

QuasiSymmetric functions Part II

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Outline

(part I) **QSym**

- definition
- basis
- P-partitions
- structure (Hopf + internal product)
- Relation to others Hopf algebras
- ABS Theory

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(part II) **Positivity**

- F-positivity
- Schur positivity
- A Question of Billera

Antipode

- formula
- Multiplicity free formula?
- A proof of Stanley's acyclic theorem

Quasisymmetric functions (Review)

QSym graded subspace of bounded degree series

Bases indexed by compositions $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\ell) \models n \geq 0$.

Monomial basis $M_\alpha = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_\ell} x_{i_1}^{\alpha_1} x_{i_2}^{\alpha_2} \dots x_{i_\ell}^{\alpha_\ell}$

Fundamental basis $F_\alpha = \sum_{\substack{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_n \\ k \in D(\alpha) \implies i_k < i_{k+1}}} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n}$

Relation with *P-partitions*

$$\overline{F}_{P,\gamma} = \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}_{P,\gamma}} \prod_{i \in P} x_{f(i)} = \sum_{(L,\gamma) \in \mathcal{L}(P,\gamma)} \overline{F}_{L,\gamma}$$

$$F_\alpha = \overline{F}_{|\cdot|,\gamma} \quad \text{and} \quad S_\lambda = \overline{F}_{\lambda,\gamma}$$

QSym Hopf Algebra

Quasisymmetric functions (POSITIVITY)

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EXAMPLE

$$(P, \gamma) = \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ 1 \quad \quad 4 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ 3 \end{array} \quad \mathcal{L}(P, \gamma) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ | \\ 4 \\ | \\ 1 \\ | \\ 3 \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ | \\ 1 \\ | \\ 4 \\ | \\ 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$S_{(2,2)} = F_{(1,2,1)} + F_{(2,2)}$$

$Sym \rightarrow QSym$

Useful to show positivity...

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THEOREM Schur-positivity \implies F -positivity.

Given a Schur-positivity problem [For example $\tilde{H}_\lambda(X; q, t)$]

-1- Show it is F -positive [much easier]

-2- “try” to resolve/group/inverse term to get Schur coefficient [still hard, see Egge, Loehr and Warrington and others]

Many Other Approach Schur quasisymmetric, Dual immaculate quasisymmetric

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Answer Schur functions
(No!!! but what is the answer)

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Associative multiplication: $m: QSym \otimes QSym \rightarrow QSym$

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Given $f, g: H \rightarrow H$ we define

$$f * g: H \xrightarrow{\Delta} H \otimes H \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} H \otimes H \xrightarrow{m} H$$

This operation is associative with unity $u \circ \epsilon$

What is (if it exists) the convolution inverse of $\text{Id}: H \rightarrow H$

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$S = \text{Id}^{\langle -1 \rangle_*}$ is recursively constructed degree by degree

[Takeuchi] For $x \in H_n$

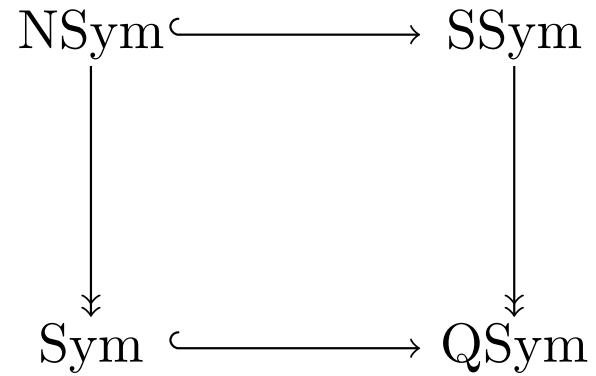
$$S(x) = \sum_{\alpha \vDash n} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)} m_\alpha \Delta_\alpha(x)$$

where

$$m_\alpha: H_{\alpha_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes H_{\alpha_\ell} \rightarrow H_n \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_\alpha: H_n \rightarrow H_{\alpha_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes H_{\alpha_\ell}$$

