# Tetrahedron equation from PBW bases of the nilpotent subalgebra of quantum superalgebras

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## Yang-Baxter equation and R matrices

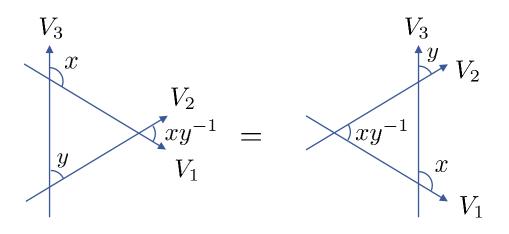
Matrix equation on  $V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes V_3$  ( $V_i$ : linear space)

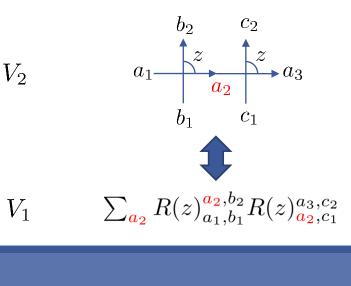
$$R_{12}(xy^{-1})R_{13}(x)R_{23}(y) = R_{23}(y)R_{13}(x)R_{12}(xy^{-1})$$

- $\square$   $R(z): W_1 \otimes W_2 \rightarrow W_1 \otimes W_2 (W_i: linear space)$
- $\square$   $R_{ij}(z)$  acts non-trivially only on  $V_i \otimes V_j$ .
- Graphical notation:

$$R(z)|i\rangle\otimes|j\rangle = \sum_{a,b} R(z)_{i,j}^{a,b}|a\rangle\otimes|b\rangle$$
  $R(z)_{i,j}^{a,b} = i$ 

$$R(z)_{i,j}^{a,b} = i \xrightarrow{j} z a$$





$$\sum_{a_2} R(z)_{a_1,b_1}^{a_2,b_2} R(z)_{a_2,c_1}^{a_3,c_2}$$

# Commuting transfer matrix

- From Yang-Baxter equation, we have the following:
- Proposition:
  - We set the *transfer matrix*  $\tau(z)$ :  $V^{\otimes L} \to V^{\otimes L}$  by

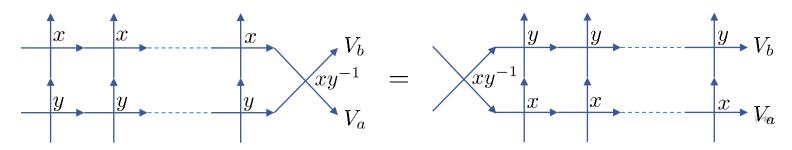
$$V_i = V$$

$$\tau(z) := \text{Tr}_a \left( R_{a1}(z) R_{a2}(z) ... R_{aL}(z) \right) = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c|c} z & z \\ V_1 & V_2 \end{array}}_{V_L} V_a$$

■ Then, we have

$$[\tau(x), \tau(y)] = 0 \quad (\forall x, y \in \mathbb{C})$$

- Proof:
  - For the following eq, multiply  $R_{ab}(xy^{-1})^{-1}$  and take trace on  $V_a \otimes V_b$ :



## 1D integrable hamiltonian

- A lot of families of <u>integrable</u> one-dimensional quantum spin chains are constructed via commutativty of the transfer matrix.
- lacksquare The following  ${\mathcal H}$  gives one-dimensional quantum spin chain

$$\mathcal{H} := \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z} \left( \log \tau(z) \right) \right|_{z=1}$$

This has a nearest-neighbor interaction (physical):

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i} \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1} : V_i \otimes V_{i+1} \to V_i \otimes V_{i+1}$$

Integrability: the transfer matrix gives conserved quantities:

$$[\tau(x), \tau(y)] = 0 \quad (\forall x, y \in \mathbb{C}) \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad [\mathcal{H}, \tau(y)] = 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{C}$$
$$\tau(y) = \underline{\tau(1)} + \underline{\tau'(1)}y + \cdots$$

 $\blacksquare$  All eigenvalues of  $\tau(z)$  are obtained by Bethe ansatz for large classes of R matrices.

