

# CLASSIFICATION OF HOPF ALGEBRAS OF DIMENSION 18

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## ABSTRACT

This paper contributes to the classification problems of finite dimensional Hopf algebras  $H$  over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbf{k}$  of characteristic zero. It is shown that for a non-semisimple Hopf algebra  $H$  of dimension 18 either  $H$  or  $H^*$  is pointed.

## 0. Introduction.

The classification of finite dimensional Hopf algebras has been developed rapidly since the end of 90's. D. Ştefan classified Hopf algebras in dimensions less than 12 [11]. It is shown by S.-H. Ng that a Hopf algebra of dimension  $p^2$  is isomorphic to a group algebra, the dual of a group algebra or a Taft algebra [8]. For the  $pq$  dimensional Hopf algebras  $H$  where  $p, q$  are distinct primes, classification is still open in general. However many results have been obtained. N. Andruskiewitsch and S. Natale proved that 15, 21 or 35-dimensional  $H$  are semisimple [1]. Furthermore M. Beattie and S. Dăscălescu settled the dimensions 14, 55, 65, 77, 91 and 143 in [2]. Other recent results of  $pq$ -dimensional cases are as follows. If primes  $p, q$  are twine primes  $p, p + 2$  [9] or  $p = 2$  [10] then  $H$  is semisimple by Ng. P. Etingof and S. Gelaki proved [3] that if  $q \leq 2p + 1$ , then  $H$  is semisimple. For the case  $q \geq 2p + 1$ , using some generalization of the method in [1] and [2], it is shown in [4] that there is no non-semisimple Hopf algebras of dimension 33, 39, 57, 85, 95, 115, 119, 133, 145, 161, 203, 319 or 377.

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On the other hand, other than the cases of prime and  $pq$  dimensions, the classification is settled only in dimensions 8 [11] and 12 [7]. Most recently, G. A. Garcia discussed in dimensions  $p^3$ , and classified quasi-triangular Hopf algebras of dimension 27 [5].

In this paper, we apply the method in [4] to Hopf algebras of dimension 18. We show the following

**THEOREM 0.1:** *If  $H$  is a non-semisimple Hopf algebra of dimension 18 over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, then either  $H$  or  $H^*$  is pointed.*

## 1. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper,  $H$  is a finite dimensional Hopf algebra over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbf{k}$  of characteristic zero, and  $\Delta$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $S$  denote the comultiplication, the counit, the antipode, respectively.

The  $n$ -th term of the coradical filtration of  $H$  is  $H_n = \bigwedge^{n+1} H_0$ , where  $H_0 = \bigoplus_i C_i$  is the coradical of  $H$ . As  $\mathbf{k}$  is algebraically closed, there exists a coalgebra projection  $\pi : H \rightarrow H_0$  and  $H = H_0 \oplus I$ , where  $\ker \pi = I$  (see [6, 5.4.2]). Setting  $\rho_l = (\pi \otimes \text{id})\Delta$  and  $\rho_r = (\text{id} \otimes \pi)\Delta$ ,  $H$  is a  $H_0$ -bicomodule with the structure maps  $\rho_l$  and  $\rho_r$ .  $H_0$ ,  $H_n$ ,  $I$  are  $H_0$ -subbicomodules of  $H$ . Any  $H_0$ -bicomodule is a direct sum of simple  $H_0$ -subbicomodules and a simple  $H_0$ -bicomodule has coefficient coalgebras  $(C_i, C_j)$  and its dimension is  $\sqrt{(\dim C_i)(\dim C_j)}$ .

Let  $P_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  be defined inductively by:

$$P_1 = \{x \in H; \Delta(x) - \rho_l(x) - \rho_r(x) = 0\},$$

$$P_n = \left\{ x \in H; \Delta(x) - \rho_l(x) - \rho_r(x) \in \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} P_i \otimes P_{n-i} \right\}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

Then  $P_n = H_n \cap I$  and  $P_n$  are  $H_0$ -subbicomodules of  $I$ , due to Nichols (see [1, Lemma 1.1]). We denote by  $P_n^{C_i, C_j}$  the isotypic component of simple subbicomodule of  $P_n$  with coalgebra of coefficients  $(C_i, C_j)$ . We say the subspace  $P_n^{C_i, C_j}$  is non-degenerate if  $P_n^{C_i, C_j} \not\subset P_{n-1}$ .

The following result is from [2].

**PROPOSITION 1.1:** *If there is no non-trivial skew primitives then there exists a simple subcoalgebra  $C$  ( $\dim C \geq 4$ ) of  $H$  such that  $P_1^{1, C} \neq 0$ .*

The next Lemmas were obtained in [4]. Lemma 1.2 is a generalization of [1, Corollary 1.3].

LEMMA 1.2:  $\dim P_n^{C, D} = \dim P_n^{gC, gD} = \dim P_n^{Cg, Dg} = \dim P_n^{S(D), S(C)}$  for  $g \in G(H)$ .

LEMMA 1.3: Suppose there exist simple subcoalgebras  $C$  and  $D$  such that  $P_m^{C, D}$  is non-degenerate. Assume further  $\dim C \neq \dim D$  or  $\dim P_m^{C, D} - \dim P_{m-1}^{C, D} \neq \dim C$ . Then there exists a simple subcoalgebra  $E$  such that  $P_l^{C, E}$  is non-degenerate for some  $l \geq m + 1$ .

