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A Class of Weak Hopf Algebras

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We introduce a class of noncommutative and noncocommutative weak Hopf algebras with infinite Ext quivers and study their structure. We decompose them into a direct sum of two algebras. The coalgebra structures of these weak Hopf algebras are described by their Ext quiver. The weak Hopf extension of Hopf algebra H_n has a quotient Hopf algebra and a sub-Hopf algebra which are isomorphic to H_n .

1. Introduction

Weak Hopf algebra was introduced by Li in 1998 as a generalization of Hopf algebras [1]. It had been proved in [1, 2]; for some sorts of finite dimensional weak Hopf algebras H , the quantum quasidouble $D(H)$ of H is quasibraided equipped with some quasi-R-matrix R . Hence R is a solution of the Quantum Yang-Baxter Equation.

First two examples of noncommutative and noncocommutative weak Hopf algebras were given in [3]. Up to now, many examples of weak Hopf algebras have been found [2, 4–7]. So far, all examples of weak Hopf algebras were based on some Hopf algebras and were constructed by weak extension.

In this paper, we first give a Hopf algebra, denoted by H_n . By weak extension, we construct a weak Hopf algebra $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ corresponding to H_n and study their structure. $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ has a quotient Hopf algebra and a sub-Hopf algebra which are isomorphic to H_n . And as an algebra, $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ can be decomposed into a direct sum of two algebras, one of which is H_n . The coalgebra structures of these weak Hopf algebras are described by their Ext quiver [8, 9].

We organize our paper as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the Hopf algebra H_n . In Section 3, we define a class of weak Hopf algebras $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$. In Section 4, we study

the structure of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ and decompose $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ into a direct sum of H_n and some algebra of polynomials as an algebra. We give the Ext-quiver of coalgebra of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ and prove that $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ has a quotient Hopf algebra and a sub-Hopf algebra which are isomorphic to H_n .

2. A Quiver Hopf Algebra

The Hopf Algebra $F_{(q)}$ is defined in [10]. Let $q \in k \setminus 0$. As a k -algebra $F_{(q)}$ is generated by a, b , and x subject to the relations

$$ab = 1, \quad ba = 1, \quad xa = qax, \quad xb = q^{-1}bx. \quad (2.1)$$

The coalgebra structure of $F_{(q)}$ is determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(a) &= a \otimes a, & \Delta(b) &= b \otimes b, & \Delta(x) &= x \otimes a + 1 \otimes x. \\ \varepsilon(1) &= \varepsilon(a) = \varepsilon(b) = 1, & \varepsilon(x) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

We generalize $F_{(q)}$ to H_n , which is defined as follows. Let k be a field, $q \in k \setminus 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. As a k -algebra H_n is generated by K, K^{-1} , and X_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ subject to the relations

$$KK^{-1} = 1, \quad K^{-1}K = 1, \quad X_iK = qKX_i, \quad X_iK^{-1} = q^{-1}K^{-1}X_i. \quad (2.3)$$

The coalgebra structure of H_n is determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(K) &= K \otimes K, & \Delta(K^{-1}) &= K^{-1} \otimes K^{-1}, \\ \Delta(X_i) &= X_i \otimes K + 1 \otimes X_i, \\ \varepsilon(K) &= \varepsilon(K^{-1}) = 1, & \varepsilon(X_i) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

The antipode S is induced by

$$S(K) = K^{-1}, \quad S(K^{-1}) = K, \quad S(X_i) = -K^{-1}X_i. \quad (2.5)$$

3. A Class of Weak Hopf Algebras

In this section, we construct a class of weak Hopf algebra corresponding to H_n .

First recall the definition of weak Hopf algebra [1].

Definition 3.1. A k -bialgebra $H = (H, \mu, \eta, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ is called a weak Hopf algebra if there exists $T \in \text{Hom}_k(H, H)$ such that $\text{id} * T * \text{id} = \text{id}$ and $T * \text{id} * T = T$ where T is called a weak antipode of H .

