# Abstract Algebra, Number Theory, Statistics A Review of Research Activity<sup>1</sup>

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## 1 Introduction

- 2 Research Interest I: Algebra and Number Theory
  - Yang-Baxter Equation (Algebra)
  - Hopf-Galois Theory (Number Theory)
  - Summary of Recent Results



## **Current: Teaching Fellow in Mathematics and Statistics**

- Lead/Design modules, and supervise projects, for Data Analytics MSc and Mathematics BSc.
- Research in Algebra, Number Theory, and Statistics.

## Past: Academia and Industry

- Pricing Analyst/R Programmer, **ERV Travel Insurance**.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh.
- PhD, Algebra and Number Theory, University of Exeter.
- Research Assistant, Statistical Modelling, University of Exeter and Plymouth Marine Lab.
- MMath, First Class, Pure Mathematics and Statistics, University of Exeter.

### Algebra and Number Theory

- Abstarct algebra with applications in number theory and mathematical physics.
- Classification of two kinds of algebraic objects: skew braces and Hopf-Galois structures.
- During PhD **classified**, for the first time, all skew braces and Hopf-Galois Structures of degree  $p^3$  for a prime p in [NZ18].
- PhD examined and **passed** with **no correction**.
- Two (out of six) chapters were enhanced and published **in Journal of Algebra** [NZ19], a Q1 Journal among journals for algebra and number theory.
- Currently working on further two publications.

## Yang-Baxter Equation

**Skew braces** provide solutions to a fundamental equation in mathematical physics, the Yang-Baxter equation.

For a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  an element

 $R \in \mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{V})$ 

is said to satisfy the Yang-Baxter equation (YBE) if

 $(R\otimes I)(I\otimes R)(R\otimes I)=(I\otimes R)(R\otimes I)(I\otimes R)$ 

holds. This equation can be "depicted" by



The equation was first introduced in **statistical mechanics** during 1970s and has since appeared in many other areas: **knot theory**, **tensor categories**, ...

**Hopf-Galois structures** encode information relating to the structure of the **rings of integers** of **extensions** of the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- For L/K a Galois extension of fields with Galois group G.
- Normal basis theorem: action of Hopf algebra K[G] on L turns L into a free K[G]-module of rank one.
- Hopf-Galois structures are similar to K[G] they are K-Hopf algebras together with an action on L.
- Question: How can we find all Hopf-Galois structures for L/K when [L:K] = n?
- Answer: difficult for general n. For  $n = pq, p, p^2$  and a few other cases the problems is solved.
- Finding Hopf-Galois structures help us understand the structure of  $\mathcal{O}_L$ , the ring of integers of L, as modules.

# Hopf-Galois Structures of Order $p^3$ for p > 3

### Theorem (A Summary of Results)

The number of Hopf-Galois structures on L/K with Galois group G of size  $p^3$  is



where p > 3 is a prime number.

#### Proof.

Consists of 150 pages of intricate group theoretic calculations in "On Hopf-Galois Structures and Skew Braces of Order  $p^3$ " [cf. NZ18]. Hopf-Galois structures are **parametrised** by skew braces, and so we find **all solutions** of the **Yang-Baxter equation** with **dimension** of  $\mathcal{V}$  equal to  $p^3$ .

Calculation for 5<sup>th</sup> row, together with **automorphism groups of** skew braces, were published in the Journal of Algebra [cf. NZ19].

A generalisation of the 6<sup>th</sup> row, and number theoretic applications, is **work in progress**....

Interest in the results are growing... Invited to speaker at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, U.S. and Keele University, UK this summer.

#### Statistics

- Statistical modelling and data analysis.
- Collaborative work with industry and other academic institutions.
- Joint with scientists at Plymouth Marine Lab **analysed a large data set** containing NASA's satellite estimations of ocean colour.
- Matched estimation with in situ data and designed a statistical model to **understand the uncertainty**.
- Results, published in **Journal of Remote Sensing**, demonstrate a model that **explains** 67% of the squared error as a potentially correctable bias [cf. NZELCB<sup>+</sup>18].

## Selected Publications:

- [NZ18] Kayvan Nejabati Zenouz. On Hopf-Galois Structures and Skew Braces of Order p<sup>3</sup>. The University of Exeter, PhD Thesis, Funded by EPSRC DTG, January 2018. https://ore.exeter.ac.uk/repository/handle/10871/32248.
- [NZ19] Kayvan Nejabati Zenouz. Skew Braces and Hopf-Galois Structures of Heisenberg Type. Journal of Algebra, 524:187–225, April 2019. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jalgebra.2019.01.012.
- [NZELCB<sup>+</sup>18] Kayvan Nejabati Zenouz, Peter E. Land, Trevor C. Bailey, Malcolm Taberner, Silvia Pardo, Shubha Sathyendranath, Vicki Brammall, Jamie D. Shutler, and Graham D. Quartly. A Statistical Modeling Framework for Characterising Uncertainty in Large Datasets: Application to Ocean Colour. *Remote Sensing*, 10, May 2018. https://doi.org/10.3390/rs10050695.

## **Research Statement:**

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