

q -DEFORMED D-MODULES

To do:

- (1) check 7.1.4, the relation between D-modules on $X_{\mathbf{q}}$ (or X_{Φ}) with D-modules on X/Φ .
- (2) What should theorem 7.1.7 say?

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1. Introduction

1.1. Motivation.

1.1.1. The main point of this document is to understand a q -deformation of the WZW vertex algebra.

The approximate physics picture of the relevant spaces and their (Koszul dual to) local operators is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underbrace{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C}}_{\hbar} & \underbrace{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{R}}_{\hbar} & \mathrm{Rep}_{VA} V_{\hbar}^k(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \mathrm{Rep}_{alg} Y_{\hbar}(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})^1, \mathrm{Rep}_{VA} \mathcal{W}_{1+\infty}^{c,\mu}(\mathfrak{g}) \\
 \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} & \mathrm{Rep}_{VA} V^k(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \mathrm{Rep}_{alg} U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{g})
 \end{array}$$

where the underlined spaces are *noncommutative*, i.e. are a deformation over $\mathbf{C}[\hbar]$ given by the Moyal product, a.k.a. differential operators $\mathcal{D}_{\hbar}(\mathbf{C})$. In physics terminology this is called Nekrasov's “ Ω -background”. See [Co] for details about the theory on the top right. For details on the two-parameter deformation see [Li] and [GRZ].

2. Background: vector fields and D-modules

2.1. **Vector fields.** Recall that a tangent vector is a map

$$\xi : \mathbf{D}_2 \rightarrow X$$

from the second order infinitesimal neighbourhood of the origin in the formal disk \mathbf{D} . Likewise we get the notion of n -jet for any $n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$, and stronger still we could ask for a map

$$\xi : \mathbf{G}_a \rightarrow X.$$

A vector field induces a map on functions

$$\mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2,$$

and the ϵ coefficient is the *derivative* of the function in the direction of the vector field.

2.1.1. *Multiplicative and elliptic jets.* We make the following redundant definition. If G is a one-dimensional algebraic group, a G -jet is a map

$$\xi : \mathbf{D}^G \rightarrow X$$

from the formal neighbourhood of the identity in G . Of course, all of these are non-canonically isomorphic and so this is the same thing as an ordinary jet. Let χ_G be a left-invariant vector field on G , then

$$\mathbf{D}_2^G = \mathbf{D}_2 \cdot \chi_G.$$

However, when we pass to the quantum versions of the above definitions, the definitions for different G will separate.

2.1.2. *Vector fields.* A *vector field* is a map over X

$$\xi : X \times \mathbf{D}_2 \rightarrow X.$$

Proposition 2.1.3. *The sheaf \mathcal{T}_X of vector fields is the Lie algebra of the group $\text{Aut}(X)$ over X .*

Proof. A tangent vector inside $\text{Aut}(X)$ is a map

$$\psi : \mathbf{D}_2 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(X)$$

which by adjunction is the same as a map

$$\mathbf{D}_2 \times X \rightarrow X.$$

The condition that ψ needs to be a tangent vector at the unit $\text{id} \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is equivalent to this map being over X . \square

In exactly the same way, an n -jet field on X is the same as an n -jet at the identity of $\text{Aut}(X)$.

2.2. Koszul dual picture. If X is a smooth scheme, we have a Koszul duality of sheaves of algebras over X ,

$$\mathrm{KD}(\mathcal{D}_X) \simeq \Omega_X$$

where Ω_X is the de Rham complex. The equivalence is given by a bimodule, the de Rham complex $\mathcal{D}_X \otimes \Omega_X$ equipped with a differential which intertwines the factors.

Thus, if we define q -deformed D-modules on X as D-modules on a noncommutative space $Y = Y_q$, it is natural to expect that it be Koszul dual to the noncommutative de Rham complex Ω_Y , if it is defined.

2.3. Jets. In the above, we considered jets, and moreover, the de Rham stack $X_{dR} \simeq X/\mathcal{G}$ is the quotient by

$$\mathcal{G} = \exp(\mathcal{T}_X) \simeq \mathcal{J}_\infty X$$

the formal group scheme over X given by formal jets. In particular, below when we will want to define q -D modules on X as D-modules on a certain noncommutative space $Y = Y_q$, we will need to define the jet space $\mathcal{J}_\infty Y_q$, and

$$Y_{dR} = Y/\mathcal{J}_\infty Y.$$

For this we will use the machinery developed by Majid and Simao in [MS].