# Reps of quantum algebra & R matrices

- R matrices are systematically (infinitely many) constructed via irreps of Drinfeld-Jimbo quantum affine algebra  $U_q(g)$ .
  - **1** *g*: affine Lie algebra  $A_n^{(1)}$ ,  $B_n^{(1)}$ ,  $C_n^{(1)}$ ,  $D_n^{(1)}$ , ...
  - $\square$   $U_q(g)$  is one-parametric generalization of g, and reduces to g with  $q \to 1$
- $\blacksquare$   $(V_1, \pi_z^{(1)}), (V_2, \pi_z^{(2)})$ : irreps of  $U_q(g)$  z: spectral parameter
  - Example: Kirillov-Reshetikhin module
- If  $\pi_x^{(1)} \otimes \pi_y^{(2)}$ ,  $\pi_y^{(2)} \otimes \pi_x^{(1)}$  are irreducible, a linear map  $\check{R}(z)$  given by

$$(\pi_y^{(2)} \otimes \pi_x^{(1)})(\Delta(g))\check{R}(x/y) = \check{R}(x/y)(\pi_x^{(1)} \otimes \pi_y^{(2)})(\Delta(g)) \quad \forall g \in U_q(X)$$

is uniquely determined by Schur's Lemma.

- $R(z) = P\check{R}(z)$  gives a solution to the Yang-Baxter equation.
  - lacksquare "linearization" method for the Yang-Baxter equation.  $P|i\rangle\otimes|j\rangle=|j\rangle\otimes|i\rangle$
- Point: characterization ≠ explicit formula

# Explicit formula for R matrices

- For some  $U_q(g)$  and their representations, there exist explicit formulae for R matrices from three dimensional integrability.
- Example:
  - $\square U_q(g) = U_q(A_{n-1}^{(1)})$



- $\blacksquare$   $\pi_z^{(1)} = \pi_z^{(2)} = \text{arbitrary } (l\text{-th}) \text{ symmetric tensor representation}$
- □ <u>Theorem</u>:

$$R(z)_{i,j}^{\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}} = \operatorname{Tr}_F(z^{\mathbf{h}} \mathcal{R}_{i_1,j_1}^{a_1,b_1} \cdots \mathcal{R}_{i_n,j_n}^{a_n,b_n}) =$$

 $\begin{array}{c|c}
 & b_n \\
 & i_n \\
 & a_n \\
 & z^{\mathbf{h}} \\
 & j_1
\end{array}$ 

satisfies the intertwining relation

$$(\pi_x^{(1)} \otimes \pi_y^{(2)})(\Delta^{\text{op}}(g))R(x/y) = R(x/y)(\pi_x^{(1)} \otimes \pi_y^{(2)})(\Delta(g)) \quad \forall g \in U_q(X)$$

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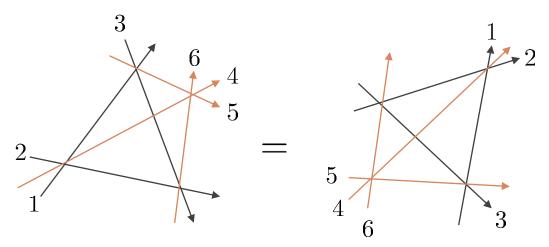
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### Tetrahedron equation



■ Matrix equation on  $V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_6$  ( $V_i$ : linear space)

$$\mathcal{R}_{124}\mathcal{R}_{135}\mathcal{R}_{236}\mathcal{R}_{456} = \mathcal{R}_{456}\mathcal{R}_{236}\mathcal{R}_{135}\mathcal{R}_{124}$$

- $\square$   $R_{ijk}$  acts non-trivially only on  $V_i \otimes V_j \otimes V_k$ .
- Tetrahedron equation = Yang-Baxter equation *up to conjugation*
- Unlike Yang-Baxter equation, a few families of solutions are known.
- We focus on solutions on the Fock spaces.

