

Quantum groups

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Let \mathbb{G} be a locally compact group

- \mathbb{G} (loc. comp. space)
- $m : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}$

$$(t, s) \longmapsto ts$$

- $s(tr) = (st)r$
- Right invariant Haar measure

$$\int_{\mathbb{G}} f(ts) dt = \int_{\mathbb{G}} f(t) dt$$

- $L^2(\mathbb{G})$
- $U \in \text{Rep}(\mathbb{G}, \mathcal{H})$

$$U_t U_s = U_{ts}$$

- $A = C_0(\mathbb{G})$ (C^* -algebra)
- $\Delta \in \text{Mor}(A, A \otimes A)$

$$(\Delta(f))(t, s) = f(ts)$$

- $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta = (\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta$
- $h : A_+ \longrightarrow [0, +\infty]$

$$(h \otimes \text{id})\Delta(f) = h(f)\mathbb{1}$$

- GNS-Hilbert space for h
- $U \in M(\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{H}) \otimes A)$

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta)(U) = U_{12} U_{13}$$

Assume that \mathbb{G} is abelian

- The Pontryagin dual of \mathbb{G} :

$$\widehat{\mathbb{G}} = \{ \phi : \mathbb{G} \longrightarrow \mathbb{T} \mid \phi \text{ is a continuous homomorphism} \}$$

is a locally compact abelian group

- $C_0(\widehat{\mathbb{G}}) \simeq C^*(\mathbb{G})$ (Fourier/Gelfand transform)
- For $\widehat{A} = C^*(\mathbb{G})$ we have
 - $\widehat{\Delta} \in \text{Mor}(\widehat{A}, \widehat{A} \otimes \widehat{A})$,
 - $\widehat{h} : \widehat{A}_+ \longrightarrow [0, \infty]$
 - etc.
- $\widehat{A} = C^*(\mathbb{G})$ with all its additional structure exists for non-abelian \mathbb{G} .
- How to generalize $\widehat{\mathbb{G}} \simeq \mathbb{G}$? $(\widehat{A}, \widehat{\Delta})$ is a **quantum group**

S.L. Woronowicz 1987

- $q \in [-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$
- $A := C^*$ -algebra generated by α and γ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\gamma &= q\gamma\alpha, & \alpha^*\alpha + \gamma^*\gamma &= \mathbb{1}, \\ \gamma^*\gamma &= \gamma\gamma^*, & \alpha\alpha^* + q^2\gamma^*\gamma &= \mathbb{1} \end{aligned}$$

- $\Delta : A \longrightarrow A \otimes A$

$$\Delta(\alpha) = \alpha \otimes \alpha - q\gamma^* \otimes \gamma, \quad \Delta(\gamma) = \gamma \otimes \alpha + \alpha^* \otimes \gamma$$

- For $q = 1$, $A = C(SU(2))$ with Δ as before
- For $q \neq 1$, we obtain the quantum group $S_qU(2)$
- $S_qU(2) = (A, \Delta)$ is not commutative nor co-commutative

Some things we won't talk about

- Hopf algebras
 - + Source of simple examples
 - + Fine with compact quantum groups
 - Problems with duality
 - Not applicable to sophisticated examples (non-compact)
- Multiplier Hopf algebras
 - + Nice framework for duality
 - + Good “laboratory”
 - Not applicable for “topologically nontrivial” situations
- von Neumann algebraic quantum groups
 - + Very powerful approach
 - ± Technically complicated
 - + Equivalent to C^* -algebraic approach

Compact quantum groups

- $\mathbb{G} = (A, \Delta)$ is a **compact quantum group** if
 - A is a **unital** C^* -algebra
 - $\Delta \in \text{Mor}(A, A \otimes A)$, $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta = (\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta$
 - $(A \otimes \mathbb{1})\Delta(A), \Delta(A)(\mathbb{1} \otimes A) \subset_{\text{DENSE}} A \otimes A$
- For compact quantum groups we have
 - Examples
 - Proof of existence of Haar measure (Woronowicz)
 - Representation theory (Peter-Weyl-Woronowicz thm)
 - Actions & homogeneous spaces (Podleś)
 - Differential calculi (Woronowicz, Podleś)
 - Duality ($\widehat{\mathbb{G}}$ is a **discrete** quantum group)

X — loc. comp.
Then

$$\begin{array}{c} (X \text{ is compact}) \\ \updownarrow \\ (C_0(X) \text{ is unital}) \end{array}$$

Non-compact quantum groups

- $\mathbb{G} = (A, \Delta)$ is a locally compact quantum group if
 - A is a C^* -algebra with two faithful K.M.S. weights φ and ψ
 - $\Delta \in \text{Mor}(A, A \otimes A)$, $(\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta = (\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta$
 - $(A \otimes \mathbb{1})\Delta(A)$, $\Delta(A)(\mathbb{1} \otimes A) \subset_{\text{DENSE}} A \otimes A$
 - $(\text{id} \otimes \varphi)\Delta(a) = \varphi(a)\mathbb{1}$, $(\psi \otimes \text{id})\Delta(a) = \psi(a)\mathbb{1}$,
- We have exciting examples:
 - quantum $E(2)$ (Woronowicz)
 - various quantum Lorentz ($\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$) groups
(Podleś-Woronowicz, Woronowicz-Zakrzewski, Kasprzak)
 - quantum “ $ax + b$ ” and “ $az + b$ ” groups (Woronowicz, PMS)
 - quantum $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ (Pusz)
 - bicrossed products – examples from number theory
(Baas-Skandalis-Vaes)

Haar measure challenge

- Let $\mathbb{G} = (A, \Delta)$ be a locally compact quantum group
- Existence of Haar measure(s) is part of the definition
- Alternative definition and proof of existence of Haar measures only in special cases: compact, discrete
- Possible to construct \mathbb{G} from **multiplicative unitaries** (not using Haar measures)
- Possible definition: \mathbb{G} is a quantum group when it comes from an appropriate multiplicative unitary
- In all examples Haar measures are there
- We have formula for invariant measure in general case (no guarantee it works)
- There exists the **class of Haar measure** in appropriate sense (PMS-Woronowicz)

Actions & homogeneous spaces challenge

- Actions and Homogeneous spaces for compact quantum groups are well studied (Podleś)
- For locally compact quantum groups there is the powerful approach of S. Vaes
 - Complicated technically
 - Some definitions – not intuitive
 - Few well studied examples (beyond classical ones)

Baum-Connes conjecture challenge

- Let Γ be a group
- We have the assembly map

$$\mu : KK_j^\Gamma(C_0(\underline{E}\Gamma), \mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow K_j(C_r^*(\Gamma))$$

- On the right hand side we have the topological K -theory of the quantum space whose algebra of C_0 -functions is $C_r^*(\Gamma)$
- This quantum space happens to be a quantum group, whose dual is classical (abelian quantum group)
- This suggests we should formulate the conjecture for quantum groups
- Attempt was made using Meyer-Nest approach (not absolutely straightforward generalization)
- The conjecture was proved for the dual of $S_qU(2)$ (Voigt)