Hap Programming – An experimental framework for objectifying the data structures of Hap

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Abstract

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Chapter 1

Resolutions in Hap

This document is only concerned with the representation of resolutions in Hap. Note that it is not a part of Hap. The framework provided here is just an extension of Hap data types used in HAPcryst and HAPprime.

From now on, let G be a group and $\ldots \to M_n \to M_{n-1} \to \ldots \to M_1 \to M_0 \to Z$ be a resolution with free ZG modules M_i.

The elements of the modules M_i can be represented in different ways. This is what makes different representations for resolutions desirable. First, we will look at the standard representation (`HapResolutionRep`) as it is defined in Hap. After that, we will present another representation for infinite groups. Note that all non-standard representations must be sub-representations of the standard representation to ensure compatibility with Hap.

1.1 The Standard Representation `HapResolutionRep`

For every M_i we fix a basis and number its elements. Furthermore, it is assumed that we have a (partial) enumeration of the group of a resolution. In practice this is done by generating a lookup table on the fly.

In standard representation, the elements of the modules M_k are represented by lists -"words"- of pairs of integers. A letter `[i,g]` of such a word consists of the number of a basis element `i` or `-i` for its additive inverse and a number g representing a group element.

A `HapResolution` in `HapResolutionRep` representation is a component object with the components

- `group`, a group of arbitrary type.
- `elts`, a (partial) list of (possibly duplicate) elements in G. This list provides the "enumeration" of the group. Note that there are functions in Hap which assume that `elts[1]` is the identity element of G.
- `appendToElts(g)` a function that appends the group element `g` to `.elts`. This is not documented in Hap 1.8.6 but seems to be required for infinite groups. This requirement might vanish in some later version of Hap [G. Ellis, private communication].
- `dimension(k)`, a function which returns the ZG-rank of the Module M_k

- `boundary(k,j)`, a function which returns the image in M_{k-1} of the jth free generator of M_k. Note that negative j are valid as input as well. In this case the additive inverse of the boundary of the jth generator is returned

- `homotopy(k,[i,g])` a function which returns the image in M_{k+1}, under a contracting homotopy $M_k \to M_{k+1}$, of the element `[[i,g]]` in M_k. The value of this might be `fail`. However, currently (version 1.8.4) some Hap functions assume that `homotopy` is a function without testing.

- `properties`, a list of pairs `["name","value"]` "name" is a string and value is anything (boolean, number, string...). Every `HapResolution` (regardless of representation) has to have `["type","resolution"]`, `["length",length]` where `length` is the length of the resolution and `["characteristic",char]`. Currently (Hap 1.8.6), `length` must not be `infinity`. The values of these properties can be tested using the Hap function `EvaluateProperty(resolution,propertyname)`.

Note that making `HapResolutions` immutable will make the `.elts` component immutable. As this lookup table might change during calculations, we do not recommend using immutable resolutions (in any representation).

1.2 The `HapLargeGroupResolutionRep` Representation

In this sub-representation of the standard representation, the module elements in this resolution are lists of groupring elements. So the lookup table `.elts` is not used as long as no conversion to standard representation takes place. In addition to the components of a `HapResolution`, a resolution in large group representation has the following components:

- `boundary2(resolution,term,gen)`, a function that returns the boundary of the *`gen`*th generator of the *`term`*th module.

- `groupring` the group ring of the resolution *`resolution`*.

- `dimension2(resolution,term)` a function that returns the dimension of the *`term`*th module of the resolution *`resolution`*.

The effort of having two versions of `boundary` and `dimension` is necessary to keep the structure compatible with the usual Hap resolution.

Chapter 2

Accessing and Manipulating Resolutions

2.1 Representation-Independent Access Methods

All methods listed below take a HapResolution in any representation. If the other arguments are compatible with the representation of the resolution, the returned value will be in the form defined by this representation. If the other arguments are in a different representation, GAPs method selection is used via TryNextMethod() to find an applicable method (a suitable representation).

The idea behind this is that the results of computations have the same form as the input. And as all representations are sub-representations of the HapResolutionRep representation, input which is compatible with the HapResolutionRep representation is always valid.

Every new representation must support the functions of this section.

2.1.1 StrongestValidRepresentationForLetter

▷ StrongestValidRepresentationForLetter(*resolution, term, letter*) (method)

Returns: filter

Finds the sub-representation of HapResolutionRep for which *letter* is a valid letter of the *term*th module of *resolution*. Note that *resolution* automatically is in some sub-representation of HapResolutionRep.This is mainly meant for debugging.

