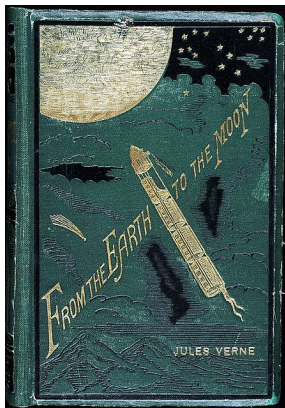


Schröder trees, antipode formulas and non-commutative probability

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“From the Earth to the Moon: A Direct
Route in 97 Hours, 20 Minutes”,
by Jules Verne (1865)

Purpose of this talk: give a survey
of some links between notions in
non-commutative probability, algebra
and combinatorics.



Adrián Celestino

Content

- Non-commutative probability
- Hopf algebras and the Ebrahimi-Fard-Patras construction
- Applications
- Future work

Part of the talk is based on joint work with Adrián Celestino: “*Schröder trees, antipode formulas and non-commutative probability*” (arXiv:2311.07824).

Non-commutative probability

Let G be a finite, simple, *rooted graph*, with set of vertices $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\ell\}$.

For every $n \geq 0$, consider

$$m_n(G) := \# \text{ closed walks of length } n \text{ starting at the root.}$$

Let v_1 be the root. If $\text{Adj}(G)$ denotes the adjacency matrix of G , then

$$(\text{Adj}(G)_{1,1})^n = m_n(G).$$

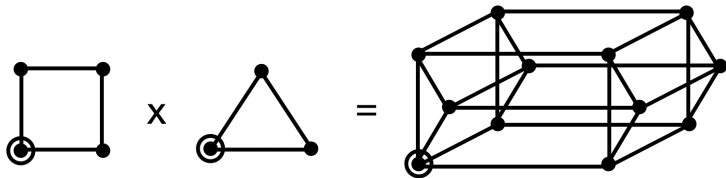
In the space of adjacency matrices, this defines a random variable $A := \text{Adj}(G)$ for which

$$\mathbb{E}[A^n] := m_n(G).$$

Related to the study of “growing graphs”, there are binary operations $G_1 * G_2$ on rooted graphs for which we can look at

$$\mathbb{E}[(\text{Adj}(G_1 * G_2))^n].$$

Cartesian product \leftrightarrow (classical) independence



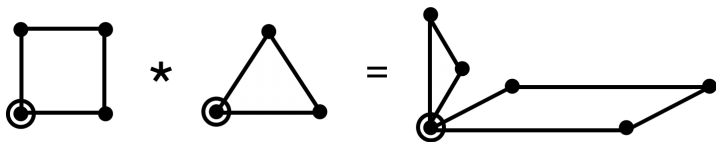
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\text{Adj}(G_1 \times G_2)^n \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[(\text{Adj}(G_1) \otimes I_2 + I_1 \otimes \text{Adj}(G_2))^n \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \mathbb{E} \left[(\text{Adj}(G_1) \otimes I_2)^k \right] \mathbb{E} \left[(I_1 \otimes \text{Adj}(G_2))^{n-k} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Star product \leftrightarrow “Boolean” independence



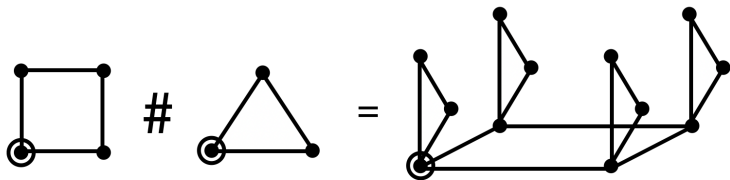
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- The field of *Free Probability* was introduced by Dan-Virgil Voiculescu in the 1980s.
- Investigate the notion of “freeness” in analogy to the concept of “independence” from (classical) probability theory.
- A combinatorial theory of freeness was developed by Nica and Speicher in the 1990s.
- Voiculescu discovered freeness also asymptotically for many kinds of random matrices (1991).



