

Crossed modules of Hopf algebras: an approach via monoids

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Crossed module

of **groups** [Whitehead 1941]

- generalization of a normal subgroup $N \triangleleft G$ to non-injective $N \rightarrow G$
 - diverse applications
 - equivalent to: ▶ **strict 2-group** (= category object in the category of groups)
 - ▶ **simplicial group whose Moore complex has length 1**
- concise categorical proof [G Janelidze 2003]

of **groupoids** [Brown, Içen 2003]

of **Hopf algebras** [Fernández Vilaboa, López López, Villanueva Novoa 2006]

- working definitions
- bits of the equivalent forms
- no abstract categorical treatment

of **monoids** in monoidal categories ?

a simplified review of [GB arXiv:1803.03418 1803.04124 1803.04622]

Monoids in monoidal categories

a **monoidal category** consists of

- a category \mathcal{C}
- functors $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\text{juxtaposition}} \mathcal{C} \xleftarrow{I} 1$
- coherent natural isomorphisms $(- -) - \rightarrow - (- -)$
 $I - \rightarrow - \leftarrow - I$ (omitted throughout)

examples: (set, \times) , (span, \square) , (vec, \otimes) , (clg, \otimes) .

a **monoid** in a monoidal category consists of

- an object A
- morphisms $AA \xrightarrow{m} A \xleftarrow{u} I$ s.t.
$$\begin{array}{ccc} AAA & \xrightarrow{m1} & AA \\ 1m \downarrow & & \downarrow m \\ A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{u1} & AA \\ 1u \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow m \\ A & \xrightarrow{m} & A \end{array} \text{ commute}$$

examples: ordinary monoids, small categories, algebras, bialgebras.

a **monoid morphism** is $A \xrightarrow{f} A'$ s.t. $f.m = m'.ff$ and $f.u = u'$

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Split epimorphisms versus actions

category object in the category of **ordinary monoids**:

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A = \{(a, a') \in A \times A \mid s(a) = t(a')\} \leftarrow \text{pullback monoid}$$

for $A \square_B I = \{a \in A \mid s(a) = 1\} \xrightarrow{j} A \xleftarrow{i} B$,

$$q = (A \square_B I) \times B \xrightarrow{j \times i} A \times A \xrightarrow{m} A, \quad (y, b) \mapsto yi(b)$$

has the inverse $a \mapsto (ai(s(a)^{-1}), s(a))$ whenever B is a **group**

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A \iff B \times Y \xrightarrow{\triangleright} Y \text{ s.t.}$$

$$b \triangleright (yy') = (b \triangleright y)(b \triangleright y') \quad b \triangleright 1 = 1$$

$$(bb') \triangleright y = b \triangleright (b' \triangleright y) \quad 1 \triangleright y = 1$$

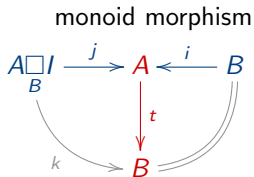
$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \end{array} A \mapsto B \times (A \square_B I) \xrightarrow{i \times j} A \times A \xrightarrow{m} A \xrightarrow{q^{-1}} (A \square_B I) \times B \xrightarrow{p_1} A \square_B I$$

$$(b, y) \mapsto i(b)yi(b^{-1})$$

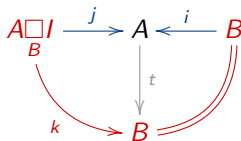
$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{p_2} \\ (1, -) \end{array} Y \times B \longleftarrow B \times Y \xrightarrow{\triangleright} Y$$

Reflexive graphs versus pre-crossed modules

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A$$



\Leftrightarrow monoid morphisms



s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B \times (A \square_B I) & \xrightarrow{1 \times k} & B \times B \\
 i \times j \downarrow & & \downarrow m \\
 A \times A & & B \\
 m \downarrow & & \uparrow m \\
 A & & \\
 q^{-1} \downarrow & & \\
 (A \square_B I) \times B & \xrightarrow{k \times 1} & B \times B
 \end{array}$$

commutes; i.e.

