

# Grafting and cografting for species

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# Species

## Definition (Joyal):

A **species** is a functor  $\mathbf{p} : \mathbf{Set}^{\times} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Vect}_{\mathbb{K}}$  from the category of finite sets to the category of vector spaces.

A species  $\mathbf{p}$  associates to *any* finite set  $I$  a vector space  $\mathbf{p}[I]$ .

## Definition:

A **morphism of species**  $f : \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{q}$  is a natural transformation between the functors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ .

For each finite set  $I$ , a morphism of species  $f : \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{q}$  gives a map

$$f[I] : \mathbf{p}[I] \longrightarrow \mathbf{q}[I].$$

# Examples of species

## Basic examples:

- Given a vector space  $V$ ,  $\mathbf{1}_V$  is the species defined by  $\mathbf{1}_V[I] = V$  if  $I = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathbf{1}_V[I] = \{0\}$  otherwise.
- $\mathbf{L}$  is the species which to a set  $I$  associates the v.s. spanned by all linear orders one can endow  $I$  with:

$$\mathbf{L}[\{a, b\}] = \langle (a < b), (b < a) \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}.$$

## Example

The tree species  $\mathbf{t}$  associates to any finite  $I$  the v. s. spanned by all rooted trees structure one can endow  $I$  with.

$$\mathbf{t}[\{a, b\}] = \langle \mathbf{t}_a^b, \mathbf{t}_b^a \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}, \quad \mathbf{t}[\{a, b, c\}] = \langle \mathbf{t}_a^{bc}, \mathbf{t}_b^{ca}, \mathbf{t}_c^{ab}, \mathbf{t}_a^c + \text{perm.} \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}$$

# Why Species?

Why you should stop worrying and love species:

- Species were introduced to answer questions of **enumerative combinatorics** questions, as a categorification of generating series.
- Species are a machine to produce results: if two objects have similar properties...  
There is possibly a **species lurking behind them!**
- So it might be worth it to formulate interesting (universal) properties in the category of species.

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# Products for species

## Definition:

If  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are two species, the **Cauchy product** of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$ , is defined by

$$(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q})[I] := \bigoplus_{I=S \sqcup T} \mathbf{p}[S] \otimes \mathbf{q}[T].$$

## Definition (Aguilar, Mahajan):

A **monoid** is a species  $\mathbf{p}$  together with an associative product

$$\mu : \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}.$$

So for any finite sets  $I$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  with  $I = S \sqcup T$  we have a map

$$\mu_{S,T} : \mathbf{p}[S] \otimes \mathbf{p}[T] \rightarrow \mathbf{p}[I]$$

associative in some sense.



# Coproducts for species

The Cauchy product of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  is defined by

$$(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q})[I] := \bigoplus_{I=S \sqcup T} \mathbf{p}[S] \otimes \mathbf{q}[T].$$

**Definition (Aguilar, Mahajan):**

A **comonoid** is a species with a coassociative coproduct

$$\Delta : \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p}.$$

So for any finite sets  $I$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  with  $I = S \sqcup T$  we have a map

$$\Delta_{S,T} : \mathbf{p}[I] \rightarrow \mathbf{p}[S] \otimes \mathbf{p}[T]$$

coassociative in some sense.

# Symmetric algebra

## Definition:

For a species  $\mathbf{p}$ , its **symmetric algebra**  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})[I] := \bigoplus_{\pi \vdash I} \mathbf{p}(\pi)$$

with  $\pi = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k\}$  a partition of  $I$  and

$$\mathbf{p}(\pi) = \mathbf{p}[B_1] \odot \cdots \odot \mathbf{p}[B_k].$$

## Example:

The symmetric algebra of the species of rooted trees is the species of rooted forests.