3. Quantum analogues

3.1. q -vector fields. Now let \mathbf{G}_m act on our smooth scheme X . This makes \mathcal{O}_X into a \mathbf{Z} -graded sheaf, so we can define the sheaf $\mathcal{T}_X^q \subseteq \mathcal{E}nd(\mathcal{O}_X)$ of q -vector fields consisting of endomorphisms ∂ with

$$\partial(fg) = \partial(f)g + q^{|f|}f\partial(g)$$

for all pairs of homogenous functions $f, g \in \Gamma(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

3.1.1. One way to axiomatise this is the following. Extend $\mathcal{O}(X)$ by adding the variable \mathbf{q} with commutation relations

$$\mathbf{q}f = q^{|f|}f\mathbf{q}$$

for homogeneous elements, where $q \in k$ is central. Then

$$\mathbf{q}\partial(fg) = \mathbf{q}\partial(f)g + f\mathbf{q}\partial(g)$$

and so $\mathbf{q}\partial$ defines an honest vector field on $\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q} \rangle$. Thus a q -vector field induces an algebra map

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbf{C}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2, \mathbf{q} \rangle, \quad f \mapsto f + \mathbf{q}\partial(f)\epsilon,$$

where \mathbf{q} and ϵ commute. We now turn to the question of what this algebra $\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q} \rangle$ is.

Proposition 3.1.2. $\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q} \rangle[q, q^{-1}]$ is a $\mathbf{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$ -quantisation of $\mathcal{O}(X \times \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}})[q, q^{-1}]$ with the grading given by a \mathbf{G}_m -action on $X \times \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}$.

For instance, if every function on X has degree zero, then $\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q} \rangle = \mathcal{O}(X \times \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}})$.

3.1.3. We are now in place to define q -vector field. To begin, we need to *choose* a quantisation $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}} \rightarrow G$ of $X \times \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}$ over G . Then,

Definition 3.1.4. A q -vector field on X is a vector field

$$\xi : \mathbf{D}_2 \times (X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}) \rightarrow (X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}})$$

on the noncommutative space $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}$, i.e. a map as above, over $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}$.

We have immediately

Lemma 3.1.5. *The restriction of a q -vector field to X is a vector field.*

Proof. We take the pullback squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{D}_2 \times X & \xrightarrow{\xi_1} & X & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{D}_2 \times (X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}) & \xrightarrow{\xi} & (X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,\mathbf{q}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{G}_m \end{array}$$

which gives an ordinary vector field on X . □

Thus loosely speaking, a q -vector field is a quantised vector field on X .

3.1.6. *Example:* $X = \mathbf{A}^1$. The operator $\partial(x^n) = n_q x^{n-1}$, where n_q is the n th q -integer,

$$n_q = 1 + q + \cdots + q^{n-1}, \quad (-n)_q = q^{-1} + q^{-2} + \cdots + q^{-n}$$

which satisfies $(n + m)_q = n_q + q^n m_q$. In particular, $\partial(x^{n+m}) = n_q x^n \cdot x^m + q^n x^n \cdot m_q x^m$, and so this defines a q vector field.

3.1.7. *Remark.* We could also just as well replace $\mathbf{G}_{m,q}$ by $E_{q,\tau}$ or G_q any one-dimensional algebraic group.

Thus, let X and G_q be viewed as constant schemes over G . Then we *choose* a quantisation $X \tilde{\times} G_q \rightarrow G$ over G . In this case, a G -jet is a map

$$\xi : \mathbf{D}_n^G \times (X \tilde{\times} G_q) \rightarrow (X \tilde{\times} G_q)$$

over $X \tilde{\times} G_q$. Over a point $x \in X$ we get

$$\xi_x : \mathbf{D}_n^G \times (G_q \times G) \rightarrow (X \tilde{\times} G_q)$$

and so we get a map

$$\xi_x : \mathcal{O}(X \tilde{\times} G_q) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{D}_n^G \times G_q) \otimes \mathcal{O}(G).$$

For instance, our ordinary notion of q -vector field corresponds to $G = \mathbf{G}_m$. We can define an \hbar -adic version by taking $G = \mathbf{G}_a$.

When dealing with elliptic curves, we may also require a compatible family of \mathbf{G}_m - and E_τ -jets which glue over $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{1,1}$.

3.2. \mathbf{h} and Ω -backgrounds.

3.2.1. As a motivating computation, let us formally add in the logarithm \mathbf{h} , \hbar and $\log f$ of \mathbf{q} , q and f respectively. Assume that $[\hbar, \log f]$ is central for every f . Then the commutation relations

$$\mathbf{q}f = q^{|f|} f \mathbf{q}$$

become by the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula

$$\mathbf{q}f \mathbf{q}^{-1} f^{-1} = e^{[\mathbf{h}, \log f]} = e^{|f| \hbar}.$$

This gives us

$$[\mathbf{h}, \log f] = |f| \hbar.$$

Taking this relation as a definition,¹ one then verifies that an appropriate completion of the $\mathbf{C}[\hbar]$ -algebra $\langle \log \mathcal{O}(X), \hbar \rangle$ indeed contains a copy of $\langle \mathcal{O}(X), \mathbf{q}^\pm \rangle$, where we have taken logarithms of every homogeneous function.

¹In particular, the assumption that the commutator is central is now a definition.

