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“ $F_q[Mat_2]$, $F_q[GL_2]$ and $F_q[SL_2]$ as quantized hyperalgebras”

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INTRODUCTION

Let G be a semisimple, connected, simply connected affine algebraic group over $\mathbb{C}$, and $\mathfrak{g}$ its tangent Lie algebra. Let $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ be the Drinfeld-Jimbo quantum group over $\mathfrak{g}$, defined over the field $\mathbb{Q}(q)$, where q is an indeterminate. There exist two integral forms of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ over $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$, the restricted one, say $\mathfrak{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$, and the unrestricted one, say $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ — see [CP] and references therein. Both of them bear so called “quantum Frobenius morphisms”, namely Hopf algebra morphisms linking their specialisations at 1 with their specialisations at roots of 1. In particular, $\mathfrak{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ for $q \rightarrow 1$ specializes to $U_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{g})$, the Kostant $\mathbb{Z}$ -form of $U(\mathfrak{g})$; so $\mathfrak{g}$ becomes a Lie bialgebra, and G a Poisson group. Also, $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ for $q \rightarrow 1$ specializes to $F_{\mathbb{Z}}[G^*]$, a $\mathbb{Z}$ -form of the function algebra on a Poisson group G^* dual to G .

Dually, one constructs a Hopf algebra $F_q[G]$ of matrix coefficients of $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$. It has two $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$ -forms, say $\mathfrak{F}_q[G]$ and $\mathcal{F}_q[G]$, defined to be the subset of $F_q[G]$ of all $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$ -valued functions on $\mathfrak{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$, respectively on $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$. At $q = 1$, $\mathfrak{F}_q[G]$ specializes to $F_{\mathbb{Z}}[G]$, while $\mathcal{F}_q[G]$ specializes to $U_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathfrak{g}^*)$, a Kostant-like $\mathbb{Z}$ -form of $U(\mathfrak{g}^*)$ — cf. [Ga1] for details. Moreover, both $\mathfrak{F}_q[G]$ and $\mathcal{F}_q[G]$ bear quantum Frobenius morphisms (relating their specialisations at 1 with those at roots of 1), which are dual to those of $\mathfrak{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ and $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$.

The aim of this paper is to describe $\mathcal{F}_q[G]$, its specializations at roots of 1 and its quantum Frobenius morphisms when $G = SL_2$. Moreover, as the construction of these objects makes sense for $G = GL_2$ and $G = M_2 := Mat_2$ as well, we find similar results for them.

By [Ga1], $\mathcal{F}_q[M_2]$ should resemble $\mathfrak{U}_q(\mathfrak{gl}_2)$. Indeed, this is the case: $\mathcal{F}_q[M_2]$ is generated by quantum divided powers and quantum binomial coefficients, a PBW-like theorem hold for $\mathcal{F}_q[M_2]$, and the quantum Frobenius morphisms are given by an “ ℓ -th root operation”, if ℓ is the order of the root of unity. Similar (weaker) results hold for $\mathcal{F}_q[GL_2]$ and $\mathcal{F}_q[SL_2]$.

The general case of $M_n := Mat_n$, GL_n and SL_n is studied in [GR2], exploiting the same key ideas already developed here and the present results for $n = 2$.

Warning: an expanded, more detailed version of this paper is available on line, cf. [GR1]; the quotations in [GR2] about the present work refer in fact to [GR1].

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