

# ON REGULAR SOLUTIONS OF QUANTUM YANG-BAXTER EQUATION AND WEAK HOPF ALGEBRAS

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Generalization of Hopf algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  by weakening the invertibility of the generator  $K$ , i.e. exchanging its invertibility  $KK^{-1} = 1$  to the regularity  $K\bar{K}K = K$  is studied. Two weak Hopf algebras are introduced: a weak Hopf algebra  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and a  $J$ -weak Hopf algebra  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  which are investigated in detail. The monoids of group-like elements of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  are regular monoids, which supports the general conjecture on the connection between weak Hopf algebras and regular monoids. A quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra  $\bar{U}_q^w$  is constructed from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . It is shown that the corresponding quasi- $R$ -matrix is regular  $R^w \hat{R}^w R^w = R^w$ .

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A weak Hopf algebra as a generalization of a Hopf algebra [1, 2] was introduced in [3] and its characterizations and applications were studied in [4]. A  $k$ -bialgebra<sup>1</sup>  $H = (H, \mu, \eta, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is called a *weak Hopf algebra* if there exists  $T \in \text{Hom}_k(H, H)$  such that  $id * T * id = id$  and  $T * id * T = T$  where  $T$  is called a *weak antipode* of  $H$ . This concept also generalizes the notion of the left and right Hopf algebras [5, 6].

The first aim of this concept is to give a new sub-class of bialgebras which includes all of Hopf algebras such that it is possible to characterize this sub-class through their monoids of all group-like elements [3, 4]. It was known that for every regular monoid  $S$ , its semigroup algebra  $kS$  over  $k$  is a weak Hopf algebra as the generalization of a group algebra [7]. The second aim is to construct some singular solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation (QYBE) and research QYBE in a larger scope. On this hand, in [4] a quantum quasi-double  $D(H)$  for a finite dimensional cocommutative perfect weak Hopf algebra with invertible weak antipode was built and it was verified that its quasi- $R$ -matrix is a regular solution of the QYBE. In particular, the quantum quasi-double of a finite Clifford monoid as a generalization of the quantum double of a finite group was derived [4].

Here we construct two weak Hopf algebras in the other direction as a generalization of the quantum algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  [8, 9]. We show that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  possesses a quasi- $R$ -matrix which becomes a singular (in fact, regular) solution of the QYBE, with a parameter  $q$ . In this reason, we want to treat the meaning of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and its quasi- $R$ -matrix just as  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  [10, 11]. It is interesting to note that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is a natural and non-trivial example of weak Hopf algebras.

## WEAK QUANTUM ALGEBRAS

For completeness and consistency we remind the definition of the enveloping algebra  $U_q = U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  (see e.g. [11]). Let  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $q \neq \pm 1, 0$ . The algebra  $U_q$  is generated by four variables (Chevalley generators)  $E, F, K, K^{-1}$  with the relations

$$K^{-1}K = KK^{-1} = 1, \tag{1}$$

$$KEK^{-1} = q^2E, \tag{2}$$

$$KFK^{-1} = q^{-2}F, \tag{3}$$

$$EF - FE = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}. \tag{4}$$

Now we try to generalize the invertibility condition (1). The first thought is weaken the invertibility to regularity, as it is usually made in semigroup theory [12] (see also [13, 14, 15] for higher regularity). So we will consider such weakening the algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ , in which instead of the set  $\{K, K^{-1}\}$  we introduce a pair  $\{K_w, \bar{K}_w\}$  by means of the regularity relations

$$K_w \bar{K}_w K_w = K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w. \tag{5}$$

<sup>1</sup>In this paper,  $k$  always denotes a field.

If  $\overline{K}_w$  satisfying (5) is unique for a given  $K_w$ , then it is called *inverse of  $K_w$*  (see e.g. [16, 17]). The regularity relations (5) imply that one can introduce the variables

$$J_w = K_w \overline{K}_w, \quad \overline{J}_w = \overline{K}_w K_w. \quad (6)$$

In terms of  $J_w$  the regularity conditions (5) are

$$J_w K_w = K_w, \quad \overline{K}_w J_w = \overline{K}_w, \quad (7)$$

$$\overline{J}_w \overline{K}_w = \overline{K}_w, \quad K_w \overline{J}_w = K_w. \quad (8)$$

Since the noncommutativity of generators  $K_w$  and  $\overline{K}_w$  very much complexifies the generalized construction, we first consider the commutative case and imply in what follow that

$$J_w = \overline{J}_w \quad (9)$$

Let us list some useful properties of  $J_w$  which will be needed below. First we note that commutativity of  $K_w$  and  $\overline{K}_w$  leads to idempotency condition  $J_w^2 = J_w$ , which means that  $J_w$  is a projector (see e.g. [18]).

**Conjecture 1.** *In algebras satisfying the regularity conditions (5) there exists as minimum one zero divisor  $J_w - 1$ .*

Therefore, in addition with unity 1 we have an idempotent analog of unity  $J_w$  which makes the structure of weak algebras more complicated, but simultaneously more interesting. For any variable  $X$  we will define “ $J$ -conjugation” as

$$X_{J_w} \stackrel{def}{=} J_w X J_w \quad (10)$$

and the corresponding mapping will be written as  $\mathbf{e}_w(X) : X \rightarrow X_{J_w}$ . Note that the mapping  $\mathbf{e}_w(X)$  is idempotent

$$\mathbf{e}_w^2(X) = \mathbf{e}_w(X). \quad (11)$$

In the invertible case  $K_w = K, \overline{K}_w = K^{-1}$  we have  $J_w = 1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_w(X) = X = \text{id}(X)$  for any  $X$ , so  $\mathbf{e}_w = \text{id}$ . It is seen from (5) that the generators  $K_w$  and  $\overline{K}_w$  are stable under “ $J_w$ -conjugation”

$$K_{J_w} = J_w K_w J_w = K_w, \quad \overline{K}_{J_w} = J_w \overline{K}_w J_w = \overline{K}_w. \quad (12)$$

Obviously, for any  $X$

$$K_w X \overline{K}_w = K_w X_{J_w} \overline{K}_w, \quad (13)$$

and for any  $X$  and  $Y$

$$K_w X \overline{K}_w = Y \Rightarrow K_w X_{J_w} \overline{K}_w = Y_{J_w}, \quad (14)$$

Another definition connected with the idempotent analog of unity  $J_w$  is “ $J_w$ -product” for any two elements  $X$  and  $Y$ , viz.

$$X \odot_{J_w} Y \stackrel{def}{=} X J_w Y. \quad (15)$$

From (7) it follows that “ $J_w$ -product” coincides with usual product, if  $X$  ends with generators  $K_w$  and  $\overline{K}_w$  on right side or  $Y$  starts with them on left side.

Let  $J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j$  then we will need a formula

$$J_w^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j = \begin{cases} K_w^{i-j}, & i > j, \\ J_w & i = j, \\ \overline{K}_w^{j-i} & i < j, \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

which follows from the regularity conditions (7). The variables  $J^{(ij)}$  satisfy the regularity conditions

$$J_w^{(ij)} J_w^{(ji)} J_w^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)} \quad (17)$$

and stable under “ $J$ -conjugation” (10)  $J_w^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)}$ . The regularity conditions (7) lead to the noncancellativity: for any two elements  $X$  and  $Y$  the following relations hold valid

$$X = Y \Rightarrow K_w X = K_w Y \quad (18)$$

$$K_w X = K_w Y \not\Rightarrow X = Y \quad (19)$$

$$X = Y \Rightarrow \overline{K}_w X = \overline{K}_w Y \quad (20)$$

$$\overline{K}_w X = \overline{K}_w Y \not\Rightarrow X = Y \quad (21)$$

$$X = Y \Rightarrow X_{J_w} = Y_{J_w}, \quad (22)$$

$$X_{J_w} = Y_{J_w} \not\Rightarrow X = Y. \quad (23)$$

The generalization of  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  by exploiting regularity (5) instead of invertibility (1) can be done in two different ways.