3.2.2. If we take $X = \mathbf{C}^\times$, then this algebra is $\langle x, \mathbf{h} \rangle$ with the relation $[\mathbf{h}, x] = \hbar$. In other words, it is the Weyl algebra of differential operators, or the Moyal product on \mathbf{C}^2 . Here, we have taken x the logarithm of a coordinate on X .

3.3. **q -cotangent bundles.** The cotangent bundle over X is given by taking the relative spectrum of the sheaf of vector fields.

3.3.1. Having chosen a quantisation $\tilde{X} = X \tilde{\times} G_{\mathbf{q}}$, the *quantum cotangent bundle* is

$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{\tilde{X}}^* = \mathbf{T}_{\tilde{X}/G_{\mathbf{q}} \times G}^*.$$

(define this, i.e. show that we get a quantisation)

Lemma 3.3.2. *This is a quantisation of the cotangent bundle of X times $G_{\mathbf{q}} \times G$, i.e.*

$$\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{X}/G_{\mathbf{q}} \times G}^* = \mathbf{T}_X^* \tilde{\times} G_{\mathbf{q}}.$$

For instance, if $X = \mathbf{A}^1$ and $G = \mathbf{G}_m$, then we can take

$$\tilde{X} = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}\langle x, \mathbf{q}^\pm, q^\pm \rangle$$

where q is central, and

$$\mathbf{T}_{\tilde{X}}^q = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}\langle x, p, \mathbf{q}^\pm, q^\pm \rangle$$

is a twisted product of $T^*\mathbf{A}^1$ and $\mathbf{G}_{m, \mathbf{q}} \times \mathbf{G}_m$, where $p = \partial_x$, and so we have that $\mathbf{q}p = q^{-1}p\mathbf{q}$. Notice that we get a closed subscheme

$$\mathbf{A}_q^2 = \text{Spec } \mathbf{C}\langle x, \mathbf{q}p \rangle$$

which is the quantum affine plane, since writing $y = \mathbf{q}p$, we get the defining relations $xy = qyx$.

3.4. **q -differential operators.** The q -differential operators \mathcal{D}_q will be a filtered quantisation of

$$\text{Spec Sym}_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_{\tilde{X}}^*.$$

Notice that the role of q and the q -quantisation is orthogonal to the role of the filtration and the filtered quantisation. We define it as usual: it is the sheaf of differential operators on \tilde{X} , i.e. it is the sheaf of subalgebras

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X}} \subseteq \text{End}_{\tilde{X}}(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}})$$

generated by the q -vector fields and $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$.

Notice that by the definition,

Lemma 3.4.1. *$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{\tilde{X}}$ forms a sheaf of Lie algebras over \tilde{X} .*

This allows us to give a Grothendieck definition of the sheaf of quantum differential operators:

Lemma 3.4.2. $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X}} = \cup_{n \geq 0} \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X},n}$, where the zeroeth term is $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\tilde{X}}$, and above that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X},n} = \text{(recursive definition)}.$$

To summarise, we have the following

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{gr } \mathcal{D}_X & & \text{gr } \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X}} \\ \mathcal{D}_X & & \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X}} \end{array}$$

and the sheaves on the left are given by pulling back the sheaves on the right along $1 \rightarrow G$.

3.5. Relation to automorphisms of X . Recall that one may define a D-module on X to be a quasicoherent sheaf which is equivariant for the action of the formal group $\exp(\mathcal{T}_X)$; this is the parallel transport map. Likewise, if Φ is an automorphism of X , one possible definition of quantum D-module is a Φ -equivariant quasicoherent sheaf.

How does this relate to the above definition?

To begin with, what has this to do with the quantisation $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,q}$? Let us consider the case when the quantisation and the automorphism both come from the same source: a single \mathbf{G}_m action:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbf{G}_m \text{ action on } X & \\ \swarrow \text{~~~~~} & & \searrow \text{~~~~~} \\ \text{automorphism } \Phi_g \text{ for any } g \in \mathbf{G}_m & & \text{quantisation } X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,q} \end{array}$$

A quasicoherent sheaf on $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m,q}$ is the same as a quasicoherent sheaf $\mathcal{M} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$ with a compatible action of $\mathbf{C}[\mathbf{q}^\pm]$, i.e. we have

$$\mathbf{q}_x : \mathcal{M}_x \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{M}_x$$

for every point $x \in X$, and we have

$$\mathbf{q}_x f(x) = q^{|f|} f(x) \mathbf{q}_x$$

as automorphisms of \mathcal{M}_x . In particular, this has nothing to do with comparing \mathcal{M}_x and $\mathcal{M}_{\Phi_g \cdot x}$, so *it is unlikely the definitions are related*.

The automorphism definition of quantum D-module is related to

$$\mathbf{Z} \xrightarrow{\Phi} \text{Aut}(X) \leftarrow \exp(\mathcal{T}_X)$$

whereas the q -deformed D-module changes the underlying space,

$$\exp(\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{\tilde{X}}) \rightarrow \exp(\mathcal{T}_X).$$

One expects that it might be possible to quantise both ways simultaneously.

