

Draft of Survey on Question 2 (question 1 in the report)

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1 Question 2

How do models with colors/dotted-colors change when we change quantum group module? This question is a bit hard to tackle for now so I'll suggest one to get your hand dirty with Q1 and Q3 first before our next meeting/office hour.

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1.1 Basic languages

References to be added on Bump, Kac, Kassel, Majid.

Contents: 1.1.1 lattice models, 1.1.2 Hopf algebras, 1.1.3 Drinfeld theory, 1.1.4 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -modules, 1.1.5 affine Lie algebras, 1.1.6 superalgebras, 1.1.7 Hecke algebras, 1.1.8 induced representations.

1.1.1 lattice models

Definition 1 (*R*-matrix). *Given objects A, B in a monoidal category, an **R-matrix** \mathcal{R} is a braid morphism $c_{A,B} : A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} c_{A,(B \otimes C)} &= (\mathbb{1}_B \otimes c_{A,C}) \circ (c_{A,B} \otimes \mathbb{1}_C), \\ c_{(A \otimes B),C} &= (c_{A,C} \otimes \mathbb{1}_B) \circ (\mathbb{1}_A \otimes c_{B,C}). \end{aligned}$$

The Yang-Baxter equation can be written in terms of *R*-matrices as

$$(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1})(\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R})(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1}) = (\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R})(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1})(\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R}).$$

Proposition 1. *The Yang-Baxter equation always holds in braided monoidal categories.*

1.1.2 Hopf algebras

The Hopf algebra is a old fashioned name for quantum groups. The reason why we study them is because under a Hopf algebra structure, we are able to decompose or invert interactions by Δ, ϵ, S to be introduced later, which helps solving the Yang-Baxter equation.

Definition 2 (Hopf algebra). A **Hopf algebra** is a bialgebra with an antipode satisfying the Hopf structure. To be specific, given a field k , a Hopf algebra H is a k -vector space, a k -algebra, and together with the following properties satisfied in the commutative diagrams:

coassociativity of coproduct Δ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \\ \Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \Delta \\ H \otimes H & \xrightarrow{\Delta \otimes 1} & H \otimes H \otimes H \end{array}$$

counit ϵ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \\ \simeq \searrow & & \downarrow \epsilon \otimes 1 \\ & k \otimes H & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \\ \simeq \searrow & & \downarrow 1 \otimes \epsilon \\ & H \otimes k & \end{array}$$

antipode S :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \xrightarrow{1 \otimes S} H \otimes H \\ \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow \mu \\ H & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & H \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \xrightarrow{1 \otimes S} H \otimes H \\ \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow \mu \\ H & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & H \end{array}$$

Hopf structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H \otimes H & \xrightarrow{\Delta \otimes \Delta} & H \otimes H \otimes H \otimes H \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \tau \otimes 1} H \otimes H \otimes H \otimes H \\ \downarrow \mu & & \downarrow \mu \otimes \mu \\ H & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & H \otimes H \end{array}$$

where μ is the product, η is the unit, and τ is the flip, all perform as k -algebra homomorphisms.

A k -vector space only with the properties being coassociative and counit is called a **coalgebra**, while a coalgebra that is also a k -algebra is called a **bialgebra**.

Let H_1, H_2 be Hopf algebras. Given a bilinear form $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H_1 \times H_2 \rightarrow k$, we say that H_1 and H_2 are in duality if

$$\begin{aligned} \langle uv, x \rangle &= \sum_x \langle u, x' \rangle \langle v, x'' \rangle, \quad \langle 1, x \rangle = \epsilon(x), \\ \langle u, xy \rangle &= \sum_u \langle u', x \rangle \langle u'', y \rangle, \quad \langle u, 1 \rangle = \epsilon(u), \\ \langle S(u), x \rangle &= \langle u, S(x) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2. Consider arbitrary H and $U(\mathfrak{g})$ as Hopf algebras, define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : U(\mathfrak{g}) &\rightarrow H^* \quad u \mapsto (x \mapsto \langle u, x \rangle), \\ \psi : H &\rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g})^* \quad x \mapsto (u \mapsto \langle u, x \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

then we have the following equivalence:

$$U(\mathfrak{g}), H \text{ are dual to each other} \iff \varphi, \psi \text{ are } k\text{-algebra homomorphisms.}$$

Commutativity, Cocommutativity

Example 1 (algebras over a finite group). Given a finite group G , $\mathbb{C}[G]$ and $\mathcal{O}(G)$ are dual to each other.

