

# Classical Lie algebras and Yangians

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More generally, we have

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We may regard  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  as a subalgebra of  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ .

## Matrix form of the defining relations

Introduce the  $N \times N$  matrix  $T(u)$  whose  $ij$ -th entry is the series  $t_{ij}(u)$ . We regard  $T(u)$  as an element of the algebra  $\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N \otimes Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)[[u^{-1}]]$ . Then

$$T(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N e_{ij} \otimes t_{ij}(u),$$

where  $e_{ij} \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N$  are the standard matrix units.

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$$T_a(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N 1^{\otimes(a-1)} \otimes e_{ij} \otimes 1^{\otimes(m-a)} \otimes t_{ij}(u),$$

where  $1$  is the identity matrix.

If

$$C = \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^N c_{ijkl} e_{ij} \otimes e_{kl} \in \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N,$$

then for any two indices  $a, b \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $a < b$ , define the element  $C_{ab}$  of the algebra  $(\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes m}$  by

$$C_{ab} = \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^N c_{ijkl} 1^{\otimes(a-1)} \otimes e_{ij} \otimes 1^{\otimes(b-a-1)} \otimes e_{kl} \otimes 1^{\otimes(m-b)}.$$

The tensor factors  $e_{ij}$  and  $e_{kl}$  belong to the  $a$ -th and  $b$ -th copies of  $\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N$ , respectively.

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The rational function

$$R(u) = 1 - Pu^{-1}$$

with values in  $\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N \otimes \text{End } \mathbb{C}^N$  is called the **Yang  $R$ -matrix**.

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This relation is known as the **Yang–Baxter equation**. The Yang  $R$ -matrix is its simplest nontrivial solution.

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The matrix relation is called the *RTT relation* (or *ternary relation*).

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**Proposition.** Each of the mappings

$$T(u) \mapsto f(u) T(u), \tag{1}$$

$$T(u) \mapsto T(u - c), \tag{2}$$

$$T(u) \mapsto B T(u) B^{-1} \tag{3}$$

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**Corollary.** The mapping

$$\omega_N : T(u) \mapsto T^{-1}(-u)$$

defines an involutive automorphism of  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ .



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**Corollary.** Consider the ascending filtration on  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  defined by

$$\deg t_{ij}^{(r)} = r.$$

The graded algebra  $\text{gr } Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is an algebra of polynomials.

## Hopf algebra structure

A **coalgebra** (over the field  $\mathbb{C}$ ) is a vector space  $A$  equipped with linear maps  $\Delta : A \rightarrow A \otimes A$ , the **comultiplication**, and  $\varepsilon : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , the **counit**, satisfying some axioms; e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes A \otimes A & \xleftarrow{\Delta \otimes \text{id}} & A \otimes A \\ \text{id} \otimes \Delta \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ A \otimes A & \xleftarrow{\Delta} & A \end{array}$$

the **coassociativity** of  $\Delta$ .

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A bialgebra  $A$  is called a **Hopf algebra**, if it is also equipped with an anti-automorphism  $S : A \rightarrow A$ , the **antipode**, such that the following two diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \otimes A & \xrightarrow{S \otimes \text{id}} & A \otimes A \\
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*The Yangian  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is a Hopf algebra with comultiplication*

$$\Delta : t_{ij}(u) \mapsto \sum_{k=1}^N t_{ik}(u) \otimes t_{kj}(u),$$

*the antipode*

$$S : T(u) \mapsto T^{-1}(u),$$

*and the counit  $\varepsilon : T(u) \mapsto 1$ .*

## Quantum determinant

For any  $m \geq 2$  introduce the rational function  $R(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  with values in the tensor product algebra  $(\text{End } \mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes m}$  by

$$R(u_1, \dots, u_m) = (R_{m-1,m})(R_{m-2,m}R_{m-2,m-1}) \dots (R_{1m} \dots R_{12}),$$

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Using the Yang–Baxter equation, we get

$$R(u_1, \dots, u_m) = (R_{12} \dots R_{1m}) \dots (R_{m-2,m-1}R_{m-2,m})(R_{m-1,m}).$$



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### Lemma

If  $u_i - u_{i+1} = 1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m - 1$  then

$$R(u_1, \dots, u_m) = A_m,$$

the image of the anti-symmetrizer  $\sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_m} \text{sgn } p \cdot p \in \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{S}_m]$   
in the algebra  $\text{End}(\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes m}$ .