A weak Hopf algebra is called pointed if it is pointed as a coalgebra. If a weak Hopf algebra H is pointed, then the set of all group-like elements $G(H)$ is a regular monoid [6].

Now we construct weak Hopf algebra W corresponding to H_n . The set $G(W)$ of group-like elements of weak Hopf algebra W is a regular monoid which has generators $g, \bar{g}, 1$, subject to $g\bar{g} = g\bar{g}, g^2\bar{g} = g, \bar{g}^2g = \bar{g}$.

To construct all possible weak extension we need the following discussion.

Recall, for any coalgebra C , that the group-like elements in C are the set $G(C) = \{a \in C \mid a \neq 0 \text{ and } \Delta(a) = a \otimes a\}$; necessarily $\varepsilon(a) = 1$ for $a \in G(C)$. Note that a simple subcoalgebra D of C is one-dimensional $\Leftrightarrow D = ka$ for some $a \in G(C)$. A coalgebra is pointed if all of its simple subcoalgebras are one-dimensional. For $a, b \in G(C)$, the a, b -primitive elements in C are the set $P_{a,b}(C) = \{c \in C \mid \Delta(c) = c \otimes a + b \otimes c\}$; necessarily $\varepsilon(c) = 0$ for $c \in P_{a,b}(C)$. Note that $k(a - b) = \{l(a - b) \mid l \in k\} \subset P_{a,b}(C)$; an a, b -primitive element c is nontrivial if $c \notin k(a - b) = \{l(a - b) \mid l \in k\}$. If $a = b = 1$, the 1, 1-primitives are simply called primitive; otherwise they are called skew primitive.

The following result is a generalization of [11].

Lemma 3.2. *Let W be the weak Hopf algebra defined above. One has*

$$gP_{a,b}(W) \subseteq P_{ga,gb}(W), \quad \bar{g}P_{a,b}(W) \subseteq P_{\bar{g}a,\bar{g}b}(W). \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. Let $u \in P_{a,b}(W)$, then $\Delta(u) = u \otimes a + b \otimes u$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(gu) &= \Delta(g)\Delta(u) \\ &= (g \otimes g)(u \otimes a + b \otimes u) \\ &= gu \otimes ga + gb \otimes gu \in P_{ga,gb}(W). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

The second inclusion is proved similarly. □

Corollary 3.3. *For W , one has*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim P_{g^{i+1},g^i}(W) &= \dim P_{g^i,g^{i-1}}(W), \quad i \geq 2, \\ \dim P_{\bar{g}^i,\bar{g}^{i+1}}(W) &= \dim P_{\bar{g}^{i-1},\bar{g}^i}(W), \quad i \geq 2, \\ \dim P_{\bar{g},g^2}(W) &= \dim P_{g\bar{g},\bar{g}}(W) = \dim P_{g,\bar{g}\bar{g}}(W) = \dim P_{g^2,g}(W). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. We only prove the first equation. In fact, the map $\varphi : P_{g^i,g^{i-1}}(W) \rightarrow P_{g^{i+1},g^i}(W), u \mapsto gu$ is a linear map with inverse $\psi : P_{g^{i+1},g^i}(W) \mapsto P_{g^i,g^{i-1}}(W), v \mapsto \bar{g}v$. Hence, $P_{g^i,g^{i-1}}(W)$ and $P_{g^{i+1},g^i}(W)$ are isomorphic as vector spaces. □

Since all the dimensions in Corollary 3.3 are same, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 3.4. *One has*

$$\dim P_{1,\bar{g}}(W) \leq \dim P_{g,\bar{g}\bar{g}}(W), \quad \dim P_{g,1}(W) \leq \dim P_{g,g\bar{g}}(W). \quad (3.4)$$