Example 2 (Lie group G and universal enveloping algebra $U(\mathfrak{g})$). Under this definition,

$$\Delta X = X \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes X.$$

Example 3 (q -deformed Lie group G_q and quantized enveloping algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$).

Example 4 (quantized positive Borel subalgebra $U_q(\mathfrak{b}_+)$). This Hopf algebra is generated by $1, X, g, g^{-1}$ with relations

$$gg^{-1} = 1 = g^{-1}g, \quad gX = qXg,$$

where $q \in k$ is fixed and invertible. Under this definition,

$$\Delta X = X \otimes 1 + g \otimes X.$$

To relate with the previous example 3, this is a subalgebra of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$, and $\mathfrak{b} = \text{Lie}(B)$ is the Borel subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . Its dual Hopf algebra is the **quantum coordinate algebra** $\mathcal{O}_q(B_-)$, which contains functions on the negative Borel subgroup.

We list some useful properties of Hopf algebras.

Proposition 3. The category of Hopf algebras is monoidal. The category of modules on quantized enveloping algebras of finite dimension is braided.

Proposition 4. The dual vector space of a coalgebra is an algebra. The dual vector space of H has a coalgebra structure.

1.1.3 Drinfeld theory

Drinfeld's insight is that Hopf algebras can generate R -matrices systematically.

Definition 3 (quasitriangularity). A Hopf algebra H is called **quasitriangular** if there is an element $\mathcal{R} \in H \otimes H$ satisfying

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

and the **quantum Yang-Baxter equation**:

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

Such an element \mathcal{R} is called the **universal R-matrix**.

These extra structures ensures that H -representation give rise to solutions of the YBE.

Quantization of Lie algebras.

Drinfeld-Jimbo construction.

Quantum groups $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ are neither commutative, nor cocommutative. Δ is noncommutative.

1.1.4 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -modules

These are important for this project since in most cases we are working with six-vertex lattice models, in which we have the R -matrices $\mathcal{R} \in \text{End}(\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2)$, hence \mathcal{R} comes from the quasitriangular structure of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$.

Why studying H -modules is important.

Proposition 5. Let H be a Hopf algebra, and U, V are H -modules, then

1. $U \otimes V$ is an $H \otimes H$ -module.
2. if H is cocommutative, then the flip $\tau_{U,V} : U \otimes V \xrightarrow{\sim} V \otimes U$ is an H -module isomorphism.

Definition 4 (quantum plane). Given $q \in k^\times$, the quantum plane is defined as a k -algebra

$$k_q[x, y] := k\{x, y\}/(yx - qxy).$$

Quantum planes are noncommutative if $q \neq 1$.

Action of $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ on the affine plane. Given an affine plane $\mathbb{A}^2 = k[x, y]$, we give a graded structure on it by setting $k[x, y]_n$ as the k -vector subspace of homogeneous polynomials of total degree n . Then there exist a duality that $k[x, y]_n^* \cong V(n)$ is a $SL(2)$ -module, where $V(n)$ denotes the simple $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -module of $\dim = n + 1$, generated by a highest weight vector of weight n . Thus $k[x, y]_n^*$ is also a $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -module.

Action of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ on the quantum plane.

Different cases of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ -modules.

The Hopf algebras $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ and $SL(2)$ are dual to each other.

Especially when $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2)) = k[E, F, K, K^{-1}] / & (KK^{-1} - 1, \quad K^{-1}K - 1, \\ & KEK^{-1} - q^2 E, \quad KFK^{-1} - q^{-2} F, \\ & [E, F] - \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}). \end{aligned}$$

There exists a unique Cartan automorphism $\omega \in \text{Aut}(U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(2)))$, such that

$$\omega(E) = F, \quad \omega(F) = E, \quad \omega(K) = K^{-1}.$$

1.1.5 affine Lie algebras

These algebras are given affine symmetries, so that they correspond to some symmetric properties in solvability of lattice models.

Definition 5. Given a finite dimensional simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , the corresponding affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ is constructed as doing central extension by $\mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}]$, then composing with one dimensional center $\mathbb{C}c$. Explicitly,

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C} \cdot c, \quad [a \otimes t^n + \alpha c, b \otimes t^m + \beta c] := [a, b] \otimes t^{n+m} + \langle a | b \rangle n \delta_{m+n, 0} c,$$

where $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ($x, y \mapsto \text{tr}(\text{ad}(x) \circ \text{ad}(y))$) is the **Killing form** on \mathfrak{g} .

In other words, the affine Lie algebras satisfy the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cdot c \rightarrow \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \rightarrow 0.$$

More on Killing form: Dynkin index and the dual Coxeter number.

Example 5 ($\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(n)$).