2.1.2 StrongestValidRepresentationForWord

▷ StrongestValidRepresentationForWord(*resolution, term, word*) (method)

Returns: filter

Finds the sub-representation of HapResolutionRep for which *word* is a valid word of the *term*th module of *resolution*. Note that *resolution* automatically is in some sub-representation of HapResolutionRep. This is mainly meant for debugging.

2.1.3 PositionInGroupOfResolution

▷ PositionInGroupOfResolution(*resolution, g*) (method)

▷ PositionInGroupOfResolutionNC(*resolution, g*) (method)

Returns: positive integer

This returns the position of the group element *g* in the enumeration of the group of *resolution*. The NC version does not check if *g* really is an element of the group of *resolution*.

2.1.4 IsValidGroupInt

▷ `IsValidGroupInt(`*`resolution, n`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Returns true if the *n*th element of the group of *resolution* is known.

2.1.5 GroupElementFromPosition

▷ `GroupElementFromPosition(`*`resolution, n`*`)` (method)

Returns: group element or `fail`

Returns *n*th element of the group of *resolution*. If the *n*th element is not known, `fail` is returned.

2.1.6 MultiplyGroupElts

▷ `MultiplyGroupElts(`*`resolution, x, y`*`)` (method)

Returns: positive integer or group element, depending on the type of *x* and *y*

If `x` and `y` are given in standard representation (i.e. as integers), this returns the position of the product of the group elements represented by the positive integers *x* and *x*.

If `x` and `y` are given in any other representation, the returned group element will also be represented in this way.

2.1.7 MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupElt

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupElt(`*`resolution, letter, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: A letter

Multiplies the letter *letter* with the group element *g* and returns the result. If *resolution* is in standard representation, *g* has to be an integer and *letter* has to be a pair of integer. If *resolution* is in any other representation, *letter* and *g* can be in a form compatible with that representation or in the standard form (in the latter case, the returned value will also have standard form).

2.1.8 MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupElt

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupElt(`*`resolution, word, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: A word

Multiplies the word *word* with the group element *g* and returns the result. If *resolution* is in standard representation, *g* has to be an integer and *word* has to be a list of pairs of integers. If *resolution* is in any other representation, *word* and *g* can be in a form compatible with that representation or in the standard form (in the latter case, the returned value will also have standard form).

2.1.9 BoundaryOfFreeZGLetter

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGLetter(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word (in the same representation as *letter*)

Calculates the boundary of the letter (word of length 1) *letter* of the *term*th module of *resolution*.

The returned value is a word of the *term*-1st module and comes in the same representation as *letter*.

2.1.10 BoundaryOfFreeZGWord

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGWord(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word (in the same representation as *`letter`*)

Calculates the boundary of the word *`word`* of the *`term`*th module of *`resolution`*.

The returned value is a word of the *`term`*-1st module and comes in the same representation as *`word`*.

2.2 Converting Between Representations

Four methods are provided to convert letters and words from standard representation to any other representation and back again.

2.2.1 ConvertStandardLetter

▷ `ConvertStandardLetter(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)
▷ `ConvertStandardLetterNC(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: letter in the representation of *`resolution`*

Converts the letter *`letter`* in standard representation to the representation of *`resolution`*. The NC version does not check whether *`letter`* really is a letter in standard representation.

2.2.2 ConvertStandardWord

▷ `ConvertStandardWord(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)
▷ `ConvertStandardWordNC(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: word in the representation of *`resolution`*

Converts the word *`word`* in standard representation to the representation of *`resolution`*. The NC version does not check whether *`word`* is a valid word in standard representation.

2.2.3 ConvertLetterToStandardRep

▷ `ConvertLetterToStandardRep(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)
▷ `ConvertLetterToStandardRepNC(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: letter in standard representation

Converts the letter *`letter`* in the representation of *`resolution`* to the standard representation. The NC version does not check whether *`letter`* is a valid letter of *`resolution`*.

2.2.4 ConvertWordToStandardRep

▷ `ConvertWordToStandardRep(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)
▷ `ConvertWordToStandardRepNC(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: word in standard representation

Converts the word *`word`* in the representation of *`resolution`* to the standard representation. The NC version does not check whether *`word`* is a valid word of *`resolution`*.

2.3 Special Methods for `HapResolutionRep`

Some methods explicitely require the input to be in the standard representation (*`HapResolutionRep`*). Two of these test if a word/letter is really in standard representation, the other ones are non-check versions of the universal methods.