**Definition 2.** Define  $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  as the algebra generated by the four variables  $E_w, F_w, K_w, \bar{K}_w$  with the relations:

$$K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w K_w, \quad (24)$$

$$K_w \bar{K}_w K_w = K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w, \quad (25)$$

$$K_w E_w = q^2 E_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w E_w = q^{-2} E_w \bar{K}_w, \quad (26)$$

$$K_w F_w = q^{-2} F_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w F_w = q^2 F_w \bar{K}_w, \quad (27)$$

$$E_w F_w - F_w E_w = \frac{K_w - \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (28)$$

We call  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  a *weak quantum algebra*.

**Definition 3.** Define  $U_q^v = v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  as the algebra generated by the four variables  $E_v, F_v, K_v, \bar{K}_v$  with the relations ( $J_v = K_v \bar{K}_v$ ):

$$K_v \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v K_v, \quad (29)$$

$$K_v \bar{K}_v K_v = K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v K_v \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v, \quad (30)$$

$$K_v E_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 E_v, \quad (31)$$

$$K_v F_v \bar{K}_v = q^{-2} F_v, \quad (32)$$

$$E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v = \frac{K_v - \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (33)$$

We call  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  a *J-weak quantum algebra*.

In these definitions indeed the first two lines (24)–(25) and (29)–(30) are called to generalize the invertibility  $KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1$ . Note that the  $EK$  and  $FK$  relations (31)–(32) can be written in the following form close to (26)–(27)

$$K_v E_v J_v = q^2 J_v E_v K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v E_v J_v = q^{-2} J_v E_v \bar{K}_v, \quad (34)$$

$$K_v F_v J_v = q^{-2} J_v F_v K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v F_v J_v = q^2 J_v F_v \bar{K}_v. \quad (35)$$

Using (15) and (7) in the case of  $J_v$  we can also present the  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  algebra as an algebra with “ $J_v$ -product”

$$K_v \odot_{J_v} \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v, \quad (36)$$

$$K_v \odot_{J_v} \bar{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v = K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v \odot_{J_v} \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v, \quad (37)$$

$$K_v \odot_{J_v} E_v \odot_{J_v} \bar{K}_v = q^2 E_v, \quad (38)$$

$$K_v \odot_{J_v} F_v \odot_{J_v} \bar{K}_v = q^{-2} F_v, \quad (39)$$

$$E_v \odot_{J_v} F_v - F_v \odot_{J_v} E_v = \frac{K_v - \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}. \quad (40)$$

Due to (7) the only relation where “ $J_w$ -product” is really plays its role is the last relation (40). From the following proposition, one can find the connection between  $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), U_q^v = v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and the quantum algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .

**Proposition 4.**  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_w - 1) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2); v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_v - 1) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .

*Proof.* For cancellative  $K_w$  and  $K_v$  it is obvious. □

**Proposition 5.** *Quantum algebras  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  possess zero divisors, one of which is  $s^2 (J_{w,v} - 1)$  which annihilates all generators.*

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<sup>2</sup>We denote by  $X_{w,v}$  one of the variables  $X_w$  or  $X_v$ .

*Proof.* From regularity (25) and (30) it follows  $K_{w,v}(J_{w,v} - 1) = 0$  (see also (1)). Multiplying (26) on  $J_w$  gives  $K_w E_w J_w = q^2 E_w K_w J_w \Rightarrow K_w (E_w \overline{K}_w) K_w = q^2 E_w K_w$ . Using second equation in (26) for term in bracket we obtain  $K_w (q^2 \overline{K}_w E_w) K_w = q^2 E_w K_w \Rightarrow (J_w - 1) E_w K_w = 0$ . For  $F_w$  similarly, but using equation (27). By analogy, multiplying (31) on  $J_v$  we have  $K_v E_v \overline{K}_v K_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 E_v J_v \Rightarrow K_v E_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 E_v J_v \Rightarrow q^2 E_v = q^2 E_v J_v$ , and so  $E_v (J_v - 1) = 0$ . For  $F_v$  similarly, but using equation (32).  $\square$

Since  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is an algebra without zero divisors, some properties of  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  cannot be upgraded to  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ , e.g. the standard theorem of Ore extensions and its proof (see Theorem I.7.1 in [11]). We conjecture that in  $U_q^w$  and  $U_q^v$  there are no other than  $(J_{w,v} - 1)$  zero divisors which annihilate *all* generators. In other case thorough analysis of them will be much more complicated and very different from the standard case of non-weak algebras. We can get some properties of  $U_q^w$  and  $U_q^v$  as follows.

**Lemma 6.** *The idempotent  $J_w$  is in the center of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $K_w$  it follows from (12). Multiplying first equation in (26) on  $\overline{K}_w$  we derive  $K_w (E_w \overline{K}_w) = q^2 E_w J_w$ , and the applying second equation in (26) obtain  $E_w J_w = J_w E_w$ . For  $F_w$  similarly, but using equation (27).  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *There are unique algebra automorphism  $\omega_w$  and  $\omega_v$  of  $U_q^w$  and  $U_q^v$  respectively such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{w,v}(K_{w,v}) &= \overline{K}_{w,v}, & \omega_{w,v}(\overline{K}_{w,v}) &= K_{w,v}, \\ \omega_{w,v}(E_{w,v}) &= F_{w,v}, & \omega_{w,v}(F_{w,v}) &= E_{w,v}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

*Proof.* The proof is obvious, if we note that  $\omega_w^2 = \text{id}$  and  $\omega_v^2 = \text{id}$ .  $\square$

As in case of automorphism  $\omega$  for  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  [11], the mappings  $\omega_w$  and  $\omega_v$  can be called the *weak Cartan automorphisms*. Note that  $\omega_w \neq \omega$  and  $\omega_v \neq \omega$  in general case.

The connection between the algebras  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  can be seen from the following

**Proposition 8.** *There exist the following partial algebra morphism  $\chi : v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  such that*

$$\chi(X) = e_v(X) \quad (42)$$

or more exactly: generators  $X_w^{(v)} = J_v X_v J_v = X_v J_v$  for all  $X_v = K_v, \overline{K}_v, E_v, F_v$  satisfy the same relations as  $X_w$  (24)–(28).

*Proof.* Multiplying the equation (31) on  $K_v$  we have  $K_v E_v \overline{K}_v K_v = q^2 E_v K_v$ , and using (7) we obtain  $K_v E_v J_v = q^2 E_v J_v K_v \Rightarrow K_v J_v E_v J_v = q^2 J_v E_v J_v K_v$ , and so

$$K_v J_v E_v J_v = q^2 E_v J_v K_v J_v$$

which has shape of the first equation in (26). For  $F_v$  similarly using equation (32) we obtain

$$K_v J_v F_v J_v = q^{-2} F_v J_v K_v J_v.$$

The equation (33) can be modified using (7) and then applying (10), then we obtain

$$E_v J_v F_v J_v - F_v J_v E_v J_v = \frac{K_v J_v - \overline{K}_v J_v}{q - q^{-1}}$$

which coincides with (28).

For conjugated equations (second ones in (26)–(27)) after multiplication of (31) on  $\overline{K}_v$  we have  $\overline{K}_v K_v E_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 \overline{K}_v E_v \Rightarrow J_v E_v J_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 \overline{K}_v J_v E_v J_v$  or using definition (10) and (7)

$$\overline{K}_v J_v E_v J_v = q^{-2} E_v J_v \overline{K}_v J_v.$$

By analogy from (32) it follows

$$\overline{K}_v J_v F_v J_v = q^2 F_v J_v \overline{K}_v J_v.$$

$\square$

Note that the generators  $X_w^{(v)}$  coincide with  $X_w$  if  $J_v = 1$  only. Therefore, some (but not all) properties of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  can be extended on  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  as well, and below we mostly will consider  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  in detail.

