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# *Symmetry*

*"The universe is built on a plan the profound symmetry of which is somehow present in the inner structure of our intellect."*

*- Paul Valery*

*"...symmetry is often a constituent of beauty..."*

*-Winston Churchill*

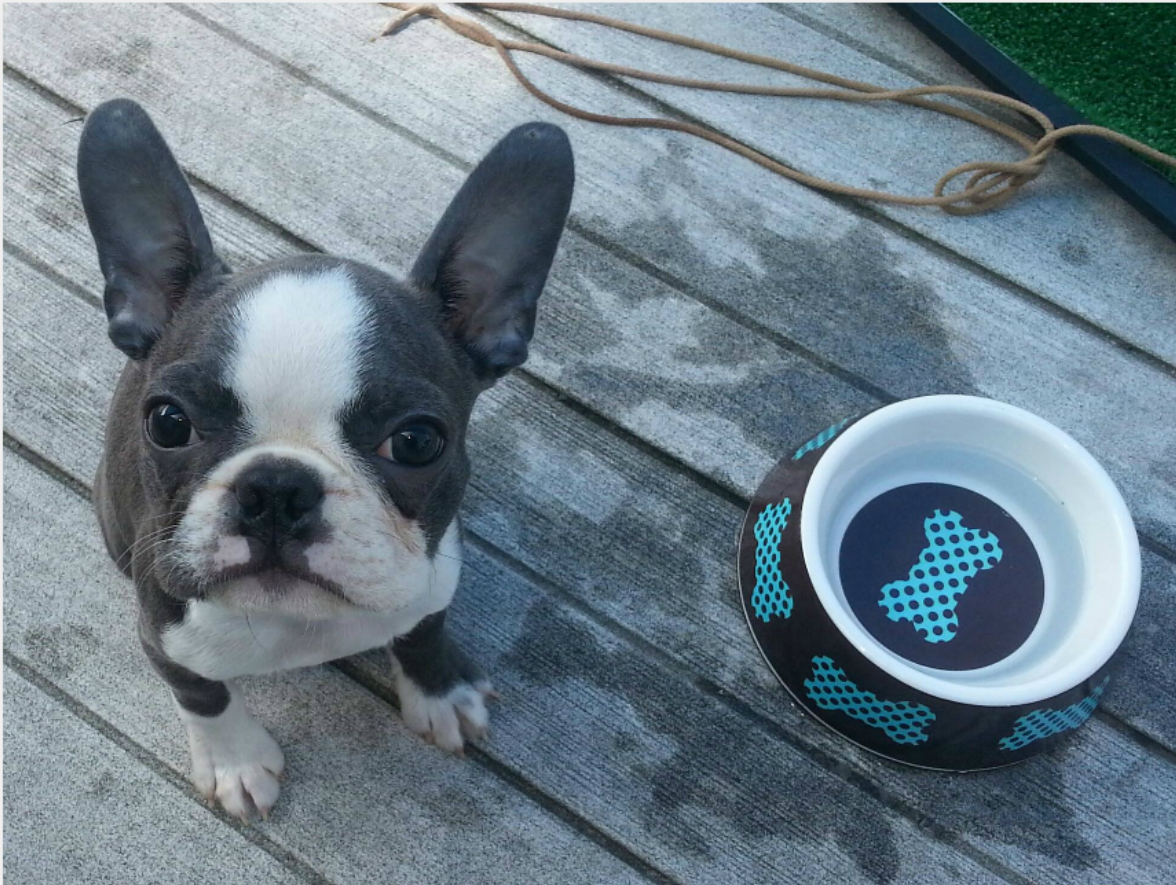


Fig: Mr. Mischief Maker



Fig: Dr. Boom-Boom

WHO IS MORE BEAUTIFUL?

# GROUPS & SYMMETRY

Given an object  $X$ , a **symmetry** of  $X$  is an invertible property-preserving transformation from  $X$  to itself.

The collection of symmetries of an object  $X$  forms a **group**  $G$ .



Fig: Butterfly

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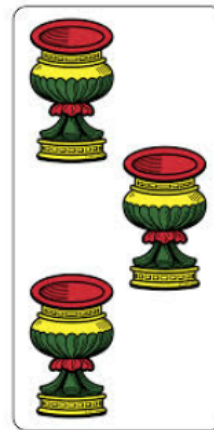


Fig: Configuration  
of 3 cups

$$G = S_3$$

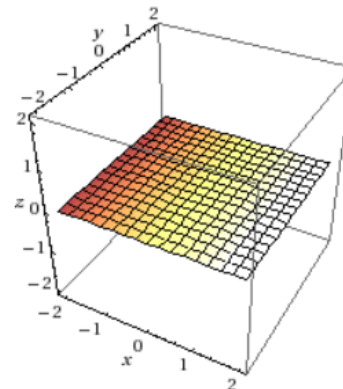


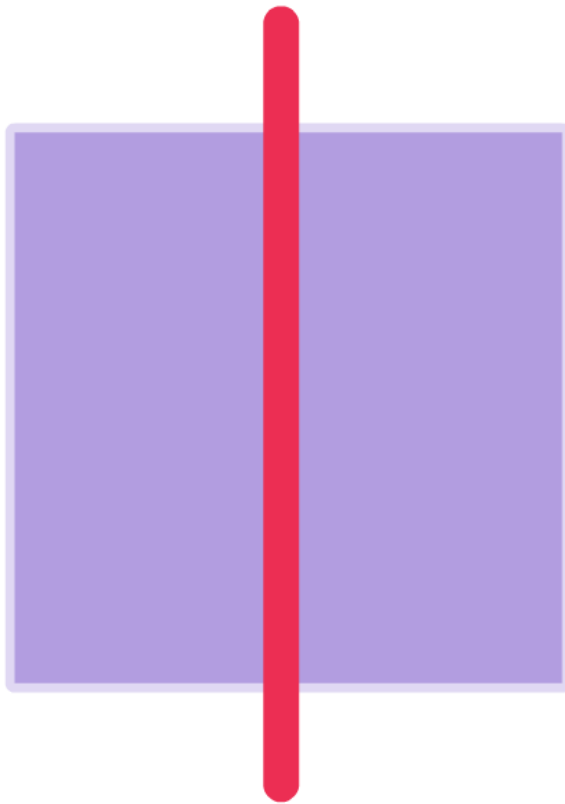
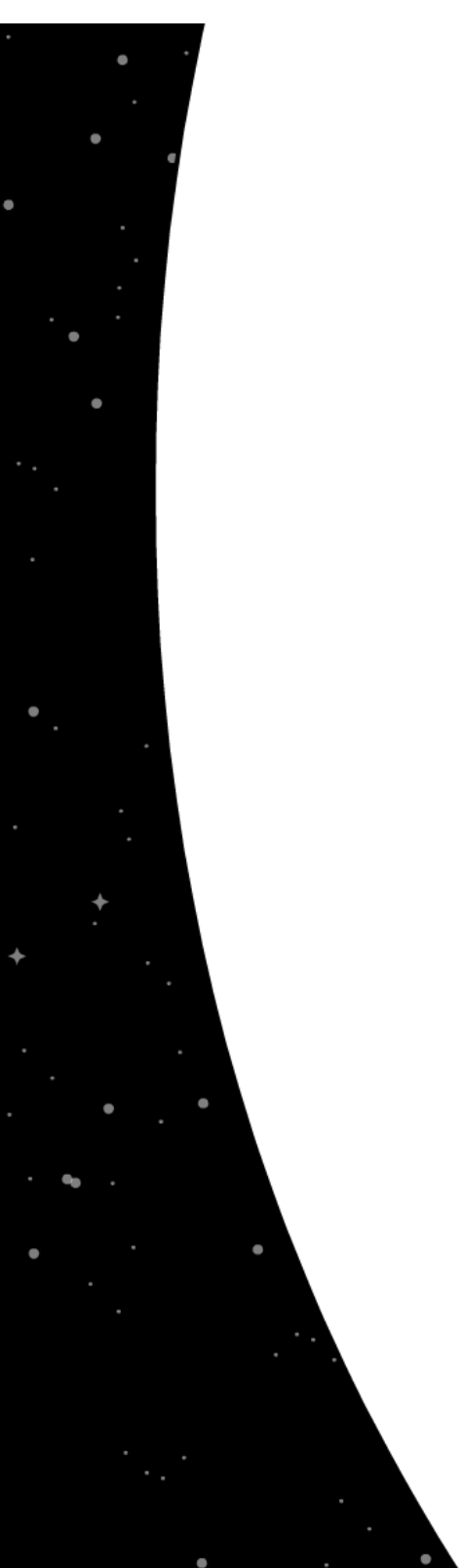
Fig: Real 2-space

