

# Quantum geometric crystals

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## Abstract

We investigate quantization of geometric crystals.

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## 0 Introduction

In this paper, rings and fields are possibly non-commutative. We denote the set of non-negative (resp. non-positive) integers by  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$ ). Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be the commutative rational function field  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We shall deal with  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q}(q)$  as a base field. A (possibly non-commutative) field  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a field over  $\mathbb{F}$  if  $\mathcal{K}$  is an algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$ , that is, the center of  $\mathcal{K}$  includes  $\mathbb{F}$  as a subring.

## 1 Notation and definitions

### 1.1 Cartan datum and root datum

Let  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$  be a symmetrizable generalized Cartan matrix (GCM) with an index set  $I$  ([6]). That is, we assume that (1)  $a_{ii} = 2$ , (2)  $a_{ij}$  is a non-positive integer if  $i \neq j$ , (3)  $a_{ij} = 0$  if and only if  $a_{ji} = 0$ , (4) there exists positive integers  $d_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) such that  $d_i a_{ij} = d_j a_{ji}$  for  $i, j \in I$ . Then  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  is called a *Cartan datum*. For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , we define the Cartan datum  $C_J$  by  $C_J = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}, \{d_i\}_{i \in J})$  and call it the restriction of  $C$  to  $J$ .

A symmetrizable GCM  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$  with a finite index set  $I$  is of finite (resp. affine) type if and only if the symmetric matrix  $[d_i a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$  is positive definite (resp. semi-positive definite) of rank  $|I| - 1$ , where  $|I|$  denotes the cardinality of  $I$ .

Let  $Q^\vee, P$  be finitely generated free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : Q^\vee \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  a perfect bilinear pairing. Assume that subsets  $\{h_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $Q^\vee$  and  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $P$  satisfy  $\langle h_i, \alpha_j \rangle = a_{ij}$  for  $i, j \in I$ . Then  $h_i$  is called a simple coroot,  $\alpha_i$  a simple root,  $Q^\vee$  a coroot lattice, and  $P$  a weight lattice. We call  $R = (\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : Q^\vee \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I})$  a *root datum* of type  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  (see [7] Section 2.2).

The root lattice  $Q$  is defined to be the free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module generated by all simple roots:  $Q = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z} \alpha_i$ . Put  $Q^+ = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i$ . If  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$  is linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Z}$  in  $P$ , then  $Q$  is naturally identified with the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -submodule of  $P$  generated by  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Let  $(|) : Q \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the symmetric bilinear form given by  $(\alpha_i | \alpha_j) = d_i a_{ij}$ .

For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , we put

$$Q_J^\vee = \sum_{i \in J} \mathbb{Z} h_i, \quad P_J = \text{Hom}(Q_J^\vee, \mathbb{Z}), \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : Q_J^\vee \times P_J \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ (natural pairing)},$$

$$h_{J,i} = h_i, \quad \alpha_{J,i} = (\text{the image of } \alpha_i \text{ in } P) \quad \text{for } i \in J, \quad A_J = [a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}.$$

Then  $R_J = (\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : Q_J^\vee \times P_J \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_{J,i}\}_{i \in J}, \{\alpha_{J,i}^\vee\}_{i \in J})$  is a root datum of type  $C_J = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}, \{d_i\}_{i \in J})$  and called the restriction of  $R$  to  $J$ . Put  $Q_J = \bigoplus_{i \in J} \mathbb{Z} \alpha_i$  and  $Q_J^+ = \bigoplus_{i \in J} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i$ .

### 1.2 Group algebra of the weight lattice

Denote by  $\mathbb{F}[q^P]$  the group algebra of the weight lattice  $P$  given by

$$\mathbb{F}[q^P] = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in P} \mathbb{F} q^\lambda, \quad q^\lambda q^\mu = q^{\lambda+\mu} \quad (\lambda, \mu \in P).$$

Put  $q_i = q^{d_i}$  and define  $\alpha_i^\vee \in P_{\mathbb{Q}} = P \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  by  $\alpha_i^\vee = d_i^{-1} \alpha_i$  which is also called a simple coroot. We define  $q^P$  to be the subset of  $\mathbb{F}[q^P]$  consisting of all  $q^\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in P$ . For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , we define  $\mathbb{F}[q^{P_J}]$  and  $q^{P_J}$  by the same way.

For  $v = q^n$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and a non-negative integer  $k$ , we put

$$[x]_v = \frac{v^x - v^{-x}}{v - v^{-1}}, \quad [k]_v! = [1]_v [2]_v \cdots [v]_v,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ k \end{bmatrix}_v = \frac{[x]_v [x-1]_v \cdots [x-k+1]_v}{[k]_v!}.$$

Since  $q_i^{\pm\alpha_i^\vee} = q^{\pm\alpha_i} \in \mathbb{F}[q^P]$ , we have  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_i^\vee \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} \in \mathbb{F}[q^P]$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

### 1.3 Weyl group

Let  $W$  be the group defined by generators  $\{s_i\}_{i \in I}$  and the defining relations (1)  $s_i^2 = 1$ , (2) if  $a_{ij}a_{ji} = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , then  $s_i s_j s_i \cdots = s_j s_i s_j \cdots$  where the both sides have 2, 3, 4, 6 factors respectively. We call  $W$  the Weyl group of type  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$ . Then  $(W, \{s_i\}_{i \in I})$  is a Coxeter group.

The *length*  $\ell(w)$  of  $w \in W$  is defined to be the minimum of the non-negative integers  $m$  such that there exists a word  $(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in I^m$  with  $w = s_{j_1} s_{j_2} \cdots s_{j_m}$ . A word  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N) \in I^N$  of length  $N$  is called a *reduced word* for  $w$  if  $N = \ell(w)$  and  $w = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_N}$ . Then  $w = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_N}$  is called a *reduced expression* of  $w$ . Denote by  $R(w)$  the set of all reduced words for  $w \in W$ .

The Weyl group  $W$  acts on the weight lattice  $P$  by  $s_i(\lambda) = \lambda - \langle h_i, \lambda \rangle \alpha_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in P$ . This is naturally extended to the action of  $W$  on the group algebra  $\mathbb{F}[q^P]$  by  $w(q^\lambda) = q^{w(\lambda)}$  for  $w \in W$  and  $\lambda \in P$ .

Put  $a_i = q^{\alpha_i} = q_i^{\alpha_i^\vee}$  for  $i \in I$ . Then we have  $s_i(a_j) = a_i^{-a_{ij}} a_j$ .

For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , the Weyl group  $W_J$  of type  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}$  is identified with the subgroup of  $W$  generated by  $\{s_i\}_{i \in J}$ .

### 1.4 Ore domain and field of fractions

A (possibly non-commutative) ring  $A$  is called an integral domain or a domain if  $ab \neq 0$  for any non-zero  $a, b \in A$ . A ring  $A$  is called an Ore domain if  $A$  is an integral domain and  $Aa \cap Ab \neq 0$ ,  $aA \cap bA \neq 0$  for every non-zero  $a, b \in A$ .

A ring  $A$  is an Ore domain if and only if there exists a field  $K$  such that  $K$  includes  $A$  as a subring and  $K = \{as^{-1} \mid a, s \in A, s \neq 0\} = \{s^{-1}a \mid a, s \in A, s \neq 0\}$ . Such a field  $K$  has the following universal mapping property: if  $L$  is a ring,  $f : A \rightarrow L$  is a ring homomorphism, and  $f(s)$  is invertible in  $L$  for any non-zero  $s \in A$ , then there exists a unique ring homomorphism  $\phi : K \rightarrow L$  such that  $\phi(a) = f(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ . Therefore  $K$  is uniquely determined by  $A$  up to canonical isomorphisms. We shall denote  $K$  by  $Q(A)$  and call it the *quotient field* or the *field of fractions* of  $A$ .

Let  $A$  be an Ore domain,  $a, b, c, d \in A$ , and  $b, d \neq 0$ . Then there exists non-zero  $b', d' \in A$  with  $bd' = db'$ . We call  $bd' = db'$  a common (left) denominator of  $ab^{-1}$  and  $cd^{-1}$ . Moreover  $ab^{-1} = cd^{-1}$  in  $Q(A)$  if and only if there exist non-zero  $b', d' \in A$  such that  $bd' = db'$  and  $ad' = cb'$ .

