

# Two Dimensional YD-modules over $U_q(sl_2)$ are trivial

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# Introduction

Assume  $q$  is not a root of unity, X. W. Chen and P. Zhang embed  $U_q(sl_2)$  into the path coalgebra of the Gabriel quiver  $D$  of the coalgebra of  $U_q(sl_2)$ .

They also describe the category of  $U_q(sl_2)$ -comodules in terms of representations of the quiver  $D$ .

I will present examples of comodules over  $U_q(sl_2)$ , and show that all YD-modules over  $U_q(sl_2)$  are trivial.

Throughout this presentation,  $k$  denotes a field of characteristic zero.

# The Algebra $U_q(sl_2)$

We define  $U_q(sl_2)$  as the algebra generated by the four variables  $E, F, K, K^{-1}$  with the relations;

$$KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1$$

$$KEK^{-1} = q^2E, KFK^{-1} = q^{-2}F, \text{ and}$$

$$[E, F] = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}$$

Note that the algebra  $U_q$  is Noetherian and has no zero divisors. The set  $\{E^i F^j K^l\}_{i, j \in \mathbb{N}; l \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a basis of  $U_q$ .

# The Hopf Algebra Structure on $U_q(sl_2)$

$U_q(sl_2)$  has a Hopf structure with

$$\Delta(E) = 1 \otimes E + E \otimes K,$$

$$\Delta(K) = K \otimes K$$

$$\Delta(F) = K^{-1} \otimes F + F \otimes 1,$$

$$\Delta(K^{-1}) = K^{-1} \otimes K^{-1}$$

$$\varepsilon(E) = \varepsilon(F) = 0,$$

$$\varepsilon(K) = \varepsilon(K^{-1}) = 1$$

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

# The Path Coalgebra $kQ^c$

A quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, t)$  is a datum, where  $Q$  is an oriented graph with  $Q_0$  the set of vertices and  $Q_1$  the set of arrows,  $s$  and  $t$  are two maps from  $Q_1$  to  $Q_0$ , such that  $s(a)$  and  $t(a)$  are respectively the starting vertex and terminating vertex of  $a \in Q_1$ .

A path  $p$  of length  $l$  in  $Q$  is a sequence  $p = a_l \dots a_2 a_1$  of arrows  $a_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .

A vertex is regarded as a path of length 0.

Given a quiver  $Q$ , one defines the path coalgebra  $kQ^c$  as follows:

- the underlying space has as basis the set of all paths in  $Q$ ,
- the coalgebra structure is given by

$$\Delta(p) = \sum_{\beta\alpha=p} \beta \otimes \alpha,$$

$$\varepsilon(p) = 0 \text{ if } l \geq 1,$$

$$\varepsilon(p) = 1 \text{ if } l = 0 \text{ for each path } p \text{ of length } l.$$

By a graded coalgebra one means a coalgebra  $C$  with decomposition

$C = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} C(n)$  of  $k$ -space such that

$$\Delta(C(n)) \subseteq \sum_{i+j=n} C(i) \otimes C(j)$$

$$\varepsilon(C(n)) = 0$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ . Note that a path coalgebra  $kQ^c$  is graded with length grading, and it is coradically graded, and

$$kQ^c \simeq \text{Cot}_{kQ_0}(kQ_1)$$

**Proposition :**

Let  $C = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} C(n)$  be a graded coalgebra. Then

- (i) There is a unique graded coalgebra map  $\theta : C \rightarrow \text{Cot}_{C(0)}C(1)$  such that  $\theta|_{C(i)} = id$  for  $i = 0, 1$ .
- (ii)  $\theta(x) = \pi^{\otimes n+1} \circ \Delta^n(x)$  for all  $x \in C(n+1)$  and  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\pi : C \rightarrow C(1)$  is the projection, and  $\Delta^n = (Id \otimes \Delta^{n-1}) \circ \Delta$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , with  $\Delta^0 = id$ .