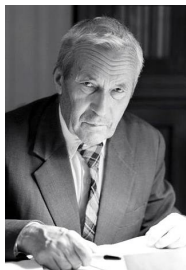
Dan Voiculescu , 2015

Commutative vs non-commutative

Voiculescu: “Free probability is a probability theory adapted to dealing with variables which have the highest degree of noncommutativity. *Failure of commutativity may occur in many ways.*”

- Quantum mechanics' commutation relation: $XY - YX = I$.
- Free product of groups.
- Independent random matrices tend to be asymptotically freely independent, under certain conditions.

Classical probability space



Andrey Kolmogorov

A **probability space** (Kolmogorov, 1930's) is given by the following data:

- a set Ω (**sample space**),
- a collection \mathcal{F} (**event space**),
- $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ (**probability function**),

satisfying several axioms.

Expectation: for every bounded random variable $X \in L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, let

$$\mathbb{E}[X] := \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) \, d\mathbb{P}(\omega).$$

Intuition: replace $(L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{E})$ by a more general pair (\mathcal{A}, φ) .

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Examples: $(L^\infty(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), \mathbb{E})$, $(\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C}), \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr})$, $(\text{Mat}_n(\Omega), \varphi)$,

$$\varphi(\mathbf{a}) := \int_{\Omega} \text{tr}(\mathbf{a}(\omega)) \, d\mathbb{P}(\omega)$$

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Random variable: $a \in \mathcal{A}$

Moments: $(\varphi(a), \varphi(a^2), \varphi(a^3), \dots) \longleftrightarrow \mu : \mathbb{C}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \mu(t^i) := \varphi(a^i)$

Joint distribution of (a_1, \dots, a_k) : if $1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_n \leq k$,

$$\mu : \mathbb{C}\langle t_1, \dots, t_k \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad , \quad \mu(t_{i_1} \cdots t_{i_n}) := \varphi(a_{i_1} \cdots a_{i_n})$$

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In a (classical) probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$, the notion of independence between two random variables $X, Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ implies

$$\mathbb{E}(X^m Y^n) = \mathbb{E}(X^m) \mathbb{E}(Y^n).$$

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Sets of variables in (\mathcal{A}, φ) are free if the algebras they generate are free.

It looks artificial...

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Therefore, $\varphi(\mathbf{ab}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a})\varphi(\mathbf{b})$.

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$$\varphi\left((a_1 - \varphi(a_1) \cdot 1_{\mathcal{A}})(b - \varphi(b) \cdot 1_{\mathcal{A}})(a_2 - \varphi(a_2) \cdot 1_{\mathcal{A}})\right) = 0,$$

we obtains

$$\varphi(a_1 b a_2) = \varphi(a_1 a_2) \varphi(b).$$

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If $\{a_1, a_2\}, \{b_1, b_2\} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ free n.c.r.v, what is $\varphi(abab)$?

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2) &= \varphi(a_1 a_2) \varphi(b_1) \varphi(b_2) + \varphi(a_1) \varphi(a_2) \varphi(b_1 b_2) \\ &\quad - \varphi(a_1) \varphi(a_2) \varphi(b_1) \varphi(b_2).\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(abab) = \varphi(a^2) \varphi(b)^2 + \varphi(a)^2 \varphi(b^2) - \varphi(a)^2 \varphi(b)^2.$$

Freeness from the free product

Voiculescu gave the definition of freeness in the context of von Neumann algebras of free products of groups.

$$F(G) := \{\alpha : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : |\{g \in G \mid \alpha(g) \neq 0\}| < \infty\},$$

$$(\alpha * \beta)(g) := \sum_{h \in G} \alpha(gh^{-1})\beta(h),$$

$$\varphi_G : F(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad , \quad \alpha \mapsto \alpha(e).$$

$F(G)$ is linearly generated by $\{\delta_g : g \in G\}$, where

$$\delta_g(h) = \begin{cases} 1, & h = g \\ 0, & h \neq g \end{cases}$$

Freeness from the free product

Theorem

If $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$ subgroups of G are algebraically free, then $\{F(G_i)\}_{i \in I} \subseteq F(G)$ are freely independent in $(F(G), \varphi_G)$.