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If  $m = N$  then the operator  $A_N$  on  $(\mathbb{C}^N)^{\otimes N}$  is one-dimensional.

### Definition

The **quantum determinant** of the matrix  $T(u)$  with the coefficients in  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is the formal series

$$\text{qdet } T(u) = 1 + d_1 u^{-1} + d_2 u^{-2} + \dots$$

such that both sides of the above relation with  $m = N$ , are equal to  $A_N \text{qdet } T(u)$ .

## Proposition

For any permutation  $q \in \mathfrak{S}_N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{qdet } T(u) &= \text{sgn } q \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \text{sgn } p \cdot t_{p(1),q(1)}(u) \cdots t_{p(N),q(N)}(u - N + 1) \\ &= \text{sgn } q \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \text{sgn } p \cdot t_{q(1),p(1)}(u - N + 1) \cdots t_{q(N),p(N)}(u). \end{aligned}$$

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In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{qdet } T(u) &= \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \text{sgn } p \cdot t_{p(1),1}(u) \cdots t_{p(N),N}(u - N + 1) \\ &= \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \text{sgn } p \cdot t_{1,p(1)}(u - N + 1) \cdots t_{N,p(N)}(u). \end{aligned}$$

## Example

For  $N = 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{qdet } T(u) &= t_{11}(u) t_{22}(u-1) - t_{21}(u) t_{12}(u-1) \\ &= t_{22}(u) t_{11}(u-1) - t_{12}(u) t_{21}(u-1) \\ &= t_{11}(u-1) t_{22}(u) - t_{12}(u-1) t_{21}(u) \\ &= t_{22}(u-1) t_{11}(u) - t_{21}(u-1) t_{12}(u).\end{aligned}$$

Assuming that  $m \leq N$  is arbitrary, define

the  $m \times m$  quantum minors  $t_{b_1 \dots b_m}^{a_1 \dots a_m}(u)$  so that each side of

$$A_m T_1(u) \dots T_m(u - m + 1) = T_m(u - m + 1) \dots T_1(u) A_m$$

equals

$$\sum e_{a_1 b_1} \otimes \dots \otimes e_{a_m b_m} \otimes t_{b_1 \dots b_m}^{a_1 \dots a_m}(u),$$

summed over the indices  $a_i, b_i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ .



## Proposition

*The images of quantum minors under the comultiplication are given by*

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$$\Delta : \text{qdet } T(u) \mapsto \text{qdet } T(u) \otimes \text{qdet } T(u).$$

## Center of $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$

### Proposition

*We have the relations*

$$(u - v) [t_{kl}(u), t_{b_1 \dots b_m}^{a_1 \dots a_m}(v)] \\ = \sum_{i=1}^m t_{a_i l}(u) t_{b_1 \dots b_m}^{a_1 \dots k \dots a_m}(v) - \sum_{i=1}^m t_{b_1 \dots l \dots b_m}^{a_1 \dots a_m}(v) t_{kb_i}(u)$$

*where the indices  $k$  and  $l$  in the quantum minors replace  $a_i$  and  $b_i$ , respectively.*

## Theorem

*The coefficients  $d_1, d_2, \dots$  of the series  $\text{qdet } T(u)$  belong to the center  $ZY(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  of the algebra  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ . Moreover, these elements are algebraically independent and generate  $ZY(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ .*

## Proof.

The first part follows from the Proposition. For the second part introduce another filtration on  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  by setting

$$\text{deg}' t_{ij}^{(r)} = r - 1$$

for every  $r \geq 1$ . Then the corresponding graded algebra  $\text{gr}' Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  is isomorphic to the universal enveloping algebra  $U(\mathfrak{gl}_N[z])$ .  $\square$

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*We have the isomorphism*

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*In particular, the center of  $Y(\mathfrak{sl}_N)$  is trivial.*

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$$\widehat{t}_{ij}(u) = (-1)^{i+j} t_{1 \dots \widehat{i} \dots N}^{1 \dots \widehat{j} \dots N}(u),$$

where the hats on the right hand side indicate the indices to be omitted. Moreover, we have the relation

$$\widehat{T}^t(u - 1) T^t(u) = \text{qdet } T(u).$$

Consider the series  $z(u)$  with coefficients from  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  given by the formula

$$z(u)^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr} \left( T(u) T^{-1}(u - N) \right),$$

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Proof.