boson Fock: 
$$F = \bigoplus_{m=0,1,2,\cdots} \mathbb{C} \ket{m}$$

fermi Fock: 
$$V = \bigoplus_{m=0,1} \mathbb{C}u_m$$

# Solutions to tetrahedron equation: 3DR

 $\blacksquare$  Set  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathrm{End}\left(F^{\otimes 3}\right)$  by

[Kapranov-Voevodsky94]

$$\Re |i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle \otimes |k\rangle = \sum_{a,b,c} \Re_{ijk}^{abc} |a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle \otimes |c\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} = \delta_{i+j}^{a+b} \delta_{j+k}^{b+c} \sum_{\substack{\lambda, \mu \geq 0, \lambda + \mu = b}} (-1)^{\lambda} q^{i(c-j) + (k+1)\lambda + \mu(\mu-k)} \frac{(q^2)_{c+\mu}}{(q^2)_c} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_{q^2} \begin{pmatrix} j \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}_{q^2}$$

Here

$$(q)_k = \prod_{l=1}^k (1-q^l)$$
  $\binom{a}{b}_q = \frac{(q)_a}{(q)_b(q)_{a-b}}$ 

The 3DR satisfies the following tetrahedron equation:

$$\mathcal{R}_{124}\mathcal{R}_{135}\mathcal{R}_{236}\mathcal{R}_{456} = \mathcal{R}_{456}\mathcal{R}_{236}\mathcal{R}_{135}\mathcal{R}_{124}$$

■ 3DR = intertwiner of irreps of quantum coordinate ring  $A_q(A_2)$ 

$$\mathcal{R} \circ \pi_1 \otimes \pi_2 \otimes \pi_1(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}(g)) = \pi_2 \otimes \pi_1 \otimes \pi_2(\Delta(g)) \circ \mathcal{R} \quad \forall g \in A_q(A_2)$$
$$\pi_i : A_q(A_2) \to \mathrm{End}(F)$$

- ☐ This gives a linearization method for tetrahedron equation.
- □ ``121" and ``212" are associated with the longest element of Weyl group.

## Solutions to tetrahedron equation: 3DL

Set  $\mathcal{L} \in \operatorname{End}(V \otimes V \otimes F)$  by

[Bazhanov-Sergeev06]

$$\mathcal{L}(u_{i} \otimes u_{j} \otimes |k\rangle) = \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1\}, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} \mathcal{L}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} u_{a} \otimes u_{b} \otimes |c\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,0,k}^{0,0,c} = \mathcal{L}_{1,1,k}^{1,1,c} = \delta_{k,c}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{0,1,k}^{0,1,c} = -\delta_{k,c} q^{k+1}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{1,0,k}^{1,0,c} = \delta_{k,c} q^{k},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{1,0,k}^{0,1,c} = \delta_{k-1,c} (1 - q^{2k}), \quad \mathcal{L}_{0,1,k}^{1,0,c} = \delta_{k+1,c}$$

The 3DL satisfies the following tetrahedron equation:

$$\mathcal{L}_{124}\mathcal{L}_{135}\mathcal{L}_{236}\mathcal{R}_{456} = \mathcal{R}_{456}\mathcal{L}_{236}\mathcal{L}_{135}\mathcal{L}_{124} \qquad \cdots (*)$$

- BS obtained the 3DL by ansatz so that the tetrahedron equation of (\*) type has a non-trivial solution, and solved (\*) for the 3DR.
  - They gives an alternative derivation for the 3DR.
  - Algebraic origins of the 3DL has been still unclear.