3.6. Relation to difference equations. If instead we are to take $\tilde{X}_\hbar = X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_a$, then we get [\(show how to get difference equations, might need to take \$\mathbf{C}\[\[\hbar\]\]\$ \)](#)

3.7. Relation to Beilinson-Bernstein. Let $\lambda : \mathbf{G}_m \rightarrow G$ be a character with $\lambda B \lambda^{-1} = B$. Then we get an induced \mathbf{G}_m action on the flag variety G/B , and can form the quantisation.

Conjecture 3.7.1. *We have a surjection $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{G/B} \twoheadrightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{g})$.*

3.8. Relation to quantum groups. We are going to give a *different* relation to quantum groups, where

$$X = \operatorname{Spec} U_q(\mathfrak{g}), \quad G = T.$$

Note that here we may be using a group of dimension greater than one. If \mathbf{q}_λ corresponds to $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}(T) \subseteq \mathfrak{t}^*$, then we set

$$x \mathbf{q}_\lambda = q^{\lambda(x)} \mathbf{q}_\lambda x$$

for all $x \in \mathfrak{g} \subseteq U_q(\mathfrak{g})$.

Conjecture 3.8.1. *We have*

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\tilde{X}} = U_q(\mathfrak{g} \oplus_{\mathfrak{t}} \mathfrak{g}^*)$$

is the Takiff algebra.

4. Functoriality

4.1. In the above we defined the category of D-modules over $\text{Spec } A$ for any (check Majid?) non-commutative algebras A as an element of $\text{QCoh}(\text{Spec } A)$ which is equivariant for the action of the formal jet group $\mathcal{J}_\infty \text{Spec } A$. (what about in the non-affine case)

4.1.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a map of noncommutative spaces. We then have functor

$$f^\dagger : \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(X)$$

induced by pullback of quasicoherent sheaves (i.e. restriction of modules) and functoriality of \mathcal{J}_∞ .

4.1.2. Now assume that f is (noncommutative schematic and quasi-compact?). Then we have a pushforward functor

$$f_{dR,*} : \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Y)$$

defined by (pushforward on QCoh?). To be explicit, it acts on modules as

$$M \mapsto f_*(M \otimes \Omega_{X/Y})$$

where $\Omega_{X/Y}$ is the noncommutative de Rham complex of Majid and Simao [MS].

5. Quantum vertex algebras

If ordinary vertex algebras are meant to axiomatise two-dimensional chiral conformal field theory on a complex curve Σ , then \mathbf{q} -vertex algebras axiomatise the theory on *noncommutative* curves $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{q}}$.

In physics terms, these should be two-dimensional CFTs on $\Sigma \times S^1$, which are compactified along a *nontrivial* S^1 action. (check)

One common way to get noncommutative curves is to quantise curves inside cotangent bundles

$$\Sigma \subseteq T^*C \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \tilde{\Sigma} \subseteq \operatorname{Spec} \mathcal{D}_C$$

where if Σ is the vanishing locus of the symbol σP of differential operator P , then the quantisation has ring of functions \mathcal{D}_C/P . If we want this to be an algebra over $k[[\hbar]]$, we may in the above take the \hbar -adically completed sheaf of D-modules $\mathcal{D}_{C,\hbar}$. There is a relation to opers, see for instance section 2 of [CPT].

5.1. Motivation.

5.1.1. Recall the standard construction of the category of vertex algebras:

- (1) We build the Ran space $\operatorname{Ran} \mathbf{A}^1$ parametrising finite subsets of \mathbf{A}^1 .
- (2) We define the category of D-modules over $\operatorname{Ran} \mathbf{A}^1$.
- (3) We define a *decomposition structure* on the Ran space, using the open locus $(\mathbf{A}^n \times \mathbf{A}^m)_\circ$ where the set of first n and last m points are required to be disjoint. This allows us to define factorisation algebras over $\operatorname{Ran} \mathbf{A}^1$.
- (4) We define an action of \mathbf{G}_a on \mathbf{A}^1 , and extend it to act on the Ran space.
- (5) We define *vertex algebras* to be the (weakly) \mathbf{G}_a -equivariant commutative factorisation algebras over $\operatorname{Ran} \mathbf{A}^1$.
- (6) Finally, we prove that this is equivalent to the data of a pointed vector space with endomorphism $(V, |0\rangle, T)$ along with a map $Y : V \otimes V \rightarrow V((z))$ satisfying conditions.

In defining q -deformed vertex algebras, we will follow the same steps, but with the following modifications:

- (1) We use $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$ instead of \mathbf{A}^1 , and define the Ran space as usual (as a noncommutative space).
- (2) We define the category of $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{q}}$ -modules over $\operatorname{Ran} \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$.
- (3) We define a *decomposition structure* on the Ran space as before. The space of \mathbf{q} -diagonals naturally appears here, even though we do not insert this into the definition by hand.