We have

$$z(u)^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr} (T(u) \widehat{T}(u-1) (\operatorname{qdet} T(u-1))^{-1}).$$

Using the centrality of  $\operatorname{qdet} T(u)$  we get

$$T^t(u) \widehat{T}^t(u-1) = \operatorname{qdet} T(u)$$

and so

$$\operatorname{tr} (T(u) \widehat{T}(u-1)) = N \operatorname{qdet} T(u),$$

implying the formula. □

## Theorem

*The square of the antipode  $S$  is the automorphism of  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$  given by*

$$S^2 : T(u) \mapsto z(u + N) T(u + N).$$

*In particular,  $\text{qdet } T(u)$  is stable under  $S^2$ .*

## Application to $\mathfrak{gl}_N$

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The quantum Liouville formula gives

$$z(u + 1)^{-1} = \frac{\operatorname{qdet} T(u + 1)}{\operatorname{qdet} T(u)}.$$

Applying the evaluation homomorphism to both sides of this relation, we get Newton's formulas (see Lecture 1).

## Factorization of the quantum determinant

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an  $N \times N$  matrix over a ring with 1.

The  $ij$ -th quasideterminant of  $A$  is defined by

$$|A|_{ij} = ((A^{-1})_{ji})^{-1}.$$

### Example

For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  the four quasideterminants are

$$|A|_{11} = a_{11} - a_{12} a_{22}^{-1} a_{21}, \quad |A|_{12} = a_{12} - a_{11} a_{21}^{-1} a_{22},$$

$$|A|_{21} = a_{21} - a_{22} a_{12}^{-1} a_{11}, \quad |A|_{22} = a_{22} - a_{21} a_{11}^{-1} a_{12}.$$

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*The quantum determinant  $\text{qdet } T(u)$  admits the factorization in the algebra  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)[[u^{-1}]]$*

$$\text{qdet } T(u) = t_{11}(u) |T^{(2)}(u-1)|_{22} \cdots |T^{(N)}(u-N+1)|_{NN}.$$

*Moreover, the  $N$  factors on the right hand side of this equality pairwise commute.*

Set

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}(q) = \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \operatorname{sgn} p \cdot (1 + qE)_{p(1),1} \cdots (1 + q(E - N + 1))_{p(N),N}.$$

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Apply the evaluation homomorphism to the decomposition of the Theorem to get

$$\tilde{\mathcal{C}}(q) = |1 + qE^{(1)}|_{11} \cdots |1 + q(E^{(N)} - N + 1)|_{NN},$$

where  $E^{(m)}$  is the submatrix of  $E$  corresponding to the first  $m$  rows and columns.

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Hence, if we define the Casimir elements  $\Phi_k$  by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Phi_k q^{k-1} = -\frac{d}{dq} \log \tilde{\mathcal{C}}(-q),$$

then

$$\chi(\Phi_k) = l_1^k + \dots + l_N^k.$$



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Therefore,

$$\Phi_k = \Phi_k^{(1)} + \dots + \Phi_k^{(N)},$$

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## Quantum Sylvester theorem

Suppose that  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a numerical  $(M + N) \times (M + N)$  matrix. For any indices  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$  introduce the minors  $c_{ij}$  of  $A$  corresponding to the rows  $1, \dots, M, M + i$  and columns  $1, \dots, M, M + j$  so that

$$c_{ij} = a \begin{matrix} 1 \dots M, M+i \\ 1 \dots M, M+j \end{matrix}.$$

Let  $A^{(M)}$  be the submatrix of  $A$  determined by the first  $M$  rows and columns. The classical Sylvester theorem provides a formula for the determinant of the matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]$ :

$$\det C = \det A \cdot (\det A^{(M)})^{N-1}.$$

Introduce the series with coefficients in  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_{M+N})$  by

$$t_{ij}^{\sharp}(u) = t_{1 \dots M, M+j}^{1 \dots M, M+i}(u)$$

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### Theorem

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$$t_{ij}(u) \mapsto t_{ij}^{\sharp}(u), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N,$$