Let  $A$  be a (possibly non-commutative) ring,  $k$  a (possibly non-commutative) subfield of  $A$ , and  $\{F_n A\}_{n=0}^\infty$  a family of left (resp. right)  $k$ -subspaces of  $A$ . We call  $\{F_n A\}_{n=0}^\infty$  a left (resp. right)  $k$ -filtration of  $A$  if  $1 \in F_0 A$ ,  $F_n A \subset F_{n+1} A$ ,  $F_m A F_n A \subset F_{m+n} A$  for  $m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\bigcup_{n=0}^\infty F_n A = A$ . A left or right  $k$ -filtration  $\{F_n A\}_{n=0}^\infty$  of  $A$  is said to be *slowly increasing* if  $F_n A$  is finite dimensional over  $k$  for any  $n$  and the convergence radius of the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty (\dim_k F_n A) z^n$  is greater than or equal to 1.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $A$  be an integral domain and  $k$  a subfield of  $A$ . If there exist both a slowly increasing left  $k$ -filtration and a slowly increasing right  $k$ -filtration of  $A$ , then  $A$  is an Ore domain.*

**Proof.** Let  $\{F_n A\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a left  $k$ -filtration of  $A$ . Assume that there exist non-zero  $a, b \in A$  such that  $Aa \cap Ab = 0$ . Since  $\bigcup_{n=0}^\infty F_n A = A$ , there exists  $N$  with  $a, b \in F_N A$ . Since  $1 \in F_0 A$ ,  $F_n A F_N A \subset F_{n+N} A$ , and  $Aa \cap Ab = 0$ , we have

$$\dim_k F_0 A \geq 1, \quad \dim_k F_{n+N} A \geq \dim_k ((F_n A)a + (F_n A)b) = 2 \dim_k F_n A.$$

Therefore  $\dim_k F_{mN} A \geq 2^m$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Since the convergence radius of  $\sum_{m=0}^\infty 2^m z^{mN}$  is less than 1, that of  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty (\dim_k F_n A) z^n$  is also less than 1. This means that  $\{F_n A\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is not slowly increasing. Therefore if there exists a slowly increasing left  $k$ -filtration of  $A$ , then  $Aa \cap Ab \neq 0$  for any non-zero  $a, b \in A$ . Similarly if there exists a slowly increasing right  $k$ -filtration of  $A$ , then  $aA \cap bA \neq 0$  for any non-zero  $a, b \in A$ .  $\square$

As applications of this lemma, we obtain the following examples of Ore domains.

The polynomial ring  $K[t_1, \dots, t_N]$  over a (possibly non-commutative) field  $K$  is an Ore domain. Denote the field of fractions  $Q(K[t_1, \dots, t_N])$  by  $K(t_1, \dots, t_N)$ . Elements of  $K(t_1, \dots, t_N)$  are called rational functions of  $t_1, \dots, t_N$  over  $K$ .

Let  $[c_{\mu\nu}]_{\mu, \nu=1}^N$  be a skew-symmetric integer matrix and  $\mathcal{A}$  the associative algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$  given by generators  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  and the defining relations  $x_\nu x_\mu = q^{c_{\mu\nu}} x_\mu x_\nu$  ( $1 \leq \mu, \nu \leq N$ ). Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is an Ore domain and the field of fractions  $Q(\mathcal{A})$  is called a *rational function field of quantum torus* or simply a *quantum torus*.

A quantum enveloping algebra  $U_q$  of finite or affine type is an Ore domain and any quotient integral domain of any subalgebra of  $U_q$  is also an Ore domain ([5]).

## 1.5 Substitution

Let  $K$  be a (possibly non-commutative) field,  $c_1, \dots, c_N$  central elements of  $K$ , and  $t_1, \dots, t_N$  indeterminates. Put  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_N)$  and  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_N)$  and denote  $K(t_1, \dots, t_N)$  by  $K(t)$  and  $K[t_1, \dots, t_N]$  by  $K[t]$ .

A rational function  $f(t) \in K(t)$  is said to be regular at  $t = c$  if there exist polynomials  $g(t), h(t) \in K[t]$  such that  $h(c) \neq 0$  and  $f(t) = g(t)h(t)^{-1}$ . Then  $g(c)h(c)^{-1}$  does not depend on the choice of  $g(t)$  and  $h(t)$ . Therefore  $f(c) \in K$  is well-defined. Denote by  $K[t]_c$  the subset of  $K(t)$  consisting of all rational functions regular at  $t = c$ . Then  $K[t]_c$  is a subring of  $K(t)$ . Thus we obtain the substitution ring homomorphism  $K[t]_c \rightarrow K$ ,  $f(t) \mapsto f(c)$ . For any  $f(t) \in K[t]_c$ ,  $f(t)$  is invertible in  $K[t]_c$  if and only if  $f(c) \neq 0$ . We call  $K[t]_c$  the local ring at  $t = c$ .

Let  $t'_1, \dots, t'_N$  be indeterminates and put  $t' = (t'_1, \dots, t'_N)$ . Then any rational function in  $K(t, t')$  regular at  $(t, t') = (c, c)$  is regular at  $t' = t$ . That is,  $K[t, t']_{(c, c)} \subset K(t)[t']_t$ . Therefore we have the ring homomorphism  $K[t, t']_{(c, c)} \rightarrow K(t)$ ,  $f(t, t') \mapsto f(t, t)$ .

Let  $\phi^t : K \rightarrow K(t)$  be a ring homomorphism.

If  $\phi^t(K) \subset K[t]_c$ , then we call  $\phi^t$  regular at  $t = c$  and can define the ring homomorphism  $\phi^c : K \rightarrow K$  to be the composition of  $\phi^t : K \rightarrow K[t]_c$  and the substitution ring homomorphism at  $t = c$ .

For subsets  $C_1, \dots, C_N$  of the center of  $K$ , we define the substitution ring homomorphism at  $C = C_1 \times \dots \times C_N$  to be the mapping  $\bigcap_{c \in C} K[t]_c \rightarrow K^C$ ,  $f(t) \mapsto (f(c))_{c \in C}$ . If  $C_1, \dots, C_N$  are all infinite, then the substitution ring homomorphism at  $C$  is injective.

Let  $C_1, \dots, C_N$  be infinite subsets of the center of  $K$  and put  $C = C_1 \times \dots \times C_N$ . Assume that  $\phi^t$  is regular at  $t = c$  for any  $c \in C$ . Extend  $\phi^t$  to the ring homomorphism  $K[t] \rightarrow K(t)$  by  $\phi^t(t) = t$ . Then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K[t] & \xrightarrow{\phi^t} & \bigcap_{c \in C} K[t]_c \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} K(t), \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ K^C & \xrightarrow{\prod_{c \in C} \phi^c} & K^C \end{array}$$

where the vertical arrows are the evaluation ring homomorphisms at  $C$  and hence injective. Since  $\prod_{c \in C} \phi^c$  is injective,  $\phi^t : K[t] \rightarrow K(t)$  is also injective. Therefore  $\phi^t : K[t] \rightarrow K(t)$  is uniquely extended to the ring homomorphism  $K(t) \rightarrow K(t)$ , which shall be also denoted by  $\phi^t$ .

For each  $\nu = 1, \dots, N$ , let  $\phi_\nu^{t_\nu} : K \rightarrow K(t_\nu)$  be a ring homomorphism and extend it to the ring homomorphism  $K(t_{\nu+1}, \dots, t_N) \rightarrow K(t_\nu, t_{\nu+1}, \dots, t_N)$  by  $\phi_\nu^{t_\nu}(t_\mu) = t_\mu$  for  $\mu > \nu$ . Denote by  $\phi^{t_1, \dots, t_N}$  the composition ring homomorphism  $\phi_1^{t_1} \dots \phi_N^{t_N} : K \rightarrow K(t) = K(t_1, \dots, t_N)$ . Let  $(c_1, \dots, c_N) \in C_1 \times \dots \times C_N$ . Assume that  $\phi_\nu^{t_\nu}$  is regular at  $t = c'_\nu$  for any  $c'_\nu \in C_\nu$  and  $\phi_\nu^{c'_\nu}(C_\mu) \subset C_\mu$  for  $\mu > \nu$ . Put  $c'_1 = c_1$ ,  $c'_2 = \phi_1^{c_1}(c_2)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $c'_N = \phi_1^{c_1}(\phi_2^{c_2}(\dots(\phi_{N-1}^{c_{N-1}}(c_N))\dots))$ . Then  $\phi^{t_1, \dots, t_N}(K)$  is regular at  $(t_1, \dots, t_N) = (c'_1, \dots, c'_N)$  and  $\phi_1^{c_1} \dots \phi_N^{c_N} = \phi^{c'_1, \dots, c'_N}$ .

