

# 1 R-Matrix For A Quotient Of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$

As in the last talk we take the underlying field to be  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  be a root of unity of order  $d$ . We assume  $d$  is an odd integer with  $d > 1$ .

## 1.1 Quotient Of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$

Recall the Hopf Algebra  $U_q := U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$  generated by  $E, F, K, K^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 1.1.**  $E^d, F^d, K^d$  are central.

Let  $I$  be the (two-sided) ideal

$$I = (E^d, F^d, K^d - 1) \tag{1.1}$$

We define the quotient algebra  $\bar{U}_q := U_q/I$ .  $\bar{U}_q$  is finite-dimensional. In particular,

**Proposition 1.2.** The set  $\{E^i F^j K^l\}_{0 \leq i, j, l \leq d-1}$  is a basis of  $\bar{U}_q$

We will construct a universal  $R$ -matrix for  $\bar{U}_q$  using the quantum double construction.

**Proposition 1.3.** There exists a unique Hopf Algebra structure on  $\bar{U}_q$  such that the canonical projection  $\pi : U_q \rightarrow \bar{U}_q$  is a morphism of Hopf Algebras.

*Proof.* We know that given a Hopf Algebra  $H$  and a Hopf Ideal  $I$  of  $H$  there exists a unique Hopf Algebra structure on  $H/I$  such that the canonical projection  $\pi : H \rightarrow H/I$  is a morphism of Hopf Algebras. It then remains to check that  $I$  is a Hopf Ideal. We can check

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(E)^d &= \Delta(F)^d = \Delta(K)^d - 1 = 0 \\ \epsilon(E)^d &= \epsilon(F)^d = \epsilon(K)^d - 1 = 0 \\ S(E)^d &= S(F)^d = S(K)^d - 1 = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

□

Define  $B_q$  as the subspace of  $\bar{U}_q$  spanned by the set  $\{E^m K^n\}_{0 \leq m, n \leq d-1}$ .

**Proposition 1.4.**  $B_q$  is a Hopf subalgebra of  $\bar{U}_q$ .

We now apply the quantum double construction to obtain the quantum double  $D(B_q)$  of  $B_q$ .

First we need to determine  $X = (B_q^{op})^*$  as a Hopf Algebra.

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $\alpha, \eta \in B_q^*$  defined by

$$\langle \alpha, E^m K^n \rangle = \delta_{m0} q^{2n}, \quad \langle \eta, E^m K^n \rangle = \delta_{m1}. \quad (1.3)$$

Then  $\{\eta^i \alpha^j\}_{0 \leq i, j \leq d-1}$  is a basis of  $X$  and  $X$  is a Hopf Algebra with

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^d &= 1, \quad \eta^d = 0, \quad \alpha \eta \alpha^{-1} = q^{-2} \eta, \\ \Delta(\alpha) &= \alpha \otimes \alpha, \quad \Delta(\eta) = 1 \otimes \eta + \eta \otimes \alpha, \\ \epsilon(\alpha) &= 1, \quad \epsilon(\eta) = 0, \\ S(\alpha) &= \alpha^{d-1}, \quad S(\eta) = -\eta \alpha^{d-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.2.** The following relations hold in  $D = D(B_q)$

$$\begin{aligned} K\alpha &= \alpha K, \quad K\eta = q^{-2} \eta K \\ E\alpha &= q^{-2} \alpha E, \quad E\eta = -q^{-2} (1 - \eta E - \alpha K) \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

In what follows we denote  $\eta^i \alpha^j \otimes E^k K^l = \eta^i \alpha^j E^k K^l$ .

**Proposition 1.5.** The linear map  $\chi : D(B_q) \rightarrow \bar{U}_q$  determined by

$$\chi(\eta^i \alpha^j E^k K^l) = \left( \frac{q - q^{-1}}{q^2} \right)^i q^{2(i+j)k - i(i-1)} F^i E^k K^{i+j+l} \quad (1.5)$$

with  $0 \leq i, j, k, l \leq d - 1$  is a surjective Hopf Algebra morphism.

*Proof.* Surjectivity is clear since the image of  $\{\eta^i \alpha^j E^k K^l\}$  generates  $\bar{U}_q$ . We first need to show that  $\chi$  is an algebra morphism. It is enough to show that the images of the generators satisfy the above relations, eg that  $\chi(K)\chi(\alpha) = \chi(\alpha)\chi(K)$ . Similarly, to show that  $\chi$  respects the comultiplication and antipode it is enough to check it on the generators.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.1.** The Hopf Algebra  $\bar{U}_q$  is quasi-triangular.

