

# Centers and automorphisms of PI quantum matrix algebras

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## Setup

Let  $\mathbb{k}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero.

### Definition

Let  $\mathbf{p} = (p_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathbb{k}^\times)$  be multiplicatively antisymmetric and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ .

The  **$(n \times n)$  multi-parameter quantum matrix algebra**  $\mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is the  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra generated by  $\{x_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  subject to the relations

$$x_{lm}x_{ij} = \begin{cases} p_{li}p_{jm}x_{ij}x_{lm} + (\lambda - 1)p_{li}x_{im}x_{lj} & l > i, m > j \\ \lambda p_{li}p_{jm}x_{ij}x_{lm} & l > i, m \leq j \\ p_{jm}x_{ij}x_{lm} & l = i, m > j. \end{cases}$$

For  $q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$ , the single-parameter  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is obtained from the above definition by setting  $p_{ij} = q$  for  $i > j$  and  $\lambda = q^{-2}$ .

It is well-known that  $\mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is Artin-Schelter regular of global and GK dimension  $n^2$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  may be presented as an iterated Ore extension.

## The quantum determinant

The **quantum determinant** of  $\mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is defined as

$$D_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}} = \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \left( \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i < j \leq n \\ \pi(i) > \pi(j)}} (-p_{\pi(i), \pi(j)}) \right) x_{1, \pi(1)} x_{2, \pi(2)} \cdots x_{n, \pi(n)}.$$

The element  $D_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}$  is **normal** in  $\mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$ . In the single-parameter case it is **central**.

## Automorphisms

The group of **scalar automorphisms** of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is denoted

$$G = \{\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))) : \sigma(x_{ij}) = \alpha_{ij}x_{ij} \text{ for some } \alpha \in \mathbb{k}^\times\}.$$

Define  $\tau \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k})))$  by  $\tau(x_{ij}) = x_{ji}$ .

### The Launois-Lenagan conjecture

Let  $q \in \mathbb{k}^\times$  be a nonroot of unity. Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))) = G \rtimes \{\tau\}$ .

- The case  $n = 2$  was first proved by Alev and Chamarie.
- Launois and Lenagan proved the case  $n = 3$ , motivating the above conjecture.
- The conjecture was resolved by Yakimov.

### Motivation

*Does the Launois-Lenagan conjecture hold in the case that  $q$  is a root of unity? More generally, does it hold for PI multi-parameter quantum matrix algebras?*

## Discriminants

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra and  $C$  a **central subalgebra** which is a domain and such that  $A$  is **finitely generated** over  $C$ . Let  $F$  be a localization of  $C$  such that  $A_F := A \otimes_C F$  is free (and finitely generated) over  $F$ . Set  $w = \text{rank}_F(A_F) < \infty$ .

Left-multiplication gives a natural embedding

$$\text{lm} : A \rightarrow A_F \rightarrow \text{End}_F(A_F) \cong M_w(F).$$

The **regular trace** is then the composition

$$\text{tr}_{\text{reg}} : A \xrightarrow{\text{lm}} M_w(F) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}_{\text{int}}} F.$$

If  $A$  is free over  $C$  of rank  $w < \infty$ , then the image of  $\text{tr}_{\text{reg}}$  is in  $C$ . Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_w\}$  be a basis for  $A$  over  $C$ . The **discriminant** of  $A$  over  $C$  is

$$d(A/C) = \det(\text{tr}_{\text{reg}}(a_i a_j)_{i,j=1}^w) \in C.$$

# Discriminants

## Reflexive hull discriminant

Let  $A$  be a prime  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra that is **free** over its center  $Z$  and such that the image of  $\text{tr}$  is in  $Z$ . Suppose that  $X = \text{Spec } Z$  is an affine normal  $\mathbb{k}$ -variety.

Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$  such that  $\text{codim}(X \setminus U) = 2$ . If there exists an element  $d \in Z$  such that the principal ideal  $(d)$  of  $Z$  agrees with  $d(A/C)$  on  $U$ , then

$$d(A/Z) =_{Z^\times} d.$$

## $\mathcal{P}$ -discriminants

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra with center  $Z$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a property defined for  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebras that is invariant under algebra isomorphisms. The  **$\mathcal{P}$ -locus** of  $A$  is

$$L_{\mathcal{P}}(A) := \{\mathfrak{m} \in \text{Maxspec}(Z) \mid Z_{\mathfrak{m}} \text{ has property } \mathcal{P}\}.$$

The  **$\mathcal{P}$ -discriminant ideal** is

$$I_{\mathcal{P}}(A) := \bigcap_{\mathfrak{m} \in L_{\mathcal{P}}(A)} \mathfrak{m} \subseteq Z.$$

## The $2 \times 2$ multi-parameter case

The relations in  $M = \mathcal{O}_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}}(M_2(\mathbb{k}))$  are

$$x_{12}x_{11} = p_{12}x_{11}x_{12}$$

$$x_{21}x_{11} = (\lambda p_{21})x_{11}x_{21}$$

$$x_{22}x_{12} = (\lambda p_{21})x_{12}x_{22}$$

$$x_{22}x_{21} = p_{12}x_{21}x_{22}$$

$$x_{21}x_{12} = (\lambda p_{21})p_{21}x_{12}x_{21}$$

$$x_{22}x_{11} = x_{11}x_{22} + (\lambda - 1)p_{21}x_{12}x_{21}.$$

### Theorem (G-Lamkin)

Suppose  $p_{12}$  and  $\lambda p_{12}$  are roots of unity whose orders are *relatively prime*. Set  $\ell = \text{lcm}(\text{ord}(p_{12}), \text{ord}(\lambda p_{21}))$ .

- The algebra  $M$  is *free* over its center and

$$Z = \mathcal{Z}(M) = \mathbb{k}[x_{11}^{\ell}, x_{12}^{\ell}, x_{21}^{\ell}, x_{22}^{\ell}].$$

- The *discriminant* of  $M$  over  $Z$  is

$$d(M/Z) =_{\mathbb{k}^{\times}} (x_{12}x_{21}D_{\lambda, \mathbf{p}})^{\ell^4(\ell-1)}.$$

- The *automorphism group* of  $M$  satisfies the Launois-Lenagan conjecture. That is,

$$\text{Aut}(M) = G \rtimes \{\tau\}.$$



## The center of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$

Recall that  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is generated by  $\{x_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  subject to the relations

$$x_{ij}x_{kl} = \begin{cases} x_{kl}x_{ij} + (q - q^{-1})x_{il}x_{kj} & k > i, l > j \\ qx_{kl}x_{ij} & k > i, l = j \\ qx_{kl}x_{ij} & k = i, l > j \\ x_{ij}x_{lm} & k > i, l < j. \end{cases}$$

We study  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  under the hypothesis that  $\text{ord}(q) = m \geq 3$  is odd.

Our goal will be to give a full presentation for  $Z = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k})))$ .

## The center of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$

In the single-parameter case, the **quantum determinant** is central and

$$D := D_q = \sum_{\pi \in S_n} (-q)^{l(\pi)} x_{1, \pi(1)} x_{2, \pi(2)} \cdots x_{n, \pi(n)}.$$

Let  $I, J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $|I| = |J| = k \geq 1$ . The  **$(I, J)$ -quantum minor**  $D(I, J)$  is the quantum determinant of the subalgebra generated by  $\{x_{ij} \mid i \in I, j \in J\}$ .

For  $1 \leq t \leq n$ , let

$$D(t) := D(\{1, \dots, t\}, \{n - t + 1, \dots, n\}).$$

### Theorem (Jakobsen, Zhang)

*Under the above hypotheses,  $Z$  is generated by the elements*

$$x_{ij}^m, \quad D, \quad Y_{tr} := D(t)^r \tau(D(n-t)^{m-r})$$

*for  $1 \leq i, j, t \leq n$  and  $0 \leq r \leq m$ .*

## The center of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$

Let  $A_t = (x_{ij}^m)_{1 \leq i \leq t, n-t+1 \leq j \leq n}$  and  $B_t = (x_{ij}^m)_{n-t+1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq t}$  for  $1 \leq t \leq n$ .

With respect to a certain monomial ordering  $\leq$ , the following families of elements form a **Gröbner basis** of the ideal  $I$  that they generate:

- $D^m - \det(x_{ij}^m),$
- $Y_{ti} Y_{tj} - Y_{t,i+j} \det(B_{n-t})$  if  $i + j < m,$
- $Y_{ti} Y_{tj} - \det(A_t) \det(B_{n-t})$  if  $i + j = m,$
- $Y_{ti} Y_{tj} - Y_{t,i+j-m} \det(A_t)$  if  $i + j > m,$

for  $1 \leq t \leq n - 1.$

## The center of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$

### Theorem (G-Lamkin)

Assume  $m \geq 3$  is odd. Let

$$T = \mathbb{k}[x_{ij}^m, Y_{tr}, D \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n, 1 \leq t \leq n-1, 1 \leq r \leq m-1]$$

and let  $R = T/I$ . Then  $Z \cong R$ . Additionally,

1.  $Z$  is not Gorenstein.
2.  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is not projective over  $Z$ .
3.  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  is not Azumaya over  $Z$ .