$$k(b \triangleright y)b = bk(y)$$

1st Peiffer condition

Category objects versus crossed modules

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \rightarrow \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A$$

for $A \square_B I \xrightarrow{j} A \xrightarrow{1 \square i} A \square_B A \xleftarrow{i \square 1} A$

$$q_2 = (A \square_B I) \times A \xrightarrow{j \times 1} A \times A \xrightarrow{(1 \square i) \times (i \square 1)} (A \square_B A) \times (A \square_B A) \xrightarrow{m} A \square_B A, (y, a) \mapsto (yit(a), a)$$

has the inverse $(a', a) \mapsto (a'i(t(a)^{-1}), a)$ whenever B is a **group**

s.t. $A \times (A \square_B I) \xrightarrow{1 \times j} A \times A$

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \times j \downarrow \\ A \times A \\ (i \square 1) \times (1 \square i) \downarrow \\ (A \square_B A) \times (A \square_B A) \\ m \downarrow \\ A \square_B A \\ q_2^{-1} \downarrow \\ (A \square_B I) \times A \xrightarrow{j \times 1} A \times A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow m \\ A \\ \downarrow m \end{array}$$

i.e. $y'y = (k(y') \triangleright y)y'$

2nd Peiffer condition

yields an equivalence of the categories of
strict 2-groups and **crossed modules**

generalizes to any monoidal category with pullbacks (e.g. $\mathbf{set} \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{span}$)

Problem: in some examples — e.g. in clg — there are no pullbacks

for coalgebra maps $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$

cotensor product

- $A \square_B C := \{ \sum_i a^i \otimes c^i \in A \otimes C \mid \sum_i a_1^i \otimes s(a_2^i) \otimes c^i = \sum_i a^i \otimes t(c_1^i) \otimes c_2^i \}$
 is a subcoalgebra iff $a \mapsto a_1 \otimes s(a_2)$ and $c \mapsto t(c_1) \otimes c_2$ are coalgebra maps
 (then the counits ε induce coalgebra maps $A \xleftarrow{1 \otimes \varepsilon} A \otimes C \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1} C$)

- a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & D & & \\
 & \swarrow a & \downarrow & \searrow c & \\
 A & \xleftarrow{1 \otimes \varepsilon} & A \otimes C & \xleftarrow{j} & A \square_B C & \xrightarrow{j} & A \otimes C & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \otimes 1} & C
 \end{array}$$

exists

iff $d \mapsto a(d_1) \otimes c(d_2)$ is a coalgebra map

Idea: only **relative pullbacks** wrt a suitable class of spans

Admissible class of spans

definition a class \mathcal{S} of spans in any category is **admissible** if

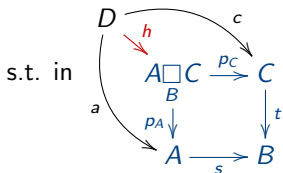
$$\begin{aligned} X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y \in \mathcal{S} &\Rightarrow X' \xleftarrow{f'} X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y \xrightarrow{g'} Y' \in \mathcal{S} \quad \forall f', g' \text{ and} \\ &\Rightarrow X \xleftarrow{f} A \xleftarrow{h} B \xrightarrow{h} A \xrightarrow{g} Y \in \mathcal{S} \quad \forall h. \end{aligned}$$

examples

- the class of all spans in any category is admissible
- in clg the class $\mathcal{S}_{\text{clg}} := \{ X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y \mid a \mapsto f(a_1) \otimes g(a_2) \text{ is a coalgebra map} \}$ is admissible

Relative pullback

definition the \mathcal{S} -relative pullback of any $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$ is $A \xleftarrow{p_A} A \square_B C \xrightarrow{p_C} C \in \mathcal{S}$



