

69. A New One-parameter Family of 2×2 Quantum Matrices

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We introduce a new one-parameter family of quadratic braided 2×2 matrix bialgebras $B_q(2)$. We work over the complex numbers C . All proofs of this announcement will be included in [5]. The main results were also announced at the AMS San Fransisco meeting in January 1991.

We start with the following R -matrix. Let q be a complex number.

$$\begin{aligned} R_q = & \left[1 - \frac{(q-1)^2}{2} \right] e_{11} \otimes e_{11} + \left[1 - \frac{(q+1)^2}{2} \right] e_{22} \otimes e_{22} \\ & + \frac{(q-1)^2}{2} e_{12} \otimes e_{12} + \frac{(q+1)^2}{2} e_{21} \otimes e_{21} \\ & + \frac{1-q^2}{2} (e_{11} \otimes e_{22} + e_{22} \otimes e_{11}) + \frac{1+q^2}{2} (e_{12} \otimes e_{21} + e_{21} \otimes e_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

where e_{ij} denote the matrix units. A tedious verification shows that R_q satisfies the Yang-Baxter equation (or the braid condition)

$$(I \otimes R_q)(R_q \otimes I)(I \otimes R_q) = (R_q \otimes I)(I \otimes R_q)(R_q \otimes I).$$

Further we have $(R_q - I)(R_q + q^2 I) = 0$ and when $q \neq 0$, $q^2 \neq -1$, R_q is diagonal with two two-dimensional eigenspaces.

Definition 1. Assume $q \neq 0$, $q^2 \neq -1$. Let $B_q(2)$ be the C -algebra defined by generators a, b, c, d and the following relations

- (1) $ad = da$, (2) $bc = cb$, (3) $ab - \hat{q}ba = (1 - \hat{q})cd$,
- (4) $dc + \hat{q}cd = (1 + \hat{q})ba$, (5) $ac - \hat{q}ca = -(1 + \hat{q})bd$,
- (6) $db + \hat{q}bd = -(1 - \hat{q})ca$, (7) $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 + d^2$,
- (8) $(1 + \hat{q})b^2 = (\hat{q} - 1)c^2$,

where $\hat{q} = \frac{q + q^{-1}}{2}$.

The above relations are equivalent to saying that the matrix $X \otimes X$ with $X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, commutes with R_q . Hence the algebra $B_q(2)$ has a bialgebra structure with comultiplication

$$\Delta \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \otimes 1 & b \otimes 1 \\ c \otimes 1 & d \otimes 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \otimes a & 1 \otimes b \\ 1 \otimes c & 1 \otimes d \end{pmatrix}.$$

The bialgebra $B_q(2)$ is braided by [2] or [1].

Proposition 2. Assume $q \neq 0$, $q^4 \neq 1$. Let

$$f = \frac{1}{2}(a + d), \quad g = \frac{1}{2}(a - d), \quad s = \frac{1}{2}(q_- b + q_+ c), \quad t = \frac{1}{2}(q_- b - q_+ c)$$

where $q_{\pm} = (\sqrt{q} \pm \sqrt{q^{-1}})^{-1}$.

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