Example 6 (Heisenberg algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)$).

$$[a_m, a_n] := m \delta_{m+n, 0} c.$$

Structure of affine Lie algebras: Cartan-Weyl basis, affine Killing form, affine root system.

The Weyl group of affine Lie algebras: Weyl-Kac character formula.

Representation of affine Lie algebras: Verma modules.

1.1.6 superalgebras

We study them to encounter cases when there are multiple scolors. The solid lines are bosonic (nonsuper), while the dotted are fermionic (super).

Definition 6 (Lie superalgebra). Given a Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with both commutators and anticommutators

$$[X, Y] = XY - (-1)^{|X||Y|} YX,$$

where $|X| \in \{0, 1\}$ is the parity, giving $0 = \text{bosonic}$ and $1 = \text{fermionic}$.

Lie superalgebras are \mathbb{Z}_2 -graded.

The super R -matrices satisfies the **graded YBE**:

$$(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1})(\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R})(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1}) = (-1)^{|\mathcal{R}|} (\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R})(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{1})(\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathcal{R}).$$

Example 7 ($\mathfrak{sl}(m|n)$).

Definition 7 (realization). A matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is called a **generalized Cartan matrix** if

$$1) a_{ii} = 2, \quad 2) a_{ij} \leq 0, \quad 3) a_{ij} = 0 \implies a_{ji} = 0, \quad \forall 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n.$$

Given a generalized Cartan matrix A , a **realization** of A is a \mathbb{C} -vector space \mathfrak{h} , together with sets $\Pi := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \subset \mathfrak{h}^*$ and $\Pi^\vee := \{\alpha_1^\vee, \dots, \alpha_n^\vee\} \subset \mathfrak{h}$, such that

1. Π and Π^\vee are both linear independent,
2. $\langle \alpha_i^\vee, \alpha_i \rangle = a_{ii}$,
3. $n - \text{rank } A = \dim \mathfrak{h} - n$.

Two realizations $\mathfrak{h}_1, \mathfrak{h}_2$ are isomorphic if there exists a \mathbb{C} -vector space isomorphism $\phi : \mathfrak{h}_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{h}_2$ such that $\phi(\Pi_1^\vee) = \Pi_2^\vee, \phi^*(\Pi_2) = \Pi_1$. Here α_i are the simple roots and α_i^\vee are the simple coroots.

Definition 8 (Kac-Moody algebra). The **Kac-Moody algebra** is the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ with A a generalized Cartan matrix. Here, $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ is defined as

$$\mathfrak{g}(A) := \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A)/\mathfrak{r},$$

where $\mathfrak{r} \triangleleft \tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ is a maximal ideal, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A)$ the **auxiliary Lie algebra** with $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ its **Cartan matrix** is defined as

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}(A) := \mathbb{C}(\{e_i, f_i\} \cup \mathfrak{h}) / ([e_i, f_j] - \delta_{ij}\alpha_i^\vee, [h, h'], [h, e_i] - \langle \alpha_i, h \rangle e_i, [h, f_i] - \langle \alpha_i, h \rangle f_i).$$

These equivalent relations are called the **Cartan-Kac relations**, the generators e_i, f_i are called the **Chevalley generators**, while \mathfrak{h} is called the **Cartan subalgebra** of $\mathfrak{g}(A)$.

The Kac-Moody superalgebras are affinizations of Lie superalgebras.

Example 8 ($\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(m|n)$ and $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(m|n))$).

Proposition 6. Given a Cartan matrix A ,

1. (well-defined) $\mathfrak{g}(A)$ depends only on A ,
2. (triangular decomposition) $\mathfrak{g}(A) = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$,
3. (Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt theorem) \mathfrak{n}_- is freely generated by f_1, \dots, f_n ,
4. (root space decomposition) denote $Q := \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}\alpha_i, Q_\pm = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z}_\pm \alpha_i$ the root lattices,

$$\mathfrak{g}(A) = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in Q} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \quad \mathfrak{h} = \bigoplus_{\alpha: \text{ht}\alpha=0} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \quad \mathfrak{n}_\pm = \bigoplus_{j \geq 1} \bigoplus_{\alpha: \text{ht}\alpha=\pm j} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha.$$

1.1.7 Hecke algebras

1.1.8 induced representations

Definition 9. Given a finite group G and its subgroup H , let (π, V) be a representation of V , then the induced representation $(\text{Ind}_H^G(\pi), V^G) = (\pi^G, V^G)$ is defined as

$$V^G := \{f : G \rightarrow V : f(hg) = \pi(h)f(g), \forall h \in H\}, \\ \text{Ind}_H^G(\pi) = \pi^G : G \rightarrow \text{GL}(V^G) \quad \pi^G(g)(f) : x \mapsto f(xg).$$

Some important results:

On Borel subgroups: $\text{Ind}_B^G(\chi)$ gives classification of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{F}_q)$ -representations.