- the blue square commutes
- if $A \xleftarrow{a} D \xrightarrow{c} C \in \mathcal{S}$ and the exterior commutes then $\exists! h$
- $A \xleftarrow{p_A} A \square_B C \xleftarrow{f} D \xrightarrow{g} E \in \mathcal{S}$ & $C \xleftarrow{p_C} A \square_B C \xleftarrow{f} D \xrightarrow{g} E \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow A \square_B C \xleftarrow{f} D \xrightarrow{g} E \in \mathcal{S}$
- $E \xleftarrow{g} D \xrightarrow{f} A \square_B C \xrightarrow{p_A} A \in \mathcal{S}$ & $E \xleftarrow{g} D \xrightarrow{f} A \square_B C \xrightarrow{p_C} C \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow E \xleftarrow{g} D \xrightarrow{f} A \square_B C \in \mathcal{S}$

example if $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$ are coalgebra maps s.t. $a \mapsto a_1 \otimes s(a_2)$, $c \mapsto t(c_1) \otimes c_2$

are coalgebra maps then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \square_B C & \xrightarrow{(\varepsilon \otimes 1).j} & C \\ (1 \otimes \varepsilon).j \downarrow & & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{s} & B \end{array}$$

is an \mathcal{S}_{clg} -relative pullback

Relative category

theorem Let \mathcal{S} be an admissible class of spans in a category s.t. for $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$ for which $A = A \xrightarrow{s} B$, $B \xleftarrow{t} C = C \in \mathcal{S}$, there exists the \mathcal{S} -relative pullback $A \square_B C$. Then for any B for which $B = B = B \in \mathcal{S}$, there is a monoidal category:

- objects are the spans $B \xleftarrow{t} A \xrightarrow{s} B$ s.t. $A = A \xrightarrow{s} B$, $B \xleftarrow{t} C = C \in \mathcal{S}$
- morphisms are the span morphisms
- monoidal product is the \mathcal{S} -relative pullback with the unit $B = B = B$

example for a cocommutative coalgebra B there is a monoidal category:

- objects are the spans $B \xleftarrow{t} A \xrightarrow{s} B$ of coalgebras s.t. $a \mapsto a_1 \otimes s(a_2)$ and $a \mapsto t(a_1) \otimes a_2$ are coalgebra maps
- morphisms are the maps of coalgebra spans
- monoidal product is the cotensor product over B with the unit $B = B = B$

definition for \mathcal{S} and B as in the theorem, an \mathcal{S} -relative category — with object of objects B — is a monoid in the above monoidal category

$$B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A$$

Relative categories vs crossed modules of monoids

definition a class of spans in a monoidal category is **monoidal** if

- $X \xleftarrow{f} I \xrightarrow{g} Y \in \mathcal{S} \forall f, g$
- $X \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{g} Y, X' \xleftarrow{f'} A' \xrightarrow{g'} Y' \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow XX' \xleftarrow{ff'} AA' \xrightarrow{gg'} YY' \in \mathcal{S}$

example \mathcal{S}_{clg} is monoidal

- any admissible class of spans in a monoidal category lifts to an admissible class in the category of monoids
- for a monoidal admissible class \mathcal{S} , relative pullbacks of monoids are monoids
 \Rightarrow **\mathcal{S} -relative category of monoids** is meaningful

theorem Let \mathcal{S} be a monoidal admissible class of spans in a monoidal category s.t. for $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$ for which $A = A \xrightarrow{s} B$, $B \xleftarrow{t} C = C \in \mathcal{S}$ there exists the \mathcal{S} -relative pullback $A \square_B C$. Then an analogous application of the **factorization theory of monoids** that we saw in **set** leads to a notion of **crossed module of monoids**, together with an **equivalence** between their category and the category of those **\mathcal{S} -relative categories of monoids** $B \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{array} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A$ for which

$$q_n := (A \square_B I) A_B^{\square n} \xrightarrow{p_A 1} A A_B^{\square n} \xrightarrow{(1 \square i \square \dots \square i)(i \square 1)} A_B^{\square n+1} A_B^{\square n+1} \xrightarrow{m} A_B^{\square n+1}$$

is invertible for all $n \geq 0$.

for the explicit description of **crossed module of monoids** see [[GB arXiv:1803.04124](#)]

example

- monoids in clg are **bialgebras**
- an \mathcal{S}_{clg} -relative category of bialgebras consists of
 - ▶ a cocommutative bialgebra B and an arbitrary bialgebra A

▶ bialgebra maps $B \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{s} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \\ \xleftarrow{t} \end{matrix} A \xleftarrow{c} A \square_B A$ s.t.