Let  $[k_{\mu\nu}]_{\mu, \nu=1}^N$  be an integer matrix and  $n_1, \dots, n_N$  integers. Put  $t'_\nu = t_1^{k_{1\nu}} \dots t_N^{k_{N\nu}}$  and  $t' = (t'_1, \dots, t'_N)$ . Assume that  $\phi_\nu^{t_\nu}$  is regular at  $t_\nu = 1$  for  $\nu = 1, \dots, N$ . Then  $\phi^{t_1, \dots, t_N}(K) \subset K[t_1, \dots, t_N]_{(1, \dots, 1)}$ . Therefore the ring homomorphism  $\phi^{t'_1, \dots, t'_N} : K \rightarrow K(t_1, \dots, t_N)$  is well-defined and shall be denoted by  $\phi_1^{t'_1} \dots \phi_N^{t'_N}$ .

## 2 Quantum geometric semicrystals and crystals

### 2.1 Definition of quantum geometric semicrystals

Let  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  be a Cartan datum.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a (possibly non-commutative) field and  $\mathbf{e}_i^t : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(t)$  a ring homomorphism for each  $i \in I$ . Assume the following conditions:

- (1) For any  $i \in I$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$  is regular at  $t = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_i^1 = \text{id}_{\mathcal{K}}$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_i^{t_1} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_2} = \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2}$ .
- (2) For any  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (a_{ij}, a_{ji}) = (0, 0) &\implies \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} = \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1}, \\ (a_{ij}, a_{ji}) = (-1, -1) &\implies \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_2} = \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1}, \\ (a_{ij}, a_{ji}) = (-1, -2) &\implies \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2^2} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} = \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2^2} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1}, \\ (a_{ij}, a_{ji}) = (-1, -3) &\implies \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1^2 t_2^3} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2^2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2^3} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} = \mathbf{e}_j^{t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1 t_2^3} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2^2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1^2 t_2^3} \mathbf{e}_j^{t_1 t_2} \mathbf{e}_i^{t_1}. \end{aligned}$$

These relations are called the *Verma relations*.

Then  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  is called a *quantum geometric semicrystal* of type  $C$ . For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , replacing  $I$  with  $J$ , we define a *quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystal* by the same way.

Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  be a quantum geometric semicrystal.

Let  $[k_{\mu\nu}]_{\mu, \nu=1}^N$  be an integer matrix and  $i_1, \dots, i_N \in I$ . Put  $t'_\nu = t_1^{k_{1\nu}} \dots t_N^{k_{N\nu}}$ . Then the condition (1) implies that  $\mathbf{e}_{i_1}^{t'_1} \dots \mathbf{e}_{i_N}^{t'_N} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(t_1, \dots, t_N)$  is well-defined and can be

extended to the ring automorphism of  $\mathcal{K}(t_1, \dots, t_N)$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{e}_i^t \mathbf{e}_i^{t^{-1}} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(t)$  can be extended to the identity map of  $\mathcal{K}(t)$  for  $i \in I$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J})$  and  $(\mathcal{K}', \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J})$  be quantum geometric semicrystals. An algebra homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}'$  is a morphism of quantum geometric semicrystals if  $\mathbf{e}_i^t \circ f = f \circ \mathbf{e}_i^t$  for any  $i \in I$ , where we denote by the same symbol  $f$  the extension of  $f$  to the algebra homomorphism  $\mathcal{K}(t) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}'(t)$  characterized by  $f(t) = t$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{SC}(C)$  the category of quantum geometric semicrystals and morphisms of quantum geometric semicrystals associated to the Cartan datum  $C$ .

Recall that  $C_J = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}, \{d_i\}_{i \in J})$  is called the restriction of the Cartan datum  $C$  to  $J$ . We call  $\mathcal{SC}(C_J)$  the category of quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystals. We have the forgetful functor from  $\mathcal{SC}(C)$  to  $\mathcal{SC}(C_J)$  which maps a quantum geometric semicrystal  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  to the restriction  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J})$  to  $J$ . We also have the trivial extension functor from  $\mathcal{SC}(C_J)$  to  $\mathcal{SC}(C)$  which maps a quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystal  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J})$  to the quantum geometric semicrystal  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  given by  $e_i^t(a) = a$  for  $i \in I - J$  and  $a \in \mathcal{K}$ .

## 2.2 Definition of quantum geometric crystals

Let  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  be a Cartan datum,  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  a quantum geometric semicrystal in  $\mathcal{SC}(C)$ , and  $R = (\langle, \rangle : Q^\vee \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I})$  a root datum of type  $C$ .

Assume that a ring homomorphism  $\gamma : \mathbb{F}[q^P] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  satisfies the following conditions:

(3)  $\gamma(\mathbb{F}[q^P])$  is included in the center of  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$  is regular at  $t = q^\lambda$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $\lambda \in P$ .

(4)  $\mathbf{e}_i^t(\gamma(q^\lambda)) = t^{-\langle h_i, \lambda \rangle} \gamma(q^\lambda)$  for  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in P$ .

Then  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I}, \gamma)$  is called a *quantum geometric crystal*. For any subset  $J$  of  $I$ , replacing the root datum  $R$  with its restriction  $R_J = (\langle, \rangle : Q_J^\vee \times P_J \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_{J,i}\}_{i \in J}, \{\alpha_{J,i}^\vee\}_{i \in J})$ , we define a *quantum geometric  $J$ -crystal* by the same way.

Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I}, \gamma)$  be a quantum geometric crystal. The conditions (1) and (3) imply that the ring homomorphism  $\mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q_i^\beta)} = \mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q^{d_i\beta})}$  is well-defined and is a ring automorphism of  $\mathcal{K}$  for any  $\beta \in d_i^{-1}P$ . For example, since  $\alpha_i^\vee = d_i^{-1}\alpha_i \in d_i^{-1}P$ , the ring automorphism  $\mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q_i^{\alpha_i^\vee})} = \mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q^{\alpha_i})}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  is well-defined and

$$\mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q_i^{\alpha_i^\vee})}(\gamma(q^\lambda)) = \mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(q^{\alpha_i})}(\gamma(q^\lambda)) = \gamma(q^{\lambda - \langle h_i, \lambda \rangle \alpha_i}) = \gamma(q^{s_i(\lambda)}) \quad \text{for } \lambda \in P.$$

Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J}, \gamma)$  and  $(\mathcal{K}', \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J}, \gamma')$  be quantum geometric crystals. An algebra homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}'$  is a morphism of quantum geometric crystals if  $\mathbf{e}_i^t \circ f = f \circ \mathbf{e}_i^t$  for any  $i \in J$  and  $\gamma' = f \circ \gamma$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{C}(R)$  the category of quantum geometric crystals and morphisms of quantum geometric crystals associated to the root datum  $R$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$  be a quantum geometric semicrystal and assume that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a (possibly non-commutative) field over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Put  $\mathcal{K}[q^P] = \mathcal{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}[q^P]$  and  $\mathcal{K}(q^P) = Q(\mathcal{K}[q^P])$ . Extend  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$  to the ring homomorphism  $\mathcal{K}(q^P) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(q^P)(t)$  by

$$\mathbf{e}_i^t(q^\lambda) = t^{-\langle h_i, \lambda \rangle} q^\lambda \quad \text{for } \lambda \in P.$$

Denote by  $\gamma$  the canonical inclusion  $\mathbb{F}[q^P] \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(q^P)$ . Then  $(\mathcal{K}(q^P), \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I}, \gamma)$  is a quantum geometric crystal, which shall be called the associated quantum geometric crystal of  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I})$ .

**Remark 2.1.** A quantum geometric crystal  $(\mathcal{K}, \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in I}, \gamma)$  with commutative  $\mathcal{K}$  essentially coincides with a geometric crystal in the sense of Berenstein-Kazhdan [2], [3].  $\square$

### 2.3 Weyl group action on a quantum geometric crystal

The following is an immediate consequence of the definition of quantum geometric crystals.

