

Reflections of Yetter-Drinfeld modules over Nichols systems

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Let \mathcal{C} be a braided strict monoidal category and let \mathbb{k} be a field.

Definition

Let $\theta \in \mathbb{N}$, Γ be an abelian group such that $\mathbb{Z}^\theta \subset \Gamma$ and let R be a \mathbb{N}_0^θ -graded connected Hopf algebra in \mathcal{C} . Let $V \in {}^R_R\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$ be a Γ -graded object, where there exists $n_0 \in \Gamma$ such that $V(n_0)$ generates V as an R -module. We say V is **well graded**, if

$$V(n_0) = V^{\text{co}R} = \{v \in V \mid \rho_V^R(v) = 1 \otimes v\}.$$

Remark

We always have $V(n_0) \subset V^{\text{co}R}$, since the R -coaction ρ_V^R is graded.

Let $\theta \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbb{I} = \{1, \dots, \theta\}$. Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\theta \in \mathbb{N}_0^\theta$ be the unit vectors. Let H be a Hopf algebra over some field \mathbb{k} with bijective antipode and $\mathcal{C} := {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$.

Definition

Let $Q \in \mathcal{C}$ be a Hopf algebra and $N_1, \dots, N_\theta \in \mathcal{C}$ be finite-dimensional subobjects of Q in \mathcal{C} and $N := (N_1, \dots, N_\theta)$.

The tuple $\mathcal{N} := (Q, N)$ is called a **pre-Nichols system**, if

- ① The algebra Q is generated by N_1, \dots, N_θ .
- ② Q is an \mathbb{N}_0^θ -graded Hopf algebra in \mathcal{C} with $Q(\alpha_i) = N_i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{I}$.

\mathcal{N} is called a **Nichols system over $i \in \mathbb{I}$** , if also

- ③ $\mathbb{k}[N_i]$ is strictly graded.
- ④ $(\text{ad } \mathbb{k}[N_i])(N_j) \in {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$ is well graded for all $j \in \mathbb{I} \setminus \{i\}$.

We want to construct a reflection functor on ${}^Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$.

Proposition

Let $A \in \mathcal{C}$ and $R \in {}^A\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$ be Hopf algebras in the specific categories. Then the functor

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^R\mathcal{YD}({}^A\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})) \rightarrow {}^{R\#A}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C}), \\ & \left((V, \nu^A, \rho^A), \nu^R, \rho^R \right) \mapsto \left(V, \nu^R(\text{id} \otimes \nu^A), (\text{id} \otimes \rho^A)\rho^R \right) \end{aligned}$$

and where morphisms are mapped onto oneself, is a braided strict monoidal isomorphism¹.

¹Heckenberger and Schneider, "Hopf algebras and root systems", 2020, Proposition 3.8.7.

Definition

Let Γ be a partial ordered monoid with partial order denoted by \leq . Let R be a Γ -graded Hopf algebra in \mathcal{C} and let V be a left R -module. We call V a **rational R -module**, if for all $v \in V$ there exists $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$, such that $R(\gamma)v = 0$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $\gamma_0 \leq \gamma$. Moreover we denote ${}^R_R\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$ for the category of \mathcal{YD} -modules which are rational R -modules.

Let A, B be a dual pair of locally finite \mathbb{N}_0 -graded Hopf algebras in the category $\mathcal{C} = {}^H_H\mathcal{YD}$.

There is a braided monoidal isomorphic functor²

$$(\Omega, \omega) : {}^B_B\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}} \rightarrow {}^A_A\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}},$$

such that

- 1 If $V \in {}^B_B\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$ is \mathbb{Z} -graded, then $\Omega(V)$ is \mathbb{Z} -graded with $\Omega(V)(n) = V(-n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
- 2 If $V, V' \in {}^B_B\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$ are \mathbb{Z} -graded and $f : V \rightarrow V'$ is a \mathbb{Z} -graded morphism, then $\Omega(f) = f$ as linear maps.

²Heckenberger and Schneider, "Hopf algebras and root systems", 2020, Proposition 12.3.2.

