

Tensor products of $\mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}]$ -free modules for $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

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§1. Motivation: $U(\mathfrak{h})$ -free modules for Lie algebras

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- finite-dimensional semi-simple algebras
- Kac-Moody algebras
- Virasoro algebra
- extended affine Lie algebras
- Witt algebras
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Rank of the $U(\mathfrak{h})$ -free module

Rank 1

A $\mathfrak{g}$ -module M is a $U(\mathfrak{h})$ -free module of rank 1 if

$$\mathrm{Res}_{U(\mathfrak{h})}^{U(\mathfrak{g})} M \cong {}_{U(\mathfrak{h})} U(\mathfrak{h}) = S(\mathfrak{h}).$$

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Generalization

- Nilsson classified the $\mathfrak{sl}(V)$ -modules whose restriction to $U(\mathfrak{n})$ is free of rank 1, where $\mathfrak{n}$ is a nilradical of some parabolic subalgebra with maximal dimension.



Simple $\mathfrak{sl}(V)$ -modules which are free over an abelian subalgebra. arXiv:1903.09431.

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§2. Classification of $\mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}]$ -free $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -modules.

Definition of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

Definition

The quantum group $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is the unital associative algebra over $\mathbb{C}$ with generators E, F, K and K^{-1} subject to the relations (see [Jantzen]):

$$(R1). \quad KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1,$$

$$(R2). \quad KEK^{-1} = q^2 E,$$

$$(R3). \quad KFK^{-1} = q^{-2} F,$$

$$(R4). \quad [E, F] = EF - FE = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

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Subcategory $\mathcal{H}$

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be the full subcategory of U -Mod whose objects are free of rank 1 when restricted to $U_0 = \mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}]$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ M \in U\text{-Mod} \mid \text{Res}_{U_0}^U M \cong_{U_0} U_0 \right\}.$$

Construction of U_0 -free modules for $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

Module: M_a

For any $a \in \mathbb{C}$, define the $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module $M_a = \mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}]$ as follows:

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$$F \cdot g(K) = -g(q^2K) \frac{K + q^{-1}b^{-1}}{K(q - q^{-1})^2}.$$

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- (3). For any $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varepsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$, the module $M'_{\varepsilon q^{-m}}$ has a unique nonzero proper submodule

$$W_{m,\varepsilon} = \prod_{i=0}^{m-1} (K + \varepsilon q^{1-m+2i}) \mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}],$$

and the corresponding quotient module $M'_{\varepsilon q^{-m}}/W_{m,\varepsilon}$ is isomorphic to $L(m-1, -\varepsilon)$, the m -dimensional $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module.

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Twisted module: M^σ

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Automorphism $\sigma_{\xi,n}$

For $0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{C}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have another class of automorphisms $\sigma_{\xi,n}$:

$$\sigma_{\xi,n}(K) = K, \quad \sigma_{\xi,n}(E) = \xi K^n E, \quad \sigma_{\xi,n}(F) = \xi^{-1} F K^{-n}.$$

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Corollary

Any irreducible $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -modules which are $\mathbb{C}[K^{\pm 1}]$ -free of rank 1 is isomorphic to one of the modules: $(M_a)^{\sigma_{\xi,n}}$, $(M_a)^{\omega\sigma_{\xi,n}}$ and $(M'_b)^{\sigma_{\xi,n}}$ for suitable $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a, b, \xi \in \mathbb{C}, \xi, b \neq 0, b \neq \pm q^{-m}$ for any positive integer m .

§3. Tensor product with finite-dimensional modules.

Hopf algebra structure of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

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The algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ is a Hopf algebra via the comultiplication Δ :
 $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \otimes U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$, which is a homomorphism of $\mathbb{C}$ -algebras defined by

$$\Delta(K) = K \otimes K,$$

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Tensor product of modules

If M and N are $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -modules, then we can make $M \otimes N$ into a $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -module via Δ :

$$x(v \otimes w) = \Delta(x)(v \otimes w), \quad \forall x \in U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2), v \in M, w \in N.$$

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Remark

We have similar results for the tensor product modules

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Thanks for your attention !