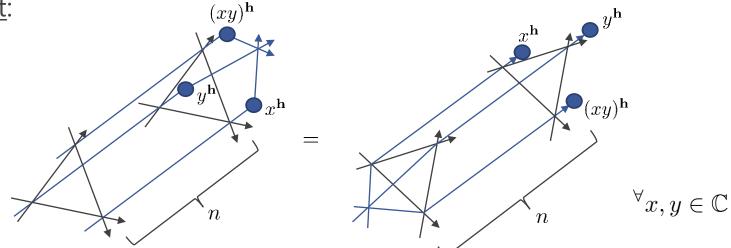
## Reduction to Yang-Baxter equation

We use the following graphical notations:

$$c \xrightarrow{i} b = \mathcal{R}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} \text{ or } \mathcal{L}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & a \\
 & k \\
 & c \\
 & b
\end{array} = \mathcal{R}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c}$$

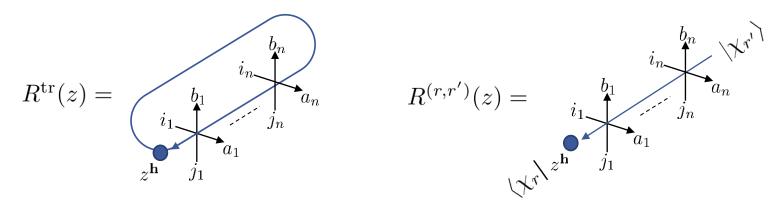
Fact:



■ h: number counting operator of the Fock spaces

- $\mathbf{h} |m\rangle = m |m\rangle$
- By multiplying  $\mathcal{R}^{-1}$  and taking trace on the auxiliary spaces, we obtain the Yang-Baxter equation.

# Family of matrix product solutions



■ These solutions are characterized as the *R* matrices associated with some quantum affine algebras. [Kuniba-Okado-Sergeev15]

	$R^{\mathrm{tr}}(z)$	$R^{(r,r')}(z)$
$\Rightarrow$ = 3DR	$U_q(A_{n-1}^{(1)})$ symmetric tensor rep.	$U_q(D_{n+1}^{(2)}), U_q(A_{2n}^{(2)}), U_q(C_n^{(1)})$ Fock rep.
<b>★</b> = 3DL	$U_q(A_{n-1}^{(1)})$ fundamental rep.	$U_q(D_{n+1}^{(2)}), U_q(B_n^{(1)}), U_q(D_n^{(1)})$ spin rep.

Moreover, by mixing uses of the 3DR & 3DL, we also obtain the R matrices associated with generalized quantum groups.

#### Motivation & KOY theorem

#### Motivation:

- Why do the 3DR & 3DL lead to such similar results, although they have different origins?
- We study transition matrices of PBW bases of  $U_q^+(sl(m|n))$  motivated by the KOY theorem which holds for non-super cases.
- Theorem: [Kuniba-Okado-Yamada13] (Rough Statement)
  - $\square$  g: arbitrary finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra
  - $\blacksquare$   $\Phi$ : intertwiner of irreducible representations of  $A_q(g)$
  - $\square$   $\gamma$ : transition matrix of PBW bases of the nilpotent subalgebra of  $U_q(g)$
  - $\blacksquare$  Then, we have  $\Phi = \gamma$ .
- For  $\bigcirc$ — $\bigcirc$ , the 3DR gives the transition matrix for  $U_q(A_2)$ .
- One of our result is that the 3DL is exactly the transition matrix for the quantum superalgebra associated with  $\bigcirc$ — $\bigotimes$ .

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- We only consider rank 2 cases.
- Lie superalgebra sl(m|n) (m+n=3)
  - Simple roots:  $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$
  - $\square$  Parity:  $p: \Pi \rightarrow \{0,1\}$
  - Positive roots:  $\Phi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\}$   $p(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) = p(\alpha_1) + p(\alpha_2)$  (mod2)
  - Even & odd parts of positive roots:  $\Phi = \Phi_{\text{even}} \cup \Phi_{\text{odd}}$
- Dynkin diagram for sl(m|n) (m+n=3)
  - $\square$  Prepare connected 2 dots and decorate the *i*-th dot by

$$\bigcirc$$
 for  $\alpha_i \in \Phi_{\text{even}}$ ,  $\bigotimes$  for  $\alpha_i \in \Phi_{\text{odd}}$ 