## Symmetric algebra II

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Example:  $I = \{a, b, c\}$ . Then

$$\pi = \{a, b, c\}, \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}\}, \{\{a, c\}, \{b\}\}, \{\{b, c\}, \{a\}\}, \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}.$$

Therefore:

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t})[I] = \mathbf{t}[I] \oplus (\mathbf{t}[a, b] \odot \mathbf{t}[c]) \oplus (\text{perm.}) \oplus (\mathbf{t}[a] \odot \mathbf{t}[b] \odot \mathbf{t}[c])$$

$$\simeq \langle \begin{array}{c} c \\ \vee_a^b \\ \bullet_a \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} c \\ \bullet_a \\ \bullet_b \\ \bullet_c \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} b \\ \bullet_a \\ \bullet_c \end{array}, \bullet_a \bullet_b \bullet_c, +\text{perm.} \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}$$

# Monoid structure of the symmetric algebra

Theorem (Aguiar, Mahajan):

$(S(\mathbf{p}), \mu)$  is a monoid for the  $\mu$  build from the  $\mu_{S,T}$  below.

- $I, S$  and  $T$  finite sets with  $I = S \sqcup T$ ;
- $\pi_S = \{B_1, \dots, B_k\} \vdash S$ ,  $\pi_T = \{C_1, \dots, C_l\} \vdash T$ ,

Then  $\pi_S \cup \pi_T \vdash I$  and define

$$\mu_{S,T}^{\pi_S, \pi_T} : \mathbf{p}(\pi_S) \otimes \mathbf{p}(\pi_T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}(\pi_S \cup \pi_T)$$

$$(x_1 \odot \cdots \odot x_k) \otimes (y_1 \odot \cdots \odot y_l) \longmapsto x_1 \odot \cdots \odot x_k \odot y_1 \odot \cdots \odot y_l$$

$$\mu_{S,T} := \sum_{\pi_S \vdash S, \pi_T \vdash T} \mu_{S,T}^{\pi_S, \pi_T}.$$

## Comonoid structure of the symmetric algebra

Theorem (Aguiar, Mahajan):

 $(S(\mathbf{p}), \Delta)$  is a comonoid for  $\Delta = (\Delta_I)_I$  described below

- $I$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  finite sets with  $I = S \sqcup T$ ;
- $\pi_S = \{B_1, \dots, B_k\} \vdash S$ ,  $\pi_T = \{C_1, \dots, C_l\} \vdash T$ ,

Then  $\pi_S \cup \pi_T \vdash I$  and define

$$\Delta_{S,T}^{\pi_S, \pi_T} : \mathbf{p}(\pi_S \cup \pi_T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}(\pi_S) \otimes \mathbf{p}(\pi_T)$$

$$x_1 \odot \cdots \odot x_{k+l} \longrightarrow \bigcirc_{i \text{ s.t. } x_i \in \mathbf{p}[B_j]} x_i \otimes \bigcirc_{\alpha \text{ s.t. } x_\alpha \in \mathbf{p}[B_\beta]} x_\alpha.$$

$$\Delta_{S,T} := \sum_{\pi_S \vdash S, \pi_T \vdash T} \Delta_{S,T}^{\pi_S, \pi_T}, \quad \Delta_I := \sum_{S \sqcup T = I} \Delta_{S,T}.$$

# Derivative for species

## Definition:

Given a species  $\mathbf{p}$ , its **derivative**  $\mathbf{p}'$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{p}'[I] := \mathbf{p}[I \cup \{*_I\}].$$

Given  $f : \mathbf{p} \longrightarrow \mathbf{q}$ , its **derivative**  $f'$  is defined by

$$f'[I] := f[I \cup \{*_I\}] : \mathbf{p}'[I] \longrightarrow \mathbf{q}'[I].$$

$$(\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{q})' = \mathbf{p}.\mathbf{q}' + \mathbf{p}'.\mathbf{q}.$$

## Example:

The species  $\mathbf{t}'$  is the species of non-empty trees.

# Species with up and down operators

## Definition (Guță, Maasen):

- A **species with up operator** is a species  $\mathbf{p}$  with a morphism of species  $u : \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p}'$ .
- A **species with down operators** is a species  $\mathbf{p}$  with a morphism of species  $d : \mathbf{p}' \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$ .

## Example:

$B : \mathbf{t} \longrightarrow \mathbf{t}'$  is the up operator defined by adding a root decorated by  $*$  below each trees in  $\mathbf{t}[I]$ :

$$(B\mathbf{t})[\{a, b, c\}] = \langle \begin{array}{c} c \\ | \\ b \\ | \\ a \\ | \\ * \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} b \quad c \\ \diagdown \quad / \\ \quad a \\ | \\ * \end{array}, + \text{ perm.} \rangle_{\mathbb{K}} \subsetneq \mathbf{t}[\{a, b, c\} \cup \{*\}].$$

NB: the “inverse” map  $\mathfrak{B}$  is not a down op.: its image is not in  $\mathbf{t}$ .

