

Universal K-matrices for quantum symmetric pairs

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If you like:

1. quantum enveloping algebras
2. R matrices
3. the quantum Yang Baxter equation
4. braided tensor categories

...then you should also like:

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2. K matrices
3. the reflection equation
4. braided module categories

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[Kolb, *Braided module categories via quantum symmetric pairs*]

- ▶ Particle on a line
- ▶ Two particles
- ▶ Scattering:

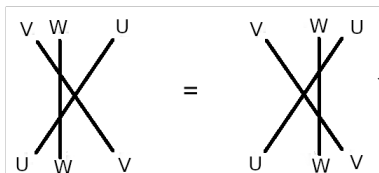
$$\rightsquigarrow V$$

$$\rightsquigarrow V \otimes W$$



$$\rightsquigarrow c_{V,W} : V \otimes W \xrightarrow{\sim} W \otimes V$$

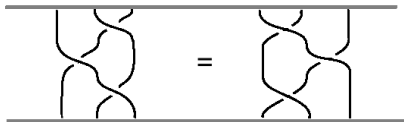
- ▶ Quantum Yang Baxter equation:



$$\rightsquigarrow (c_{W,U} \otimes 1)(1 \otimes c_{V,U})(c_{V,W} \otimes 1) = (1 \otimes c_{V,W})(c_{V,U} \otimes 1)(1 \otimes c_{W,U})$$

Braided tensor categories

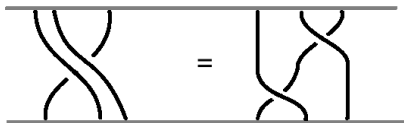
- ▶ tensor category, commutativity $c_{V,W} : V \otimes W \xrightarrow{\sim} W \otimes V$
- ▶ QYBE = the action of the braid group of type on $V^{\otimes n}$



[Reshetikhin-Turaev]

- ▶ hexagon axiom (similar for $c_{V,W \otimes U}$):

$$c_{V \otimes W, U} = (c_{V, U} \otimes 1) \circ (1 \otimes c_{W, U})$$



Quasitriangular Hopf algebras

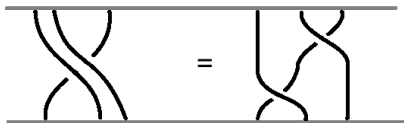
- ▶ Hopf algebra H , \mathcal{V} (some nice) category of representations
- ▶ quasitriangular = exists $\mathcal{R} \in H \otimes H$, $\check{\mathcal{R}} = \text{flip} \circ \mathcal{R}$

$$c_{V,W} = \check{\mathcal{R}}|_{V \otimes W} : V \otimes W \rightarrow W \otimes V$$

$$\check{\mathcal{R}}\Delta(a) = \Delta(a)\check{\mathcal{R}}$$

- ▶ The hexagon axiom becomes:

$$(\Delta \otimes 1)(\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23} \quad (1 \otimes \Delta)(\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{12}$$



- ▶ QYBE

$$\mathcal{R}_{12}\mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23} = \mathcal{R}_{23}\mathcal{R}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{12}$$

Quantum enveloping algebra

- ▶ \mathfrak{g} , $U_q\mathfrak{g}$, \mathcal{O}_{int}
- ▶ The construction of the R-matrix [Lusztig]:
 - ▶ Define the bar involution on $U_q\mathfrak{g}$:

$$E_i \mapsto E_i, \quad F_i \mapsto F_i, \quad K_i \mapsto K_i^{-1}, \quad q \mapsto q^{-1}$$

- ▶ Find the quasi R-matrix $\mathcal{R}_0 \in U_q\mathfrak{n}^- \otimes U_q\mathfrak{n}^+$ such that

$$\mathcal{R}_0 \overline{\Delta(a)} = \Delta(\bar{a}) \mathcal{R}_0$$

- ▶ Set $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_0 \cdot q^{-H \otimes H}$,

$$\check{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{R}_0 \circ q^{-H \otimes H} \circ \text{flip}$$

- ▶ Prove

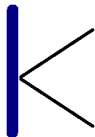
$$(\Delta \otimes 1)(\mathcal{R}) = \dots$$

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- ▶ \Rightarrow QYBE

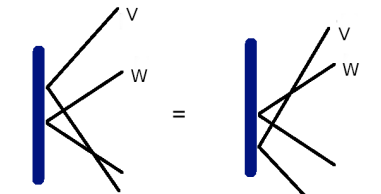
Reflection equation

- ▶ particle on a line + a wall:



$$\leftrightarrow t_V : V \rightarrow V$$

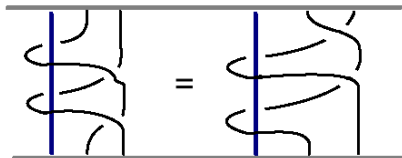
- ▶ Reflection Equation:



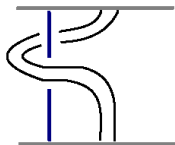
$$c_{W,V} (t_W \otimes 1) c_{V,W} (t_V \otimes 1) = (t_V \otimes 1) c_{W,V} (t_W \otimes 1) c_{V,W}$$

- ▶ braids with a fixed pole:

$$c_{W,V}(t_W \otimes 1) c_{V,W}(t_V \otimes 1) = (t_V \otimes 1) c_{W,V}(t_W \otimes 1) c_{V,W}$$



- ▶ Naturality condition in \otimes :

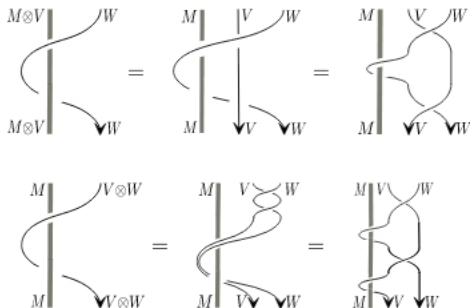


$$t_{V \otimes W} = (t_V \otimes 1) c_{W,V}(t_W \otimes 1) c_{V,W}$$

- ▶ Naturality condition \Rightarrow RE

Braided module categories

- ▶ \mathcal{V} braided category, \mathcal{M} module category ($\boxtimes : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$)
- ▶ $e_{M,V} : M \boxtimes V \rightarrow M \boxtimes V$
- ▶ $e_{M \boxtimes V, W} = (id_M \boxtimes c_{V,W})(e_{M,W} \boxtimes id_V)(id_M \boxtimes c_{W,V})$
- ▶ $e_{M, V \otimes W} = (id_M \boxtimes c_{W,V})(e_{M,W} \boxtimes id_V)(id_M \boxtimes c_{V,W})(e_{M,V} \boxtimes id_W)$



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- ▶ Recover $t_V = e_{Triv, V}$
- ▶ Representation of the braid group of type B on $M \boxtimes V^{\otimes n}$

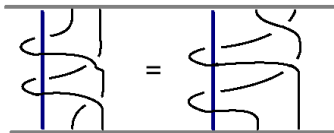
[Kolb, *Braided module categories via quantum symmetric pairs*]

[Brochier, *Cyclotomic associators and finite type invariants for tangles in the solid torus*, *Algebraic and Geometric Topology*, 2013.]

Quasitriangular comodule algebras

- ▶ H quasitriangular Hopf algebra, B algebra, $\Delta_B : B \rightarrow B \otimes H$
- ▶ $\mathcal{V} = \text{Rep}(H)$, $\mathcal{M} = \text{Rep}(B)$, $\boxtimes : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$
- ▶ Want: element $\mathcal{K} \in B \otimes H$, $e_{M, \mathcal{V}} = \mathcal{K}|_{M \boxtimes \mathcal{V}}$
- ▶ Conditions:
 - ▶ $\mathcal{K} \Delta_B(b) = \Delta_B(b) \mathcal{K}$
 - ▶ $(\Delta_B \otimes id)(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{R}_{32} \mathcal{K}_{13} \mathcal{R}_{23}$
 - ▶ $(id \otimes \Delta)(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{R}_{32} \mathcal{K}_{13} \mathcal{R}_{23} \mathcal{K}_{12}$
- ▶ $K = (\varepsilon \otimes id)(\mathcal{K})$ will then satisfy the reflection equation:

$$(K \otimes 1) \check{R} (K \otimes 1) \check{R} = \check{R} (K \otimes 1) \check{R} (K \otimes 1)$$



Main point:

Theorem

Quantum symmetric pairs provide examples of this structure.

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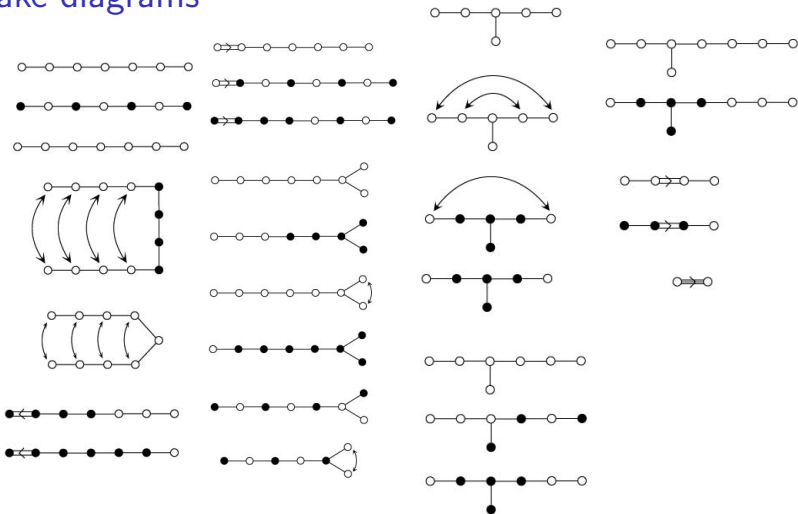
Classical symmetric pairs:

- ▶ \mathfrak{g}
- ▶ $\theta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ an involution
- ▶ $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}^\theta$ fixed points
- ▶ $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k})$ is a symmetric pair

Classification:

- ▶ (X, τ) Satake diagrams
- ▶ $\theta = \text{const} \circ \text{Ad}(w_X) \circ \tau \circ \omega$
- ▶ [Araki]
- ▶ [Kac, Wang]

Satake diagrams



Quantum symmetric pairs:

- ▶ $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{k})$ a symmetric pair
- ▶ $(U_q\mathfrak{g}, U_q\mathfrak{k})$ not compatible deformations
- ▶ better deformation: $(U_q\mathfrak{g}, B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}})$:
 - ▶ subalgebra $B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}} \subseteq U_q\mathfrak{g}$
 - ▶ coideal $\Delta(B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}}) \subseteq B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}} \otimes U_q\mathfrak{g}$
 - ▶ parameters \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}
 - ▶ at $q \rightarrow 1$, $B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}} \rightarrow U\mathfrak{k}$
- ▶ [G. Letzter, *Symmetric pairs for quantized enveloping algebras*, 1999.]
- ▶ [G. Letzter, *Coideal subalgebras and quantum symmetric pairs*, 2002.]
- ▶ [G. Letzter, *Quantum symmetric pairs and their zonal spherical functions*, 2003.]
- ▶ [S. Kolb, *Quantum symmetric Kac-Moody pairs*, 2012.]

Presentation

Theorem (Letzter; Kolb; B-Kolb, Hadewijch De Clercq)

$B_{c,s}$ has a presentation with generators and relations which look a little like the relations of $U_q\mathfrak{k}$.

Generated over $(U_q\mathfrak{h}^\theta) \cdot (U_q\mathfrak{g}_X)$ with generators

$$B_i = F_i + c_i\theta_q(F_iK_i)K_i^{-1} + s_iK_i^{-1},$$

relations:

- ▶ $K_\beta B_i K_\beta^{-1} = q^{-(\beta, \alpha_i)} B_i;$
- ▶ $[E_i, B_j] = \delta_{ij} \frac{K_i - K_i^{-1}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}};$
- ▶ $\text{Serre}(B_i, B_j) = \text{lower order terms in } B_k.$

Strategy

$U_q\mathfrak{g}$

1. bar involution
2. quasi R-matrix \mathcal{R}_0
3. universal R-matrix
4. $(1 \otimes \Delta)(\mathcal{R})$
5. prove \mathcal{R} sats QYBE

$B_{c,s} \subseteq U_q\mathfrak{g}$ quantum symmetric pair

1. bar involution
2. quasi K-matrix \mathfrak{K}
3. universal K-matrices K, \mathcal{K}
4. $\Delta(K), (\Delta \otimes id)(\mathcal{K}), (id \otimes \Delta)(\mathcal{K})$
5. prove K sats RE

- ▶ Bar involution $U_q\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow U_q\mathfrak{g}$ does not preserve $B_{c,s}$
- ▶ [H. Bao, W. Wang, *A new approach to Kazhdan-Lusztig theory of type B via quantum symmetric pairs*, 2013.]
[M. Ehrig, C. Stroppel, *Nazarov-Wenzl algebras, coideal subalgebras and categorified skew Howe duality*, 2013.]
- ▶ Want the internal bar involution $B_{c,s} \rightarrow B_{c,s}$ such that:

$$\overline{q}^B = q^{-1} \quad \overline{E}_i^B = E_i \quad \overline{B}_i^B = B_i$$

- ▶ Relations must be bar invariant $\overline{K_\beta^B} = K_\beta^{-1}$ $\overline{F}_i^B = F_i$



$$C_{12}(\mathbf{c}) = 0$$

$$C_{13}(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{-1}{(q - q^{-1})^2} (q^{-1}(1 - q^2)c_1\mathcal{Z}_1 + q(1 - q^{-2})c_3\mathcal{Z}_3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \overline{c_1\mathcal{Z}_1} = c_3\mathcal{Z}_3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \overline{c_1} = q^{-2}c_3$$

Theorem (B-Kolb)

For every Satake diagram, and for a good choice of parameters \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} , there exists a bar involution on $B_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s}}$, $b \mapsto \bar{b}^B$.