$$G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

***SYMMETRIES:  
GOTTA CATCH THEM ALL...***

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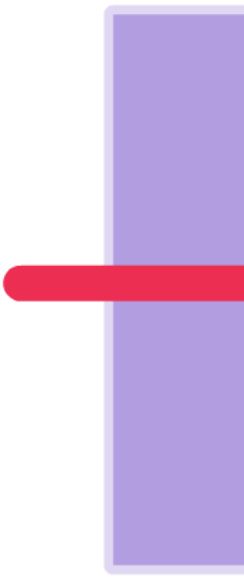




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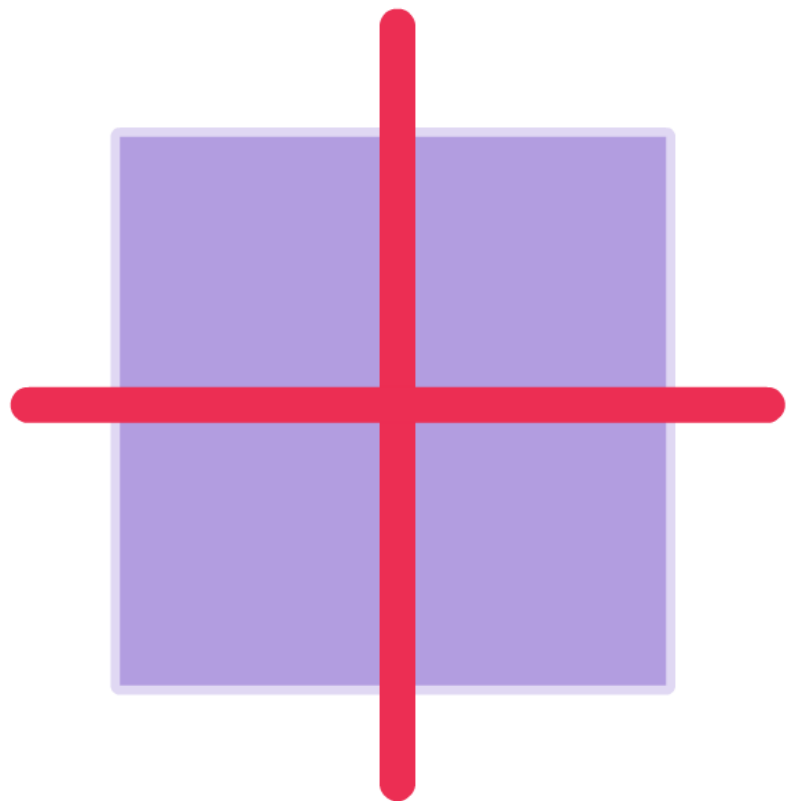
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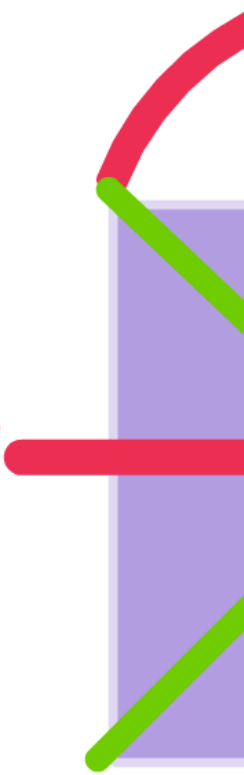


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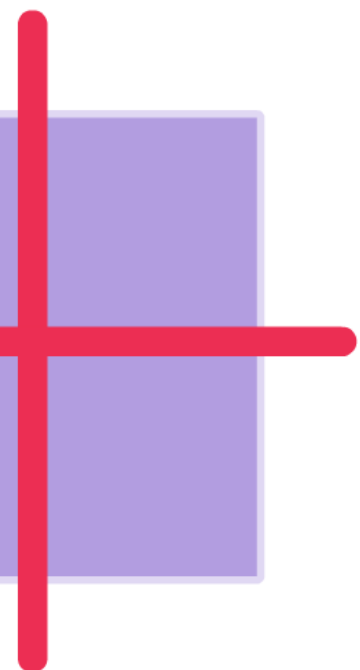
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$$\mathbb{Z}_2$$

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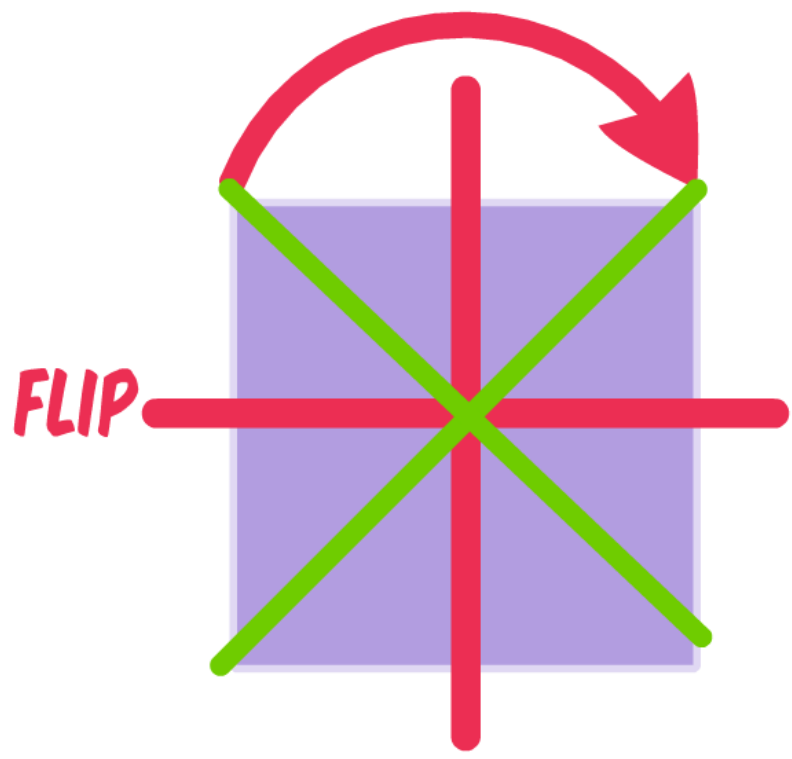




