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## ABSTRACT

The "quantum duality principle" states that a quantization of a Lie bialgebra provides also a quantisation of the dual formal Poisson group and, conversely, a quantisation of a formal Poisson group yields a quantization of the dual Lie bialgebra as well. We extend this to a much more general result.

Namely, for any principal ideal domain R, and for each prime  $p \in R$ , we establish an "inner" Galois' correspondence on the category  $\mathcal{HA}$  of torsionless Hopf algebras over R, given by two functors from  $\mathcal{HA}$  to itself. The image of the first, resp. the second, functor is the full subcategory of those Hopf algebras which are commutative, resp. cocommutative, modulo p; in other words, they are "quantum function algebras" (=QFA), resp. "quantum universal enveloping algebras" (=QUEA), at p. In particular, we provide a machine to get two quantum groups — a QFA and a QUEA — out of any Hopf algebra H over a field k: just apply the functors to  $k[\nu] \otimes_k H$  for  $p = \nu$ .

A relevant example occurring in quantum electro-dynamics is studied in some detail.

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