

Unimodular module categories

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What is unimodularity?

Unimodularity

- An $n \times n$ matrix A with integer entries is called *unimodular* if $\det(A) = \pm 1$.
- This idea is used to define unimodularity of
 - ▶ bilinear forms
 - ▶ lattices
 - ▶ Poisson algebras
 - ▶ Hopf algebras
 - ▶ Finite multi-tensor categories
- Fun fact: Unimodular lattices (E_8 and Leech lattice) were used in the work of Viazovska¹ to obtain efficient sphere packings in dimensions 8 and 24.

¹Viazovska, “The sphere packing problem in dimension 8”.

Unimodular Hopf algebras

Let $(H, m, u, \Delta, \varepsilon, S)$ be a finite dimensional Hopf algebra.

- A *left integral* is an element $\Lambda^l \in H$ satisfying

$$h\Lambda^l = \varepsilon(h)\Lambda^l \quad \forall h \in H$$

- A *right integral* is an element $\Lambda^r \in H$ satisfying

$$\Lambda^r h = \varepsilon(h)\Lambda^r \quad \forall h \in H$$

- For any left integral Λ^l , there exists $\alpha : H \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$ (*distinguished character*) such that

$$\Lambda^l h = \alpha(h)\Lambda^l \quad \forall h \in H$$

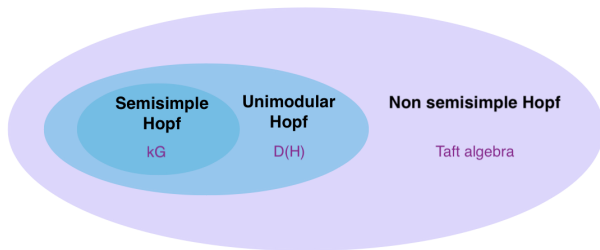
Definition

H is called *unimodular* if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied:

- H admits a two-sided integral $\iff \alpha = \varepsilon$.

Examples

- 1 Let $G =$ finite group with $\text{char}(\mathbb{k}) \nmid |G|$. Then, $\Lambda = \sum_{g \in G} g$ is a left and right integral of the $\mathbb{k}G$.
- 2 Semisimple Hopf algebras are unimodular ($\Lambda^l \Lambda^r$ is a two-sided integral).
- 3 When $\text{char}(\mathbb{k})$ divides $|G|$, $\mathbb{k}G$ is not semisimple but still unimodular.
- 4 Let $H_{2,i} = \frac{\mathbb{k}\langle g, x \rangle}{(g^2=1, x^2=0, gx=-xg)}$. Then H does not admit a two-sided integral.



Unimodular tensor categories

A finite multi-tensor category is a finite, abelian, rigid, monoidal category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, \mathbb{1})$.

Hopf algebras

- (H, m, u) algebra
- Δ, ε are algebra maps
- S bijective
- H unimodular ($\alpha = \varepsilon$)

Finite tensor categories

- $\text{Rep}(H)$ abelian, \mathbb{k} -linear
- $(\text{Rep}(H), \otimes_{\mathbb{k}}, \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon})$ monoidal
- $\text{Rep}(H)$ admits duals, is rigid
- $D := \mathbb{k}_{\alpha}$, then $D \cong \mathbb{1}$

In fact², $D \cong \int_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, \mathbb{1}) \cdot X$.

Definition

A finite multi-tensor category \mathcal{C} is called *unimodular* if $D \cong \mathbb{1}$.

Example: Drinfeld centers of finite tensor categories are unimodular.

²Shimizu, "On unimodular finite tensor categories".

Unimodular \mathcal{C} -Module categories

Let \mathcal{C} be a finite multi-tensor category. A left \mathcal{C} -module category is a finite abelian category \mathcal{M} along with an exact functor $\triangleright : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and coherent natural isomorphisms:

$$(X \otimes Y) \triangleright M \cong X \triangleright (Y \triangleright M), \quad \mathbf{1} \triangleright M \cong M.$$

A \mathcal{C} -module category \mathcal{M} is called *exact* if for all projective objects $X \in \mathcal{C}$ and any $M \in \mathcal{M}$, $X \triangleright M \in \mathcal{M}$ is projective.

