

Introduction to quantum groups

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Problems for the Skoltech course, Fall 2023. There are mistakes here. If you find any, please write to mbersht@gmail.com
Definitions and hints can be found in the slides and references.

1 Poisson algebras and quantization

Problem 1.1. *Show that Moyal formula defines associative product.*

Problem 1.2 (*). *Find an example of the Poisson algebra which cannot be quantized.*

Problem 1.3 (*). *Show that $HH^2(U(\mathfrak{g})) = 0$ for semisimple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} .*

Problem 1.4. *Show that distribution T^Π is integrable.*

2 Poisson-Lie groups and Lie bialgebras

Problem 2.1. a) *Let G is Poisson-Lie group, $H \subset G$ is Poisson-Lie subgroup. Show that $C^\infty(G)^H$ is Poisson subalgebra.*

b) *Let $H \subset G$ is subgroup such that $\Pi|_H \in TH \otimes TG + TG \otimes TH$. Show that $C^\infty(G)^H$ is Poisson subalgebra.*

Problem 2.2. *Let $G = GL(2)$, Poisson-Lie structure defined by r matrix with $r = \frac{1}{4}h \otimes h + e \otimes f$, $L = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$. Find brackets of a, b, c, d . Check skew-commutativity. Check Poisson-Lie property.*

Problem 2.3. *For any finite dimensional Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} there exists bijection between bialgebra structures on \mathfrak{g} and Manin triples with $\mathfrak{q}_+ \simeq \mathfrak{g}$.*

Problem 2.4. *Find Lie bialgebra structure (i.e. δ) for Examples 1 and 3 and $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$.*

3 Classical r -matrices

Let $\delta_r(a) = \text{ad}_a r$.

Problem 3.1. Show that δ_r maps to $\Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g}$ if and only if $r_{12} + r_{21} \in (\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g})^{\mathfrak{g}}$.

Problem 3.2. Let $r = r^S + r^A$, where $r^S = \alpha \Omega$, $r^A \in \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g}$. Show that a) $\delta_r = \delta_{r^A}$.
b) $[[r, r]] = [[r^A, r^A]] + \alpha^2 c$.

Problem 3.3. Show that $\mathfrak{g} \hookrightarrow D(\mathfrak{g})$ and $(\mathfrak{g}^*)^{\text{coop}} \hookrightarrow D(\mathfrak{g})$ are embeddings of Lie bialgebras.

Problem 3.4. For standard bialgebra structure for simple \mathfrak{g}

- a) Find $\delta(h_i)$, $\delta(e_\alpha)$, $\delta(e_{-\alpha})$, where α is simple.
- b) Find Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}^* .
- c) Show that $r = \sum h_i \otimes h^i + 2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} e_\alpha \otimes e_{-\alpha}$ defines the same δ and satisfies CYBE.

Problem 3.5 (*). Let $r \in \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g}$ satisfy MCYBE. Show that $\Pi = (\lambda_g)_* r - (\rho_g)_* r$ is Poisson bracket.

4 Dual Poisson-Lie groups, symplectic leaves

Problem 4.1 (*). Let G be Poisson-Lie group. For $\alpha \in \mathfrak{g}^*$ let $\alpha_l \in \Omega^1(G)$ be corresponding left invariant 1-form. Define vector field by the formula $V(\alpha) = \Pi(\alpha_l) \in \text{Vect} G$. Show that map $\mathfrak{g}^* \rightarrow \text{Vect}(G)$ is Lie algebra homomorphism.

Problem 4.2. a) Find explicitly double Bruhat cells for $SL(2)$ with standard Poisson bracket (see Problem 2.2).

b) Find symplectic leaves on $SL(2)$. Find Casimir functions (i.e. generators of the Poisson center) on each double Bruhat cell.

5 Quantum group and algebras. Example of \mathfrak{sl}_2

Problem 5.1. Let $B \in U(\mathfrak{g})$ such that $\Delta(B) = B \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes B$. Show that $B \in \mathfrak{g}$.

Problem 5.2 (*). Let $U_\hbar(\mathfrak{g})$ is quantization of universal enveloping $U(\mathfrak{g})$. Let $\delta(a) = \frac{\Delta(a) - \Delta^{\text{op}}(a)}{\hbar} \bmod \hbar$. Show that δ satisfies cocycle and coJacobi conditions.

Problem 5.3. Let $g(\hbar) = 1 + O(\hbar) \in U(\mathfrak{h})[[\hbar]]$ is group like element (i.e. $\Delta(g) = g \otimes g$), then $g(\hbar) = \exp(\alpha H \hbar)$, for $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}[[\hbar]]$.

Problem 5.4. Show that relation $[E, F] = \frac{e^{\hbar H} - e^{-\hbar H}}{e^{\hbar} - e^{-\hbar}}$ agrees with coproduct Δ .

Problem 5.5. Show that exists homomorphism $U_\hbar(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)[[\hbar]]$ such that $E \mapsto e$, $H \mapsto h$, and $F \mapsto \Phi(c, \hbar)f$, where $c \in U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is Casimir element.