# Species with up and down (co)derivations

$$\text{up: } u : \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p}'$$

$$\text{down: } d : \mathbf{p}' \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$$

## Definition:

An up (resp. down) operator  $u : \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{p}'$  (resp.  $d : \mathbf{p}' \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$ ) is **coderivation** (resp. **derivation**) if

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{p} & \xrightarrow{u} & \mathbf{p}' \\
 \Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta' \\
 \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} & \xrightarrow{u \cdot \text{id} + \text{id} \cdot u} & (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p})'
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{resp.} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p})' & \xrightarrow{d \cdot \text{id} + \text{id} \cdot d} & \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\
 \mu' \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\
 \mathbf{p}' & \xrightarrow{d} & \mathbf{p}
 \end{array}$$

commutes.



# Balanced up-down operators

For  $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{p}[n]$  and  $\sigma \in S_n$ , write  $\sigma.x := \mathbf{p}[\sigma](x)$ .

## Definition (Aguiar, Mahajan):

A species with up *and* down operators  $(\mathbf{p}, u, d)$  is **balanced** if,  
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(1, 2).u^2(x) = u^2(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n] \quad (1)$$

$$d^2((1, 2).x) = d^2(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n+2] \quad (2)$$

$$d \circ u = \lambda_n \text{Id} \quad \text{for some } \lambda_n \in \mathbb{K} \quad (3)$$

$$d((k+1, 1).u(x)) = (k, 1).u(d(x)) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n], 1 \leq k < n. \quad (4)$$

These are difficult to produce!

# Balanced up-down operators II

Why should we care?

There are functors  $\mathcal{K} : \mathbf{Sp} \rightarrow \mathbf{grVect}_{\mathbb{K}}$  that “realise” species.

Then

$(\mathbf{p}, u, d)$  balanced  $\implies (\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}), \mathcal{K}(u), \mathcal{K}(d))$  a graded vector space  
with **creation-annihilation operators**.

(1)  $\implies$  commutation of creation operator,

(2)  $\implies$  commutation of annihilation operator,

(3)+(4)  $\implies$  commutation of creation/annihilation operators.

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# Graftings: for forests to species

For a set  $I$

$$\mathcal{F}_I := \langle \text{forests decorated by } I \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}, \quad \mathcal{T}_I := \langle \text{trees decorated by } I \rangle_{\mathbb{K}}.$$

For  $a \in I$ ,  $B_+^a : \mathcal{F}_I \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_I \setminus \emptyset$  defined by

$$B_+^a(t_1 \cdots t_k) = \begin{array}{c} t_1 \cdots t_k \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \quad \quad a \end{array}$$

Recall

$$\mathcal{F}_I \approx \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t})[I], \quad \mathcal{T}_I \setminus \emptyset \approx \mathbf{t}'[I].$$

**Definition:**

A **grafting map** for a species  $\mathbf{p}$  is a map  $B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \rightarrow \mathbf{p}'$ .

# Cograftings

A **grafting map** for a species  $\mathbf{p}$  is a map  $B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}'$ .

**Definition:**

A **cografting map** for a species  $\mathbf{p}$  is a map  $\mathfrak{B} : \mathbf{p}' \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})$ .

**Example:**

The inverse map  $\mathfrak{B} := (B_+)^{-1}$  is now a cografting!

$$\mathfrak{B} \left( \begin{array}{c} t_1 \cdots t_k \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ a \end{array} \right) := t_1 \cdots t_k$$

# Up operators from graftings and cograftings

$$B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{p}'.$$

## Definition:

Let  $(\mathbf{p}, B)$  be a species with a grafting. Define

- the **set up operator**  $u_B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})'$  by

$$u_B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{B} \mathbf{p}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})'.$$

- the **algebraic up operator**  $u^B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})'$  by

$$u^B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{B \cdot \text{Id}} \mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})'$$