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $m \geq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The following relations hold in  $U_q^w$ :*

$$E_w^m K_w^n = q^{-2mn} K_w^n E_w^m, \quad F_w^m K_w^n = q^{2mn} K_w^n F_w^m, \quad (43)$$

$$E_w^m \overline{K}_w^n = q^{2mn} \overline{K}_w^n E_w^m, \quad F_w^m \overline{K}_w^n = q^{-2mn} \overline{K}_w^n F_w^m, \quad (44)$$

$$[E_w, F_w^m] = [m] F_w^{m-1} \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_w - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} \quad (45)$$

$$= [m] \frac{q^{m-1} K_w - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} F_w^{m-1},$$

$$[E_w^m, F_w] = [m] \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_w - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} E_w^{m-1} \quad (46)$$

$$= [m] E_w^{m-1} \frac{q^{m-1} K_w - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

*Proof.* The first two relations can be resulted easily from Definition 2. The third one follows by induction using Definition 2 and

$$[E_w, F_w^m] = [E_w, F_w^{m-1}] F_w + F_w^{m-1} [E_w, F_w] = [E_w, F_w^{m-1}] F_w + F_w^{m-1} \frac{K_w - \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Applying the automorphism  $\omega_w$  (41) to (45), one gets (46).  $\square$

Note that the commutation relations (43)–(46) coincide with  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  case. For  $vs\mathfrak{l}_q(2)$  the situation is more complicated, because the equations (31)–(32) cannot be solved under  $\overline{K}_v$  due to noncancellativity (see also (18)–(23)). Nevertheless, some analogous relations can be derived. Using the morphism (42) one can conclude that the similar as (43)–(46) relations hold for  $X_v^{(v)} = J_v X_v J_v$ , from which we obtain for  $vs\mathfrak{l}_q(2)$

$$J_v E_v^m K_v^n = q^{-2mn} K_v^n E_v^m J_v, \quad J_v F_v^m K_v^n = q^{2mn} K_v^n F_v^m J_v, \quad (47)$$

$$J_v E_v^m \overline{K}_v^n = q^{2mn} \overline{K}_v^n E_v^m J_v, \quad J_v F_v^m \overline{K}_v^n = q^{-2mn} \overline{K}_v^n F_v^m J_v, \quad (48)$$

$$J_v E_v J_v F_v^m J_v - J_v F_v^m J_v E_v J_v = [m] J_v F_v^{m-1} \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_v - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} \quad (49)$$

$$= [m] \frac{q^{m-1} K_v - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} F_v^{m-1} J_v,$$

$$J_v E_v^m J_v F_v J_v - J_v F_v J_v E_v^m J_v = [m] \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_v - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} E_v^{m-1} J_v \quad (50)$$

$$= [m] J_v E_v^{m-1} \frac{q^{m-1} K_v - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

It is important to stress that due to noncancellativity of weak algebras we cannot cancel these relations on  $J_v$  (see (18)–(23)).

In order to discuss the basis of  $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ , we need to generalize some properties of Ore extensions (see [11]).

## WEAK ORE EXTENSIONS

Let  $R$  be an algebra over  $k$  and  $R[t]$  be the free left  $R$ -module consisting of all polynomials of the form  $P = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$  with coefficients in  $R$ . If  $a_n \neq 0$ , define  $\deg(P) = n$ ; say  $\deg(0) = -\infty$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an algebra morphism of  $R$ . An  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$  is a  $k$ -linear endomorphism  $\delta$  of  $R$  such that  $\delta(ab) = \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$  for all  $a, b \in R$ . It follows that  $\delta(1) = 0$ .

**Theorem 10.** (i) *Assume that  $R[t]$  has an algebra structure such that the natural inclusion of  $R$  into  $R[t]$  is a morphism of algebras and  $\deg(PQ) \leq \deg(P) + \deg(Q)$  for any pair  $(P, Q)$  of elements of  $R[t]$ . Then there exists a unique injective algebra endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$  and a unique  $\alpha$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $R$  such that  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$  for all  $a \in R$ ;*

(ii) *Conversely, given an algebra endomorphism  $\alpha$  of  $R$  and an  $\alpha$ -derivation  $\delta$  of  $R$ , there exists a unique algebra structure on  $R[t]$  such that the inclusion of  $R$  into  $R[t]$  is an algebra morphism and  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$  for all  $a \in R$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Take any  $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{R}$  and consider the product  $ta$ . We have  $\deg(ta) \leq \deg(t) + \deg(a) = 1$ . By the definition of  $\mathbb{R}[t]$ , there exists uniquely determined elements  $\alpha(a)$  and  $\delta(a)$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ . This defines maps  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  in a unique fashion. The left multiplication by  $t$  being linear, so are  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$ . Expanding both sides of the equality  $(ta)b = t(ab)$  in  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  using  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$\alpha(a)\alpha(b)t + \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b = \alpha(ab)t + \delta(ab).$$

It follows that  $\alpha(ab) = \alpha(a)\alpha(b)$  and  $\delta(ab) = \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$ . And,  $\alpha(1)t + \delta(1) = t1 = t$ . So,  $\alpha(1) = 1, \delta(1) = 0$ . Therefore, we know that  $\alpha$  is an algebra endomorphism and  $\delta$  is an  $\alpha$ -derivation. The uniqueness of  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  follows from the freeness of  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(ii) We need to construct the multiplication on  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  as an extension of that on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ . For this, it needs only to determine the multiplication  $ta$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $M = \{(f_{ij})_{i,j \geq 1} : f_{ij} \in \text{End}_k(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and each row and each column has only finitely many } f_{ij} \neq 0\}$  and  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity of  $M$ .

For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\widehat{a} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\widehat{a}(r) = ar$ . Then  $\widehat{a} \in \text{End}_k(\mathbb{R})$ ; and for  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(\alpha\widehat{a})(r) = \alpha(ar) = \alpha(a)\alpha(r) = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha)(r)$ ,  $(\delta\widehat{a})(r) = \delta(ar) = \alpha(a)\delta(r) + \delta(a)r = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)})(r)$ , thus  $\alpha\widehat{a} = \widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha$ ,  $\delta\widehat{a} = \widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)}$  in  $\text{End}_k(\mathbb{R})$ . And, obviously, for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\widehat{ab} = \widehat{a}\widehat{b}$ ;  $\widehat{a+b} = \widehat{a} + \widehat{b}$ .  $\square$

Let  $T = \begin{pmatrix} \delta & & & \\ \alpha & \delta & & \\ & \alpha & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \in M$  and define  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}[t] \rightarrow M$  satisfying  $\Phi(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n (\widehat{a}_i I) T^i$ . It is seen

that  $\Phi$  is a  $k$ -linear map.

**Lemma 11.** *The map  $\Phi$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$ . Assume  $\Phi(p) = 0$ . For  $e_i$  having 1 on  $i$ -th place and others zeroes, obviously,  $\{e_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  are linear independent. Since  $\delta(1) = 0$  and  $\alpha(1) = 1$ , we have  $T e_i = e_{i+1}$  and  $T^i e_1 = e_{i+1}$  for any  $i \geq 0$ . Thus,  $0 = \Phi(p)e_1 = \sum_{i=0}^n (\widehat{a}_i I) T^i e_1 = \sum_{i=0}^n \widehat{a}_i e_{i+1}$ . It means that  $\widehat{a}_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , then  $a_i = a_i 1 = \widehat{a}_i 1 = 0$ . Hence  $P = 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 12.** *The following relation holds  $T(\widehat{a}I) = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $T(\widehat{a}I) = \widehat{\alpha(a)}I T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I$ .  $\square$

Now, we complete the proof of Theorem 10.

