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QUANTUM DOUBLE

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In papers [1, 2] we have modified the recipes of [3, 4] and developed a regular method for constructing a quantum double out of any invertible constant matrix solution R of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation (QYBE)

$$R_{12}R_{13}R_{23} = R_{23}R_{13}R_{12}. \quad (1)$$

To illustrate the efficiency of the method, an R -matrix from the two-parameter class

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & -p & pq \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & q \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

discovered by D. Gurevich (cited in [5]) and studied also in [6-12], has been taken as an input (actually, with $p = q = 1$). The result [2] is a new non-standard quantum double with four generators $\{b, g, v, h\}$ obeying the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} [g, b] &= [h, b] = 2 \sinh g, & [g, v] &= [h, v] = -2 \sinh h, \\ [b, v] &= 2(\cosh g)v + 2(\cosh h)b, & [g, h] &= 0, \\ \Delta(b) &= e^g \otimes b + b \otimes e^{-g}, & \Delta(v) &= e^h \otimes v + v \otimes e^{-h}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

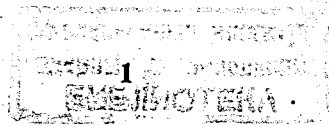
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(g) &= g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes g, & \Delta(h) &= h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, & S^{\pm 1}(g) &= -g, \\ S^{\pm 1}(h) &= -h, & S^{\pm 1}(b) &= -b \pm 2 \sinh g, & S^{\pm 1}(v) &= -v \mp 2 \sinh h. \end{aligned}$$

A month later, Burdik and Hellinger [12] introduced a quantum double also related to R -matrix (2) in terms of generators $\{\tau, \pi, T, P\}$ and a parameter γ . It is not difficult to verify that their double is isomorphic to (3) due to the following identification:

$$\tau = e^g b, \quad \pi = \frac{1 - e^{-2g}}{\gamma}, \quad T = h, \quad P = \frac{\gamma}{2} e^h v. \quad (4)$$

The universal \mathcal{R} -matrix of the quantum double (3) is displayed in [2] as several terms of its power expansion in g and h (in [12] – as a power series in appropriately chosen combinations of generators). The main result of the present paper is an explicit formula for \mathcal{R} :

$$\mathcal{R} = \exp \left\{ \frac{g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h}{\sinh(g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h)} (\sinh g \otimes v + b \otimes \sinh h) \right\}. \quad (5)$$



This has been guessed with the use of computer (namely, the symbolic calculation program FORM [13]) and then proved by hand. I believe that expanding (5) and taking (4) into account should eventually yield the power-series expression for \mathcal{R} given in [12].

The key property of \mathcal{R} to be proved is its quasicocommutativity [14]. For example, the \mathcal{R} -matrix (5) must obey

$$\mathcal{R}(e^h \otimes v + v \otimes e^{-h})\mathcal{R}^{-1} = e^{-h} \otimes v + v \otimes e^h. \quad (6)$$

Denoting $\mathcal{R} = \exp A$ we come to

$$2(v \otimes \sinh h - \sinh h \otimes v) = [A, \Delta(v)] + \frac{1}{2}[A, [A, \Delta(v)]] + \dots, \quad (7)$$

as it follows from the Hadamard formula. Denoting also

$$\Phi = \frac{z}{\sinh z}, \quad \Phi' = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{z}{\sinh z} \quad \text{with} \quad z = g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \quad (8)$$

we find

$$[A, \Delta(v)] = 2(v \otimes \sinh h - \sinh h \otimes v) - 2(\Phi + \Phi')D, \quad (9)$$

$$D = \sinh(g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h)(v \otimes \sinh h - \sinh h \otimes v) + \sinh(h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h)(\sinh g \otimes v + b \otimes \sinh h). \quad (10)$$

From the relations

$$[g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \sinh g \otimes v + b \otimes \sinh h] = 0, \quad (11)$$

$$[g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \sinh h \otimes v - v \otimes \sinh h] = 0, \quad (12)$$

$$[g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, D] = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$[\sinh g \otimes v + b \otimes \sinh h, D] = 2\sinh(g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h)D, \quad (14)$$

we deduce

$$[A, \Phi] = [A, \Phi'] = [D, \Phi] = [D, \Phi'] = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$[A, v \otimes \sinh h - \sinh h \otimes v] = 2\Phi D, \quad (16)$$

$$[A, D] = 2(g \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h)D. \quad (17)$$

The last equality enables us to keep multiple commutators in (7) under control and sum them up, with a desired result.