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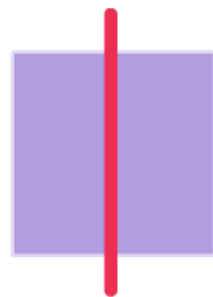
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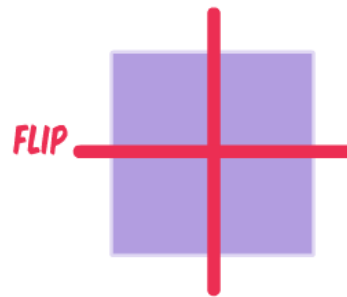


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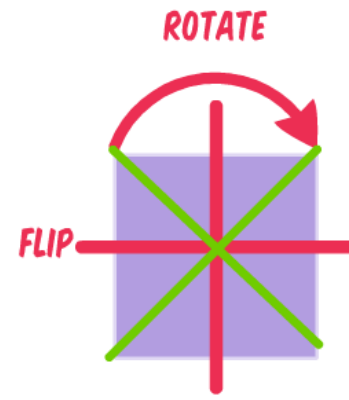
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**GOT THEM ALL!**

(WELL, IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD,  
LIKE MOVE THE SQUARE OFF OF THE PLANE)

# GROUPS & SYMMETRIES

**NATURAL QUESTION:  
DOES EACH (FINITE) GROUP ARISE AS THE  
COLLECTION OF SYMMETRIES OF A NICE OBJECT?**

**CYCLIC GROUPS.....CHECK**  
**SYMMETRIC GROUPS.....CHECK**  
**DIHEDRAL GROUPS.....CHECK**  
**THE QUATERNION GROUP.....YEP, CHECK. SEE:**



**(STILL AN OPEN QUESTION THOUGH)**



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# The Quaternion Group as a Symmetry Group

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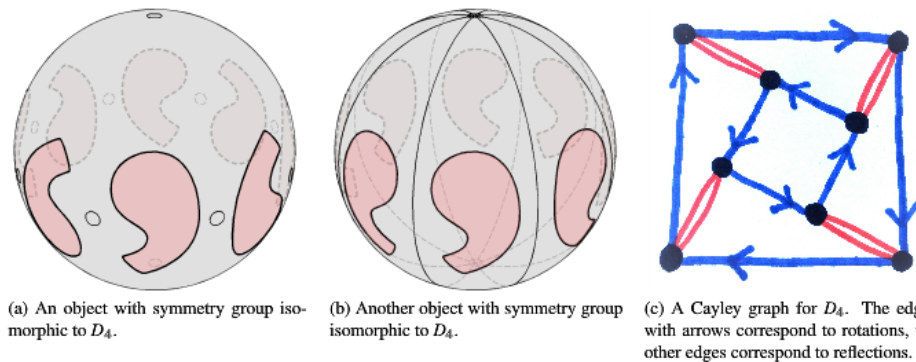
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## Abstract

We briefly review the distinction between abstract groups and symmetry groups of objects, and discuss the question of which groups have appeared as the symmetry groups of physical objects. To our knowledge, the quaternion group (a beautiful group with eight elements) has not appeared in this fashion. We describe the quaternion group, both formally and intuitively, and give our strategy for representing the quaternion group as the symmetry group of a physical sculpture.

## 1 Introduction

A *symmetry* of an object is a geometric transformation which leaves the object unchanged. So, for example, an object with 3-fold rotational symmetry has three symmetries: rotation by  $120^\circ$ , rotation by  $240^\circ$ , and the trivial symmetry, where we do nothing. The symmetries of an object naturally form a group under composition. Care must be taken to differentiate between the symmetry group of an object, consisting of geometric transformations that leave the object unchanged, and the abstract group, which only contains information about how the elements of the group interact with each other under composition.



(a) An object with symmetry group isomorphic to  $D_4$ . (b) Another object with symmetry group isomorphic to  $D_4$ . (c) A Cayley graph for  $D_4$ . The edges with arrows correspond to rotations, the other edges correspond to reflections.

Figure 1: Symmetric designs on the sphere.

As an example, consider the objects pictured in Figure 1. The object shown in Figure 1a has no planes of mirror symmetry, but has ten *gyration points* (points of rotational symmetry, marked with a small circle). The symmetry group of this object consists of rotations about these gyration points by multiples of either  $90^\circ$  or  $180^\circ$  (depending on the kind of gyration point). The object shown in Figure 1b has four planes of

the six neighbouring cubical cells, three copies of itself following the same mat-

The obvious (perhaps even canonical) choice for such a design is, of course, a monkey. See Figure 6. With appropriate posing of the monkey, its bilateral symmetry can be broken, and including the head and tail it has six limbs, one for each face of the cube. The monkey's left foot stands on the head of a neighbour, the left hand grabs a neighbour's right foot, and the right hand grabs a neighbour's tail. By symmetry, everything that goes around comes around – so the other three neighbours of this monkey are standing on this monkey's head, grabbing its right foot, and grabbing its tail.

The monkey was designed in a Euclidean cube. It was then run through eight different transformations in order to move eight copies of it to the appropriate positions in  $S^3$  and then back to  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by stereographic projection. The first step of all of these transformations is to project the Euclidean cube into a curved cube in  $S^3$ . This is done in exactly the same way as projecting a point  $(1, x, y, z)$  on one of the cells of

Now that the design is on  $S^3$ , we run through eight transformations, and stereographify from – we put the north pole at a vertex – so the monkeys are as far from infinity as possible. They are as close to each other as possible. Very small features of the entire sculpture up, but only so far as the

The resulting sculpture is shown in Figure 2. At all: every monkey is different if we consider the appropriate isometries of the 3-sphere. From this vantage point the two larger, outer monkeys and two smaller, inner monkeys have hand-foot and hand-tail connections.

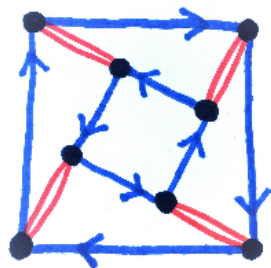
Each monkey sits inside of a cell of the 3-dimensional faces of the hypercube.

## Symmetry Group

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This is done in exactly the same way that a cubical cell of the hypercube is radially projected onto the hypersphere  $S^3$ . To be precise, we think of a point  $(x, y, z)$  in the Euclidean cube  $[-1, 1]^3$  as actually being the point  $(1, x, y, z)$  on one of the cells of the Euclidean hypercube  $[-1, 1]^4$ , and map it to  $S^3$  by

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \frac{(1, x, y, z)}{\sqrt{1 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}.$$

Now that the design is on  $S^3$ , we (right) multiply it by  $1, i, j, k, -1, -i, -j$  and  $-k$  respectively for the eight transformations, and stereographically project each back to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . There is a choice of where to project from – we put the north pole at a vertex of the hypercube, so that in the projection the copies of the monkey are as far from infinity as possible. This makes the resulting features of the eight monkeys as near in size to each other as possible. Very small features may be too fragile to 3D print – to avoid this we can scale the entire sculpture up, but only so far as the largest features fit within the printer and our budget.

The resulting sculpture is shown in Figure 7. Note that the sculpture has no “ordinary” symmetries at all: every monkey is different if we only consider isometries of 3-dimensional space. However, under the appropriate isometries of the 3-sphere (as seen through the lens of stereographic projection) they are all identical. From this vantage point the three pairs of axes of rotation have equal billing: each circle consists of two larger, outer monkeys and two smaller, inner monkeys. The three pairs of axes go through the head-foot, hand-foot and hand-tail connections.