# Down operators from graftings and cograftings

$$\mathfrak{B} : \mathbf{p}' \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}).$$

## Definition:

Let  $(\mathbf{p}, \mathfrak{B})$  be a species with a cografting. Define

- the **set down operator**  $d_{\mathfrak{B}} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})' \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})$  by

$$d_{\mathfrak{B}} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})' \twoheadrightarrow \mathbf{p}' \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{B}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}).$$

- the **algebraic down operator**  $d^{\mathfrak{B}} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})' \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})$  by

$$d^{\mathfrak{B}} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})' = \mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{B} \cdot \text{Id}} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}).$$

# Universal property

$$u_B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}) \xrightarrow{B} \mathbf{p}' \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}')$$

## Theorem (C., Paycha, Vargas):

Let  $B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t}) \rightarrow \mathbf{t}'$  the grafting of forests. For every commutative monoid  $(\mathbf{q}, \nu)$  with up operator  $u : \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}'$ , there exists a unique map of monoids with up operators

$$\phi : (\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t}), \mu, u_B) \rightarrow (\mathbf{q}, \nu, u).$$

In particular, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t}) & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbf{q} \\
 u_B \downarrow & & \downarrow u \\
 \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t})' & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & \mathbf{q}'
 \end{array}$$



# (Co)Derivations from (co)graftings

Proposition (C., Paycha, Vargas):

Let  $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbb{B})$  be a species with a grafting and  $(\mathbf{q}, \mathbb{B})$  a species with a cografting. Then  $(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}), \mu, u^{\mathbb{B}})$  is a comonoid with an up coderivation and  $(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{q}), \Delta, d_{\mathbb{B}})$  is a monoid with a derivation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{p} & \xrightarrow{u^{\mathbb{B}}} & \mathbf{p}' \\
 \Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta' \\
 \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} & \xrightarrow{u^{\mathbb{B}} \cdot \text{id} + \text{id} \cdot u^{\mathbb{B}}} & (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p})'
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{and} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p})' & \xrightarrow{d_{\mathbb{B}} \cdot \text{id} + \text{id} \cdot d_{\mathbb{B}}} & \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\
 \mu' \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\
 \mathbf{p}' & \xrightarrow{d_{\mathbb{B}}} & \mathbf{p}
 \end{array}$$

Proof: elegant or brute force.

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# Balanced up/down operators from co/graftings

Let  $(\mathbf{p}, B, \mathfrak{B})$  be a species with grafting and cografting. Then  $(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p}), u_B, d_{\mathfrak{B}})$  is balanced i.f.f.:

$$(1, 2).B^2(x) = B^2(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n]$$

$$\mathfrak{B}^2((1, 2).x) = \mathfrak{B}^2(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n+2]$$

$$\mathfrak{B} \circ B = \lambda_n \text{Id} \quad \text{for some } \lambda_n \in \mathbb{K}$$

$$\mathfrak{B}((k+1, 1).B(x)) = (k, 1).B(\mathfrak{B}(x)) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{p}[n], 1 \leq k < n$$

This suggests a strategy to build (hopefully) non-trivial pairs of balanced up/down operators!

# An example

## Example:

Let  $\mathbf{g}$  be the species of connected, non-oriented graphs without self-loops.  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{g})$  is the species of non-connected, non-oriented graphs without self-loops. Define

$$\mathbf{B} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{g}', \quad \mathfrak{B} : \mathbf{g}' \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{g}).$$

- $\mathbf{B}$  adds a new vertex linked to all former vertices,
- $\mathfrak{B}$  removes this vertex and all edges attached to it.

Then  $(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{g}), u_{\mathbf{B}}, d_{\mathfrak{B}})$  is balanced with  $\lambda_n = 1$ .

- First three relations (rather) trivial.
- $\mathfrak{B}((k+1, 1).B(x)) = (k, 1).B(\mathfrak{B}(x))$  requires some work.

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# Openings and conclusion

## Openings:

- Connes-Kreimer comonoid for  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{t})$  still to be investigated.
- General results about balanced up/down operators from graftings and cograftings?
- Other structures on species from graftings and cograftings?

## Conclusion:

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## Conclusion:

Species are fun!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.