

# On some reducible representations of the quantized coordinate algebras

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# Subjects

Main objects: Representations of quantized coordinate algebras for finite dimensional simple Lie algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

For any sequence  $\mathbf{i}$  of the indices of simple roots, we can construct a module  $V_{\mathbf{i}}$  over the quantized coordinate algebra.

## Theorem (Soibelman ('90))

*The module  $V_{\mathbf{i}}$  is irreducible if and only if  $\mathbf{i}$  is a reduced word of an element of the Weyl group.*

(Naive) problem: Describe the structure of  $V_{\mathbf{i}}$  in the case that  $\mathbf{i}$  does not correspond to a reduced word.

# How do we “describe” $V_{\mathbf{i}}$ ?

Key: Kuniba-Okado-Yamada’s result ('13);

There exists a “natural” (but somewhat mysterious) isomorphism between

- the module  $V_{\mathbf{i}_0}$  corresponding to the longest element  $w_0$ , and
- (the positive half of) the quantized enveloping algebra  $U^+$ .

Through this result, we can say that

“the structure of  $V_{\mathbf{i}_0}$  is described by the algebra structure of  $U^+$ ”.

↪ How about the other  $\mathbf{i}$ 's?

Our target: The modules  $V_{\tilde{\mathbf{i}}}$  for  $\tilde{\mathbf{i}} = (i_l, \dots, i_1, i_1, \dots, i_l)$  with  $(i_1, \dots, i_l)$  is a reduced word of an element of the Weyl group. (In particular, they include the case  $V_{(i,i)}$ .)

# Quantized enveloping algebras

Basic notation: Let

- $\mathfrak{g}$  a symmetrizable Kac-Moody Lie algebra ( $\supset$  finite dimensional simple Lie algebra) over  $\mathbb{C}$ ,
- $P$  the weight lattice of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\{\alpha_i^{(\vee)}\}_{i \in I}$  the simple (co)roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,
- $U_q$  ( $:= U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ ) the quantized enveloping algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ ;  
Chevalley generator:  $E_i, F_i$  ( $i \in I$ ),  $K_h$  ( $h \in P^*$ ),  
Some relations:  $K_h E_i = q^{\langle \alpha_i, h \rangle} E_i K_h$ ,  $q$ -Serre relations, ...  
(This is a  $q$ -analogue of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ ),
- $U_q^{+(\text{resp. } -)}$  the subalgebra of  $U_q$  generated by  $E_i$ 's (resp.  $F_i$ 's).

Hopf algebra structure of  $U_q$  ( $K_i := K_{\frac{\alpha_i, \alpha_i}{2} \alpha_i^\vee}$ )

$$\Delta(E_i) = E_i \otimes K_i^{-1} + 1 \otimes E_i, \quad \Delta(F_i) = F_i \otimes 1 + K_i \otimes F_i, \quad \Delta(K_h) = K_h \otimes K_h,$$

$$\varepsilon(E_i) = \varepsilon(F_i) = 0, \quad \varepsilon(K_h) = 1, \quad \exists \text{antipode.}$$

## Definition

The quantized coordinate algebra  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$  is a subalgebra of  $U_q^*$  generated (in fact, spanned) by the matrix coefficients

$$c_{f,v}^\lambda (:= c_{f,v}^{V(\lambda)}) := (X \mapsto \langle f, X.v \rangle),$$

here

- $\lambda \in P_+ := \{\mu \in P \mid \langle \mu, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \in I\}$ ,
- $V(\lambda)$  the integrable highest weight  $U_q$ -module with highest weight  $\lambda$ ,
- $v \in V(\lambda)$ ,  $f \in V(\lambda)_{\text{gr}}^*$  (the graded dual of  $V(\lambda)$ ).

In  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ , we have

$$c_{f,v}^\lambda c_{f',v'}^{\lambda'} = c_{f \otimes f', v \otimes v'}^{V(\lambda) \otimes V(\lambda')}.$$

## An important example

The quantized coordinate algebra  $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  is isomorphic to the  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebra generated by  $c_{ij}$  ( $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ ) with the following relations; (If “ $q = 1$ ”, then the first six relations are the same.)

$$\begin{aligned}c_{i1}c_{i2} &= qc_{i2}c_{i1} \quad (i = 1, 2), & c_{1j}c_{2j} &= qc_{2j}c_{1j} \quad (j = 1, 2), \\ [c_{12}, c_{21}] &= 0, & [c_{11}, c_{22}] &= (q - q^{-1})c_{12}c_{21}, \\ c_{11}c_{22} - qc_{12}c_{21} &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Indeed the isomorphism of algebras is given by

$$c_{ij} \mapsto c_{f_i, v_j}^{V(\varpi)},$$

where  $V(\varpi)$  is an irreducible 2-dimensional representation of  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  with a highest weight vector  $v_1$  and  $v_2 = F.v_1$ , and  $\{f_1, f_2\}$  is its dual basis.