- (4) We define \mathbf{Z} many actions of $\mathbf{G}_{a,\mathbf{q}}$ on $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$, and extend it to act on the Ran space. The integer is called the *weight* of the action and the function $x_1 - \mathbf{q}^w x_2$ giving the \mathbf{q}^w -diagonal is invariant under the weight w action.

We say that a $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{q}}$ -module is $\mathbf{G}_{a,\mathbf{q}}$ -equivariant if it is a direct sum of $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{q}}$ -modules which are equivariant for the weight w action.

- (5) We define \mathbf{q} -vertex algebras to be the (weakly) $\mathbf{G}_{a,\mathbf{q}}$ -equivariant commutative factorisation algebras over $\text{Ran } \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$.
- (6) Finally, we prove that this is equivalent to concrete data in Theorem 5.3.12 below.

5.2. Appearance of \mathbf{q} -diagonals.

5.2.1. We now consider what the diagonal inside $X \tilde{\times} \mathbf{G}_{m\mathbf{q}}$ looks like.

5.2.2. To begin, for a map $A \rightarrow B$ of algebras, note that the relative diagonal is given by the map

$$B \otimes_A B \rightrightarrows B, \quad b \otimes b' \mapsto bb'.$$

5.2.3. For instance, let $X = \mathbf{A}^1 = \text{Spec } k[x]$. Then the quantum diagonal is given by the ideal

$$\tilde{\Delta} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X}$$

given by the ideal

$$I_{\Delta} \subseteq \langle k[x_1], \mathbf{q}_1^{\pm}, k[x_2], \mathbf{q}_2^{\pm} \rangle \rightrightarrows \langle k[x], \mathbf{q}^{\pm} \rangle, \quad x_1, x_2 \mapsto x, \quad \mathbf{q}_i \mapsto \mathbf{q}$$

and where in the domain x_1, x_2 commute, and

$$\mathbf{q}_i x_j = q x_j \mathbf{q}_i$$

for every i, j . This is necessary so that the above defines an algebra map. For instance, the ideal of the diagonal contains the element

$$x_1 - x_2 (\mathbf{q}_2 \mathbf{q}_1^{-1})^n$$

for every integer $n \in \mathbf{Z}$.

5.3. \mathbf{q} -additive group.

5.3.1. We consider the group structure,

$$m : \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1 \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$$

which is the unique map of noncommutative schemes so that

$$m^* \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{q}, \quad m^* x = x \otimes 1 + \mathbf{q} \otimes x$$

for an integer $w \in \mathbf{Z}$ called the *weight*. This is well-defined, since

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(\mathbf{q}x) &= \mathbf{q}x \otimes \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}^2 \otimes \mathbf{q}x \\ &= q(x\mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{q}^2 \otimes x\mathbf{q}) \\ &= q \cdot m^*(x\mathbf{q}). \end{aligned}$$

Denote this algebraic group $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}$.

5.3.2. Likewise, we have an action for every integer w

$$m_w^* \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q} \otimes \mathbf{q}, \quad m_w^* x = x \otimes 1 + \mathbf{q}^w \otimes x$$

giving a group law as above.

5.3.3. If we write points of $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}$ as z , then the above group law we will write as $(z_1, z_2) \mapsto z_1 + \mathbf{q}_1 z_2$.

5.3.4. Given a representation of $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}$, i.e.

$$V \rightarrow V \otimes \langle k[x], \mathbf{q}^\pm \rangle,$$

then the invariants are the elements v sent to

$$v \mapsto v \otimes 1.$$

5.3.5. What are the $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}^w$ -invariants of $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1)$? Note that the coaction is given by

$$m^* \mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{q}_i \otimes \mathbf{q}, \quad m^* x_i = x_i \otimes 1 + \mathbf{q}_i^w \otimes x,$$

where the right hand side tensor multiplicand lies in $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}})$, and so

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(x_1 - x_2(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^n) &= (x_1 \otimes 1 + \mathbf{q}_1^w \otimes x) - (x_2 \otimes 1 + \mathbf{q}_2^w \otimes x)((\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^n \otimes 1) \\ &= (x_1 - x_2(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^n) \otimes 1 + (\mathbf{q}_1^w - \mathbf{q}_2^w(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^n) \otimes x. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $(x_1 - x_2(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^n)$ is invariant with respect to the $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}$ -action of weight $w = -n$. Thus we get

Proposition 5.3.6. *For any integer $w \in \mathbf{Z}$, the functions on the complement of the main quantum diagonal which are invariant with respect to the weight w action are*

$$\mathcal{O}((\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1)_{\mathbf{q}, \circ})^{\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}^w} = \langle (x_1 - x_2(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^w) \rangle_{k[\mathbf{q}_1^\pm, \mathbf{q}_2^\pm]},$$

which is spanned as a vector space by $\mathbf{q}_1^a \mathbf{q}_2^b (x_1 - x_2(\mathbf{q}_2/\mathbf{q}_1)^w)^c \mathbf{q}_1^d \mathbf{q}_2^e$.