Sketch of the proof:

Consider $(i_1, \dots, i_n) \in I^n$ such that $i_1 \neq i_2 \neq \dots \neq i_n$, and $\alpha_k \in F(G_{i_k})$ such that $\alpha_k(e) = 0$, for $1 \leq k \leq n$.

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\alpha_1 * \dots * \alpha_n) &= (\alpha_1 * \dots * \alpha_n)(e) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{g_1, \dots, g_n \in G \\ g_1 \dots g_n = e}} \alpha_1(g_1) \dots \alpha_n(g_n).\end{aligned}$$

Since G_{i_1}, \dots, G_{i_n} are algebraically free, there exists k such that $g_k = e$, leading to $\varphi(\alpha_1 * \dots * \alpha_n) = 0$.

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- **freely independent** if

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = 0,$$

when $\varphi(a_j) = 0$, for all $1 \leq j \leq n$;

- **boolean independent** if

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \varphi(a_1) \cdots \varphi(a_n);$$

- **monotone independent** if

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \varphi(a_j) \varphi(a_1 \cdots a_{j-1} \cdot a_{j+1} \cdots a_n),$$

Other notions: *conditional monotone*, *cyclic monotone*, ...

Back to the examples (free case)

$$\varphi(\mathbf{ab}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a})\varphi(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\varphi(\mathbf{a_1ba_2}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a_1a_2})\varphi(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(\mathbf{a_1b_1a_2b_2}) &= \varphi(\mathbf{a_1a_2})\varphi(\mathbf{b_1})\varphi(\mathbf{b_2}) + \varphi(\mathbf{a_1})\varphi(\mathbf{a_2})\varphi(\mathbf{b_1b_2}) \\ &\quad - \varphi(\mathbf{a_1})\varphi(\mathbf{a_2})\varphi(\mathbf{b_1})\varphi(\mathbf{b_2})\end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi(\mathbf{a_1b_1cb_2a_2da_3}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a_1a_2a_3})\varphi(\mathbf{b_1b_2})\varphi(\mathbf{c})\varphi(\mathbf{d}).$$

“Non-crossing moments” factorize; “crossing moments” don’t factorize.

Back to (\mathcal{A}, φ)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$.

Consider $\{f_n : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid n \geq 0\}$ a family of multilinear functionals.

Let $\pi = \{B_1, \dots, B_k\} \in \text{NC}(n)$. We define

$$f_\pi(a_1, \dots, a_n) := \prod_{\substack{B \in \pi \\ B = \{b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_r\}}} f_{|B|}(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r).$$

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If $\pi = \{\{1\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{6\}, \{7, 8, 9\}\}$, then

$$f_{\pi}(a_1, \dots, a_9) = f_1(a_1) f_4(a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5) f_1(a_6) f_3(a_7, a_8, a_9).$$

Moment to cumulant relations in (\mathcal{A}, φ)

Consider the multilinear functionals

$$\{r_n : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{n \geq 1} \quad \{b_n : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{n \geq 1} \quad \{h_n : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{n \geq 1}$$

(Free cumulants) , (Boolean cumulants) , (Monotone cumulants)

defined by

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \sum_{\pi \in \text{NC}(n)} r_\pi(a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \sum_{\pi \in \text{NC}_{\text{Int}}(n)} b_\pi(a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

$$\varphi(a_1 \cdots a_n) = \sum_{\pi \in \text{NC}(n)} \frac{1}{\tau(\pi)!} h_\pi(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Hopf algebras



Saj-nicole A. Joni and
Gian-Carlo Rota (1932-1999)