Each monkey sits inside of a cell of the hypercube and connects to its neighbours through the 2-dimensional faces of the hypercube. Therefore, taken together they form the edges and vertices of the

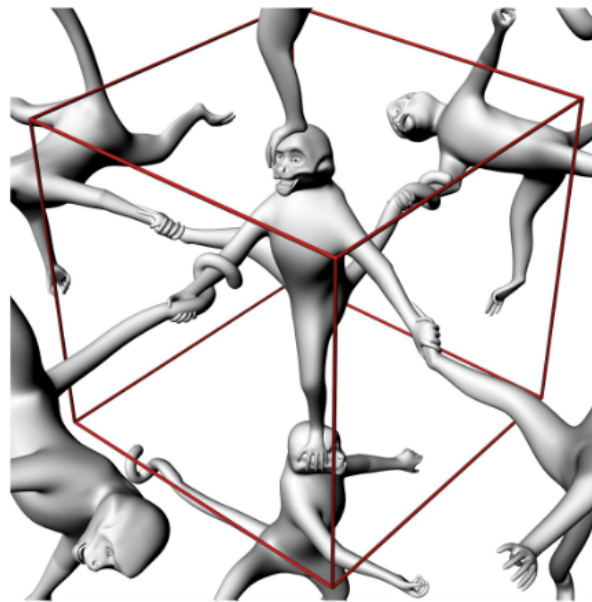


Figure 6: The monkey in a Euclidean cube, prior to mapping into  $S^3$ , with six neighbours.

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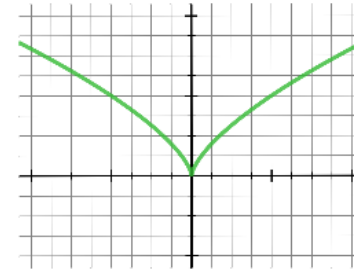
**STUDY SYMMETRIES OF  
ALGEBRAS OVER A FIELD  $K$ ,**

**(I.E. THAT HAVE AN UNDERLYING  $K$ -VECTOR SPACE STRUCTURE)**

**ESPECIALLY SYMMETRIES OF  
NONCOMMUTATIVE  $K$ -ALGEBRAS**

# SYMMETRIES OF AFFINE VARIETIES

An **affine variety**  $X$  in affine  $n$ -space  $\mathbb{A}^n$  over a ground field  $\mathbb{k}$  is the vanishing set of a (finite) set of polynomials in  $\mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .



$$V(x^2 - y^3) \subset \mathbb{A}^2$$

Symmetries of affine varieties also form a group.

$$G = \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle x \mapsto -x \rangle$$

Classical Geometry

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Commutative Algebra

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 Action of a group  $G$  on an affine variety  $X$ ...  
 $G \times X \rightarrow X$  ... is a morphism in  $\mathbf{Aff}_{\mathbb{k}}$ .  
 $\therefore G$  is a group  $\hat{e}$  an affine variety, hence a linear algebraic group  
 $\therefore G = [G, m, e, i]$   
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# Classical Geometry



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# QUANTUM SYMMETRIES OF QUANTUM AFFINE VARIETIES

Noncommutative Geometry  $\longleftrightarrow$  Noncommutative Algebra

Action of a Quantum Group  
on a  
Quantum Affine Variety

Coaction of a  
noncommutative  
Hopf algebra  
on a  
noncommutative  
algebra



Fig: Quantum Variety

# HOPF ALGEBRAS AND THEIR (CO)ACTIONS ON ALGEBRAS

## Hopf algebras

A Hopf algebra  $H = (H, m_H, u_H, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  over a field  $k$  is an associative algebra  $(H, m_H, u_H)$ , a coassociative coalgebra  $(H, \Delta, \epsilon)$ , with antipode map  $S$ , satisfying compatibility conditions.

Take  $\tau : H \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes H$ , with  $h \otimes \ell \mapsto \ell \otimes h$ .

$H$  is **commutative** if  $(H, m_H, u_H)$  is commutative: i.e.,  $m_H \circ \tau = m_H$ .

$H$  is **cocommutative** if  $(H, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is cocommutative: i.e.,  $\tau \circ \Delta = \Delta$ .

## Classical Examples:

- group algebra  $k[G]$ : we have for  $g \in G$   
 $m \vee u \vee \Delta(g) = g \otimes g \quad \epsilon(g) = 1_k \quad S(g) = g^{-1}$ .
- universal enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ : for  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$   
 $m \vee u \vee \Delta(x) = 1_H \otimes x + x \otimes 1_H \quad \epsilon(x) = 0_k \quad S(x) = -x$ .
- $k[G]$  and  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  are cocommutative.
- $k[G]$  (resp.,  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ ) are commutative  $\iff G$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) is abelian.
- $\mathcal{O}(G)$  is commutative.

## Hopf actions on algebras

We say that a Hopf algebra  $H = (H, m_H, u_H, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  over  $k$  acts on an algebra  $A = (A, m_A, u_A)$  over  $k$  if

$A$  is an  $H$ -module algebra:

$A$  is an  $H$ -module, and  $m_A$  and  $u_A$  of  $A$  are  $H$ -morphisms.

We need boxed equations to hold below for any  $a, b \in A$  and  $h \in H$  with  $\Delta(h) = \sum h_1 \otimes h_2$  (Sweedler notation):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m_H \otimes m_A} & H \otimes A \\
 \downarrow \text{b-action} & & \downarrow \text{b-action} \\
 A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m_A} & A \\
 \downarrow \text{b-action} & & \downarrow \text{b-action} \\
 k & \xrightarrow{u_A} & A
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 h \otimes a \otimes b & \xrightarrow{\quad} & h \otimes ab \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \sum (h_1 \cdot a) \otimes (h_2 \cdot b) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & [h \cdot (ab)] = \sum (h_1 \cdot a) \otimes (h_2 \cdot b)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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 \end{array}
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 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \epsilon(h) 1_A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & [h \cdot 1_A] = \epsilon(h) 1_A
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 \downarrow \text{b-coaction} & & \downarrow \text{b-coaction} \\
 k \otimes H & \xrightarrow{u_A \otimes H} & A \otimes H
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 a \otimes b & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \rho(a) \otimes \rho(b) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \rho(a) \otimes \rho(b) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & [\rho(ab)] = \rho(a) \otimes \rho(b)
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 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 1_H \otimes 1_H & \xrightarrow{\quad} & [\rho(1_A)] = 1_H \otimes 1_H
 \end{array}$$

## Classical examples of Hopf (co)actions on algebras

Action by **cocommutative Hopf algebra on commutative algebra**

Take group alg.  $k[SL_2]$  gen. by matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(k)$  with  $a_1^2 + b_1^2 - a_2^2 - b_2^2 = 1$

$k[SL_2]$  acts on  $k[u, v]$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ c_1 & c_2 \end{pmatrix} u = c_1 u + c_2 v, \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{pmatrix} v = c_1 v + c_2 u$

Take universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ , as an algebra:

$$(h, x, y \mid hx - xh = 2x, hy - yh = -2y, xy - yx = h)$$

$U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  acts on  $k[u, v, w]$  by  $\begin{matrix} h \cdot u = -2u, & h \cdot v = 0, & h \cdot w = 2w \\ x \cdot u = v, & x \cdot v = 2w, & x \cdot w = 0 \\ y \cdot u = 0, & y \cdot v = 2u, & y \cdot w = v \end{matrix}$

Coaction by **commutative Hopf algebra on commutative algebra**

Take coordinate alg. of algebraic group  $\mathcal{O}(SL_2) = k[\alpha_{ij}]_{i,j=1,2} / (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} = 1)$ , with  $\Delta(\alpha_{ij}) = \sum_{k,l=1}^2 \alpha_{kl} \otimes \alpha_{ij-kl}, \epsilon(\alpha_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}, S(\alpha_{ij}) = (-1)^i \alpha_{i+1, j-1}$  (indices mod 2).

