

# Quasialgebras, Lattices and Matrices

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A  $G$ -graded algebra  $A = \bigoplus_{g \in G} A_g$  is a quasialgebra if,

$$(ab)c = \phi(\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c})a(bc), \quad \forall a \in A_{\bar{a}}, b \in A_{\bar{b}}, c \in A_{\bar{c}},$$

for any invertible group cocycle  $\phi : G \times G \times G \rightarrow K^*$ ,

that is,

$$\forall x, y, z, t \in G,$$

$$\phi(x, y, z)\phi(y, z, t) = \frac{\phi(xy, z, t)\phi(x, y, zt)}{\phi(x, yz, t)}$$

$$\phi(x, e, y) = 1.$$

( $\Rightarrow A_0$  is an associative algebra and  $A_g$  is an  $A_0$ -bimodule)

(A  $G$ -graded quasialgebra is an algebra in the monoidal category of  $G$ -graded vector spaces)

Examples of quasiassociative algebras are  $K_F G$  algebras:  $K_F G$  is the same vector space as the group algebra  $KG$  but with a different product  $a \cdot b = F(a, b)ab, \forall a, b \in G$ , where  $F$  is any 2-cochain on  $G$ .

Some examples of  $K_F G$  algebras are Cayley algebras as octonions and Clifford algebras as quaternions or complex numbers, ...

# Cayley Algebras

- $A$  algebra with identity over  $K$
- $\sigma$  involutive anti-automorphism]
- $\alpha$  non zero element of  $K$

$\bar{A} = A + vA$  is an algebra with identity for the multiplication defined by

$$(a + vb)(c + vd) = (ac + \alpha d\sigma(b)) + v(\sigma(a)d + cb)$$

endowed with an involutive automorphism

$$\bar{\sigma}(a + vb) = \sigma(a) - vb$$

We say that  $\bar{A}$  is obtained from  $A$  by Cayley-Dickson process.

$\mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{-1} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{-1} \text{Quaternions} \xrightarrow{-1} \text{Octonions}$

### 1844 - John Graves (Arthur Cayley ) Algebra of Octaves (Octonions)

	1	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>t</i>
1	1	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>t</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	-1	- <i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	- <i>y</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>t</i>	- <i>z</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	-1	- <i>a</i>	- <i>z</i>	- <i>t</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	- <i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	-1	- <i>t</i>	<i>z</i>	- <i>y</i>	<i>x</i>
<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>t</i>	-1	- <i>a</i>	- <i>b</i>	- <i>c</i>
<i>y</i>	<i>y</i>	- <i>x</i>	<i>t</i>	- <i>z</i>	<i>a</i>	-1	<i>c</i>	- <i>b</i>
<i>z</i>	<i>z</i>	- <i>t</i>	- <i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>b</i>	- <i>c</i>	-1	<i>a</i>
<i>t</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>z</i>	- <i>y</i>	- <i>x</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	- <i>a</i>	-1

$$K \xrightarrow{\alpha} K[a] \xrightarrow{\beta} \text{Generalized quaternion algebra} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{Cayley algebra}$$

	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$t$
1	1	$a$	$b$	$c$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$t$
$a$	$a$	$\alpha 1$	$-c$	$-\alpha b$	$-y$	$-\alpha x$	$t$	$\alpha z$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$\beta 1$	$\beta a$	$-z$	$-t$	$-\beta x$	$-\beta y$
$c$	$c$	$\alpha b$	$-\beta a$	$-\alpha \beta 1$	$-t$	$-\alpha z$	$\beta y$	$\alpha \beta x$
$x$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$t$	$y 1$	$ya$	$yb$	$yc$
$y$	$y$	$\alpha x$	$t$	$\alpha z$	$-ya$	$-\alpha y 1$	$-yc$	$-\alpha y b$
$z$	$z$	$-t$	$\beta x$	$-\beta y$	$-yb$	$yc$	$-\beta y 1$	$\beta ya$
$t$	$t$	$-\alpha z$	$\beta y$	$-\alpha \beta x$	$-yc$	$\alpha y b$	$-\beta ya$	$\alpha \beta y 1$

Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group,  $F$  a cochain on it (so  $k_F G$  is a  $G$ -graded quasialgebra). For any  $s : G \rightarrow k^*$  with  $s(e) = 1$  we define  $\bar{G} = G \times Z_2$  and on it the cochain  $\bar{F}$  and function  $\bar{s}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F}(x, y) &= F(x, y), \bar{F}(x, \nu y) = s(x)F(x, y), \\ \bar{F}(\nu x, y) &= F(y, x), \bar{F}(\nu x, \nu y) = \alpha s(x)F(y, x), \\ \bar{s}(x) &= s(x), \bar{s}(\nu x) = -1 \text{ for all } x, y \in G.\end{aligned}$$

Here  $x \equiv (x, e)$  and  $\nu x \equiv (x, \nu)$  denote elements of  $\bar{G}$ , where  $Z_2 = \{e, \nu\}$  with product  $\nu^2 = e$ .