# The module $V_\star$ of $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$

We have an  $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$ -module  $V_\star := \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \mathbb{Q}(q) |m\rangle$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} c_{11} \cdot |m\rangle &\mapsto \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m = 0, \\ |m-1\rangle & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, \end{cases} \\ c_{12} \cdot |m\rangle &\mapsto -q^{m+1} |m\rangle \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \\ c_{21} \cdot |m\rangle &\mapsto q^m |m\rangle \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \\ c_{22} \cdot |m\rangle &\mapsto (1 - q^{2(m+1)}) |m+1\rangle \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}. \end{aligned}$$

By its construction, it is easy to see that this is an irreducible  $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$ -module.

# The module $V_{\mathbf{i}}$ of $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$

For  $i \in I$ , we denote by  $U_{q_i, i}$  the Hopf subalgebra of  $U_q$  generated by  $\{E_i, F_i, K_i^{\pm 1}\}$ .

The Hopf algebra  $U_{q_i, i}$  is isomorphic to  $U_{q_i}(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$  ( $q_i := q^{\frac{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}{2}}$ ).

$\rightsquigarrow$  We can regard  $\mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}(q_i)} A_{q_i}[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$  as a subalgebra of  $U_{q_i, i}^*$  and denote this subalgebra by  $A_i$ .

The irreducible module  $V_{\star}$  corresponding to  $A_i$  will be denoted by  $V_i := \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \mathbb{Q}(q) |m\rangle_i$ .

For  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_l) \in I^l$ , set  $m_{\mathbf{i}} : U_{q_{i_1}, i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes U_{q_{i_l}, i_l} \xrightarrow{\text{multiplication}} U_q$ .

$\rightsquigarrow \exists$  the algebra homomorphism  $m_{\mathbf{i}}^* : A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \rightarrow A_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes A_{i_l}$ .

Via  $m_{\mathbf{i}}^*$ , the  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -vector space  $V_{\mathbf{i}} := V_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{i_l}$  is regarded as an  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module.

## The case: $\mathbf{i}$ is a reduced word

Let  $W$  be the Weyl group of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

For  $w \in W$ , denote by  $I(w)$  the set of the reduced words of  $w$ .

(ex.  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$ ,  $w_0$  the longest element,  $I(w_0) = \{(1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2)\}$ .)

### Theorem (Soibelman, Narayanan, Tanisaki, (O-))

*The  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module  $V_{\mathbf{i}}$  is irreducible if and only if  $\mathbf{i} \in I(w)$  for some  $w \in W$ .*

*Moreover, for  $\mathbf{i}_1, \mathbf{i}_2 \in I(w)$ , there is an isomorphism of  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -modules  $V_{\mathbf{i}_1} \rightarrow V_{\mathbf{i}_2}$  given by*

$$|(0)\rangle_{\mathbf{i}_1} \mapsto |(0)\rangle_{\mathbf{i}_2}.$$

Hence we denote the module  $V_{\mathbf{i}}$  ( $\mathbf{i} \in I(w)$ ) by  $V_w$ . (i. e. The modules  $\{V_{\mathbf{i}}\}_{\mathbf{i} \in I(w)}$  are identified via the above isomorphism.)

# KOY's isomorphism: preliminaries

Definition (The quantum nilpotent subalgebras  $U_q(w)^\pm$ )

For  $w \in W$  and  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_l) \in I(w)$ , set

$$E_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}} := E_{i_l}^{(c_l)} T'_{i_l,1}(E_{i_{l-1}}^{(c_{l-1})}) \cdots T'_{i_l,1} \cdots T'_{i_2,1}(E_{i_1}^{(c_1)}), \text{ and}$$
$$F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}} := F_{i_l}^{(c_l)} T''_{i_l,1}(F_{i_{l-1}}^{(c_{l-1})}) \cdots T''_{i_l,1} \cdots T''_{i_2,1}(F_{i_1}^{(c_1)}),$$

where  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_l) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^l$ ,  $X_i^{(c)}$  denotes the divided power and  $T'_{i,1}, T''_{i,1}$  are  $q$ -analogues of the actions of the braid group.

The set  $\{E_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}} (\text{resp. } F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}})\}_{\mathbf{c}}$  is a linearly independent set of  $U_q^{+(\text{resp. } -)}$ .