## 2. Proof of Theorem 0.1.

Throughout this section,  $H$  be a non-semisimple and non-pointed Hopf algebra of dimension 18 over  $\mathbf{k}$ . First we show the following

LEMMA 2.1: Let  $H$  be a Hopf algebra as above and  $|G(H)| > 1$ . Then  $H$  contains a Taft Hopf algebra  $T(3)$  of dimension 9 and  $|G(H)| = 3$ .

*Proof.* First we suppose that  $H$  has no non-trivial skew primitive element. Hence, by Proposition 1.1, there exists a simple subcoalgebra  $C$  with  $\dim C \geq 4$  such that  $P_1^{1, C} \neq 0$ . Thus  $P_1^{S(C), 1} \neq 0$  by Lemma 1.2. It follows from Lemma 1.3 that there exist a grouplike element  $h$  and simple subcoalgebra  $E$  with  $\dim E = \dim C$  such that  $P_n^{1, h}$  and  $P_m^{S(C), E}$  are non-degenerate for some integers  $m, n \geq 2$ . By Lemma 1.2,  $\dim P_1^{g, gC} = \dim P_1^{gS(C), g} = \dim P_1^{1, C}$  for all  $g \in G(H)$ . Note that  $\{P_1^{g, gC} : g \in G(H)\} \cup \{P_1^{gS(C), g} : g \in G(H)\}$  is a set of linearly independent subspaces of  $H$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 18 = \dim H &\geq \dim \left( H_0 + P_m^{S(C), E} + \sum_{g \in G(H)} P_1^{g, gC} + P_1^{gS(C), g} + P_n^{g, gh} \right) \\ &\geq 2(|G(H)| + \dim C) + 2|G(H)| \dim P_1^{1, C} \\ &\geq 2(|G(H)| + \dim C + |G(H)|\sqrt{\dim C}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $(|G(H)|, \dim C) = (1, 4)$  which contradicts the assumption  $|G(H)| > 1$ . Therefore,  $H$  has a non-trivial  $(1, g)$ -primitive element  $x$  for some  $g \in G(H)$ . Let  $L$  be the Hopf algebra generated by  $x, g$ . Then  $L$  is non-semisimple and pointed and so  $L$  is not isomorphic to  $H$ . By [1, Proposition 1.8],  $\dim L$  has a square factor. Therefore,  $\dim L = 9$  and so  $L \cong T(3)$  by [11] or [9].

By the result above,  $|G(H)| = 3k$  for some integer  $k$ . Since  $H$  is non-pointed, a simple subcoalgebra  $C$  with  $\dim C \geq 4$  is contained in  $H_0$ . By counting dimensions,  $\dim C = 4$  or 9. If  $\dim C = 4$  then  $3k \mid \dim H_{0,2}$  where  $H_{0,2}$  is the sum of all 4-dimensional simple subcoalgebras of  $H$  [1, Lemma 2.1(i)]. And so  $\dim H_0 \geq |G(H)| + \dim H_{0,2} \geq 15$ . This contradicts  $T(3) \subset H$ . Thus  $\dim C = 9$  hence  $H \cong T(3) \oplus C$ . ■

*Remainder of the proof of Theorem 0.1.* We assume further  $H^*$  is non-pointed. By [10, Corollary 2.2],  $G(H)$  or  $G(H^*)$  is not trivial. By duality, we may assume that  $|G(H^*)| > 1$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $T(3) \subset H^*$  and so there exists a Hopf algebra projection  $\Pi : H \rightarrow T(3)^* \simeq T(3)$ . Let  $H^{co\Pi}$  be the coinvariant  $\{x \in H : (\text{id} \otimes \Pi)\Delta(x) = x \otimes \Pi(1)\}$ . Then  $H^{co\Pi}$  is a left coideal subalgebra of  $H$ ,  $\dim H^{co\Pi} = 2$ .

If  $\dim \text{Soc}(H^{co\Pi}) = 2$  then  $H^{co\Pi}$  is a subHopf algebra of  $H$  and  $H^{co\Pi} \simeq \mathbf{k}\mathbf{C}_2$ . This contradicts Lemma 2.1 which implies that  $|G(H)| = 3$ . Thus  $\text{Soc}(H^{co\Pi}) = \mathbf{k}1$ . The  $H^{co\Pi}$  is expressed as  $\mathbf{k}1 \oplus \mathbf{k}x$  where  $x \in (H^{co\Pi})^+$ . Since  $H^{co\Pi}$  is a left coideal,  $\Delta(x)$  can be expressed as  $\alpha \otimes 1 + \beta \otimes x$ . In this case, the  $\alpha$  above is equal to  $x$  and the  $\beta$  above is a non-trivial grouplike element by calculating  $\Delta^{(2)}(x)$  with the coassociativity of  $\Delta$ . So  $x$  is a skew primitive element. By Lemma 2.1, the order of  $\beta$  is 3.

If  $x$  is a non-trivial skew primitive element, then Hopf algebra  $L$  generated by  $\{x, \beta\}$  is non-semisimple and pointed. Thus  $\dim L$  has a square factor and is a proper factor of 18. This implies that  $\dim L = 9$  and hence  $L \cong T(3)$ . Therefore,  $1, x, x^2$  are linearly independent which contradicts that  $\dim H^{co\Pi} = 2$ .

If  $x$  is a trivial skew primitive element, i.e.  $x = k(1 - \beta)$  for some  $k \in \mathbf{k}^\times$ , then the algebra generated by  $\{1, x\}$  is the group algebra  $\mathbf{k}[\beta]$  which is of dimension 3. This also contradicts that  $\dim H^{co\Pi} = 2$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 0.1. ■

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