6 Hopf algebras

Problem 6.1. Show that S is antihomomorphism of algebra and coalgebra.

Problem 6.2. a) Find formulas for action of E, H, F in basis v_m .

b) Define basis \tilde{v}_m .

Problem 6.3. a) Show existence of natural morphisms $V^* \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow V \otimes V^*$.

b) Show that $(V \otimes W)^* = W^* \otimes V^*$.

Problem 6.4 (*). a) Show directly that $L_1 \otimes L_l \simeq L_{l+1} \oplus L_{l-1}$, for $l \geq 1$.

b) Show that $L_{l_1} \otimes L_{l_2} = \oplus L_l$, where summation region $|l_1 - l_2| \leq l \leq l_1 + l_2$ and $l + l_1 + l_2$ is even.

7 Quantum R -matrices

Problem 7.1. For $U_h(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ show that $\Delta^{op}(E)R = R\Delta(E)$.

Problem 7.2. a) Show that $C_h = FE + \frac{e^{h(H+1)} + e^{-h(H+1)}}{(e^h - e^{-h})^2}$ is central.

b) Find action of C_h and $e^{-hH}u$ on L_m .

c) Let $\Phi_h^{-1}: U(\mathfrak{sl}_2)[[\hbar]] \rightarrow U_h(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ isomorphism. Let $c = fe + h(h+2)/4$. Find $\Phi_h^{-1}(c)$. $\Phi_h^{-1}(e^{hc})$, relate to central elements above.

8 Drinfeld-Jimbo quantum groups

Problem 8.1. Show that Serre relations are equivalent to

$$(\text{Ad}_{E_i}^{\text{coop}})^{1-a_{ij}} E_j = 0, \quad (\text{Ad}_{F_i})^{1-a_{ij}} F_j = 0.$$

Problem 8.2. Show that $\forall u \in \tilde{U}$ we have $S^2(u) = K_{2\rho} u K_{-2\rho}$

Problem 8.3. Show that $[F_k, u_{i,j}^+] = 0$.

9 Finite dimensional Representation of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$

Problem 9.1. Show the $V \otimes \mathbb{C}_\sigma \otimes \mathbb{C}_\sigma \simeq V$ for any finite dimensional representation V .

Problem 9.2. a) Describe $\mathbb{C}^n = L\varpi_1$ as representation of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$.

b) Check formula for intertwining operator $\tilde{R}: \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\tilde{R} = \sum_i E_{ii} \otimes E_{ii} + \sum_{i < j} (E_{ij} \otimes E_{ji} + E_{ji} \otimes E_{ij} + (q - q^{-1})E_{jj} \otimes E_{ii}).$$

c) (*) Hecke algebra H_N for \mathfrak{sl}_N is an algebra with generators T_1, \dots, T_{N-1} and relations

$$(T_i - q)(T_i + q^{-1}) = 0, \quad T_i T_{i+1} T_i = T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}, \quad T_i T_j = T_j T_i, \quad |i - j| > 1.$$

Construct an action of H_N on $(\mathbb{C}^n)^{\otimes N}$ commuting with $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n)$. This is q -analog of Schur-Weyl duality.

Problem 9.3 (*). a) For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$ construct representation L_{ϖ_k} , where ϖ_k is k -th fundamental weight. This is q -analog of $\Lambda^k \mathbb{C}^n$.

b) For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$ construct representation $L_{k\varpi_1}$. This is q -analog of $S^k \mathbb{C}^n$.

10 Drinfeld double. Drinfeld theorem.

Problem 10.1 (*). Show that relations $\langle a_{(1)}, b_{(1)} \rangle a_{(2)} * b_{(2)} = b_{(1)} * a_{(1)} \langle a_{(2)}, b_{(2)} \rangle$ is equivalent to $b * a = \langle a_{(1)}, b_{(1)} \rangle a_{(2)} * b_{(2)} \langle a_{(3)}, S^{-1}(b_{(3)}) \rangle$

Problem 10.2. Show nondegeneracy of the pairing $U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{b}^+) \otimes U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{b}^-) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Problem 10.3. Show that $(F^n, E^m) = \frac{[n]_q!}{(q-q^{-1})^n} q^{-\binom{n}{2}} \delta_{m,n}$.

Problem 10.4 (*). For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2$ and $V = \mathbb{C}^2$ compute C_V .

11 RTT realization

Problem 11.1. Show that $\langle RL_1^+ L_2^+ - L_2^+ L_1^+ R, - \rangle = 0$.

Problem 11.2. a) Deduce quadratic relations on E, F, H from RTT relations.

b)* Deduce Serre relations from RTT relations.

Problem 11.3. Prove that $U(R)$ is generated by $l_{ii}^+, l_{i,i+1}^+, l_{ii}^-, l_{i+1,i}^-$.

Problem 11.4. Find formulas for $L^+ = (\rho \otimes \text{id})\mathcal{R}$ and $L^- = (\text{id} \otimes \rho)\mathcal{R}^{-1}$ for $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$.

12 Functions on quantum group SL_2

Problem 12.1. Show that $q\text{det}$ is central and group-like.