Let us denote by  $U_q^{+(\text{resp. } -)}(w)$  the  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -vector subspace of  $U_q^{+(\text{resp. } -)}$  spanned by  $\{E_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}} (\text{resp. } F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}})\}_{\mathbf{c}}$ . Here  $U_q^\pm(e) = \mathbb{Q}(q) (\subset U_q^\pm)$ .

In fact these subspaces do not depend on the choice of  $\mathbf{i} \in I(w)$ .

ex.  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3$ ,  $X_{\binom{(1,1,2)}{(1,2,1)}} = X_1^{(2)}(X_2X_1 - qX_1X_2)X_2$  ( $X = E, F$ ).

# KOY's isomorphism

Let  $U_q^\pm(w)^\perp$  be the orthogonal complements of  $U_q^\pm(w)$  with respect to the Lusztig type bilinear forms on  $U_q^\pm$ . Then they are left ideals of  $U_q^\pm$ .

Denote the quotient maps  $U_q^\pm \rightarrow U_q^\pm / U_q^\pm(w)^\perp$  by  $X \mapsto [X]_w$ . Note that  $\{[E_i^c]_w(\text{resp. } [F_i^c]_w)\}_c$  is a basis of  $U_q^\pm / U_q^\pm(w)^\perp$  respectively.

## Theorem (Kuniba-Okado-Yamada, Saito, Tanisaki, (O-))

Let  $\mathbf{i} \in I(w)$ . Define the  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -linear isomorphism

$$\Phi_{\text{KOY}}^{+,w} : V_w \rightarrow U_q^+ / U_q^+(w)^\perp \text{ by } |\mathbf{c}\rangle_{\mathbf{i}} \mapsto [E_{\mathbf{i}}^c]_w,$$

where  $|\mathbf{c}\rangle_{\mathbf{i}} := |c_1\rangle_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes |c_l\rangle_{i_l}$ . Then  $\Phi_{\text{KOY}}^{+,w}$  is well-defined.

(i. e. does not depend on the choice of  $\mathbf{i} \in I(w)$ .)

Moreover, when we identify  $V_w$  with  $U_q^+ / U_q^+(w)^\perp$  via  $\Phi_{\text{KOY}}^{+,w}$ , the multiplication operator  $E_i \cdot$  is explicitly written in terms of the matrix coefficients.

# Towards the non-reduced word case

Technical modification:

$\check{U}_q^0$  := the group algebra of  $P$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$  ( $=: \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P} \mathbb{Q}(q)K_\lambda$ ).

Set  $\check{U}_q^{\geq 0} := U_q^\pm \check{U}_q^0$ . (i. e.  $K_\lambda E_i = q^{(\alpha_i, \lambda)} E_i K_\lambda$  etc.)

Note that  $U_q^\pm / U_q^\pm(w)^\perp$  can be regarded as  $\check{U}_q^{\geq 0}$ -modules by  $K_\lambda \cdot [1]_w = [1]_w$  for all  $\lambda \in P$ .

## Key Tool

There exists an embedding  $\Omega : A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \rightarrow \check{U}_q^{\leq 0} \otimes \check{U}_q^{\geq 0}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebras using the Drinfeld pairing (cf. Joseph's textbook).

## An example

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ . The weight lattice of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  is written as  $P = \mathbb{Z}\varpi$  ( $\varpi$  is the fundamental weight). Then

$$\Omega(c_{11}) = K_{-\varpi} \otimes K_{\varpi},$$

$$\Omega(c_{12}) = (1 - q^2)K_{-\varpi} \otimes EK_{\varpi},$$

$$\Omega(c_{21}) = (1 - q^2)FK_{-\varpi} \otimes K_{\varpi},$$

$$\Omega(c_{22}) = (1 - q^2)^2FK_{-\varpi} \otimes EK_{\varpi} + K_{\varpi} \otimes K_{-\varpi}.$$

(Note that  $K_{\varpi}E = qEK_{\varpi}$ ,  $K_{\varpi}F = q^{-1}FK_{\varpi}$ )

$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{S} := \{c_{11}^n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an Ore set in  $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2]$  and  $A_q[\mathfrak{sl}_2][\mathcal{S}^{-1}]$  is isomorphic to  $\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} U_q^- K_{-n\varpi} \otimes U_q^+ K_{n\varpi}$ .

## The case: $i$ is of the form $\tilde{i}$

Via  $\Omega$ , the  $\tilde{U}_q^{\leq 0} \otimes \tilde{U}_q^{\geq 0}$ -module  $U_q^-/U_q^-(w)^\perp \otimes U_q^+/U_q^+(w)^\perp$  can be regarded as an  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module.

