

CCRT: Categorical and Combinatorial Representation Theory.

From combinatorics of universal problems
to usual applications.

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CIP seminar,

Friday conversations:

For this seminar, please have a look at Slide CCRT[n] & ff.

Goal of this series of talks

The goal of these talks is threefold

- 1 Category theory aimed at “free formulas” and their combinatorics
- 2 How to construct free objects
 - 1 w.r.t. a functor with - at least - two combinatorial applications:
 - 1 the two routes to reach the free algebra
 - 2 alphabets interpolating between commutative and non commutative worlds
 - 2 without functor: sums, tensor and free products
 - 3 w.r.t. a diagram: limits
- 3 Representation theory: Categories of modules, semi-simplicity, isomorphism classes i.e. the framework of Kronecker coefficients.
- 4 MRS factorisation: A local system of coordinates for Hausdorff groups.

CCRT[12] Noncommutative gradings, language theory and free products.

1 Coproducts

Free structures without functors.

Universal problem without functors: Coproducts (recall CCRT[8-9]).

All here is stated within the same category \mathcal{C} .

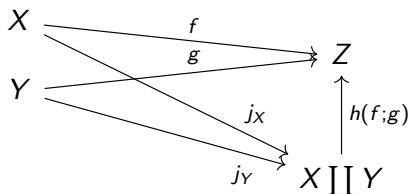


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \amalg Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \amalg Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Coproducts: Sets

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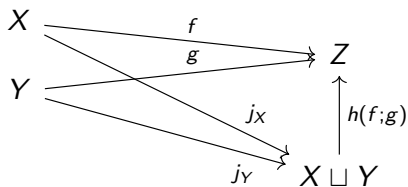


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \sqcup Y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \sqcup Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Coproducts: Vector Spaces or modules

All here is stated within the same category $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{Vect}$ (or $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{Mod}$ if \mathbf{k} is a ring).

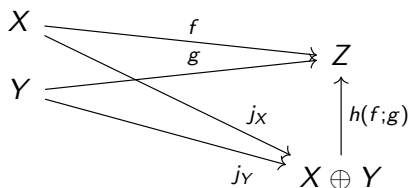


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \oplus Y)$ here $h(f; g) = f \oplus g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \oplus Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Coproducts: $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{CAAU}$

All here is stated within the same category $\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{CAAU}$.

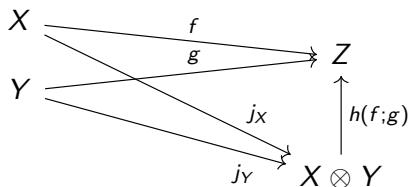


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X \otimes Y)$ here $h(f; g) = f \otimes g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f; g) \in \text{Hom}(X \otimes Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f; g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f; g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Coproducts: Augmented \mathbf{k} – AAU

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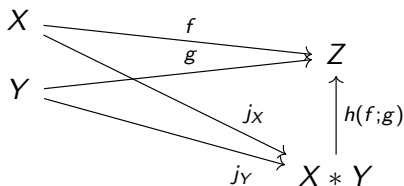


Figure: Coproduct $(j_X, j_Y; X * Y)$ here $h(f;g) = f * g$.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall (f, g) \in \text{Hom}(X, Z) \times \text{Hom}(Y, Z)) \\ & (\exists! h(f;g) \in \text{Hom}(X * Y, Z)) \\ & (h(f;g) \circ j_X = f \text{ and } h(f;g) \circ j_Y = g) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



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How to construct the coproduct of two (non-commutative) rings

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How to construct/describe the coproduct of two - not necessarily commutative - rings R and S ?

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This in category **Ring** having as objects rings with a unit and as arrows unitary ringhomomorphisms.



I thought of firstly constructing monoid M as coproduct of the underlying monoids $U(R)$ and $U(S)$ where $U : \mathbf{Ring} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mon}$ denotes the forgetful functor, and then secondly taking the ring $\mathbb{Z}[M]$ free over monoid M , but still have my doubts. If the rings have finite coprime characteristics then the coproduct should be the trivial ring, so something is wrong.