*defines a homomorphism  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N) \rightarrow Y(\mathfrak{gl}_{M+N})$ . Moreover,*

$$\text{qdet } T^{\sharp}(u) = \text{qdet } T(u) \cdot \text{qdet } T^{(M)}(u-1) \dots \text{qdet } T^{(M)}(u-N+1).$$

## Twisted Yangians

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The matrix elements of the powers of the matrix  $F$  are known to satisfy the relations

$$[F_{ij}, (F^s)_{kl}] = \delta_{kj}(F^s)_{il} - \delta_{il}(F^s)_{kj} - \delta_{ik}(F^s)_{jl} + \delta_{lj}(F^s)_{ki}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(u^2 - v^2) [f_{ij}(u), f_{kl}(v)] &= (u + v) (f_{kj}(u) f_{il}(v) - f_{kj}(v) f_{il}(u)) \\ &\quad - (u - v) (f_{ik}(u) f_{jl}(v) - f_{ki}(v) f_{lj}(u)) \\ &\quad + f_{ki}(u) f_{jl}(v) - f_{ki}(v) f_{jl}(u).\end{aligned}$$

More generally, equip  $\mathbb{C}^N$  with a nonsingular bilinear form which may be either symmetric or alternating. The alternating case can only occur if  $N$  is even. Let  $G = [g_{ij}]$  be the corresponding matrix so that  $G$  is nonsingular with  $G^t = \pm G$ .

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Whenever the double sign  $\pm$  or  $\mp$  occurs, the upper sign corresponds to the symmetric case and the lower sign to the alternating case. Introduce the elements  $F_{ij}$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{gl}_N$  by the formulas

$$F_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N (E_{ik} g_{kj} \mp E_{jk} g_{ki}).$$

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The Lie subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{gl}_N$  spanned by the elements  $F_{ij}$  is isomorphic to the orthogonal Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{o}_N$  in the symmetric case and to the symplectic Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sp}_N$  in the alternating case. This Lie algebra will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{g}_N$ .

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### Proposition

*The assignment*

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*defines an algebra epimorphism  $\varrho_N : Y(\mathfrak{g}_N) \rightarrow U(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ . Moreover, the assignment*

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*The defining relations of  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$  have the form*

$$R(u-v) S_1(u) R^t(-u-v) S_2(v) = S_2(v) R^t(-u-v) S_1(u) R(u-v)$$

*and*

$$S^t(-u) = \pm S(u) + \frac{S(u) - S(-u)}{2u}.$$

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All coefficients of  $\text{sdet } S(u)$  are contained in  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$  and belong to the center of  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ .

Introduce the scalar  $\gamma_n(u)$  by

$$\gamma_n(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathfrak{g}_N = \mathfrak{o}_N, \\ (-1)^n \frac{2u+1}{2u-2n+1} & \text{if } \mathfrak{g}_N = \mathfrak{sp}_{2n}. \end{cases}$$

## Theorem

We have

$\text{sdet } S(u)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \gamma_n(u) \sum_{p \in \mathfrak{G}_N} \text{sgn } pp' \cdot s_{p(1),p'(1)}^t(-u) \cdots s_{p(n),p'(n)}^t(-u+n-1) \\ &\quad \times s_{p(n+1),p'(n+1)}(u-n) \cdots s_{p(N),p'(N)}(u-N+1). \end{aligned}$$



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# The center of the twisted Yangian

## Theorem

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*belong to the center of the algebra  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ . Moreover, the even coefficients  $c_2, c_4, \dots$  are algebraically independent and generate the center of  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$ .*

## Coideal property

### Theorem

The subalgebra  $Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)$  is a left coideal of the Hopf algebra  $Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N)$ ,  
i.e.,

$$\Delta(Y(\mathfrak{g}_N)) \subset Y(\mathfrak{gl}_N) \otimes Y(\mathfrak{g}_N).$$

Moreover,

$$\Delta : s_{ij}(u) \mapsto \sum_{a,b=1}^N t_{ia}(u) t_{jb}(-u) \otimes s_{ab}(u).$$

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