*Proof.* Let  $S$  denote the subalgebra generated by  $T$  and  $\widehat{a}I$  (all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ) in  $M$ . From Lemma 12, we see that every element of  $S$  can be generated linearly by some elements in the form as  $(\widehat{a}I)T^n$  ( $a \in \mathbb{R}, n \geq 0$ ). But  $\Phi(at^n) = (\widehat{a}I)T^n$ , so  $\Phi(\mathbb{R}[t]) = S$ , i.e.  $\Phi$  is surjective. Then by Lemma 11,  $\Phi$  is bijective. It follows that  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  and  $S$  are linearly isomorphic.

Define  $ta = \Phi^{-1}(T(\widehat{a}I))$ , then we can extend this formula to define the multiplication of  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  with  $fg = \Phi^{-1}(xy)$  for any  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}[t]$  and  $x = \Phi(f), y = \Phi(g)$ . Under this definition,  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  becomes an algebra and  $\Phi$  is an algebra isomorphism from  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  to  $S$ . And,  $ta = \Phi^{-1}(T(\widehat{a}I)) = \Phi^{-1}((\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I) = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Obviously, the inclusion of  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}[t]$  is an algebra morphism.  $\square$

**Definition 13.** We call the algebra constructed from  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$  a *weak Ore extension* of  $\mathbb{R}$ , denoted as  $\mathbb{R}_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ .

Let  $S_{n,k}$  be the linear endomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}$  defined as the sum of all  $\binom{n}{k}$  possible compositions of  $k$  copies of  $\delta$  and of  $n - k$  copies of  $\alpha$ . By induction  $n$ , from  $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$  under the condition of Theorem 10(ii), we get  $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$  and moreover,  $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i)(\sum_{i=0}^m b_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+m} c_i t^i$  where  $c_i = \sum_{p=0}^i a_p \sum_{k=0}^p S_{p,k}(b_{i-p+k})$ .

**Corollary 14.** Under the condition of Theorem 10(ii), the following statements hold:

- (i) As a left  $\mathbb{R}$ -module,  $\mathbb{R}_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is free with basis  $\{t^i\}_{i \geq 0}$ ;
- (ii) If  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, then  $\mathbb{R}_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is also a right free  $\mathbb{R}$ -module with the same basis  $\{t^i\}_{i \geq 0}$ .

*Proof.* (i) It follows from the fact that  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is just  $R[t]$  as a left  $R$ -module.

(ii) Firstly, we can show that  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta] = \sum_{i \geq 0} t^i R$ , i.e. for any  $p \in R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ , there are  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$  such that  $p = \sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$ . Equivalently, we show by induction on  $n$  that for any  $b \in R$ ,  $bt^n$  can be in the form  $\sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$  for some  $a_i$ . When  $n = 0$ , it is obvious. Suppose that for  $n \leq k-1$  the result holds. Consider the case  $n = k$ . Since  $\alpha$  is surjective, there is  $a \in R$  such that  $b = \alpha^n(a) = S_{n,0}(a)$ . But  $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$ , we get  $bt^n = t^n a - \sum_{k=1}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k} = \sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$  by the hypothesis of induction for some  $a_i$  with  $a_n = a$ . For any  $i$  and  $a, b \in R$ ,  $(t^i a)b = t^i(ab)$  since  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is an algebra. Then  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is a right  $R$ -module. Suppose  $f(t) = t^n a_n + \dots + ta_1 + A_0 = 0$  for  $a_i \in R$  and  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then  $f(t)$  can be written as an element of  $R[t]$  by the formula  $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$  whose highest degree term is just that of  $t^n a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a_n)t^{n-k}$ , i.e.  $\alpha^n(a_n)t^n$ . From (i), we get  $\alpha^n(a_n) = 0$ . It implies  $a_n = 0$ . It is a contradiction. Hence  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$  is a free right  $R$ -module.  $\square$

We will need the following:

**Lemma 15.** *Let  $R$  be an algebra,  $\alpha$  be an algebra automorphism and  $\delta$  be an  $\alpha$ -derivation of  $R$ . If  $R$  is a left (resp. right) Noetherian, then so is the weak Ore extension  $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ .*

The proof can be made as similarly as for Theorem I.8.3 in [11].

**Theorem 16.** *The algebra  $wsl_q(2)$  is Noetherian with the basis*

$$P_w = \{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w\}, \quad (51)$$

where  $i, j, l$  are any non-negative integers,  $m$  is any positive integer.

*Proof.* As is well known, the two-variable polynomial algebra  $k[K_w, \overline{K}_w]$  is Noetherian (see e.g. [18]). Then  $A_0 = k[K_w, \overline{K}_w]/(J_w K_w - K_w, \overline{K}_w J_w - \overline{K}_w)$  is also Noetherian. For any  $i, j \geq 0$  and  $a, b, c \in k$ , if at least one element of  $a, b, c$  does not equal 0,  $aK_w^i + b\overline{K}_w^j + cJ_w$  is not in the ideal  $(J_w K_w - K_w, \overline{K}_w J_w - \overline{K}_w)$  of  $k[K_w, \overline{K}_w]$ . So, in  $A_0$ ,  $aK_w^i + b\overline{K}_w^j + cJ_w \neq 0$ . It follows that  $\{K_w^i, \overline{K}_w^j, J_w : i, j \geq 0\}$  is a basis of  $A_0$ .

Let  $\alpha_1$  satisfies  $\alpha_1(K_w) = q^2 K_w$  and  $\alpha_1(\overline{K}_w) = q^{-2} \overline{K}_w$ . Then  $\alpha_1$  can be extended to an algebra automorphism on  $A_0$  and  $A_1 = A_0[F_w, \alpha_1, 0]$  is a weak Ore extension of  $A_0$  from  $\alpha = \alpha_1$  and  $\delta = 0$ . By Corollary 14,  $A_1$  is a free left  $A_0$ -module with basis  $\{F_w^j\}_{j \geq 0}$ . Thus,  $A_1$  is a  $k$ -algebra with basis  $\{K_w^l F_w^j, \overline{K}_w^m F_w^j, J_w F_w^j : l \text{ and } j \text{ run respectively over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$ . But, from the definition of the weak Ore extension, we have  $K_w^l F_w^j = q^{-2lj} F_w^j K_w^l$ ,  $\overline{K}_w^m F_w^j = q^{2mj} F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m$ ,  $J_w F_w^j = F_w^j J_w$ . Thus, we can conclude that  $\{F_w^j K_w^l, F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m, F_w^j J_w : l \text{ and } j \text{ run respectively over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$  is a basis of  $A_1$ .

Let  $\alpha_2$  satisfies  $\alpha_2(F_w^j K_w^l) = q^{-2l} F_w^j K_w^l$ ,  $\alpha_2(F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m) = q^{2m} F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m$ ,  $\alpha_2(F_w^j J_w) = F_w^j J_w$ . Then  $\alpha_2$  can be extended to an algebra automorphism on  $A_1$ . Let  $\delta$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(1) &= \delta(K_w) = \delta(\overline{K}_w) = 0, \\ \delta(F_w^j K_w^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} K_w^l, \\ \delta(F_w^j \overline{K}_w^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} \overline{K}_w^l, \\ \delta(F_w^j J_w) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} J_w \end{aligned}$$

for  $j > 0$  and  $l \geq 0$ . Then just as in the proof of Lemma VI.1.5 in [11], it can be shown that  $\delta$  can be extended to an  $\alpha_2$ -derivation of  $A_1$  such that  $A_2 = A_1[E_w, \alpha_2, \delta]$  is a weak Ore extension of  $A_1$ . Then in  $A_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_w K_w &= \alpha_2(K_w) E_w + \delta(K_w) = q^{-2} K_w E_w, \quad E_w \overline{K}_w = q^2 \overline{K}_w E_w, \\ E_w F_w &= \alpha_2(F_w) E_w + \delta(F_w) = F_w E_w + \frac{K_w - \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

From these, we conclude that  $A_2 \cong U_q^w$  as algebras. Thus, from Lemma 15,  $U_q^w$  is Noetherian. By Corollary 14,  $U_q^w$  is free with basis  $\{E_w^i\}_{i \geq 0}$  as a left  $A_1$ -module. Thus, as a  $k$ -linear space,  $U_q^w$  has the basis  $Q_w = \{F_w^j K_w^l E_w^i, F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m E_w^i, F_w^j J_w E_w^i : i, j, l \text{ run over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$ . By

Lemma 9 any  $x \in \mathbb{P}_w$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Q}_w$ ) can be  $k$ -linearly generated by some elements of  $\mathbb{Q}_w$  (resp.  $\mathbb{P}_w$ ), and therefore  $\mathbb{P}_w$  and  $\mathbb{Q}_w$  generate the same space  $U_q^w$ .  $\square$

The similar theorem can be proved for  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  as well.