**Lemma 2.2** (Weyl group action). *Let  $(\mathcal{K}, \{e_i^t\}_{i \in I}, \gamma)$  be a quantum geometric crystal and put  $a_i = q^{\alpha_i}$  for  $i \in I$ . For each  $i \in I$ , define the action of  $s_i$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  by*

$$s_i(x) = \mathbf{e}_i^{\gamma(a_i)}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathcal{K}.$$

*Then the action of  $\{s_i\}_{i \in I}$  satisfies the defining relations of the Weyl group and generates the action of the Weyl group on  $\mathcal{K}$ .  $\square$*

## 3 Quantum groups and quantum geometric semicrystals

Let  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  be a Cartan datum and  $R = (\langle, \rangle : Q^\vee \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I})$  a root datum of type  $C$ . Recall that the root lattice  $Q$  is defined by  $Q = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i$ .

### 3.1 Quantum enveloping algebra $U_q$

The quantum enveloping algebra  $U_q$  is defined to be the associative algebra given by generators  $\{E_i^+, E_i^-, K_h \mid i \in I, h \in Q^\vee\}$  and the following defining relations:

$$\begin{aligned} K_0 &= 1, \quad K_h K_{h'} = K_{h+h'} \quad \text{for } h, h' \in Q^\vee, \\ K_h E_j^\pm &= q^{\pm \langle h, \alpha_j \rangle} E_j^\pm K_h \quad \text{for } h \in Q^\vee, j \in I, \\ E_i^+ E_j^- - E_j^- E_i^+ &= \delta_{ij} \frac{K_{d_i h_i} - K_{-d_i h_i}}{q_i - q_i^{-1}} \quad \text{for } i, j \in I, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^k \begin{bmatrix} 1-a_{ij} \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (E_i^\pm)^{1-a_{ij}-k} E_j^\pm (E_i^\pm)^k &= 0 \quad \text{for } i, j \in I \text{ with } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

The last relations are called the  $q$ -Serre relations. In particular, we have  $K_{d_i h_i} E_j^\pm = q^{\pm d_i a_{ij}} E_j^\pm K_{d_i h_i}$ .

The Cartan part  $U_q^0$  of  $U_q$  is defined to be the subalgebra generated by  $\{K_h\}_{h \in Q^\vee}$ . The upper and lower parts  $U_q^\pm$  of  $U_q$  are defined to be the subalgebras generated by  $\{E_i^\pm\}_{i \in I}$ . The upper Borel part  $U_q^{\geq 0}$  (resp. the lower Borel part  $U_q^{\leq 0}$ ) of  $U_q$  is defined to be the subalgebras generated  $U_q^0$  and  $U_q^+$  (resp.  $U_q^0$  and  $U_q^-$ ).

The  $Q$ -gradation of  $U_q$  is defined by  $\deg K_h = 0$ ,  $\deg E_i = \alpha_i$ , and  $\deg F_i = -\alpha_i$ . For  $\beta \in Q$ , denote by  $U_q^\beta$  the degree- $\beta$  part of  $U_q$ . Put  $U_q^{\pm, \beta} = U_q^\beta \cap U_q^\pm$  for  $\beta \in Q$ . Then we have  $U_q^\pm = \bigoplus_{\beta \in Q_+} U_q^{\pm, \pm\beta}$ . For each  $\beta \in Q_+$ , we put  $U_q^{+, \geq \beta} = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \beta + Q_+} U_q^{\pm, \gamma}$  and  $U_q^{-, \leq -\beta} = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \beta + Q_+} U_q^{\pm, -\gamma}$ .

For the sake of simplicity, we shall denote  $K_{d_i h_i}$  by  $K_i$ ,  $E_i^+$  by  $E_i$ , and  $E_i^-$  by  $F_i$ .

Define algebra homomorphisms  $\Delta : U_q \rightarrow U_q \otimes U_q$ ,  $\varepsilon : U_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , and an algebra anti-homomorphism  $S : U_q \rightarrow U_q$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(K_h) &= K_h \otimes K_h, \\ \Delta(E_i) &= E_i \otimes 1 + K_i \otimes E_i, \quad \Delta(F_i) = F_i \otimes K_i^{-1} + 1 \otimes F_i, \\ \varepsilon(K_h) &= 1, \quad \varepsilon(E_i) = \varepsilon(F_i) = 0, \\ S(K_h) &= K_h^{-1}, \quad S(E_i) = -K_i^{-1} E_i, \quad S(F_i) = -F_i K_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $U_q$  is a Hopf algebra with the product  $\Delta$ , the counit  $\varepsilon$ , and the antipode  $S$ . Then the Borel parts  $U_q^{\geq 0}$ ,  $U_q^{\leq 0}$  and the Cartan part  $U_q^0$  are Hopf subalgebras of  $U_q$ .

### 3.2 Quantum function algebra $V_q$

Let  $V_q$  be the associative algebra given by generators  $\{X_i^\pm, Z_\lambda \mid i \in I, \lambda \in P\}$  and the following defining relations:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= 1, \quad Z_\lambda Z_\mu = Z_{\lambda+\mu} \quad \text{for } \lambda, \mu \in P, \\ Z_\lambda X_j^\pm &= q^{\langle d_j h_j, \lambda \rangle} X_j^\pm Z_\lambda \quad \text{for } \lambda \in P, i \in I, \\ X_i^+ X_j^- - X_j^- X_i^+ &= 0 \quad \text{for } i, j \in I, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^k \begin{bmatrix} 1-a_{ij} \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (X_i^\pm)^{1-a_{ij}-k} X_j (X_i^\pm)^k &= 0 \quad \text{for } i, j \in I \text{ with } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

Then, since  $d_j a_{ji} = d_i a_{ij}$ , we have  $Z_{\alpha_i} X_j^\pm = q^{d_i a_{ij}} X_j^\pm Z_{\alpha_i}$ .

The Cartan part  $V_q^0$  of  $V_q$  is defined to be the subalgebra generated by  $\{Z_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in P}$ . The upper and lower parts  $V_q^\pm$  are defined to be the subalgebras generated by  $\{X_i^\pm \mid i \in I\}$ . The upper and lower Borel parts  $V_q^{\geq 0}, V_q^{\leq 0}$  are defined to be the subalgebras generated by  $\{Z_\lambda, X_i^\pm \mid \lambda \in P, i \in I\}$ .

The  $Q$ -gradation of  $V_q$  is defined by  $\deg Z_\lambda = 0$ ,  $\deg X_i = \alpha_i$ , and  $\deg Y_i = -\alpha_i$ . For  $\beta \in Q$ , denote by  $V_{q,\beta}$  the degree- $\beta$  part of  $V_q$ . Put  $V_{q,\beta}^\pm = V_{q,\beta} \cap V_q^\pm$  for  $\beta \in Q$ .

Denote  $Z_{\alpha_i}$  by  $Z_i$ ,  $X_i^+$  by  $X_i$ , and  $X_i^-$  by  $Y_i$ .

The Hopf algebra structure of  $V_q$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(Z_\lambda) &= Z_\lambda \otimes Z_\lambda, \\ \Delta(X_i) &= X_i \otimes 1 + Z_i \otimes X_i, \quad \Delta(Y_i) = Y_i \otimes Z_i + 1 \otimes Y_i, \\ \varepsilon(Z_\lambda) &= 1, \quad \varepsilon(X_i) = \varepsilon(Y_i) = 0, \\ S(Z_\lambda) &= K_\lambda^{-1}, \quad S(X_i) = -K_i^{-1} X_i, \quad S(Y_i) = -Y_i Z_i^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 Drinfeld pairing

There exists a unique bilinear form  $\tau : V_q^{\geq 0} \times U_q^{\leq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  with the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x, y_1 y_2) &= (\tau \otimes \tau)(\Delta(x), y_1 \otimes y_2) \quad \text{for } x \in V_q^{\geq 0}, y_1, y_2 \in U_q^{\leq 0}, \\ \tau(x_1 x_2, y) &= (\tau \otimes \tau)(x_2 \otimes x_1, \Delta(y)) \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2 \in V_q^{\geq 0}, y \in U_q^{\leq 0}, \\ \tau(Z_\lambda, K_h) &= q^{-\langle h, \lambda \rangle} \quad \text{for } \lambda \in P, h \in Q^\vee, \\ \tau(Z_\lambda, F_i) &= \tau(X_i, K_h) = 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda \in P, i \in I, h \in Q^\vee, \\ \tau(X_i, F_j) &= \delta_{ij} \quad \text{for } i, j \in I. \end{aligned}$$

Then for each  $\beta \in Q^+ = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i$  the restriction of  $\tau$  on  $V_{q,\beta}^+ \times U_{q,-\beta}^-$  is non-degenerate. We call  $\tau$  the Drinfeld pairing.