*Proof.* We know that  $D = D(B_q)$  is quasi triangular. Let  $R_D \in D \otimes D$  be its universal R-matrix. Define  $\bar{R} \in \bar{U}_q \otimes \bar{U}_q$  by

$$\bar{R} = (\chi \otimes \chi)(R_D) \quad (1.6)$$

$\bar{R}$  is invertible and since  $\chi$  is a surjective Hopf Algebra morphism it follows that  $\bar{U}_q$  is quasi-triangular.  $\square$

The following is our main result:

**Theorem 1.** *The universal R-Matrix  $\bar{R}$  of  $\bar{U}_q$  is given by*

$$\bar{R} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq i, j, k \leq d-1} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E^k K^i \otimes F^k K^j \quad (1.7)$$

*Proof.* We will prove the general form of  $\bar{R}$ . Given a basis  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $B_q$  with corresponding dual basis  $\{e^i\}_{i \in I}$  we have

$$R_D = \sum_{i \in I} e_i \otimes e^i \quad (1.8)$$

Hence

$$\bar{R} = (\chi \otimes \chi)(R_D) = \sum_{i \in I} \chi(e_i) \otimes \chi(e^i) \quad (1.9)$$

We know  $\{E^i K^j\}_{0 \leq i, j \leq d-1}$  is a basis of  $B_q$ . Denote by  $\{\beta^{ij}\}_{0 \leq i, j \leq d-1}$  the corresponding dual basis which can be expanded as

$$\beta^{ij} = \sum_{0 \leq k, l \leq d-1} \mu_{kl}^{ij} \eta^k \alpha^l \quad (1.10)$$

for some coefficients  $\mu_{kl}^{ij}$ . One can show that  $\mu_{kl}^{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq k$ . Hence

$$\bar{R} = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_{il}^{ij} \chi(E^i K^j) \otimes \chi(\eta^i \alpha^l) \quad (1.11)$$

Now using our explicit formula for  $\chi$  we obtain

$$\bar{R} = \sum_{0 \leq i, j, k \leq d-1} c_{ijk} E^k K^i \otimes F^k K^j \quad (1.12)$$

for some coefficients  $c_{ijk}$ . □

## 1.2 R-Matrix on $V_1 \otimes V_1$

Let  $V_1$  be the vector space spanned by  $\{v_0, v_1\}$ . The following defines a representation of  $\bar{U}_q$  on  $V_1$

$$\begin{aligned} K v_0 &= q v_0, & K v_1 &= q^{-1} v_1 \\ E v_0 &= 0, & E v_1 &= v_0 \\ F v_0 &= v_1, & F v_1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

Recall that given a universal  $R$ -matrix  $R$  for a Hopf Algebra  $H$  and finite dimensional  $H$ -modules  $V$  and  $W$  then a solution  $c_{V,W}^R$  of the Yang-Baxter Equation (YBE) is given by

$$c_{V,W}^R(v \otimes w) = \tau_{V,W}(R(v \otimes w)), \quad v \in V, w \in W \quad (1.14)$$

Using the  $R$ -matrix given above and the module  $V_1$  of  $\bar{U}_q$  then a solution of the YBE is given by

$$\begin{aligned} c_{V_1, V_1}^{\bar{R}}(v_0 \otimes v_0) &= \lambda q v_0 \otimes v_0 \\ c_{V_1, V_1}^{\bar{R}}(v_0 \otimes v_1) &= \lambda v_1 \otimes v_0 \\ c_{V_1, V_1}^{\bar{R}}(v_1 \otimes v_0) &= \lambda(v_0 \otimes v_1 + (q + q^{-1})v_1 \otimes v_0) \\ c_{V_1, V_1}^{\bar{R}}(v_1 \otimes v_1) &= \lambda q v_1 \otimes v_1 \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

where  $\lambda = q^{(d-1)/2}$ .

We know that  $\{v_0, v_1\}$  is a basis of  $V_1$ , hence  $\{v_0 \otimes v_0, v_0 \otimes v_1, v_1 \otimes v_0, v_1 \otimes v_1\}$  is a basis of  $V_1 \otimes V_1$ . With respect to this basis the  $R$ -matrix takes the form

$$c_{V_1, V_1}^{\bar{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda q & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & \lambda(q - q^{-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda q \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.16)$$