# Automorphisms of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$

## Theorem (G-Lamkin)

There are automorphisms  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k}))$  given by

$$\phi : x_{ij} \mapsto \begin{cases} x_{11} + D(\{2, \dots, n\}, \{2, \dots, n\})^{m-1} & i = j = 1 \\ x_{ij} & (i, j) \neq (1, 1), \end{cases}$$
$$\psi : x_{ij} \mapsto \begin{cases} x_{ij} & (i, j) \neq (n, n) \\ x_{nn} + D(\{1, \dots, n-1\}, \{1, \dots, n-1\})^{m-1} & i = j = n. \end{cases}$$

The proper subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_n(\mathbb{k})))$  generated by  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  is isomorphic to a **free group** on two generators.

## Automorphisms of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_2(\mathbb{k}))$

An automorphism of a polynomial ring  $A = F[x_1, \dots, x_t]$  over a field  $F$  is **elementary** if it is of the form

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha x_i + f, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n),$$

for some  $0 \neq \alpha \in F$  and  $f \in F[x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n]$ . An automorphism of  $A$  is **tame** if it is a composition of elementary automorphisms. An automorphism which is not tame is called **wild**.

- If  $n = 1, 2$ , then every automorphism of  $A$  is tame (Jung, van der Kulk)
- When  $n = 3$ , Umirbaev and Shestakov proved the **Nagata automorphism** is wild.

### Theorem (G-Lamkin)

*There is an automorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_2(\mathbb{k}))$  which reduces to a wild automorphism of  $\mathbb{k}[x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{11}^m]$ .*

# Automorphisms of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_2(\mathbb{k}))$

## Theorem (G-Lamkin)

If  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{O}_q(M_2(\mathbb{k})))$ , then  $\sigma((x_{12}, x_{21})) = (x_{12}, x_{21})$ .

## Sketch of proof

- Let  $R = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_r]/I$ . and let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be a maximal ideal in  $R$ . The **embedding dimension** of  $R_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is minimal number of generators for  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Hence,

$$\text{edim}(R_{\mathfrak{m}}) = \dim_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2).$$

- If  $J_{\mathfrak{m}}$  denotes the Jacobian matrix of  $I$  evaluated mod  $\mathfrak{m}$ , then

$$\text{rank}(J_{\mathfrak{m}}) = r - \dim_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) = r - \text{edim}(R_{\mathfrak{m}}),$$

- Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the property of being a local ring with embedding dimension  $\text{ord}(q) + 3$ . We compute the  $\mathcal{P}$ -discriminant ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_2(\mathbb{k}))$ .

## Automorphisms of certain subalgebras of $\mathcal{O}_q(M_3(\mathbb{k}))$

Using techniques similar to the above, we can establish the automorphism groups of certain subalgebras of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_3(\mathbb{k}))$ .

The subalgebra  $B_1 = \langle x_{ij} \rangle_{1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq 3}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_{2,3}(\mathbb{k}))$ , i.e., the  $2 \times 3$  quantum matrix algebra. The center of  $B_1$  is polynomial and  $\text{Aut}(B_1) = \text{Aut}_{\text{gr}}(B_1)$ .

Like  $B_1$ , the subalgebra  $C = \langle x_{ij} \rangle_{i+j \geq 4}$  is another 6-generated subalgebra of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_3(\mathbb{k}))$ . The center of  $C$  is polynomial and  $\text{Aut}(C) = \text{Aut}_{\text{gr}}(C)$ .

We do not know if there are any 7- or 8-generated subalgebras of  $\mathcal{O}_q(M_3(\mathbb{k}))$  which have polynomial centers, though we suspect not.

On the other hand, the subalgebras

$$B_2 = \langle B_1 \cup x_{31} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad B_3 = \langle B_1 \cup x_{32} \rangle$$

have non-graded automorphisms. In fact, if  $q$  is a root of unity then  $\text{Aut}(B_2)$  (properly) contains a free group on two generator.

Thank You!