We can identify the Hopf subalgebra of  $V_q^{\geq 0}$  generated by  $\{Z_i, X_i\}_{i \in I}$  and the Hopf subalgebra of  $U_q^{\leq 0}$  generated by  $\{K_i, E_i\}_{i \in I}$  by  $Z_i = K_i$  and  $X_i = -(q_i - q_i^{-1})E_i$  for  $i \in I$ . Then the restriction to the subalgebras of the bilinear pairing  $\tau$  coincides with the Drinfeld pairing between the upper and lower Borel parts of the quantum universal enveloping algebra.



### 3.4 Quotient Ore domain $\mathcal{A}_q$ of $V_q^+$ and $\mathcal{K}_q = Q(\mathcal{A}_q)$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_q$  be a quotient algebra of  $V_q^+$  and denote by  $\xi_i$  the image of  $X_i$  in  $\mathcal{A}_q$  for  $i \in I$ . Let  $J$  be the subset of  $I$  consisting of all  $i \in I$  with  $\xi_i \neq 0$ . Then  $\{\xi_i\}_{i \in J}$  generates  $\mathcal{A}_q$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  and satisfies the  $q$ -Serre relations. Assume that  $\mathcal{A}_q$  is an Ore domain and put  $\mathcal{K}_q = Q(\mathcal{A}_q)$ .

For  $i, j \in J$  with  $i \neq j$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we define  $(\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j)$  by

$$(\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^0(\xi_j) = \xi_j, \quad (\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^{k+1}(\xi_j) = [\xi_i, (\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j)]_{q_i}^{2k+a_{ij}}.$$

where  $[a, b]_v = ab - vba$ . Then we have

$$(\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j) = \sum_{\nu=0}^k (-1)^\nu q_i^{\nu(k-1+a_{ij})} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ \nu \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} \xi_i^{k-\nu} \xi_j \xi_i^\nu.$$

The  $q$ -Serre relations for  $\{\xi_i\}_{i \in I}$  are equivalent to  $(\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $k > -a_{ij}$ .

### 3.5 Quantum geometric semicrystal structure on $\mathcal{K}_q$

Let us construct a quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystal structure on  $\mathcal{K}_q$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by induction on  $|n|$ , we obtain

$$\xi_i^n \xi_j \xi_i^{-n} = \begin{cases} \xi_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{-a_{ij}} q_i^{(n-k)(k+a_{ij})} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j) \xi_i^{-k} & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $\xi_i^n \xi_j \xi_i^{-n}$  is an  $n$ -independent rational function of  $q_i^n$ . Replacing  $q_i^n$  with an indeterminate  $t$ , we define  $\mathbf{e}_i^t(\xi_j) \in \mathcal{K}_q(t)$  by

$$\mathbf{e}_i^t(\xi_j) = \begin{cases} \xi_i & \text{if } i = j, \\ \sum_{k=0}^{-a_{ij}} t^{k+a_{ij}} q_i^{-k(k+a_{ij})} \begin{bmatrix} t; 0 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q_i} (\text{ad}_q \xi_i)^k(\xi_j) \xi_i^{-k} & \text{if } i \neq j, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} t; x \\ k \end{bmatrix}_v = \frac{[t; x]_v [t; x-1]_v \cdots [t; x-k+1]_v}{[k]_v!}, \quad [t; x]_v = \frac{tv^x - t^{-1}v^{-x}}{v - v^{-1}}.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** *For each  $i \in J$ , the mapping  $\mathbf{e}_i^t : \{\xi_j\}_{j \in J} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_q(t)$  can be extended to the algebra homomorphism  $\mathcal{K}_q \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_q(t)$  also denoted by  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$ . Then  $(\mathcal{K}_q, \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i \in J})$  is a quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystal.  $\square$*

### 3.6 Weyl group action on $\mathcal{K}_q(q^P)$

Let  $R = (\langle, \rangle : Q^\vee \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\alpha_i^\vee\}_{i \in I})$  be a root datum of type  $C = ([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  and  $R_J = (\langle, \rangle : Q_J^\vee \times P_J \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, \{h_{J,i}\}_{i \in J}, \{\alpha_{J,i}^\vee\}_{i \in J})$  the restriction of  $R$  to  $J$ . Let  $(\mathcal{K}_q, \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i \in J})$  be the quantum geometric semicrystal given in Section 3.5.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(\mathcal{K}_q(q^{P_J}), \{\mathbf{e}_i^t\}_{i \in J}, \gamma)$  be the associated quantum geometric  $J$ -crystal of  $(\mathcal{K}_q, \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i \in J})$  and put  $a_i = q^{\alpha_i}$  for  $i \in J$ . Then the Weyl group  $W_J$  of type  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in J}$  acts on  $\mathcal{K}_q(q^{P_J})$  by  $s_i(x) = \mathbf{e}_i^{a_i}(x)$  for  $i \in J$  and  $x \in \mathcal{K}_q(q^{P_J})$ .  $\square$*

**Remark 3.3.** The Weyl group action of the corollary was first constructed by the author in [5]. It is both a  $q$ -difference analogue and a quantization of the birational Weyl group action constructed by Noumi-Yamada [8]. They also proposed that the birational action of the lattice part of the affine Weyl group can be regarded as a difference analogue of a Painlevé system. Therefore the action of the lattice part of the affine Weyl group on the quantum geometric crystal  $\mathcal{K}_q(q^{P_J})$  can be regarded as a  $q$ -difference analogue of a quantum Painlevé system.  $\square$

## 4 Standard quantum geometric semicrystals

### 4.1 Quantum algebra $\mathcal{A}_i$ and $\mathcal{K}_i = Q(\mathcal{A}_i)$

Let  $([a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}, \{d_i\}_{i \in I})$  be a Cartan datum and  $W$  the Weyl group of type  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$  and put  $b_{ij} = (\alpha_i | \alpha_j) = d_i a_{ij}$  for  $i, j \in I$ .

For any  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N) \in I^N$ , define the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_i$  to be the associative algebra over  $\mathbb{F}$  given by generators  $\{x_{i,\nu}\}_{\nu=1}^N$  and the defining relations  $x_{i,\nu} x_{i,\mu} = q^{b_{i_\mu i_\nu}} x_{i,\mu} x_{i,\nu}$  for  $\mu < \nu$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is an Ore domain. Put  $\mathcal{K}_i = Q(\mathcal{A}_i)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}_i^+$  be the semi-subfield of  $\mathcal{K}_i$  generated by  $q, x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,N}$ . That is,  $\mathcal{K}_i^+$  is the minimum subset of  $\mathcal{K}_i$  which contains  $0, 1, q, x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,N}$  and is closed under the addition, the multiplication, and the division by non-zero elements. Elements of  $\mathcal{K}_i^+$  are said to be *subtraction-free* or *positive*.

For  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \in I^N$ , an algebra isomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}_j \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_i$  is said to be *subtraction-free* or *positive* if  $f(\mathcal{K}_j^+) \subset \mathcal{K}_i^+$ . The isomorphism  $f$  is positive if and only if  $f(x_{j,\nu}) \in \mathcal{K}_i^+$  for every  $\nu = 1, \dots, N$ .

Similarly let  $\mathcal{K}_i(t)^+$  be the semi-subfield of  $\mathcal{K}_i(t)$  generated by  $q, t, x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,N}$ . An algebra homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_i(t)$  is called *subtraction-free* or *positive* if  $f(\mathcal{K}_i^+) \subset \mathcal{K}_i(t)^+$ .