Let $\mathcal{N} = (Q, (N_1, \dots, N_\theta))$ be a pre-Nichols system and $i \in \mathbb{I}$ and $K_i := Q^{\text{co } \mathbb{k}[N_i]} \in {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$. Let (Ω_i, ω_i) be the braided monoidal isomorphism

$$(\Omega_i, \omega_i) : {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}} \rightarrow {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i^*]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i^*]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}.$$

Definition

Assume $K_i \in {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$. Let $R_i(Q) := \Omega_i(K_i) \# \mathbb{k}[N_i^*]$ and let

$$(R_i, \omega_{R_i}) : {}_Q^Q \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}} \rightarrow {}_{R_i(Q)}^{R_i(Q)} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$$

be the braided monoidal isomorphism defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_Q^Q \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}} &\xrightarrow{\cong} K_i \# \mathbb{k}[N_i] \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}} \xrightarrow{\cong} K_i \mathcal{YD}({}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}) \\ &\xrightarrow{(\Omega_i, \omega_i)} {}_{\Omega_i(K_i)}^{\Omega_i(K_i)} \mathcal{YD}({}_{\mathbb{k}[N_i^*]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_i^*]} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} {}_{R_i(Q)}^{R_i(Q)} \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}. \end{aligned}$$

For $V \in {}_Q^Q \mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$, $R_i(V)$ is called the **i -th reflection of V** .

Let $\mathcal{N} = (Q, N)$ be a pre-Nichols system and assume that N_j is irreducible in \mathcal{C} for all $j \in \mathbb{I}$.

Let $0 \neq V \in {}^Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})_{\text{rat}}$ be \mathbb{Z}^θ -graded, such that there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^\theta$, such that V is generated as a Q -module by $V(n_0)$, and assume $V(n_0)$ is irreducible in \mathcal{C} .

Definition

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \mathbb{I}$.

- 1 We say \mathcal{N} **admits the reflection sequence** (i_1, \dots, i_k) , if $k = 0$ or \mathcal{N} is a Nichols-system over i_1 , K_{i_1} is rational and $R_{i_1}(\mathcal{N})$ admits the reflection sequence (i_2, \dots, i_k) .
- 2 Assume \mathcal{N} admits the reflection sequence (i_1, \dots, i_k) . We say V **admits the reflection sequence** (i_1, \dots, i_k) , if $k = 0$ or $\mathbb{k}[N_{i_1}] \cdot V(n_0) \in {}_{\mathbb{k}[N_{i_1}]}^{\mathbb{k}[N_{i_1}]}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$ is well graded and $R_{i_1}(V)$ admits the reflection sequence (i_2, \dots, i_k) .

This definition makes sure that the preconditions at the top of this slide are met after each reflection.

Let M be the convex hull of $\text{Sup}(V) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^\theta \mid V(n) \neq 0\}$.

- The **interior** V° of V consists of all components $V(n)$, $n \in \text{Sup}(V)$, such that n lies in the interior of M .
- The **boundary** δV of V consists of all components $V(n)$, $n \in \text{Sup}(V)$, such that n lies on the boundary of M .

Proposition

Assume \mathcal{N} and V admit all reflections. There exists a unique graded subobject $U \subset V^\circ$ of V in ${}^{\mathcal{Q}}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$, such that every proper graded subobject of V in ${}^{\mathcal{Q}}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$ is contained in U . Moreover V/U is irreducible in ${}^{\mathcal{Q}}\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$.

Sketch of the proof:

- Show that if a graded subobject of V contains any component $V(n)$ on the boundary of V , then it must contain the entire edge of $\text{Sup}(V)$, where n lies on, in particular it contains a vertex.
- Show that each vertex of $\text{Sup}(V)$ is the generating component of some reflection of V , hence the only graded subobject of V containing a vertex is V .

Define the functor

$$\mathcal{I}_Q : {}^Q\mathcal{C} \rightarrow {}^Q_Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C}),$$

where a Q -comodule $U \in \mathcal{C}$ gets mapped to

$$\mathcal{I}_Q(U) = Q \otimes U \in {}^Q_Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$$

with Q -action $\mu_Q \otimes \text{id}_U$ and coadjoint Q -coaction and where a Q -comodule morphism f gets mapped to $\mathcal{I}_Q(f) = \text{id}_Q \otimes f$.