■ All diagrams are listed as follows

- $U_q^+ = U_q^+(sl(m|n))$ : nilpotent subalgebra of  $U_q(sl(m|n) (m+n=3)$ 
  - Generator:  $\{e_1, e_2\}$
  - $\square$  If  $\alpha_i \in \Phi_{\text{even}}$ ,  $e_i^2 e_{3-i} (q+q^{-1})e_i e_{3-i} e_i + e_{3-i} e_i^2 = 0$
  - $\square$  If  $\alpha_i \in \Phi_{\text{odd}}$ ,  $e_i^2 = 0$
- $\blacksquare$  PBW bases for  $U_a^+$ 
  - $\square$  We set  $e_{ij} = e_i e_j q e_j e_i$ . Then, the following  $B_1 \otimes B_2$  give bases of  $U_q^+$ :

$$B_1 = \left\{ e_1^{(a_{\alpha_1})} e_{21}^{(a_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2})} e_2^{(a_{\alpha_2})} \mid a_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \ (\alpha \in \Phi_{\text{even}}), \ a_{\alpha} \in \{0, 1\} \ (\alpha \in \Phi_{\text{odd}}) \right\}$$

$$B_2 = \left\{ e_2^{(a_{\alpha_2})} e_{12}^{(a_{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2})} e_1^{(a_{\alpha_1})} \mid a_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \ (\alpha \in \Phi_{\text{even}}), \ a_{\alpha} \in \{0, 1\} \ (\alpha \in \Phi_{\text{odd}}) \right\}$$

- $\square$   $e_i^{(a)}$ : divided power given by  $e_i^{(a)} = e_i^a/[a]!$
- $[m]! = \prod_{k=1}^{m} [k]$

Transition matrix  $\gamma$ 

$$[k] = \frac{q^k - q^{-k}}{q - q^{-1}}$$

$$e_2^{(a)}e_{12}^{(b)}e_1^{(c)} = \sum_{i,j,k} \gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} e_1^{(k)} e_{21}^{(j)} e_2^{(i)}$$

### The case O——O

Root system

$$\Phi_{\text{even}} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\} \quad \Phi_{\text{odd}} = \{\}$$

Transition matrix

$$e_2^{(a)}e_{12}^{(b)}e_1^{(c)} = \sum_{i,j,k} \gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} e_1^{(k)} e_{21}^{(j)} e_2^{(i)} \cdots (*) \qquad i,j,k,a,b,c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

Theorem: [Kuniba-Okado-Yamada13]

$$\gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} = \mathcal{R}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c}$$

**Example:** For (a, b, c) = (0,1,1), (\*) becomes

$$e_{12}e_{1} = \mathcal{R}_{0,1,1}^{0,1,1}e_{1}e_{21} + \mathcal{R}_{1,0,2}^{0,1,1}\frac{e_{1}^{2}}{q+q^{-1}}e_{2}$$

$$-qe_{2}e_{1}^{2} + (1+q^{2})e_{1}e_{2}e_{1} - qe_{1}^{2}e_{2} = 0 \qquad \therefore \mathcal{R}_{0,1,1}^{0,1,1} = -q^{2}, \ \mathcal{R}_{1,0,2}^{0,1,1} = 1 - q^{4}$$

This is a relation of  $\bigcirc$ — $\bigcirc$ .

