

# Exact structures and degeneration of Hall algebras

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# Hall algebras

Fix  $k = \mathbb{F}_q$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a small  $k$ -linear abelian category such that

$$|\mathrm{Hom}(A, B)| < \infty, \quad |\mathrm{Ext}^1(A, B)| < \infty, \quad \forall A, B \in \mathcal{C}.$$

## Definition-Theorem (Ringel)

The Hall algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  is the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra with a basis  $\{u_X \mid X \in \mathrm{Iso}(\mathcal{C})\}$  and multiplication

$$u_A * u_C = \sum_{B \in \mathrm{Iso}(\mathcal{C})} \frac{|\mathrm{Ext}^1(A, C)_B|}{|\mathrm{Hom}(A, C)|} u_B.$$

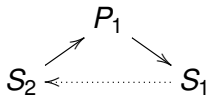
$\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C})$  is associative and unital. It is usually not  $q$ -commutative.

Here  $\mathrm{Ext}^1(A, C)_B \subset \mathrm{Ext}^1(A, C)$  is given by short exact sequences

$$C \twoheadrightarrow B' \twoheadrightarrow A$$

with  $B' \xrightarrow{\sim} B$ .

# Example: $\text{mod } kA_2 = \text{mod } k(1 \longrightarrow 2)$



$$u_{S_2} * u_{S_1} = u_{S_1 \oplus S_2};$$

$$u_{S_1} * u_{S_2} = u_{S_1 \oplus S_2} + (q - 1)u_{P_1}.$$

$$u_{P_1} = \frac{1}{q - 1} [u_{S_1}, u_{S_2}]. \tag{1}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}(A_2) = \mathfrak{sl}_3; \quad \mathfrak{n}^+(A_2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Gabriel :  $\alpha_1 \mapsto S_1, \alpha_2 \mapsto S_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \mapsto P_1.$

$$\text{Ringel : } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \rightsquigarrow (1)$$

## Theorem (Ringel-Green)

Let  $Q$  be a finite acyclic quiver. Then there is a Hopf algebra map

$$U_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{b}^-(Q)) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{tw}^{ex}(\text{mod } kQ).$$

*This is an isomorphism if and only if  $Q$  is of Dynkin type.*

- $U_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{b}^-(Q))$  is the Borel part of the quantized Kac-Moody algebra associated to  $Q$ .
- $\mathcal{H}_{tw}^{ex}(\text{mod } kQ)$  is  $\mathcal{H}(\text{mod } kQ)$  extended by  $\mathbb{Q}K_0(\text{mod } kQ)$ , with the multiplication twisted by the square root of the Euler form (one should consider it over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{q})$ ). It has a Hopf algebra structure.

Green and Xiao endowed the (twisted extended) Hall algebra of any **hereditary abelian** category with a Hopf algebra structure.

Quillen: *Exact categories*. Axiomatize extension-closed subcategories of abelian categories.

## Examples

- The full subcategory of projective objects in an abelian category.
- Category of vector bundles on a scheme.
- Torsion and torsion free subcategories of abelian categories.

## Theorem (Hubery)

*Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a Hom – and  $\text{Ext}^1$  – finite,  $k$ –linear small exact category. The Hall algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$  defined in the same way is associative and unital.*

## Exact structures II

Axiomatics suggests that an additive category may admit many different exact structures: one can choose different classes of *admissible short exact sequences* (= *conflations*).

Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  be an additive category endowed with an exact structure.

Then  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{E}}^1(-, -) : \mathcal{A}^{op} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$  is an additive bifunctor.

Upshot:  $\mathcal{E}$  is uniquely determined by  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{E}}^1(-, -)$ .

- Any *extension-closed* full subcategory of  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E})$  has an induced exact structure (with the same  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{E}}^1(-, -)$ ).
- Any *closed* additive sub-bifunctor  $\mathbb{F} \subset \text{Ext}^1(-, -)$  defines a “smaller”, or *relative*, exact structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . This is equivalent to taking a sub-class of conflations (satisfying Quillen’s axioms).
- Any localization with respect to a *right filtering* exact subcategory has an induced exact structure.

NB: Some natural quotients and localizations of exact categories have no induced exact structures. More on that later...

# Hall algebras II

The Hall algebra of an exact category depends not only on the underlying additive category. It depends on the choice of exact structure!