$a \mapsto s(a_1) \otimes a_2, a \mapsto a_1 \otimes t(a_2)$ are coalgebra maps

i is a common section of s and t

c is an associative composition with the unit i

- $q_n : (A \square_B I) A_B^{\square n} \rightarrow A_B^{\square n+1}, (y, a', a'', \dots, a^{(n)}) \mapsto (yit(a'_1), a'_2, a'' \dots, a^{(n)})$
 has the inverse $(a, a', \dots, a^{(n)}) \mapsto (aizt(a'_1), a'_2, a'' \dots, a^{(n)})$ if B is a **Hopf algebra** with the antipode z

corollary The category of those \mathcal{S}_{clg} -relative categories whose object of objects is a (cocommutative) Hopf algebra is equivalent to the category of **crossed modules of bialgebras** which consist of

- a cocommutative Hopf algebra B and an arbitrary bialgebra Y
- an action $B \otimes Y \xrightarrow{\triangleright} Y$ making Y a B -module algebra and B -module coalgebra
- a bialgebra map $Y \xrightarrow{k} B$ s.t. $y \mapsto k(y_1) \otimes y_2$ is a coalgebra map and

$$k(b_1 \triangleright y)b_2 = bk(y) \quad (k(y_1) \triangleright y')y_2 = yy'$$

if also Y is a Hopf algebra \rightsquigarrow [Fernández Vilaboa, López López, Villanueva Novoa]

explains the equivalence of the categories of
relative categories of monoids and **crossed modules of monoids**

¿ **simplicial monoids** ?

Simplicial monoid and its Moore complex

definition

a **simplicial monoid** in a monoidal category consists of monoid morphisms

$$M_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\partial_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_1} \end{array} M_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\partial_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_2} \end{array} M_2 \cdots M_{n-1} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\partial_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_1} \\ \vdots \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-1}} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_n} \end{array} M_n \cdots$$

satisfying the usual simplicial identities.

proposition For a simplicial monoid M and a monoidal admissible class of spans \mathcal{S} assume the existence of the \mathcal{S} -relative pullbacks; and hence the morphisms in

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 M_{n+1}^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{p_I} & I \\
 \downarrow p_{M_{n+1}} & \searrow \partial_k^{(1)} & \downarrow u \\
 M_n^{(1)} & \xrightarrow{p_I} & I \\
 \downarrow p_{M_n} & & \downarrow u \\
 M_{n+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_k} M_n & \xrightarrow{\partial_n} M_{n-1}
 \end{array} & \dots &
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 M_{n+1}^{(i)} & \xrightarrow{p_I} & I \\
 \downarrow p_{M_{n+1}^{(i-1)}} & \searrow \partial_k^{(i)} & \downarrow u \\
 M_n^{(i)} & \xrightarrow{p_I} & I \\
 \downarrow p_{M_n^{(i-1)}} & & \downarrow u \\
 M_{n+1}^{(i-1)} & \xrightarrow{\partial_k^{(i-1)}} M_n^{(i-1)} & \xrightarrow{\partial_{n-(i-1)}^{(i-1)}} M_{n-1}^{(i-1)}
 \end{array} \\
 \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq n & \dots & 0 \leq k \leq n - i + 1.
 \end{array}$$

Then for $\{D_{n-1} := M_n^{(n)} \xrightarrow{p_{M_n^{(n-1)}}} M_n^{(n-1)} \xrightarrow{\partial_0^{(n-1)}} M_{n-1}^{(n-1)}\}_{n>0}$,

$$M_{n+1}^{(n+1)} \xrightarrow{D_n} M_n^{(n)} \xrightarrow{D_{n-1}} M_{n-1}^{(n-1)} = M_{n+1}^{(n+1)} \xrightarrow{p_I} I \xrightarrow{u} M_{n-1}^{(n-1)}.$$