$U_q(sl_2)$  as a Subcoalgebra of a Path Coalgebra

$U_q(sl_2) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} C(n)$  is a graded coalgebra with

$$C(0) = \bigoplus_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} kK^l$$

and  $C(1)$  has a basis

$$\{K^l E, K^l F \mid l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

One has in  $C(1)$

$$\Delta(K^{l-1} E) = K^{l-1} \otimes K^{l-1} E + K^{l-1} E \otimes K^l$$

$$\Delta(K^l F) = K^{l-1} \otimes K^l F + K^l F \otimes K^l$$

The quiver  $D$  of  $U_q(sl_2)$  is of the form



Vertices are labelled by integers, i.e.,  $D_0 = \{e_l | l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Write  $v$  as  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , where  $v_j = 1$  or  $-1$  for each  $j$ . Define

$$P_l^{(v)} = a_{|v|} \dots a_2 a_1$$

to be the concatenated path in  $D$  starting at  $e_l$  of length  $|v|$ .

For instance,

$$P_l^{(0)} = e_l,$$

$$P_l^{(1)} = \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet,$$

$$P_l^{(1,-1)} = \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \text{ with starting at the vertex } e_l \text{ in } D.$$

One can write the set of all paths in  $D$  as follows:

$$\{P_l^{(v)} = P_{l-|v|+1}^{(v_{|v|})} \cdots P_{l-1}^{(v_2)} P_l^{(v_1)} \mid l \in \mathbb{Z}, v \in I\}$$

**Lemma :**

There is a unique graded coalgebra map  $\theta : U_q(sl_2) \rightarrow kD^c$  such that

$$\theta(K^l) = e_l$$

$$\theta(K^{l-1}E) = P_l^{(1)}$$

$$\theta(K^lF) = P_l^{(-1)}$$

for each integer  $l$ .

**Theorem :**

Assume that  $q$  is not a root of unity. Then as a coalgebra  $U_q(sl_2)$  is isomorphic to the subcoalgebra of  $kD^c$  with the basis

$$\{b(l, n, i) \mid 0 \leq i \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0, l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$b(l, n, i) := \sum_{v \in \{\pm 1\}^n, |T_v|=i} \chi(v) P_l^{(v)} \in kD^c$$

where  $T_v := \{t \mid 1 \leq t \leq n, v_t = 1\}$ , and

$$\chi(v) := q^{2\sum_{t \in T_v} t}, \text{ if } n \geq 1, T_v \neq \emptyset;$$

$$\chi(v) := 1, \text{ otherwise.}$$

For instance,

$$b(l, 0, 0) = e_l$$

$$b(l, 1, 0) = P_l^{(-1)}$$

$$b(l, 1, 1) = q^2 P_l^{(1)}$$

$$b(l, 2, 0) = P_l^{(-1, -1)}$$

$$b(l, 2, 2) = q^6 P_l^{(1, 1)}$$

$$b(l, 2, 1) = q^2 P_l^{(1, -1)} + q^4 P_l^{(-1, 1)}$$

Comodules of  $U_q(sl_2)$ 

## Representations of Quivers

A  $k$ -representation of  $Q$  is a datum  $V = (V_e, f_a; e \in Q_0, a \in Q_1)$ ,

- $V_e$  is a  $k$ -space for each vertex  $e \in Q_0$ ,
- $f_a : V_{s(a)} \rightarrow V_{t(a)}$  is a  $k$ -linear map for each arrow  $a \in Q_1$ .