5.3.7. We now ask the question: what is the category of D-modules on $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$ which are weakly equivariant with respect to the weight w action of $\mathbf{G}_{a\mathbf{q}}$? Recall that without the \mathbf{q} the answer was it is the category of a vector space (the invariant sections) with endomorphism (the action of ∂_z).

(write)

5.3.8. Notice that the Ran space of $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1$ is still a symmetric factorisation space,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & (\mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1 \times \mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1)_\circ & \\
 & \sigma \downarrow \wr & \\
 & (\mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1 \times \mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1)_\circ & \\
 \swarrow & & \searrow \\
 \mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1 \times \mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1 & & \mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1
 \end{array}$$

because for instance in $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1 \times \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1$ functors on the left and right factors commute, so the swap map is indeed a map of noncommutative schemes; considering higher powers of the quantum affine plane induces the symmetric factorisation structure σ considered above.

5.3.9. In particular, this means we should consider the categories

$$\bigoplus_{w \in \mathbf{Z}} \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1)^{\mathbf{G}_{a_q, w}}$$

of D-modules which are weakly equivariant respect to some weight w . (how to combine these together more naturally?) Notice that

Proposition 5.3.10. *For each weight w , the w summand upgrades to a symmetric factorisation category $\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}^{\mathbf{G}_{a_q, w}}$ over $\mathrm{Ran} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1$.*

5.3.11. We can finally define a **q-vertex algebra** to be a strong factorisation algebra in this category.

Theorem 5.3.12. *A q-vertex algebra is equivalent to a direct sum of vector spaces (or $k[\mathbf{q}^\pm]$ -comodules?)*

$$V = \bigoplus_{w \in \mathbf{Z}} V_w$$

along with a map of $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1)$ -modules (how should this interact with the weight w ?)

$$Y : V \otimes V \rightarrow V(\{z_1 - \mathbf{q}^n z_2\})$$

satisfying (a commutativity and associativity condition), and equipped with a vector $|0\rangle \in V_0$ and (whatever data is equivalent to a $\mathcal{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_q^1)$ -module)

6. How to construct the \mathbf{q} -affine vertex algebra

In this section, we recall the construction of the affine vertex algebra, then show how to deform it to the \mathbf{q} -affine vertex algebra.

6.1. General picture.

6.1.1. Let X be an algebraic curve and Y a prestack with maps

$$\mathrm{Ran} X \xrightarrow{s} Y \xrightarrow{p} \mathrm{Ran} X$$

of factorisation spaces. Moreover, assume that the latter map admits a *connection*, i.e. comes from a pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ran} X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bar{Y} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ran} X_{dR} \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Moreover,

Lemma 6.1.2. *The map $Y \rightarrow Y_{dR}$ factors as*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & Y \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow \\ Y_{dR} & \dashleftarrow & \bar{Y} \end{array}$$

Proof. Apply the functor $(-)_dR$ (which is a right adjoint, hence preserves limits) to diagram (1). This gives pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_{dR} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ran} X_{dR} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bar{Y}_{dR} & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Ran} X_{dR} \end{array}$$

hence $Y_{dR} = \bar{Y}_{dR}$, and the Lemma follows by functoriality of $(-)_dR$. \square

Thus we have commuting diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \mathrm{QCoh}(Y) & \xrightarrow{p_*^{\mathrm{QCoh}}} & \mathrm{QCoh}(\mathrm{Ran} X) \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Y) & \dashrightarrow & \mathrm{QCoh}(\bar{Y}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathrm{Ran} X) \end{array} \quad (2)$$

We stress that the pushforward $\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathrm{Ran} X)$ is *not* the ordinary \mathcal{D} -module pushforward p_* . Rather, the above says that any quasicoherent sheaf pushforward of a \mathcal{D} -module, which usually has no reason to be a \mathcal{D} -module, in this case always carries a natural \mathcal{D} -module structure.

If in addition the maps in (1) are maps of factorisation spaces, it not not hard to show that

Lemma 6.1.3. *The functors in (2) are functors of symmetric monoidal categories.*

In particular, this implies

Corollary 6.1.4. *The quasicoherent sheaf pushforward p_*^{QCoh} extends to a functor on factorisation algebras*

$$p_*^{\text{QCoh}} : \text{CommAlg}(\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Y), \otimes_Y^{ch}) \rightarrow \text{CommAlg}(\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\text{Ran } X), \otimes^{ch}).$$

In particular, if \mathcal{A} is a factorisation algebra on $\text{Ran } X$, then so $s_*\mathcal{A}$ is a factorisation algebra on Y , and hence we get a new factorisation algebra $p_*^{\text{QCoh}}(s_*\mathcal{A})$ on $\text{Ran } X$.

6.2. Affine Grassmannian. We apply this to the Beilinson-Drinfeld Grassmannian

$$\text{Ran } X \xrightarrow{\text{triv}} \text{Gr}_{G,X} \rightarrow \text{Ran } X$$

and the constant factorisation algebra $\mathcal{A} = \omega_{\text{Ran } X}$.

