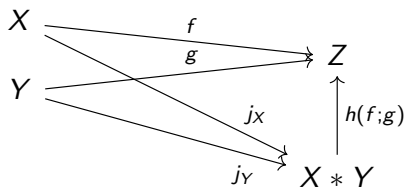


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X * Y)$ here $h(f; g) = f * g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X * Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

α -applications: tensor products.

- 5 Here $\mathcal{C}_{left} = \mathbf{k}\text{-Mod} \times \mathbf{k}\text{-Mod}$, $\mathcal{C}_{right} = \mathbf{k}\text{-Mod}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times B & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ & \searrow j_u & \uparrow \hat{f} \\ & & A \otimes_{\mathbf{k}} B \end{array}$$

Figure: A solution of the universal problem of tensor products: A, B, C are \mathbf{k} -modules, f is \mathbf{k} -bilinear (\mathbf{k} is a commutative ring and \hat{f} is unique)

- 6 If you look at the axioms of α -applications [4] Ch IV §3.1 (universal sets and mappings). You see that the α -applications are kind of left module w.r.t. the endomorphisms of \mathcal{C}_{right} (QM_{II} p 283), this left ideal is principal (AU'_I p 284) and there is unicity of the factorisation (AU''_I p 284).
- 7 As regards the case of tensor products, the class of α -applications is that of \mathbf{k} -bilinear mappings from $A \times B \rightarrow C$.

What is a presentation ?

- 5 Let us first begin with **Mon** and **Grp**.
- 6 Our first example is D_n the dihedral group D_n

$$\langle r, s ; r^n = s^2 = (sr)^2 = 1 \rangle_{\mathbf{Grp}} \quad (6)$$

(see next slide for $n = 5$)

- 7 Indeed a presentation is always: (1) an alphabet (of generators), (2) a list (of relations, or relators), (3) a category (as index).
- 8 The Moore-Coxeter presentation of the symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_n . It reads

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (t_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} ; & \quad t_i t_{i+1} t_i = t_{i+1} t_i t_{i+1} \quad (i \leq n-2), \\ & \quad t_i t_j = t_j t_i \quad (|i-j| \geq 2) \\ & \quad t_i^2 = 1 \quad (i \leq n-1) \rangle_{\mathbf{Grp}} \end{aligned}$$

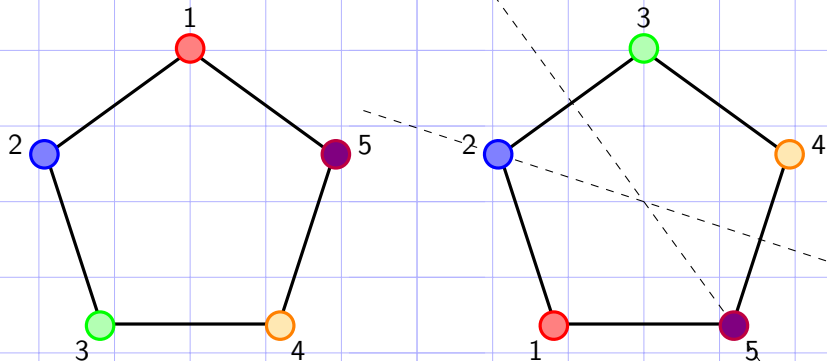


Figure: For D_5 (group of order 10). Coxeter presentation is with s_1 (symmetry wrt the line passing through node 5) and s_2 (symmetry wrt the line passing through node 2) and relator $[s_i^2 = 1 ; (s_1 s_2)^5 = 1]$.

Categorical setting for a presentation

- 9 The presented structure is a quotient of the free one $Free(X)$ (with the same set of relators): X^* for monoids (**Mon**), $F(X)$ for groups (**Grp**), $\mathcal{L}ie_{\mathbf{k}}[X]$ for \mathbf{k} -Lie algebras (**k-Lie**), $\mathbf{k}\langle X \rangle$ for **k-AAU**.
- 10 The list of relators can be put in the form $(u_s = v_s)_{s \in T}$ where $u_s, v_s \in Free(X)$.
- 11 For example, the \mathbf{k} -Drinfeld-Kohno Lie algebra of order n , DK_n is presented by $t_{ij} = t_{ji}$ and

$$\langle (t_{ij})_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n-1} ; [t_{ij}, t_{kl}] = [t_{ij}, t_{ik} + t_{jk}] = 0 \mid \{i, j, k, l\} = 4 \rangle_{\mathbf{k}\text{-Lie}}$$

Splitting the DK Lie algebra (as a module).