$\mathcal{O}(SL_2)$  coacts on  $k[u, v]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes \alpha_{11} + v \otimes \alpha_{21}, v \mapsto u \otimes \alpha_{12} + v \otimes \alpha_{22}$

## Hopf algebras

A Hopf algebra  $H = (H, m_H, u_H, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  over a field  $\mathbb{k}$  is an associative algebra  $(H, m_H, u_H)$ , a coassociative coalgebra  $(H, \Delta, \epsilon)$ , with antipode map  $S$ , satisfying compatibility conditions.

Take  $\tau : H \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes H$ , with  $h \otimes \ell \mapsto \ell \otimes h$ .

$H$  is **commutative** if  $(H, m_H, u_H)$  is commutative: i.e.,  $m_H \circ \tau = m_H$ .

$H$  is **cocommutative** if  $(H, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is cocommutative: i.e.,  $\tau \circ \Delta = \Delta$ .

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### Classical Examples:

- group algebra  $\mathbb{k}G$ : we have for  $g \in G$   
 $m \checkmark \quad u \checkmark \quad \Delta(g) = g \otimes g \quad \epsilon(g) = 1_{\mathbb{k}} \quad S(g) = g^{-1}$ .
- universal enveloping algebra of a Lie algebra  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ : for  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$   
 $m \checkmark \quad u \checkmark \quad \Delta(x) = 1_H \otimes x + x \otimes 1_H \quad \epsilon(x) = 0_{\mathbb{k}} \quad S(x) = -x$ .
- $\mathbb{k}G$  and  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  are cocommutative.
- $\mathbb{k}G$  (resp.,  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ ) are commutative  $\iff G$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{g}$ ) is abelian
- $\mathcal{O}(G)$  is commutative.

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 H \otimes A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_H \otimes m_A} & H \otimes A \\
 \downarrow \text{h-action} & & \downarrow \text{h-action} \\
 A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{m_A} & A
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 h \otimes a \otimes b & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & h \otimes ab \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \sum (h_1 \cdot a) \otimes (h_2 \cdot b) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \boxed{h \cdot (ab) = \sum (h_1 \cdot a) \otimes (h_2 \cdot b)}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H \otimes \mathbb{k} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_H \otimes u_A} & H \otimes A \\
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 \mathbb{k} & \xrightarrow{u_A} & A
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h \otimes 1_{\mathbb{k}} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & h \otimes 1_A \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \epsilon(h)1_{\mathbb{k}} & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \boxed{h \cdot 1_A = \epsilon(h)1_A}
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 \mathbb{k} \otimes H & \xrightarrow{u_A \otimes \text{id}_H} & A \otimes H
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{k}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{1}_A \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{k}} \otimes \mathbf{1}_H & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \boxed{\rho(\mathbf{1}_A) = \mathbf{1}_A \otimes \mathbf{1}_H}
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$x \cdot u = v,$	$x \cdot v = 2w,$	$x \cdot w = 0$
$y \cdot u = 0,$	$y \cdot v = 2u,$	$y \cdot w = v$

Coaction by **commutative Hopf algebra** on **commutative algebra**

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with  $\Delta(e_{ij}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^2 e_{i\ell} \otimes e_{\ell j}, \quad \epsilon(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}, \quad S(e_{ij}) = (-1)^{j-i} e_{i+1, j+1}$  (indices mod 2).

$\mathcal{O}(SL_2)$  coacts on  $\mathbb{k}[u, v]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes e_{11} + v \otimes e_{21}, \quad v \mapsto u \otimes e_{12} + v \otimes e_{22}$



# PROTOTYPICAL EXAMPLES OF QUANTUM SYMMETRY: ACTIONS / COACTIONS ON THE QUANTUM PLANE

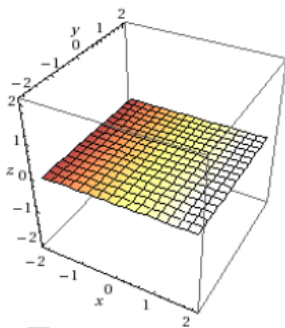


Fig:  
Affine 2-space

replace plane with coordinate ring:

$$\mathbb{k}[x, y] = \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle x, y \rangle}{(xy - yx)}$$

polynomial algebra

$$\mathbb{k}_q[x, y] = \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle x, y \rangle}{(xy - qyx)}$$

$q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$   
q-polynomial algebra



Fig:  
Quantum 2-space

q-deform classical symmetries to get  
quantum symmetries....

**Classical Symmetry:**  
Classified by commutative Hopf algebras on commutative algebras  
Take coordinate algebra of algebraic group  
 $R(SL_2) = \mathbb{k}\langle x, y, z, w \rangle / (xw - yz)$   
with  $\Delta(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i \otimes x^i$ ,  $\epsilon(x) = x$ ,  $S(x) = (-1)^i x^i$  (indices mod 2)  
 $R(SL_2)$  acts on  $\mathbb{k}[x, y]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes x + v \otimes y$ ,  $v \mapsto u \otimes y + v \otimes x$

**Quantum Symmetry:**  
Classified by noncocommutative Hopf algebras on noncommutative algebras  
Take coordinate algebra of quantum algebraic group, for  $q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$   
 $R_q(SL_2) = \mathbb{k}\langle x, y, z, w \rangle / (xw - qyz)$   
 $\begin{cases} x_1 x_2 = q x_2 x_1 & x_1 z = q z x_1 \\ x_1 y = q y x_1 & x_1 w = q w x_1 \\ x_2 z = q z x_2 & x_2 w = q w x_2 \\ x_2 y = q y x_2 & x_2 w = q w x_2 \\ yz = q zy & zw = q wz \\ yw = q wy & zw = q wz \end{cases}$   
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 $R_q(SL_2)$  acts on  $\mathbb{k}[x, y]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes x + v \otimes y$ ,  $v \mapsto u \otimes y + v \otimes x$

## Classical Symmetry:

Coaction by **commutative Hopf algebra** on **commutative algebra**

Take coordinate algebra of algebraic group

$$\mathcal{O}(SL_2) = \mathbb{k}[e_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2 / (e_{11}e_{22} - e_{12}e_{21} = 1),$$

with  $\Delta(e_{ij}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^2 e_{i\ell} \otimes e_{\ell j}$ ,  $\epsilon(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $S(e_{ij}) = (-1)^{j-i} e_{i+1,j+1}$  (indices mod 2).

$\mathcal{O}(SL_2)$  coacts on  $\mathbb{k}[u, v]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes e_{11} + v \otimes e_{21}$ ,  $v \mapsto u \otimes e_{12} + v \otimes e_{22}$

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## Quantum Symmetry:

Coaction by **noncom. Hopf algebra** on **noncommutative algebra**

Take coordinate algebra of quantized algebraic group, for  $q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ ,

$$\mathcal{O}_q(SL_2) = \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle e_{11}, e_{12}, e_{21}, e_{22} \rangle}{\left( \begin{array}{ll} e_{11}e_{12} = qe_{12}e_{11}, & e_{11}e_{21} = qe_{21}e_{11}, \\ e_{12}e_{22} = qe_{22}e_{12}, & e_{21}e_{22} = qe_{22}e_{21}, \\ e_{12}e_{21} = e_{21}e_{12}, & e_{11}e_{22} = e_{22}e_{11} + (q - q^{-1})e_{12}e_{21} \\ e_{11}e_{22} - qe_{12}e_{21} = 1 \end{array} \right)},$$

with  $\Delta(e_{ij}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^2 e_{i\ell} \otimes e_{\ell j}$ ,  $\epsilon(e_{ij}) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $S(e_{ij}) = (-q)^{j-i} e_{i+1,j+1}$  (indices mod 2).