2.3.1 IsFreeZGLetter

▷ `IsFreeZGLetter(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Checks if *`letter`* is an valid letter (word of length 1) in standard representation of the *`term`*th module of *`resolution`*.

2.3.2 IsFreeZGWord

▷ `IsFreeZGWord(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Check if *`word`* is a valid word in large standard representation of the *`term`*th module in *`resolution`*.

2.3.3 MultiplyGroupEltsNC

▷ `MultiplyGroupEltsNC(`*`resolution, x, y`*`)` (method)

Returns: positive integer

Given positive integers `x` and `y`, this returns the position of the product of the group elements represented by the positive integers *`x`* and *`x`*. This assumes that all input is in standard representation and does not check the input.

2.3.4 MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupEltNC

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupEltNC(`*`resolution, letter, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: A letter in standard representation

Multiplies the letter *`letter`* with the group element represented by the positive integer *`g`* and returns the result. The input is assumed to be in *`HapResolutionRep`* and is not checked.

2.3.5 MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupEltNC

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupEltNC(`*`resolution, word, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: A letter in standard representation

Multiplies the word *`word`* with the group element represented by the positive integer *`g`* and returns the result. The input is assumed to be in *`HapResolutionRep`* and is not checked.

2.3.6 BoundaryOfFreeZGLetterNC

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGLetterNC(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in standard representation

Calculates the boundary of the letter (word of length 1) *`letter`* of the *`term`*th module of *`resolution`*. The input is assumed to be in standard representation and not checked.

2.3.7 BoundaryOfFreeZGWordNC

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGWordNC(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in standard representation

Calculates the boundary of the word *word* of the *term*th module of *resolution*. The input is assumed to be in standard representation and not checked.

2.4 The `HapLargeGroupResolutionRep` Representation

The large group representation has one additional component called `groupring`. Elements of the modules in a resolution are represented by lists of group ring elements. The length of the list corresponds to the dimension of the free module.

All methods for the generic representation do also work for the large group representation. Some of them are wrappers for special methods which do only work for this representation. The following list only contains the methods which are not already present in the generic representation.

Note that the input or the output of these functions does not comply with the standard representation.

2.4.1 GroupRingOfResolution

▷ `GroupRingOfResolution(`*`resolution`*`)` (method)

Returns: group ring

This returns the group ring of *resolution*. Note that by the way that group rings are handled in GAP, this is not equal to `GroupRing(R,GroupOfResolution(`*`resolution`*`))` where `R` is the ring of the resolution.

2.4.2 MultiplyGroupElts_LargeGroupRep

▷ `MultiplyGroupElts_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, x, y`*`)` (method)

▷ `MultiplyGroupEltsNC_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, x, y`*`)` (method)

Returns: group element

Returns the product of *x* and *y*. The NC version does not check whether *x* and *y* are actually elements of the group of *resolution*.

2.4.3 IsFreeZGLetterNoTermCheck_LargeGroupRep

▷ `IsFreeZGLetterNoTermCheck_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Returns `true` if *letter* has the form of a letter (a module element with exactly one non-zero entry which has exactly one non-zero coefficient) a module of *resolution* in the `HapLargeGroupResolution` representation. Note that it is not tested if *letter* actually is a letter in any term of *resolution*

2.4.4 IsFreeZGWordNoTermCheck_LargeGroupRep

▷ `IsFreeZGWordNoTermCheck_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Returns `true` if *`word`* has the form of a word of a module of *`resolution`* in the `HapLargeGroupResolution` representation. Note that it is not tested if *`word`* actually is a word in any term of *`resolution`*.

2.4.5 IsFreeZGLetter_LargeGroupRep

▷ `IsFreeZGLetter_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, term, letter`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Returns `true` if and only if *`letter`* is a letter (a word of length 1) of the *`term`*th module of *`resolution`* in the `hapLargeGroupResolution` representation. I.e. it tests if *`letter`* is a module element with exactly one non-zero entry which has exactly one non-zero coefficient.

2.4.6 IsFreeZGWord_LargeGroupRep

▷ `IsFreeZGWord_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, term, word`*`)` (method)

Returns: boolean

Tests if *`word`* is an element of the *`term`*th module of *`resoultion`*.

2.4.7 MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupElt_LargeGroupRep

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupElt_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, letter, g`*`)` (method)
▷ `MultiplyFreeZGLetterWithGroupEltNC_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, letter, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG letter in large group representation

Multiplies the letter *`letter`* with the group element *`g`* and returns the result. The NC version does not check whether *`g`* is an element of the group of *`resolution`* and *`letter`* can be a letter.