Lemma 6.2.1. *The map $\text{Gr}_{G,X} \rightarrow \text{Ran } X$ admits a connection.*

Proof. (find proof in literature) □

Specifically, consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{QCoh}(\text{Gr}_{G,X}) & \xrightarrow{p_*^{\text{QCoh}}} & \text{QCoh}(\text{Ran } X) \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\text{Gr}_{G,X}) & \dashrightarrow & \text{QCoh}(\overline{\text{Gr}_{G,X}}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\text{Ran } X) \end{array} \quad (3)$$

which allows us to define the affine WZW factorisation algebra $\mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ as

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & i_*\omega & \xrightarrow{p_*^{\text{QCoh}}} & \Gamma(i_*\omega) \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \omega & \dashrightarrow & i_*\omega & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(i_*\omega) = \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{g}} \end{array} \quad (4)$$

Lemma 6.2.2. *As a vector space, the underlying vertex algebra is*

$$V = \text{Sym}(t^{-1}\mathfrak{g}[t^{-1}]).$$

Proof. This is the vector space corresponding to the D-module pushforward along the affine Grassmannian

$$i_0 : 0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_G.$$

Specifically, the normal bundle to i_0 is the vector space $t^{-1}\mathfrak{g}[t^{-1}]$, and so the pushforward is the symmetric algebra on this. □

6.3. q-analogue.

6.3.1. The above construction generalises.

7. Variant: Quantum vertex algebras via q -automorphisms

There are two (inequivalent?) notions of q -D-module in the literature: one in terms of q -derivations, which we covered in section 3, and another in terms of automorphism-invariant quasicoherent sheaves. In this section we relate the two notions.

7.1. G -D-modules.

7.1.1. Note that if G is a discrete group acting on X , then

$$(X/G)_{dR} = X_{dR}/G,$$

in other words, the category of D-modules on X/G is equivalent to weakly G -equivariant D-modules on X .

7.1.2. Let Φ be the automorphism of \mathbf{A}^1 acting by $t \mapsto qt$. Then we have

$$\Phi f(x) \cdot g(x) = f(qx)g(qx), \quad f(x)\Phi \cdot g(x) = f(x)g(qx).$$

In particular, if f is homogeneous of degree $|f|$ then we have

$$\Phi f(x) = q^{|f|} f(x) \Phi.$$

Note that acting on functions, $\Phi = e^{\log(q)x\partial_x} = q^{x\partial_x}$.

7.1.3. Thus, Φ takes the role of \mathbf{q} in section 3. To make this analogy stronger, the analogue of $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{q}}^1$ is the product

$$\mathbf{A}_{\Phi}^1 = \mathbf{A}^1 \tilde{\times} \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A}^1 \tilde{\times} \{\Phi^n\}_{n \in \mathbf{Z}},$$

on which Φ acts diagonally. More generally, for any space X we can form

$$X_{\text{Aut } X} = X \tilde{\times} \text{Aut}(X),$$

which when X is affine is defined as the subalgebra of $\text{End } \mathcal{O}(X)$ generated by $\mathcal{O}(X)$ and $\text{Aut}(X)$. If one considers only infinitesimal automorphisms, this recovers $\mathcal{D}(X)$.

7.1.4. Note that the usual definition of q -derivation may be written as

$$\partial(fg) = \partial(f)g + \Phi(f)\partial(g).$$

7.1.5. One can define (check) the action map $X \tilde{\times} \text{Aut}(X) \rightarrow X$, and so we can define

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \tilde{\times} \text{Aut}(X) & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \longrightarrow & X / \text{Aut}(X) \end{array}$$

We expect that $X / \text{Aut}(X) = X / \text{Aut}(X)$ (unsure). In particular, we expect that D-modules on X_{Φ} act as descent data for gluing D-modules on X to D-modules on X/Φ .

7.1.6. One definition of q -D-module is simply a quasicoherent sheaf on X/Φ .

Theorem 7.1.7. *There is (a functor?) of categories over $\mathbf{C}[q^\pm]$:*

$$\mathrm{QCoh}(X/\Phi) \xrightarrow{??} \mathcal{D}_q\text{-Mod}(X) = \mathrm{QCoh}(X_{\mathbf{q}}/\exp \mathcal{T}_{X_{\mathbf{q}}}).$$

(check the $q \rightarrow 1$ limit to make this an equivalence) If ξ is the vector field inducing Φ , then

$$\mathrm{QCoh}(X/\Phi) \xrightarrow{??} \mathrm{QCoh}(X_{\mathbf{q}}/\exp(\mathcal{O}_{X_{\mathbf{q}}} \cdot \xi))$$

is an equivalence.

7.2. G -factorisation algebras.

7.2.1. Let G act on a space X . We will now define a version of factorisation algebra on subsets $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq X$, where two subsets are equivalent if they differ by a G -shift. This necessitates the use of G -diagonals.