Proof. The map $\varphi : P_{g,1}(W) \rightarrow P_{g,g\bar{g}}(W)$, $u \mapsto g\bar{g}u$ is a linear map. If $\varphi(u) = g\bar{g}u = l(g - g\bar{g})$, for some $l \in k$, then $u \in kG(W)$, the vector space spanned by all group-like elements, because W is graded. Hence, $u = l(g - 1)$. Therefore, the linear map φ is an injection. Consequently,

$$\dim P_{1,\bar{g}}(W) \leq \dim P_{g,g\bar{g}}(W). \quad (3.5)$$

The proof of the second inequality is similar. $\square$

By the above discussion we know that weak Hopf algebra W is determined by $P_{1,\bar{g}}(W)$, $P_{g,1}(W)$, and $P_{g,g\bar{g}}(W)$. Take $x_1, \dots, x_{n_1}$ to be linearly independent nontrivial elements in $P_{1,\bar{g}}(W)$, and $y_1, \dots, y_{n_2}$ linearly independent nontrivial elements in $P_{g,1}(W)$. Let

$$P_{g,g\bar{g}}(W) = (g\bar{g}P_{1,\bar{g}}(W) + gP_{g,1}(W)) \oplus V, \quad (3.6)$$

and $z_1, \dots, z_{n_3}$ a basis of V . Then W is determined by $x_1, \dots, x_{n_1}, y_1, \dots, y_{n_2}, z_1, \dots, z_{n_3}$.

To summarize, we define weak Hopf algebra $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ corresponding to H_n as follows.

Definition 3.5. Let k be a field. For any positive integers n_1, n_2, n_3 , and nonzero element $q \in k$, we define $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ to be associative algebra over field k generated by $1, g, \bar{g}, x_i, y_j, z_k$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1, j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2, k = 1, 2, \dots, n_3$, subject to

$$g\bar{g} = g\bar{g}, \quad g\bar{g}^2 = g, \quad \bar{g}^2g = \bar{g}, \quad (3.7)$$

$$gx_i = qx_i g, \quad \bar{g}x_i = q^{-1}x_i \bar{g}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1, \quad (3.8)$$

$$gy_j = qy_j g, \quad \bar{g}y_j = q^{-1}y_j \bar{g}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2, \quad (3.9)$$

$$gz_k \bar{g} = qz_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n_3. \quad (3.10)$$

$W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ can be endowed with coalgebra structure by

$$\Delta(g) = g \otimes g, \quad (3.11)$$

$$\Delta(x_i) = x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\Delta(y_j) = y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j, \quad (3.13)$$

$$\Delta(z_k) = z_k \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes z_k, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\varepsilon(1) = \varepsilon(g) = \varepsilon(\bar{g}) = 1, \quad \varepsilon(x_i) = 0, \quad \varepsilon(y_j) = 0, \quad \varepsilon(z_k) = 0, \quad (3.15)$$

while the weak antipode T is induced by

$$T(1) = 1, \quad T(g) = \bar{g}, \quad T(\bar{g}) = g, \quad (3.16)$$

$$T(x_i) = -x_i \bar{g}, \quad T(y_j) = -gy_j, \quad T(z_k) = -z_k \bar{g}, \quad (3.17)$$

Theorem 3.6. For any positive integers n_1, n_2, n_3 , $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ is a weak Hopf algebra.

Proof. First we must check that the coproduct Δ is an algebra map. It suffices to prove that Δ preserves the relations (3.7)–(3.10). It is easy to see that Δ preserves the relations (3.7). And

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(gx_i) &= (g \otimes g)(x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i) \\
 &= gx_i \otimes g^2 + g \otimes gx_i \\
 &= (qx_i g) \otimes g^2 + g \otimes (qx_i g) \\
 &= q(x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i)(g \otimes g) \\
 &= \Delta(qx_i g), \\
 \Delta(gy_j) &= (g \otimes g)(y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j) \\
 &= gy_j \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes gy_j \\
 &= (qy_j g) \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes (qy_j g) \\
 &= q(y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j)(g \otimes g) \\
 &= \Delta(qy_j g), \\
 \Delta(gz_k \bar{g}) &= (g \otimes g)(z_k \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes z_k)(\bar{g} \otimes \bar{g}) \\
 &= gz_k \bar{g} \otimes gg\bar{g} + g\bar{g} \otimes gz_k \bar{g} \\
 &= (qz_k) \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes (qz_k) \\
 &= \Delta(qz_k).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

Next we prove that T is the weak antipode. It suffices to prove that for each generator $g, \bar{g}, x_i, y_j, z_k$, the action of $T * id * T$ is the same as that of T , and the action of $id * T * id$ is the same as that of id .