There is no need of a special proof of the other requirements on \mathcal{R} [14], because an iterative solution of (6) is unique in the Hopf algebra (3). Therefore, the universal \mathcal{R} -matrix (5) obeys QYBE:

It is also interesting to consider the reduced version of (3), that is the Hopf algebra with generators $\{v, h\}$ and relations

$$[v, h] = 2 \sinh h,$$

$$\Delta(v) = e^h \otimes v + v \otimes e^{-h}, \quad \Delta(h) = h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \quad (18)$$

$$S^{\pm 1}(h) = -h, \quad S^{\pm 1}(v) = -v \mp 2 \sinh h.$$

Algebra (18) is a subalgebra of (3) and, at the same time, the quotient algebra with respect to the centre of (3). The latter is generated by the elements

$$\{h - g, (\sinh g)v + (\sinh h)b\}. \quad (19)$$

Simply speaking, (3) reduces to (18) by means of a substitution

$$g = h, \quad b = -v. \quad (20)$$

Another way to get (18) is to begin with the R -matrix (2) and use the original Majid's procedure [4], instead of the above one [1, 2], to build a quasitriangular Hopf algebra. Recall [1] that Majid's approach is based on the $\langle T, L^{\pm} \rangle = R^{\pm}$ duality whereas we proceed from $\langle L^{-}, L^{+} \rangle = R^{-1}$. In the $sl_q(2)$ case both procedures lead to the same result [1, 4], but in the case (2), due to $R^{+} \equiv R_{12} = R_{21}^{-1} \equiv R^{-}$, the resulting Hopf algebras are substantially different.

By construction, the Hopf algebra (18) is quasitriangular (but is not a quantum double, of course). Its universal \mathcal{R} -matrix is obtained by substituting (20) into (5) and looks like

$$\mathcal{R} = \exp \left\{ \Delta \left(\frac{h}{\sinh h} \right) (\sinh h \otimes v - v \otimes \sinh h) \right\}. \quad (21)$$

By the way, to prove (21) directly is easier than (5) because $[A, [A, \Delta(v)]]$ in eq. (7) vanishes in this case.

It is worth mentioning that the standard matrix format for an algebra (18) admits, analogously to $sl_q(2)$ [15-17], an exact exponential parametrization:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^h & v \\ 0 & e^{-h} \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} h & y \\ 0 & -h \end{pmatrix}, \quad [y, h] = 2h, \quad (22)$$

where

$$v = \frac{\sinh h}{h} y + \cosh h - \sinh h - \frac{\sinh h}{h}. \quad (23)$$

A similar reparametrization,

$$v = \frac{\sinh h}{h} x, \quad (24)$$

transforms (18) into a Hopf algebra

$$[x, h] = 2h, \quad (25)$$

$$\Delta(h) = h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \quad (26)$$

$$\Delta(x) = \Delta \left(\frac{h}{\sinh h} \right) \left(e^h \otimes \frac{\sinh h}{h} x + \frac{\sinh h}{h} x \otimes e^{-h} \right), \quad (27)$$

$$S^{\pm 1}(h) = -h, \quad S^{\pm 1}(x) = -x + 2 \left(h \frac{e^{\mp h}}{\sinh h} - 1 \right), \quad (28)$$

which can be viewed as a deformation of the universal enveloping algebra of (25) treated as (trivial) Hopf algebra

$$[x, h] = 2h, \quad \Delta_0(h) = h \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes h, \quad \Delta_0(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x, \quad (29)$$

$$S_0(h) = -h, \quad S_0(x) = -x. \quad (30)$$

The universal \mathcal{R} -matrix takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} &= \exp \left\{ \Delta \left(\frac{h}{\sinh h} \right) \left(\frac{\sinh h}{h} \otimes \frac{\sinh h}{h} \right) (h \otimes x - x \otimes h) \right\} \\ &= 1 \otimes 1 + h \otimes x - x \otimes h + \mathcal{O}(h^2). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

According to Drinfeld [18], this can be interpreted as the quantization (with $\hbar = 1$) of the classical r -matrix

$$r = h \otimes x - x \otimes h. \quad (32)$$

It is proved in [18] that such a quantization exists and is unique. Our relations (27), (28) and (31) produce it in an explicit form.

Universal \mathcal{R} -matrix (31) obeys QYBE (1) in an abstract algebra (25) as well as in all its representations. For instance, to recover the R -matrix (2) with $p = q = 1$, one has to substitute into (31) the 2×2 -matrices

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (33)$$

In conclusion we should remark that in [11], where the problem of quantizing (25) was also studied, an explicit formula has been written for an invertible element F which, according to [18], deforms the coproduct,

$$\Delta(x) = F \Delta_0(x) F^{-1}, \quad (34)$$

and is related to universal \mathcal{R} -matrix by

$$\mathcal{R}_{12} = F_{21} F_{12}^{-1}. \quad (35)$$

However, a straightforward calculation shows that the r.h.s. of (35) with F given in [11] neither coincides with (31) nor obeys QYBE (1).

An open question is whether \mathcal{R} (31) (and maybe also F in closed form) can be obtained by the very interesting direct method recently proposed [19] for evaluating quantum objects like \mathcal{R} and F as functionals of the corresponding classical r -matrix.

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