Graded Hopf Algebra

some other examples



Combinatorial Hopf Algebra

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$H_n = \mathbb{Q}[G : G \text{ iso class of graphs on } [n]]$

$$G_1 \cdot G_2 = G_1 \cup G_2$$

$$\Delta(G) = \sum_{S \subseteq [n]} G|_S \otimes G|_{S^c}$$

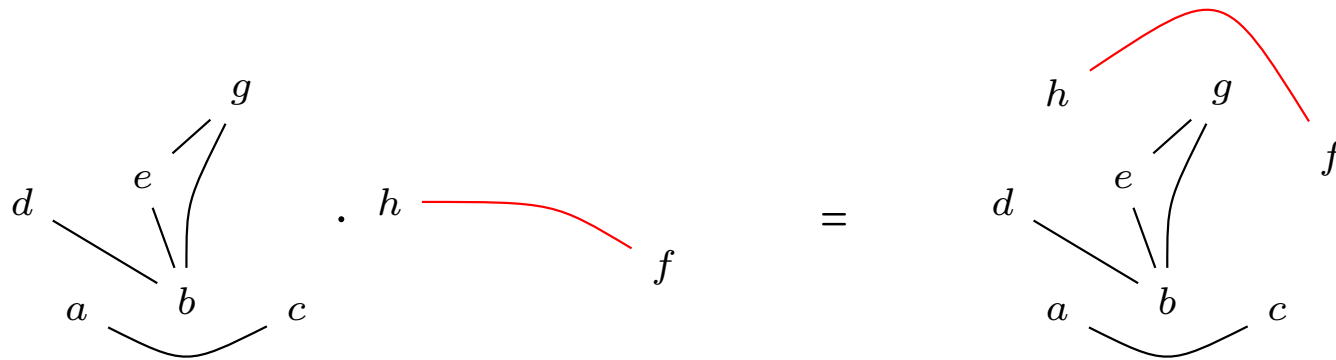
$$\zeta(G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } G \text{ has no edges} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$+ b \otimes \begin{array}{c} e \\ / \\ d \end{array} + d \otimes \begin{array}{c} e \\ / \\ b \end{array} + e \otimes \begin{array}{c} d \\ \backslash \\ b \end{array} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \begin{array}{c} d \quad e \\ \backslash \quad / \\ b \end{array}$$

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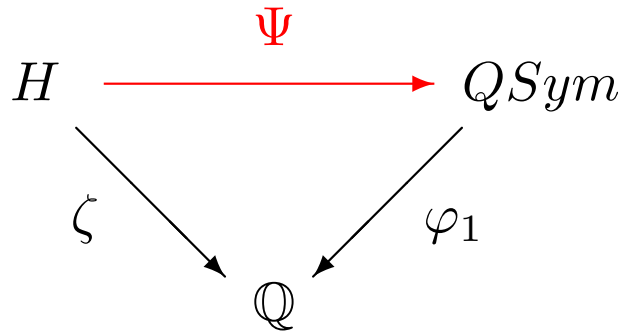
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$$\zeta\left(\begin{array}{c} d \quad e \\ \backslash \quad / \\ b \end{array}\right) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta\left(\begin{array}{c} d \quad e \\ b \end{array}\right) = \mathbf{1}$$

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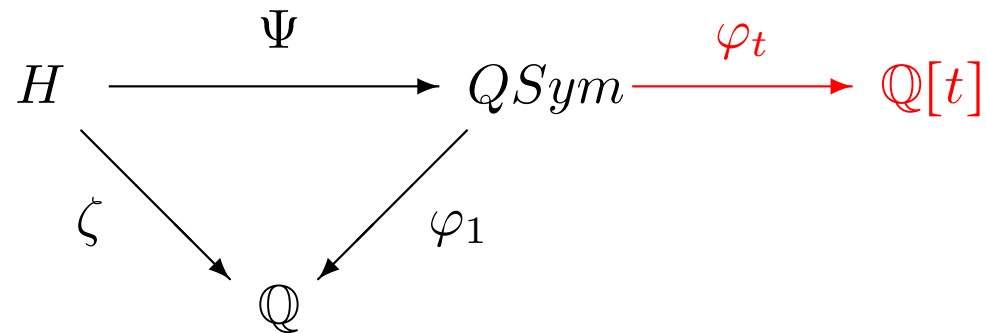
$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & QSym \\ & \searrow \zeta & \swarrow \varphi_1 \\ & \mathbb{Q} & \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi\left(\begin{array}{c} d \quad e \\ \backslash \quad / \\ b \end{array} \right) &= 0M_{(3)} + 1M_{(2,1)} + 1M_{(1,2)} + 6M_{(1,1,1)} \\ &= 6m_{(1,1,1)} + m_{(2,1)} \end{aligned}$$