If  $\sigma(x) = s(x)x$  is a strong involution, then  $k_{\bar{F}} \bar{G}$  is the algebra obtained from Cayley-Dickson process applied to  $k_F G$ .



If  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  and  $F = (-1)^f$  then the standard Cayley-Dickson process has  $\bar{G} = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n+1}$  and  $\bar{F} = (-1)^{\bar{f}}$ .

We use a vector notation  $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$  where  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$  (and the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is now written additively).

Then,  $\bar{f}((\vec{x}, x_{n+1}), (\vec{y}, y_{n+1})) =$

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{y})(1 - x_{n+1}) + f(\vec{y}, \vec{x})x_{n+1} + y_{n+1}f(\vec{x}, \vec{x}) + x_{n+1}y_{n+1}.$$

## Complex number algebra

$G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $f(x, y) = xy$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_2$  where we identify  $G$  as the additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  but also make use of its product.

## Quaternion algebra

$\bar{G} = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\bar{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = x_1 y_1 + (x_1 + x_2) y_2$  where  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \bar{G}$  is a vector notation.

## Octonion algebra

$\bar{\bar{G}} = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\bar{\bar{f}}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i \leq j} x_i y_j + y_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 y_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 y_3$ .

## 16-onion algebra

$\bar{\bar{\bar{G}}} = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\bar{\bar{\bar{f}}}(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i \leq j} x_i y_j + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq i} x_i x_j y_k + \sum_{\text{distinct } i, j, k, l} x_i x_j y_k y_l + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq i} x_i y_j y_k x_4$ .

# Clifford Algebras

Let  $\mathbf{q}$  be a nondegenerate quadratic form on a vector space  $V$  over  $k$  of dimension  $n$ . It is known that there is an orthogonal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ , say, of  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{q}(e_i) = q_i$  for some  $q_i \neq 0$ . The Clifford algebra  $C(V, \mathbf{q})$ , is the associative algebra generated by 1 and  $\{e_i\}$  with the relations  $e_i^2 = q_i \cdot 1, e_i e_j + e_j e_i = 0, \forall i \neq j$ . The dimension of  $C(V, \mathbf{q})$  is  $2^n$  and it has a canonical basis

$$\{e_{i_1} \cdots e_{i_p} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \leq n\}$$

The algebra  $k_F Z_2^n$  can be identified with  $C(V, \mathbf{q})$ , where  $F \in Z^2(G, k)$  is defined by  $F(x, y) = (-1)^{\sum_{j < i} x_i y_j} \prod_{i=1}^n q_i^{x_i y_i}$  where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in Z_2^n$ .

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$\bar{A} = A + Av$  is an algebra with identity for the multiplication defined by

$$(a + bv)(c + dv) = (ac + \alpha b\sigma(d)) + (ad + b\sigma(c))v$$

endowed with an involutive automorphism

$$\bar{\sigma}(a + bv) = \sigma(a) - \sigma(b)v$$

We say that  $\bar{A}$  is obtained from  $A$  by Clifford process.

Let  $G$  be a finite Abelian group and  $F$  a cochain as above. So  $k_F G$  is a  $G$ -graded quasialgebra and for any  $s : G \rightarrow k^*$  with  $s(e) = 1$  and any  $q \in k^*$ , define  $\bar{G} = G \times Z_2$  and

$$\bar{F}(x, yv) = F(x, y) = \bar{F}(x, y),$$

$$\bar{F}(xv, y) = s(y)F(x, y), \bar{F}(xv, yv) = qs(y)F(x, y),$$

$$\bar{s}(x) = s(x), \bar{s}(xv) = -s(x) \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Here  $x \equiv (x, e)$  and  $xv \equiv (x, \eta)$  where  $\eta$  with  $\eta^2 = e$  is the generator of the  $Z_2$ . If  $\sigma(e_x) = s(x)e_x$  is an involutive automorphism then  $k_{\bar{F}}\bar{G}$  is the Clifford process applied to  $k_F G$ .