**Theorem 17.** *The algebra  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is Noetherian with the basis*

$$\mathbb{P}_v = \{J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l, J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m, J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v\}, \quad (52)$$

where  $i, j, l$  are any non-negative integers,  $m$  is any positive integer.

### $q = 1$ CASE

Let  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $q \neq \pm 1, 0$ . Define  $U_q^{w'}$  as the algebra generated by the five variables  $E_w, F_w, K_w, \bar{K}_w, L_w$  with the relations (for  $U_q^{v'}$  the equations (55) and (56) should be exchanged with (31) and (32) respectively):

$$K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w K_w, \quad (53)$$

$$K_w \bar{K}_w K_w = K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w, \quad (54)$$

$$K_w E_w = q^2 E_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w E_w = q^{-2} E_w \bar{K}_w, \quad (55)$$

$$K_w F_w = q^{-2} F_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w F_w = q^2 F_w \bar{K}_w, \quad (56)$$

$$[L_w, E_w] = q(E_w K_w + \bar{K}_w E_w), \quad (57)$$

$$[L_w, F_w] = -q^{-1}(F_w K_w + \bar{K}_w F_w). \quad (58)$$

$$E_w F_w - F_w E_w = L_w, \quad (q - q^{-1})L_w = (K_w - \bar{K}_w), \quad (59)$$

For  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  we can similarly define the algebra  $U_q^{v'}$

$$K_v \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v K_v, \quad (60)$$

$$K_v \bar{K}_v K_v = K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v K_v \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v, \quad (61)$$

$$K_v E_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 E_v, \quad (62)$$

$$K_v F_v \bar{K}_v = q^{-2} F_v, \quad (63)$$

$$L_v J_v E_v - E_v J_v L_v = q(E_v K_v + \bar{K}_v E_v), \quad (64)$$

$$L_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v L_v = -q^{-1}(F_v K_v + \bar{K}_v F_v). \quad (65)$$

$$E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v = L_v, \quad (q - q^{-1})L_v = (K_v - \bar{K}_v), \quad (66)$$

Note that contrary to  $U_q^w$  and  $U_q^v$ , the algebras  $U_q^{w'}$  and  $U_q^{v'}$  are defined for all invertible values of the parameter  $q$ , in particular for  $q = 1$ .

**Proposition 18.** *The algebra  $U_q^w$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $U_q^{w'}$  with  $\varphi_w$  satisfying  $\varphi_w(E_w) = E_w, \varphi_w(F_w) = F_w, \varphi_w(K_w) = K_w, \varphi_w(\bar{K}_w) = \bar{K}_w$ .*

The proof is similar to that of Proposition VI.2.1 in [11] for  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . On the otherwise, we can give the following relationship between  $U_q^{w'}$  and  $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$  whose proof is easy.

**Proposition 19.** *For  $q = 1$*

(i) *the algebra isomorphism  $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2)) \cong U_1^{w'}/(K_w - 1)$  holds;*

(ii) *there exists an injective algebra morphism  $\pi$  from  $U_1^w$  to  $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))[K_w]/(K_w^3 - K_w)$  satisfying  $\pi(E_w) = XK_w, \pi(F_w) = Y, \pi(K_w) = K_w, \pi(L) = HK_w$ .*

*REMARK.* In Proposition 19(ii),  $\pi$  is only injective, but not surjective since  $K^2 \neq 1$  in  $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))[K]/(K^3 - K)$  and then  $X$  does not lie in the image of  $\pi$ .

## STRUCTURE OF WEAK HOPF ALGEBRAS

Here we define weak analogs in  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  for the standard Hopf algebra structures  $\Delta, \varepsilon, S$  — comultiplication, counit and antipod, which should be algebra morphisms.



For the weak quantum algebra  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  we define the maps  $\Delta_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ ,  $\varepsilon_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow k$  and  $T_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  satisfying respectively

$$\Delta_w(E_w) = 1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta(F_w) = F_w \otimes 1 + \bar{K}_w \otimes F_w, \quad (67)$$

$$\Delta_w(K_w) = K_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta_w(\bar{K}_w) = \bar{K}_w \otimes \bar{K}_w, \quad (68)$$

$$\varepsilon_w(E_w) = \varepsilon_w(F_w) = 0, \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w) = \varepsilon_w(\bar{K}_w) = 1, \quad (69)$$

$$T_w(E_w) = -E_w \bar{K}_w, \quad T_w(F_w) = -K_w F_w, \quad T(K_w) = \bar{K}_w, \quad T_w(\bar{K}_w) = K_w. \quad (70)$$

The difference with the standard case (we follow notations of [11]) is in substitution  $K^{-1}$  with  $\bar{K}_w$  and the last line, where instead of antipod  $S$  the weak antipod  $T_w$  is introduced [3].

**Proposition 20.** *The relations (67)–(70) endow  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  with a bialgebra structure.*

*Proof.* It can be shown by direct calculation that, through the basis in Theorem 16,  $\Delta$  and  $\varepsilon_w$  can be extended to algebra morphisms from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $k$ ,  $T_w$  can be extended to an anti-algebra morphism from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  respectively. Using (67)–(70) it can be shown that

$$(\Delta_w \otimes \text{id})\Delta_w(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_w)\Delta_w(X), \quad (71)$$

$$(\varepsilon_w \otimes \text{id})\Delta_w(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon_w)\Delta_w(X) = X \quad (72)$$

for any  $X = E_w, F_w, K_w$  or  $\bar{K}_w$ . Let  $\mu_w$  and  $\eta_w$  be the product and the unit of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  respectively. Hence  $(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w)$  becomes into a bialgebra.  $\square$

Next we introduce the star product in the bialgebra  $(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w)$  in the similar to the standard way (see e.g. [11])

$$(A \star_w B)(X) = \mu_w[A \otimes B] \Delta_w(X). \quad (73)$$

**Proposition 21.**  *$T_w$  satisfies the regularity conditions*

$$(\text{id} \star_w T_w \star_w \text{id})(X) = X, \quad (74)$$

$$(T_w \star_w \text{id} \star_w T_w)(X) = T_w(X) \quad (75)$$

for any  $X = E_w, F_w, K_w$  or  $\bar{K}_w$ . It means that  $T_w$  is a weak antipode

*Proof.* Follows from (67)–(70) by tedious calculations. For  $X = K_w, \bar{K}_w$  it is easy, and so we consider  $X = E_w$ , as an example. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id} \star_w T_w \star_w \text{id})(E_w) &= \mu_w [(\text{id} \star_w T_w) \otimes \text{id}] \Delta_w(E_w) \\ &= \mu_w [(\text{id} \star_w T_w) \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \\ &= (\text{id} \star_w T_w)(1) \text{id}(E_w) + (\text{id} \star_w T_w)(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) + \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes 1) \text{id}(E_w) + \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= T_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) + \text{id}(1) T_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) + \text{id}(E_w) T_w(K_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= E_w - E_w \bar{K}_w \cdot K_w + E_w \cdot \bar{K}_w \cdot K_w = E_w = \text{id}(E_w). \end{aligned}$$

By analogy, for (75) and  $X = E_w$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (T_w \star_w \text{id} \star_w T_w)(E_w) &= \mu_w [(T_w \star_w \text{id}) \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(E_w) \\ &= \mu_w [(T_w \star_w \text{id}) \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \\ &= (T_w \star_w \text{id})(1) T_w(E_w) + (T_w \star_w \text{id})(E_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [T_w \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes 1) T_w(1 E_w 1) + \mu_w [T_w \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= T_w(1) T_w(E_w) + T_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) T_w(K_w) + T_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= -E_w \bar{K}_w + E_w \bar{K}_w - E_w \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = -E_w \bar{K}_w = T_w(E_w). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Corollary 22.** The bialgebra  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is a weak Hopf algebra with the weak antipode  $T_w$ .