- Classical Hopf algebras: Borel, Cartier, Hopf (1940-1950).
- Motivation: algebraic topology, homological algebra, study of loop spaces, algebras of operations (Steenrod), homology of Eilenberg–MacLane spaces.
- Joni-Rota: “*A great many problems in combinatorics are concerned in assembling, or disassembling, large objects out of pieces of prescribed shape, as in the familiar board puzzles.*”

Hopf algebras

- A **Hopf algebra** $(H, m, \iota, \Delta, \varepsilon, S)$ consists of
- an associative algebra (H, m, ι) ;
 - a coassociative coalgebra (H, Δ, ε) ;
 - compatibility between the product and the coproduct;
 - the identity map $\text{id} : H \rightarrow H$ is invertible in the **convolution algebra** $(\text{End}(H), *)$, where

$$f * g := \Delta \circ (f \otimes g) \circ m.$$

The inverse of id , denoted by S , is called *the antipode of H* .

Finding an optimal formula for the antipode **is not easy**. It provides a rich information about hidden combinatorial structures on H .

Double tensor Hopf algebra

Double tensor Hopf algebra $T(T_+(V))$: non-commutative and non-cocommutative Hopf algebra, with graduation

$$T(T_+(V))_n := \bigoplus_{n_1 + \dots + n_k = n} V^{\otimes n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes V^{\otimes n_k}.$$

Elements in $T(T_+(V))_n$ are written as (linear combinations of) words with bars

$$w_1 | \dots | w_k,$$

where $w_i \in V^{\otimes n_i}$ for some $n_1 + \dots + n_k = n$. We call these elements **words on (non-empty) words**.

Double tensor Hopf algebra

Let V be a \mathbb{K} -vector space.

If $k \geq 0$, we write elementary tensors from $V^{\otimes k}$ as **words**, $u_1 u_2 \cdots u_k$, with $u_i \in V$. We called the \mathbb{K} -vector spaces

$$T(V) := \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} V^{\otimes k} \quad , \quad T_+(V) := \bigoplus_{k \geq 1} V^{\otimes k}$$

the **tensor module** and **reduced tensor module**, respectively, generated by V .

- *Product rule:* if $u \in T(T_+(V))_n$ and $v \in \mathfrak{m}$, then

$$u|v := u_1| \cdots |u_r|v_1| \cdots |v_s \in T(T_+(V))_{n+m}.$$

- *Coproduct rule:* given a word $u = u_1 \cdots u_n \in V^{\otimes n}$ and $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \subset \mathbb{N}$, we write $u_A := u_{a_1} \cdots u_{a_k}$. Consider the map $\Delta : T_+(V) \rightarrow T(V) \otimes T(T_+(V))$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(u) &:= \sum_{A \subseteq [n]} u_A \otimes u_{K(A, [n])} \\ &= \sum_{A \subseteq [n]} u_A \otimes u_{K_1} | \cdots | u_{K_r}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we extend the map Δ multiplicatively to all of $T(T_+(V))$, by setting

$$\Delta(w_1 | \cdots | w_k) := \Delta(w_1) \cdots \Delta(w_k).$$

For example, we have

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The map φ is then extended multiplicatively to a map

$\Phi : T(T_+(\mathcal{A})) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ with $\Phi(\mathbf{1}) := 1$ and

$$\Phi(u_1 | \cdots | u_k) := \varphi(u_1) \cdots \varphi(u_k).$$

Cumulants as infinitesimal characters

Proposition (Ebrahimi-Fard, Patras -2015)

Let $\rho, \kappa, \beta \in \mathfrak{g}(\mathcal{A})$ the infinitesimal characters solving

$$\Phi = \exp_*(\rho),$$

$$\Phi = \epsilon + \kappa \prec \Phi$$

and

$$\Phi = \epsilon + \Phi \succ \beta.$$

Then, ρ, κ, β correspond to the **monotone cumulants**, **free cumulants** and **boolean cumulants**, respectively.