### Theorem (O-)

Let  $w \in I(w)$ . Define  $\tilde{V}_w := (V_{w^{-1}} \otimes V_w)^{\text{tw}}$  ( $\leftarrow$  slightly twisted). Then  $\tilde{V}_w$  is isomorphic to  $U_q^-/U_q^-(w)^\perp \otimes U_q^+/U_q^+(w)^\perp$  as an  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module. This isomorphism is given by

$$|(0)\rangle_{w^{-1}} \otimes |(0)\rangle_w \mapsto [1]_{w^{-1}} \otimes [1]_w.$$

Set  $\mathcal{S} := \{c_{f_\lambda, v_\lambda}^\lambda\}_{\lambda \in P_+}$  ( $f_\lambda, v_\lambda$  are highest weight vectors of  $V(\lambda)_{\text{gr}}^*$ ,  $V(\lambda)$  respectively with  $\langle f_\lambda, v_\lambda \rangle = 1$ ).

Then the action of  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$  on  $\tilde{V}_w$  is extended to  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}][\mathcal{S}^{-1}]$ .

In particular, the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module  $\tilde{V}_w$  is indecomposable, generated by  $|(0)\rangle_{w^{-1}} \otimes |(0)\rangle_w$ , and decomposed into finite dimensional weight spaces with respect to the action of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Moreover any nonzero vector generates an infinite dimensional submodule (if  $w \neq e$ ).

## Remark

The isomorphism  $\tilde{\Psi}_{\text{KOY}}^w : \tilde{V}_w \rightarrow U_q^-/U_q^-(w)^\perp \otimes U_q^+/U_q^+(w)^\perp$  in the theorem is NOT equal to  $|\mathbf{c}_{\text{rev}}\rangle_{\mathbf{i}_{\text{rev}}} \otimes |\mathbf{c}'\rangle_{\mathbf{i}} \mapsto [F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}}]_w \otimes [E_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}}]_w$ . Indeed

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{\text{KOY}}^w(|\mathbf{c}_{\text{rev}}\rangle_{\mathbf{i}_{\text{rev}}} \otimes |\mathbf{c}'\rangle_{\mathbf{i}'}) = [F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}}]_w \otimes [E_{\mathbf{i}'}^{\mathbf{c}'}]_w + \sum_{\substack{Y \in U^-, X \in U^+ \text{ homogeneous} \\ \text{wt } Y > \text{wt } F_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{c}}, \text{wt } X < \text{wt } E_{\mathbf{i}'}^{\mathbf{c}'}}} [Y]_w \otimes [X]_w.$$

We can compute this difference in the case when  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of finite type and  $w$  is the longest element  $w_0$ .

### Example

Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ . Then

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{\text{KOY}}(|2\rangle \otimes |1\rangle) = F^{(2)} \otimes E + \frac{1}{q - q^3} F \otimes 1.$$

## Relation to the Drinfeld double

From now on we assume that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of finite type.

Let  $U'_q$  be a variant of the quantized enveloping algebra whose Cartan part is the group algebra of the root lattice ( $\subset P$ ).

Then we can consider the Drinfeld double  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \bowtie U'_q$  of  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$  and  $U'_q$ . (The  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ -algebra  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \bowtie U'_q$  contains  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$  and  $U'_q$  as subalgebras.)

Then it is known that  $\exists$  an embedding  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \bowtie U'_q \rightarrow \check{U}_q \otimes \check{U}_q$  of algebras, whose restriction to  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$  coincides with  $\Omega$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  If the action of  $\check{U}_q^{\leq 0} \otimes \check{U}_q^{\geq 0}$  on  $U_q^-/U_q^-(w)^\perp \otimes U_q^+/U_q^+(w)^\perp$  extends to the  $\check{U}_q \otimes \check{U}_q$ -module structure, the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module structure on  $\check{V}_w$  extends to the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \bowtie U'_q$ -module structure!

## Theorem (O-)

*Let  $J$  be a subset of  $I$  and  $W_J$  the subgroup of  $W$  generated by  $\{s_j\}_{j \in J}$ . Write the longest element of  $W$  (resp.  $W_J$ ) as  $w_0$  (resp.  $w_{J,0}$ ). Then the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module structure on  $\tilde{V}_{w_0 w_{J,0}}$  can be extended to the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}] \rtimes U'_q$ -module structure.*

In other words, when  $w = w_0 w_{J,0}$ , the  $A_q[\mathfrak{g}]$ -module  $\tilde{V}_{w_0 w_{J,0}}$  admits a “compatible  $U'_q$ -action”.

$\rightsquigarrow$  Can we “understand” the modules of this type conceptually...?  
(using quantum flag manifolds...?)