### 4.2 Transition isomorphism and its positivity

Recall that  $U_q^-$  denotes the lower part of the quantum universal enveloping algebra generated by  $\{F_i\}_{i \in I}$ . The  $v$ -exponential function  $\exp_v(x)$  is defined by

$$\exp_v(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{(k)_v!}, \quad (k)_v = \frac{1-v^k}{1-v}, \quad (k)_v! = (1)_v(2)_v \cdots (k)_v.$$

We define the  $q$ -exponential function  $e_q(x)$  by

$$e_q(x) = \exp_{q^2}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{-k(k-1)/2} \frac{x^k}{[k]_q!}.$$

Then, for any  $a \in \mathcal{K}_i$ , the  $q$ -exponential  $e_{q^k}(aF_i)$  is well-defined as an element of the completion  $\mathcal{K}_i \widehat{\otimes} U_q^- = \text{proj} \lim_{\beta \in Q_+} \mathcal{K}_i \otimes (U_q^- / U_q^{-, \leq -\beta})$

Let  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N)$  and  $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_N)$  be reduced words for a same element  $w \in W$ :  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \in R(w)$ . Denote  $x_{i,\nu} \in \mathcal{K}_i$  by  $x_\nu$  and  $x_{j,\nu} \in \mathcal{K}_j$  by  $y_\nu$ .

In [1], Berenstein shows that there exists a unique algebra isomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}_j \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_i$  such that

$$e_{q_{i_1}}(x_1 F_{i_1}) \cdots e_{q_{i_N}}(x_N F_{i_N}) = e_{q_{j_1}}(f(y_1) F_{j_1}) \cdots e_{q_{j_N}}(f(y_N) F_{j_N}). \quad (4.1)$$

We call  $f$  the *transition isomorphism*. The explicit formulae of  $f$  for the  $A_1 \times A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $B_2$  cases can be found in [1], Proposition 2.8. These formulae show that the transition isomorphisms  $f$  are positive for the  $A_1 \times A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $B_2$  cases.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any reduced words  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$  of length  $N$  for a same element  $w \in W$ , the transition isomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{j}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$  characterized by (4.1) is always positive and satisfies  $f(\sum_{i_\nu=i} y_\nu) = \sum_{i_\nu=i} x_\nu$  for  $i \in I$ .  $\square$*

The proof of Lemma 4.1 reduces to the cases of finite type with rank 2. Since the  $A_1 \times A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $B_2$  cases are shown by Berenstein [1], it is sufficient to show the  $G_2$  case only.

Before proceeding to prove it, for the convenience of readers we write down the explicit formulae of the transition isomorphisms for the  $A_1 \times A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $B_2$  cases.

Case  $A_1 \times A_1$ . Let  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$  be the Cartan matrix of type  $A_2$ :  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 2$ ,  $a_{12} = a_{21} = 0$ . Put  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{K}_{(1,2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(2,1)}$  be the transition isomorphism uniquely characterized by  $e_q(x_1 F_1) e_q(x_2 F_2) = e_q(f(y_1) F_2) e_q(f(y_2) F_1)$ . Since  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  commute, we have

$$f(y_1) = x_2, \quad f(y_2) = x_1.$$

These formulae mean that  $f(\sum_{i_\nu=i} y_\nu) = \sum_{i_\nu=i} x_\nu$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Clearly both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are positive.

Case  $A_2$ . Let  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$  be the Cartan matrix of type  $A_2$ :  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 2$ ,  $a_{12} = a_{21} = -1$ . Put  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1)}$  be the transition isomorphism uniquely characterized by

$$e_q(x_1 F_1) e_q(x_2 F_2) e_q(x_3 F_1) = e_q(f(y_1) F_2) e_q(f(y_2) F_1) e_q(f(y_3) F_2). \quad (4.2)$$

Comparison of the coefficients of  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_2 F_1$  in the both-sides leads to

$$f(y_2) = x_1 + x_3, \quad f(y_1 y_2) = x_2 x_3, \quad f(y_1 + y_3) = x_2.$$

The first and the third equations mean that  $f(\sum_{i_\nu=i} y_\nu) = \sum_{i_\nu=i} x_\nu$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Solving the equations, we obtain

$$f(y_1) = x_2 x_3 (x_1 + x_3)^{-1}, \quad f(y_2) = x_1 + x_3, \quad f(y_3) = x_2 x_1 (x_1 + x_3)^{-1}.$$

The anti-algebra isomorphism  $\rho : \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1)} \otimes U_q^- \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2)} \otimes U_q^-$  is given by  $\rho(x_\nu) = y_{4-\nu}$ ,  $\rho(F_1) = F_2$ , and  $\rho(F_2) = F_1$ . Applying  $\rho$  to (4.2), we have  $f^{-1} = \rho \circ f \circ \rho^{-1}$ . Therefore both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are positive.

Case  $B_2$ . Let  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$  be the Cartan matrix of type  $B_2$ :  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 2$ ,  $a_{12} = -1$ ,  $a_{21} = -2$ . Put  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_2 = 1$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2,1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1,2)}$  be the transition isomorphism uniquely characterized by

$$\begin{aligned} e_{q^2}(x_1 F_1) e_q(x_2 F_2) e_{q^2}(x_3 F_1) e_q(x_4 F_2) \\ = e_q(f(y_1) F_2) e_{q^2}(f(y_2) F_1) e_q(f(y_3) F_2) e_{q^2}(f(y_4) F_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  in the both-sides, we obtain  $f(y_1 + y_3) = x_2 + x_4$  and  $f(y_2 + y_4) = x_1 + x_3$ , which mean that  $f(\sum_{i_\nu=i} y_\nu) = \sum_{i_\nu=i} x_\nu$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Comparing the coefficients of  $F_2 F_1 F_2$ ,  $F_1 F_2$ ,  $F_1 F_2^2 F_2$ , and  $F_1 F_2^2$ , we also obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &:= f(y_1 y_2 y_3) = x_2 x_3 x_4, & p_2 &:= f(y_2 y_3) = x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_4 + x_3 x_4, \\ p_3 &:= f(y_2 y_3^2 y_4) = x_1 x_2^2 x_3, & p_4 &:= f(y_2 y_3^2) = x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^2 + x_3 x_4^2. \end{aligned}$$

These equations lead to

$$f(y_1) = p_1 p_2^{-1}, \quad f(y_2) = p_2 p_4^{-1} p_2, \quad f(y_3) = p_2^{-1} p_4, \quad f(y_4) = p_4^{-1} p_3.$$

The anti-algebra isomorphism  $\rho : \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1,2)} \otimes U_q^- \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2,1)} \otimes U_q^-$  is given by  $\rho(x_\nu) = y_{5-\nu}$  and  $\rho(F_i) = F_i$ . Applying  $\rho$  to (4.3), we have  $f^{-1} = \rho \circ f \circ \rho^{-1}$ . Therefore both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are positive.

Let us prove Lemma 4.1 for the  $G_2$  case.

Case  $G_2$ . Let  $[a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^2$  be the Cartan matrix of type  $G_2$ :  $a_{11} = a_{22} = 2$ ,  $a_{12} = -1$ ,  $a_{21} = -3$ . Put  $d_1 = 3$  and  $d_2 = 1$ . Let  $f : \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2,1,2,1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1,2,1,2)}$  be the transition isomorphism uniquely characterized by

$$\begin{aligned} & e_{q^3}(x_1 F_1) e_q(x_2 F_2) e_{q^3}(x_3 F_1) e_q(x_4 F_2) e_{q^3}(x_5 F_1) e_q(x_6 F_2) \\ &= e_q(f(y_1) F_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_2) F_1) e_q(f(y_3) F_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_4) F_1) e_q(f(y_5) F_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_6) F_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Comparing the coefficients of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , we obtain  $f(y_1 + y_3 + y_5) = x_2 + x_4 + x_6$  and  $f(y_2 + y_4 + y_6) = x_1 + x_3 + x_5$ , which mean that  $f(\sum_{i_\nu=i} y_\nu) = \sum_{i_\nu=i} x_\nu$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

We can realize the Chevalley generators of the finite-dimensional simple Lie algebra of type  $G_2$  by

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= E_{23} + E_{56}, & e_2 &= E_{12} + E_{34} + 2E_{45} + E_{67}, \\ f_1 &= E_{32} + E_{65}, & f_2 &= E_{21} + 2E_{43} + E_{54} + E_{76}, \\ h_1 &= E_{22} - E_{33} + E_{55} - E_{66}, & h_2 &= E_{11} - E_{22} + 2E_{33} - 2E_{55} + E_{66} - E_{77}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $E_{ij}$  denotes the  $(i, j)$ -matrix unit of size 7. In this realization, we have  $f_1^2 = f_2^3 = f_1 f_2 f_1 = f_2^2 f_1 f_2^2 = 0$  and the same relations for  $e_1, e_2$ . These formulae imply both the Serre and the  $q$ -Serre relations for  $f_1, f_2$  and  $e_1, e_2$ . Namely we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f_1^2 f_1 - [2]_{q^3} f_1 f_2 f_1 + f_2 f_1^2 = 0, \\ & f_2^4 f_1 - [3]_q f_2^3 f_1 f_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_q f_2^2 f_1 f_2^2 - [3]_q f_2 f_1 f_2^3 + f_1 f_2^4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and the same relations for  $e_1, e_2$ . Therefore we obtain the 7-dimensional representation of the lower part  $U_q^-$  of the quantum universal enveloping algebra of type  $G_2$ .

