Push-forward of Hopf-Galois extensions: the non central case

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Push-forwards of central Hopf–Galois extensions along morphisms of commutative algebras

D. Rumynin, Hopf-Galois extensions with central invariants and their geometric properties, Algebra Repr. Th. (1998) C. Kassel, Quantum principal bundles up to homotopy equivalence, The legacy of Niels Henrik Abel, Springer (2004)

For any morphism of algebras $F: B \to C$ and any left B-module algebra A, the push-forward F_*A of A is the covariant F-extension of A:

$$C \otimes_B A = C \otimes A/\langle c \otimes ba - c F(b) \otimes a, a \in A, b \in B, c \in C \rangle$$

Problem: Defining an algebra structure on $C \otimes_B A$.

The most natural way to equip F_*A with a multiplication is to define it to be $m_{C\otimes A}$

 \rightarrow For $m_{C\otimes A}$ to be well-defined, the algebra B has to be central in A, and thus in particular commutative, and F(B) central in C.

Theorem [Kassel]. The push-forward algebra $C \otimes_B A$ of a (faithfully flat) central H-Galois extension $B \subset A$ is a (faithfully flat) central H-Galois extension of C.

Pull-back of principal bundles on noncommutative spaces

Joint work in progress with Giovanni Landi (Trieste)

Aim of the research project: To go beyond the central case and study the pull-back of principal bundles on not necessarily commutative algebras

Idea: To approach the problem by using Twisted tensor products of algebras

• Let A and C be two algebras and $\psi: A \otimes C \to C \otimes A$, $a \otimes c \mapsto c^{[\psi]} \otimes a^{[\psi]}$ be a linear map,

$$m^{\psi} := (m_{C} \otimes m_{A})(\mathrm{id}_{C} \otimes \psi \otimes \mathrm{id}_{A}) : (C \otimes A) \otimes (C \otimes A) \to C \otimes A$$
$$(c \otimes a) \otimes (c' \otimes a') \mapsto c\psi(a \otimes c')a' = cc'^{[\psi]} \otimes a^{[\psi]}a'$$

defines an associative product on the vector space $C \otimes A$ if and only if

$$(\mathrm{id}_C \otimes m_A) \circ (\psi \otimes \mathrm{id}_A) \circ (\mathrm{id}_A \otimes m_C \otimes \mathrm{id}_A) \circ (\mathrm{id}_A \otimes \mathrm{id}_C \otimes \psi) = (m_C \otimes \mathrm{id}_A) \circ (\mathrm{id}_C \otimes \psi) \circ (\mathrm{id}_C \otimes m_A \otimes \mathrm{id}_C) \circ (\psi \otimes \mathrm{id}_A \otimes \mathrm{id}_C).$$

Examples

- A and C two algebras and $\psi = flip: A \otimes C \rightarrow C \otimes A$, $a \otimes c \mapsto c \otimes a$ the flip map. Then $C \otimes_{\psi} A$ is the ordinary tensor product of algebras;
- A a left K-comodule algebra and C a left K-module algebra for K a Hopf algebra,

$$\psi: A \otimes C \to C \otimes A$$
, $a \otimes c \mapsto a_{(-1)} \triangleright c \otimes a_{(0)}$.

Then $C \otimes_{\psi} A$ is Takeuchi's smash product (1980).

Dually, one can define the twisted tensor product of two coalgebras, with twisted coproduct and also the twisted tensor product of bialgebras.

 Let H and A be two Hopf algebras such that A is a right H-module algebra and H is a left A-comodule coalgebra. Then

$$\psi: A \otimes H \to H \otimes A, \quad a \otimes h \mapsto h_{(1)} \otimes a \triangleleft h_{(2)} \qquad (\leadsto \mathsf{twisted} \ m_{\psi})$$

$$\Phi: H \otimes A \to A \otimes H, \quad h \otimes a \mapsto h_{(-1)} a \otimes h_{(0)} \qquad (\leadsto \mathsf{twisted} \ \Delta_{\Phi})$$

Then $H \otimes_{\psi}^{\Phi} A$ is Majid's bicrossproduct (1990).

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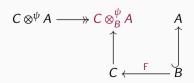
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From twisted tensor product algebras to push-forward of H-Galois extensions

Consider A, C, $A \otimes C$, $C \otimes A \in {}_{B}\mathcal{M}_{B}$ with obvious B-bimodule structures.

Proposition

Let $\psi: A \otimes C \to C \otimes A$ be a normal twist map and $C \otimes^{\psi} A = (C \otimes A, m^{\psi})$ be the corresponding twisted tensor product algebra. The multiplication

$$m^{\psi} = (m_C \otimes m_A)(\mathrm{id}_C \otimes \psi \otimes \mathrm{id}_A)$$

on $C \otimes^{\psi} A$ descends to a well-defined product on the push-forward $C \otimes_B A$ if and only if ψ is a B-bimodule morphism:

$$\psi(b \triangleright (a \otimes c) \triangleleft b') = \psi(ba \otimes c \vdash (b')) = \vdash (b)\psi(a \otimes c)b', \qquad a \in A, b, b' \in B, c \in C.$$

 \rightsquigarrow the twisted push-forward algebra of A along F: $C \otimes_B^{\psi} A := (C \otimes_B A, m^{\psi})$

Suppose *A* is an *H*-comodule algebra with coaction $\delta: A \to A \otimes H$ and $B = A^{coH}$.