$\mathcal{O}_q(SL_2)$  coacts on  $\mathbb{k}_q[u, v]$  by  $u \mapsto u \otimes e_{11} + v \otimes e_{21}$ ,  $v \mapsto u \otimes e_{12} + v \otimes e_{22}$

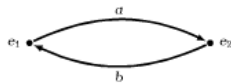
# ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF QUANTUM SYMMETRY

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$k$ -vector space basis of  $A$  = paths of quiver

Multiplication of  $A$  = concatenation of paths, 0 elsewhere

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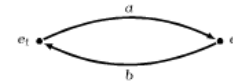
Eg.  $e_1 a = a$  in  $A$ ,  $ab \in A$ ,  $a^2 = 0$  in  $A$

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Example continued:  $A$  also admits quantum symmetry



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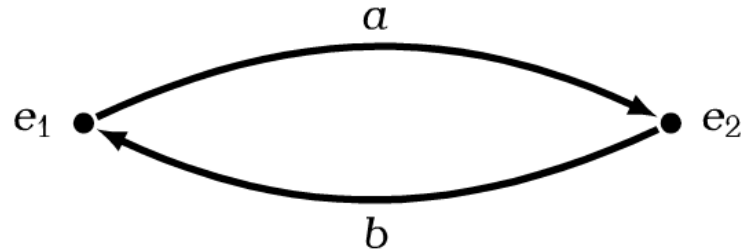
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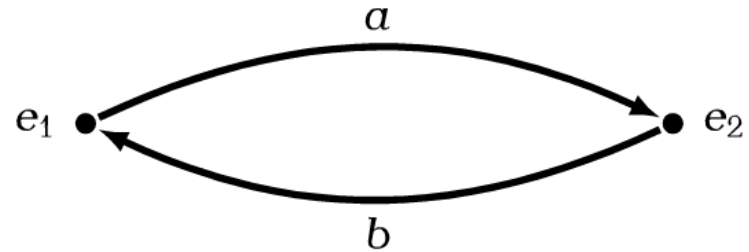
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for  $\gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{k}$

# **MAIN QUESTION**

**When does there exist  
"genuine" quantum symmetry?**

**When are there actions (resp., coactions) of  
Hopf algebras that do not factor through  
actions (resp., coactions) of  
classical Hopf algebras?**

**Classical Hopf algebras = those that are com. or cocom.  
e.g. group algebras, universal enveloping algebras,  
coordinate algebras of algebraic groups**

**USEFUL HYPOTHESES  
TO IMPOSE**

**TO ANSWER  
MAIN QUESTION**

# HYPOTHESES ON HOPF ALGEBRAS $H$

Could impose that  $H$  is:

- **finite-dimensional** as a vector space, or
- **semisimple** as an algebra (which implies finite-dimensionality), or
- **cosemisimple** as a coalgebra  
[each  $H$ -comodule = direct sum of simple  $H$ -subcomods], or
- **involutive** [the square of the antipode  $S$  of  $H$  is the identity].

If  $H$  is finite-dim'l and characteristic of ground field is 0, then

**semisimple = cosemisimple = involutive.**

**pointed** [every simple  $H$ -comodule is 1-dimensional]

There is a very active program to classify finite-dimensional Hopf algebras  
in the semisimple (resp. pointed) settings.

Group theoretic (resp. Lie theoretic) techniques are employed.



# HYPOTHESES ON ALGEBRAS $A$

Could impose that  $A$  is:

- **homologically nice**
  - finite global or injective dimension
  - a Koszulity condition (Koszul,  $N$ -Koszul,  $K_2$  condition)
  - a Calabi-Yau condition
- **ring-theoretically nice**
  - commutative
  - domain
  - Noetherian or coherent
  - if graded, polynomial growth of graded pieces (finite GK dim)
  - nice vector basis of monomials (PBW property)

There is a very active program to study  
homological analogues of commutative polynomial rings:  
"Artin-Schelter regular algebras", and more generally, "skew Calabi-Yau algebras".

## HYPOTHESES ON ACTION OF HOPF ALGEBRA $H$ ON ALGEBRA $A$

If  $A$  is graded (resp., filtered), then one could ask that the  $H$ -action on  $A$  preserves this grading (resp., filtration).

Could also use the homological (co)determinant of  $H$ -(co)action on  $A$

Related to the quantum determinant in the literature

Eg., to get an analogue of a result involving group actions with  $G < SL(V)$ , impose trivial homological determinant

Avoiding technicalities here,

$\text{hdet}(H, A)$  is an  $H$ -morphism from  $H$  to the ground field;  
it is trivial if equal to counit map of  $H$ .

$\text{hcodet}(H, A)$  arises as a "group-like element" in  $H$ ;  
it is trivial if equal to the unit element of  $H$ .

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Main Results  
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# No Quantum Symmetry

Recall: Actions of groups  $G$  (or  $kG$ ) and Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}$  (or  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ ) are considered classical, and that  $kG$  and  $U(\mathfrak{g})$  are cocommutative:  $\Delta = \tau \circ \Delta$ , where  $\tau(h \otimes f) = f \otimes h$ , for  $h, f \in H$ .

**Theorem** (Cartier-Kostant-Milnor-Moore). If  $H$  is a cocommutative Hopf algebra over an alg. closed field of characteristic 0, then  $H \cong U(\mathfrak{g}) \# kG$ , for some  $G \curvearrowright \mathfrak{g}$ . Further, if  $H$  is finite-dimensional, then  $H \cong kG$ , for some group  $G$ .

Given an Hopf  $H$ -action on an algebra  $A$ , we say there is **No Quantum Symmetry** when this action must factor through the action of a cocommutative Hopf algebra.

There are lots of **No Quantum Symmetry results** in the analytic setting (outside of the scope of this talk).

There,  $A$  is the function algebra of a geometric object (e.g. sphere, torus, certain manifolds).

So,  $A$  is a commutative domain.

Please see references.

**No Quantum Symmetry results for  $H$ -actions on commutative domains**

Below, Hopf actions must factor through the action of a cocom. Hopf algebra

Conditions on $A$	on $H$	on $A$	on action	Reference
char 0 alg. closed	semisimple ( $\Rightarrow$ finite-dim & cossy)	commutative domains	free	[Etingof-VX, 311-4]
char $> 0$ alg. closed	semisimple & cocommutative	commutative domains	free	[Etingof-VX, 311-4]
char $> 0$ alg. closed	finite-dim <sup>2</sup> & cocommutative	commutative domains	free	[Skryabin, 3036]

**No Quantum Symmetry results for  $H$ -actions on quantizations of com. domains and other algebras**

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Here,  $\mathfrak{h}$  is algebraically closed of characteristic 0.

Conditions on $H$	on $A$	on action	Reference
finite-dim <sup>2</sup>	Proj algebra $A, \mathfrak{h}$	free	[Skryabin-Proud'vin to appear]
semisimple	Proj for $\mathfrak{g}$ in char <sup>2</sup> $PSL_2$ & $SL_2$ over an algebraic closure of some quadratic extension of $\mathfrak{h}$	free	[Etingof-VX, submitted]
semisimple & cocommutative	division algebras $\mathfrak{h}$	$SL_2$ & $SL_3$ over $\mathfrak{h}$	[Skryabin-Proud'vin to appear]
finite-dim <sup>2</sup>	$SU_2$ & $SO_3$ $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathbb{C}^*$ algebra	free, and free	[Skryabin-Proud'vin to appear]

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Below, Hopf actions must factor through the action of a cocom. Hopf algebra.