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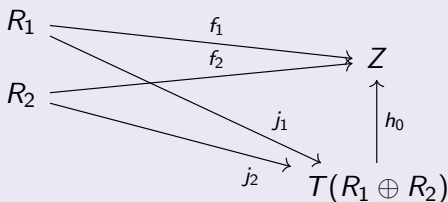


Can you give me a description of the coproduct (including its injections)? Thank you in advance.

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The MSE question

- 1 We now turn to MSE question 625874
“How to construct the-coproduct of two non commutative rings”
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category_of_rings
<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/625874>
- 2 We address the question for $\mathcal{C} = \mathbf{Ring}$, the category of rings.
- 3 For R_1, R_2 two rings, we start with $T(R_1 \oplus R_2)$
- 4 So, with two morphisms $f_i : R_i \rightarrow Z$, $i = 1, 2$, we have



The MSE question/2

- 5 Rings are \mathbb{Z} -algebras. In order to get the tensors more readable, we color use colors (red for R_1 , blue for R_2). The tensor algebra $T(R_1 \oplus R_2)$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{Z} \oplus R_1 \oplus R_2 \\ & \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \\ & \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \\ & \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \\ & \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_1) \\ & \oplus (R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2 \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_2) \\ & \oplus \dots \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

- 6 We see that tensors are of type

$$\{1, r, b, rr, rb, br, bb, rrr, rrb, rbr, rbb, brr, brb, bbr, bbb\}$$

- 7 Now comes to the rescue the new noncommutative grading (see paragraph “G-graded rings and algebras”, in [24]).

The MSE question/3

- 8 In [24] algebras $\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_{s \in G} \mathcal{A}_s$ when G is a group or a monoid (be it commutative or not) with the very natural condition $\mathcal{A}_s \mathcal{A}_t \subset \mathcal{A}_{st}$
- 9 A tensor of $T_n(R_1 \oplus R_2)$ (mind that this tensor can have 1_{R_i} as factors) of type $w \in \{r, b\}^*$ will be of the form

$$x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n \tag{7}$$

where, for all $k \leq n$, $x_k \in R_{i(w[k])}$ where $i = 1$ if $w[k] = r$ and $i = 2$ if $w[k] = b$.

- 10 Likewise (and in general, because at first the construction is linear in data) with $V = \bigoplus_{a \in A} V_a$, we have $T(V) = \bigoplus_{w \in A^*} T_w(V)$ and $T(V)$ is graded over A^* .
- 11 Returning to the original problem and notations of slide 10, we see that generically, we have $x \otimes y \equiv xy$ (computed in R_1) and $x \otimes y \equiv xy$ (computed in R_2).

The MSE question/4

- 12 We have then a very natural rewrite rule (*Rules1*)

$$P \otimes \underbrace{x_i \otimes x_{i+1}}_{\text{same colour } i \in \{r,b\}} \otimes S \rightarrow P \otimes \underbrace{x_i x_{i+1}}_{\text{computed in } R_i} \otimes S \quad (8)$$

- 13 So, only “count” the reduced “alternating tensors” (which cannot be reduced) i.e. of type $w \in (rb)^* \sqcup (br)^* \sqcup b(rb)^* \sqcup r(br)^*$
- 14 A second reduction rule occurs (*Rules2*) it is

$$P \otimes 1_{R_i} \otimes S \rightarrow P \otimes 1_{T(R_1 \oplus R_2)} \otimes S \quad (9)$$

- 15 Then, we obtain

$$R_1 * R_2 := T(R_1 \oplus R_2) / \text{Rules} \quad (10)$$

The MSE question/5

- 16 For example with \mathbf{k} a (commutative) ring and $R_1 = \mathbf{k}[X]$, $R_2 = \mathbf{k}[Y]$, we get $R_1 * R_2 \simeq \mathbf{k}\langle X, Y \rangle$ whereas $R_1 \otimes R_2 \simeq \mathbf{k}[X, Y]$.
- 17 As remarked Darij Grinberg, in the discussion of the MSE question, it can happen that the factors may not embed in $R_1 * R_2$ (precisely through j_1, j_2 , see slide 10).
- 18 In fact, this already happens for the category **CRing**, where the (free) coproduct is the tensor product i.e. where the product is given by

$$(u_1 \otimes v_1) \cdot (u_2 \otimes v_2) = u_1 v_1 \otimes u_2 v_2 \quad (11)$$