- 12 Let A_i be the free Lie algebra generated by $\{t_{ij} \mid i < j \leq n - 1\}$ i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n-2} &\text{ is generated by } \{t_{(n-2),(n-1)}\} \\ A_{n-3} &\text{ is generated by } \{t_{(n-3),(n-2)}, t_{(n-3),(n-1)}\} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

It can be shown that

$$L_n \simeq_{\text{mod } \mathbf{k}} A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus A_{n-1} \quad (8)$$

See [15] (A_i is an ideal of the sum $A_i \oplus \cdots \oplus A_{n-1}$, **to check**).

- 13 Algorithmically, this gives a pathway to concrete computation of bases (Lyndon, Hall, finely hompogeneous and then MRS).

Categorical setting for a presentation/2

- 14 For the considered categories, we have a forgetful functor $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, and the following diagram

$$T \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{u_\bullet} \\ \xrightarrow{v_\bullet} \end{array} Free(X) \quad (9)$$

- 15 The presented algebra and its arrow $Free(X) \xrightarrow{j} \mathcal{A}$ is then a solution of the following universal problem

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbf{Set} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & \xrightarrow{\quad F \quad} & \mathcal{C} \\
 T & \xrightarrow{u_\bullet} & Free(X) & \xrightarrow{m} & \mathcal{A} \\
 & \xrightarrow{v_\bullet} & & & \uparrow \exists! \hat{m} \\
 & & & \searrow j & P
 \end{array}$$

Figure: The arrow m is a morphism within the category \mathcal{C} which equalizes the relators i.e. $F(m \circ u_\bullet) = F(m \circ v_\bullet)$. The arrow m is a coequalizer.

Free partially commutative structures

- 16 There is a set of structures (free partially commutative, see [13]).
- 17 Given a reflexive graph $\Delta_X \subset \theta \subset X$ (X is the alphabet)

$$M(X, \theta) = \langle X; (xy = yx)_{(x,y) \in \theta} \rangle_{\mathbf{Mon}} \quad (10)$$

where $\theta \subset X \times X$ is a reflexive undirected graph.

- 18 These structures are compatible with Lazard's elimination and MRS factorization. This can be proved using $\mathbf{k}[M(X, \theta)] = \mathcal{U}(\text{Lie}_{\mathbf{k}}(X, \theta))$.
- 19 A unipotent Magnus group with a nice Log-Exp correspondence can be defined more generally for every locally finite monoid. Is there a general MRS factorization ?
- 20 In the sound cases, what is the combinatorics of different orders ? (Not increasing or decreasing Lyndon words.) Are they useful ?

Examples

- 21 The bicyclic monoid

$$\langle a, b ; ba = 1 \rangle_{\mathbf{Mon}} \quad (11)$$

has a normal form $(a^p b^q)_{p,q \in \mathbb{N}}$ and then is not a group (otherwise, we would have $ab = 1$ which is not the case).

- 22 Monoids

$$\langle X ; (u_i = v_i)_{i \in I} \rangle_{\mathbf{Mon}}$$

with $|u_i| = |v_i|$ ($i \in I$) are \mathbb{N} -graded

- 23 If, moreover, for all $x \in X$, we have $|u_i|_x = |v_i|_x$ (Schützenberger called them “commutation monoids”), then they are (LF). See below.
- 24 The Braid monoid (same presentation than the Braid group, but within the category **Mon**) is graded but NOT finely homogeneous.

Monoids and series (D) and (LF) monoids of monomials.

- 25 We recall here the discussion of [10] about monoids and series.
- 26 A set E being given, \mathbf{k}^E is the set of all functions $f \in E \rightarrow \mathbf{k}$,
 - 1 $\text{supp}(f) = \{x \in E \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$
 - 2 $\mathbf{k}^{(E)} = \{f \in \mathbf{k}^E \mid \#(\text{supp}(f)) < \infty\}$
 - 3 $\langle S|P \rangle = \sum_{x \in E} S(x)P(x)$, $S \in \mathbf{k}^E$, $P \in \mathbf{k}^{(E)}$
- 27 Starting with a monoid $(M, \cdot, 1_M)$ and considering $\mathbf{k}^{(M)} = \mathbf{k}[M] \subset \mathbf{k}[[M]] = \mathbf{k}^M$, we see that in order to extend the product formula

$$P \cdot Q := \sum_{w \in M} \sum_{u \cdot v = w} \langle P|u \rangle \langle Q|v \rangle w \quad (12)$$

it is sufficient (and necessary in general position) that the map $\star : M \times M \rightarrow M$ has finite fibers^a (condition [D], see [2] III §2.10).