Conditions on $\mathbb{k}$	on $H$	on $A$	on action	Reference
char 0 alg. closed	semisimple ( $\Rightarrow$ fin-dim & coss)	commutative domain	(none)	[Etingof-W, 2014]
char $> 0$ alg. closed	semisimple & cosemisimple	commutative domain	(none)	[Etingof-W, 2014]
char $> 0$ alg. closed	finite-dim'l & cosemisimple	commutative domain	(none)	[Skryabin, 2016]

# No Quantum Symmetry results for

## $H$ -actions on quantizations of com. domains and other algebras:

Below, Hopf actions must factor through the action of a cocom. Hopf algebra.

Here,  $\mathbb{k}$  is algebraically closed of characteristic 0.

Conditions on $H$	on $A$	on action	Reference
finite-dim'l	Weyl algebra $A_n(\mathbb{k})$	(none)	[Cuadra-Etingof-W, to appear]
semisimple	$U(\mathfrak{g})$ for $\mathfrak{g}$ fin dim'l, $D(X)$ diff. op. on smooth aff var., generic Sklyanin algebras, twisted homog coord rings	(none)	[Etingof-W, submitted]
semisimple & cosemisimple	division algebra $D$	$\dim H$ & $(\deg D)!$ are coprime	[Cuadra-Etingof-W, to appear]
finite-dim'l	$\frac{\mathbb{k}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle}{(x_i x_j - q_{ij} x_j x_i)}$ $q_{ij} \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ generic	pres. grading  (none)	[Chan-W-Zhang]  [Etingof-W, submitted]

**There are lots of No Quantum Symmetry results  
in the analytic setting  
(outside of the scope of this talk).**

There,  $A$  is the function algebra of a geometric object  
(e.g. sphere, torus, certain manifolds).

So,  $A$  is a commutative domain.

Please see references.

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Main Results  
#2

# Genuine Quantum Symmetry

Given an Hopf  $H$ -action on an algebra  $A$ , we say there is **Genuine Quantum Symmetry** when the action does "not" factor through the action of a co-commutative Hopf algebra.

[These permitting]  
We discuss three occurrences of Genuine Quantum Symmetry...

**Genuine Quantum Symmetry on non-co-commutative domains**

The Hopf actions that do not factor through smaller Hopf actions in the setting below are classified:

- $k$  is an algebraically closed field of char. 0
- $H$  is a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra
- $A$  is an Artin-Schelter regular algebra of global dimension 3 (a homological analogue of  $k[x,y,z]$ )
- $H$ -action preserves the grading of  $A$ , subject to  $\text{trivial form 1.4.1}$  ... which is a generalization of the classical setting where  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  acts on  $k[x,y,z]$  linearly and faithfully

Reference: [Chen-Kishinouye-Walsh]

**Genuine Quantum Symmetry on path algebras (1)**

These actions below do not factor through actions of smaller Hopf algebras.

Conditions on $k$	on $H$	on $\mathcal{O}$	con. action	Reference
contains a primitive $n$ -th root of unity $\zeta_n$ , $n \geq 2$	path algebra of $n$ vertices $\mathcal{O}(T_n)$	finite bipartite quiver	preserves covering path length filtration	[Bocklandt-Mu]

Example: We classify Sweedler Hopf  $H^2$ -actions on the path algebra of the triangle

The action of  $\mathcal{O}_3$  on  $k$  gives the  $\dots$

**Galois theoretical property & Galois extensions**

Take  $k$  an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0.  
Say  $H$  is finite-dimensional, **Galois theoretical** with respect to field  $L$ .

If, further,  $H$  is **non-trivial**, then  $H \subset kG$  and the extension  $L^H = L^G = L$  is **Galois**.

On the other hand, if, further,  $H$  is **trivial**, then  $L^H = L^{G^H}$  and the extension  $L^H \rightarrow L$  is **Galois**.

Here,  $G(H)$  is the group of group-like elements of  $H$ .  
 $G(H) = \{h \in H \mid \Delta(h) = h \otimes 1\}$

Reference: [Berg-Mu]

**Genuine Quantum Symmetry on commutative domains (1)**

Take  $k$  an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0.

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra that acts on a field so that the action does "not" factor through a smaller Hopf algebra (under any such as it is **Galois theoretical**).

Below are particular, relevant, **finite-dimensional** cases (under **trivial**  $H$ -action).

$H$	"Genuine Quantum Symmetry"
That algebra $k[x]$	$A_1$
Finite Hopf algebras $E(n)$	$A_2^n$
The Sweedler algebra $kG(2)$	$A_3$
The Hopf algebra $H_2$ of dimension 8	$A_4$
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$A$  is a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra

Reference: [Berg-Mu]

**Genuine Quantum Symmetry on commutative domains (2)**

The **Galois theoretical** property is preserved under taking:

- Hopf subalgebras
- $\mathfrak{O}$

... so this allows one to cook up more quantum symmetries

The **Galois theoretical** property is "not" preserved under taking:

- Hopf dual
- 2-cocycle deformation (including the multiplication)
- dual 2-cocycle deformation (including the comultiplication)

Reference: [Berg-Mu]



Given an Hopf  $H$ -action on an algebra  $A$ , we say there is  
**Genuine Quantum Symmetry**  
when this action does \*not\* factor through  
the action of a cocommutative Hopf algebra.

(Time permitting)

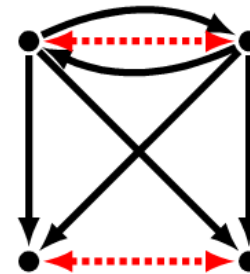
We discuss three occurrences of Genuine Quantum Symmetry...

# Genuine Quantum Symmetry: on path algebras $\mathbb{k}Q$

Hopf actions below do not factor through actions of smaller Hopf alg. quotients

Conditions on $\mathbb{k}$	on $H$	on $Q$	on action	Reference
contains a primitive $n$ -th of root unity $\zeta$ for $n \geq 2$	pointed: $T_\zeta(n)$ , Taft algebras $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ , small quan. group $D(T_\zeta(n))$ , double of $T_\zeta(n)$	finite loopless & no parallel arrows	preserves ascending path length filtration	[Kinser-W]

**Example:** We classify Sweedler Hopf  $T(2)$ -actions on the path algebra of  $Q$  to the right.



The action of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is given by  $\bullet \leftarrow \text{dashed red arrow} \rightarrow \bullet$

## Genuine Quantum Symmetry: on commutative domains (fields)

Take  $\mathbb{k}$  an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0.

Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra that acts on a field so that the action does \*not\* factor through a smaller Hopf algebra quotient; say such an  $H$  is **Galois-theoretical**.

Below are noncocom., noncom., finite-dim'l, non-ss, pointed **Galois-th'l Hopf algs.**

$H$	"Cartan type"
Taft algebras $T_\zeta(n)$	$A_1$
Nichols Hopf algebras $E(n)$	$A_1^{\times n}$
the book algebra $\mathbf{h}(\zeta, 1)$	$A_1 \times A_1$
the Hopf algebra $H_{81}$ of dimension 81	$A_2$
$u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$	$A_1 \times A_1$
$u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$	$A_1 \times A_1$
Twists $u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^+}, u_q(\mathfrak{gl}_n)^{J^-}$ for $n \geq 2$	$A_{n-1} \times A_{n-1}$
Twists $u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^+}, u_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)^{J^-}$ for $n \geq 2$	$A_{n-1} \times A_{n-1}$
Twists $u_q^{\geq 0}(\mathfrak{g})^J$ for $2^{\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g})-1}$ of such $J$	same type as $\mathfrak{g}$

$\mathfrak{g}$  is a finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra

Reference: [Etingof-W(2)]

## Genuine Quantum Symmetry: on commutative domains (fields)

The Galois-theoretical property is preserved under taking:

- Hopf subalgebra
- $\otimes$

... so this allows one to cook up more quantum symmetries

The Galois-theoretical property is \*not\* preserved under taking:

- Hopf dual
- 2-cocycle deformation (twisting the multiplication)
- dual 2-cocycle deformation (twisting the comultiplication)

Reference: [Etingof-W(2)]

## Galois-theoretical property & Galois extensions

Take  $\mathbb{k}$  an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0.