Definition

An exact \mathcal{C} -module category \mathcal{M} is called *unimodular*^a if the multi-tensor category $\text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ is unimodular.

^aFuchs, Schaumann, and Schweigert, "Eilenberg-Watts calculus for finite categories and a bimodule Radford S^4 theorem".

Examples

- ① $\mathcal{C} =$ finite tensor cat., $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$
Then, $\text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathcal{C}^{\text{rev}}$.
 $\implies \mathcal{M}$ is unimodular if and only if \mathcal{C} is unimodular tensor cat.
- ② $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{C}^{\text{rev}}$, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$
Then, $\text{Rex}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$. But the $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$ is always unimodular.
 $\implies \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}$ is a unimodular $\mathcal{C} \boxtimes \mathcal{C}^{\text{rev}}$ module category.
- ③ $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(H)$, $\mathcal{M} = \text{Vec}$ via the fiber functor $F : \text{Rep}(H) \rightarrow \text{Vec}$
Then, $\text{Rex}_{\text{Rep}(H)}(\text{Vec}) \cong \text{Rep}(H^*)$.
 $\implies \text{Vec}$ is a unimodular if and only if H^* is unimodular.
- ④ $\mathcal{C} =$ fusion cat. of $\dim \neq 0$, $\mathcal{M} =$ any semisimple \mathcal{C} -module cat.
Then, $\text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ is also fusion³, and hence, unimodular.
 $\implies \mathcal{M}$ is a unimodular \mathcal{C} -module category.

³Etingof, Nikshych, and Ostrik, "On fusion categories".

Characterization of unimodularity

Understanding unimodularity

Let $U : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be the forgetful functor. Shimizu⁴ proved that:

$$\mathcal{C} \text{ is unimodular} \iff U^{\text{ra}}(\mathbf{1}) \in \text{Frob}(\mathcal{C})$$

For $(\mathcal{M}, \triangleright)$ an exact, left \mathcal{C} -module category, consider the functor⁵:

$$\Psi : \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M}), \quad (X, \sigma) \mapsto (X \triangleright -, s^{\sigma})$$

As a corollary of Shimizu's result, we obtained that⁶:

Corollary

$$\mathcal{M} \text{ is unimodular} \iff \Psi^{\text{ra}}(\mathbf{1}) \in \text{Frob}(\text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})).$$

⁴Shimizu, "On unimodular finite tensor categories".

⁵Shimizu, "Further results on the structure of (co) ends in finite tensor categories".

⁶Yadav, "On unimodular module categories".

Enhancing Shimizu's result

Definition

A Frobenius monoidal functor is a tuple (F, F_0, F_2, F^2, F^0) where $(F, F_2, F_0) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is a lax monoidal functor, $(F, F^2, F^0) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is an oplax monoidal functor and F^2, F_2 satisfy a certain 'Frobenius relation'.

- Strong monoidal functors are Frobenius monoidal.
- Crucially, if $A \in \text{Frob}(\mathcal{C})$, then $F(A) \in \text{Frob}(\mathcal{D})$.
- Frobenius monoidal functors preserve duals, i.e., $F(X^*) \cong F(X)^*$. This yields a natural iso $\xi_X^F : F(X^{**}) \rightarrow F(X)^{**}$.

Definition

A Frobenius monoidal functor $F : (\mathcal{C}, \mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}, \mathfrak{q})$ is called *pivotal* if it satisfies: $\xi_X^F \circ F(\mathfrak{p}_X) = \mathfrak{q}_{F(X)}$ for all $X \in \mathcal{C}$.

- Pivotal Frobenius monoidal functors preserve symmetric Frobenius algebras.

Frobenius monoidal functors coHopf adjunctions

Theorem ^(ab)

^aBalan, "On Hopf adjunctions, Hopf monads and Frobenius-type properties".

^bYadav, "Frobenius monoidal functors from (co) Hopf adjunctions".

\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} abelian monoidal categories,

$U : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a strong monoidal functor admitting a right adjoint R , and R is exact, faithful and the adjunction $U \dashv R$ is coHopf. Then,

R is a \otimes monoidal functor $\iff R(\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{D}})$ is a \ast algebra in \mathcal{C} .

