

# Parameter-dependent solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equation on $sl(n, \mathbb{C})$ .

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## Abstract

For any integers  $n$  and  $m$  ( $m \geq 4$ ) such that  $n + m$  is odd we exhibit triangular solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equation on  $sl((n + 1)(m + 2), \mathbb{C})$  parametrized by points of a quotient of complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor}(\mathbb{C})$  by the action of the symmetric group  $Sym(\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor)$  and we prove that no two of these solutions are isomorphic.

## 1 Introduction

The motivation for this work is to exhibit solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equations depending on a large number of parameters. Such solutions lead, by a construction indicated by Drinfeld [1], to quantum groups. We hope that these parameter-dependent quantum groups may have interesting geometrical applications [3].

## 2 The classical Yang-Baxter equation.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a finite-dimensional Lie algebra over  $\mathbb{K}$  ( $= \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ); an element  $R \in \wedge^2 \mathcal{G}$  is said to be a solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation iff

$$[R, R] = 0$$

where  $[\ , \ ] : \wedge^2 \mathcal{G} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \wedge^3 \mathcal{G}$  is the Schouten bracket, defined on bivectors by

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$$\begin{aligned}
 [X_1 \wedge X_2, Y_1 \wedge Y_2] &:= [X_1, Y_1] \wedge X_2 \wedge Y_2 - [X_1, Y_2] \wedge X_2 \wedge Y_1 \\
 &\quad - [X_2, Y_1] \wedge X_1 \wedge Y_2 + [X_2, Y_2] \wedge X_1 \wedge Y_1
 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [2] corollary 2.2.4 and proposition 2.2.6). *There is a bijective correspondence between the solutions  $R$  of the classical Yang-Baxter equation on  $\mathcal{G}$  and the symplectic subalgebras  $(\mathcal{H}, \omega)$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ ; i.e.  $\omega$  belongs to  $\wedge^2 \mathcal{H}^*$ , the radical of  $\omega$  is zero and  $\omega$  is a 2-cocycle of  $\mathcal{H}$  with values in  $\mathbb{K}$  for the trivial representation of  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathbb{K}$ .*

Let us recall the argument of this well known lemma. Denote by  $\underline{R} : \mathcal{G}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  the map defined by  $\underline{R}(\alpha) := i(\alpha)R, \forall \alpha \in \mathcal{G}^*$ . The condition  $[R, R] = 0$  implies that  $\mathcal{H} := \text{Im} \underline{R}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{G}$ , and that  $R$  is an element of  $\wedge^2 \mathcal{H}$ . Furthermore  $\underline{R}$  induces an isomorphism (still denoted  $\underline{R}$ )  $\mathcal{H}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ . The element  $\omega$  of  $\wedge^2 \mathcal{H}^*$  defined by

$$\omega(X, Y) = \langle R | \underline{R}^{-1} X \wedge \underline{R}^{-1} Y \rangle$$

is of maximal rank. Finally

$$\oint_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \omega([\underline{R}\alpha, \underline{R}\beta], \underline{R}\gamma) = \frac{1}{8} \langle [R, R] | \alpha \wedge \beta \wedge \gamma \rangle \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{H}^*$$

and hence  $\omega$  is a 2-cocycle.

### 3 A family of symplectic nilpotent Lie algebras.

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the complex vector space generated by the elements  $x, y, e_{i,j}; 0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m$ . We assume that  $n + m$  is odd and that  $m \geq 4$ . Define non vanishing brackets as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x, e_{i,j}] &:= e_{i,j+1} \\
 [y, e_{i,j}] &:= a_i e_{i,j+3}
 \end{aligned}$$

(with the convention  $e_{i,m+k} := 0, k > 0$ ). We assume that at least one of the  $(n + 1)$  complex numbers  $a_i$  is different from zero. Define the element  $\omega$  of  $\wedge^2 \mathcal{G}$  by

$$\omega(x, y) := 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega(e_{i,j}, e_{i',j'}) = (-1)^{i+j} \delta_{i',n-i} \delta_{j',m-j}$$

The 2-form  $\omega$  is antisymmetric as  $n + m$  is odd; it is a 2-cocycle provided  $a_i = a_{n-i}$ . The  $p$ -th element of the central descending series of  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^{(p)} (1 \leq p \leq m)$  is  $\langle e_{i,j}; 0 \leq i \leq n, p \leq j \leq m \rangle$ , the centralizer of  $\mathcal{G}^{(m-3)}$  is  $\langle e_{i,j}; 0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m \rangle$  and the centralizer of  $\mathcal{G}^{(m-2)}$  is  $\langle y, e_{i,j}; 0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m \rangle$ . The linear map  $ad(y)$  [resp.  $ad(x)^3$ ] induces a map  $A(y)$  [resp.  $A(x)$ ] from  $\mathcal{G}^{(m-3)} / \mathcal{G}^{(m-2)} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{(m)}$  which is invariantly defined up to a non zero complex multiple. Denote by  $\{\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_q\}$  the solutions of the equation  $rank(\lambda A(x) - A(y)) < n + 1$  and for each of these solutions  $\lambda_i$  define  $m_i$  its multiplicity  $m_i := n + 1 - rank(\lambda_i A(x) - A(y))$ . All  $\lambda_i$ 's have even multiplicity if  $n$  is odd and if  $n$  is even there is exactly one  $\lambda_i$  which has odd multiplicity; we shall denote it  $\lambda_q$ . The point  $[a_0, \dots, a_n]$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}(\mathbb{C})$  and the point  $[\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_q, \dots, \lambda_q]$  ( $\lambda_i$  appear with multiplicity  $\lfloor \frac{m_i+1}{2} \rfloor$ ) belong to the same orbit of  $Sym(\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor)$ . The action of an element of  $Sym(\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor)$  on a point  $x$

of  $\mathbb{P}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}(\mathbb{C})$  with homogeneous coordinates  $x_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ ) is given by the standard action on the  $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor$  first coordinates. Hence

**Proposition 3.1.** *The isomorphism class of the nilpotent algebra  $\mathcal{G}_{(a)}$ , ( $a := (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ ) is determined by a point of complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}(\mathbb{C})$ . Two points give rise to isomorphic algebras if and only if they belong to the same orbit of  $Sym(\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor)$  on  $\mathbb{P}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}(\mathbb{C})$ .*

## 4 A family of solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equation for $sl((n+1)(m+2), \mathbb{C})$ .

Let  $\{f_{i,j}; 0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m+1\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^{(n+1)(m+2)}$  and let  $\rho$  be the linear, faithful representation of  $\mathcal{G}_{(a)}$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{(n+1)(m+2)}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x)f_{i,j} &:= f_{i,j+1} \\ \rho(y)f_{i,j} &:= a_i f_{i,j+3} \\ \rho(e_{i',j'})f_{i,j} &:= \delta_{i',i} \delta_{0,j} f_{i,j+j'+1} \end{aligned}$$

(with the convention  $f_{i,m+1+k} := 0, k > 0$ ). The algebra  $\rho(\mathcal{G}_{(a)})$  is a subalgebra of  $sl((n+1)(m+2), \mathbb{C})$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}_{(a)}$ . It is symplectic with respect to the transported symplectic form  $\omega$  of  $\mathcal{G}_{(a)}$ . The corresponding solutions of the classical Yang-Baxter equation are given by

$$R_a = \rho(x) \wedge \rho(y) + \sum_{i,j} (-1)^{i+j} \rho(e_{i,j}) \wedge \rho(e_{n-i,m-j}) \quad (1)$$

Observe that a bialgebra structure on  $sl(N, \mathbb{C})$  determines uniquely an element  $r \in \Lambda^2(sl(N, \mathbb{C}))$ . If  $r$  is a solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation (cf 2) it is well known that there exists a unique minimal subalgebra  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $sl(N, \mathbb{C})$  such that  $r \in \Lambda^2(\mathcal{H})$ ; we shall call  $\mathcal{H}$  the support of  $r$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $R_a$  the solution of the classical Yang-Baxter equation given by formula (1)*

1. *Let  $K := \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ . The support of  $R_a$  are isomorphic if and only if the projection of  $(a_0, \dots, a_{K-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^K \setminus \{0\}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^{K-1}(\mathbb{C})/Sym(K)$  are identical. In particular if the projections are distinct, the corresponding bialgebras are non isomorphic.*
2. *Let  $\Omega$  be the open dense subset of  $\mathbb{C}^K$  defined as follows. If  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{K(K-1)} : (a_0, \dots, a_{K-1}) \rightarrow ((1 - \frac{a_i}{a_j}) \mid i \neq j)$  then  $\Omega = \phi^{-1}(\mathbb{C}^{K(K-1)} \setminus (\cup_{i,j} \{(z_0, \dots, z_{K-1}) \mid z_i = z_j\} \cup_i \{(z_0, \dots, z_{K-1}) \mid z_i = 0\}))$ . Let  $a, a' \in \Omega$  then the bialgebra structures defined by  $R_a$  and  $R_{a'}$  are isomorphic if and only if the projection of  $(a_0, \dots, a_{K-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^K \setminus \{0\}$  on  $(\mathbb{C}^K \setminus \{0\})/Sym(K)$  are identical.*

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