Say  $H$  is finite-dimensional, Galois-theoretical with  $H$ -module field  $L$ .

If, further,  $H$  is semisimple, then

$H \cong \mathbb{k}G$  and the extension  $L^H = L^G \hookrightarrow L$  is Galois.

On the other hand, if, further,  $H$  is pointed, then

$L^H = L^{G(H)}$  and the extension  $L^H \hookrightarrow L$  is Galois.

Here,  $G(H)$  is the group of group-like elements of  $H$ .

$$G(H) = \{h \in H \mid \Delta(h) = h \otimes h\}$$

Reference: [Etingof-W(2)]

## Genuine Quantum Symmetry: on **noncommutative domains**

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in the setting below are classified:

$\mathbb{k}$  is an algebraically closed field of char. 0

$H$  is a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra

$A$  is an Artin-Schelter regular algebra of global dimension 2  
(a homological analogue of  $\mathbb{k}[u, v]$ )

$H$ -action preserves the grading of  $A$ , subject to **trivial hom'l det.**

...which is a generalization of the classical setting where  
 $G \leq SL_2(\mathbb{k})$  acts on  $\mathbb{k}[u, v]$  linearly and faithfully

Reference: [Chan-Kirkman-W-Zhang]



More  
Results

## Noncommutative Invariant Theory

given an  $H$ -action on  $A$   
study the invariant ring  $A^H$  ...

## Deformation Theory

given an  $H$ -action on  $A$   
study the smash product algebra  $A\#H$   
and its deformations...

~Very happy to talk about these topics~  
(If time does not permit, please email me!  
I also have talk notes on my Research page.)





## Universal Quantum Symmetry: set-up

Given an algebra  $A$ , a **universal quantum group**  $Q(A)$  coacting on  $A$  is a Hopf algebra, so that for all Hopf coactions of  $H$  on  $A$ ,

- we get a unique map  $\pi : Q(A) \rightarrow H$ , with
- the following diagram commuting:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A \otimes Q(A) & \\ \nearrow \rho_Q & & \downarrow \text{id}_A \otimes \pi \\ A & \xrightarrow{\rho_H} & A \otimes H \end{array}$$

Similarly, could define the **universal quantum linear group**  $Q_{lin}(A)$  if

- $A$  is graded and generated in degree 1, and
- we impose that all coactions on  $A$  preserve the grading of  $A$ .

## Universal Quantum Symmetry: basic examples

Examples of universal quantum linear groups:

$A$	$\mathcal{Q}_{lin}^c(A)$ w/ central hcodet	$\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(A)$ w/ triv. hcodet	
$\mathbb{k}[u, v] = \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle u, v \rangle}{(uv - vu)}$	$\mathcal{O}(GL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	$\mathcal{O}(SL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	
$\mathbb{k}_q[u, v] := \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle u, v \rangle}{(uv - qvu)}$	$\mathcal{O}_q(GL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	$\mathcal{O}_q(SL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	(1-parameter deformation)
$\mathbb{k}_J[u, v] := \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle u, v \rangle}{(uv - vu - v^2)}$	$\mathcal{O}_J(GL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	$\mathcal{O}_J(SL_2(\mathbb{k}))$	(Jordanian deformation)

As algebras, these are all Noetherian domains and enjoy other **nice ring-theoretic properties**.

These algebras are also **nice homologically**—these are all Artin-Schelter (AS) regular (finite global dimension + “AS Gorenstein”).

# Universal Quantum Symmetry: algebraic properties of $\mathcal{Q}$

## Philosophy

**The universal quantum linear groups  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(A)$  should share the same ring-theoretic and homological properties of the comodule algebra  $A$ .**

- \* Verified for  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(A)$  assoc. to many classes of \*Noetherian\* AS regular algebras  $A$
- \* There's recent work for non-Noetherian AS regular algebras:

**Theorem** [W-Wang] Let  $S$  be an AS regular algebra of  $\text{gl.dim } 2$ .

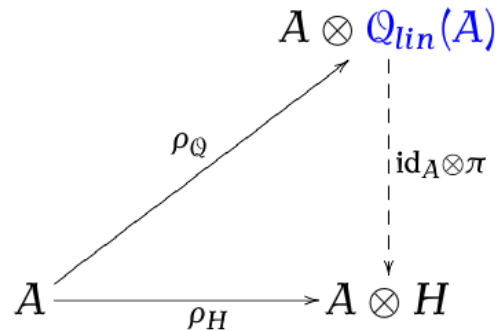
(a) Restricting to **triv. hcodet**, we get that  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(S)$  is AS regular of  $\text{gldim } 3$ .

(b) We have that  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}^c(S)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(S)$  are Noetherian and have polynomial growth precisely when  $S$  does.

- \* There are still have many basic questions to address. For instance:

**Question** [W-Wang] We have that all such  $S$  are coherent domains. Is the same true for  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}^c(S)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(S)$ ?

## Universal Quantum Symmetry: Hopf algebraic properties of $\mathcal{Q}$



**Lemma** [Manin]: If  $A$  is graded, quadratic, finitely generated in degree 1, and all coactions are linear, then  $H$  coacts on  $A$  inner-faithfully  $\Leftrightarrow \pi$  is surjective.

Say  $\pi$  is surjective. If  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(A)$  is commutative/ cocommutative/ cosemisimple/ pointed, then so is  $H$ .

This observation is behind the scenes in W-Wang's study of Hopf coactions on (not nec. Noeth.) AS regular algs  $S$  of  $\text{gl.dim } 2$ . Have results on when Hopf quotients of  $\mathcal{Q}_{lin}(S)$  are cocommutative.

## Universal Quantum Symmetry: analytic properties of $\mathcal{Q}$

There's an abundance of literature on another rich setting for  
Detecting Quantum Symmetry ... in functional analysis.

Here,  $\mathcal{Q}$  also has the structure of a  $C^*$ -algebra, and coactions (called "actions" in many works) respect this structure.

Examples of objects  $X$  that are coacted upon in this setting include:

- finite sets [Wang]
- finite graphs [Bichon]
- finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces [van Daele-Wang]
- finite (resp., compact) metric spaces [Banica] (resp. [Goswami])
- Riemannian manifolds [Bhowmick-Goswami]

One may impose additional hypotheses on coactions to get results, but of course, these conditions are analytic in nature.

## **FURTHER QUESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS....**

### **Computation.**

Computations are a pain. Write a program to do this.

### **Classification results.**

Pick a class of algebras. Pick a class of Hopf algebras. Perhaps impose some conditions on Hopf action. Is there quantum symmetry?

### **Fancy classification results.**

Use the machinery of tensor categories/ fusion categories to understand Hopf actions.

### **Make connections to other fields.**

This has been done in functional analysis & geometry. Topology?

### **Physical Applications.**

This will be useful to physicists.

Investigate new applications.

Then tell me about this.

Thanks for listening!

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