- ▶ fix a good choice of c_i, s_i
- ▶ two bar involutions: $a \mapsto \bar{a}$ on $U_q\mathfrak{g}$ and $b \mapsto \bar{b}^B$ on $B_{c,s}$
- ▶ $\bar{B}_i \neq \bar{B}_i^B$

Theorem (B-Kolb)

There exists a unique invertible $\mathfrak{X} \in \widehat{U_q\mathfrak{n}^+}$ such that for all $b \in B_{c,s}$

$$\mathfrak{X} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{b}^B \cdot \mathfrak{X}$$

$$\mathfrak{X} = \sum_{\mu} \mathfrak{X}_{\mu}, \quad \mathfrak{X}_{\mu} \in U_{\mu}^+, \quad \mathfrak{X}_0 = 1$$

Rewrite $\mathfrak{X} \cdot \bar{b} = \bar{b}^B \cdot \mathfrak{X}$ as

$$r_i(\mathfrak{X}_\mu) = \text{some expression in lower } \mathfrak{X}_\nu$$

$${}_i r(\mathfrak{X}_\mu) = \text{some expression in lower } \mathfrak{X}_\nu$$

Proposition

For given $A_i, {}_i A, i \in I$, the following are equivalent:

1. The following system has a unique solution:

$$r_i(X) = A_i$$

$${}_i r(X) = {}_i A.$$

2. $A_i, {}_i A$ satisfy:

- i) $r_i({}_j A) = {}_j r(A_i)$

- ii) Some analogue of Serre relations.

From now on:

- ▶ \mathfrak{g} finite type
- ▶ w_0 longest element of the Weyl group of \mathfrak{g} , $w_0(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\tau_0(i)}$
- ▶ w_X longest element of the Weyl group of \mathfrak{g}_X
- ▶ ξ a certain character of weight lattice
- ▶ τ the diagram automorphism from Satake data

Definition (B-Kolb, Kolb)

The universal K-matrix is

$$K = \mathfrak{X} \circ \xi \circ T_{w_0}^{-1} \circ T_{w_X}^{-1} \circ \tau \tau_0.$$

[H. Bao, W. Wang, *A new approach to Kazhdan-Lusztig theory of type B via quantum symmetric pairs*, 2013.]

[T. tom Dieck, R. Häring-Oldenburg, *Quantum groups and cylinder braiding*, 1998.]

$$K = \mathfrak{X} \circ \xi \circ T_{w_0}^{-1} \circ T_{w_X}^{-1} \circ \tau\tau_0.$$

Theorem (B-Kolb)

Let V be a finite dimensional $U_q\mathfrak{g}$ module. Then

$$K : V \rightarrow V$$

is a $B_{c,s}$ -isomorphism.

Theorem (B-Kolb)

$$\Delta(K) = (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R}$$

Theorem (B-Kolb)

K satisfies the reflection equation,

$$(K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} = \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1)$$

Proof:

$$\Delta(K) = (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R}$$

$$\Delta(K) = \check{R} \cdot \Delta(K) \cdot \check{R}^{-1}$$

$$(K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} = \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot (K \otimes 1) \cdot \check{R} \cdot \check{R}^{-1}$$



Theorem (Kolb)

$\mathcal{K} = \check{\mathcal{R}}(K \otimes 1)\check{\mathcal{R}}$ lies in the suitable completion of $B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}} \otimes U_q\mathfrak{g}$ and satisfies

- ▶ $\mathcal{K}\Delta_B(b) = \Delta_B(b)\mathcal{K}$
- ▶ $(\Delta_B \otimes id)(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{R}_{32}\mathcal{K}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23}$
- ▶ $(id \otimes \Delta)(\mathcal{K}) = \mathcal{R}_{32}\mathcal{K}_{13}\mathcal{R}_{23}\mathcal{K}_{12}$

Corollary

$B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}}$ is a quasitriangular comodule algebra for $U_q\mathfrak{g}$, with the universal R-matrix \mathcal{R} and the universal K-matrix \mathcal{K} . The category \mathcal{M} of finite dimensional $B_{\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s}}$ representations is a braided module category for the category \mathcal{O}_{int} of finite dimensional $U_q\mathfrak{g}$ modules.

- ▶ [Dobson, Kolb, *Factorisation of quasi K-matrices for quantum symmetric pairs*]
- ▶ [Bao, Wang et al]
- ▶ [Regelskis, Vlaar]:
 - ▶ *Quasitriangular coideal subalgebras of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ in terms of generalized Satake diagrams*
 - ▶ *Reflection matrices, coideal subalgebras and generalized Satake diagrams of affine type*
 - ▶ *Solutions of the $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{sl}}_N)$ reflection equations*
- ▶ [De Commer, Matassa, *Quantum flag manifolds, quantum symmetric spaces and their associated universal K-matrices*]
- ▶ [De Commer, Neshveyev, Tuset, Yamashita, *Ribbon braided module categories, quantum symmetric pairs and Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov equations*]
- ▶ [Appel, Vlaar, in progress]

THANK YOU!