Then the transition isomorphism  $f$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & e_{q^3}(x_1 f_1) e_q(x_2 f_2) e_{q^3}(x_3 f_1) e_q(x_4 f_2) e_{q^3}(x_5 f_1) e_q(x_6 f_2) \\ &= e_q(f(y_1) f_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_2) f_1) e_q(f(y_3) f_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_4) f_1) e_q(f(y_5) f_2) e_{q^3}(f(y_6) f_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Denote by  $m_{ij}$  the  $(i, j)$ -entry of the both sides. First write down  $m_{ij}$  by  $y_\nu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c/2 \cdot m_{71} &= f(y_1 y_2 y_3^2 y_4 y_5), \\ c/2 \cdot m_{61} &= f(y_2 y_3^2 y_4 y_5), \\ c/2 \cdot m_{72} &= f(y_1 y_2 y_3^2 y_4 + y_1 y_2 y_3^2 y_6 + y_1 y_2 y_5^2 y_6 + y_1 y_4 y_5^2 y_6 + y_3 y_4 y_5^2 y_6 + c y_1 y_2 y_3 y_5 y_6), \\ c/2 \cdot m_{62} &= f(y_2 y_3^2 y_4 + y_2 y_3^2 y_6 + y_2 y_5^2 y_6 + y_4 y_5^2 y_6 + c y_2 y_3 y_5 y_6), \\ c/2 \cdot m_{73} &= f(y_1 y_2 y_3^2 + y_1 y_2 y_5^2 + y_1 y_4 y_5^2 + y_3 y_4 y_5^2 + c y_1 y_2 y_3 y_5), \\ c/2 \cdot m_{63} &= f(y_2 y_3^2 + y_2 y_5^2 + y_4 y_5^2 + c y_2 y_3 y_5), \\ 1/2 \cdot m_{41} &= f(y_1 y_2 y_3 + y_1 y_2 y_5 + y_1 y_4 y_5 + y_3 y_4 y_5), \\ m_{31} &= f(y_2 y_3 + y_2 y_5 + y_4 y_5), \\ m_{21} &= f(y_1 + y_3 + y_5), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = 1 + q^2$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &:= f(y_1 y_2 y_3^2 y_4 y_5) = c/2 \cdot m_{71}, \\ p_2 &:= f(y_2 y_3^2 y_4 y_5) = c/2 \cdot m_{61}, \\ p_3 &:= f(y_2 y_3^3 y_4^2 y_5^3 y_6) = q^4 c/2 \cdot (p_2 m_{72} - p_1 m_{62}), \\ p_4 &:= f(y_2 y_3^3 y_4^2 y_5^3) = q^4 c/2 \cdot (p_2 m_{73} - p_1 m_{63}), \\ p_5 &:= f(y_2 y_3^3 y_4^2 y_5^2) = q^4 (p_2 m_{41}/2 - p_1 m_{31}), \\ p_6 &:= f(y_2^2 y_3^6 y_4^3 y_5^3) = q^{18} (p_5 m_{21} p_2 - c/2 \cdot p_5 m_{71} - p_4 p_2). \end{aligned}$$

Solving these equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1) &= p_1 p_2^{-1}, & f(y_2) &= q^{24} p_2^3 p_6^{-1}, & f(y_3) &= q^{-18} p_6 p_5^{-1} p_2^{-1}, \\ f(y_4) &= q^{15} p_5^3 p_6^{-1} p_4^{-1}, & f(y_5) &= q^{-3} p_4 p_5^{-1}, & f(y_6) &= p_3 p_4^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Second write down  $m_{ij}$  by  $x_\nu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c/2 \cdot m_{71} &= x_2 x_3 x_4^2 x_5 x_6 = p_1, \\ c/2 \cdot m_{61} &= x_3 x_4^2 x_5 x_6 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^2 x_5 x_6 + x_1 x_2^2 x_3 (x_4 + x_6) = p_2, \\ c/2 \cdot m_{72} &= x_2 x_3 x_4^2 x_5, \\ c/2 \cdot m_{62} &= x_1 x_2^2 x_3 + x_3 x_4^2 x_5 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^2 x_5, \\ c/2 \cdot m_{73} &= x_2 x_5 x_6^2 + x_4 x_5 x_6^2 + x_2 x_3 (x_4 + x_6)^2, \\ c/2 \cdot m_{63} &= x_5 x_6^2 + x_3 (x_4 + x_6)^2 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4 + x_6)^2, \\ 1/2 \cdot m_{41} &= x_2 x_3 x_4 + x_2 x_3 x_6 + x_2 x_5 x_6 + x_4 x_5 x_6, \\ m_{31} &= x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_4 + x_3 x_4 + x_1 x_6 + x_3 x_6 + x_5 x_6, \\ m_{21} &= x_2 + x_4 + x_6, \end{aligned}$$

By straightforward (but very tedious) calculation, we can prove that  $p_1, \dots, p_6$  are polynomials of  $q, x_1, \dots, x_6$  with non-negative integer coefficients. Explicitly we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= x_2 x_3 x_4^2 x_5 x_6, \\ p_2 &= x_3 x_4^2 x_5 x_6 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^2 x_5 x_6 + x_1 x_2^2 x_3 (x_4 + x_6), \\ p_3 &= x_1 x_2^3 x_3^2 x_4^3 x_5, \\ p_4 &= x_3 x_4^3 x_5^2 x_6^3 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^3 x_5^2 x_6^3 + x_1 x_2^3 x_3^2 (x_4 + x_6)^3 \\ &\quad + q^4 x_1 x_2^2 x_3 x_5 x_6 (q^4 (3)_{q^2} x_2 x_4 x_6 + q^2 (3)_{q^2} x_4^2 x_6 + (3)_{q^2} x_4 x_6^2 + (2)_{q^6} x_2 x_6^2), \\ p_5 &= x_3 x_4^3 x_5^2 x_6^2 + x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^3 x_5^2 x_6^2 + x_1 x_2^3 x_3^2 (x_4 + x_6)^2 \\ &\quad + q^4 x_1 x_2^2 x_3 x_5 x_6 (q^4 (2)_{q^2} x_2 x_4 + q^2 (2)_{q^2} x_4^2 + (2)_{q^6} x_2 x_6 + (3)_{q^2} x_4 x_6), \\ p_6 &= q^{15} (x_3 x_4^3 x_5 x_6 + (2)_{q^6} x_1 (x_2 + x_4)^3 x_5 x_6 \\ &\quad + q x_1 x_2^2 x_3 (q^2 (3)_{q^2} x_2 x_4 + (3)_{q^2} x_4^2 + q^2 (3)_{q^2} x_4 x_6 + q^2 (2)_{q^6} x_2 x_6)) x_3 x_4^3 x_5^2 x_6^2 \\ &\quad + q^{15} x_1^2 ((x_2 + x_4)^2 x_5 x_6 + x_2^2 x_3 (x_4 + x_6))^3. \end{aligned}$$

The anti-algebra isomorphism  $\rho : \mathcal{K}_{(1,2,1,2,1,2)} \otimes U_q^- \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{(2,1,2,1,2,1)} \otimes U_q^-$  is given by  $\rho(x_\nu) = y_{7-\nu}$  and  $\rho(F_i) = F_i$ . Applying  $\rho$  to (4.4), we have  $f^{-1} = \rho \circ f \circ \rho^{-1}$ . Therefore both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are positive.

This completes the proof of Lemma 4.1.