- 19 For example $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$. This is due to torsion as

$$\begin{aligned} u \otimes v &= (3 - 2)(u \otimes v) = 3(u \otimes v) - 2(u \otimes v) = \\ &= 3u \otimes v - u \otimes 2v = 0 \end{aligned}$$

a similar computation shows that $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} *_Z \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{0\}$ as
 $x = (3j_1(1) - 2j_2(1))x = 0$



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$$U(R) \rightarrow U(\mathbb{Z}[U(R) \sqcup U(S)]) \leftarrow U(S)$$
 lift to ring homomorphisms $R \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[U(R) \sqcup U(S)]/I \leftarrow S$.

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- ▲ Is what you call 'algebraic structure' the same thing as 'algebraic system (of a given type)' mentioned in CWM on page 120? By the way, you are of great help to me on this site. Not only in this question. Tibi gratias ago! – [drhab](#) Jan 3 '14 at 14:44
- ▲ Yes, exactly. CWM keeps this quite short (although very concise), you can find more about algebraic structures in texts about *universal algebra*. – [Martin Brandenburg](#) Jan 3 '14 at 14:46
- 1 ▲ I don't think R and S embed into your coproduct in the sense of injective maps. Try $S = 0$ and $R \neq 0$. – [darij grinberg](#) Jan 3 '14 at 15:25
- ▲ @Darij: You are right, thank you. – [Martin Brandenburg](#) Jan 3 '14 at 15:27
- 1 ▲ It doesn't make sense to talk about $R \cap S$. And yes, R and S are completely isolated. – [Martin Brandenburg](#) Jun 25 '15 at 12:59

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The MSE question/6

- 20 We remark that if $R_i = \mathbb{Z}.1_{R_i} \oplus R_i^+$ and R_i^+ is closed by products (this amounts to saying that $R \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}.1_{R_i}$ is a ring morphism i.e. that R_i are augmented).
- 21 In this case (R_i are augmented), the making of $R_1 * R_2$ is
- 1 Compute $T(R_1^+ \sqcup R_2^+)/Rules1 =: (R_1 * R_2)_+$
 - 2 Adjoin a unit and obtain

$$(R_1 * R_2) := (R_1 * R_2)_+ \oplus \mathbb{Z}$$

as an augmented ring.

Concluding remarks and perspectives

- 1 We constructed free products of rings.
- 2 This construction holds mutatis mutandis for algebras (and then rings as a particular case considering that **Ring** = \mathbb{Z} - **AAU**)
- 3 These constructions are useful for twisted actions as differential polynomials and Ore algebras. They will be the object of a forthcoming CCRT.
- 4 In this CCRT, we will explore also more general twisted actions as coloured tensor products in appropriate categories.

Thank you for your attention.

Links

① Categorical framework(s)

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/category>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category_\(mathematics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category_(mathematics))

② Universal problems

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/universal+construction>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_property

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④ Heteromorphism

<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/heteromorphism>

⑤ D. Ellerman, *MacLane, Bourbaki, and Adjoints: A Heteromorphic Retrospective*, David Ellerman Philosophy Department, University of California at Riverside

Links/2

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- 7 <https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/Grothendieck+group>
- 8 Traces and hilbertian operators
<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01015295/document>
- 9 State on a star-algebra
<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/state+on+a+star-algebra>
- 10 Hilbert module
<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/Hilbert+module>

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<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/625874>
- [26] Definition of (commutative) free augmented algebras
<https://mathoverflow.net/questions/352726>
- [27] Closed subgroup (Cartan) theorem without transversality nor Lipschitz condition within Banach algebras
<https://mathoverflow.net/questions/356531>
- [28] Definition of augmented algebras (general)
<https://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/augmented+algebra>
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