### The case $\bigcirc$ — $\otimes$

Root system

$$\Phi_{\text{even}} = \{\alpha_1\} \quad \Phi_{\text{odd}} = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2\}$$

Transition matrix

$$e_2^{(a)}e_{12}^{(b)}e_1^{(c)} = \sum_{i,j,k} \gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} e_1^{(k)} e_{21}^{(j)} e_2^{(i)} \cdots (*) \qquad k, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ i, j, a, b \in \{0, 1\}$$

Theorem: [Y20]

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Root system

$$\Phi_{\text{even}} = \{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2\} \quad \Phi_{\text{odd}} = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$$

Transition matrix

$$e_2^{(a)}e_{12}^{(b)}e_1^{(c)} = \sum_{i,j,k} \gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} e_1^{(k)} e_{21}^{(j)} e_2^{(i)} \cdots (*) \qquad \begin{array}{c} j,b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ i,k,a,c \in \{0,1\} \end{array}$$

Theorem: [Y20]

$$\gamma_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} = \mathcal{N}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c}$$

■ Here, we define  $\mathfrak{N} \in \operatorname{End} (V \otimes F \otimes V)$  as follows:

$$\mathfrak{N}(u_{i} \otimes |j\rangle \otimes u_{k}) = \sum_{\substack{a,c \in \{0,1\}, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}} \mathfrak{N}_{i,j,k}^{a,b,c} u_{a} \otimes |b\rangle \otimes u_{c} 
\mathfrak{N}_{0,j,0}^{0,b,0} = \delta_{j,b} q^{j}, \quad \mathfrak{N}_{1,j,1}^{1,b,1} = -\delta_{j,b} q^{j+1}, \quad \mathfrak{N}_{0,j,1}^{0,b,1} = \mathfrak{N}_{1,j,0}^{1,b,0} = \delta_{j,b}, 
\mathfrak{N}_{1,j,1}^{0,b,0} = \delta_{j+1,b} q^{j} (1-q^{2}), \quad \mathfrak{N}_{0,j,0}^{1,b,1} = \delta_{j-1,b} [j]_{q},$$

#### Remark for rank 3

- Transition matrices  $\gamma$  for higher rank cases are constructed as compositions of ones for rank 2.
- By constructing  $\gamma$  for rank 3 in two ways, we obtain the tetrahedron equation.

$$e_3^{(o_1)}e_{23}^{(o_2)}e_{2}^{(o_3)}e_{123}^{(o_3)}e_{12}^{(o_5)}e_{1}^{(o_6)} = \sum_{i_1,i_2,i_3,i_4,i_5,i_6} \gamma_{i_1,i_2,i_3,i_4,i_5,i_6}^{o_1,o_2,o_3,o_4,o_5,o_6}e_{1}^{(i_6)}e_{21}^{(i_5)}e_{321}^{(i_4)}e_{2}^{(i_3)}e_{32}^{(i_2)}e_{3}^{(i_1)}$$

□ For ○——○

$$\mathcal{R}_{123}\mathcal{R}_{145}\mathcal{R}_{246}\mathcal{R}_{356} = \mathcal{R}_{356}\mathcal{R}_{246}\mathcal{R}_{145}\mathcal{R}_{123}$$

**□** For ○ — ○ — ⊗

$$\mathcal{L}_{123}\mathcal{L}_{145}\mathcal{L}_{246}\mathcal{R}_{356} = \mathcal{R}_{356}\mathcal{L}_{246}\mathcal{L}_{145}\mathcal{L}_{123}$$

 $\blacksquare$  For  $\bigcirc$  —  $\bigcirc$  (new solution to the tetrahedron equation)

$$\mathcal{N}(q^{-1})_{123}\mathcal{N}(q^{-1})_{145}\mathcal{R}_{246}\mathcal{L}_{356} = \mathcal{L}_{356}\mathcal{R}_{246}\mathcal{N}(q^{-1})_{145}\mathcal{N}(q^{-1})_{123}$$

# Concluding remarks

#### Remark:

- 1. Type B cases give new solutions to the 3D reflection equations, which describes boundary integrability in three dimensions.
- 2. The crystal limit for  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  gives a super analog of transition maps of Lusztig's parametrizations of the canonical basis of quantum algebras.

#### Summary:

- 1. The 3DL is characterized as the transition matrix for  $\bigcirc$ — $\bigotimes$ .
- 2. A new solution to the tetrahedron equation the 3DN is obtained by considering the transition matrix for  $\otimes$ — $\otimes$ .