## Example

- Ringel-Green:  $\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\text{mod } kQ, \text{ab}) \xrightarrow{\sim} U_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{n}^+)$ .
- For any additive category  $\mathcal{A}$ , the Hall algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A}, \text{add})$  of the split exact structure is a polynomial algebra in  $q$ -commuting variables.
- $\mathcal{H}(\text{mod } kA_2, \text{add})$  is the polynomial algebra in  $u_{S_1}$ ,  $u_{S_2}$ , and  $u_{P_1}$ , modulo relations:

$$u_{S_2} * u_{S_1} = u_{S_1 \oplus S_2} = u_{S_1} * u_{S_2};$$

$$u_{S_1} * u_{P_1} = u_{S_1 \oplus P_1} = \frac{1}{q} u_{P_1} * u_{S_1};$$

$$u_{S_2} * u_{P_1} = q u_{S_2 \oplus P_1} = q u_{P_1} * u_{S_2}.$$

# Degree functions and filtrations

## Definition

Consider a function  $w : \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . We say that  $w$  is

- *additive* if  $w(M \oplus N) = w(M) + w(N)$  for all  $M$  and  $N$ ;
- an  $\mathcal{E}$ -*quasi-valuation* if  $w(X) \leq w(M \oplus N)$  whenever there exists a conflation  $N \twoheadrightarrow X \twoheadrightarrow M$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- an  $\mathcal{E}$ -*valuation* if it is an additive  $\mathcal{E}$ -quasi-valuation.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is Krull-Schmidt, an additive function is the same as a function on indecomposables:  $\text{Ind}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is Hom – finite.

## Example

- $w_X := \dim \text{Hom}(X, -)$  is a valuation for any exact structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $X$  is  $\mathcal{E}$ -projective, it is additive on conflations in  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- $\dim \text{End}(-)$  is a quasi-valuation for any exact structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ . But it is usually not additive.



# Main Theorems

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Hom –finite  $k$ –linear idempotent complete additive category. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an  $\text{Ext}^1$  –finite exact structure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Theorem I (F.-G.)

Each  $\mathcal{E}$ –valuation  $w : \text{Iso}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  induces a filtration  $\mathcal{F}_w$  on  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$ . The associated graded is  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}')$  for a smaller exact structure  $\mathcal{E}' \leq \mathcal{E}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  is *locally finite* if  $\forall X \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists only finitely many  $Y, Z \in \text{Ind}(\mathcal{A})$  s.t.  $\text{Hom}(X, Y) \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Hom}(Z, X) \neq 0$ .

## Theorem II (F.-G.)

Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is locally finite. Then for each exact substructure  $\mathcal{E}' < \mathcal{E}$ , there exists an  $\mathcal{E}$ –valuation  $w$  such that

$$\text{gr}_{\mathcal{F}_w}(\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})) = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}').$$

As  $w$ , one can take a (formal) sum of  $\dim(\text{Hom}(X, -))$ .

# Lattice of exact structures I

Exact structures on an additive category form a poset.

## Theorem (Brüstle-Hassoun-Langford-Roy)

*This is a bounded complete lattice.*

For any conflation  $\delta : A \xrightarrow{f} B \twoheadrightarrow C$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ , one has an exact sequence of right  $\mathcal{A}$ -modules  $\mathcal{A}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab}$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(-, A) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Hom}(-, f)} \mathrm{Hom}(-, B) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Hom}(-, g)} \mathrm{Hom}(-, C).$$

The *contravariant defect* of  $\delta$  is  $\mathrm{Coker}(\mathrm{Hom}(-, g))$ .

The category **def**  $\mathcal{E}$  of contravariant defects of conflations in  $\mathcal{E}$  is an abelian category. Its simple objects are the defects of *Auslander-Reiten* (= *almost split*) conflations.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is Krull-Schmidt and locally finite, each object in **def**  $\mathcal{E}$  (for each  $\mathcal{E}$ !) has finite length.

## Theorem (... , Buan, Rump, Enomoto, F.-G.)

*Each additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a unique maximal exact structure  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}^{\max})$ . There is a lattice isomorphism between*

- *The lattice of exact structures on  $\mathcal{A}$ ;*
- *The lattice of Serre subcategories of the category  $\mathbf{def}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}^{\max})$ .*

*If  $\mathcal{A}$  is locally finite, these lattices are Boolean: they are isomorphic to the power set of  $\text{AR}$  – conflations of  $\mathcal{E}^{\max}$ .*

# Sketches of the proofs

## Proof of Theorem I

Each  $\mathcal{E}$ -valuation  $w$  induces a function  $\tilde{w} : \text{Iso}(\mathbf{def} \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . This function is additive on short exact sequences.

Then  $\text{Ker}(\tilde{w})$  is a Serre subcategory of  $\mathbf{def} \mathcal{E}$ . So it defines an exact substructure  $\mathcal{E}' \leq \mathcal{E}$ . Then  $\mathbf{gr}_{\mathcal{F}_w}(\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})) = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}')$ .