For any word $\mathbf{u} = a_1 \cdots a_n \in \mathcal{A}^{\otimes n}$, we have

$$h_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \rho(\mathbf{u}), r_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \kappa(\mathbf{u}), b_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \beta(\mathbf{u}).$$

Characters

The set of group-like elements $G(V) \subset \mathcal{L}_V$ forms a group with respect to the convolution $*$. The inverse of an element $\Phi \in G(V)$ is

$$\Phi^{-1} = \Phi \circ S.$$

The set $\mathfrak{g}(V) \subset \mathcal{L}_V$ of **infinitesimal characters** forms a Lie algebra with Lie bracket defined by the commutator in \mathcal{L}_V .

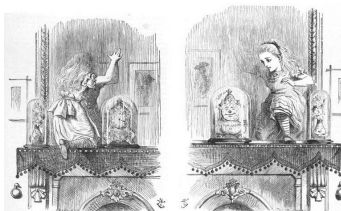
Inversion formulas

Proposition (Ebrahimi-Fard, Patras (2018))

The free cumulant κ and boolean cumulant β satisfy the relations

$$\kappa = (\Phi - \epsilon) \prec \Phi^{-1} \text{ and } \beta = \Phi^{-1} \succ (\Phi - \epsilon).$$

"We can look at κ and β through the inversion formula $\Phi^{-1} = \Phi \circ S$."



Antipode formula for the double tensor algebra

The Takeuchi's formula for the antipode

$$S(w) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k |^{(k-1)} \circ (\text{id} - \iota\varepsilon)^{\otimes k} \circ \Delta^{(k-1)}(w),$$

where $|^{-1} := \iota$ and $\Delta^{(-1)} := \varepsilon$, may contains several cancellations ($S(a|bcd)$ contains 75 terms, which reduces to 11 after cancellation).

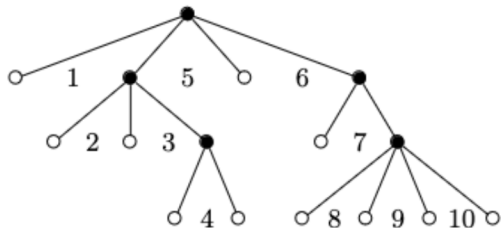
The following result helps to efficiently determines the antipode of $T(T_+(V))$.

Theorem (Celestino - V.)

Let $w = u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n \in V^{\otimes n}$. The action of the antipode over u is given by the following cancellation-free and grouping-free formula:

$$S(w) = \sum_{t \in \text{Sch}(n)} (-1)^{i(t)} w_t,$$

where $\text{Sch}(n)$ is the set of Schroder trees with $n + 1$ leaves.



$$w_t = 156|23|4|7|89|10$$

Proposition (Josuat-Vergès, Menous, Novelli, Thibon / Arizmendi, Celestino / Celestino - V.)

Let (\mathcal{A}, φ) be a non-commutative probability space and $\{k_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be its free cumulants. Then, for any $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{A}$ we have:

$$k_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{t \in \text{PSch}(n)} (-1)^{i(t)-1} \varphi_{\pi(t)}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

If $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ are the Boolean cumulants, then

$$b_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{t \in \text{BSch}(n)} (-1)^{i(t)-1} \varphi_{\pi(t)}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Species



André Joyal, Alain Connes, Olivia Caramello
and Laurent Lafforgue, IHES (2015)

The theory of *combinatorial species* was introduced by [André Joyal](#) in 1980. Species can be seen as a *categorification* of generating functions. It provides a categorical foundation for enumerative combinatorics.

