

Describing Unstable Operations

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The Problem

Preliminaries

Answer I: The Structure

Answer II: Co-monads

Answer III: Hopf Rings

Interlude: Algebras and Modules

Birings and Plethories

Answer IV: Plethories and Modules

Bonus: Enriched Hopf Rings

The Structure

1. $E^*(\underline{E}_k)$ is a graded algebra
2. Co-addition: $\Delta^+ : E^*(\underline{E}_k) \rightarrow E^*(\underline{E}_k) \widetilde{\otimes} E^*(\underline{E}_k)$
3. Co-multiplication: $\Delta^\times : E^*(\underline{E}_{k+l}) \rightarrow E^*(\underline{E}_k) \widetilde{\otimes} E^*(\underline{E}_l)$
4. Co-linear: $\epsilon^v : E^*(\underline{E}_k) \rightarrow E^*(\text{pt}) = E^*$
5. Composition: $E^k(\underline{E}_l) \times E^l(\underline{E}_m) \rightarrow E^k(\underline{E}_m)$

Enriched Hopf Ring Structure

1. $E_*(\underline{E}_k)$ is a graded E^* -coalgebra
2. $*$ -multiplication $E_*(\underline{E}_k) \otimes E_*(\underline{E}_k) \rightarrow E_*(\underline{E}_k)$
3. \circ -multiplication $E_*(\underline{E}_k) \otimes E_*(\underline{E}_l) \rightarrow E_*(\underline{E}_{k+l})$
4. extra linear structure, $v \in E^k$
 $(\xi v)_* : E^* = E_*(\text{pt}) \rightarrow E_*(\underline{E}_k)$
5. co-composition (“mposition”), $r \in E^l(\underline{E}_k)$
 $r_* : E_*(\underline{E}_k) \rightarrow E_*(\underline{E}_l)$

Push Forward Formulae

Example: $K(1)^0(\underline{K(1)}_0)$

*-generators: $b^J, J = (j_0, j_1, \dots)$ with $0 \leq j_i \leq p-1$, almost all zero, and $\sum j_i = 0 \pmod{p-1}$

relations: $(b^J)^{*p} = 0$

r_*b^J : b^J built by \circ -multiplication of elements b_k ; r_*b_k is the coefficient of x^k in the formal identity:

$$r_*b(x) = [\langle r, 1_2 \rangle] * \bigstar_{j=1}^{\infty} b(x)^{\circ j} \circ [\langle r, b_j \rangle]$$

After which, we use the formulae:

$$r_*(a \circ c) = \sum_i \sum_j \pm \bigstar_{\alpha} r'_{\alpha*} a_{i,\alpha} \circ r''_{\alpha*} c_{j,\alpha}$$

$$r_*(a * c) = \sum_i \sum_j \pm \bigstar_{\alpha} r'_{\alpha*} a_{i,\alpha} \circ r'''_{\alpha*} c_{j,\alpha}$$

Graded Plethories

1. P_k^* is a graded algebra
2. Co-addition: $\Delta^+ : P_k^* \rightarrow P_k^* \widetilde{\otimes} P_k^*$
3. Co-multiplication: $\Delta^\times : P_{k+l}^* \rightarrow P_k^* \widetilde{\otimes} P_l^*$
4. Co-linear: $\epsilon^\lambda : P_k^* \rightarrow k^*$
5. Composition: $P_l^k \odot P_m^l \rightarrow P_m^k$