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta \otimes id)\Delta(x_i) &= (\Delta \otimes id)(x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i) \\
 &= (x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i) \otimes g + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes x_i \\
 &= x_i \otimes g \otimes g + 1 \otimes x_i \otimes g + 1 \otimes 1 \otimes x_i,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (id * T * id)(x_i) &= x_i \bar{g} g + (-x_i \bar{g})g + x_i = x_i = id(x_i), \\
 (T * id * T)(x_i) &= (-x_i \bar{g})g\bar{g} + x_i \bar{g} + (-x_i \bar{g}) \\
 &= -x_i(\bar{g}g\bar{g}) = -x_i \bar{g} = T(x_i).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta \otimes id)\Delta(y_j) &= (\Delta \otimes id)(y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j) \\
 &= (y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j) \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes \bar{g} \otimes y_j \\
 &= y_j \otimes 1 \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes y_j \otimes 1 + \bar{g} \otimes \bar{g} \otimes y_j,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (id * T * id)(y_j) &= y_j + \bar{g}(-gy_j) + \bar{g}gy_j = y_j = id(y_j), \\
 (T * id * T)(y_j) &= (-gy_j) + gy_j + g\bar{g}(-gy_j) = -gy_j = T(y_j).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\Delta \otimes id)\Delta(z_k) &= (\Delta \otimes id)(z_k \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes z_k) \\
 &= (z_k \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes z_k) \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes g\bar{g} \otimes z_k \\
 &= z_k \otimes g \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes z_k \otimes g + g\bar{g} \otimes g\bar{g} \otimes z_k, \\
 z_k g\bar{g} &= q^{-1}gz_k\bar{g}g\bar{g} = q^{-1}gz_k\bar{g} = z_k, \\
 g\bar{g}z_k &= q^{-1}g\bar{g}gz_k\bar{g} = q^{-1}gz_k\bar{g} = z_k,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (id * T * id)(z_k) &= z_k g\bar{g} + g\bar{g}(-z_k\bar{g})g + g\bar{g}g\bar{g}z_k \\
 &= z_k - q\bar{g}z_kg + g\bar{g}z_k \\
 &= z_k - z_k + z_k = z_k = id(z_k), \\
 (T * id * T)(z_k) &= (-z_k\bar{g})g\bar{g} + g\bar{g}z_k\bar{g} + g\bar{g}g\bar{g}(-z_k\bar{g}) \\
 &= (-z_k\bar{g}) + z_k\bar{g} + (-z_k\bar{g}) = -z_k\bar{g} = T(z_k).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

□

4. The Structure of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$

In this section we study the algebra and coalgebra structure of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$.

It is easy to prove that the elements $g\bar{g}$ and $1 - g\bar{g}$ are a pair of orthogonal central idempotents. Set $W_1 = W(n_1, n_2, n_3)g\bar{g}$, $W_2 = W(n_1, n_2, n_3)(1 - g\bar{g})$. We have the following.

Theorem 4.1. $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ can be written as a direct sum of two-sided ideals $W(n_1, n_2, n_3) = W_1 \oplus W_2$. And one has the following.

- (1) As an algebra, W_1 is isomorphic to H_n , where $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3$.
- (2) As an algebra, W_2 is isomorphic to the free associative algebra $k\langle Y_1, \dots, Y_t \rangle$ of t generators, where $t = n_1 + n_2$.