## Proof of Theorem II

Let  $\text{Ex}_+(\mathcal{E})$  be a sub-semigroup of  $K_0^{\text{add}}(\mathcal{A})$  generated by alternating sums  $[X] - [Y] + [Z]$  for all conflations  $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$ .

Let  $\text{AR}_+(\mathcal{E})$  be its sub-semigroup generated by alternating sums for all AR-conflations.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is locally finite, then  $\text{Ex}_+(\mathcal{E}) = \text{AR}_+(\mathcal{E})$  for each exact structure  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Using this, we can prove that  $\mathbf{gr}_{\mathcal{F}_w}(\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})) = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}')$ , for

$$w := \sum_{X \in \text{Ind}(\text{proj}(\mathcal{E}')) \setminus \text{Ind}(\text{proj}(\mathcal{E}))} \dim \text{Hom}(X, -).$$

Assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  has finitely many indecomposables. Consider  $\Lambda^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'} := \text{Ker}(K_0(\mathcal{E}') \rightarrow K_0(\mathcal{E}))$ . Let

$$\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'} \subseteq \Lambda^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$$

be the polyhedral cone generated by  $[X] - [Y] + [Z]$ , for all conflations  $X \twoheadrightarrow Y \twoheadrightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{E} \setminus \mathcal{E}'$ .

## Proposition

$\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'}$  is simplicial. Its extremal rays are given by AR-conflations in  $\mathcal{E} \setminus \mathcal{E}'$ . Its face lattice is isomorphic to the interval  $[\mathcal{E}', \mathcal{E}]$ .

# Cones II

For a pair of exact structures  $\mathcal{E}' < \mathcal{E}$ , we define the (Hall algebra) *degree cone*:

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'} := \{\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^{\text{Ind}(\mathcal{A})} \mid \mathbf{d} \text{ induces an algebra filtration, } \text{gr}_{\mathbf{d}}(\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})) = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}')\}.$$

From Theorems I and II, we have:

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'} = \{\varphi \in (K_0^{\text{add}}(\mathcal{A}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R})^* \mid \text{for any } x \in \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'}, \varphi(x) > 0; \\ \text{for any } y \in \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}'}, \varphi(y) = 0\}.$$

Up to linearity subspace, the cones  $\mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'}$  are polar dual to each other.

# Comultiplication, quantum groups and Hall algebras

Theorem (Ringel-Green,...,Bridgeland, G., Lu-Peng,...)

Let  $Q$  be a finite acyclic quiver. Then

$$U_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{g}(Q)) \hookrightarrow \left( (\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), ab) / \mathcal{I}) [S^{-1}] \right)_{red}.$$

This is an isomorphism if and only if  $Q$  is of Dynkin type.

$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ)$  is the category of 2-periodic complexes:

$$M^0 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{d^0} \\ \xleftarrow{d^1} \end{array} M^1, \quad d^1 \circ d^0 = d^0 \circ d^1 = 0.$$

This is only an algebra map!

$$\text{gldim}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), ab) = \infty.$$

So Green's comultiplication is not compatible with the multiplication.  
Can we recover the comultiplication?

$(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \text{ab})$  has Gorenstein dimension 1.

- $\text{gpr} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{proj } kQ)$ ;
- $\text{gin} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{inj } kQ)$ ;
- $\text{gpr}^\perp = {}^\perp \text{gin} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2, \text{ac}}(\text{mod } kQ)$ ;
- $\underline{\text{gpr}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ)$ .

Define an exact structure  $\mathcal{E}_{CE}$  on  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ)$  as follows:

$$A^\bullet \rightarrow B^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$$

is a conflation if

$$A^i \rightarrow B^i \rightarrow C^i \quad \text{and} \quad H^i(A^\bullet) \rightarrow H^i(B^\bullet) \rightarrow H^i(C^\bullet)$$

are short exact for  $i = 0, 1$ .

$\text{gpr}$  become projectives and  $\text{gin}$  become injectives in  $(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \mathcal{E}_{CE})$ .



## Theorem

$$U_{\sqrt{q}}(\mathfrak{g}(Q)) \hookrightarrow \left( (\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \mathcal{E}_{CE})/\mathcal{I}) [S^{-1}] \right)_{red}$$

is a coalgebra homomorphism.

- $(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \mathcal{E}_{CE})$  is **hereditary**. But Green's theorem used the abelian exact structure, so it doesn't apply :(
- The RHS is a twisted extended Hall algebra of  $(\text{gr}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \text{ab})$ . This category is **hereditary and abelian!**
- This induces a comultiplication on the RHS compatible with the multiplication. It coincides with Green's comultiplication w.r.t.  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- The RHS is an **algebra degeneration** of  $\left( (\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \text{ab})/\mathcal{I}) [S^{-1}] \right)_{red}$ .

