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## Geometric construction of crystals

### For $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$

(I)

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}^- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}^+ \quad U(\mathfrak{g})$$

$$U_q^+ \otimes K \otimes U_q^-$$

$$U_q(\mathfrak{g})$$

quantised

Simple Lie algebra      enveloping algebra      enveloping algebra

$h_i$  was previously called  $d_i$

$$e_i, f_i, h_i$$

$$[h_i, h_j] = 0$$

$$[h_i, e_j] = \langle h_i, \alpha_j \rangle e_j$$

Serre relations

$$[e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} h_i$$

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} U_q(\mathfrak{g}) = U(\mathfrak{g}) \quad \text{'quantum group'}$$

$$e_i, f_j, K_\lambda \quad (\lambda \in P)$$

wt lattice

$$K_\lambda K_\mu = K_{\lambda+\mu}$$

$$K_\lambda e_j = q^{\langle \lambda, \alpha_j \rangle} e_j K_\lambda$$

$$K_\lambda f_j = q^{-\langle \lambda, \alpha_j \rangle} f_j K_\lambda$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A-D-E \\ q_i = q \quad \forall i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[e_i, f_j] = \delta_{ij} \frac{K_i - K_j}{q_i - q_j^{-1}}$$

algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}(q)$

$i \neq j$   $q$ -Serre relations

$$\sum_{n=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^n \binom{1-a_{ij}}{n} f_i^n f_j f_i^{1-a_{ij}-n} = 0$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{1-a_{ij}} (-1)^n \binom{1-a_{ij}}{n} e_i^n e_j e_i^{1-a_{ij}-n} = 0$$

$$[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}$$

$$[n]_q! = [n]_q \cdots [1]_q$$

$$\binom{n}{m}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[m]_q! [n-m]_q!}$$

We shall construct  $B(\infty)$  which is a crystal for  $U_q^- (\stackrel{?}{=} U_q(\mathfrak{n}^-))$  as a  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$  module

## (II) Kashiwara's operators

Let  $A = \{ \frac{f}{g} \in \mathbb{Q}(q) \mid g(0) \neq 0 \}$

Let  $M$  be a  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$  module. (f-d integral module)

Let  $(L, B)$  be as follows:

(1)  $L$  is a free  $A$ -submodule of  $M$  s.t.

$$M \cong \mathbb{Q}(q) \otimes_A L$$

$$\hookrightarrow (L \cong A^n)$$

(2)

$B$  is a basis of the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space  $\frac{L}{qL}$

Fact:  $M = \bigoplus_{\delta} M_{\delta}$  ← weight space decomposition

$$= \bigoplus_{0 \leq n \leq \langle h_i, \nu \rangle} \int_i^n (\text{ker } e_i \cap M_{\nu})$$

over  $\mathbb{V}$   
mod  $n$

divided power:  $f_i^{(n)} = \frac{f_i^n}{n!}$

Def (Kashiwara's operators)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_i: M &\rightarrow M \\ \tilde{f}_i: f_i^{(n)} u &\mapsto f_i^{(n+1)} u \quad u \in \ker e_i \cap M_\nu \\ \tilde{e}_i: f_i^{(n)} u &\mapsto f_i^{(n-1)} u \quad \text{and } 0 \leq n < \langle h_i, \nu \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Def  $(L, B)$  is called a crystal basis for  $M$  if

- $\tilde{e}_i: L \subset L, \tilde{f}_i: L \subset L$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{e}_i$  and  $\tilde{f}_i$  act on  $L/qL$

- $\tilde{e}_i: B \subset B \setminus \{0\}, \tilde{f}_i: B \subset B \cup \{0\}$

(could be)  $\Rightarrow L = \bigoplus_{\nu \in P} L_\nu, B = \bigsqcup_{\nu \in P} B_\nu$

where  $L_\nu = L \cap M_\nu, B_\nu = B \cap (L_\nu / qL_\nu)$

- $b, b' \in B, b' = \tilde{f}_i b \Leftrightarrow b = \tilde{e}_i b'$

Example  $\lambda \in P_+, V(\lambda) = \text{simple } U_q(\mathfrak{g})\text{-module of highest weight } \lambda$

$u_\lambda = \text{highest weight wt vector}$

$L(\lambda) = \mathcal{A}$ -submodule spanned/generated  
 by  $\tilde{f}_{i_1} \dots \tilde{f}_{i_r} u_\lambda$  and *'by things of this form'*

$$B(\lambda) = \{ \tilde{f}_{i_1} \dots \tilde{f}_{i_r} u_\lambda \neq 0 \in \frac{L}{\mathcal{A}L} \}$$

*i.e.  $\neq 0$  in the quotient*

Then  $(L(\lambda), B(\lambda))$  is a crystal basis for  $V(\lambda)$

In particular,  $B(\lambda)$  is a crystal.

End Example

The highest wt  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module  $U_q^-$  is

- generated by 1
- satisfying  $e_i \cdot 1 = 0 \forall i$

Fact:  $U_q^- = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} f_i^{(n)} \ker e_i \quad \forall i$

Define:  $\tilde{e}_i, \tilde{f}_i$  by

$$\tilde{f}_i : f_i^{(n)} u \mapsto f_i^{(n+1)} u \quad (u \in \ker e_i)$$

$$\tilde{e}_i : f_i^{(n)} u \mapsto f_i^{(n-1)} u$$

Example  $L(\infty) = A$ -submodule of  $U_q^-$  generated by  $\tilde{f}_i \dots \tilde{f}_{i^p} \cdot 1$

$$B(\infty) = \{ \tilde{f}_i, \dots, \tilde{f}_{i^p} \cdot 1 \neq 0 \text{ in } \frac{L(\infty)}{qL(\infty)} \}$$

i.e.  $\neq 0$  in the quotient

$(L(\infty), \underbrace{B(\infty)}_{\text{a crystal}})$  is a crystal basis for  $U_q^-$

$B(\infty)$  : characterized by some properties

$i \in I$  :  $B_i$  is the crystal defined below

$$B_i = \{ b_i(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z} \} \cup \{ b_0 \}$$

$$\text{wt}(b_i(n)) = n \alpha_i$$

$$e_i(b_i(n)) = b_i(n-1), \quad e_i(b_i(n)) = -n$$

$$e_j(b_i(n)) = -\infty, \quad e_j(b_i(n)) = -\infty \quad (j \neq i)$$

$$\tilde{e}_i(b_i(n)) = b_i(n+1)$$

$$\tilde{f}_i(b_i(n)) = b_i(n-1)$$

$$e_{\tilde{j}}(b_i(h)) = \tilde{f}_j(b_i(h)) = 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

$b_0 \in B$  with  $\text{wt } 0$

Assume the following hold

- ①  $\text{wt}(B) \subset \mathbb{Q}$
  - ②  $b_0$  is the unique elt of  $B$  with  $\text{wt } 0$ .
  - ③  $\varepsilon_i(b_0) = 0 \quad \forall i$
  - ④  $\varepsilon_i(b) \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall b, i$
  - ⑤ For  $\forall i$ ,  $\exists$  'strict' embedding  $\psi_i: B \rightarrow B \otimes B_i$
  - ⑥  $\psi_i(B) = B \times \{ \tilde{f}_i \cdot b_i, n \geq 0 \} \quad (b_i = b_i(0))$
  - ⑦ For any  $b \in B$  s.t.  $b \neq b_0$   $\exists i$  s.t.
- Then  $B \cong B(\infty) \quad \psi_i(b) = b' \otimes \tilde{f}_i \cdot b_i$  with  $n \geq 0$