Proof. (1) Since $g\bar{g}$ and $1 - g\bar{g}$ are a pair of orthogonal central idempotents,

$$W(n_1, n_2, n_3) = W(n_1, n_2, n_3)g\bar{g} \oplus W(n_1, n_2, n_3)(1 - g\bar{g}) = W_1 \oplus W_2. \quad (4.1)$$

The isomorphism $W_1 \rightarrow H_n$ is induced by $x_i g\bar{g} \mapsto X_i$, $y_j g\bar{g} \mapsto X_{n_1+j}$, $z_k g\bar{g} \mapsto X_{n_1+n_2+k}$, $g\bar{g} \mapsto 1$, $g^2 \bar{g} \mapsto K$.

(2) Note that $z_k(1 - g\bar{g}) = 0$ and $x_i(1 - g\bar{g})y_j(1 - g\bar{g}) = y_j(1 - g\bar{g})x_i(1 - g\bar{g})$. Since $x_i(1 - g\bar{g})$, $y_j(1 - g\bar{g})$ are generators of W_2 , the isomorphism $W_2 \rightarrow k\langle Y_1, \dots, Y_t \rangle$ is defined by $(1 - g^2) \mapsto 1$, $x_i(1 - g^2) \mapsto Y_i$, $y_j(1 - g^2) \mapsto Y_{n_1+j}$. $\square$

A weak Hopf ideal J of a weak Hopf algebra H is a bi-ideal such that $T(J) \subset J$, where T is the weak antipode of H . It is easy to see that H/J has a natural structure of a weak Hopf algebra.

Theorem 4.2. *The ideal J in $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ generated by $1 - g\bar{g}$ is a weak Hopf ideal. And the quotient weak Hopf algebra $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)/J$ is a Hopf algebra, which is isomorphic to H_n , where $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3$.*

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(1 - g\bar{g}) &= 1 \otimes 1 - g\bar{g} \otimes g\bar{g} \\ &= 1 \otimes 1 - g\bar{g} \otimes 1 + g\bar{g} \otimes 1 - g\bar{g} \otimes g\bar{g} \\ &= (1 - g\bar{g}) \otimes 1 + g\bar{g} \otimes (1 - g\bar{g}), \\ T(1 - g\bar{g}) &= T(1) - T(\bar{g})T(g) = 1 - g\bar{g}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

J is a weak Hopf ideal in $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$.

The isomorphism $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)/J \rightarrow H_n$ is defined by $g + J \mapsto K$, $\bar{g} + J \mapsto K^{-1}$, $x_i + J \mapsto X_i$, $gy_j + J \mapsto X_{n_1+j}$, $z_k + J \mapsto X_{n_1+n_2+k}$. $\square$

Now we give the Ext quiver of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$. For the definition and calculation of Ext quiver, we refer to [5, 8, 9, 12].

The Ext quiver of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ is shown in Figure 1. The multiplicity of arrow $g \cdot \rightarrow \cdot 1$ is n_1 . The multiplicity of arrow $1 \cdot \rightarrow \cdot \bar{g}$ is n_2 . The multiplicity of other arrows is all n .

Theorem 4.3. *The sub-coalgebra H related to the subquiver in Figure 2 is isomorphic to H_n as coalgebra.*

Proof. The isomorphism $H \rightarrow H_n$ is induced by $g\bar{g} \mapsto 1$, $g \mapsto K$, $\bar{g} \mapsto K^{-1}$, $x_i \mapsto X_i$, $gy_j \mapsto X_{n_1+j}$, $z_k \mapsto X_{n_1+n_2+k}$. $\square$

Remark 4.4. The isomorphisms described in Theorem 4.1 are not isomorphisms of bialgebras.

Remark 4.5. The weak Hopf algebras discussed in [4, 5] also have quotient Hopf algebras and sub-Hopf algebras which are isomorphic to the related Hopf algebras.

Figure 1: Ext quiver of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$.

Figure 2: A subquiver of Ext quiver of $W(n_1, n_2, n_3)$.

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