**Remark 4.2.** The above formulae for the  $G_2$  case are quantum analogue of Theorem 3.1 (c) of Berenstein-Kazhdan [4].  $\square$

### 4.3 Quantum geometric semicrystal structure on $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$

For  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N) \in I^N$ , let  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{i}}$  be the algebra given in Section 4.1 and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}} = Q(\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{i}})$  its field of fractions. Let  $J$  be the subset of  $I$  consisting of  $i \in I$  with  $i_{\nu} = 0$  for some  $\nu = 1, \dots, N$ . We call  $J$  the *support of  $\mathbf{i}$* . If  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N)$  is a reduced word for  $w \in W$ , then the support of  $\mathbf{i}$  depends only on  $w$  and  $J$  is called the *support of  $w$* .

Let us construct a quantum geometric semicrystal structure on  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$ .

For  $i \in I$ , define  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{i}}$  by

$$\xi_i = \sum_{1 \leq \nu \leq N, i_{\nu} = i} x_{\nu}.$$

Then  $\xi_i \neq 0$  is equivalent to  $i \in J$  and  $\{\xi_i\}_{i \in J}$  satisfies the  $q$ -Serre relations.

For  $i \in J$  and  $\nu = 1, \dots, N$ , we define  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{i}}$  by

$$X = \sum_{i_{\nu} = i, \mu < \nu} x_{\mu}, \quad Y = \sum_{i_{\nu} = i, \mu > \nu} x_{\mu}.$$

Then we have  $\xi_i = X + \delta_{ii_{\nu}} x_{\nu} + Y$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by induction on  $|n|$ , we can show that

$$\xi_i^n x_{\nu} \xi_i^{-n} = \begin{cases} q_i^{-2n} x_{\nu} \frac{1 + q_i^2(x_{\nu} + q_i^2 Y)X^{-1}}{1 + q_i^{2(1-n)}(x_{\nu} + q_i^2 Y)X^{-1}} \frac{1 + q_i^2 Y(X + x_{\nu})^{-1}}{1 + q_i^{2(1-n)} Y(X + x_{\nu})^{-1}} & \text{if } i_{\nu} = i, \\ q_i^{-a_{ii_{\nu}} n} x_{\nu} \prod_{k=0}^{-a_{ii_{\nu}} - 1} \frac{1 + q_i^{-2(n+k-1)} Y X^{-1}}{1 + q_i^{-2(k-1)} Y X^{-1}} & \text{if } i_{\nu} \neq i. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $\xi_i^n x_{\nu} \xi_i^{-n}$  is an  $n$ -independent rational function of  $q_i^n$ . Replacing  $q_i^n$  by an indeterminate  $t$ , we define  $\mathbf{e}_i^t(x_{\nu}) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}(t)$  by

$$\mathbf{e}_i^t(x_{\nu}) = \begin{cases} t^{-2} x_{\nu} \frac{1 + q_i^2(x_{\nu} + q_i^2 Y)X^{-1}}{1 + q_i^2 t^{-2}(x_{\nu} + q_i^2 Y)X^{-1}} \frac{1 + q_i^2 Y(X + x_{\nu})^{-1}}{1 + q_i^2 t^{-2} Y(X + x_{\nu})^{-1}} & \text{if } i_{\nu} = i, \\ t^{-a_{ii_{\nu}}} x_{\nu} \prod_{k=0}^{-a_{ii_{\nu}} - 1} \frac{1 + q_i^{-2(k-1)} t^{-2} Y X^{-1}}{1 + q_i^{-2(k-1)} Y X^{-1}} & \text{if } i_{\nu} \neq i. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 4.3.** *For each  $i \in J$ , the mapping  $\mathbf{e}_i^t : \{\xi_i\}_{i \in J} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_q(t)$  can be extended to the positive algebra homomorphism  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}(t)$  also denoted by  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$ . Then  $(\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}, \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i \in J})$  is a quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystal.  $\square$*

We call  $(\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}, \{\mathbf{e}_i\}_{i \in J})$  the *standard quantum geometric semicrystal* for  $\mathbf{i} \in I^N$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N)$ ,  $\mathbf{i}' = (i'_1, \dots, i'_N)$  be reduced words for a same element  $w \in W$ ,  $J$  the support of  $w$ , and  $f : \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}'} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$  the transition isomorphism. Then  $f$  is an isomorphism of quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystals. That is,  $f$  commutes with  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$  for  $i \in J$ .  $\square$*

**Proof.** Since the transition isomorphism  $f$  preserves  $\xi_i$ , the algebra isomorphism  $x \mapsto \xi_i^n x \xi_i^{-n}$  commutes with  $f$ . This leads to the commutativity of  $f$  and  $\mathbf{e}_i^t$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_N)$ ,  $\mathbf{i}' = (i'_1, \dots, i'_N)$  be reduced words for a same element  $w \in W$  and  $J$  the support of  $w$ . Then the quantum geometric  $J$ -semicrystals  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}'}$  can be identified via the transition isomorphism. Then  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}} = \mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}'}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}_w$  and called the *standard quantum geometric semicrystal* for  $w \in W$ .

## 5 Quantum toric semicrystals

### 5.1 Definition of quantum toric semicrystals

### 5.2 Quantum torus and positive structure

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a (possibly non-commutative) field over  $\mathbb{F}$ . We call  $\mathcal{K}$  a *rational function field of quantum torus* or simply a *quantum torus* if there exists a finite family  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  of elements in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that  $\mathcal{K}$  is generated by  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  as a field over  $\mathbb{F}$  and all the relations of  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  are generated by  $x_\nu x_\mu = q^{c_{\mu\nu}} x_\mu x_\nu$  ( $1 \leq \mu, \nu \leq N$ ) for some skew-symmetric integer matrix  $[c_{\mu\nu}]_{\mu, \nu=1}^N$ . We call  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  a *chart* of the quantum torus  $\mathcal{K}$ . Quantum tori with charts are quantum analogue of split algebraic tori.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a quantum torus with a chart  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  the subalgebra generated by  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is an Ore domain and hence  $\mathcal{K}$  is identified with the field of fractions  $Q(\mathcal{A})$ .

For example, for each  $\mathbf{i} \in I^N$ , the standard quantum geometric semicrystal  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathbf{i}}$  is a quantum torus with a chart  $\{x_{i,\nu}\}_{\nu=1}^N$ .

If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a quantum torus with a chart  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ , then the rational function field  $\mathcal{K}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  over  $\mathcal{K}$  is naturally a quantum torus with a chart  $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^n \cup \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ .

A subset  $S$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a *semi-subfield* of  $\mathcal{K}$  if  $S$  contains 0, 1 and is closed under the addition, the multiplication, and the division by non-zero elements in  $S$ . For any subset  $X$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ , the semi-subfield of  $\mathcal{K}$  generated by  $X$  is defined to be the minimum semi-subfield of  $\mathcal{K}$  which includes  $X$ . An element of  $\mathcal{K}$  is positive if and only if it can be written in a subtraction-free expression of elements in  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a quantum torus with a chart  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ . The *positive structure*  $\mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{x},+}$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  is defined to be the semi-subfield of  $\mathcal{K}$  generated by  $q$  and  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ . More generally, the positive structure  $\mathcal{K}(t_1, \dots, t_n)^{\mathbf{x},+}$  on the rational function field  $\mathcal{K}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is defined to be the positive structure given by the chart  $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^n \cup \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}'$  be quantum tori with charts  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N, \mathbf{x}' = \{x'_{\nu'}\}_{\nu'=1}^{N'}$  respectively. An algebra homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}' \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is said to be *positive* if  $f(\mathcal{K}'^{\mathbf{x}',+}) \subset \mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{x},+}$ . An algebra homomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}' \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is positive if and only if  $f(x'_{\nu'})$  can be written in a subtraction-free expression of  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^N$  for each  $\nu' = 1, \dots, N'$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{T}^+$  the category of quantum tori with charts and positive algebra homomorphisms between them. Note that a positive algebra isomorphism  $f : \mathcal{K}' \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is not necessarily an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{T}^+$ . For example, if  $f : \mathbb{F}(t_1, t_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}(t_1, t_2)$  is the positive algebra isomorphism given by  $f(t_1) = t_1 + t_2$  and  $f(t_2) = t_2$ , then its inverse is not positive.

### 5.3 Product and dual

## 6 Appendix

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