Input		$R(\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{D}})$	R
\mathcal{C}	\mathcal{D}	\ast	\otimes
\otimes	\otimes	<i>strong Frob.</i>	<i>Frob. monoidal</i>
\otimes	\otimes	<i>separable Frob.</i>	<i>separable Frob.</i>
\otimes	\otimes	<i>special Frob.</i>	<i>special Frob.</i>
<i>pivotal</i>	<i>pivotal</i>	<i>symmetric Frob.</i>	<i>pivotal Frob.</i>
<i>ribbon</i>	<i>ribbon</i>	<i>symmetric Frob.</i>	<i>ribbon Frob.</i>
		<i>strong \otimes</i>	
		<i>strong \otimes</i>	
		<i>strong \otimes</i>	
		<i>pivotal, strong \otimes</i>	
		<i>ribbon, strong \otimes</i>	

Theorem

Let \mathcal{C} be a finite tensor category and \mathcal{M} an indecomposable, exact left \mathcal{C} -module category. Then, the following conditions are equivalent:

- \mathcal{M} is unimodular.
- $\Psi^{\text{ra}}(\text{Id}_{\mathcal{M}})$ is a Frobenius algebra in $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$.^a
- Ψ^{ra} is a Frobenius monoidal functor.^b
- $\mathbb{S}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{M}} \cong_{\mathcal{C}} \text{Id}_{\mathcal{M}}$.^{c d}

^aShimizu, "On unimodular finite tensor categories".

^bYadav, "On unimodular module categories".

^cFuchs et al., "Spherical Morita contexts and relative Serre functors".

^dShimizu, "Nakayama functor for monads on finite abelian categories".

For a pivotal category \mathcal{C} , an exact left \mathcal{C} -module category is called *pivotal* if $\mathbb{S}_{\mathcal{M}} \cong_{\mathcal{C}} \text{Id}_{\mathcal{M}}$ holds.

Theorem

If \mathcal{C} is pivotal and \mathcal{M} is a pivotal, unimodular left \mathcal{C} -module category, then Ψ^{ra} is a pivotal Frobenius monoidal functor.

Application/Questions

- 1 Internal natural transformation⁷: For $F, G \in \text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$, we have $\underline{\text{Nat}}(F, G) = \Psi^{\text{ra}}(G \circ F^{\text{ra}})$. Then, \mathcal{M} pivotal, unimodular $\implies \underline{\text{Nat}}(F, F) = \Psi^{\text{ra}}(F \circ F^{\text{ra}})$ is a symmetric Frobenius alg in $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{C})$.

Some questions:

- 1 What structure do internal homs of unimodular module cats. have?
- 2 For \mathcal{C} braided, we can carry out the above analysis with $\Theta : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Rex}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ to obtain commutative symmetric Frobenius algebras in \mathcal{C} . For $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C}_A$, define

$$Z_A(X) := \Theta^{\text{ra}}(X \triangleright -)$$

How is the endofunctor Z_A related to the endofunctors $E_A^{l/r}$ constructed in FFRS⁸ via idempotents?

⁷Fuchs and Schweigert, "Internal natural transformations and Frobenius algebras in the Drinfeld center".

⁸Fröhlich et al., "Correspondences of ribbon categories".

Examples from Hopf algebras

Unimodular H -comodule algebras

Definition

A left H -comodule algebra is an algebra A with a left H -comodule structure $\rho : A \rightarrow H \otimes A$ such that ρ is an algebra map.

$$\rho(aa') = a_{(-1)}a'_{(-1)} \otimes a_{(0)}a'_{(0)}, \quad \rho(1_A) = 1_H \otimes 1_A.$$

Using A , we can define a functor $\triangleright : \text{Rep}(H) \times \text{Rep}(A) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(A)$ where,

- $X \triangleright M := X \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} M$ as a vector space, and
- $a \cdot (x \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} m) := a_{(-1)} \cdot x \otimes a_{(0)} \cdot m$.

An H -comodule algebra A is called *exact* if the $\text{Rep}(H)$ -module category $\text{Rep}(A)$ is exact.