We can get an inner endomorphism as follows.

**Proposition 23.**  $T_w^2$  is an inner endomorphism of the algebra  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  satisfying for any  $X \in w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$

$$T_w^2(X) = K_w X \bar{K}_w, \quad (76)$$

especially

$$T_w^2(K_w) = \text{id}(K_w), \quad T_w^2(\bar{K}_w) = \text{id}(\bar{K}_w). \quad (77)$$

*Proof.* Follows from (70).  $\square$

Assume that with the operations  $\mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w$  the algebra  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  would possess an antipode  $S$  so as to become a Hopf algebra, which should satisfy  $(S \star_w \text{id})(K_w) = \eta_w \varepsilon_w(K_w)$ , and so it should follow that  $S(K_w)K_w = 1$ . But, it is not possible to hold since  $S(K_w)$  can be written as a linearly sum of the basis in Theorem 16. It implies that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is impossible to become a Hopf algebra about the operations above.

**Corollary 24.**  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is an example for a non-commutative and non-cocommutative weak Hopf algebra which is not a Hopf algebra.

In order to become  $U_q^{w'}$  into a weak Hopf algebra, it is enough to define  $\Delta_w(E_w), \Delta_w(F_w), \Delta_w(K_w), \Delta_w(\bar{K}_w), \varepsilon_w(E_w), \varepsilon_w(F_w), \varepsilon_w(K_w), \varepsilon_w(\bar{K}_w), T_w(E_w), T_w(F_w), T_w(K_w), T_w(\bar{K}_w)$  just as in  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and define

$$\Delta_w(L_w) = \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}}(K_w \otimes K_w - \bar{K}_w \otimes \bar{K}_w), \quad \varepsilon_w(L_w) = 0, \quad T_w(L_w) = \frac{\bar{K}_w - K_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

From Proposition 18 we conclude that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is isomorphic to the algebra  $U_q^{w'}$  with  $\varphi_w$ . Moreover, one can see easily that  $\varphi_w$  is an isomorphism of weak Hopf algebras from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $U_q^{w'}$ .

For  $J$ -weak quantum algebra  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  we suppose that some additional  $J_v$  should appear even in the definition of comultiplication and antipod. A thorough analysis gives the following nontrivial definitions

$$\Delta_v(E_v) = J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v, \quad (78)$$

$$\Delta_v(F_v) = J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \bar{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v, \quad (79)$$

$$\Delta_v(K_v) = K_v \otimes K_v, \quad \Delta_v(\bar{K}_v) = \bar{K}_v \otimes \bar{K}_v, \quad (80)$$

$$\varepsilon_v(E_v) = \varepsilon_v(F_v) = 0, \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v) = \varepsilon_v(\bar{K}_v) = 1, \quad (81)$$

$$T_v(E_v) = -J_v E_v \bar{K}_v, \quad T_v(F_v) = -K_v F_v J_v, \quad (82)$$

$$T_v(K_v) = \bar{K}_v, \quad T_v(\bar{K}_v) = K_v. \quad (83)$$

Note that from (80) it follows that

$$\Delta_v(J_v) = J_v \otimes J_v, \quad (84)$$

and so  $J_v$  is a group-like element.

**Proposition 25.** The relations (78)–(83) endow  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  with a bialgebra structure.

*Proof.* First it is easy to check that  $\Delta_v$  defines a morphism of algebras from  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  into  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . Then it can be shown that  $\Delta_v(X)$  is coassociative

$$(\Delta_v \otimes \text{id}) \Delta_v(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_v) \Delta_v(X) \quad (85)$$

Proof that the counit  $\varepsilon$  defines a morphism of algebras from  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  onto  $k$  is straightforward. Moreover, it can be shown that  $(\varepsilon_v \otimes \text{id})\Delta_v(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon_v)\Delta_v(X) = X$  for  $X = E_v, F_v, K_v, \bar{K}_v$ . Further it can be checked that  $T_v$  defines an anti-morphism of algebras from  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q^{op}(2)$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$  has a structure of a bialgebra.  $\square$

The following property of  $T_v$  is crucial for understanding the structure of the bialgebra  $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$ .

**Proposition 26.** For any  $X \in v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  we have (cf. (76)–(77))

$$T_v^2(K_v) = \mathbf{e}_v(K_v), \quad T_v^2(\bar{K}_v) = \mathbf{e}_v(\bar{K}_v), \quad (86)$$

$$T_v^2(E_v) = K_v E_v \bar{K}_v, \quad T_v^2(F_v) = K_v F_v \bar{K}_v, \quad (87)$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_v(X)$  is defined in (10).

*Proof.* Follows from (7) and (82)–(83). As an example for  $E_v$  we have  $T_v^2(E_v) = T_v(-J_v E_v \bar{K}_v) = -T_v(\bar{K}_v) T_v(E_v) T_v(J_v) = K_v(J_v E_v \bar{K}_v) J_v = K_v E_v \bar{K}_v$ .  $\square$

The star product in  $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$  has the form

$$(A \star_v B)(X) = \mu_v[A \otimes B] \Delta_v(X). \quad (88)$$

**Proposition 27.**  $T_v$  satisfies the regularity conditions

$$(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(X) = \mathbf{e}_v(X), \quad (89)$$

$$(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(X) = T_v(X) \quad (90)$$

for any  $X = E_v, F_v, K_v$  or  $\bar{K}_v$ .

*Proof.* Follows from (78)–(83) and (88). For  $X = K_v, \bar{K}_v$  it is easy, and so we consider  $X = E_v$ , as an example. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(E_v) &= \mu_v[(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) \otimes \mathbf{e}_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \\ &= \mu_v[(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) \otimes \mathbf{e}_v](J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\ &= (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(J_v E_v J_v) + (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) \\ &= \mu_v[\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(J_v E_v J_v) + \mu_v[\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) \\ &= \mu_v[\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v](J_v \otimes J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(E_v) + \mu_v[\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v](J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) \\ &= \mathbf{e}_v(J_v) T_v(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(E_v) + \mathbf{e}_v(J_v) T_v(J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) + \mathbf{e}_v(E_v) T_v(K_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) \\ &= J_v \cdot J_v \cdot J_v E_v J_v - J_v \cdot J_v J_v E_v \bar{K}_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \cdot \bar{K}_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v \\ &= J_v E_v J_v = \mathbf{e}_v(E_v). \end{aligned}$$

By analogy, for (90) and  $X = E_v$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(E_v) &= \mu_v[(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \\ &= \mu_v[(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) \otimes T_v](J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\ &= (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(J_v) T_v(J_v E_v J_v) + (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(E_v) T_v(K_v) \\ &= \mu_v[T_v \otimes \mathbf{e}_v](J_v \otimes J_v) T_v(J_v E_v J_v) \\ &\quad + \mu_v[T_v \otimes \mathbf{e}_v](J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) T_v(K_v) \\ &= T_v(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(J_v) T_v(J_v E_v J_v) + T_v(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(J_v E_v J_v) T_v(K_v) \\ &\quad + T_v(J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v(K_v) T_v(K_v) = -J_v \cdot J_v \cdot J_v (J_v E_v \bar{K}_v) J_v + J_v \cdot J_v E_v J_v \cdot \bar{K}_v \\ &\quad - J_v (J_v E_v \bar{K}_v) J_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v \cdot \bar{K}_v = -J_v E_v \bar{K}_v = T_v(E_v). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

From (89)–(90) it follows that  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is not a weak Hopf algebra in the definition of [3]. So we will call it *J-weak Hopf algebra* and  $T_v$  a *J-weak antipode*. As it is seen from (74)–(75) and (89)–(90) the difference between them is in the exchange id with  $\mathbf{e}_v$ .

