

Cellularity of Wreath Product Algebras

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A cellular algebra A always admits many different cellular basis. In fact, any choice of an R -basis in each cell module can be globalized to a cellular basis of A as follows.

Lemma

Let A be a cellular algebra with cell datum $(A, *, \Gamma, \geq, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})$. For each $\gamma \in \Gamma$, fix an A - A bimodule isomorphism $\beta_\gamma : A^\gamma / \bar{A}^\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^\gamma \otimes_R (\Delta^\gamma)^*$ satisfying $* \circ \beta_\gamma = \beta_\gamma \circ *$, and let $\{b_t : t \in \mathcal{T}(\gamma)\}$ be an R -basis of Δ^γ . Finally, for each $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and each pair $s, t \in \mathcal{T}(\gamma)$, let $b_{s,t}^\gamma$ be an arbitrary lifting of $\beta_\gamma^{-1}(b_s \otimes b_t^*)$ in A^γ . Then

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A cellular basis is cyclic cellular if the cell modules defined via this basis are cyclic.

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$$\begin{aligned} ((a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n)\pi)^* &= \pi^{-1} (a_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n^*) \\ &= \pi^{-1} (a_1^* \otimes \cdots \otimes a_n^*) \pi^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

Let A be a cyclic cellular algebra. Then for all $n \geq 1$, the wreath product algebra $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ is a cyclic cellular algebra.

Let Λ_n^Γ denote the set of maps λ from Γ to the set of partitions such that $\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} |\lambda(\gamma)| = n$.

By fixing a listing of Γ consistent with its partial order, in the sense that

$$\gamma(i) \geq \gamma(j) \implies i \leq j.$$

, we can identify Λ_n^Γ with multi-partitions via

$$\lambda^{(i)} = \lambda(\gamma(i)) \quad (1 \leq i \leq r).$$

Then for each $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^\Gamma$, we have analogues of elements $x_\lambda, \mathfrak{s}, t^\lambda$ and $d(\mathfrak{s})$ as mentioned earlier.

We generalize the dominance order \succeq on multi-partitions, called Γ -dominance order \succeq_Γ : if for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$, and for all $j \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{\gamma' > \gamma} |\lambda(\gamma')| + \sum_{i \leq j} \lambda(\gamma)_i \geq \sum_{\gamma' > \gamma} |\mu(\gamma')| + \sum_{i \leq j} \mu(\gamma)_i.$$

which takes into an account of the partial order on Γ also.

Let A be cyclic cellular with basis (\mathcal{C}, Γ) with r elements in it's poset.

For $\lambda = (\lambda(\gamma_1), \dots, \lambda(\gamma_r))$ let $\alpha(\lambda) = (|\lambda(\gamma_1)|, \dots, |\lambda(\gamma_r)|)$.

Let V^α be the set of simple tensors in $A^{\otimes n}$ whose first α_1 tensorands belong to $V^{\gamma(1)}$, the next α_2 tensorands belong to $V^{\gamma(2)}$, and so forth. Set

$$y^\alpha = y_{\gamma(1)}^{\otimes \alpha_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes y_{\gamma(r)}^{\otimes \alpha_r}.$$

For $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^\Gamma$, let $\mathcal{T}(\lambda)$ denote the set of pairs (\mathfrak{s}, ν) , where \mathfrak{s} is a standard λ -tableau and $\nu \in V^{\alpha(\lambda)}$.

Define

$$m_{(\mathfrak{s}, \nu), (\mathfrak{t}, w)}^\lambda = d(\mathfrak{s}) \nu y^\alpha x_\lambda w^* d(\mathfrak{t})^*,$$

where $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^\Gamma$, $\alpha = \alpha(\lambda)$, $\mathfrak{s}, \mathfrak{t}$ are row standard λ -tableaux, and $\nu, w \in V^\alpha$.

Cell modules of $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$

Let E_1, \dots, E_r be a collection of A -modules. For a multipartition $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r)})$ of total size n with r parts, $\alpha = \alpha(\lambda)$. Then

$$\Delta_R^\lambda = \Delta_R^{\lambda^{(1)}} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Delta_R^{\lambda^{(r)}},$$

is a cell module for $R\mathfrak{S}_\alpha \cong R\mathfrak{S}_{\alpha_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes R\mathfrak{S}_{\alpha_r}$. Let

$E^\alpha = E_1^{\otimes \alpha_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes E_r^{\otimes \alpha_r}$. Then E^α is an $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_\alpha$ -module, with $A^{\otimes n}$ acting by the tensor product action and \mathfrak{S}_α acting by place permutations. Moreover, $E^\alpha \otimes \Delta_R^\lambda$ is also an $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_\alpha$ -module, with $a(v \otimes m) = av \otimes m$ and $\pi(v \otimes m) = \pi v \otimes \pi m$, for $a \in A^{\otimes n}$, $\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_\alpha$, $v \in E^\alpha$ and $m \in \Delta_R^\lambda$.

We obtain an $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ -module by

$$\text{Ind}_{A \wr \mathfrak{S}_\alpha}^{A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n} (E^\alpha \otimes \Delta_R^\lambda) = (A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n) \otimes_{A \wr \mathfrak{S}_\alpha} (E^\alpha \otimes \Delta_R^\lambda).$$

When this construction is applied to the simple modules of A , one obtains the simple modules of the wreath product $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$.

Theorem

Let $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^\Gamma$ and let $\alpha = \alpha(\lambda)$. The cell module C^λ of $A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ satisfies

$$C^\lambda \cong \text{Ind}_{A \wr \mathfrak{S}_\alpha}^{A \wr \mathfrak{S}_n} (E^\alpha \otimes \Delta_R^\lambda).$$