Problem 12.2. Show that $L_l \otimes L_l^*$ are linearly independent in $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)^\circ$ for $l \geq 0$.

Problem 12.3 (*). Let $U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{g})$ be quantum universal enveloping algebra. Let $A = \{x \in U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{g}) \mid (id - \epsilon)\Delta_n(x) \in U_{\hbar}(\mathfrak{g})^{\otimes n}, \forall n\}$. Show that A is a Hopf algebra, cocommutative up to first order in \hbar .

13 Functions on quantum group SL_n

Problem 13.1 (*). a) $t_{-w_0(\Lambda), \Lambda}^{\Lambda} t_{-\mu, \lambda}^{\Lambda'} = q^{(\Lambda, \lambda) - (w_0(\Lambda), \mu)} t_{-\mu, \lambda}^{\Lambda'} t_{-w_0(\Lambda), \Lambda}^{\Lambda}$.

b) $t_{-\Lambda, w_0(\Lambda)}^{\Lambda} t_{-\mu, \lambda}^{\Lambda'} = q^{(\Lambda, \mu) - (w_0(\Lambda), \lambda)} t_{-\mu, \lambda}^{\Lambda'} t_{-\Lambda, w_0(\Lambda)}^{\Lambda}$.

c) Elements $t_{-w_0(\Lambda), \Lambda}^{\Lambda}, t_{-\Lambda', w_0(\Lambda')}^{\Lambda'}$ form commutative subalgebra.

Problem 13.2 (*). a) Subalgebra A_+ is generated by $t_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^{1, \dots, k}$.

b) Subalgebra A_- is generated by $t_{i_1, \dots, i_k}^{n-k+1, \dots, n}$.

c) Commutative subalgebra from c) above is generated by $t_{n-k+1 \dots n}^{1 \dots k}, t_{1 \dots k}^{n-k+1 \dots n}$.

Problem 13.3 (*). For given $J = \{j_1 < \dots j_{r-1}\}$, $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$, $K = \{k_0, \dots k_r\}$ show relation

$$\sum_{s=0}^r \text{sgn}(J, k_s) (-q)^{-s} t_{j_1 \dots k_s, \dots, j_{r-1}}^{i_1 \dots i_r} t_{k_0, \dots, k_s, \dots, k_r}^{i_1 \dots i_r} = 0$$

Problem 13.4 (*). Show that center of $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}_n]_q$ is generated by $q\det$.

14 Lusztig's braid group

Problem 14.1 (*). Check that $[T_i(E_j), T_i(F_j)] = T_i([E_j, F_j])$ for $a_{ij} = -1$.

Problem 14.2 (*). Fix reduced expression of $w_0 = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_N}$.

a) If $a_{i_k, i_{k+1}} = 0$ then reversing i_k, i_{k+1} we get reduced expression \vec{i}' with the same (but reordered) set of Cartan-Weyl elements.

b) If $i_k = i_{k+2}$, $a_{i_k, i_{k+1}} = a_{i_{k+1}, i_{k+2}} = -1$ then $\beta_{k+1} = \beta_k + \beta_{k+2}$, $E_{\beta_{k+1}} = -[E_{\beta_k}, E_{\beta_{k+2}}]_q$. Replacing $i_k, i_{k+1}, i_{k+2} \rightarrow i_{k+1} i_k i_{k+1}$ we get reduced expression \vec{i}' and the set of Cartan-Weyl elements $\{E'_\beta\}$ differs from $\{E_\beta\}$ only by $E'_{\beta_{k+1}}$ and $E_{\beta_{k+1}}$.

c) If $\beta_k = \alpha_j$ then $E_{\beta_k} = E_j$.

Problem 14.3 (*). Relate $l_{i,j}^-$ generators in RTT realization and Cartan-Weyl elements.

15 Factorization of the universal R matrix

Problem 15.1 (*). a) For $v \in L_l[m]$ show that $E^{(a)} F^{(b)} v = \sum_{t \geq 0} F^{(b-t)} E^{(a-t)} \begin{bmatrix} m-b+a \\ t \end{bmatrix}_q v$.

b) Let $v_l \in L_l$ be highest weight vector. Let $\tilde{v}_m = F^{(\frac{l-m}{2})} v_l \in L_l[m]$. Show that

$$t \tilde{v}_m = (-1)^{\frac{l-m}{2}} q^{-\frac{l-m}{2} \frac{l+m+2}{2}} \tilde{v}_{-m}.$$

c) Show that $t F v = -E K t v$, $t K v = K^{-1} t v$, $t E v = -k^{-1} F t v$.

Problem 15.2 (*). Let $\bar{\mathcal{R}} = \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{\binom{n}{2} \frac{(q-1/q)^n}{[n]_q!}} E^n \otimes F^n$. Show that

$$\bar{\mathcal{R}}^{-1} = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{-\binom{n}{2} \frac{(q-1/q)^n}{[n]_q!}} E^n \otimes F^n$$

Problem 15.3 (*). Show that $\Delta(t) = \bar{\mathcal{R}}^{-1} t \otimes t$