*REMARK.* The variable  $\mathbf{e}_v$  can be treated as  $n = 2$  example of the “tower identity”  $e_{\alpha\beta}^{(n)}$  introduced for semisupermanifolds in [19, 13] or the “obstructor”  $\mathbf{e}_X^{(n)}$  for general mappings, categories and Yang-Baxter equation in [14, 15, 20].

Comparing (67)–(70) with (78)–(83) we conclude that the connection of  $\Delta_w, T_w, \varepsilon_w$  and  $\Delta_v, T_v, \varepsilon_v$  can be written in the following way

$$\Delta_v(X) = \Delta_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)), \quad (91)$$

$$T_v(X) = T_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)), \quad (92)$$

$$\varepsilon_v(X) = \varepsilon_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)), \quad (93)$$

which means that additionally to the partially algebra morphism (42) there exists a partial coalgebra morphism which is described by (91)–(93).

## GROUP-LIKE ELEMENTS

Now, we discuss the set  $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  of all group-like elements of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . As is well-known (see e.g. [21]) a semigroup  $S$  is called an inverse semigroup if for every  $x \in S$ , there exists a unique  $y \in S$  such that  $xyx = x$  and  $xyy = y$ , and a monoid is a semigroup with identity. We will show the following

**Proposition 28.** *The set of all group-like elements  $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$ , which forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \in w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is a group-like element, i.e.  $\Delta_w(x) = x \otimes x$ . By Theorem 16,  $x$  can be written as  $x = \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w$ . Here and in the sequel, every  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  with subscripts is in the field  $k$  and does not equal zero. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_w(x) &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} \Delta_w(E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l) + \Delta_w(\beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m) + \Delta_w(\gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w)] \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j (K_w \otimes K_w)^l \\ &\quad + \beta_{ijm} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j (\overline{K}_w \otimes \overline{K}_w)^m \\ &\quad + \gamma_{ij} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j J_w]; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x \otimes x &= \left( \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w \right) \\ &\quad \otimes \left( \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w \right). \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that if  $i \neq 0$  or  $j \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta_w(x)$  is impossible to equal  $x \otimes x$ . So,  $i = 0$  and  $j = 0$ . We get  $x = \sum_{l,m} \alpha_l K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m + J_w$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_w(x) &= \sum_{l,m} [\alpha_l K_w^l \otimes K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes \overline{K}_w^m + J_w \otimes J_w]; \\ x \otimes x &= \sum_{l,l',m,m'} [\alpha_l \alpha_{l'} K_w^l \otimes K_w^{l'} + \alpha_l \beta_{m'} K_w^l \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + \alpha_l K_w^l \otimes J_w \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes K_w^{l'} + \beta_m \beta_{m'} \overline{K}_w^m \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes J_w \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} J_w \otimes K_w^{l'} + \beta_{m'} J_w \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + J_w \otimes J_w]. \end{aligned}$$

If there exists  $l \neq l'$ , then  $x \otimes x$  possesses the monomial  $K_w^l \otimes K_w^{l'}$ , which does not appear in  $\Delta_w(x)$ . It contradicts to  $\Delta_w(x) = x \otimes x$ . Hence we have only a unique  $l$ . Similarly, there exists a unique  $m$ . Thus  $x = \alpha_l K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m + J_w$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that  $\alpha_l K_w^l$ ,  $\beta_m \overline{K}_w^m$  and  $J_w$  can not appear simultaneously in the expression of  $x$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $x = \alpha_l K_w^l$ ,  $\beta_m \overline{K}_w^m$  or  $J_w$  (no summation) and we have

$$\Delta_w(J_w^{(ij)}) = J_w^{(ij)} \otimes J_w^{(ij)}. \quad (94)$$

It follows that  $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_w^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$ .

For any  $J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j \in G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ , one can find  $J^{(ji)} = K_w^j \overline{K}_w^i \in G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  such that the regularity (17) takes place  $J_w^{(ij)} J_w^{(ji)} J_w^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)}$ , which means that  $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .  $\square$

For  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  we have a similar statement.

**Proposition 29.** *The set of all group-like elements  $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$ , which forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $x \in v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  is a group-like element, i.e.  $\Delta_v(x) = x \otimes x$ . By Theorem 17,  $x$  can be written as  $x = \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v$ . Here and in the sequel, every  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$

with subscripts is in the field  $k$  and does not equal zero. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_v(x) &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} \Delta_v(J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l) \\
&\quad + \Delta_v(\beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m) + \Delta_v(\gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v)] \\
&= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\
&\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j (K_v \otimes K_v)^l \\
&\quad + \beta_{ijm} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\
&\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j (\overline{K}_v \otimes \overline{K}_v)^m \\
&\quad + \gamma_{ij} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\
&\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j J_v];
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
x \otimes x &= \left( \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v \right) \\
&\quad \otimes \left( \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v \right).
\end{aligned}$$

It is seen that if  $i \neq 0$  or  $j \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta_v(x)$  is impossible to equal  $x \otimes x$ . So,  $i = 0$  and  $j = 0$ . We get  $x = \sum_{l,m} \alpha_l K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m + J_v$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_v(x) &= \sum_{l,m} [\alpha_l K_v^l \otimes K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes \overline{K}_v^m + J_v \otimes J_v]; \\
x \otimes x &= \sum_{l,l',m,m'} [\alpha_l \alpha_{l'} K_v^l \otimes K_v^{l'} + \alpha_l \beta_{m'} K_v^l \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + \alpha_l K_v^l \otimes J_v \\
&\quad + \alpha_{l'} \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes K_v^{l'} + \beta_m \beta_{m'} \overline{K}_v^m \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes J_v \\
&\quad + \alpha_{l'} J_v \otimes K_v^{l'} + \beta_{m'} J_v \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + J_v \otimes J_v].
\end{aligned}$$

If there exists  $l \neq l'$ , then  $x \otimes x$  possesses the monomial  $K_v^l \otimes K_v^{l'}$ , which does not appear in  $\Delta_v(x)$ . It contradicts to  $\Delta_v(x) = x \otimes x$ . Hence we have only a unique  $l$ . Similarly, there exists a unique  $m$ . Thus  $x = \alpha_l K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m + J_v$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that  $\alpha_l K_v^l$ ,  $\beta_m \overline{K}_v^m$  and  $J_v$  can not appear simultaneously in the expression of  $x$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $x = \alpha_l K_v^l$ ,  $\beta_m \overline{K}_v^m$  or  $J_v$  (no summation) and we have

$$\Delta_v(J_v^{(ij)}) = J_v^{(ij)} \otimes J_v^{(ij)}. \quad (95)$$

It follows that  $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$ .

For any  $J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j \in G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ , one can find  $J_v^{(ji)} = K_v^j \overline{K}_v^i \in G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  such that the regularity (17) takes place  $J_v^{(ij)} J_v^{(ji)} J_v^{(ij)} = J_v^{(ij)}$ , which means that  $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$  forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .  $\square$

These results show that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  are examples of a weak Hopf algebra whose monoid of all group-like elements is a regular monoid. It incarnates further the corresponding relationship between weak Hopf algebras and regular monoids [7].