- The vector space $C \otimes A$ is a right H-comodule with coaction $\mathrm{id}_C \otimes \delta$. Since $B = A^{coH}$, this descends to a coaction $\mathrm{id}_C \otimes_B \delta$ on $C \otimes_B A$.
- Also $A \otimes C$ is a right H-comodule with coaction $(\mathrm{id}_A \otimes \tau) \circ (\delta \otimes \mathrm{id}_C)$.

Proposition

Let $\psi: A \otimes C \to C \otimes A$ be a normal twist and a B-bimodule morphism.

Suppose ψ is an H-comodule morphism:

$$(a^{[\psi]})_{(0)} \otimes c^{[\psi]} \otimes (a^{[\psi]})_{(1)} = (a_{(0)})^{[\psi]} \otimes c^{[\psi]} \otimes a_{(1)}, \quad a \in A, b \in B, c \in C$$

then the twisted push-forward algebra $C \otimes_B^{\psi} A$ is an H-comodule algebra with coaction $\mathrm{id}_C \otimes \delta$ and $C \subseteq \left(C \otimes_B^{\psi} A\right)^{coH}$.

Theorem

Let $B\subset A$ be H-Galois with A faithfully flat as a B-module. Let $F:B\to C$ be a morphism of algebras and $\psi:A\otimes C\to C\otimes A$ a normal twist map that is compatible with F, that is a B-bimodule map, and is an H-comodule morphism. Then the twisted push-forward algebra $C\otimes_B^\psi A$ of $B\subset A$ along $F:B\to C$ is a faithfully flat H-Galois extension of C.

Proof.

The left C-module $C \otimes_B A$ is faithfully flat since A is faithfully flat as a left B-module. Under the isomorphism $(C \otimes_B A) \otimes_C (C \otimes_B A) \simeq C \otimes_B (A \otimes_B A)$

$$\chi^{\psi}: (C \otimes_{B} A) \otimes_{C} (C \otimes_{B} A) \rightarrow (C \otimes_{B} A) \otimes H, \ (c \otimes_{B} a) \otimes_{C} (c' \otimes_{B} a') \mapsto (c \otimes_{B} a) \cdot^{\psi} (\operatorname{id}_{C} \otimes_{B} \delta) (c' \otimes_{B} a')$$

is simply $\chi^{\psi} = \operatorname{id}_{C} \otimes_{B} \chi$, where $\chi : A \otimes_{B} A \to A \otimes H$ is the canonical map of $B \subset A$. Then χ^{ψ} is surjective. Since the left C-module $C \otimes_{B} A$ is faithfully flat and χ^{ψ} is surjective, $C = (C \otimes_{B}^{\psi} A)^{coH}$ [Takeuchi 1977]. Then the algebra extension $C \subset C \otimes_{B}^{\psi} A$ is H-Galois. \square

$$\sim$$
 $C \otimes_{B}^{\psi} A$ is the twisted push-forward H -Galois extension of $B \subset A$ along F

On *-structures

Lemma

Suppose A and C are *-algebras. The twisted tensor product algebra $C \otimes^{\psi} A$ is a *-algebra with $*_C \otimes *_A \iff \psi = \text{flip}$.

Proposition

The twisted tensor product algebra $C \otimes^{\psi} A$ is a *-algebra with

$$* := \psi(*_A \otimes *_C) \circ flip, \qquad (c \otimes a)^* := \psi(a^* \otimes c^*)$$

 $\iff \psi$ is invertible with inverse $\psi^{-1} = (*_A \otimes *_C) \circ \text{flip} \circ \psi \circ (*_A \otimes *_C) \circ \text{flip}$. In this case, we can form the twisted tensor product algebra $A \otimes^{\psi^{-1}} C$. It is a *-algebra with $(a \otimes c)^* := \psi^{-1}(c^* \otimes a^*)$ and $\psi : A \otimes^{\psi^{-1}} C \to C \otimes^{\psi} A$ is a *-algebra isomorphism.

Lemma

Suppose F : B \to C is a *-algebra morphism and B a *-subalgebra of A. The *-structure $(c \otimes a)^* = \psi(a^* \otimes c^*)$ on $C \otimes^{\psi} A$ descends to a well-defined *-structure on $C \otimes^{\psi}_B A$

$$\iff \psi(ab \otimes c) = \psi(a \otimes F(b)c), \quad \forall a \in A, b \in B, c \in C.$$

Example: The push-forward to the total algebra along $i: B \to A$

The push-forward of a Hopf-Galois extension to the total algebra is trivial (the pull-back of a principal bundle to the total space is trivial).

Let $B \subset A$ be a faithfully flat H-Galois extension. [Schauenburg-Schneider (2005)]: there always exists a strong connection: a linear map $\ell: H \to A \otimes A$, $h \mapsto \ell(h) := h^{\{1\}} \otimes h^{\{2\}}$ with properties

$$\ell(1) = 1 \otimes 1, \quad \pi_B \circ \ell = \tau, \quad (id_A \otimes \delta) \circ \ell = (\ell \otimes id_H) \circ \Delta, \quad (\delta_l \otimes id_A) \circ \ell = (id_H \otimes \ell) \circ \Delta$$

where

- $\pi_B: A \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes_B A$ the canonical projection,
- $\delta_l: A \to H \otimes A$, $a \mapsto S^{-1}(a_{(1)}) \otimes a_{(0)}$ the induced left coaction of H on A
- $\tau = \chi^{-1}|_{1 \otimes H} : H \to A \otimes_B A$, $h \mapsto h^{<1>} \otimes_B h^{<2>}$ the translation map.

Proposition

Let $B \subset A$ be a faithfully flat H-Galois extension with strong connection $\ell: H \to A \otimes A$, $h \mapsto \ell(h) := h^{\{1\}} \otimes h^{\{2\}}$. The map

$$\psi_{\ell}: A \otimes A \to A \otimes A$$
, $a \otimes c \mapsto a_{(0)} c a_{(1)}^{(1)} \otimes a_{(1)}^{(2)}$

is a normal twist map. It is left and right B-linear (being $\ell(h)b = b \ell(h)$, $\forall b \in B$):

$$\psi_{\ell}(ba \otimes a'b') = b\psi_{\ell}(a \otimes a')b', \quad \forall a, a' \in A, b, b' \in B.$$

 \rightsquigarrow we can construct the algebra $A \otimes^{\psi_{\ell}} A$ with twisted product

$$(a \otimes c) \cdot_{\psi_{\ell}} (a' \otimes c') := (a \psi_{\ell}(c \otimes a') c') = a a'_{(0)} c (a'_{(1)})^{[1]} \otimes (a'_{(1)})^{[2]} c'$$

and this descends to a well-defined product

$$(a \otimes_B c) \cdot_{\psi_{\ell}} (a' \otimes_B c') = \pi_B (aa'_{(0)}c(a'_{(1)})^{(1)} \otimes (a'_{(1)})^{(2)}c') = aa'_{(0)}c(a'_{(1)})^{<1>} \otimes_B (a'_{(1)})^{<2>}c'.$$

on the twisted push-forward $A \otimes_B^{\psi_\ell} A$ of $B \subset A$ along the algebra inclusion $i : B \to A$.

The twisted push-forward algebra $A \otimes_B^{\psi_\ell} A$ is $A \otimes_B A$ with algebra structure induced by that of the tensor product algebra $A \otimes H$ via the canonical map $\chi : A \otimes_B A \to A \otimes H$ (which becomes then an algebra map):

$$m_{\psi_{\ell}} = \chi^{-1} \circ m_{A \otimes H} \circ (\chi \otimes \chi).$$

Proposition

The twisted push-forward algebra $A \otimes_B^{\psi_\ell} A$ of $B \subset A$ along the algebra inclusion $i : B \to A$ is a trivial H-Galois extension.

Observation: The twist map ψ_ℓ is the lift to $A\otimes A$ of the Durdević braiding

$$\sigma: A \otimes_B A \to A \otimes_B A$$
, $a \otimes_B c \mapsto a_{(0)} c(a_{(1)})^{<1>} \otimes_B (a_{(1)})^{<2>}$.

Final remarks

An alternative construction consists in constructing

$$m^{\psi} = (m_C \otimes m_A)(\mathrm{id}_C \otimes \psi \otimes \mathrm{id}_A)$$

directly on the covariant F-extension $C \otimes_B A$, without assuming it comes from a twisted product on $C \otimes A$. Here

$$\psi: A \otimes C \to C \otimes_B A$$
, $a \otimes c \mapsto c^{[\psi]} \otimes_B a^{[\psi]}$

cf. [Durdević, Quantum classifying spaces and universal quantum characteristic classes, Banach Publ. 1997]

• For each n, the Hopf fibering $S^{2n+1} \to \mathbb{C}P^n$ pull-backs via the classifying map

$$F_n: \mathbb{C}P^1 \simeq S^3/U(1) \to \mathbb{C}P^n \simeq S^{2n+1}/U(1), \quad [z_0, z_1] \mapsto \left[z_0^n, \dots, \binom{n}{j}^{\frac{1}{2}} z_0^{n-j} z_1^j, \dots, z_1^n\right].$$

to a U(1)-bundle on $\mathbb{C}P^1$ whose total space is the Lens space L(n,1).

 \leadsto its quantum version as an example of a twisted push-forward algebra.