Set  $f_p := f_{a_l} \circ \cdots \circ f_{a_1}$  for each path  $p = a_l \dots a_1$ , where each  $a_i$  is an arrow,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , and  $f_e := id$  for  $e \in Q_0$

## The standard comodule structure on a quiver representation

Let  $V = (V_e, f_a; e \in Q_0, a \in Q_1)$  be a representation of a quiver  $Q$ , one defines a  $kQ^c$ -comodule structure  $\rho : V \rightarrow V \otimes kQ^c$  as follows;

$$\rho(m) = \sum_{s(p)=e} f_p(m) \otimes p \quad \text{for every } m \in V_e$$

**Theorem :**

Assume that  $q$  is not a root of unity. Then there is an equivalence between the category of the right  $U_q(sl_2)$ -comodules and the full subcategory of representation of  $D$  with the standard comodule structures that satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $f_{l-1}^{(1)} \circ f_l^{(-1)} = q^2 f_{l-1}^{(-1)} \circ f_l^{(1)}$
- (ii) For any  $m \in V_l$ ,  $f_l^{(m)} = 0$  for all but finitely many paths.

## Example

Let  $l$  be an integer and  $n$  a non-negative integer. For each  $\lambda \in k$ , one can define a representation  $V$  of quiver  $D$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 V_j := k, & \text{if } l \leq j \leq l+n \\
 V_j := 0, & \textit{otherwise}; \\
 f_j^{(1)} := 1, & \text{if } l+1 \leq j \leq l+n \\
 f_j^{(1)} := 0, & \textit{otherwise}; \\
 f_j^{(-1)} := \lambda q^{-2(l+n-j)}, & \text{if } l+1 \leq j \leq l+n \\
 f_j^{(-1)} := 0, & \textit{otherwise}.
 \end{array}$$



And  $V$  has an induced right  $U_q(sl_2)$  comodule structure

$$\rho(m) = \sum_{s(p)=e} f_p(m) \otimes p$$

which is denoted by  $M_{(l,n,\lambda)}$ . Let's write these explicitly for  $n = 1$ ;

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K^{l+1} \curvearrowright \bullet v_{l+1} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{K^l E} \\ \xrightarrow{K^{l+1} F} \end{array} & \bullet v_l \curvearrowleft K^l
 \end{array}$$

$$\rho(v_l) = v_l \otimes K^l$$

$$\rho(v_{l+1}) = v_{l+1} \otimes K^{l+1} + v_l \otimes K^l E + \lambda v_l \otimes K^{l+1} F$$

**Theorem :**

The comodules  $M_{(l,n,\lambda)}$  give a complete list of all non-isomorphic, indecomposable Schurian right  $U_q(sl_2)$  comodules, where  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\lambda \in (k \cup \{\infty\})$ .

A finite-dimensional right  $U_q(sl_2)$  comodule  $(M, \rho)$  is said to be Schurian, if  $\dim_k M_j = 1$  or  $0$  for each integer  $j$ , where  $M_j := \{m \in M \mid (Id \otimes \pi_0)\rho(m) = m \otimes e_j\}$  and  $\pi_0$  is the projection from  $kD^c$  to  $kD_0$ .

An Example of Two Dimensional YD module over  $U_q(sl_2)$ 

Let  $V := M_{(l,1,\lambda)}$  be a two dimensional comodule over  $U_q(sl_2)$  and also take a two dimensional module  $V$  is generated by  $w_1$  and  $w_{-1}$  with the following structure:

$$K^{\pm 1} w_1 = q^{\pm 1} w_1,$$

$$E w_1 = 0,$$

$$F w_1 = w_{-1},$$

$$K^{\pm 1} w_{-1} = q^{\mp 1} w_{-1}$$

$$E w_{-1} = w_1$$

$$F w_{-1} = 0$$

Now let us try to match the module and comodule structures...

# Conjecture

$U_q(sl_2)$  has no irreducible module-comodules of dimension 2 or greater.

## Idea of a proof

One knows that representations of  $sl_2$  and  $U_q(sl_2)$  are in one-to-one correspondence [Kassel, 1995]. Moreover, irreducible representations come from a specific quiver [Mazorchuk, 2010];



One also knows that the irreducible comodules of  $U_q(sl_2)$  come from the following quiver;



I suspect that one cannot make these structures compatible on the same vector space.

## In Closing

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING :)