

Quantum Root Vectors and a Dolbeault Double Complex for the A -Series Quantum Flag Manifolds

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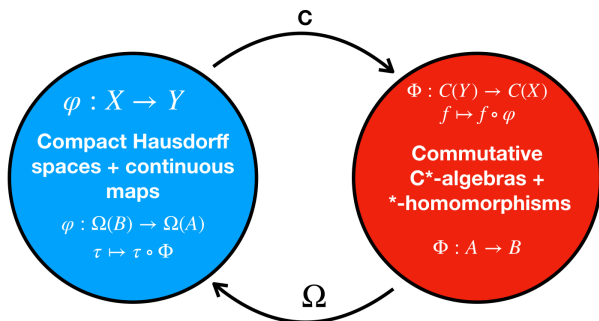
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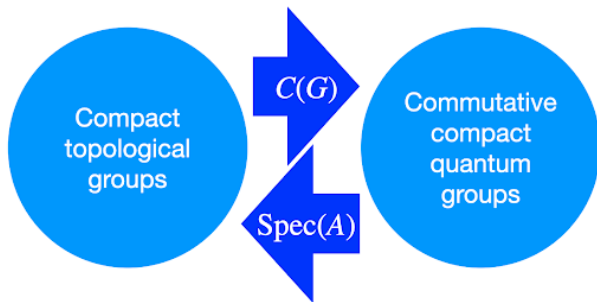
0: Some C^* -Motivation

Recall the duality of categories:

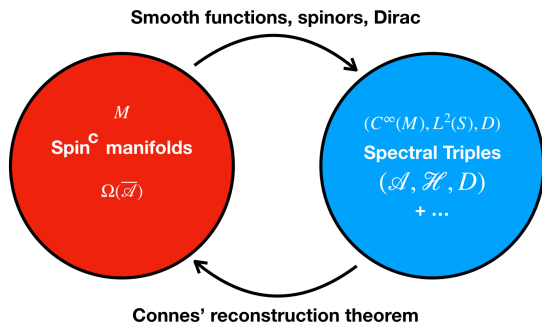


$\Omega(A) := \{ \tau : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \tau \text{ a } *\text{-homomorphism} \}$,
equipped with weak- $*$ topology

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Connes' Reconstruction Theorem extends Gelfand duality to a “differential duality”.



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and $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ goes to a $(\text{rank}(\mathfrak{g}) + 1)$ -fold cover of $U(\mathfrak{g})$.

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- In a sense which can be made precise, this is the unique q -deformation of the monoidal structure of $U(\mathfrak{g})\text{mod}$. Moreover, it comes endowed with a unique braiding.

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A pair (Ω^\bullet, d) is called a **differential graded algebra** if $\Omega^\bullet = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbf{N}_0} \Omega^k$ is an \mathbf{N}_0 -graded algebra, and d is a degree 1 map such that $d^2 = 0$, and

$$d(\omega \wedge \nu) = d(\omega) \wedge \nu + (-1)^k \omega \wedge d(\nu), \quad (\omega \in \Omega^k, \nu \in \Omega^\bullet).$$

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We say that (Ω^\bullet, d) is **left covariant** if it admits a left $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module algebra structure, with respect to which d is $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module map. Similarly we define **right and bicovariant** calculi.

Problem

There do not exist any bicovariant calculi over $\mathcal{O}_q(G)$ of classical dimension!

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- It admits a direct left $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -covariant q -deformation of its de Rham complex, with an extremely rich and interesting noncommutative geometry!!

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where L_S is a Levi subgroup, roughly speaking L_S is a subgroup of G containing a maximal torus. They are indexed by subsets S of the simple roots of \mathfrak{g} .

- For S a subset of simple roots, we have the *quantum Levi subalgebra*

$$U_q(\mathfrak{l}_S) := \langle K_i, E_j, F_j \mid i = 1, \dots, r; j \in S \rangle \subseteq U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_n).$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S) &:= U_q(\mathfrak{l}_S) \mathcal{O}_q(G) \\ &= \{g \in \mathcal{O}_q(G) \mid X \triangleright g = \varepsilon(X)g, \forall X \in U_q(\mathfrak{l}_S)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Compact Quantum Hermitian Symmetric Spaces

A_n		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathrm{Gr}_{n,r})$	quantum Grassmanian
B_n		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{Q}_{2n+1})$	odd quantum quadric
C_n		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{L}_n)$	symmetric q.-Lagrangian Grassmannian
D_n		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{Q}_{2n})$	even quantum quadric
D_n		$\mathcal{O}_q(S_n)$	quantum spinor variety
E_6		$\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}^2)$	quantum Cayley plane
E_7		$\mathcal{O}_q(F)$	quantum Freudenthal variety

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Theorem (Heckenberger, Kolb '06)

For each quantum flag manifold $\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$ of Hermitian symmetric type, there exists a unique right covariant differential calculus $\Omega_q^\bullet(G/L_S)$ of classical dimension.

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- 3) Can this approach be extended to $\mathcal{O}_q(G)$?

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- More precisely, associated to each tangent space T , we have a space of **tangent vectors**

$$\chi := \mathcal{O}_q \square_{U_q(\mathfrak{l}_S)} T = \mathcal{O}_q \square_{\mathcal{O}_q(L_S)} T$$

and a dual **space of 1-forms**, i.e. a dg-algebra of length 1

$$\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S) \xrightarrow{d} \Omega_q^1(G/L_S) := \mathcal{O}_q(G) \square_{\mathcal{O}_q(L_S)} T^*.$$

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- How to extend beyond the Hermitian symmetric situation?

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- In the quantum setting there is no generally accepted “quantum Lie subalgebra”

$$“\mathfrak{g}_q” \hookrightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{g}).$$

Theorem (Braid group action)

To every i , $i = 1, \dots, r$, there corresponds an algebra automorphism T_i of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ which acts on the generators as

$$T_i(K_j) = K_j K_i^{-a_{ij}}, \quad T_i(E_i) = -F_i K_i, \quad T_i(F_i) = -K_i^{-1} E_i,$$

$$T_i(E_j) = \sum_{t=0}^{-a_{ij}} (-1)^{t-a_{ij}} q_i^{-t} (E_i)^{(-a_{ij}-t)} E_j (E_i)^{(t)}, \quad i \neq j,$$

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For an element $w \in W$ with reduced decomposition $w = w_{i_1} \cdots w_{i_n}$ we define

$$E_{\beta_r} = T_{i_1} T_{i_2} \cdots T_{i_{r-1}}(E_{i_r}), \quad F_{\beta_r} = T_{i_1} T_{i_2} \cdots T_{i_{r-1}}(F_{i_r})$$

and call them **root vectors** of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$.

Theorem (Lusztig's PBW Basis)

The following set of elements is a vector basis of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$:

$$F_{\beta_1}^{r_1} \cdots F_{\beta_n}^{r_n} K_1^{t_1} \cdots K_l^{t_l} E_{\beta_n}^{s_n} \cdots F_{\beta_1}^{r_1},$$

where $r_i, t_j, s_k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

- This result is the starting point for Lusztig's theory of canonical bases and much more . . .

Definition

For any choice of decomposition I of the longest element of the Weyl group, we denote by T_I the span of the root vectors

$$\{F_{\beta_1}, \dots, F_{\beta_n}, E_{\beta_1}, \dots, E_{\beta_n}\}.$$

Definition

The *full quantum flag manifold* $\mathcal{O}_q(F_{n+1})$ of $\mathcal{O}_q(G)$ is the quantum flag manifold where S consists of all nodes of the Dynkin diagram of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$.

- It is important to note that an inclusion of sets $S' \subseteq S$ implies an inclusion of algebras $\mathcal{O}_q(G/L_{S'}) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$. Hence **full quantum flags contain all other quantum flags**.

Theorem (RÓB, P. Somberg 2021)

For $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n+1})$, precisely the following two decompositions

$$I := (w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n)(w_1 w_2 \cdots w_{n-1}) \cdots (w_1 w_2) w_1,$$

$$I' := (w_n w_{n-1} \cdots w_1)(w_n w_{n-1} \cdots w_2) \cdots (w_n w_{n-1}) w_n,$$

that T_I and $T_{I'}$ are quantum tangent spaces, for the full quantum flag manifold $\mathcal{O}_q(F_{n+1})$, with associated differential calculi $(\Omega_q^\bullet(F_{n+1}), d)$ of classical dimension.

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5: Noncommutative Kähler Structures

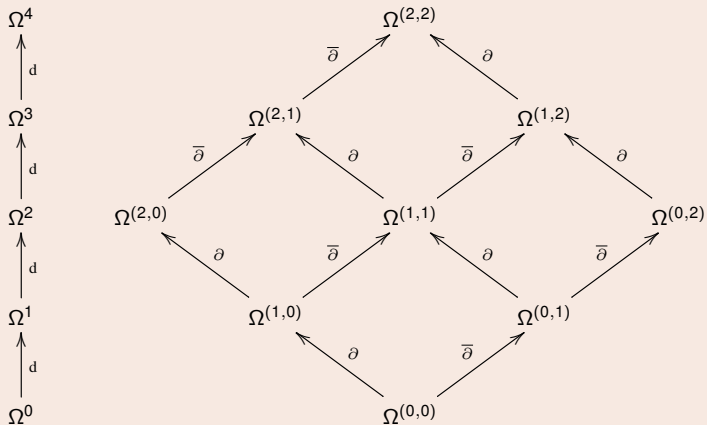
Definition

An *almost complex structure* for a differential $*$ -calculus Ω^\bullet , is an \mathbb{N}_0^2 -algebra grading $\bigoplus_{(a,b) \in \mathbb{N}_0^2} \Omega^{(a,b)}$ for Ω^\bullet such that, for all $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}_0^2$:

- 1 $\Omega^k = \bigoplus_{a+b=k} \Omega^{(a,b)}$;
- 2 $*(\Omega^{(a,b)}) = \Omega^{(b,a)}$,
- 3 $d\Omega^{(a,b)} \subseteq \Omega^{(a+1,b)} \oplus \Omega^{(a,b+1)}$.

Example

Consider the example of 4-dimensional complex manifold:



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Theorem (Newlander–Nirenberg 1957)

For a smooth manifold M , an \mathbb{N}_0^2 -grading of $\Omega^\bullet(M)$, satisfying conditions 1 and 2, comes from a holomorphic atlas on M if and only if $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$.

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A **Kähler structure** is an Hermitian structure $(\Omega^{(\bullet,\bullet)}, \kappa)$ such that $d\kappa = 0$.

- The $(1, 1)$ -form in the above definition generalises the properties of the fundamental form of an Hermitian/Kähler metric

Hermitian metric $g \Rightarrow$ fundamental form $\sigma := g(-, I(-))$.

- In the noncommutative setting it makes more sense to reverse this order of construction

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Each complex structure admits a right $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_{n+1})$ -covariant Kähler structure, with positive definite metric.

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- We have a faithful $*$ -algebra representation

$$\rho : \mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(L^2(\Omega^\bullet)).$$

To have a spectral triple, we also need

- 1 $[D_{\bar{\partial}}, b]$ is bounded, for all $b \in \mathcal{O}_q(G/L_S)$,
- 2 $(D_{\bar{\partial}} - i)^{-1}$ is a compact operator.

Theorem (B. Das, R. Ó B., P. Somberg '20)

A Dolbeault–Dirac pair of spectral triples is given by

$$\left(\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n), L^2(\Omega^{(\bullet,0)}), D_{\partial} \right), \quad \left(\mathcal{O}_q(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^n), L^2(\Omega^{(0,\bullet)}), D_{\bar{\partial}} \right).$$

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Conjecture

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