Frobenius reciprocity: $\text{Hom}_G(U, V^G) \simeq \text{Hom}_H(U_H, V), \text{Hom}_G(V^G, U) \simeq \text{Hom}_H(V, U)$.

Mackey's theorem: $\text{Hom}_G(V_1^G, V_2^G) \simeq \{\Delta : G \rightarrow \text{Hom}(V_1, V_2) : \Delta(h_2gh_1) = \pi_2(h_2) \circ \Delta(g) \circ \pi_1(h_1)\}$.

Branching rules Branching rules tells the multiplicity of an irreducible H -representation W in V .

For example $U(n) \downarrow U(n-1)$, $[\cdot : \cdot]$ denotes multiplicity:

$$\pi_\lambda^{U(n)}|_{U(n-1)} = \bigoplus_\mu [\pi_\lambda^{U(n)} : \pi_\mu^{U(n-1)}] \pi_\mu^{U(n-1)},$$

$$[\pi_\lambda^{U(n)} : \pi_\mu^{U(n-1)}] = 1 \iff \lambda_1 \geq \mu_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n.$$

Cauchy identity

$$\sum_\lambda s_\lambda(x) s_\lambda(y) = \prod_{i,j} \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j}.$$

Schur polynomials:

$$s_\lambda : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \text{tr}(\pi_\lambda \text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)),$$

where π_λ is holomorphic irreducible representation on $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Holomorphic representation: a $\text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C})$ -representation with $g \mapsto g \cdot v$ holomorphic on G for every v .

1.2 Question restatement

Given different Hopf algebras H , we want to find the H -modules, which inherit H -representations and R -matrices \mathcal{R} .

R -matrices \mathcal{R} acts on $V \otimes V$ as an intertwiner, where $V = \mathbb{C}\{+, -\} \simeq \mathbb{C}^2$ a \mathbb{C} -vector space containing local states $+$ and $-$. Thus $V \otimes V \simeq \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \simeq \mathbb{C}^4$. This means \mathcal{R} lives in some H -module, where for six-vertex models, $H = U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

For lattice models with three colors (RGB) in two scolors (solid and dotted) as well as uncolored (+), we would want to discuss $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(4|3))$ -modules that are actions on $V \otimes V \simeq \mathbb{C}^{4|3} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{4|3}$ of dimension 49, and discuss its graded intertwiner element \mathcal{R} .

1.3 Past results

We list some related results here.

Awata, Noumi, Odake, 1993, studied the Heisenberg realization of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$. arXiv:hep-th/9306010

Awata, Odake, Shiraishi, 1993, studied the free Boson (Boson field) representation of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_3)$. arXiv:hep-th/9305017

Awata, Odake, Shiraishi, 1993, studied the free Boson realization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_N)$. arXiv:hep-th/9305146

Awata, Odake, Shiraishi, 1997, studied the q -difference realization of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}(M|N))$, and application to free Boson realization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(2|1))$. arXiv:q-alg/9701032

Kojima, 2011, studied the free field realization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(N|1))$. arXiv:1105.5772

Kojima, 2012, studied the bosonization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(N|1))$ for level $k \neq -N + 1$. arXiv:1211.2909

Kojima, 2014, studied the bosonization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(N|1))$ at any level. arXiv:1404.5744

Kojima, 2017, studied a bosonization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(M|N))$. arXiv:1701.03645

Kojima, 2018, studied the Wakimoto realization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(M|N))$. arXiv:1807.02269

Other papers often used in the program, not yet sure how they are related to the above ones:

Kojima, 2018, DIAGONALIZATION OF TRANSFER MATRIX OF SUPERSYMMETRY $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(M+N|N+1))$ CHAIN WITH A BOUNDARY, arXiv:1211.2912

Brubaker, Buciumas, Bump, Henrik, Gustafsson, 2020, METAPLECTIC IWAHORI WHITTAKER FUNCTIONS AND SUPERSYMMETRIC LATTICE MODELS, arXiv:2012.15778

Aggarwal, Borodin, Wheeler, 2021, Colored Fermionic Vertex Models and Symmetric Functions, arXiv:2101.01605

1.4 New results

Some thoughts:

Is the general bosonization of $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}(M|N))$ found?

Kojima's current focus in W -algebras, what are those.