We now look at the case where  $F$  and  $s$  are of the form  $F(x, y) = (-1)^{f(x, y)}$ ,  $s(x) = (-1)^{\xi(x)}$ ,  $q = (-1)^\zeta$  for some  $Z_2$ -valued functions  $f, \xi$  and  $\zeta \in Z_2$ . We also suppose that  $G = Z_2^n$  and use a vector notation.

For  $G, F, s$  based on  $Z_2$ , the generalised Clifford process yields the same form with  $G = Z_2^{n+1}$  and  $\bar{f}((x, x_{n+1}), (y, y_{n+1})) = f(x, y) + (y_{n+1}\zeta + \xi(y))x_{n+1}$ ,  $\bar{\xi}(x, x_{n+1}) = \xi(x) + x_{n+1}$ .

Starting with  $C(r, s)$ , the Clifford process with  $q = 1$  yields  $C(r + 1, s)$  and with  $q = -1$  gives  $C(r, s + 1)$ . Hence any  $C(m, n)$  with  $m \geq r, n \geq s$  can be obtained from  $C(r, s)$  by successive applications of the Clifford process.

Starting with  $C(0, 0) = k$  and iterating the Clifford process with a choice of  $q_i = (-1)^{\zeta_i}$  at each step, we arrive at the standard  $C(V, \mathbf{q})$  and the standard automorphism  $\sigma(e_x) = (-1)^{\rho(x)} e_x$  ( $\rho(x) = \sum x_i$ ).

An  $n$ -dimensional lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a set of points of the form  $\Omega = Z\omega_1 + \cdots + Z\omega_n$  where  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  are some  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear independent vectors from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (A priori, such a lattice is only endowed with the algebraic structure of a  $Z$ -module, that means, if  $\omega, \eta \in \Omega$ , then  $\omega \pm \eta \in \Omega$  and  $\alpha\Omega \subseteq \Omega$  for any  $\alpha \in Z$ .)



If one defines a further multiplication operation on the underlying vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then special lattices, called *lattices with multiplication*, have the additional property that there are also non integers elements  $a$  such that  $a \cdot \Omega \subset \Omega$ . Furthermore, we say that the lattice  $\Omega$  is *closed under multiplication* if for all  $\omega, \eta \in \Omega$  holds  $\omega \cdot \eta \in \Omega$ .

If we consider a group  $G$  with  $n$  elements, say  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ , then we can identify each element  $a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  of the algebra  $\mathbb{R}_F G$  with the element  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . With this identification the multiplication defined in  $\mathbb{R}_F G$  will introduce a special multiplication on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This is called *the multiplication of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  induced by the group  $G$  using the cochain  $F$* . In this case we say that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is embedded in  $\mathbb{R}_F G$ .

The simplest non-trivial explicit examples are lattices in the plane with complex multiplication that are extremely well studied (Fueter, Lang, Schoeneberg).

A two-dimensional lattice (in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) in the normalized form  $Z + Z\tau$  ( $\Im(\tau) > 0$ ) has  $\mathbb{R}_F Z_2$  (induced by the complex algebra or by  $Z_2$  group algebra), if and only if  $\tau \in Q[e_1\sqrt{D}]$ , where  $D$  is a positive square-free integer. (Square-free means that no prime number appears more than once in the prime factorization.) In the case where  $\tau \in Z[e_1\sqrt{D}]$ , one even has  $\omega \cdot \eta \in \Omega$  for all  $\omega, \eta \in \Omega$ .

Let's identify  $\mathbb{R}^{2^n}$  with the Clifford algebra  $Cl_{0,n}$ . Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}\omega_{2^n}$  be a lattice where the generators  $\omega_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 2^n$ ) have the form

$$\omega_i = \omega_0^{(i)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j^{(i)} \sqrt{D_j} e_j + \sum_{j,k \in \{1, \dots, n, i < j\}} \omega_{jk}^{(i)} \sqrt{D_j D_k} e_j e_k + \cdots + \omega_{12 \dots n}^{(i)} \sqrt{D_1 D_2 \cdots D_n} e_{12 \dots n}.$$