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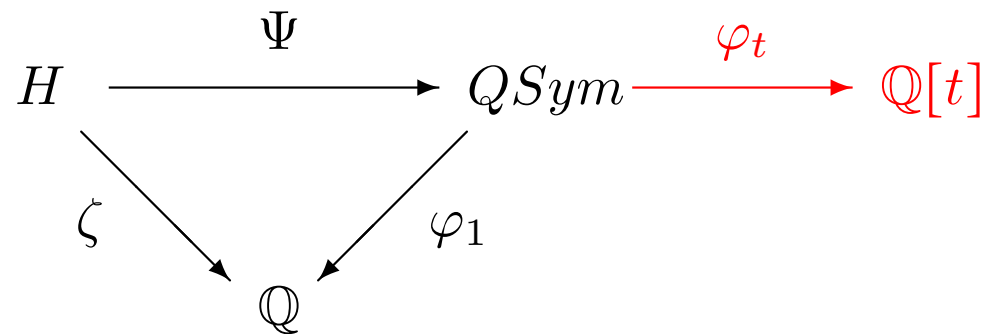
where $\varphi_1(f) = f(1, 0, 0, \dots)$.

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$$\varphi_t(f(x_1, x_2, \dots)) \Big|_{t=n} = f(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_n, 0, 0, \dots).$$

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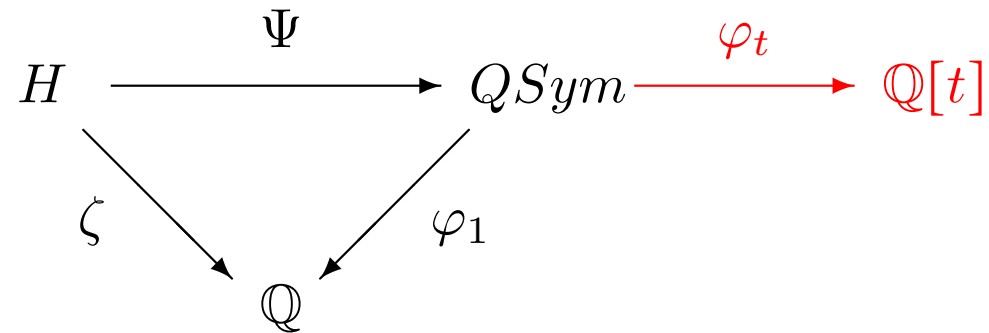
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$$\varphi_t \circ \Psi \left(\begin{array}{c} d \quad e \\ \backslash \quad / \\ b \end{array} \right) = \binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{2} + 6\binom{t}{3} = t(t-1)^2$$

Generalized Chromatic Polynomial

[Gringberg-Reiner]

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Generalized Chromatic Polynomial

$$\chi_x(t) = \varphi_t \circ \Psi(x)$$

$$\varphi_t \circ \Psi \Big|_{t=1} = \left(\varphi_t \Big|_{t=1} \right) \circ \Psi = \varphi_1 \circ \Psi = \zeta.$$

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$$H \xrightarrow{\Psi} QSym \xrightarrow{\varphi_t} \mathbb{Q}[t]$$

When $H_n = \mathbb{Q}[G : G \text{ iso class of graphs on } [n]]$

$$\chi_G(t) = \varphi_t \circ \Psi(G)$$

is the usual **Chromatic polynomial**.

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Antipode: $S: \mathbb{Q}[t] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[t]$

$$f(t) \mapsto f(-t)$$

$$\chi_G(-1) = S \circ \varphi_t \circ \Psi(G) \Big|_{t=1} = \varphi_t \circ \Psi \circ S(G) \Big|_{t=1} = \zeta \circ S(G)$$

$$\chi_G(-1) = \zeta(S(G))$$

Theorem [Humpert-Martin]

Jeremy: *What can I do with a Hopf algebra I have just rediscovered*

Nantel: *Compute its antipode*

THEOREM

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$$a\left(\begin{array}{c} a & e \\ bd \end{array}\right) = 2$$

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$$\zeta \circ S\left(\begin{array}{c} a \quad e \\ d \swarrow / \\ \quad b \end{array} \right) = 6 = a\left(\begin{array}{c} a \quad e \\ d \swarrow / \\ \quad b \end{array} \right)$$

So now I want better formulas for antipode

For $H = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} H_n$ and $x \in H_n$ [Takeuchi]

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$$S(x) = \sum_{\alpha \neq n} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)} m_\alpha \Delta_\alpha(x)$$

MANY CANCELATIONS

ANSWER is FINER THAN GRADING

Cancellation FREE (Positivity ha ha ha)

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