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We can speak of monoids, comonoids, ..., in species.

$$h[S] \otimes h[T] \xrightarrow{\mu_{S,T}} h[I] \qquad h[I] \xrightarrow{\Delta_{S,T}} h[S] \otimes h[T].$$

Examples of species

- Species E of **sets**:

$$E[I] := \mathbb{K}\{*_I\}.$$

- Species E_n of **n -sets**:

$$E_n[I] := \begin{cases} \mathbb{K}\{*_I\}, & \text{if } |I| = n; \\ (0), & \text{if } |I| \neq n. \end{cases}$$

- Species $X := E_1$ of sets of one element.
- Species Π of **partitions**.
- Species L of **linear orders**.
- Species G of **graphs**:

$$G[I] := \mathbb{K}\{\text{finite graphs with vertices in } I\}.$$

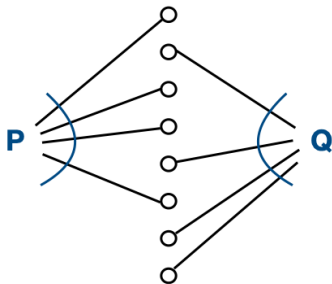
Operations on species

■ Sum of species

$$(p + q)[I] := p[I] \oplus q[I].$$

■ Product of species (Cauchy product)

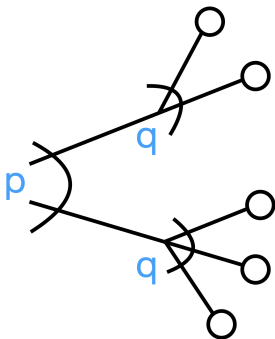
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■ Composition of species

$$(p \circ q)[I] := \bigoplus_{\pi \in \Pi[I]} p[\pi] \otimes \bigotimes_{B \in \pi} q[B].$$



Generating function of a species

To every species \mathbf{p} it is associated its **exponential generating function**:

$$\mathbf{p}(x) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathbf{p}[n] \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

We have:

$$(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})(x) = \mathbf{p}(x) + \mathbf{q}(x),$$

$$(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q})(x) = \mathbf{p}(x) \cdot \mathbf{q}(x),$$

$$(\mathbf{p} \circ \mathbf{q})(x) = \mathbf{p}(x) \circ \mathbf{q}(x).$$

For the last identity, $\mathbf{q}[\emptyset] := (\mathbf{0})$.

Cumulants from Hopf monoids (Aguiar-Mahajan)

Let h be a species.

The n -th cumulant of h is

$$k_n(h) = \sum_{\pi \vdash I} \mu(\{I\}, \pi) \dim_{\mathbb{k}} h(\pi),$$

where $h(\pi) := \bigotimes_{B \in \pi} h[B]$.

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Proposition (Aguiar-Mahajan)

For any *finite-dimensional cocommutative connected bimonoid* h , the dimension of its primitive part is

$$\dim_{\mathbb{k}} \mathcal{P}(h)[I] = k_{|I|}(h).$$

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Question: are these integers non-negative? What conditions on h ?

The cumulant-to-moment formulas come from different notions of “connected structures” of combinatorial objects.

Theorem (V. - 2024)

Let p be a positive species.

- if $h = E \circ p$, then, $k_{|I|}(h) = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} p[I]$;
- if $h = E \circ_{\text{NC}} p$, then, $c_{|I|}(h) = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} p[I]$;
- if $h = E \diamond p$, then, $b_{|I|}(h) = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} p[I]$.

Work in progress

- An algebraic model for several notions of non-commutative independences was presented by Ebrahimi-Fard and Patras. It involves infinitesimal characters on a certain Hopf algebra.
- Understanding this approach in terms of species and algebraic structures in the monoidal category of species (monoids, comonoids, Lie monoids, bimonoids) might give a better insight of the combinatorics behind moment-to-cumulant formulae.
- Universality of $E \circ_{\text{NC}} p$ (analogue to the *free and cofree* monoid in species).
- Operadic notion using non-crossing composition (rigid and classic species).
- What's next?

Geometrical notion of independence(s)?

Polytope	Hopf monoid	Independence
Permutahedron	Π	Classical
Associahedron	F	Monotone
Cyclohedron	C	Conditional monotone
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

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