(If I is terminal then $\dots \xrightarrow{D_n} M_n^{(n)} \xrightarrow{D_{n-1}} \dots \xrightarrow{D_1} M_1^{(1)} \xrightarrow{D_0} M_0$ is a chain complex.)

definition M has Moore length ℓ if all $M_n^{(i)}$ exist and $(I \xrightarrow{u} M_n^{(n-i)}, M_n^{(n-i)} \xrightarrow{p_I} I)$ are mutually inverse isomorphisms for all $0 \leq i$ and $n > i + \ell$.

Simplicial monoids versus crossed modules

theorem Let \mathcal{S} be a monoidal admissible class of spans in a monoidal category s.t. for $A \xrightarrow{s} B \xleftarrow{t} C$ for which $A = A \xrightarrow{s} B$, $B \xleftarrow{t} C = C \in \mathcal{S}$ there exists the \mathcal{S} -relative pullback $A \square_B C$. Then the category of **crossed modules of monoids** is equivalent to the category of those **simplicial monoids** M for which

- the **Moore length is 1**

- $M_1 = M_1 \xrightarrow{\partial_0} M_0$, $M_0 \xleftarrow{\partial_1} M_1 = M_1 \in \mathcal{S}$

- $y_{(n,k)} := M_n^{(k+1)} M_{n-1}^{(k)} \xrightarrow{p_{M_n^{(k)}} \sigma_{n-1}^{(k)}} M_n^{(k)} M_n^{(k)} \xrightarrow{m} M_n^{(k)}$ and

$$q_n := M_1^{(1)} M_1^{M_0} \square^{n-1} \xrightarrow{p_{M_1} 1} M_1 M_1^{M_0} \square^{n-1} \xrightarrow{(1 \square \sigma_0 \square \dots \square \sigma_0)(\sigma_0 \square 1)} M_1^{M_0} \square^n M_1^{M_0} \square^n \xrightarrow{m} M_1^{M_0} \square^n$$

are invertible for all $n > 0$ and $0 \leq k < n$.

obtained the equivalences

$$M_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\partial_0} \\ \xrightarrow{\sigma_0} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_1} \end{array} M_1 \xleftarrow{\partial_1} M_2 \cong M_1 \square_{M_0} M_1 \hookrightarrow M \qquad M \mapsto M_1^{(1)} \xrightarrow{D_0} M_0$$

relative categories $\xleftarrow{\cong}$ simplicial monoids $\xrightarrow{\cong}$ crossed modules
of Moore length 1

example in clg,

- I is the base field thus terminal (the only coalgebra map $C \rightarrow I$ is the counit)
- the simplicial monoids are the simplicial bialgebras M
- for any simplicial monoid (=simplicial bialgebra) $M_n^{(i)}$ is the joint equalizer

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \hat{\partial}_n & \\
 & \hat{\partial}_{n-1} & \\
 M_n^{(i)} \longrightarrow M_n & \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow \\ \vdots \\ \longrightarrow \end{array} & M_n \otimes M_{n-1} \otimes M_n \\
 & \hat{\partial}_{n-i+1} & \\
 & \widehat{1\varepsilon(-)}: x \mapsto x_1 \otimes 1 \otimes x_2 &
 \end{array}$$

where $\hat{\partial}_k(x) = x_1 \otimes \partial_k(x_2) \otimes x_3$

- if each M_n is a **cocommutative Hopf algebra** then $y_{(n,k)}$, q_n are invertible

\Rightarrow the categories of

- ▶ S_{clg} -relative categories of cocommutative Hopf algebras
- ▶ crossed modules of cocommutative Hopf algebras
- ▶ simplicial cocommutative Hopf algebras of length 1 Moore complex

are equivalent

thank you!