### REGULAR QUASI- $R$ -MATRIX

From Proposition 4 we have seen that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_w - 1) = \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . Now, we give another relationship between  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  so as to construct a non-invertible universal  $R^w$ -matrix from  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ .

**Theorem 30.**  *$w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  possesses an ideal  $W$  and a sub-algebra  $Y$  satisfying  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) = Y \oplus W$  and  $W \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  as Hopf algebras.*

*Proof.* Let  $W$  be the linear sub-space generated by  $\{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w : \text{for all } i \geq 0, j \geq 0, l > 0 \text{ and } m > 0\}$ , and  $Y$  is the linear sub-space generated by  $\{E_w^i F_w^j : i \geq 0, j \geq 0\}$ . It is easy to see that  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) = Y \oplus W$ ;

$w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)Ww\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \subseteq W$ , thus,  $W$  is an ideal; and,  $Y$  is a sub-algebra of  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . Note that the identity of  $W$  is  $J_w$ . Moreover,  $W$  is a Hopf algebra with the unit  $J_w$ , the comultiplication  $\Delta_w^W$  satisfying

$$\Delta_w^W(E_w) = J_w \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w, \quad (96)$$

$$\Delta_w^W(F_w) = F_w \otimes J_w + \bar{K}_w \otimes F_w, \quad (97)$$

$$\Delta_w^W(K_w) = K_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta_w^W(\bar{K}_w) = \bar{K}_w \otimes \bar{K}_w \quad (98)$$

and the same counit, multiplication and antipode as in  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ . Let  $\rho$  be the algebra morphism from  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  to  $W$  satisfying  $\rho(E) = E_w$ ,  $\rho(F) = F_w$ ,  $\rho(K) = K_w$  and  $\rho(K^{-1}) = \bar{K}_w$ . Then  $\rho$  is, in fact, a Hopf algebra isomorphism since  $\{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w : \text{for all } i \geq 0, j \geq 0, l > 0 \text{ and } m > 0\}$  is a basis of  $W$  by Theorem 16.  $\square$

Let us assume here that  $q$  is a root of unity of order  $d$  in the field  $k$  where  $d$  is an odd integer and  $d > 1$ .

Set  $I = (E_w^d, F_w^d, K_w^d - J_w)$  the two-sided ideal of  $U_q^w$  generated by  $E_w^d, F_w^d, K_w^d - J_w$ . Define the algebra  $\bar{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I$ .

*REMARK.* Note that  $\bar{K}_w^d = J_w$  in  $\bar{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I$  since  $K_w^d = J_w$ .

It is easy to prove that  $I$  is also a coideal of  $U_q$  and  $T_w(I) \subseteq I$ . Then  $I$  is a weak Hopf ideal. It follows that  $\bar{U}_q^w$  has a unique weak Hopf algebra structure such that the natural morphism is a weak Hopf algebra morphism, so the comultiplication, the counit and the weak antipode of  $\bar{U}_q^w$  are determined by the same formulas with  $U_q^w$ . We will show that  $\bar{U}_q^w$  is a quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra. As a generalization of a braided bialgebra and  $R$ -matrix we have the following definitions [3].

**Definition 31.** Let in a  $k$ -linear space  $H$  there are  $k$ -linear maps  $\mu : H \otimes H \rightarrow H, \eta : k \rightarrow H, \Delta : H \rightarrow H \otimes H, \varepsilon : H \rightarrow k$  such that  $(H, \mu, \eta)$  is a  $k$ -algebra and  $(H, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a  $k$ -coalgebra. We call  $H$  an almost bialgebra, if  $\Delta$  is a  $k$ -algebra morphism, i.e.  $\Delta(xy) = \Delta(x)\Delta(y)$  for every  $x, y \in H$ .

**Definition 32.** An almost bialgebra  $H = (H, \mu, \eta, \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is called quasi-braided, if there exists an element  $R$  of the algebra  $H \otimes H$  satisfying

$$\Delta^{op}(x)R = R\Delta(x) \quad (99)$$

for all  $x \in H$  and

$$(\Delta \otimes \text{id}_H)(R) = R_{13}R_{23}, \quad (100)$$

$$(\text{id}_H \otimes \Delta)(R) = R_{13}R_{12}. \quad (101)$$

Such  $R$  is called a quasi- $R$ -matrix.

By Theorem 30, we have  $\bar{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I = Y/I \oplus W/I \cong Y/(E_w^d, F_w^d) \oplus \tilde{U}_q$  where  $\tilde{U}_q = \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(E_w^d, F_w^d, K^d - 1)$  is a finite Hopf algebra. We know in [11] that the sub-algebra  $\tilde{B}_q$  of  $\tilde{U}_q$  generated by  $\{E_w^m K_w^n : 0 \leq m, n \leq d-1\}$  is a finite dimensional Hopf sub-algebra and  $\tilde{U}_q$  is a braided Hopf algebra as a quotient of the quantum double of  $\tilde{B}_q$ . The  $R$ -matrix of  $\tilde{U}_q$  is

$$\tilde{R} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq i, j, k \leq d-1} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \xrightarrow{\rho} W$  was Hopf algebras and  $(E_w^d, F_w^d, K^d - 1) \xrightarrow{\rho} I$ , we get  $\tilde{U}_q \cong W/I$  as Hopf algebras under the induced morphism of  $\rho$ . Then  $W/I$  is a braided Hopf algebra with a  $R$ -matrix

$$R^w = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq d-1; 1 \leq i, j \leq d} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j.$$

Because the identity of  $W/I$  is  $J_w$ , there exists the inverse  $\hat{R}^w$  of  $R^w$  such that  $\hat{R}^w R^w = R^w \hat{R}^w = J_w$ . Then we have

$$R^w \hat{R}^w R^w = R^w, \quad (102)$$

$$\hat{R}^w R^w \hat{R}^w = \hat{R}^w, \quad (103)$$

which shows that this  $R$ -matrix is regular in  $\overline{U}_q$ . It obeys the following relations

$$\Delta_w^{op}(x)R^w = R^w \Delta_w(x) \quad (104)$$

for any  $x \in W/I$  and

$$(\Delta_w \otimes \text{id})(R^w) = R_{13}^w R_{23}^w \quad (105)$$

$$(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_w)(R^w) = R_{13}^w R_{12}^w \quad (106)$$

which are also satisfied in  $\overline{U}_q$ . Therefore  $R^w$  is a von Neumann's regular quasi- $R$ -matrix of  $\overline{U}_q$ . So, we get the following

**Theorem 33.**  $\overline{U}_q$  is a quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra with

$$R^w = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq d-1; 1 \leq i, j \leq d} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j$$

as its quasi- $R$ -matrix, which is regular.

The quasi- $R$ -matrix from  $J$ -weak Hopf algebra  $\text{vs}\mathfrak{L}_q(2)$  has more complicated structure and will be considered elsewhere.

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## О РЕГУЛЯРНЫХ РЕШЕНИЯХ КВАНТОВОГО УРАВНЕНИЯ ЯНГА-БАКСТЕРА И СЛАБЫХ АЛГЕБРАХ ХОПФА

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Изучаются обобщения алгебры Хопфа  $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  путем ослабления обратимости генератора  $K$ , т. е. заменой обратимости  $KK^{-1} = 1$  на регулярность  $K\bar{K}K = K$ . Введено две алгебры Хопфа: слабая алгебра Хопфа  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  и  $J$ -слабая алгебра Хопфа  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  которые детально исследованы. Показано, что моноид групповых элементов для  $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  и  $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$  является регулярным. Построена quasi-braided слабая алгебра Хопфа  $\bar{U}_q^w$  и показано, что соответствующая квази- $R$ -матрица является регулярной  $R^w \hat{R}^w R^w = R^w$ .

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