The comultiplication above is compatible with the multiplication of  $\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \text{ab})$ .

## Conjecture

- $\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), ab)$  (before taking the quotient) is a quantum quasi-symmetric algebra in the sense of Fang-Rosso. It is the double of the Drinfeld double of  $\mathcal{H}_{tw}^e(\mathcal{A})$ , as considered by Joseph. This is a Hopf algebra, but the comultiplication is not the Hall multiplication of  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), ab)$ .
- $\mathcal{H}_{tw}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ), \mathcal{E}_{CE})$  realizes the tensor double of the Drinfeld double. The comultiplication is the Hall multiplication.
- All generalized quantum doubles are realized by Hall algebras of some of exact structures in  $[\mathcal{E}_{CE}, ab]$ .
- The quotient of  $\mathcal{H}_{tw}^e(\mathcal{A})$  by the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  can be understood as a “relative integration map” along the classes of acyclic complexes. It is compatible with the change of an exact structure. It induces generalized quantum doubles of  $\mathcal{H}_{tw}^e(\mathcal{A})$ .

# Further directions

- Prove Theorem II in general case without using Auslander-Reiten theory. We have a conjectural approach, but it's too early to say anything.
- Non-additive case: proto-exact categories (Dyckerhoff-Kapranov).
- Cohomological HA, K-theoretic HA,... The PBW theorem is known for them, but it is proved differently.
- Degenerations of derived Hall algebras of triangulated categories (defined by Toën and Xiao-Xu).

Q1: What should replace "substructures" in the setting of triangulated categories?

Q2: What structures do extension-closed subcategories of triangulated categories admit?

# Extriangulated categories I

- [Nakaoka-Palu, 2016]: Unify exact and triangulated categories.  
Axiomatize extension-closed subcategories of triangulated categories.
- [Hu-Zhang-Zhou, 2019]: All “closed” substructures (“proper classes of triangles” of Beligiannis) of triangulated structures are extriangulated.
- [Nakaoka-Palu, 2020]: Homotopy categories of exact (additive)  $\infty$ -categories carry natural extriangulated structures.

The class of extriangulated structures is closed under the following operations:

- Taking an extension-closed subcategory;
- Taking a closed additive sub-bifunctor;  
Equivalently, taking a proper class of “conflations”;
- Taking a localization with respect to an *admissible model structure*; equivalently, w.r.t a *Hovey twin cotorsion pair*;
- Taking an ideal quotient by an ideal generated by morphisms  $I \rightarrow P$  (from injectives to projectives).

# Extriangulated structures and Hall algebras

(F.-G., in preparation)

- Define Hall-type algebras of extriangulated categories (with certain finiteness conditions) and prove their associativity. This recovers usual and derived Hall algebras.
- Generalize Theorems I and II to Hall algebras of extriangulated structures.

For the proofs we use [Iyama-Nakaoka-Palu], [Ogawa], [Enomoto],...

$\dim \text{End}(-)$  is again a quasi-valuation w.r.t any extriangulated structure.

**Corollary (generalizing Berenstein-Greenstein)**

The PBW theorem holds for Hall-type algebras of extriangulated categories.

# Hereditary case

[G.-Nakaoka-Palu, in preparation]: Study higher (positive and negative) extensions. Can define *hereditary* extriangulated categories  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{E}, \mathfrak{s})$ .

For those, the structure constants

$$u_A * u_C = \sum_{B \in \text{Iso}(\mathcal{C})} \frac{|\mathbb{E}(A, C)_B|}{|\mathbb{E}(A, C)|} u_B$$

define an associative unital algebra.

## Example

$\mathcal{E}_{CE}$  is a “lift” of a hereditary extriangulated structure on  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ)$ , where a triangle is “proper” iff it is isomorphic to one given by an  $\mathcal{E}_{CE}$ -conflation.

This structure is neither exact, nor triangulated (but  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}/2}(\text{mod } kQ)$  admits a triangulated structure!).

# Extriangulated categories III

[Padrol-Palu-Pilaud-Plamondon, 2019] consider 2 concrete classes of extriangulated categories:

- Cluster categories with certain relative extriangulated structures.
- $K^{[-1,0]}(\text{proj } \Lambda)$ .

These structures are hereditary. In both cases, one can define  $g$ -vectors. In the additively finite case, they form  $g$ -vector fans and [PPPP] show that polytopal realizations of these fans are given by points in *type cones*.

## Observation

Type cones of  $g$ -vector fans coincide with Hall algebra degree cones of these extriangulated categories!

F.-G.-Palu-Plamondon-Pressland, in progress: Explain this from the Hall algebra perspective and apply to (quantum) cluster algebras.