The factorisation space to consider is then $(\mathrm{Ran} X)/G$, with factorisation structure

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)_{G,\circ}/G & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ (\mathrm{Ran} X)/G \times (\mathrm{Ran} X)/G & & (\mathrm{Ran} X)/G \end{array}$$

where $(\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)_{G,\circ}$ is the open subset of (S, S') with $gS \cap S' = \emptyset$ for all $g \in G$. The left map is the composition

$$(\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)_{G,\circ}/G \rightarrow (\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)_{G,\circ}/G \times G \rightarrow (\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)/G \times G.$$

7.2.2. *Remark.* Note that for the above to work the open subset $(\mathrm{Ran} X \times \mathrm{Ran} X)_{G,\circ}$ must be a $G \times G$ -invariant, which is why we made this definition.

7.2.3. *Remark.* The above is a colimit of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & (X^n \times X^m)_{G,\circ}/G & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ X^n/G \times X^m/G & & X^{n+m}/G \end{array} \tag{5}$$

7.3. G -vertex algebras.

7.3.1. We now give an explicit model for the above. Let \mathcal{M} be a factorisation algebra on $(\mathrm{Ran} X)/G$, in the category:

- (1) $\mathrm{QCoh}(\mathrm{Ran} X/G)$, i.e. $\mathcal{D}_q\text{-Mod}(X)$ when $G = \mathbf{Z} \cdot q$, or otherwise
- (2) $\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathrm{Ran} X/G)$.

We consider the restriction of the factorisation map to (5) when $n, m = 1$, in which case we have open and closed complements

$$\Delta_G X/G \xrightarrow{i_G} (X^n \times X^m)/G \xleftarrow{j_G} (X^n \times X^m)_{G,\circ}/G$$

where $\Delta_G X \subseteq X \times X$ consists of points of the form (x, gx) for $g \in G$, and G acts diagonally.

We now consider the cofibre sequence

$$i_G^* \mathcal{M} \rightarrow i_G^* j_* j^* \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{cofib}.$$

7.3.2. In the D-module case $\text{cofib} = i_G^! \mathcal{M}[1]$. Assume that $i_G^* \mathcal{M} = V \otimes \mathcal{O}$ and z, w are local coordinates on X , then taking global sections of the cofibre sequence gives

$$V^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G}[\{(z - gw)^{\pm 1}\}_{g \in G}] \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G}[\{\delta_{z-gw}\}_{g \in G}].$$

Crucially, because we have only quotiented by a single, diagonal, G -action throughout, in the above we have *not* taken G -invariants with respect to the antidiagonal action, which would have killed the $z - gw$ terms.

Lemma 7.3.3. *The data of the above is equivalent to a map*

$$V^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G} \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G} \hat{\otimes} \prod_{\mathbf{C}[[z,w]]} \mathbf{C}((z - gw)).$$

Assuming that X is itself an algebraic group, we take X -invariant sections of the above to get a map

$$Y_G : V^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow V((z - g_1 w, z - g_2 w, \dots)) = V \hat{\otimes} \prod_{\mathbf{C}[[z,w]]} \mathbf{C}((z - gw)).$$

7.3.4. In the quasicoherent sheaf case, since the pullback/forgetful functor $\mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(Z) \rightarrow \text{QCoh}(Z)$ is exact, we have that cofib is the same as above, and given the above assumptions, taking global sections of the cofibre sequence gives

$$V^{\otimes 2} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G}[\{(z - gw)^{\pm 1}\}_{g \in G}] \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X/G}[\{\delta_{z-gw}\}_{g \in G}].$$

What is different is that we have only remembered that this is a map inside $\text{QCoh}(X/G)$. However,

Lemma 7.3.5. *(check) When $X = \mathbf{C}$ and $G = \mathbf{Z} \cdot q \simeq \mathbf{Z}$, this is equivalent to a map*

$$Y_G : V^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow V((z - g_1 w, z - g_2 w, \dots)) = V \hat{\otimes} \prod_{\mathbf{C}[[z,w]]} \mathbf{C}((z - gw))$$

(with some T action, or rather $q = \exp(\hbar T)$.)

Proof. (The same proof as for the D-module case should work, except that instead of asking that the map commutes with ∂ , we ask that it be \mathbf{Z} -graded, a \mathbf{Z} acts on $k[x]$ as $x^n \mapsto (qx)^n$.) \square

7.4. Exponentiating.

7.4.1. We expect that we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathbf{C}) & \xrightarrow{\exp_*} & \mathcal{D}\text{-Mod}(\mathbf{C}^*) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{D}_{\hbar}\text{-Mod}(\mathbf{C}) & \xrightarrow{\exp_*} & \mathcal{D}_q\text{-Mod}(\mathbf{C}^*) \end{array}$$

and we have likewise the notions of vertex algebras for these, where on the bottom the OPEs have singularities of the form $(z - w - n\hbar)$ and $(z - q^n w)$.

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