^aRecall that a map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ between two sets X and Y has finite fibers if and only if for each $y \in Y$, the preimage $f^{-1}(y)$ is finite.

(D) and (LF) monoids/2

- 28 If M satisfies condition [D], we can extend the formula (12) to arbitrary $P, Q \in \mathbf{k}^M$ (as opposed to merely $P, Q \in \mathbf{k}[M]$). In this case, the \mathbf{k} -algebra $(\mathbf{k}^M, \cdot, 1_M)$ is called the total algebra of M ,^a and its product is the Cauchy product between series.
- 29 For every $S \in \mathbf{k}^M$, the family $(\langle S|m \rangle m)_{m \in M}$ is summable^b. and its sum is precisely $S = \sum_{m \in M} \langle S|m \rangle m$.

^aSee also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total_algebra.

^bWe say that a family $(f_i)_{i \in I}$ of elements of \mathbf{k}^M is summable if for any given $m \in M$, all but finitely many $i \in I$ satisfy $\langle f_i|m \rangle = 0$. Such a summable family will always have a well-defined infinite sum $f = \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{i \in I} \langle f_i|m \rangle m \in \mathbf{k}^M$, whence the name “summable”.

(D) and (LF) monoids/3

- 30 For example, the monoid $M = \{x^k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$, a multiplicative copy of \mathbb{Z} does not satisfy condition [D].
- 31 Then, $\mathbf{k}[M] = \mathbf{k}[x, x^{-1}]$ is the algebra of Laurent polynomials. It admits no total algebra.
- 32 For this monoid, we have to impose a constraint of the support (i.e. admit only supports like $[a, +\infty[$. The resulting algebra, $\mathbf{k}[x, x^{-1}]$ is that of Laurent series.

(D) and (LF) monoids/4

- 33 For every series $S \in \mathbf{k}[[M]]$, we set $S_+ := \sum_{m \neq 1} \langle S|m \rangle m$. In order for the family $((S_+)^n)_{n \geq 0}$ to be summable, it is sufficient that the iterated multiplication map $\mu^* : (M_+)^* \rightarrow M$ defined by

$$\mu^*[m_1, \dots, m_n] = m_1 \cdots m_n \text{ (product within } M) \quad (13)$$

have finite fibers (where we have written the word $[m_1, \dots, m_n] \in (M_+)^*$ as a list to avoid confusion).^a

- 34 In this case the characteristic series of M (i.e. $\underline{M} = \sum_{m \in M} m = 1 + \underline{M_+}$) is invertible and its inverse is called the Möbius function $\mu : M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. It is such that

$$\underline{M}^{-1} = 1 - \underline{M_+} + \underline{M_+}^2 - \underline{M_+}^3 + \cdots = \sum_{m \in M} \mu(m) \cdot m \quad (14)$$

^aFurthermore, this condition is also necessary (if S_+ is generic) if $\mathbf{k} = \mathbb{Z}$. These monoids are called “locally finite” in [17].

Examples and remarks

- 35 Every finite monoid (and in particular finite groups) satisfies condition (D).
- 36 Among finite groups, only the trivial group is locally finite.
- 37 Many combinatorial monoids are such that $M_+ = M \setminus \{1_M\}$ is stable by products.
- 38 For example X^* , $X^* \otimes X^*$ and $\mathbb{N}^{(X)}$ (the free abelian monoid)
- 39 In the case of point 37, $S \mapsto \langle S | 1_M \rangle$ is a character of $\mathbf{k}[[M]]$ (with values in \mathbf{k}).
- 40 In the case of point 38, these monoids are locally finite, each M^{-1} is polynomial and given by, respectively

$$1 - X ; 1 - \sum_{x \in X} (x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x) + \sum_{x, y \in X} x \otimes y ; \prod_{x \in X} (1 - x) \quad (15)$$

where $\mathbb{N}^{(X)}$ is written multiplicatively $\{X^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{(X)}}$.

Thank you for your attention.

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