

Free Commutative Integro-differential Algebras

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$$\mathbf{k}\{X\} := \mathbf{k}[\Delta X], \quad \Delta X := \{x^{(n)} \mid x \in X, n \geq 0\}$$

with concatenation product. Define $d_X: \mathbf{k}\{X\} \rightarrow \mathbf{k}\{X\}$ as follows. Let $w = u_1 \cdots u_k$, $u_i \in \Delta(X)$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, be a commutative word from the alphabet set $\Delta(X)$. If $k = 1$, so that $w = x^{(n)} \in \Delta(X)$, define $d_X(w) = x^{(n+1)}$. If $k > 1$, recursively define

$$d_X(w) = d_X(u_1)u_2 \cdots u_k + u_1 d_X(u_2 \cdots u_k) + \lambda d_X(u_1)d_X(u_2 \cdots u_k).$$

Further define $d_X(1) = 0$. Then $(\mathbf{k}\{X\}, d_X)$ is the free commutative differential algebra of weight λ on the set X .

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$$\alpha = a_0 P(a_1 P(a_2 P(\dots P(a_n) \dots))), a_i \in A.$$

$$\alpha = a_0 \otimes a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n \in A^{\otimes(n+1)}.$$

The product is given by

$$\alpha b = (a_0 b_0) \otimes ((a_1 \otimes \dots \otimes a_n) \text{III}_\lambda (b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_m)).$$

III_λ is a shuffle like product, called **mixable shuffle product**.

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Theorem (Guo-Keigher) $\mathbb{III}(A)$ with the shift operator $P(\alpha) := 1 \otimes \alpha$ is the free commutative RBA over A .

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Let $\mathcal{J} := \coprod_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}^k$. For $I = (i_0, \dots, i_k) \in \mathcal{J}$, denote

$$x^{\otimes I} := x^{i_0} \otimes \dots \otimes x^{i_k}.$$

Then $\text{III}(\mathbf{k}[x]) = \bigoplus_{I \in \mathcal{J}} \mathbf{k} x^{\otimes I}$.

For $x^{\otimes I} = x^{i_0} \otimes x^{\bar{I}}$ and $x^{\otimes J} = x^{j_0} \otimes x^{\bar{J}}$, we have

$$x^{\otimes I} x^{\otimes J} = x^{i_0+j_0} \otimes \left(x^{\bar{I} \text{III} \bar{J}} \right),$$

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- ▶ **Theorem** (Guo-Keigher) Let X be a set. The differential Rota-Baxter algebra $(\text{III}(\mathbf{k}\{X\}), d_{\mathbf{k}\{X\}}, P_{\mathbf{k}\{X\}})$ is the free differential Rota-Baxter algebra on X .

Integro-differential algebras

- ▶ Note that the “integral by parts” formula in Rota-Baxter algebra

$$I(f)I(g) = I(fI(g)) + I(I(f)g)$$

is a “purified” version of the original formula

$$FG = I(F'G) + I(FG')$$

by taking the differentiation out of the picture. This needs to be put back in order to understand fully the algebraic structure in differential equations.

Definition of Integro-differential Algebras

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$$D \circ \Pi = \text{id}_R$$

and the **initialization**

$$J: = \Pi \circ D$$

satisfies

$$J(x)J(y) = J(x)y + xJ(y) - J(xy) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R.$$

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- We will focus on 6: $\Pi(D(x)\Pi(y)) = x\Pi(y) - \Pi(xy) - \lambda\Pi(D(x)y)$.

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- ▶ **Theorem** Let (A, D) be a differential algebra. Let I_{ID} be the differential Rota-Baxter ideal of $\mathbb{H}(A)$ generated by elements in the above equations. Then the quotient differential Rota-Baxter algebra $\mathbb{H}(A)/I_{ID}$ is the free integro-differential algebra on (A, D) .

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Call u **functional** if either $u \in C(X)$ or $j_k > 1$. Let $A = \mathbf{k}[\Delta X]$ and A_T be the linear span of the functional monomials. Then $\mathbf{k}[\Delta X] = A_T \oplus \text{im}d$ and $\mathbf{k}\{X\}$ is a regular differential algebra.

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- ▶ **Theorem** (Guo-Regensburger-Rosenkranz) The triple $(ID(A), d_u, P_u)$ is the free commutative integro-differential algebra on (A, d) .

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- ▶ By the method of Gröbner-Shirshov basis, we obtain.

Theorem(Gao-Guo-Zheng) Let X be a nonempty well-ordered set and $A := \mathbf{k}\{X\}$. Let $\mathbb{III}(\mathbf{k}\{X\}) = \mathbb{III}(\mathbf{k}[\Delta X])$, with the derivation d and Rota-Baxter operator P , be the free commutative differential Rota-Baxter algebra of weight λ on X . Let I_{ID} be the differential Rota-Baxter ideal of $\mathbb{III}(\mathbf{k}\{X\})$ generated by

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of the inclusion and the quotient map is a linear bijection. Thus $\mathbb{III}(A)_T$ gives an explicit construction of the free integro-differential algebra $\mathbb{III}(A)/I_{ID}$.

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