Definition

An exact H -comodule algebra is called *unimodular* if the $\text{Rep}(H)$ -module category $\text{Rep}(A)$ is unimodular.

Hopf algebras \leftrightarrow tensor categories

Hopf algebras

- (H, m, u) algebra
- Δ, ε are algebra maps
- S bijective
- H unimodular ($\alpha = \varepsilon$)
- H -comodule algebra (A, ρ)
- exact H -comodule algebra A
- unimodular H -comodule algebra A

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Finite tensor categories

- $\text{Rep}(H)$ abelian, \mathbb{k} -linear
- $(\text{Rep}(H), \otimes_{\mathbb{k}}, \mathbb{k}_{\varepsilon})$ monoidal
- $\text{Rep}(H)$ admits duals, is rigid
- $D := \mathbb{k}_{\alpha}$, then $D \cong \mathbb{1}$
- $\text{Rep}(H)$ -module category $\text{Rep}(A)$
- $\text{Rep}(A)$ is exact module category
- $\text{Rep}(A)$ is unimodular module category

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Main result

Theorem

An exact H -comodule algebra A is unimodular if and only if A admits a unimodular element.^a

^aYadav, "On unimodular module categories".

By results of Skryabin's⁹, we have:

- Exact H -comodule algebras are Frobenius. Let λ be a Frobenius form on A and $\{a^i\}, \{b_i\}$ dual basis satisfying $\langle \lambda, a^i b_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}$.
- Let ν denote the Nakayama automorphism of A .

Definition

A unimodular element of A is an invertible element $\tilde{g} \in A$ satisfying:

- ① $\tilde{g} a \tilde{g}^{-1} = \langle \alpha, S(a_{(-1)}) \rangle \nu^2(a_{(0)})$
- ② $1_h \otimes \tilde{g} = \tau \cdot \rho(\tilde{g})$

where $\tau := \langle \lambda_A, a_0^i \rangle \langle \lambda_A, a_0^j \rangle g_H S^{-3}(a_{-1}^j) S^{-1}(a_{-1}^i) \otimes \nu(b_j b_i) \in H \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} L$.

⁹Skryabin, "Projectivity and freeness over comodule algebras".

Potential application

Question: Is there a notion of integrals for H -comodule algebra? Can it be used to characterize unimodularity?

Kaplansky's 5th conjecture: If H is semisimple or cosemisimple then $S^2 = \text{Id}$.

Theorem¹⁰: H cosemisimple with $S^2 = \text{Id}$ implies H is unimodular.

K5 conjecture + Theorem together imply the following conjecture:

Weak Kaplansky conjecture: Cosemisimple Hopf algebras H are unimodular.

Equivalently, in the language of unimodular module categories:

Conjecture: Let H be a semisimple Hopf algebra. Then $\text{Vec} = \text{Rep}(\mathbb{k})$ is a unimodular $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(H)$ module category.

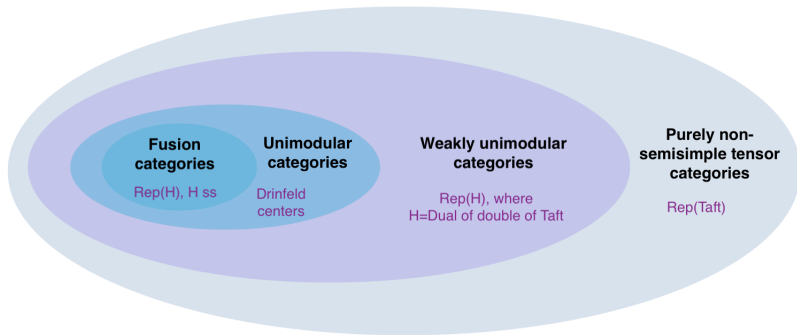
¹⁰Larson, "Characters of Hopf algebras".

Application

Theorem

The category $\mathcal{C} = \text{Rep}(Taft)$ is not categorically Morita equivalent to a unimodular tensor category.

A finite tensor category is called *weakly unimodular* if its categorical Morita equivalence class contains a unimodular category.



Question: Find a characterization of weakly unimodular categories.

Thank you!