Remark

This construction is similar to Verma modules in the representation theory of Lie algebras.

Proposition

Assume that Q is finite dimensional and that \mathcal{N} admits all reflections. Let $U \in {}^Q\mathcal{C}$ be an irreducible object in \mathcal{C} . Then the following are equivalent:

- 1 $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$ admits all reflections.
- 2 $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$ is irreducible in ${}^Q_Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$.

Sketch of the proof:

- 1 Let $N \in \text{Sup}(\mathcal{I}_Q(U)) = \text{Sup}(Q)$ be such that there is no $n \in \mathbb{Z}^\theta$, $n > N$, such that $n \in \text{Sup}(Q)$.
- 2 Show that each subobject of $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$ contains an element in the component $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)(N)$, i.e. on the boundary of $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$.
- 3 Use the previous proposition.

Assume \mathcal{N} is of diagonal type, that is N_j is one-dimensional for all $j \in \mathbb{I}$. Let $0 \neq x_j \in N_j$ be a basis. Define $D \in (\mathbb{k}^\times)^{\theta \times \theta}$ as follows: For $j \in \mathbb{I}$ we have

$$c_{N_j, N_j}^{\mathcal{C}}(x_j \otimes x_j) = D_{jj} x_j \otimes x_j.$$

For $1 \leq j < k \leq \theta$ we have $D_{kj} = 1$ and

$$c_{N_k, N_j}^{\mathcal{C}} c_{N_j, N_k}^{\mathcal{C}}(x_j \otimes x_k) = D_{jk} x_j \otimes x_k.$$

Let $\chi : \mathbb{Z}^\theta \times \mathbb{Z}^\theta \rightarrow \mathbb{k}^\times$ be the bicharacter that is given by $\chi(\alpha_j, \alpha_k) = D_{jk}$ for all $j, k \in \mathbb{I}$ and let $\lambda : \mathbb{Z}^\theta \rightarrow \mathbb{k}^\times$ be the character that is given by $\lambda(\alpha_j) = D_{jj}$ for all $j \in \mathbb{I}$.

For $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{\theta} n_i \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Z}^{\theta}$, $n_1, \dots, n_{\theta} \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define the monomial $t_{\nu} := \prod_{i=1}^{\theta} t_i^{n_i}$. Let $\Delta_+^{\mathcal{N}}$ denote the positive roots of \mathcal{N} and for $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{\theta}$ let $m_{\gamma} := \min\{m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid (m+1)\chi(\gamma, \gamma) = 0\}$.

Definition

If $\Delta_+^{\mathcal{N}}$ is finite and $m_{\gamma} \in \mathbb{N}_0$ for all $\gamma \in \Delta_+^{\mathcal{N}}$, then define the polynomial

$$P^{\mathcal{N}} := \prod_{\gamma \in \Delta_+^{\mathcal{N}}} \prod_{m=1}^{m_{\gamma}} t_{\gamma} - \lambda(\gamma) \chi(\gamma, \gamma)^{-m} \in \mathbb{k}[t_1, \dots, t_{\theta}].$$

Remark

This construction is the same as the Shapovalov determinant for bicharacters of finite root systems³.

³Heckenberger and Yamane, "Drinfel'd doubles and Shapovalov determinants", 2010, Section 7.

Let $U \in {}^Q\mathcal{C}$ be a one-dimensional object. Let $r_1, \dots, r_\theta \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ be such that for $u \in U$, $u \neq 0$, $j \in \mathbb{I}$ we have

$$c_{U, N_j}^{\mathcal{C}} c_{N_j, U}^{\mathcal{C}}(x_j \otimes u) = r_j x_j \otimes u.$$

Theorem

Assume \mathcal{N} admits all reflections and Q is finite-dimensional. The following are equivalent

- 1 $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$ is irreducible in ${}^Q\mathcal{YD}(\mathcal{C})$.
- 2 $P^{\mathcal{N}}(r_1, \dots, r_\theta) \neq 0$.

Remark

Even more holds: We can determine precisely which reflection sequences $\mathcal{I}_Q(U)$ admits by looking at which factor of $P^{\mathcal{N}}$ vanishes for (r_1, \dots, r_θ) .