2.4.8 MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupElt_LargeGroupRep

▷ `MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupElt_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, word, g`*`)` (method)
▷ `MultiplyFreeZGWordWithGroupEltNC_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, word, g`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in large group representation

Multiplies the word *`word`* with the group element *`g`* and returns the result. The NC version does not check whether *`g`* is an element of the group of *`resolution`* and *`word`* can be a word.

2.4.9 GeneratorsOfModuleOfResolution_LargeGroupRep

▷ `GeneratorsOfModuleOfResolution_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, term`*`)` (method)

Returns: list of letters/words in large group representation

Returns a set of generators for the *`term`*th module of *`resolution`*. The returned value is a list of vectors of group ring elements.

2.4.10 BoundaryOfGenerator_LargeGroupRep

▷ `BoundaryOfGenerator_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, term, n`*`)` (method)
▷ `BoundaryOfGeneratorNC_LargeGroupRep(`*`resolution, term, n`*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in the large group representation

Returns the boundary of the *n*th generator of the *term*th module of *resolution* as a word in the *n-1*st module (in large group representation). The NC version does not check whether there is a *term*th module and if it has at least *n* generators.

2.4.11 BoundaryOfFreeZGLetterNC_LargeGroupRep

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGLetterNC_LargeGroupRep(`*resolution, term, letter*`)` (method)
▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGLetter_LargeGroupRep(`*resolution, term, letter*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in large group representation

Calculates the boundary of the letter *letter* of the *term*th module of *resolution* in large group representation. The NC version does not check whether *letter* actually is a letter in the *term*th module.

2.4.12 BoundaryOfFreeZGWord_LargeGroupRep

▷ `BoundaryOfFreeZGWord_LargeGroupRep(`*resolution, term, word*`)` (method)

Returns: free ZG word in large group representation

Calculates the boundary of the element *word* of the *term*th module of *resolution* in large group representation. The NC version does not check whether *word* actually is a word in the *term*th module.

Chapter 3

Contracting Homotopies

3.1 The `PartialContractingHomotopy` Data Type

A partial contracting homotopy is a component object that knows the values of a contracting homotopy on some subspace of a resolution. It has two mandatory components:

- `.resolution` a `HapResolution` on which the contraction is defined.
- `.knownPartOfHomotopy` a list of `Records` with components `.space` and `.map`.

Let `h` be a contracting homotopy. The lookup table `.knownPartOfHomotopy` has one entry for each term of the resolution `h.resolution` (that is, one more than `Length(h.resolution)`).

The i th element of `.knownPartOfHomotopy` contains a record with components `.space` and `.map` where `.space` is a `FreeZGWord` of the $i-1$ st term of the resolution. The component `.map` is a list of length `Dimension(h.resolution)(i-1)`. The entries of this list are pairs `[g,im]` where `g` represents a group element and `im` represents the image of the contraction. So the entry `[g,im]` in the `k`th component of the list `.map` means that the `k`th free generator of the corresponding module multiplied with the group element represented by `g` is mapped to `im` under the partial contracting homotopy. Note that the data type of `g` or `im` are not fixed at this level. They must be specified by the sub representations. Also, `im` need not represent the actual image under a contracting homotopy. It is possible to just store a bit of information that is then used to generate the actual image.

As this is a very general data type, it has very few methods.

3.1.1 ResolutionOfContractingHomotopy

▷ `ResolutionOfContractingHomotopy(`*`homotopy`*`)` (method)

Returns: A `HapResolution`

This returns the resolution of the homotopy *`homotopy`* (the component *`homotopy!.resolution`*).

3.1.2 PartialContractingHomotopyLookup

▷ `PartialContractingHomotopyLookup(`*`homotopy, term, generator, groupel`*`)` (method)
▷ `PartialContractingHomotopyLookupNC(`*`homotopy, term, generator, groupel`*`)` (method)

Returns: The entry `im` of the corresponding lookup table

Looks up the known part of the contracting homotopy *homotopy* and returns the corresponding image. More precisely, it returns the image of the *generator*th generator times the group element represented by *groupel* in term *term* under the partial homotopy. The data type of this image depends on the representation of *homotopy*.

term has to be an integer and *generator* a positive integer. *groupel* only has to be an `Object`.

The NC version does not do any checks on the input. The other version checks if *term* and *generator* are sensible. It does not check *groupel*.