If each  $\omega_A^{(i)}$  ( $A \subset P(1, 2, \dots, n)$ ) is an integer and  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  are mutually distinct positive square-free integers, then  $\Omega$  has a non-trivial  $Cl_{0,n}$  multiplication. Here again one can show that the class of  $2^n$ -dimensional lattices that have Clifford multiplication are exactly those whose real components of the generators stem up to conjugation from the multiquadratic number fields  $Q[\sqrt{D_1}, \dots, \sqrt{D_n}]$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_k, m_1, \dots, m_k$  be some positive integers. Let  $D_1^{(n_j)}, \dots, D_{m_j}^{(n_j)}$  be  $n_j$ -power free positive integers for all  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . Suppose that  $F_1, \dots, F_k$  are integer valued cochains. Lattices with generators whose components stem from the algebraic field

$$\mathbb{Q} \left[ \sqrt[n_1]{D_1^{(n_1)}}, \dots, \sqrt[n_1]{D_{m_1}^{(n_1)}}, \dots, \sqrt[n_k]{D_1^{(n_k)}}, \dots, \sqrt[n_k]{D_{m_k}^{(n_k)}} \right]$$

have an  $\mathbb{R}_{F_1} Z_{n_1}^{m_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}_{F_k} Z_{n_k}^{m_k}$  multiplication.

Let  $G$  be a group with  $n$  elements and  $F$  be a cochain in  $G$ . Further, let  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  be some  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly independent vectors from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let

$$\Omega = Z\omega_1 + \dots + Z\omega_n$$

be the associated lattice embedded in  $\mathbb{R}_F G$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}_{\tilde{F}} \tilde{G}$  be the algebra obtained from the algebra  $\mathbb{R}_F G$  by the Clifford (Cayley- Dickson) process.

Consider the lattice

$\tilde{\Omega} = Z(\omega_1, 0) + \dots + Z(\omega_n, 0) + Z(0, \omega_1) + \dots + Z(0, \omega_n)$   
embedded in  $\mathbb{R}_{\tilde{F}} \tilde{G}$ .

Then we can establish that the lattice  $\Omega$  is closed under multiplication induced by  $\mathbb{R}_F G$  and stable under the involutive automorphism  $\sigma$  if and only if the lattice  $\tilde{\Omega}$  is closed under multiplication induced by  $\tilde{F} \tilde{G}$  and stable under the involutive automorphism  $\tilde{\sigma}$ .

We can define lattices in  $\mathbb{R}^{2^n}$  that are closed under the multiplication and the involutive automorphism of the Clifford algebras  $Cl_{p,q}$  (for any  $p, q \in N_0$  with  $p + q = n$ ) and for Cayley algebras.

More general we can define a larger class of closed lattices in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  closed for  $\mathbb{R}_F^G$  multiplication:

Let  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  and  $F$  be a cochain with integer values, Let  $\Omega = Z\omega_1 + \dots + Z\omega_n$  be a lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  embedded in the twisted group algebra  $\mathbb{R}_F G$ , where the generators are each of the form

$$\omega_i = a_1^{(i)} g_1 + a_2^{(i)} g_2 + \dots + a_n^{(i)} g_n$$

with  $a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_n^{(i)}$  integers.



Let

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(1)} & a_2^{(1)} & \dots & a_n^{(1)} \\ a_1^{(2)} & a_2^{(2)} & \dots & a_n^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^{(n)} & a_2^{(n)} & \dots & a_n^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

The lattice  $\Omega$  is closed for the multiplication if  $\det(A)$  is 1 or -1.

For each unimodular matrix  $A$  we have a closed lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let's consider the isomorphism between the group algebra of  $Z_n$  and the set of circulant matrices of order  $n$  with real elements,  $C^n(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $\Omega = ZX_1 + \cdots + ZX_n$  where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are in  $C^n(\mathbb{R})$  each of the form, form

$$\omega_i = a_1^{(i)}I + a_2^{(i)}\Pi + \cdots + a_n^{(i)}\Pi^{n-1}$$

with  $a_1^{(i)}, \dots, a_n^{(i)}$  integers.

The product of any elements of  $\Omega$  is in  $\Omega$  if the matrix

$$A := \begin{pmatrix} a_1^{(1)} & a_2^{(1)} & \cdots & a_n^{(1)} \\ a_1^{(2)} & a_2^{(2)} & \cdots & a_n^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^{(n)} & a_2^{(n)} & \cdots & a_n^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

is unimodular.